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On the morning of July 29th 2020 at approximately 10:15 am one of our companies helicopters N755AE crashed near Pioche,NV.

Just before the crash the pilot called me to let me know he was coming down for fuel and to do our brief befor he started the job. I positioned my truck for fueling. when I got out of the truck I briefly saw the aircraft descending down the mountain side.

Everything appeard to be normal,but,at that distance I cannot be for sure.

I turned my back to open the truck door to grab my helmet and headset.

As I was putting them on i heard a strange sound from behind me. Sounded almost like a big truck tire blowing out and this strange thud sound. I quickly turned around and saw a cloud of white smoke,but,I did not have visual on the aircraft. I tried making contact with the pilot numerous times via radio and cell phone. After a few moments I started driving in the direction I saw the smoke come from. I tried locating the aircraft but could not. I never heard an impact with my headset on. And I never saw any fire or black smoke i was not even sure the aircraft went down. I went back out towards the main rd to try and get better cell reception and call for help. As I was attempting to get out i saw the search and rescue helicopter. It was at that point I knew something Terrible happened. So I started back up the hill when I encountered a Foresteys Officer who told me what had happened i rode up the hill with him where we encountered two witnesses that told me the aircraft went down. That is all the information I have. I hope it helps.

If you have anymore questions

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Thank you
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