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On this episode of Expedition X, my team embarks on a dangerous mission to investigate reports of UFOs.

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I can't believe I'm saying this, but I was abducted.

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Around the Washington State Mountain where the term flying saucer was coined,

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Are you getting this? It's right through here.

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What the hell is that thing?

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Now, new sightings nearly every night have brought this UFO hotspot back into the spotlight.

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There's something extraordinary going on around here.

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Can you see the light right now?

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The performance of the helicopter is really struggling right now.

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Brace for a vertical impact.

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Oh my God!

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My name is Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've experienced strange things that defy logic and made me question everything.

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Oh my God!

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Now, I've put together a team to investigate the stranger side of the unknown.

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Let's go!

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Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts for rational explanations.

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Jessica Chobot's paranormal research has made her a true believer.

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There is a monster living in this forest.

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Phil, Phil, Phil! I just saw something run across.

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Together, we're searching for answers to the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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This is Expedition X.

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Jess, Phil, we're talking about aliens today.

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Now, I don't know where you come down on this topic,

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but look, it wasn't that long ago that when somebody was talking to you about aliens,

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they were probably wearing a tinfoil hat or they were screaming about conspiracy theories.

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But times have changed and we're now having very serious conversations about the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

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Yeah, I mean, I love it. The fact that NASA's chief scientist has come out and said

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our future space probes will probably discover extraterrestrial intelligence.

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I mean, I dig it. That's awesome.

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And a lot of these predictions that scientists are making are based upon our observations of the universe.

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We have better telescopes, we have better satellites looking outwards,

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and they're finding habitable planets not too far off from our own star.

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Yeah, all of this raises the question, is whatever's out there already here?

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In other words, UFOs.

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Now, news broke a few years ago that our own government had a top secret program going

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called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.

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And this is not some Roswell-era conspiracy.

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This is a real thing that was being run out of the Pentagon, a \$22 million program,

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analyzing UFO sightings here in the States to determine if they represent a possible threat.

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Yeah, and that's what I'm talking about. I mean, this stuff is real. That's a big deal.

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You're fully convinced already. Aliens are out there.

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Well, you might become a believer here in a minute too, because footage from one of the incidents

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was recently released and it shows an unidentified object that was encountered

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by six Navy super hornets on a training mission off the coast of California,

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and it has quickly become one of the most talked about UFO videos ever. Check it out.

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The pilots reported seeing a white tic-tac shape flying at about 28,000 feet.

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Oh, thank you.

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They're all going against the wind. The wind's a hundred and twenty-nice in the west.

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In less than a second, it dropped down to just above the ocean

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and created a kind of circular disturbance on the surface of the water.

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Then it disappeared.

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Alright, Phil, what do you make of that?

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Well, I have to admit, not only have I already seen this video, I've probably watched it about a thousand times.

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You have?

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When it first came out, I was like obsessed with it. I had to watch to see what was going on,

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because it is so unexplainable.

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But what's recently been reported is even more weird that they have more classified documents about this sighting

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that haven't been released.

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So if the Navy was comfortable releasing this, which is incredibly shocking,

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imagine what they are uncomfortable releasing to the public.

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Exactly. And remember, this is just one of countless sightings that have been reported up and down the west coast.

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But the place in the country with the most UFO sightings is actually Washington State,

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and more specifically, on and around a place known as Mount Adams.

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And in fact, Mount Adams really is the spot that started the modern UFO phenomenon as we know it.

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June 24, 1947.

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That's when seasoned private pilot Kenneth Arnold witnessed something inexplicable while flying home from a business trip.

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Nine shining, unidentified flying objects darting between Mount Adams and Mount Rainier for nearly two minutes.

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Fourteen days later, the famed Roswell incident came to light and made the idea of extra-terrestrial visitation, front-page news.

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These days, people in the Mount Adams area report aerial anomalies almost every night.

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Strange lights in the sky that float and flicker above the mountain, but also lights that seem to disappear into the mountain.

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More recently, radio host and researcher Jimmy Church has made a provocative claim,

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capturing images of what he believes could be a mechanical opening built into the side of Mount Adams.

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There is a rectangular hangar door that is open.

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Guessing from here, it's got to be a couple hundred feet wide by maybe a hundred feet tall.

