



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date Interviewed: 7/2/2019
Person Interviewed: Jeffery S. Sisler, pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19TA204

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Mr. Sisler reported that he learned to fly helicopters about 5 years ago and that it had been a dream and passion of his for years.
- He stated that he took off from a hangar at [REDACTED] Kingwood, WV, about 1 ½ miles southwest of Camp Dawson (military base), and flew up to Garret to get fuel, then went to his sister's home to pick up his cousin and his cousin's wife.
- He was taking his cousin and cousin's wife for a scenic look and ride.
- He had commented to his passengers about 10 minutes before the accident when they passed some wires (with balloons) that it was wires that would hurt you, and it was important to be mindful of them.
- He had flown along the Cheat River before and he had typically been above the wires but had never even noticed the wires that he contacted.
- He stated that he went into the river basin, rounded a bend and caught the wire, stating, "I was too low in a place I shouldn't have been."
- He stated there were no mechanical malfunctions or anomalies of the helicopter that would have precluded normal operation.