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Subject: Re: NTSB request
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Hi Katherine

I know we hoped to catch up a week or so ago. Lets keep trying to connect but here are answers to your questions.

Call with questions,
Mike

On Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 8:21 PM Wilson Katherine wrote:

Hi Mike. Thanks for taking the time to meet with Shaun and I yesterday and I hope everyone enjoyed the pizza!

We had a couple of follow up questions and requests -

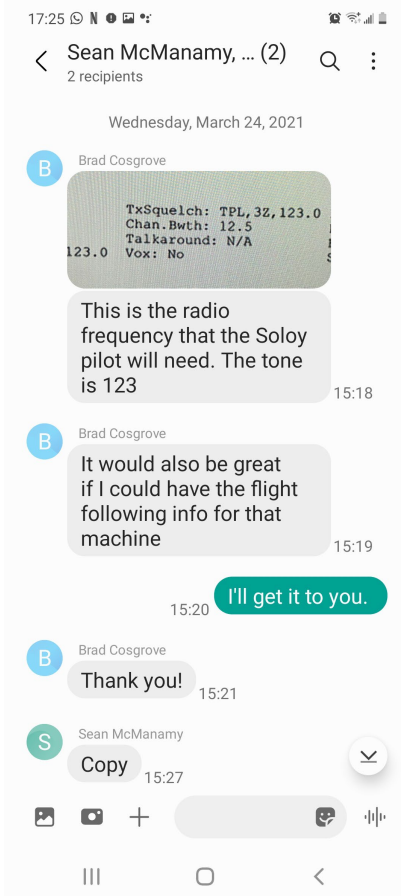
The HSUS website discusses the 3 classes of guides. Were Harms and McManamy both lead guides per HSUS?

As far as HSUS guidelines go, both would be lead guides. Greg Harms had considerably more experience with heli ski guiding and leading operations throughout the world and had many more years as a lead with TML. He was the senior guide that day. Sean was doing a great job with all aspects of the job and was picking up more and more lead guide responsibilities with TML during that season.

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There must have been some confusion as we covered a lot of topics. To be clear, I was not talking about the specific run. I was talking about the area and operations around the Knik Glacier that were approved for operations on March 26 and 27th. This decision was made over several phone calls and texts between March 21st and March 24th. There were several communications between Greg Harms (who was a lead guide for TML but also was operating his company, Third Edge Heli, in Alaska in the spring of 21), Sean, Myself, Hugh Barnard(TML), and Brad Cosgrove(TEH). Mike Overcast was also involved as was Soloy management. TEH operations were based in Wasilla and although it was their first season operating in AK they had 3 helicopters booked that week.(they operate in Chili as well). The fact that TEH was now operating in the area and agreed to assist in monitoring, communications, and backing up the Soloy helicopter was a major factor in the decision to

operate in this area on those specific days. In short the Knik area is somewhat far from our lodge and is very close to TEH operations. We have many communications lining up this operations between all the mentioned parties (including the pilot) such as this text which shows the sharing of frequencies and flight following information. Brad was TEH guide and running base operations for TEH at the time due to injury.



As far as the specific run goes, Greg Harms was a senior lead guide with the experience, ability, and authority to make run specific decisions in the field. The run that we believe he was intending to ski at the time of the accident was a run that was appropriate for the avalanche and weather conditions that day. It matches with the runs the group had just skied. We had received multiple updates from Sean via inreach as the day progressed. It was also a good run choice for that time of day as it is well lit by the sun given its aspect and terrain features.

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Attaching the audit and the meeting minutes. minutes from spring 19, fall 20 (due to covid it was delayed till fall and done by zoom), spring 21, and spring 22.

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