



Swiss Confederation

Notification

This report contains short preliminary information about an accident, without pretension to completeness and without conclusions. An investigation is in progress by the Swiss Transportation Safety Investigation Board.

Place, date and time: Petit Combin (LSYP), 2 April 2024, 07:28 UTC

Aircraft

Registration Mark: HB-ZCZ

Type: Airbus Helicopters, AS 350 B3

Operator: Air-Glacières SA, route de l'Aéroport 25, 1950 Sion

Owner: Air-Glacières SA, route de l'Aéroport 25, 1950 Sion

Pilot: 1

Passengers: 5

Flight:

Flight rules: Visual Flight Rules - VFR

Type of operation: Commercial

Point of departure: Mountain landing site Croix de Coeur (LSYQ)

Point of landing: Mountain landing site Petit Combin (LSYP)

Damage:

Crew: 1 fatally injured

Passengers: 2 fatally injured, 3 injured

Thirds: None

Aircraft: Destroyed

Ground: None

Short description:

The helicopter collides with the ground at the Petit Combin mountain landing site. Following the collision, parts of the helicopter slid down the slope of the NW face. An avalanche triggered, sweeping away the airframe and occupants, who were ejected. 3 occupants were fatally injured and 3 occupants were injured. They were all found during the rescue operation.

Bern, 10 April 2024