


Monica Simonds

05.28

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Regarding 05.06.16

On my flight up to the glacier on 05.06, I remember some lower grey clouds, although not enough to cause concern. I believe I was among the first to be flown up that day. Mr. Maggio was very kind. He seemed perfectly comfortable and at ease during the flight. He mentioned noticing poor weather during his flights from the day before. He also shared his enjoyment of seeing eagles over the mountains. It was a pleasure flying with him.


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Kelly Atwood

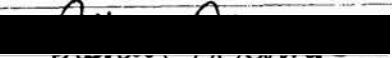
I flew up with Chris Maggio on the 5th. It was my 1st time in a helicopter so I wasn't sure what to expect. We chatted a bit, he pointed out a bald eagle. He said it may get choppy by the glacier, but it didn't seem bad to me. When we landed he wished me a good season and then headed back to get the next crew member.



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Ashlee Kumar 6/1/16

I rode out to the glacier with Chris on May 6th in the late afternoon. He was just very friendly, and pointed out different sights and view points, told a few jokes and asked questions about where I was from and what brought me up here. When we landed he wished me an incredible summer, and was on his way ~~to~~ back to ~~Skagway~~ Skagway.


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#4

Caleb Kuhlman

May 5th

I flew with Chris Maggio somewhere in the vicinity of 6 PM. I boarded the helicopter and he asked me how I was and if it was my first year. The dogs were loaded and he noticed a door open and someone on the ground closed it. We took off and turned into the valley. He told me we might experience some chop with it getting progressively stronger as we got closer to the glacier. I did not notice any chop and the helicopter seemed to be as smooth as when we were in the inlet. It was my first time in a helicopter though. We landed and he wished me a good summer and I thanked him and left.

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NOTES

To Whom it may concern,

I was on the second to last flight up to the glacier on May 6th. I remember being glad that I was able to fly up because some bad weather was moving in. However, during my flight I wasn't concerned about the weather because the clouds didn't look bad and the pilot was relaxed. He was friendly and pointed out two eagles. It was my first time on a helicopter and my first time seeing the glacier so I had no judgement on how good or bad the flying conditions were but I do remember being relaxed and not worried at all. I remember my first view of Dog Camp was not hindered by clouds or fog as I saw it from a good distance away.

Yours sincerely


Andrew Linder

LUTHER BURR - CHRIS MAGGIO STATEMENT

Dog Day - 5/6/2016

We departed Ternsco from heli-pad 1 with Maggio, myself and 12 dogs for the Denver. Leading up to about the lake the flight went ~~super smooth~~ normal. Very light turbulence. I asked Maggio about the wind that day and he shook his head and said it was "not good". He mentioned that he had to take an alternate route back to Ternsco on some flights due to the wind, and that he had to fly slowly to avoid turbulence. As we passed through Paradise Valley the valley itself was wide open with a big bright rainbow but we could see the clouds were moving in as we approached the Denver. Nearing the Bluff and the lake the clouds were thick, you could not see up glacier towards Dog Camp. The Bluff and a little bit of the near west wall were visible so Maggio decided to try to follow the wall into camp. He flew very slowly. We were very low to the Bluff and close to the wall as we made our approach to Dog Camp. Lower and closer to the wall than I had ever been flying into Dog Camp. I noticed Maggio was really concentrating because he was constantly looking down at his gauge panel which I found abnormal. There was not much turbulence as we followed the wall in. I asked if he had had to follow the wall in all day and he said it was the first time he had to all day. We made it to Dog Camp and landed in North Park to unload myself and the dogs. Normal landing. I thanked Maggio and offloaded with the dogs. I did not see him leave or which direction he left in. My impression was that as long as conditions didn't worsen, he could have followed the wall in again with the next load. At no point on the flight did T. feel nervous or in any danger.