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Okay, so that is a lot to unpack.

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Phil, I'm guessing you are not on board with this.

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I got to say, there's parts of this that I'm pretty skeptical of.

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However, I will say, I'm always intrigued when people see something in the sky they can't explain.

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I actually had a UFO sighting.

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In college, I was driving to school and out in the distance, there were these three really bright lights in a triangle formation.

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The top light flew up and then the two side lights flew in opposite directions so quickly that all I could see was kind of the light trails.

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Wow, okay, so obviously you two are well suited for this case.

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And so the mission is this, get up to Mount Adams, America's UFO hotspot, and see if you can document evidence of extra-terrestrial activity.

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People up there say that this happens every night.

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I say, prove it, let's see the evidence.

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Consider me in.

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We've got a mountain to climb.

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The truth is out there.

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Jessica and Phil fly nearly 3,000 miles across the country to Seattle, where they then drive more than a hundred miles into the heart of the Cascade Range.

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Fifth gear.

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Now I've got all the gears.

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Eventually they arrive in the foothills of a soaring and stunning peak.

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Oh, look, Mount Adams!

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Although it hasn't erupted in a thousand years, the 12,281-foot-high Mount Adams is still considered a potentially active volcano.

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But according to locals, one thing that is undisputedly active are the mysterious lights that have attracted the attention of UFO watchers from around the world.

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So Mount Adams, UFOs, every single night.

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How is that not world news if they're here all the time?

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Well, I hear you on that.

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But I got some ideas on what other things it might be.

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So I want to do some tests here.

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I've arranged a meeting with a nearby expert who believes he can use cutting-edge technology to study the Mount Adams mystery.

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His name is Dan Nims.

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Over the course of his 25-year career, he was an Air Force test pilot for the F-22 program, the famed Stealth Tactical Fighter Aircraft.

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In other words, Dan is someone I would expect to be skeptical about UFOs.

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What can you tell us about Mount Adams and the sightings that are happening?

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There is a thing that we refer to in the UFO community as orbs.

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Which are round, circular, balls of light.

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There seems to be quite a propensity of seeing these things here in the Mount Adams area.

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To our amazement, Dan is a believer.

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After hearing so many accounts from other seasoned pilots, he began studying the history of sightings at Mount Adams.

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He now works with MUFON, the world's largest organization dedicated to investigating reports of UFOs.

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Why do you think Mount Adams is so active with these orbs?

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There seems to be a propensity for UFOs to be evident around volcanic features.

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And some of the original work studying that was done near Mexico City.

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There's a theory that strange lights appear with more frequency near seismically active locations.

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They're referred to as EQLs, or earthquake lights.

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Some scientists have proposed that they may be a natural phenomenon.

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The result of sudden disruptions to the Earth's magnetic field, or a byproduct of tectonic activity.

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But others are convinced that these lights are extraterrestrial in origin.

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When somebody starts telling you their experience or telling you their story,

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what is kind of the checklist you go through in your mind as to,

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okay, well that's definitely something not UFO, or, oh, that is worth investigating a little further.

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The main things you're looking for is, does it fly like an airplane?

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Yeah. I mean if it flies up and stops and hovers for a while, and then shoots straight up, that's not an airplane.

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Is it lit like an airplane? Probably one of the biggest things is, did it make any sound?

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Because almost everything that's man-made that flies through the sky are fairly noisy.

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We're trying to move to the level where we are first-hand observers.

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I've got something over here I could show you that might kind of explain that.

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Oh, that'd be great.

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Oh, look at this cool thing.

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That thing's amazing.

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This is what we call our UFO DAP, Data Acquisition Program.

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And we're going to try and get some first-hand evidence for you skeptics of real UFOs in the sky.

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The DAP UFO camera is designed to track and record moving objects in the sky with incredible accuracy.

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It's recently been tested in Colorado and New Mexico, but this will be the first time using it in the UFO hotspot of Mount Adams.

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You guys want to go for a ride?

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Let's do it.

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Great.

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We drive into the forest towards the area with the highest concentration of recent UFO sightings around Mount Adams.

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As we climb higher into the remote and lonely wilderness, the temperature starts to drop.

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We wait no time getting to work setting up the equipment.

