

'Silver dash of light' sighted in Arco sky

A "silver dash of light" streaked across the sky near Arco and turned green before disappearing Tuesday night, according to Beatrice Condit at the Arco Airport.

The unidentified object made its brief appearance about 8:15 p.m., said Mrs. Condit, who manages the airport with her husband.

No similar sightings were reported by Federal Aviation Administration offices in Idaho Falls and Boise or by law enforcement agencies in Arco and Idaho Falls.

Mrs. Condit said she and husband both saw the object, which was visible for only a few seconds. "It was a silver dash of light from east to west; it looked like it sort of broke up and turned green in color.

"It streaked across very fast. As it streaked across, it appeared to be sort of delta-shaped. Then it went into this sort of green color and disappeared."

The object followed a path that

appeared close to horizontal, she added. "I've seen meteors before, but it was a funny trajectory for a meteor. My first impression was it was the light on a plane. Then I realized it couldn't be a plane, it was zipping too fast."

Arco Police Chief John Bruce said he was outside Tuesday night but had not seen the object or heard any reports of it. "This was the first time I've heard anything about it," he said when questioned.

Bob Jackson, an FAA employee at the Idaho Falls Airport, said the station had not received any sighting reports Wednesday morning, and personnel on duty Tuesday night had not logged any. "That's not to say we didn't get some last night, but I don't know of any right now," he said.

No sighting were reported to the FAA in Boise or to the police and sheriff dispatch center in Idaho Falls, spokesmen said.