

Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location: Boulder City, NV **Accident Number:** WPR25LA038

Date & Time:November 15, 2024, 09:03 LocalRegistration:N241SAAircraft:DEHAVILLAND DHC-6-300Injuries:16 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 135: Air taxi & commuter - Non-scheduled - Sightseeing

On November 15, 2024, about 0903 Pacific standard time, a De Havilland DHC-6-300, N241SA, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Boulder City, Nevada. Both pilots and 14 passengers were uninjured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* part 135 revenue sightseeing flight.

The flight was returning from a tour of the Grand Canyon. The crew checked weather during the initial stages of the approach and noted winds out of the southwest gusting to about 27 knots. As they got closer to the airport, they rechecked wind and decided to land on runway 27 because it was the longest and widest. The captain was at the controls for landing and was applying control inputs to counter the crosswind which he stated was gusting aggressively. He stated that shortly after touchdown the airplane started veering to the left and departed the runway despite application of corrective control inputs. The airplane struck a runway distance remaining sign, where it sustained substantial damage to the forward fuselage.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	DEHAVILLAND	Registration:	N241SA
Model/Series:	DHC-6-300	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	Grand Canyon Airlines, Inc.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand air taxi (135)
Operator Designator Code:	GCNA		

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KBVU,2202 ft msl	Observation Time:	08:55 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	14°C /-1°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	23 knots / 28 knots, 220°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.7 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	CVFR
Departure Point:	Boulder City, NV	Destination:	Boulder City, NV

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	14 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	16 None	Latitude, Longitude:	35.9475,-114.86111 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Simpson, Eliott
Additional Participating Persons:	Michael B. McComb; FAA FSDO; Las Vegas, NV
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.

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