



Brief of Accident (Continued)

WPR09GA216  
File No. 26817

04/25/2009

Stockton, UT

Aircraft Reg No. N442NA

Time (Local): 10:04 MDT

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OCCURRENCES

Enroute-cruise - VFR encounter with IMC  
Enroute-cruise - Controlled flight into terr/obj (CFIT)

FINDINGS

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-Altitude-Not attained/maintained - C  
Personnel issues-Psychological-Attention/monitoring-Monitoring environment-Flight crew - F  
Personnel issues-Task performance-Communication (personnel)-Lack of communication-Flight crew - F  
Environmental issues-Physical environment-Terrain-Mountainous/hilly terrain-Contributed to outcome  
Environmental issues-Conditions/weather/phenomena-Ceiling/visibility/precip-Low ceiling-Effect on operation  
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Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

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The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The flight crew's failure to maintain terrain clearance during low altitude flight in low ceiling and visibility conditions. Contributing to the accident was the flight crew's failure to adequately monitor their location with respect to the rising terrain environment ahead, and, their lack of crew resource management communication as a crew.