



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Elk City, ID	Accident Number:	SEA06CA156
Date & Time:	08/02/2006, 0720 PDT	Registration:	N3239D
Aircraft:	Cessna 180	Injuries:	3 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

According to the pilot, he landed to the north on the 4,100-foot-long turf airstrip and had slowed the airplane to about 25 mph when it "went to the right of centerline." He attempted to regain directional control by using left rudder and brake, but was unable to prevent the airplane from ground looping. The pilot commented that he "should have been faster on the rudder pedals to not let it get away."

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control, which resulted in a ground loop during the landing roll.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - ENCOUNTERED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	41
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	387 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6 hours (Total, this make and model), 5 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Cessna	Registration:	N3239D
Model/Series:	180	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	On file	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-470
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	
Temperature:		Visibility:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Sandpoint, ID	Destination:	Elk City, ID (1U1)

Airport Information

Airport:	Moose Creek USFS (1U1)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	01	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Georgia R Struhsaker	Adopted Date:	11/29/2006
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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