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**Contact:** Judy Hull, Witness

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

On the morning of June 26, 2022, she observed two airplanes land at the Lower Loon Creek airport (C53), Challis, Idaho. She spoke briefly with the pilot and passenger of the mostly white airplane (accident airplane), he stated, they were camping at the Johnson Creek airport, but were going to spend the day at Lower Loon. Later that evening, she observed the pilot and passenger of the accident airplane, taxi, takeoff and fly up the box canyon. Shortly thereafter, she observed a dust cloud. The second airplane then taxied, departed the Lower Loon Creek airport, and flew down stream, like most other pilots. Concerned about the first airplane, she had a friend, who had a ground to air radio make a radio call and inform the local traffic of their observations. A person, believed to be in the second airplane, responded they were ok and departed the area.

The following day, an airplane landed at Lower Loon Creek Airport, and the pilot explained that he was also camping at the Johnson Creek airport. The pilot relayed that; he was assisting in the search for an airplane that was reported missing. She conveyed her observations of the previous day to the pilot.