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Commercial Airline Over Liberal Reports Meteor Shower

BELLEVUE, Colo. (AP) - Authorities say reports of a possible meteorite or meteor shower briefly grounded firefighting aircraft battling a central Colorado wildfire.

Meteorologist Scott Entrekin of the National Weather Service says emergency officials in Chaffee County reported a possible meteor in the skies near the Springer Fire. They briefly grounded four single-engine aircraft fighting the 1,100-acre blaze west of Colorado Springs.

Entrekin said Wednesday that the crews of two commercial aircraft flying over Liberal, Kansas reported what appeared to be a meteorite at 1:47 p.m. Central Daylight Time, or 12:47 p.m.

Mountain time. He said the Colorado sighting occurred at about the same time yesterday.

The Federal Aviation Administration says it has no confirmed reports of a meteorite. It says there were no reported disruptions to commercial airlines.

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