



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Coeur d'Alene, ID                    | <b>Accident Number:</b> | WPR20FA206A |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>        | 07/05/2020, 1422 PDT                 | <b>Registration:</b>    | N6373U      |
| <b>Aircraft:</b>               | Cessna TU206                         | <b>Injuries:</b>        | 2 Fatal     |
| <b>Flight Conducted Under:</b> | Part 91: General Aviation - Personal |                         |             |

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On July 5, 2020, about 1422 Pacific daylight time, a Cessna TU206, N6373U, and a de Havilland DHC-2, N2106K, were destroyed when they were involved in an accident near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The pilot and passenger of the Cessna and the pilot and 5 passengers of the de Havilland, were fatally injured. The Cessna was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight. The de Havilland was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 air tour flight.

The operator of the de Havilland reported that the 20-minute local air tour flight originated from the seaplane base, located on the northern part of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Friends of the Cessna pilot reported that the flight had departed from Coeur d'Alene Airport, at an unknown time, with an intended destination of Lewiston, Idaho.

Witnesses located in the vicinity of the accident site reported that they observed the float equipped de Havilland flying on a northerly heading, and the Cessna was on a southerly heading, as seen in Figure 1. The witnesses reported that both airplanes appeared to be about 700 to 800 ft above the water surface, and that the Cessna may have been slightly lower than the de Havilland, when they collided over the lake. Following the collision, witnesses observed a fireball come from one of the airplanes as both descended into the water.

There was no radar or automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) data for either airplane.

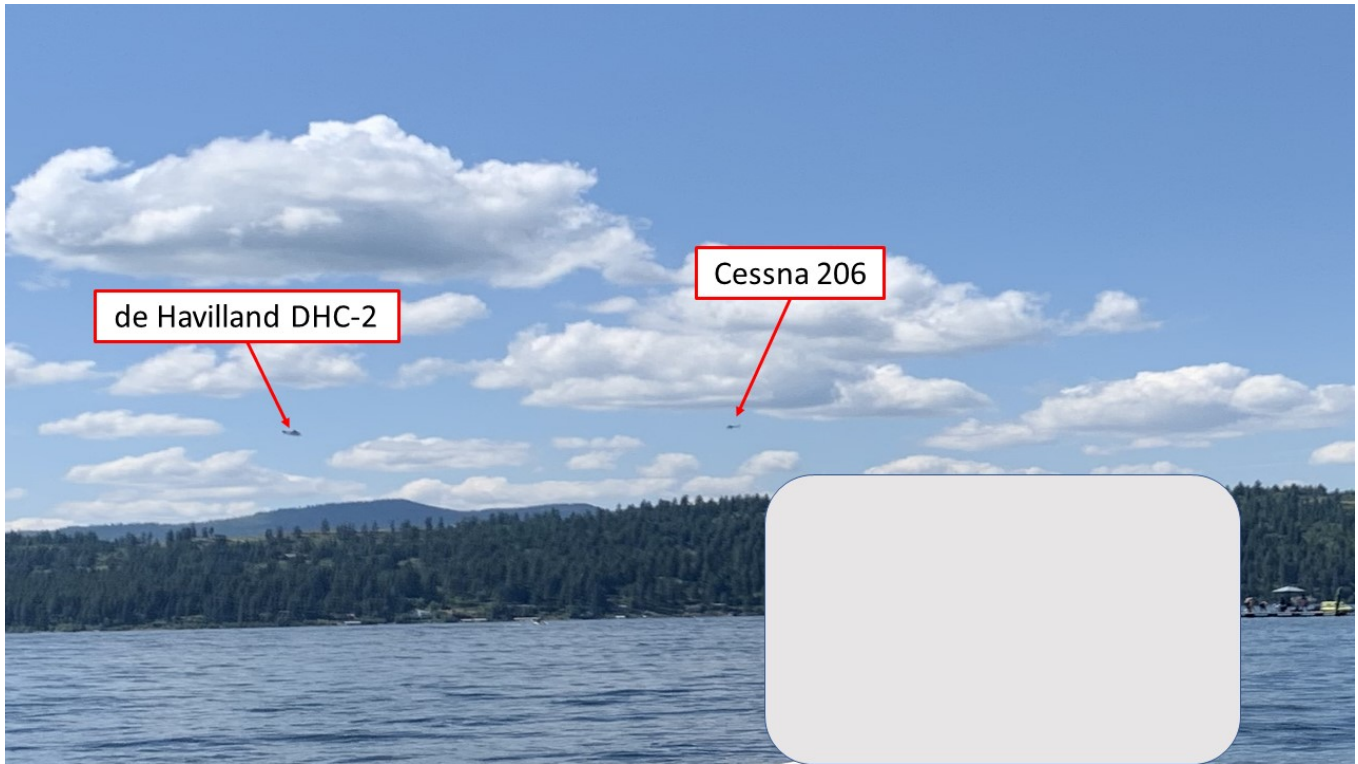


Figure 1: Witness photo of the de Havilland and Cessna.

