

Numerous cloud streaks visible Friday

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DENVER - A very dry and stable atmosphere along the Front Range has caused several cloud streaks to develop. The streaks are called contrails and are caused by water vapor from the exhaust of aircraft engines.

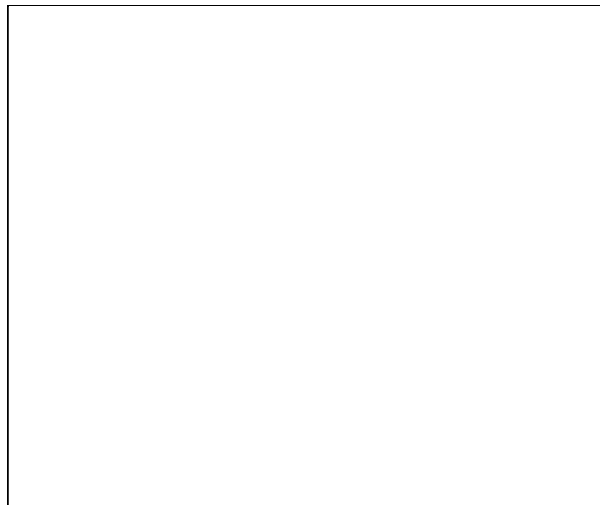
9NEWS Ashton Altieri says most contrails generally dissipate within one hour. But because of the extremely dry atmospheric conditions on Friday, the contrails are able to persist for many hours allowing for them to merge and grow quite large.

The contrails visible along the Front Range are very high in the sky. Most of them are above 16,000 feet.

As cirrus cloud cover develops around the area Friday afternoon, it will be harder to identify the contrails.

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