

Black Army-type helicopter raises eyebrows

Staff report

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A big black helicopter was spotted flying over Moscow on Thursday, but nobody seemed to know where it came from or exactly what it was doing in the area.

The military-type helicopter left witnesses with more questions than answers.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps officials from both the University of Idaho and Washington State University said they don't know who operated the helicopter.

Neither did representatives from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport, the Idaho and Washington National Guards, Fairchild Air Force Base, local law enforcement agencies or the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Manager Robb Parrish said the helicopter landed once or twice at the airport, but he was not sure who it was operated by.

Parrish said it looked like an Army helicopter flying training patterns, which is not unusual for this area.

"They come and do training flights sometimes," he said.

The chopper was last spotted headed south toward Lewiston.