



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: July 29, 2019
Person Contacted: Tanner W. Cude (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA245

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Cude in a telephone conversation.

- The purpose of the flight was to conduct a survey.
- The direction of flight was to the south maybe south/east about 100 feet above the canyon.
- There was no turbulence noted at the time of the accident.
- They were flying straight and level at the first indications of loss of engine performance.
- Had flown about 6 hours prior to the accident.
- The last time the helicopter was refueled was about 30 min prior to the accident and about half tank worth of fuel.
- The engine bogged down and had an immediate loss of RPM's for unknown reason.
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According to the pilot there were unknown preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.

Total time: approx. 2200 hours

Make and Model: approx. 1600 – 1700 hours



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Date: July 29, 2019
Person Contacted: Toby Hallmark (Passenger)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA245

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Hallmark in a telephone conversation.

- The purpose of the flight was to conduct a count (survey).
- The direction of flight possibly to the west about 15 to 20 feet above the trees.
- There was no turbulence noted at the time of the accident.
- They just crossed over a header at the first indications of loss of engine performance.
- The engine seemed to lose all power just before the accident.