



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 3/22/2021
Person Contacted: Don Ferguson (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA226

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Ferguson reported that he had been working on a highway project between Miles City and Baker. On Friday, after he had finished work, him and his passenger boarded the airplane, and taxied out to takeoff from an open field. During the takeoff roll to the west, the airplane veered left and "got a little bit sideways" before he applied right rudder and brake to correct it. Mr. Ferguson said that shortly after the airplane then suddenly "swapped ends" and ground looped. Mr. Ferguson added that there was a dirt road with two ruts that paralleled the area he was taking off from, and that when the left main landing gear hit one of the ruts, it made everything "unsalvageable."

Mr. Ferguson stated that the wind was variable at 10 knots and seemed to be switching around.