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We got up here, set up the camera.

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We had this perfect view of the top of Mount Adams and then it started snowing.

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I kind of like it, though.

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It's snowing.

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We got a storm coming in, but we still want to test this thing to see how well it works.

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This is our field test.

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Not only is it going to track multiple things in the sky, but also track in the elements.

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That's the plan.

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This unique device combines a high-resolution 30-time zoom camera capable of scanning the entire sky.

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With a payload of sensitive instruments to measure everything from temperature and atmospheric pressure

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to seismic activity and fluctuations in the Earth's magnetic field.

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But what makes this gizmo truly state-of-the-art is artificial intelligence, designed to track objects moving across the sky

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and then identify whether they're just shooting stars or passing planes or truly UFOs.

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This is where we bring in the experts.

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Mike.

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Our drone people.

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How you doing?

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Can you fly in this weather?

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Let's do it.

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Yeah.

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Why not?

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With the weather getting worse by the minute, we launch the drone and send it soaring.

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Our tech supervisor, Mike, is going to attempt to trigger the DAP camera from above

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to see just how smart Dan's camera really is.

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Okay, it's live.

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Top of the tree and run across.

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If the camera detects an object, it will lock on, record its movement and attempt to figure out what it is.

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All right, let's see what this camera can do.

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I mean, if it can work in this weather, I feel like we can definitely use it and get something from it.

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Oh, you get it?

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Is that it?

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It's going.

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It's recording.

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Yes, we got it.

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We got it.

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It's tracking.

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We got a lock on.

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Not only that, but the DAP's artificial intelligence can tell that this is not extraterrestrial.

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Oh my gosh, it knows it's man-made.

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Our first IFO, an identified flying object.

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Let's leave the DAP here for a couple of nights and see what we get.

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We'll meet back up with Dan in a few days to analyze the results.

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In the meantime, Phil and I drive on into the forest, descending out of the snow on our way to an important meeting

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with the most recent eyewitness here at Mount Adams.

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He claims to have had a remarkable encounter with some kind of extraterrestrial presence less than a week ago.

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He's nervous to go on camera and at his request, we've obscured his identity.

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So I think we should just jump into it.

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What exactly happened when you were out in the woods?

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I can't believe I'm saying this, but I was abducted.

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Phil and Jess are investigating Mount Adams in Washington State, a massive volcano that has long been one of the nation's UFO hotspots.

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Having deployed a cutting-edge optical scanner high on the slopes to search the skies,

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they're now meeting with the area's most recent UFO eyewitness, a man who is so shaken by his experience that he has asked us to protect his identity.

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What exactly happened when you were out in the woods?

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I can't believe I'm saying this, but I was abducted.

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So what makes you think that it was an abduction?

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It was getting late and I was coming out of the forest.

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I remember the leaves starting to kick up and then a strong force of wind hit me in a really loud sound.

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It was like a jet engine fired up and it was so fast, I just went blank.

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The man's story is dramatic, but he's not alone.

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Many reports of abductions happen in remote and mountainous environments.

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In 1961, married couple Betty and Barney Hill famously claimed they were abducted while driving a winding road in New Hampshire's White Mountains.

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Travis Walton, author of *Fire in the Sky*, claimed to have been taken in the wilderness of Arizona.

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Victims often report bright lights, loss of consciousness, and awakening with unexplained injuries and hazy memories.

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Which is exactly what happened to our subject here at Mount Adams.

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I woke up the next day deep in the forest, outside of a cave, and I had pain in my arms and legs and chest.

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When I woke up, what I remembered was the feeling of like nails in my back and the sensation that I was being pulled through the forest.

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That's a memory I can't get out of my head. To be honest, I'm freaked out just being in these woods again.

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Have you thought about other things that could have been? No, it could be something medical or an animal attack.

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Could have been a seizure.

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I've never had anything like that happen to me. I've never had a seizure of any kind.

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But if it was a bear, my clothes weren't ripped. I'm a hunter. And I know these woods well.

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This was something else. I think those lights came from inside the mountain, inside that cave.

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Whatever it is, it's extraterrestrial. 100%.

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So you think that that's something dangerous? Absolutely.

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Can you take us to the site where this all happened?

