



FY01 Mishaps

Fire Reconnaissance, Huron-Manistee NF

July 20, 2001

Cessna U206G

Mission: Aerial Observation

Damage: Substantial

Injuries: 2 Minor

Procurement: CWN

NTSB ID: CHI01LA225



Fire Reconnaissance, Huron-Manistee NF

July 20, 2001

During an aerial observation mission the aircraft failed to respond to the pilots power application. The aircraft was not within gliding distance of an airfield or lake so the pilot maneuvered to land in a field.

The observer made a Mayday broadcast while the pilot performed the landing.

The aircraft touched down in a level condition, bounced, then landed hard and flipped on its back.



Fire Reconnaissance, Huron-Manistee NF

July 20, 2001



Throttle linkage failed in flight

Green Knoll Fire, Bridger-Teton NF

July 21, 2001

Bell 205A-1

Mission: Water Bucket Operations

Damage: Substantial

Injuries: None

Procurement: Exclusive Use

NTSB ID: DEN01LA134



Green Knoll Fire, Bridger-Teton NF

July 21, 2001

The Bell 205 was operating at a common dipsite when a Bell 212, operating in close proximity, got his long line and bucket tangled in the 205's rotor system.

The 205 pilot did a vertical autorotation to the water, coming to rest with the tail section and part of the fuselage in the pond. The Bell 212 was not damaged.



Big Creek Fire, Umatilla NF

August 16, 2001

M-18 Dromader

Mission: Fire Suppression

Damage: Substantial

Injuries: 1 Minor

Procurement: Exclusive Use

NTSB ID: SEA01TA152



Big Creek Fire, Umatilla NF

August 16, 2001

After touch down, witnesses observed the aircraft bouncing, leaving the runway on the east side, moving back across the runway, then spinning after contacting a fence and, coming to rest off the runway on the west side.

The pilot sustained only minor injuries. Assistance quickly arrived to prevent fire.



Spruce Mountain Fire, Kootenai NF

September 17, 2001

Bell 205

Mission: Water Bucket
Operations

Damage: Substantial

Injuries: None

Procurement: CWN

NTSB ID: SEA01TA172

Spruce Mountain Fire, Kootenai NF

September 17, 2001

The helicopter was conducting bucket operations when ground observers saw the main rotor blades hit trees.

While returning to the landing zone the pilot felt a vibration in the main rotor system.

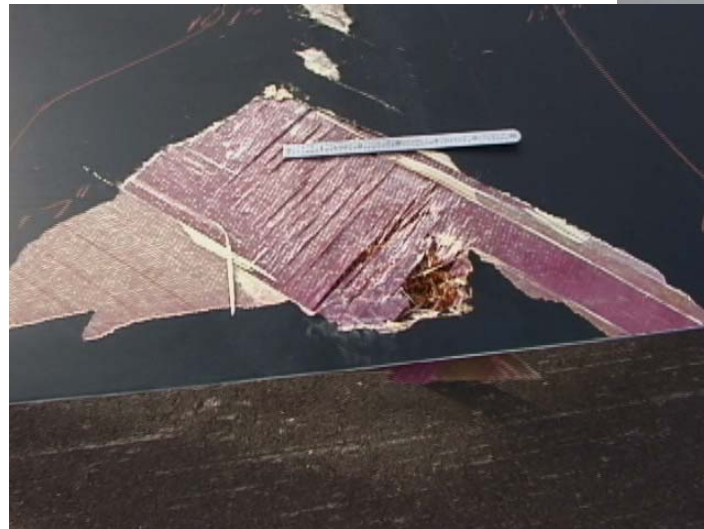
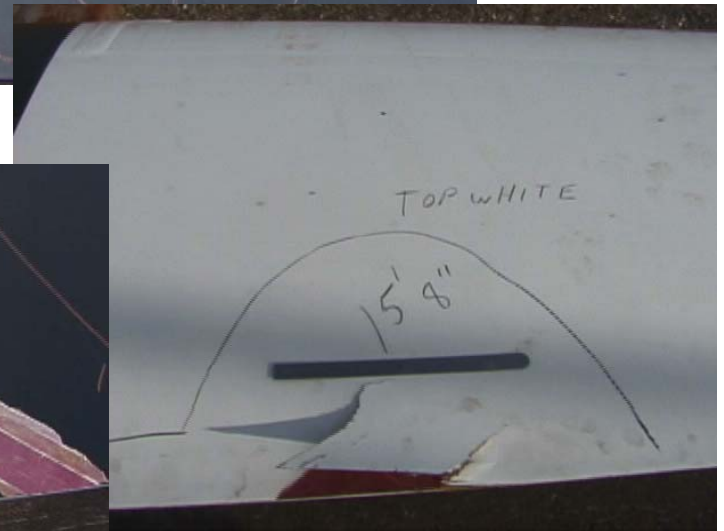
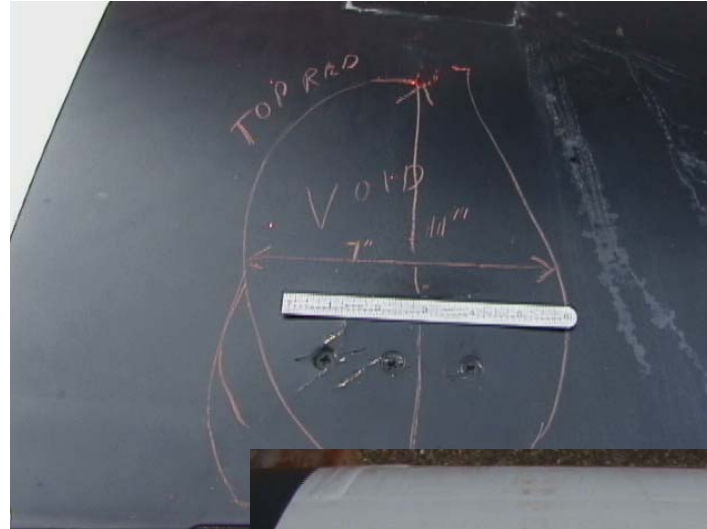
After making a precautionary landing, the pilot noted damage to one main rotor blade.

Spruce Mountain Fire, Kootenai NF

September 17, 2001



Leading edge damage



Main rotor blade damage