



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

**Office of Aviation Safety
Western Pacific Region**

ACCIDENT SITE OVERVIEW

**NTSB Accident: WPR11GA115
Accident Date: January 31, 2011**

This document contains 2 embedded photographs

A. ACCIDENT

Location: Marana, AZ
Date: January 31, 2011
Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas 369FF, N530RL, Serial # 0602FF
NTSB IIC: Michael Huhn

B. SUMMARY

Witness accounts indicated that the helicopter initially touched down in the landing zone (LZ) but then almost immediately "bumped," lifted off, translated forward, and began spinning to the right. Evidence indicates that the main rotors struck a rock outcrop on the northeast edge of the LZ, and the helicopter then tumbled/slid partway down the canyon on the other side of the rock outcrop. Most tail and main rotor fragments were found on the plateau of the LZ. Most other wreckage was found in the canyon.

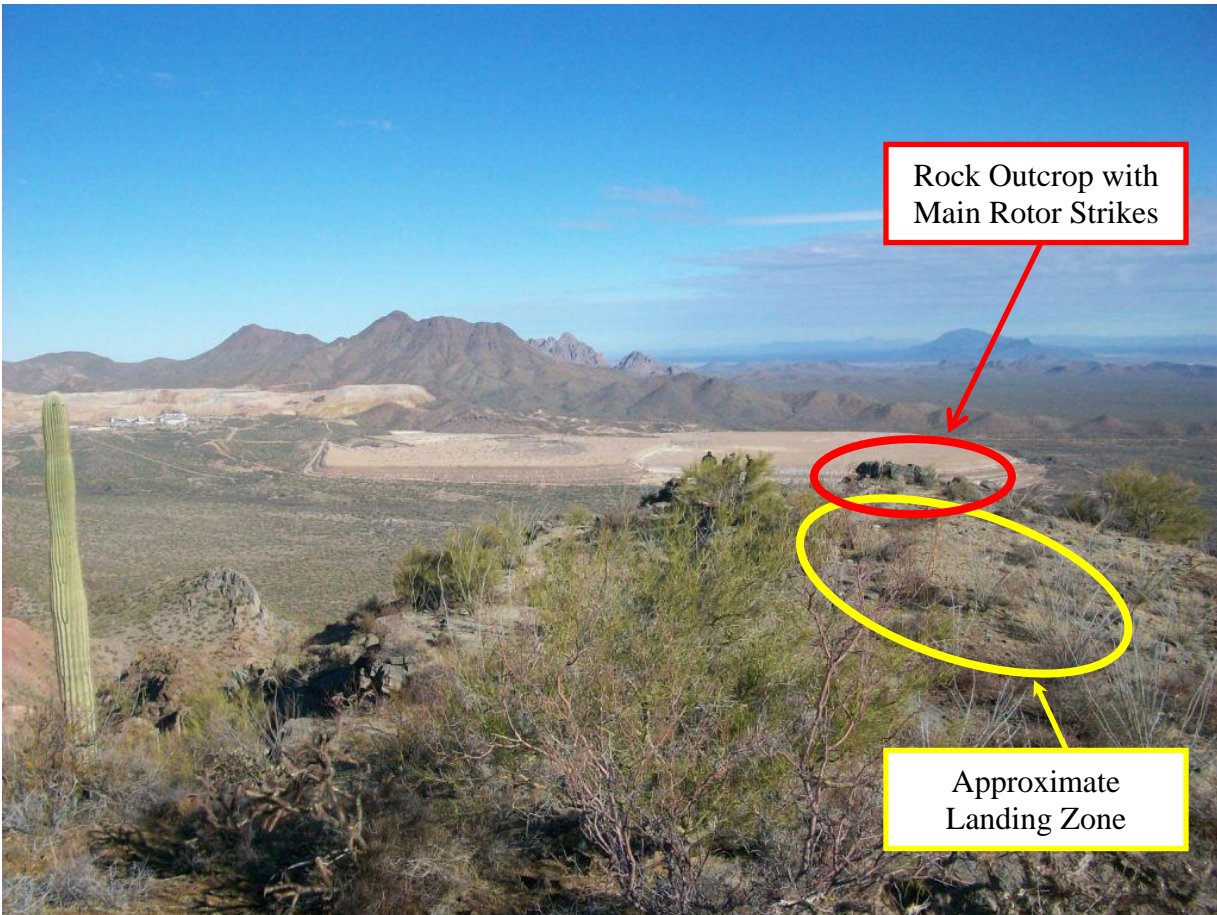


Figure 1- View of Landing Zone Looking Northwest (FAA photo)