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I can give you the coordinates to that location. I know exactly where it is. But I'm not going back

out there. Something is in that cave.

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Wow. Right?

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I'm having a hard time wrapping my mind around this story. It's not just a light in the sky. It's something in the mountain.

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I don't know, but it's definitely worth checking out.

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Yeah.

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You know, like all things. I'm like willing to give it a shot. I definitely should go there and check it out and take a look for ourselves.

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I'm not just going to believe what people tell me. I want to see it.

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The man's encounter took place nearly a day's hike away, so I've arranged for a local river guide to get us within a mile of the location in less than half the time.

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But even with the shortcut, Phil and I have no idea what to expect or what dangers might lie ahead.

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Ready to hit the river? Let's do it.

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We get on the water and at first it seems like a pleasure cruise.

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That's so pretty up there.

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But this water is frigid and soon our river route transforms into a dangerous passage.

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Big rocket's up ahead.

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Let's go.

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Go, go.

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Oh, no, no, no, no, no.

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My, my.

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Big rocket's up there. Let's go.

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Watch for the big rocket on my right.

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No.

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Whoa.

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Oh.

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Turn it in, Jim.

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Oh, f**k.

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Get it.

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Up, up, up, up, up.

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I think we made it work.

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What's our best way to throw?

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We want to squeeze this back in through.

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No.

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Almost there.

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Got it.

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Go.

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There's a big old rock right there.

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Back title a little bit, guys.

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And all forward.

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Watch out, watch out.

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00:18:02,000 --> 00:18:04,000

Almost through.

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00:18:04,000 --> 00:18:05,000

Oh, f**k.

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00:18:05,000 --> 00:18:07,000

Come on.

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00:18:12,000 --> 00:18:15,000

Nice job, guys.

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All right.

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So GPS says, should be getting pretty close to it.

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So I think if we pull over right up here.

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Yeah.

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Should be good to go.

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All right.

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To the shore.

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We part ways with our guide who will raft onto a pullout

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while we plan to hike back to the road tomorrow

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after investigating tonight.

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For now, we're on our own.

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We hike further into the forest,

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following our GPS to the location where our recent eyewitness

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claims to have had a close encounter.

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You know what, Jess?

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Huh?

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I think this is it.

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Oh, yeah?

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:02,000

Yeah.

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These are the coordinates he gave us.

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Okay, well then, I'd like to set up camp around here then.

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Yeah, looks like a good spot right here.

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As the temperature drops,

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we set up base camp and prepare for our investigation of the area.

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Ready?

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Yeah.

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All right, well, we have eyewitness accounts and experts

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all saying that they see balls of light

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coming in and out and around the mountain.

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We have no idea what these things could be.

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I'm still convinced there's an answer out there that isn't aliens.

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Well, let's find out.

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Our first job is to see if there's any physical evidence

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to back up the eyewitness's story.

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He claimed to have been abducted from this area to the mouth of a cave nearby,

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so we searched for any drag marks or signs of struggle.

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In the event this was an animal attack,

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we're also on the lookout for tracks, scat, or other physical clues.

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It's really quiet around here.

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Oh, look at this.

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Oh, oh, oh, what is this?

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00:20:11,000 --> 00:20:12,000

Oh, wow.

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00:20:15,000 --> 00:20:16,000

Oh, look at that.

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00:20:16,000 --> 00:20:17,000

Wow.

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Look at that, it's a cave.

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The team is investigating reports of nighttime aerial anomalies

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at one of the most active UFO hotspots in the world,

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Washington State's Mount Adams.

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They've trekked to the remote location where several sightings have been reported,

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including one by a hunter who believes he may have been abducted.

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I woke up the next day in the forest outside of a cave.

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Wow, it's really quiet around here.

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00:20:50,000 --> 00:20:51,000

Wow.

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00:20:52,000 --> 00:20:54,000

Check that out, it's the cave.

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All right, well, if this is where the hunter woke up,

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we've got to check out what's inside.

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I mean, people say that the lights come from inside the mountain.

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Do you really think this is the place where all these aerial anomalies around Mount Adams

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are disappearing into?

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Or if it's something more logical like, say, a bear attack,

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good place for it to hide?

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Well, either way, I definitely want to explore the cave.

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Yeah, let's do it.

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All right, ready?

