



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: JORDAN VALLEY, Oregon Accident Number: SEA89LA168

Date & Time: September 10, 1989, 11:00 Local Registration: N4934S

Aircraft: CESSNA R182 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

DURING A LANDING ON A CLOSED/ROUGH/UNMAINTAINED DIRT STRIP, THE AIRPLANE TOUCHED DOWN LEFT OF CENTERLINE. THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL. THE AIRPLANE TRAVELED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY, COLLIDED WITH A FENCE & ENCOUNTERED A DITCH. THERE WERE NO REPORTED MECHANICAL FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONS WITH THE AIRPLANE BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: FAILURE OF THE PILOT TO MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL. FACTORS RELATED TO THE ACCIDENT WERE: THE PILOT'S SELECTION OF UNSUITABLE TERRAIN (CLOSED/ROUGH RUNWAY), AND THE CROSSWIND.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

- 1. (F) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA SELECTED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 2. (F) AIRPORT FACILITIES, RUNWAY/LANDING AREA CONDITION ROUGH/UNEVEN
- 3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION CROSSWIND
- 4. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

5. (F) OBJECT - FENCE

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

6. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	55,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Expired	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 4, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	959 hours (Total, all aircraft), 801 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 38 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N4934S
Model/Series:	R182 R182	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	R18201473
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3200 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	0 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-540-J3C5B
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	235 Horsepower
Operator:	JERRY A. HARR	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	50 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-18°C / -18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	CASCADE , ID (U70)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	10:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:	4500 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Rough
Runway Used:	9	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3500 ft / 40 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	42.960739,-117.359893(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Eckrote, Debra

Additional Participating Persons:

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Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=41076

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