
 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: WPR12LA283		Most Critical Injury: Serious			
		Occurrence Date: 06/30/2012		Investigated By: NTSB			
		Occurrence Type: Accident					
Location/Time							
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone		
Stanley		ID	83728	1405	MDT		
Aircraft Information							
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number			
N773C		STINSON		108/3			
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Amateur Built Aircraft? No				
Injury Summary:		Fatal	Serious	1	Minor	3	None
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No				
Narrative							
Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:							
<p>On June 30, 2012, about 1405 mountain daylight time, a Stinson 108-3, N773C, was substantially damaged after impacting terrain during initial climb near the Bruce Meadows Airport (U63), Stanley, Idaho. The certified commercial pilot sustained serious injuries, and the three passengers sustained minor injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the local flight, which was being operated in accordance with 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91, and a flight plan was not filed. The flight was destined for the McCall Municipal Airport (MYL), McCall, Idaho.</p> <p>In a telephone interview with the National Transportation Safety Board investigator-in-charge, the passenger who occupied the right rear seat reported that after taking off the pilot flew straight out for about three or four minutes, but the airplane would only ascend to about 60 to 70 feet above the tops of the trees. The passenger stated that the airplane started losing altitude and experienced a downdraft, which was followed by its wings impacting the tops of the surrounding trees. The airplane subsequently came down through the trees before impacting terrain inverted and sliding to a stop.</p> <p>The airplane was recovered to a secured storage facility for further examination. Updated on Jul 6 2012 1:10PM</p>							
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Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Accident Occurred During:


Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury
Pilot	On File	On File	Serious
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Operator Information			
Name Leslie B Gropp	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As	
Street Address	City Boise	State ID	Zip Code 83705

-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None	
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):	
Operating Certificate:	Operator Certificate:
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation	
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Personal	

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None			
Last Departure Point	State ID	Airport Identifier	
Stanley		U63	
Destination	State ID	Airport Identifier	
McCall		MYL	

Weather Information				
Investigator's Source: Automated Report	Facility ID: MYL	Observation Time (Local): 1951		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear	Ft. AGL			
Lowest Ceiling: None	Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10	SM	Altimeter: 30.00 "Hg

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Temperature: 27 °C	Dew Point: 3 °C	Wind Direction: 160	
Wind Speed: 8 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	

Administration Data

Notification From Regional Operations Center	Date
FAA District Office/Coordinator Federal Aviation Administration Michael Misnick	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Thomas Little