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Yeah.

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Oh, my goodness.

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There could be all sorts of things in here.

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Check this out.

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Wow.

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Oh, look at that top.

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This is a lava tube.

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The way that they form is as this volcano is erupting.

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All the lava went through and then it leaves this behind,

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and it is spectacular.

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While we tend to picture volcanoes as having one opening or vent at the top of the cone

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where lava violently erupts,

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many volcanoes have multiple vents at different levels

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where lava flows out at a lower pressure.

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We're sitting inside an active volcano.

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Yeah?

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00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:10,000

Wow.

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What is that?

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What's in here?

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Can I, I'm going to go check it out.

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See what I can see.

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If something rips your face off, Phil, I'm running outside, OK?

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I'm convinced there's going to be some animal glowing eyes staring back at me.

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I'm going to peek over here.

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Are you seeing anything in there?

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It's insane.

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I mean, it just keeps going all the way down into the volcano.

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But this would be a perfect place for an animal to hibernate.

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Like, if you're a bear, this is your spot.

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We continue pushing deeper into the cave, exploring several passages.

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If there's something in here, it's definitely gone quiet.

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So let's go and set up a 360 light grid and get a camera

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watching the mouth of the cave.

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OK.

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That way, if anything moves in here, we're going to capture it.

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Yeah.

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And see what we can find.

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Real tight.

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Real tight.

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I set up a laser grid at the entrance, which acts as a kind of trip wire.

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If anything crosses these beams, animal, human, or other,

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it will activate an infrared camera that is covering the mouth of the cave.

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How's that looking, Phil?

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Oh, it's great.

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I mean, we can see the whole tube.

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Perfect.

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All right, so here's what I'm thinking.

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We've planted the cameras.

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I think it's time to scan the sky.

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I feel like we're going to have a better chance to see something if we split up.

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OK.

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So do you have the night vision goggles?

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Yeah.

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00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:59,000

All right, I'm going to use the infrared monocular.

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00:23:59,000 --> 00:24:00,000

Yeah.

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00:24:00,000 --> 00:24:02,000

If anything happens, call me on the walkie.

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Yeah, you got to be careful, though.

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Me too.

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Along with our purported abductee, there have been many recent sightings of lights in this area.

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Phil and I are staking out different views of the sky to attempt to see what so many others have reported above Mount Adams.

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So I've actually found a spot where I can see through the tree canopy and up into the stars.

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Time to put these to work.

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If there's any lights floating around here, we'll get it on tape.

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OK, so I'm going to use this monocular.

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Super high-res.

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You can actually see all the way up to the stars.

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Oh my gosh.

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00:24:39,000 --> 00:24:42,000

You can see so many different stars up there.

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00:24:46,000 --> 00:24:48,000

Hey, Jessica, how's it looking?

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00:24:49,000 --> 00:24:50,000

Nothing up top yet.

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Hang on, hang on, hang on.

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Move your light, move your light away.

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I got something in front of me right now.

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I think I saw something glowing.

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Well, like glowing how?

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It's right through here.

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00:25:09,000 --> 00:25:10,000

Look at that.

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00:25:10,000 --> 00:25:11,000

Are you getting this?

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00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:12,000

It's right through here.

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00:25:12,000 --> 00:25:13,000

What is that?

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00:25:13,000 --> 00:25:14,000

Phil?

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Phil?

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00:25:16,000 --> 00:25:19,000

I have something glowing in front of me.

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What are you looking at?

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What are you seeing, Phil?

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Phil, talk to me.

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00:25:31,000 --> 00:25:32,000

What are you seeing?

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00:25:32,000 --> 00:25:33,000

Hang on.

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00:25:33,000 --> 00:25:35,000

I'm going to try and image it for my position.

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All right, where in the sky?

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Where is it?

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And now it's gone.

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No, it's not.

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I just saw something.

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It's coming up from the tree line.

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I got it.

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It looks brighter.

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00:25:52,000 --> 00:25:55,000

No idea what I'm looking at here.

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00:25:57,000 --> 00:25:58,000

Look at it move.

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00:25:58,000 --> 00:25:59,000

Look, look, look, look.

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00:25:59,000 --> 00:26:02,000

We're recording it, whatever it is, we got it.

