

# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Orangeville, UT	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR24FA024
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	October 27, 2023, 13:45 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N915DV
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna T206H	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

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On October 27, 2023 about 1345 mountain daylight time, a Cessna T206H, N915DV, sustained substantial damage when it was involved in an accident near Huntington, Utah. The pilot sustained fatal injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 91 personal flight.

A family member stated that the pilot had traveled earlier in the morning from his base airport in Craig, Colorado to Vernal, Utah. After spending about two hours in Vernal, the pilot departed with a planned destination of Cedar City, Utah.

Investigators reviewed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) data for the accident flight. The data disclosed that at about 1300 the airplane departed Vernal to the southwest and then proceeded west to Bottle Hollow Reservoir. Thereafter, at about 1310, the airplane headed on a southwest course and climbed to about 8,300 ft mean sea level (msl). At 1318, the airplane climbed to about 8,800 ft and remained at that altitude and on a constant southerly heading until the data ended at 1345. The last ADS-B data point was located adjacent to where the wreckage was located, near the peak of a hill (see Figure 1).

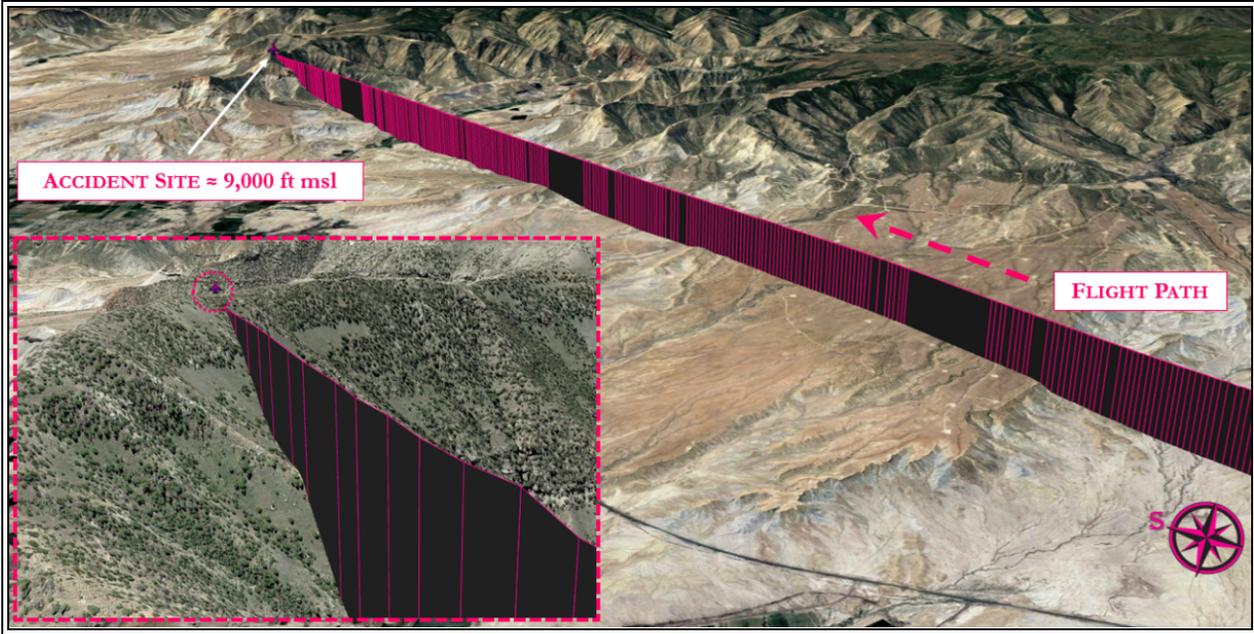


Figure 1: Airplane's Flight Path

Investigators were unable to access the wreckage on site due to the steep terrain. The airplane was recovered and retained for a future examination.

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N915DV
<b>Model/Series:</b>	T206H	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>			

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	VMC	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KPUC	<b>Observation Time:</b>	13:53 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	23 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	9°C /-9°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	5 knots / , 150°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>		<b>Visibility:</b>	
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.08 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Vernal, UT (VEL)	<b>Destination:</b>	Cedar Clty, UT (CDC)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	39.321115,-111.0862 (est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Keliher, Zoe
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Jeff Smith; Federal Aviation Administration; Salt Lake City, UT Henry Soderlund; Textron Aviation; Wichita, KS
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	