

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	Greer, Arizona	Accident Number:	WPR11CA357
Date & Time:	July 23, 2011, 10:10 Local	Registration:	N9402B
Aircraft:	Cessna 175	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Hard landing	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that he planned to make a touch-and-go landing on a forest service road. He reported that the airplane touched down on the dirt road and bounced twice. After a second bounce, he applied power in an attempt to take off, but the airplane's nose gear collapsed. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing and forward fuselage. The pilot reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's improper flare and inadequate recovery from a bounced landing which resulted in a nose gear collapse.

Findings	
Aircraft	Landing flare - Incorrect use/operation
Personnel issues	Incorrect action performance - Pilot
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot

## **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

Landing	Abnormal runway contact
Landing	Hard landing (Defining event)
Landing	Landing gear collapse

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	55,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
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 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 26, 2010
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	3562 hours (Total, all aircraft), 191 hours (Total, this make and model), 16 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N9402B
Model/Series:	175	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	55202
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-360 SER
Registered Owner:	WALLER WILLIAM C	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:	WALLER WILLIAM C	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	75 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	Show Low, AZ (SOW )	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Unknown
Destination:	Greer, AZ	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:35 Local	Type of Airspace:	

### 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:	33.997776,-109.431663(est)

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hogenson, Dennis
Additional Participating Persons:	Daniel K Gilligan; FAA FSDO; Scottsdale, AZ
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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=81356

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