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SURGE OF 'SAUCER' SIGHTINGS REPORTED NEAR MT. RAINIER

SEATTLE (AP) — International unrest has been accompanied by increasing reports of UFO sightings in recent months near Mount Rainier, where the first modern-day "flying saucers" were sighted, says an organization which has been recording UFO reports for 25 years.

The combination is no coincidence, either, says Wayne Aho of New Age Foundation Inc.

"When there is unrest in the world, the UFOs start coming to warn us of our folly," Aho said.

"They care about us during these trying times. They want to tell us how to live in peace."

Numerous "bright, moving lights" have been reported near Elbe and Ashford just

east of Mount Rainier National Park, he said.

The weekly Eatonville Dispatch carried a page of articles last month on local encounters. One woman reported that her rear-view mirror glowed like a blast furnace while a light followed her car. Others reported red, green and blue lights and said the lights did not appear to be from known aircraft.

The New Age Foundation believes Mount Rainier is a major landing zone for UFOs. It was there that Boise logger Kenneth Arnold reported seeing "flying saucers" in 1947.

"We are convinced that Mount Rainier is a repository for the remnants of an earlier and wiser civilization," Aho said.