



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Belgrade, Montana	Accident Number:	SEA06CA155
Date & Time:	August 2, 2006, 19:15 Local	Registration:	N7955V
Aircraft:	Cessna 180H	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation		

Analysis

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Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control while landing.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

2. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY

Factual Information

On August 2, 2006, about 1915 mountain daylight time, a Cessna 180H airplane, N7955V, sustained substantial damage while landing at the Gallatin Field Airport, Belgrade, Montana. The airplane was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) local area flight under Title 14 CFR Part 91 when the accident occurred. The solo student pilot was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed.

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	47, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 1, 2005
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	82 hours (Total, all aircraft), 49 hours (Total, this make and model), 46 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N7955V
Model/Series:	180H	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18051855
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	O-470R
Registered Owner:	Mack Marketing Inc	Rated Power:	
Operator:	Mack Marketing Inc	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Belgrade, MT (BZN)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Belgrade, MT (BZN)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	BOZEMAN/GALLATIN FIELD BZN	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4471 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/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:	45.7775,-111.153053

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hogenson, Dennis

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note: This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=64287>

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