



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Aleknagik, Alaska Accident Number: ANC10CA078

Date & Time: August 27, 2010, 10:30 Local Registration: N35851

Aircraft: Cessna U206F Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Birdstrike **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Other work use

Analysis

The commercial pilot was on a local flight in support of a remote lodge operation, operating under Title 14, CFR Part 91. He said during cruise flight a Loon struck and penetrated the right side of the cockpit windscreen, and came to rest in the unoccupied passenger cabin.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: A bird strike which penetrated the airplane's windscreen.

Findings

Aircraft Flight compartment windows - Damaged/degraded

Environmental issues Animal(s)/bird(s) - Effect on equipment

Factual Information

History of Flight

| Enroute-cruise | Birdstrike (Defining event) | |
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Pilot Information

| Certificate: | Commercial | Age: | 55,Male |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine land; Single-engine sea | Seat Occupied: | Left |
| 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 With waivers/limitations | Last FAA Medical Exam: | May 25, 2010 |
| Occupational Pilot: | Yes | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | July 21, 2010 |
| Flight Time: | 9336 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2140 hours (Total, this make and model), 9267 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 245 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 120 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make: | Cessna | Registration: | N35851 |
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| Model/Series: | U206F | Aircraft Category: | Airplane |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Normal | Serial Number: | U20602757 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Float | Seats: | 6 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | August 18, 2010 100 hour | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 3600 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time: | 6388 Hrs at time of accident | Engine Manufacturer: | CONT MOTOR |
| ELT: | C126 installed, not activated | Engine Model/Series: | IO 520 SERIES |
| Registered Owner: | TIKCHIK NARROWS LODGE INC | Rated Power: | 285 Horsepower |
| Operator: | TIKCHIK NARROWS LODGE INC | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None |
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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: | Few / 700 ft AGL | Visibility | 10 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | Broken / 700 ft AGL | 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: | Tikchik Narrows, AK (AK56) | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | Company VFR |
| Destination: | Tikchik Narrows, AK (AK56) | Type of Clearance: | None |
| Departure Time: | 09:45 Local | Type of Airspace: | |
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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: | 59.946388,-158.198059 |

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

December 20, 2010

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=77106

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