First Notice of Loss

2023-03-23T04:00:00Z

Claim Number: CEN23LA086

Incident Date: 2023-01-10T13:40:00Z

Flight

Operator: SMITH HELICOPTERS INC

Purpose: AOBV

Airport of Record: nan

Incident Location:

28.255431, -98.739375, Fowlerton, Texas, United States

Aircraft

Make: ROBINSON HELICOPTER

Model: R44

Category: HELI

Amateur Built: False

Number of Engines: 1

Damage

Cause: The pilot's failure to maintain clearance with trees, which resulted in an uncontrollable spin due to tail rotor damage.

Cause: Substantial

Condition: VMC

Injuries

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Number of Serious Injuries: 0

Number of MInor Injuries: 1