Local law enforcement reported that the wreckage of both airplanes was submerged in about 130 ft of water, near the center of the lake between Half Round Bay and Black Rock Bay, as seen in Figure 2. The wreckages of both airplanes were initially documented once they were removed from the water and were then transported to a secure location where they will be examined.

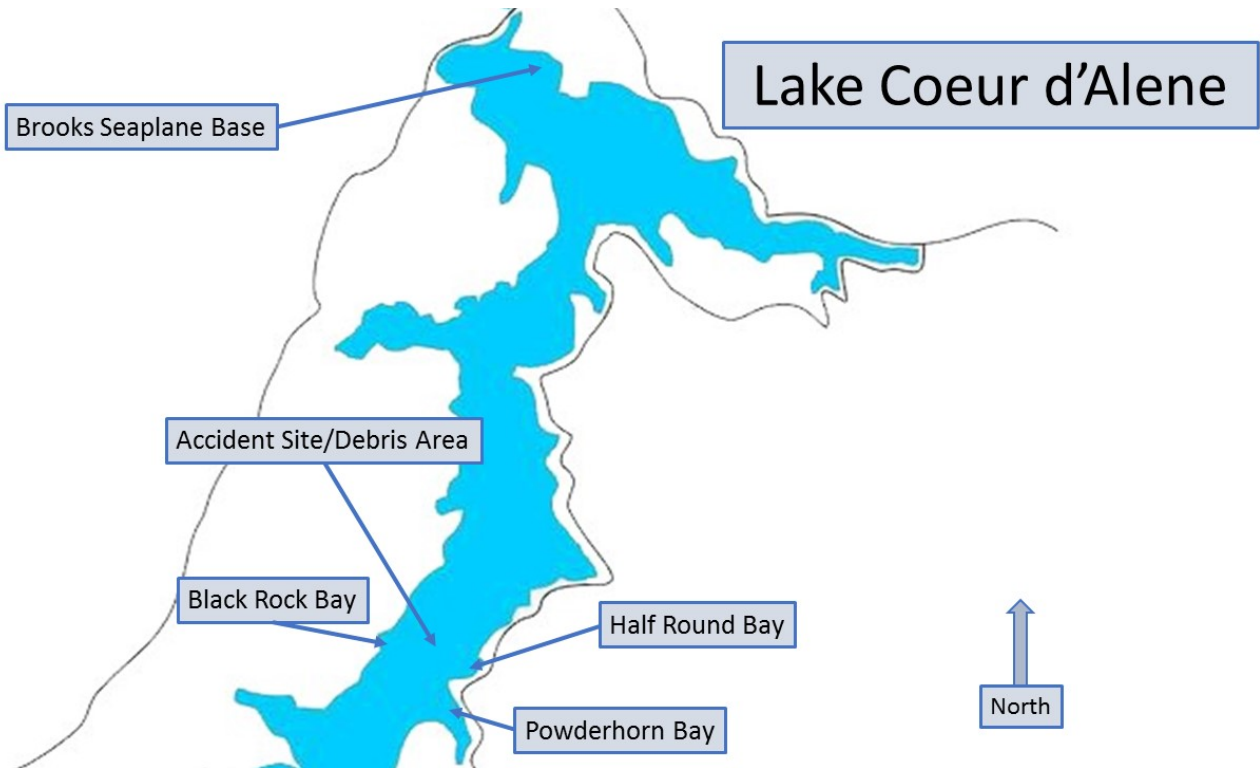


Figure 2: Overview of Lake Coeur d'Alene

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| <b>Aircraft Make:</b> | Cessna  | <b>Registration:</b>                  | N6373U   |
| <b>Model/Series:</b>  | TU206   | <b>Aircraft Category:</b>             | Airplane |
| <b>Amateur Built:</b> | No      |                                       |          |
| <b>Operator:</b>      | On file | <b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b> | None     |

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

|                                  |                   |                              |                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Conditions at Accident Site:     | Visual Conditions | Condition of Light:          | Day                |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | KCOE, 2307 ft msl | Observation Time:            | 2056 UTC           |
| Distance from Accident Site:     | 15 Nautical Miles | Temperature/Dew Point:       | 24° C / 6° C       |
| Lowest Cloud Condition:          | Clear             | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction: | Calm / ,           |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  | None              | Visibility:                  | 10 Miles           |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 30.09 inches Hg   | Type of Flight Plan Filed:   | None               |
| Departure Point:                 | Coeur d'Alene, ID | Destination:                 | Lewison, ID (KLWS) |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

|                     |         |                      |                        |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Crew Injuries:      | 1 Fatal | Aircraft Damage:     | Destroyed              |
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Fatal | Aircraft Fire:       | None                   |
| Ground Injuries:    | N/A     | Aircraft Explosion:  | None                   |
| Total Injuries:     | 2 Fatal | Latitude, Longitude: | 47.519167, -116.826389 |

## Administrative Information

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC):     | Joshua Cawthra                                   |
| Additional Participating Persons: | Kevin Marsac; FAA; Spokane, WA                   |
| Note:                             | The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident. |