

Scientists baffled by mysterious hole in the ground

It wasn't a meteorite or even an earthquake that mysteriously ripped out a giant chunk of earth in a remote Washington State wheat field, says an expert — it was a UFO.

"When these spaceships land and take off, there's a tremendous amount of suction," said Tim Beckley, editor and publisher of the *UFO Review*.

"There are a lot of documented cases where space aliens have landed their ships and left huge impressions in the ground," he added.

A slab of land seven feet wide, 10 feet long, 18 to 24 inches deep and weighing tons was carved out as though someone used a giant cookie cutter.

"All we know for sure is that this piece of earth is 73 feet away from the hole it came out of," said geologist Greg W. Behrens.

The incredible incident occurred on a farm near Grand Coulee in north-central Washington.

There was a small earthquake near the area, but scientists at the University of Washington have ruled out the quake as the cause.

A meteorite wasn't to blame because there was no sign of impact.

"The hole was not a crater," said Don Aubertin, director of mining for the Colville Indians, whose reservation is near the site. "It had vertical walls and a fairly flat bottom. It was almost as though it had

UFO rips off massive chunk of planet earth

been cut out with a giant cookie cutter."

There were no marks at the

massive dent, and the land there is flat.

"There is only one reason-

Perfectly cut slab found 73 feet away!

scene to indicate that machines were used to dig out the

able explanation for what happened," said Beckley. "It was

the work of an unidentified flying object. They have been known to suck up land and

there have been quite a few sightings of UFOs in Washing-

ton." Beckley recalled a similar incident in Florida several years ago when another UFO was seen hovering over a highway.

"The next day there was a huge hole in the middle of the highway," said Beckley.

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