Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Enumclaw, Washington	**Accident Number:**	SEA07CA086
Date & Time:	March 30, 2007, 16:45 Local	**Registration:**	N968A
Aircraft:	Piper PA-22	**Aircraft Damage:**	Substantial
Defining Event:		**Injuries:**	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

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 apply carburetor heat during cruise flight. Factors include ambient weather conditions that were conducive to carburetor icing, and soft, muddy terrain at the location where the pilot attempted the power-off forced landing.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings
1. (C) CARBURETOR HEAT - NOT USED - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - ICING CONDITIONS

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SOFT
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - MUDDY

Factual Information

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	**Age:**	60,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	**Seat Occupied:**	
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	**Last FAA Medical Exam:**	February 1, 2007
Occupational Pilot:		**Last Flight Review or Equivalent:**	January 1, 2007
Flight Time:	616 hours (Total, all aircraft), 370 hours (Total, this make and model), 2 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	**Registration:**	N968A
Model/Series:	PA-22	**Aircraft Category:**	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		**Amateur Built:**	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	**Serial Number:**	22-280
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	**Seats:**	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	April 1, 2006 Annual	**Certified Max Gross Wt.:**	
Time Since Last Inspection:		**Engines:**	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3763 Hrs at time of accident	**Engine Manufacturer:**	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	**Engine Model/Series:**	O-290D
Registered Owner:	James Masura	**Rated Power:**	125 Horsepower
Operator:	Judith Masura	**Operating Certificate(s) Held:**	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	**Condition of Light:**	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KTIW,292 ft msl	**Distance from Accident Site:**	12 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	16:53 Local	**Direction from Accident Site:**	270°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 800 ft AGL	**Visibility**	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 3200 ft AGL	**Visibility (RVR):**	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	**Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:**	/
Wind Direction:		**Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:**	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.12 inches Hg	**Temperature/Dew Point:**	10°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Light - None - Rain		
Departure Point:	Puyallup, WA (KPLU)	**Type of Flight Plan Filed:**	None
Destination:	Puyallup, WA (KPLU)	**Type of Clearance:**	None
Departure Time:	16:00 Local	**Type of Airspace:**	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	**Aircraft Damage:**	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		**Aircraft Fire:**	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	**Aircraft Explosion:**	
Total Injuries:	1 None	**Latitude, Longitude:**	47.215,-122.013336

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Anderson, Orrin
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	June 27, 2007
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=65514