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Contact: Joseph Gramzinski, FAA MCO FSDO

Mr. Gramzinski was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the left wing sustained substantial damage and the pilot did not report any preimpact mechanical malfunctions.

Although the pilot stated that the landing site was an "airstrip," it was not anything approved. It was basically a field that a farmer uses for his own airplane and there are several obstacles in the field. Mr. Gramzinski added that the pilot did not have any recent flight experience in gliders (at least 90 days) and experienced a similar off-airport event about 8 years prior.