



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Person Contacted: Ms. Jeanne Pierce (Pilot's girlfriend)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR14FA132

Narrative:

The following is a verbatim excerpt of the text of an email from Ms. Pierce to the NTSB on this date, in response to an NTSB query regarding the accident location relative to the pilot's normal route of flight:

Hi Michael,

I am attaching a word document with a couple of expanded views of the SFO sectional marking the place that I believe the coordinates were (or very close) and it is where I expected he would be.

I marked that RENO is at the top, LAKE TAHOE is to the west and I noted the "hill" that I told you he always flew east of between it and the Pinenut Mountains, which lie directly between Farias Wheel (you'll see that at the bottom right) and Carson/Minden. We would leave Farias Wheel and head north along the eastern side of the Pinenuts to gain altitude to cross at Sunrise pass to Carson City. On the return we would head south down the western side of the Pinenuts to gain altitude and cross over east of Minden.

I was noticing that where he was seemed to be directly east of Spooner Summit. Our winds, particularly the strong, gusty ones, are typically westerly or southwesterly through that area. If he came past that "hill" he may have gotten hit hard with an unexpected gust from that direction.

Do look for anything that could get lodged under the rudder pedals and prevent maneuvering ability.

Thank you for what you do. It means a lot to all of us in aviation.

Best regards,
Jeanne



