



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Leeds, UT	Accident Number:	WPR26LA094
Date & Time:	February 2, 2026, 13:01 Local	Registration:	N5692Y
Aircraft:	Enstrom F28C	Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On February 2, 2026, at about 1301 mountain standard time, an Enstrom F-28C helicopter, registration N5692Y, was substantially damaged near Leeds, Utah. The pilot was seriously injured and the passenger sustained minor injuries. At the time of the accident, the helicopter was being operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight

Witnesses observed the pilot attempting to take off from his driveway for a local flight. The helicopter lifted off the ground to a hover, which the witnesses described as “unstable,” prompting the pilot to land. Witnesses heard an increase in main rotor RPM followed by a near vertical climb. Upon reaching about 80 feet above ground level, the helicopter suddenly descended, struck a tree with its tail rotor and subsequently impacted the ground with the main rotor blades. The helicopter came to rest on its left side about 40 feet from its departure point. During the accident sequence, the main rotor, tail rotor, landing gear and fuselage were substantially damaged.

The pilot reported that he did not have sufficient power to maintain altitude and lost control of the helicopter.

The helicopter was recovered to a secure location for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Enstrom	Registration:	N5692Y
Model/Series:	F28C	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SGU,2936 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:56 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	15 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	15°C /-4°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.2 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Leeds, UT	Destination:	Leeds, UT

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	37.2521,-113.35386 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Slinker, Stanley
Additional Participating Persons:	Jason Valenzuela; FAA; Salt Lake City, UT
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.