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Airworthiness Group Chairman's Factual Report

Addendum 2

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ACCIDENT

Operator:	Eagle Cap Leasing Inc.
Location:	Butte, Montana
Date:	March 22, 2009
Time:	1430 Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)
Aircraft:	Pilatus PC12/45, N128CM

SUMMARY

On March 22, 2009, at 1430 mountain daylight time, a Pilatus PC-12/45, N128CM, descended to ground impact near the approach end of runway 33 at the Bert Mooney Airport, Butte, Montana. The airplane was owned and operated by Eagle Cap Leasing Inc., of Enterprise, Oregon, as a personal transportation flight under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91. The airplane was destroyed in the collision sequence and post crash fire. All 14 persons onboard the airplane were killed in the accident and there were no reported ground injuries. The flight departed Oroville, California, at 1210 mountain daylight time on an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan and clearance destined for Gallatin Field, Bozeman, Montana. The airplane was diverting to Butte at the time of the accident. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at both the Bozeman and Butte airports.

ADDITIONS

D.2.4 Landing Gear

The right main landing gear actuator was found in the extended position (see **Figure 1**). A gravestone located immediately behind the right main landing gear, along the wreckage path, displayed a rubber transfer mark consistent with contact from the right main landing gear tire (see **Figure 2**). The nose landing gear (see **Figure 3**) was found about 10 feet left of the forward portion of the fuselage, along the wreckage path.



Figure 1 – Photo of right main landing gear actuator (extended)



Figure 2 – Rubber transfer on gravestone



Figure 3 – Nose landing gear