

UFO sighting is reported near Kalskag

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An unidentified flying object was reported in the Kalskag area Friday evening, July 24th. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. the object was observed by at least ten individuals.

One observer, who wished not to be named, reported the U.F.O. as a bright light moving swiftly above the ground. She and her husband and some friends were drifting with a broken engine above Lower Kalskag when they first saw a bright light in the distance. She said they watched it for two to three minutes as it moved parallel to the horizon. She described the object as being slightly oblong and right before it disappeared a blueish green color came from the back end.

Her husband also described the object as being oblong in shape and bright, flying about 20 to 25 feet off the ground at a much faster rate than an airplane. He also reported the lights were much brighter than those of a plane. They attempted to get movies of the object but by the time they thought to get the camera out, the object had disappeared. He said the sighting had also been seen by a Kalskag man who gave them a tow.

Another observer said, while he knew it couldn't have been a plane, he thought the object could have been a meteorite.

Upon contacting John Ruth, head of Flight Service in Bethel,

he reported there were a number of planes in that area Friday evening and that they received no reports of an unidentified flying object.

Ruth then suggested that Phenomena Research Center in Seattle be contacted about the sighting. Phenomena Research is an established research center on unidentified flying objects and has been in operation since 1955.

Ruth reported all flight service stations have the center's phone number and are asked to be notified on any sightings of unidentified flying objects.

By the description of the object, Robert Gribble at Phenomena Research stated it eliminates the theory that it was possibly a meteorite.

In a phone conversation, Gribble said a meteorite would travel at a much faster speed and wouldn't be observed for the length of time or the manner described.

Also, a meteorite wouldn't travel parallel to the earth. Gribble said this sighting sounds similar to others under investigation and the research center would be looking into it. If any related information turned up, he said they would be in contact.

We are asking anyone that possibly saw a U.F.O. Friday evening, July 24th, between the hours of 9 and 10 p.m. to please contact Tundra Drums newspaper.