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The NTSB was notified at 3:30 PDT of a 4 fatal accident in Paulden, AZ involving the collision of a Cessna 340A with a radio tower and collected preliminary information from eyewitnesses and first responders. After assessing this information it was decided that the NTSB will not launch any investigators to the accident site. Due to the lapse in funding, NTSB staff are furloughed. The agency can engage in those activities necessary to address imminent threats to the safety of human life or for the protection of property. After careful consideration it was determined that this accident did not meet the criteria for exempting employees from furlough. The wreckage will be recovered and moved to a secure location. Further, the NTSB public affairs staff has been furloughed therefore the NTSB will not be conducting press conferences, issuing press releases or responding to reporters' questions on the accident.