



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Preston, Idaho Accident Number: WPR09CA058

Date & Time: December 16, 2008, 21:30 Local Registration: N4008N

Aircraft: Cessna 140 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Hard landing **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

#### **Analysis**

After landing hard and bouncing, the pilot elected to apply full power and go around. The pilot said there was no response from the engine when he pushed the throttle full in, "...possibly because I advanced the throttle too quickly." The airplane drifted left, exited the runway, and impacted shallow snow on the shoulder of the runway pavement before nosing over and coming to rest inverted. The pilot did not report experiencing any flight control or mechanical anomalies with the airplane prior to the accident.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's misjudged flare and improper recovery from a bounced landing, which resulted in a loss of control and subsequent nose over.

#### **Findings**

Personnel issues Incorrect action performance - Pilot

Personnel issues Identification/recognition - Pilot

Aircraft Landing flare - Incorrect use/operation

# **Factual Information**

# **History of Flight**

Landing-flare/touchdown	Hard landing (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Loss of control on ground	
Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion	
Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down	

### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	35,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	November 6, 2008
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 6, 2007
Flight Time:	849 hours (Total, all aircraft), 18 hours (Total, this make and model), 768 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 228 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 57 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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# **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N4008N
Model/Series:	140	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	13466
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	January 8, 2008 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1450 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	19 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2736 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Teledyne Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-200A
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	100 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

# Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Night/dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LGU,4457 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	21:48 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	180°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-7°C / -8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	Logan, UT (LGU)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Preston, ID (U10)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	21:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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# **Airport Information**

Airport:	Preston Airport U10	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt;Snow
Airport Elevation:	4728 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Snow
Runway Used:	21	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3457 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

# Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	42.096389,-111.875556

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Little, Thomas
Additional Participating Persons:	Lyndsay Carlson; Federal Aviation Administration; Salt lake City, UT
Original Publish Date:	January 29, 2009
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=69585

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