

From: [Baron, Bradley T](#)
To: [Stein Stephen](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:59:46 PM

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I don't believe it rained from the time of incident to the time I arrived. I did not see any fuel staining around the airplane. I did survey the area after the plane was removed.

Brad Baron
Chief Ranger
Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office
[REDACTED], Region 8 - Lower Colorado Basin

From: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

Excellent. I just have to ask, did it rain that night and did you see any fuel staining on the ground below the airplane?

From: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

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I arrived the next morning about 16 hours after the incident took place.

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From: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

Thanks, Brad. How soon did you show up after the accident?

From: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:02 PM

To: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

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I didn't smell any fuel during my initial observation or when I returned for the removal. The recovery company advised that the fuel tanks were empty. The only release I observed was what appeared to be hydraulic oil from the front landing gear that was damaged. That was just a small amount.

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From: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

Hi Brad – Did you happen to get a look at the fuel tanks to see if there was any fuel in them still? Any fuel or fuel odor on the ground?

Thanks,

Stephen

From: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:19 PM

To: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

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Mr. Stein,

The closest town would be Needles, CA. I listed the location as

Ward Valley in my report.

The coordinates for the plane are: UTM 11N, 688157E, 3835470N.

Thanks,

Brad Baron
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From: Stein Stephen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

Dear Mr. Baron,

My name is Stephen Stein, my colleague Mike Huhn who initially took the notification for N123CE, the airplane that crashed in state of California property earlier this month, assigned the accident to me.

I have just a couple of questions for you.

1. Did you happen to get a lat/long for the accident site?
2. For accident location, should we use Needles?

Thanks and best regards,

Stephen

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From: Baron, Bradley T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Richards, Darrin (FAA) <[REDACTED]>; Huhn Michael <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Ahrens, Michael W <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Cessna N123CE incident, Photo/Document information from BLM

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Mr. Huhn and Mr. Richards,

Today, I surveyed the site where the N123CE aircraft landed. Based on the GIS data I took it appears the final resting place for the aircraft is on property owned by the state of California, not BLM. However, the state land is surrounded by BLM property so we are requesting that the recovery company coordinate with us for access. I was able to drive within about a 1/4 mile of the aircraft using two track dirt roads. BLM would like to guide the recovery company to the location. The area is sensitive due to it being within habitat for the threatened desert tortoise. It is also within the Mojave Trails National Monument which is managed by BLM.

Based on the impacts to the soil and vegetation, it appears the aircraft was traveling southbound when it attempted to land. I did not observe or smell any fuel released at the site. I did see what appeared to be a small amount of hydraulic oil released on the ground near a section of landing gear that was lying near the plane. This appeared to be the front landing gear as the rear landing gear was still attached to the plane.

Since the aircraft and resource impacts were all on state property, I did not take possession of any of the documents. I did locate an expired insurance document and some additional documentation that may be useful. The cockpit contained several documents, but they were all scattered around quite a bit.

Attached are the documents I photographed. Additional emails will contain photos of the aircraft and surrounding conditions. Please let me know when you receive a schedule for the recovery company. We would also like to know how they will be removing the aircraft, if they plan on cutting it and removing it in sections or some other method.

Thanks,

Brad Baron
Chief Ranger
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