



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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**Date: August 31, 2021
Person Contacted: David S. Cowan (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA332**

Narrative:

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

On August 29, 2021, he and Andrew Colebrook, a pilot rated student, departed from the Pangborn Memorial Airport (KEAT), Wenatchee, Washington in N51547 a Cessna 172. The intent of the flight was to conduct mountain flying training before returning to Boeing Field/King County International Airport (KBFI), Seattle, Washington. Andrew was initially on the flight controls, they were using the roads as a primary means of navigation, due to the smoke and haze he made a wrong turn and ended up in an area where the airplane could not out climb terrain. Concerned, Andrew would pull back on the flight controls and stall the airplane. Mr. Cowan assumed control of the airplane and flew the airplane, at a low airspeed into vegetation (trees).

According to the flight instructor there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.