

RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: August 9, 2021

Person Contacted: Mrs. Terra Grimes (Kayaker)

NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA306

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mrs. Grimes in a telephone conversation.

On August 4, 2021, her husband had dropped her and her mother (Renea Barr) off at the Wheatland Ferry, on the Willamette River. Their intent was to kayak from the Wheatland Ferry area to the Newberg area. While near the Lower Lamber Bar area on the Willamette River, they elected to stop and rest. They observed an airplane on one of the sand bars that was there prior to the rest stop. As they continued traveling on the river, her mother had hit a tree branch, concerned she may overturn, Mrs. Grimes proceeded towards her mother to assess the situation. While paddling in the kayak Mrs. Grimes turned toward the sand bar and observed an airplane approaching her. A front tire of the airplane hit her head and the kayak overturned. Mrs. Grimes was able to right the kayak and noticed that her right leg was broken. The airplane had landed near another sand bar and one of the occupants asked if they were ok? Mrs. Grimes responded that she needed medical attention and called 911. Mrs. Grimes was able to paddle to the river shore and await medical attention.