



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: REDMOND, Oregon Accident Number: SEA92LA108

Date & Time: May 21, 1992, 07:30 Local Registration: N9990G

Aircraft: CESSNA A188A Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 137: Agricultural

Analysis

DURING AN AERIAL APPLICATION FLIGHT, THE AIRPLANE WAS TRAVELLING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FOR THE SPRAY RUN WHEN THE SUN MOMENTARILY BLINDED THE PILOT AND THE AIRPLANE COLLIDED WITH POWER LINES. THE PILOT THEN INITIATED A FORCED LANDING IN AN ADJACENT FIELD.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: PROPER CLEARANCE FROM OBJECTS WAS NOT MAINTAINED. FACTORS TO THE ACCIDENT WERE: SUNGLARE, WIRES, AND VISUAL LOOKOUT WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

Findings

- 1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION SUNGLARE
- 2. (F) VISUAL LOOKOUT NOT POSSIBLE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (F) OBJECT WIRE, STATIC
- 4. (C) CLEARANCE NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	50,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 10, 1991
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4500 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N9990G
Model/Series:	A188A A188A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	18800790
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	January 2, 2000 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	100 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	BOYD W. SIMMONS	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	BOYD W. SIMMONS	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	JQPG

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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 30 miles Lowest Ceiling: None Visibility (RVR): Wind Speed/Gusts: / Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: / Wind Direction: 0° Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: / Altimeter Setting: Temperature/Dew Point: 10°C Precipitation and Obscuration: No Obscuration; No Precipitation Departure Point: PRINEVILLE , OR (S39) Type of Flight Plan Filed: None Destination: Type of Clearance: None				
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Departure Time: 07:25 Local Type of Airspace: Class G	Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
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Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	44.260829,-121.219352(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=41683

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