

Communication Summary

March 6/7/18

Information from: Inspector Michael Matthews



Summary & Factual Information: Inspector Matthews reported that upon investigation, the complete aircraft was found upright with its right side against the base of a 25 foot tree. Minor damage to the front landing gear, instrument cluster, and steering control were noted. Engine and propeller were undamaged and fuel was noted in the tank and all fuel lines. Engine compression was noted in both cylinders by propeller pull through. All control lines appeared to be connected and intact. Scrape marks were found on the tree trunk approximately 2 feet from the ground with a number of smaller branches broken above that point.

A 2015 aerial photograph of the pilot's property showed a mowed 600-foot runway with a NW-SE orientation. At the time of the accident no runway could be detected on the property as the grass was 6-12 inches tall and appeared unused but for the accident flight.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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