



Brief of Accident (Continued)

CEN09FA135  
File No. 25905

01/15/2009

Wray, CO

Aircraft Reg No. N840NK

Time (Local): 07:00 MST

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OCCURRENCES

Approach-IFR initial approach - Structural icing  
Approach-IFR initial approach - Loss of control in flight

FINDINGS

Personnel issues-Task performance-Planning/preparation-Weight/balance calculations-Flight crew - F  
Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Aircraft control-Flight crew - C  
Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-(general)-Not attained/maintained - C  
Environmental issues-Conditions/weather/phenomena-Temp/humidity/pressure-Conducive to structural icing-Effect on equipment - F

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 pilot's failure to maintain aircraft control during the approach resulting in an aerodynamic stall and subsequent impact with terrain. Contributing to the accident was the pilot's improper preflight planning and conditions conducive for structural icing.