



# Aviation Investigation Notification

<b>Location:</b>	Lewiston, ID	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR24LA138
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 2, 2024, 11:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N42PL
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Aerospatiale SA315B	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 137: Agricultural		

The NTSB is conducting a [Class 4 investigation](#) into this event. A preliminary report will not be issued but a final report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Aerospatiale	<b>Registration:</b>	N42PL
<b>Model/Series:</b>	SA315B	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	ESSENTIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS LLC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	Agricultural aircraft (137)
<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>	LWS,1436 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	11:00 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	6 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	15.6°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	/ ,
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility:</b>	10 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	COTTONWOOD, ID (S84)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
		<b>Destination:</b>	LEWISTON, ID (LWS)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>			
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
		<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	46.408,-116.90316 (est)

## Administrative Information

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<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Hicks, Michael
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Doug Belcher; FAA; Spokane , WA
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 4</a>
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.