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## Mysterious glow causes search for plane crash

Search efforts for what was believed to be a downed aircraft were halted at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, after a daylong air and ground search of the terrain south of the Eagle County Airport.

Search efforts were concentrated between Blowout and Hardscrabble Mountains, and then expanded southeastward toward the Seven Hermits area. No evidence of a crash scene was spotted, and there were no reports of a missing airplane.

The search was started early Sunday, following a 12:30 a.m. eyewitness report of what appeared to be a crash.

Eagle County Building Inspector Gerald Best and his wife, Vera, who reside on Spring Creek south of the airport, were en route home early Sunday when they observed what they thought was a low flying aircraft with either its landing lights on or a strobe light.

Best said the aircraft vanished over a

DAVE LORR, JR.

"I don't know, I just enjoy it."

hill southeast of the airport, and then the couple saw a red and orange glow that appeared to come from an explosion.

They immediately notified the Eagle County Sheriff's Office of a possible crash.

Colorado National Guard personnel stationed at the Eagle County Airport launched an aerial search shortly after daybreak Sunday. They spotted a "white V object" on the north slope of Hardscrabble Mountain, but the object was later determined not to be part of an aircraft.

Colorado Civil Air Patrol planes later joined the aerial search, and two ground vehicles from the Vail Mountain Rescue Group also aided in the effort.

Eagle County Airport Manager Dan Reynolds said Monday that although the official search had been halted, "I won't be surprised if we're not back up there looking again later."