

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Port Alsworth, Alaska Accident Number: ANC22LA071

Date & Time: September 2, 2022, 19:35 Local Registration: N5847X

Aircraft: Stinson 10A Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Landing area overshoot **Injuries:** 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that he decided to land with a tailwind to avoid landing into the setting sun. The remote site he was landing at was approximately 800 ft long. He said that his touchdown speed was "fast" and when the airplane touched down, it bounced back into the air. He attempted a go-around, but the airplane "did not build speed back up," at the end of the strip he opted to reduce engine power. The airplane subsequently landed in rough terrain and nosed over, which resulted in substantial damage to the rudder. The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The pilot's delayed decision to execute a go-around maneuver while landing with a tailwind into a short strip, which resulted in a runway overrun and subsequent loss of control.

## Findings

| Personnel issues     | Decision making/judgment - Pilot         |
|----------------------|--|
| Environmental issues | Tailwind - Decision related to condition |

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### **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

| Landing | Landing area overshoot (Defining event) |
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#### **Pilot Information**

| Certificate:              | Commercial  | Age:                              | 23,Male          |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Single-engine land; Single-engine sea   | Seat Occupied:                    | Left             |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None  | Restraint Used:                   | 3-point          |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | Airplane  | Second Pilot Present:             | No               |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | None  | Toxicology Performed:             |                  |
| Medical Certification:    | Class 2 Without waivers/limitations   | Last FAA Medical Exam:            | November 3, 2021 |
| Occupational Pilot:       | Yes   | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | June 10, 2022    |
| Flight Time:              | 1317.6 hours (Total, all aircraft), 113.2 hours (Total, this make and model), 1233.2 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 225.5 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 75.9 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3.4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) |                                   |                  |

### **Passenger Information**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Certificate:              | Age:                              |         |
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Seat Occupied:                    | Left    |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | Restraint Used:                   | Unknown |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | Second Pilot Present:             | No      |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | Toxicology Performed:             |         |
| Medical Certification:    | Last FAA Medical Exam:            |         |
| Occupational Pilot:       | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: |         |
| Flight Time:              |                                   |         |

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### **Passenger Information**

| Certificate:              | Age:                              |         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Seat Occupied:                    | Right   |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | Restraint Used:                   | Unknown |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | Second Pilot Present:             | No      |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | Toxicology Performed:             |         |
| Medical Certification:    | Last FAA Medical Exam:            |         |
| Occupational Pilot:       | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: |         |
| Flight Time:              |                                   |         |

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make:                | Stinson                      | Registration:                     | N5847X          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Model/Series:                 | 10A                          | Aircraft Category:                | Airplane        |
| Year of Manufacture:          | 1941                         | Amateur Built:                    |                 |
| Airworthiness Certificate:    | Normal                       | Serial Number:                    | 7896            |
| Landing Gear Type:            | Tailwheel                    | Seats:                            | 3               |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | June 10, 2022 Annual         | Certified Max Gross Wt.:          | 1650 lbs        |
| Time Since Last Inspection:   |                              | Engines:                          | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time:          | 1848 Hrs at time of accident | Engine Manufacturer:              | LYCOMING        |
| ELT:                          | Installed, not activated     | Engine Model/Series:              | O-320 SERIES    |
| Registered Owner:             | On file                      | Rated Power:                      | 150 Horsepower  |
| Operator:                     | On file                      | Operating Certificate(s)<br>Held: | None            |
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### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

| Conditions at Accident Site:     | Visual (VMC)                     | Condition of Light:                  | Day                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | PALJ,260 ft msl                  | Distance from Accident Site:         | 14 Nautical Miles    |
| Observation Time:                | 18:50 Local                      | Direction from Accident Site:        | 143°                 |
| <b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>   | Scattered / 6000 ft AGL          | Visibility                           | 40 miles             |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  |                                  | Visibility (RVR):                    |                      |
| Wind Speed/Gusts:                | 7 knots /                        | Turbulence Type<br>Forecast/Actual:  | None / None          |
| Wind Direction:                  | 240°                             | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | N/A / N/A            |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 29.19 inches Hg                  | Temperature/Dew Point:               | 16°C / 8°C           |
| Precipitation and Obscuration:   | No Obscuration; No Precipitation |                                      |                      |
| Departure Point:                 | Port Alsworth, AK (TPO)          | Type of Flight Plan Filed:           | None                 |
| Destination:                     | Port Alsworth, AK                | Type of Clearance:                   | VFR;Traffic advisory |
| Departure Time:                  | 19:06 Local                      | Type of Airspace:                    | Class G              |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries:         | 1 None | Aircraft Damage:        | Substantial          |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Passenger<br>Injuries: | 2 None | Aircraft Fire:          | None                 |
| Ground Injuries:       |        | Aircraft Explosion:     | None                 |
| Total Injuries:        | 3 None | Latitude,<br>Longitude: | 60.385911,-154.59083 |

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#### **Administrative Information**

| Investigator In Charge (IIC):        | Ward, Mark   |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Additional Participating<br>Persons: | Andrew Flack; FAA; AK                                  |
| Original Publish Date:               | December 8, 2022                                       |
| Last Revision Date:                  |  |
| Investigation Class:                 | Class 4  |
| Note:                                | The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident. |
| Investigation Docket:                | https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=105871          |

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