



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 6/22/2020
Person Contacted: Monte Belgarde (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20CA183

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The pilot was landing at Twin Bridges (7S1), on final approach to Runway 17, when a bird flew in front of him.
- He aggressively rolled and descended the airplane to maneuver the airplane away from the bird.
- He regained runway centerline and about 900 feet from the runway, the left main landing gear struck a fence.
- He initiated a go-around and flew back to his initial departure airport in Butte (BTM) to land at an airport with emergency services, not knowing the extent of the airplane damage.
- Prior to landing, he verified that the left gear would not lock, as depicted by a red light on the landing gear configuration indicator.
- He decided to burn fuel in the local area prior to landing.
- During landing, the left main landing gear collapsed, the airplane veered left, exited the runway to the left, and the left wing struck a runway sign.