The following safety recommendations were issued on January 16, 2018 as a result of the Aviation Safety Recommendation Report ASR-18-01 “Use of Recording Devices During Experimental Flight Test Activities,” adopted on January 9, 2018.

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text
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A-18-002	Bell Helicopter Textron	Provide information about the lessons learned from the July 6, 2016, accident specific to the benefits of recording devices for parametric data, cockpit audio, and cockpit images during experimental flight test activities to interested manufacturers, flight test industry groups, and other appropriate parties.

January 16, 2018

Mr. Tom Huff

Chairman

Flight Test Safety Committee

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Mr. Mitch Snyder

President and CEO

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