

 <b>National Transportation Safety Board</b> <b>PRELIMINARY REPORT</b> <b>AVIATION</b>		NTSB ID: WPR13FA061		Most Critical Injury: Fatal	
		Occurrence Date: 11/25/2012		Investigated By: NTSB	
		Occurrence Type: Accident			
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone
Aurora		UT	84654	1300	MST
Aircraft Information					
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number	
N8314E		PIPER		PA28/181	
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Amateur Built Aircraft? No		
Injury Summary:		Fatal	3	Serious	Minor
					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>*** Note: NTSB investigators either traveled in support of this investigation or conducted a significant amount of investigative work without any travel, and used data obtained from various sources to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***</p> <p>On November 25, 2012, about 1300 mountain standard time, a Piper PA-28-181 airplane, N8314E, was substantially damaged following impact with remote mountainous terrain while maneuvering about 9 nautical miles west-northwest of Aurora, Utah. The certified private pilot and 2 passengers sustained fatal injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the cross-country flight, which was being operated in accordance with 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91, and no flight plan had been filed. The flight departed Fillmore Municipal Airport (FOM), Fillmore, Utah, about 1245, with the Gillette-Campbell County Airport (GCC), Gillette, Wyoming, as its destination.</p> <p>According to the fuel records provided by the city of Fillmore, Utah, the airplane was refueled at the FOM self-serve fuel facility on the day of the accident at 1233 with 26.87 gallons of 100LL aviation fuel. There were no witnesses at FOM on the day of the accident who observed the airplane refuel or depart. When the flight failed to arrive at GCC, concerned family members contacted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for assistance in locating the airplane. An Alert Notification (ALNOT) was issued by the FAA at 1148 on November 26, 2012. The airplane was subsequently located by a Utah State Department of Public Safety helicopter pilot on December 2, 2012, about 0800. The location of the accident site was in remote mountainous terrain, about 11.2 nautical miles east of FOM, the departure airport.</p> <p>On December 2, 2012, the National Transportation Safety Board investigator-in-charge (IIC), accompanied by representatives from the FAA, Piper Aircraft and Lycoming Motors, were escorted to the accident site by members of the Sevier County Sheriff's Department using all terrain vehicles. A survey of the wreckage revealed that it had topped several trees about 50 feet tall on a measured magnetic heading of 140 degrees and had come to rest upright on a measured magnetic heading of 330 degrees. The main wreckage was located at coordinates 38 degrees 57.244 minutes north latitude and 112 degrees 07.466 west longitude, at an elevation of 8,992 feet mean sea level. The cabin and cockpit areas were both consumed by fire. It was determined that after examining the wreckage, all components necessary for flight were accounted for at the accident site.</p> <p>At 1259, the FOM weather reporting facility, which was located about 11 miles west of the accident site, reported wind 290 degrees at 4 knots, visibility unlimited, temperature 12 degrees Celsius (C), dew point -3 degrees C, and an altimeter setting of 30.02 inches of mercury.</p> <p>The airplane was recovered to a secured storage facility in Phoenix, Arizona, for further examination.</p> <p>Updated on Dec 11 2012 9:39AM</p>					
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<b>Other Aircraft Involved</b>		
Registration Number	Aircraft Manufacturer	Model/Series Number

<b>Accident Information</b>	
Aircraft Damage: <b>Substantial</b>	Accident Occurred During:

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

<b>Operator Information</b>				
Name Matthew W Ahrens	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As		
Street Address	City Gillette	State WY	Zip Code 82716	
-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None				
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):				
Operating Certificate:		Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: <b>Part 91: General Aviation</b>				
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: <b>Personal</b>				

<b>Flight Plan/Itinerary</b>				
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None				
Last Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier		
Fillmore	UT	FOM		
Destination	State	Airport Identifier		
Gillette	WY	GCC		

<b>Weather Information</b>				
Investigator's Source: Automated Report	Facility ID: FOM	Observation Time (Local): 1259		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear		Ft. AGL		
Lowest Ceiling: None	Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10	SM	Altimeter: 30.02 "Hg

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Temperature: 12 °C	Dew Point: -3 °C	Wind Direction: 290	
Wind Speed: 4 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	

**Administration Data**

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