



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator Name
Air Safety Investigator
General Aviation Accident Division

Date: 10/02/2018
Person Contacted: Dennis Beattie (FAA Inspector)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA571

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Dennis Beattie (FAA Inspector assigned), he stated that he went to the accident site and inspected the helicopter. He verified engine control and drive train continuity and found no anomalies. He confirmed substantial damage to the helicopter's tailboom and fuselage.

He provided operational insight regarding the procedures in place for Life Flight Helicopter Operations at Ski Apache. The procedures have been in place since February 2016. He reported that the pilot flying was not aware nor briefed of the procedures for landing in the designated helicopter landing zone. The flight crew was not aware of the zipline wire obstacles near the landing zone.

He added that the pilot departed from Artesia, NM with two medical personnel and 90% fuel capacity. Based on his calculations, with the landing zone about 6,800 feet mean sea level (MSL), about 65° F, the density altitude exceeded 12,000 ft MSL.