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00:26:02,000 --> 00:26:04,000

This is nuts.

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What the hell is that thing?

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The team is investigating the forests around

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Mount Adams, Washington, a famed UFO hotspot.

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Jessica and Phil have split up in order to cover more ground,

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but now they have both spotted strange lights

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moving erratically across the sky.

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What the hell is that thing?

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What's that?

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00:26:32,000 --> 00:26:33,000

What's that?

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00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:34,000

Oh my God.

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What the f*** is that thing?

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It's changing direction.

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It totally just came out and went back behind the tree line.

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There it is, there it is.

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00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:49,000

It's coming up from the tree line.

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00:26:50,000 --> 00:26:51,000

This is crazy.

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00:26:52,000 --> 00:26:53,000

What is that?

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Oh, that's curving.

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00:26:56,000 --> 00:26:58,000

It's coming back towards me.

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00:26:58,000 --> 00:27:01,000

I mean, oh, oh no.

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00:27:03,000 --> 00:27:05,000

I don't see it anymore.

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Of everything we've seen tonight, that I sit out the most.

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Whatever it is, I have it on video.

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Let's get back together and compare it with what we've got.

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All right, sounds good.

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00:27:18,000 --> 00:27:19,000

Saw something up there.

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Yeah, what the hell was that?

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I got it on video.

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I've got it moving all over the place.

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It wasn't a satellite, definitely not a shooting star.

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I don't think it's a plane.

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There was no blinking lights on it,

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and it didn't travel in the light.

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I mean, I saw something.

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I'm feeling really good about it.

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00:27:34,000 --> 00:27:36,000

Yeah, you're fired up right now.

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I'm totally fired up.

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Well, let's just keep looking at the sky.

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We head back out and post up to continue scanning overhead.

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But after hours of staring into space,

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she doesn't see anything.

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We don't see anything else unusual.

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At dawn the next morning, we make the long hike out of the forest.

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Our plan is to take our recordings to be analyzed by

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former Air Force test pilot and UFO researcher Dan Nims

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to see if what we saw was also detected by his DAP camera,

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which we deployed on the slopes of the mountain.

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First though, there's one more theory we want to investigate.

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Some researchers claim that Mount Adams strange lights

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come from somewhere in the mountain's peak.

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Recently, an even more sensational claim has come to light,

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video of a so-called UFO hangar door,

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which has been posted online and viewed more than

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3.5 million times.

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The next morning, we meet up with Jimmy Church,

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the radio and television host who shot the footage.

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You look right there, the second peak,

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there is a rectangular hangar door that is open.

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That footage you captured over on Mount Adams is incredible.

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What we shot is right through those trees.

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And I shot it from right over here.

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And if you'd like to check it out, we can jump in the car.

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That'd be great.

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Let's go.

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Mount Adams, what is it that makes you

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convince this place is so special?

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The sightings that happen here on the mountain

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and around the mountain would indicate to me

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that the mountain is the attraction.

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But it also goes back to 1947.

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Kenneth Arnold had his first UFO sighting

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flying towards Mount Adams.

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That's when pilot Kenneth Arnold was flying home

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from a business trip in a small, single-engine aircraft.

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I climbed back up to 9,200 feet across the face of Mount Rainier.

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What he saw was a series of nine objects

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passing Mount Rainier at an estimated 1,200 miles per hour.

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In my knowledge, there isn't anything that would go that fast.

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They seem to flip and flash in the sun.

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They seem to kind of weave in and out right above the mountaintops.

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They looked something like a pipe plate

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that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear.

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He tracked them visually until they disappeared somewhere

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in the vicinity of Mount Adams.

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And like I told the associated breath out,

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I'd be glad to confirm it with my hands on a Bible

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because I did see it.

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The sighting prompted an Air Force investigation

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and national media attention.

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It is often credited as the first UFO sighting in modern times.

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Arnold's description of the flying objects as

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disc-like or half-moon-shaped

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led the media to coin the term flying saucers,

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a phrase that would quickly become synonymous with UFOs.

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We pull into a field about 16 miles away from the base of the mountain.

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Jimmy says this is the best vantage point for a view of the so-called hatch.

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When we arrive, however, the peak is shrouded by clouds.

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This is so beautiful!

