



Memorandum for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR20CA070
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: Airwolf / Powered paraglider / N260AZ
Accident Location: Gold Canyon, AZ.
Accident Date: January 18, 2020

In a telephone interview conducted on January 23, 2020, Mr. Hamberlin stated that he had flown out of the air park several times before and that he had several hundred hours flying the powered paraglider. He stated that the manager of the air park had installed several barricades in the area and on the day of the accident, he took off and the chute did not “come up” properly. He stated that “it did not come up straight, it come up to one side”. He said that he backed off the throttle, but it didn’t slow down and pulled him to one side of the runway. He said that it turned him to the short direction of the runway and it didn’t slow down very fast. He tried applying brakes, but he was on gravel and his front brake did not have any weight on it, so it locked up and would not turn the paraglider. He said he then put his foot down. Instead of his foot sliding on the gravel, it just went right under him causing the fracture. He said he then slid forward and hit one of the barricades. He stated that there were no mechanical issues that precluded normal operation. The pilot received a compound fracture to the leg. The paraglider received damage to the steering bar and frame.