



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	WIBAUX, Montana	Accident Number:	SEA92LA176
Date & Time:	August 10, 1992, 09:15 Local	Registration:	N63242
Aircraft:	CESSNA 180K	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	3 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT REPORTED THAT WHILE PRACTICING TOUCH-AND-GO LANDINGS, DURING THE THIRD APPROACH AND LANDING, THE AIRSPEED WAS FASTER THAN NORMAL. AFTER TOUCH DOWN, THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE AIRPLANE BEFORE THE END OF THE RUNWAY, THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH A DITCH AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY, THE PILOT INTENTIONALLY GROUND LOOPED THE AIRPLANE.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: A POORLY PLANNED APPROACH.

Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. TERRAIN CONDITION - GRASS
2. (F) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PLANNED APPROACH - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	49, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 5, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	325 hours (Total, all aircraft), 260 hours (Total, this make and model), 235 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 14 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N63242
Model/Series:	180K 180K	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18052839
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 19, 1991 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2800 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	13 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	288 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-470-U
Registered Owner:	DOUGLAS, DUANE M.	Rated Power:	230 Horsepower
Operator:	DOUGLAS, DUANE M.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots / 10 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	280°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	SIDNEY , MT (SDY)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:45 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	PRIVATE	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	3200 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	11	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1200 ft / 80 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:	47.010051,-104.320869(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Eckrote, Debra

Additional Participating Persons: LEIGH ASLAKSON; BILLINGS , MT

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=42873>

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