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Oh my gosh!

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There's something really extraordinary happening around Mount Adams,

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but possibly inside of it.

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And you can see the details of what appears to be an entrance or a door

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at the top of the mountain.

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So then how come somebody hasn't just gone up there to check it out?

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There's a lot of mountain climbing that happens on the east side of the mountain.

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That's an easy ridge to get up.

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But as far as the second peak over there?

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No, that is a sheer ice wall.

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The team takes out their most powerful telephoto lens

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to try to get a view of the supposed hangar door.

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This is what a lot of people have claimed is like a portal or a UFO door or a hangar.

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I see what you mean.

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There's this deeply shadowed part of the mountain which does look squared off.

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That's weird looking.

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That is crazy looking.

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I totally see why people think there's something up there.

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The theory about the UFO hangar door seems out there, even to me.

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But with millions of people talking about Jimmy's video, we want to be sure.

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Now the only way to know for certain is to examine the rock face up close

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and get high resolution photographic evidence.

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To do that, Phil and I arranged for some quick transport to the summit.

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Our pilot Ron Klein has spent years in the skies above Mount Adams.

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He's heard the theories, but he's also experienced strange things here first hand.

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When I land on the mountain and shut down, there's a lot of vibrations and noises

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just from the internal to the mountain.

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Oh really? You can actually feel and hear it?

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Oh yeah.

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UFO enthusiasts claim that something otherworldly inside the mountain is causing the vibrations.

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But for my money, it seems much more likely to be low frequency seismic activity

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emanating from deep inside the volcano.

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So Ron, how far away are we right now?

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I can't believe that a couple of miles from the hangar door.

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So Ron, have you ever had a good look at this hangar door area?

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No I have not. All my work has been on the east side of the mountain

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and I have not been up to where this location is.

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Our depth in the altitude is over 11,600.

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We're just about as high as we can get with this helicopter and this load.

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That's nice.

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We can get closer.

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That's why we got you Ron, you're taking us nice and close.

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Well we should be approaching the hangar door.

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Well I guarantee if that hangar door opens, I'm going left

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and the hangar door will be on your right.

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Okay.

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The performance of the helicopter is really struggling right now.

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So I don't know how much higher I can get.

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Oh I feel it's taken.

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Brakes for a vertical impact.

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Oh my gosh.

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These Mount Adams UFO sightings that Jess and Phil are investigating

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really did get their start back in 1947.

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And to be clear, even back then these were sightings, plural.

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Ten days after the Kenneth Arnold incident,

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the crew of United Airlines Flight 105, bound for Seattle,

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reported something eerily similar.

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Captain Emile Smith, first officer Ralph Stevens,

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and flight attendant Marty Morrow,

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all reported seeing a cluster of 5-9 disc-like objects,

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about a thousand feet higher than their DC-3.

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The discs seemed to come and go,

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tracking the airplane for nearly 15 minutes.

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Kenneth Arnold met with Captain Smith the next day

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to compare notes on their respective sightings.

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The pilots became convinced that they'd both seen the same squadron

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of mysterious flying saucers.

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Their eyewitness testimony in a subsequent Air Force investigation

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helped establish this area of Washington State

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as the first true UFO hotspot.

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My team is in the air over Mount Adams,

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approaching a sheer rock wall near the peak,

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where people claim there is an otherworldly UFO hatch

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that opens into the mountain.

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There is a rectangular hangar door that is open.

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We should be approaching the hangar door.

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But the location is at a very high altitude,

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and the closer they get, the harder it becomes for the pilot

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to maintain control of the chopper.

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Oh, I feel it's vacant.

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Put your hands against your legs.

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Oh, my God.

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Race for a vertical impact.

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Are you?

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Oh, my God.

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The helicopter begins to lose altitude rapidly.

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Its blades struggling in the thin mountain air.

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As we drop though,

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Ron is able to regain control and stabilize the chopper.

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Okay, I'm done with helicopters for a while.

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Now at a safer altitude,

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Ron flies the team as close to the so-called hangar door

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as they can get.

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You see what?

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I see it.

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Look at the line on that.

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I don't know.

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Incredibly straight line.

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I am able to get the best shot.

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One more 360 around.

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Give you a close look.

