



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Horseshoe Bend, ID	Accident Number:	WPR21LA107
Date & Time:	February 5, 2021, 14:00 Local	Registration:	N6639R
Aircraft:	Hughes OH-6A	Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Public aircraft		

On February 5, 2021, about 1400 mountain standard time, a Hughes OH-6A, N6639R, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. The pilot sustained serious injuries and passenger sustained minor injuries. The helicopter was operated as a public use flight.

The pilot reported that the purpose of the accident flight was to conduct wildlife damage management operations. While maneuvering at a low altitude over hilly terrain, the pilot noted a loss of rotor rpm. The pilot maneuvered the helicopter down a draw in an attempt to regain rotor rpm. Subsequently, the helicopter impacted sloped terrain, rolled over, and came to rest on its left side.

Photographs provided by local law enforcement revealed that fuselage and tail-boom were structurally damaged. The wreckage was recovered to a secure location for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Hughes	Registration:	N6639R
Model/Series:	OH-6A	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:		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:	KBOI, 2868 ft msl	Observation Time:	13:53 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	26 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	8°C / -1°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4200 ft AGL	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	19 knots / 30 knots, 320°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 5000 ft AGL	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.06 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:	Caldwell, ID (KEUL)	Destination:	Horseshoe Bend, ID

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:	44.00019, -116.13546 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gutierrez, Eric
Additional Participating Persons:	Stanley K. Slinkeru; USDA APHIS Wildlife Services ; Cedar City, UT Nicholas P. Shepler; Rolls Royce
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.