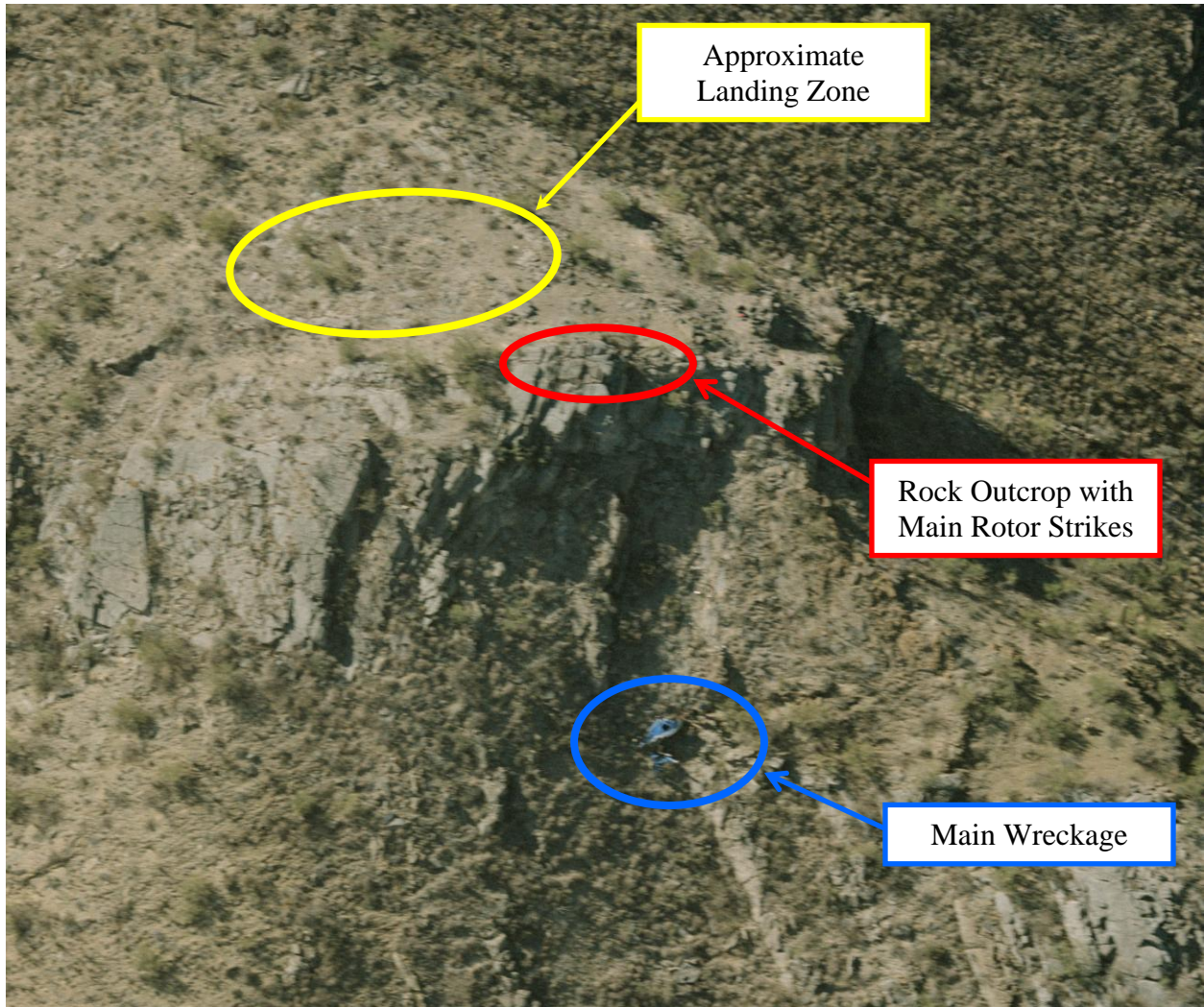


Figure 2 - Aerial View of LZ and Wreckage (PCSD photo)