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# A flash in afternoon sky

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI) — Residents and pilots in a 200-mile corridor in Northern California and Southern Oregon yesterday reported a brilliant white flash in the afternoon sky, followed by a trail of smoke that lingered for about 10 minutes.

A fire crew from the California Department of Forestry Elk Camp Station was dispatched to check out reports that a fiery object in the sky had struck the ground in Northern California but could find no trace of the object.

Some witnesses said they heard a boom while others reported no sound in connection with the flash or the fiery object.

Fire districts and police departments in both states received many reports of the object and a sonic boom.

The Federal Aviation Administration said six pilots also reported seeing the object.

The North American Air Defense Command in Colorado said the object might have been a meteor.