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Now that we're getting closer,

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the top of it doesn't look so much like an actual

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straight car of a craft.

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Yeah.

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Looks like part of the rock base kind of fell off.

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Yeah.

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So it's really interesting shadow pole.

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When the sun is setting over here,

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you get a really strong shadow.

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Yeah.

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It's going to look like a cave with your 14 miles away.

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Alright, so let's compare what we've got with what Jimmy shot.

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Okay.

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Now that does look like there's a cave or a door.

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What he sees is darkness.

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When you have that really bright snow around it,

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any shadow is going to look super dark.

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We were able to see it with the right light at the right time

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of day where we can clearly see what's going on here.

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We now know what this is,

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so we don't have to focus our energy on this part of the mountain.

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Feeling satisfied that the Mount Adams UFO hangar

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is really just a case of convincing shadow play,

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we drive back to town to meet up with expert Dan Nims

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to review our findings from the rest of our expedition.

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I had a night vision monocular,

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and I caught something and was able to record it.

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You want to see it?

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Oh, yeah.

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So you've got something moving through the sky,

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much brighter than any of the surrounding stars.

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Now, your night vision system is going to amplify any lights it sees.

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Now, this path it's on right here,

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yes, it could be a satellite.

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A satellite would look just like that,

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moving through the sky.

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Now, this business of then it turns around

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and is coming back out the other way.

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Satellites don't turn around and go backwards.

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That's pretty unusual.

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And that was not a satellite,

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because satellites just run on their own.

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Satellites move in orbits, they don't turn.

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Yeah.

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That's a pretty impressive video.

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I think that we captured one of the lights,

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but I don't know what the lights are.

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You've heard a lot of stories from around here.

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You've probably seen a lot of videos, a lot of evidence.

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What do you think we saw?

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What you display there is what we might refer to as an orb.

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We don't find a reason to say it was made by a natural cause,

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a hoax, or made by anything man-made that we're aware of.

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So which category would you put this in?

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I would say that's probably who would be an unknown.

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Whoa.

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Dan's assessment is compelling,

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but it turns out there's even more evidence here to back him up.

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Dan has recovered the DAP camera from the slopes of the mountain,

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which was running on the same night as our investigation.

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It turns out that what we saw was also detected by the automated camera.

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First, we review it without the tracking software.

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So you've got something moving through the sky.

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This thing is obviously much brighter than any of the surrounding stars,

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and actually turning right there.

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Wow.

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Then we let the DAP camera's artificial intelligence analyze the object.

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The tracking software detects and tracks the object through the night sky.

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So what is this?

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And the results are in.

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A true unidentified flying object.

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When we were on the mountain in the woods, there was no noise.

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Like not even animals.

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Like it was dead quiet.

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Is that normal when people have encounters or see something,

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or anything like that, that the sound was out?

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That very much is an aspect of a close encounter that people sometimes report.

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Huh.

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That they were there in a place where they commonly hear night noise,

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and when they saw this thing moments before they saw it,

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they were almost thinking,

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why is things so quiet right now?

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Something's going on here.

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Oh yeah.

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No, Mount Adams for sure is a hotbed of activity.

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I'm not going to say this seems like it's extraterrestrial,

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but I will agree that it is technically an unidentified flying object.

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I would feel comfortable also saying that that is an unidentified flying object.

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That sounds like a reasonable and logical assumption.

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I see something.

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Look at it move.

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As for our laser triggered cave camera,

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nothing left or entered the tunnels.

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And while the eyewitness's story was dramatic,

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and he seemed authentically shaken by what he saw.

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I'm freaked out just being in these woods again.

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Without corroborating evidence, it's far from conclusive.

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Phil and Jessica were able to get close enough to the so-called UFO hangar door

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to determine that it is a compelling illusion

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made from straight lines in the rock and tricks of shadow.

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But Mount Adams' true claim to fame is its mysterious lights.

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Whatever it was that Jess and Phil saw,

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whatever the advanced DAP camera detected,

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it doesn't bear an easy explanation.

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As Dan Nims prepares to activate an army of automated cameras,

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it may just be a matter of time before Mount Adams reveals her secrets.

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Until then, residents and visitors will keep looking up,

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hopeful to catch a glimpse of a genuine UFO.