

FY 1999 Accident Review

**Department of the
Interior**

Aztec, NM

October 19, 1998


Air Tractor AT-400

 Mission:	Aerial Application
 Weather:	VFR
 Damage:	Substantial
 Injuries:	Minor



BLM - Aztec, NM

Aztec, NM

 **Narrative:** The engine lost power due to oil starvation. A forced landing ensued and when the wheels contacted the ground, the airplane nosed over. The pilot reported the oil dipstick was not secured.

Key Issues

 **Preflight
Inspection**

 **Flight Plan**

Discussion





 **Pilot reported the oil
dipstick was not
secured.**

 **No flight plan had been
filed.**

Desert Aire, WA

November 6, 1998


Cessna TR182

 <i>Mission:</i>	Waterfowl Survey
 <i>Weather:</i>	VFR
 <i>Damage:</i>	Substantial
 <i>Injuries:</i>	2 Fatal, 1 Serious



FWS - Desert Aire, WA

Desert Aire, WA

 **Narrative:** During a waterfowl survey, aircraft struck power lines across river and sank. After the aircraft sank, the pilot was able to escape sustaining serious injuries. The two observers did not escape from the submerged aircraft and were fatally injured. Airplane struck and severed a 5/8 inch diameter cable running between the tops of the westernmost group of towers.



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Key Issues

 **Flight Plan
Flight Following**

 **PPE**

 **Minimum
Altitudes**



Discussion

-  **No flight plan or flight following established.**
-  **Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) not found.**
-  **Minimum 500' clearance from persons, vehicles, vessels, and structures (including wires).**

Key Issues

Discussion

Mishap Reporting

-  Accident was not reported in accordance with the Aircraft Rental Agreement.
-  Contact names and phone numbers in Pre-Accident plan were incorrect.

