



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Lakeport, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR24LA154
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 16, 2024, 09:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N4448L
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 172G	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On May 16, 2024, about 0915 Pacific daylight time, a Cessna 172G, N4448L, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident in Lakeport, California. The pilot was not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, he departed Ukiah Municipal Airport (UKI), Ukiah, California, and was returning to his home airport, Lampson Field Airport (102), Lakeport, California. Upon his return to 102, he decided to practice full stop landings. After performing several takeoffs and landings, he decided to conduct one more flight in the airport traffic pattern. On the accident takeoff, as the airplane began to climb, the engine lost partial power and the airplane began to lose altitude. The pilot stated that the engine was still running, but not producing enough power to sustain flight. The pilot elected to continue straight ahead and initiated a forced landing to a field. During the landing sequence, the empennage impacted a barb-wire fence and separated from the fuselage.

The airplane was recovered to a secure facility for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N4448L
<b>Model/Series:</b>	172G	<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>	KUKI,626 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	08:56 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	16 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	13°C /10°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	5 knots / , 130°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Overcast / 700 ft AGL	<b>Visibility:</b>	10 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.95 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	NONE
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Lakeport, CA	<b>Destination:</b>	Lakeport, CA

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	38.990392,-122.89431 (est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Cornejo, Tealeye
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Peter Beck; Federal Aviation Administration; Sacramento, CA
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.