



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA203

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Below is a synopsis of initial notification provided by LEO/DPS

- The airplane was observed by a witness on an easterly heading, cross a ridge line, and then corkscrew downward into mountainous terrain. They added that the debris remained within a 100 ft or so of the wreckage and appeared to be a flat spin. Additionally, there was no smell of fuel at the accident site and the wing tanks appeared dry.
- A logbook was found within the wreckage that contained a recent signoff for a 172, and they estimated a total of no more than 60 hours total flight time.