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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

UH-1N REPLACEMENT BEDDOWN
MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, MONTANA

Introduction

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500–1508; and the Environmental Impact Analysis Process, 32 CFR 989. The decision in this FONSI is based on information contained in the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the UH-1N Replacement Beddown on Malmstrom Air Force Base (AFB), Montana, which is hereby incorporated by reference. The purpose of the EA was to determine the extent of environmental impacts that might result from the proposed replacement beddown on Malmstrom AFB and evaluate whether any of the impacts would be significant.

Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Proposed Action includes the beddown of 11 Boeing MH-139 aircraft (eight Primary Aircraft Inventory [PAI] and three Backup Aircraft Inventory [BAI]) to replace the eight current Bell UH-1N helicopters at Malmstrom AFB. The proposed beddown would require a transition from the current eight UH-1N aircraft to the MH-139 aircraft. Two MH-139s would be delivered to Malmstrom AFB in early 2021 (this would increase the total number of aircraft on the base to 10), and the transition would be complete in 2023. A surge in personnel is anticipated during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft, after which personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, this Proposed Action would result in slightly more personnel at Malmstrom AFB.

Only minor impacts would be expected from implementation of the selected alternative. During construction and operation, the selected alternative would result in less than significant impacts or no effects to airspace, noise / acoustic environment, air quality and climate change, water resources, biological / natural resources, earth resources, hazardous materials / waste, cultural resources, land use, infrastructure / utilities, safety and occupational health, socioeconomic resources, and environmental justice.

Alternative 1: Renovate building 1450 for initial MH-139s and delay building 1440 renovation

As described in the EA, Alternative 1 would provide sufficient space for the initial phase of the beddown while minimizing impacts to the 819th REDHORSE Squadron (RHS) and avoiding mission impacts to the 341st Maintenance Group (MXG). The 819th RHS would relocate and consolidate personnel and equipment currently in Building 1450 to Buildings 1460 and 1464 (these buildings are presently utilized by the 819th RHS). Building 1450 would be renovated to accommodate the initial phases of the proposed MH-139 beddown in early 2021. Hangar 1440 would continue to house the UH-1N aircraft but would be renovated at a later time to accommodate MH-139s arriving at a later date. No external alterations to the buildings would be required to implement this alternative.

Alternative 2: Construct Large Area Maintenance Shelters (LAMS) for Temporary UH-1N Parking

This alternative would require the construction of two LAMS to provide temporary UH-1N parking space during the beddown transition. Building 1440 would be renovated later to house the MH-139 aircraft. Benefits of this alternative include that it would not require relocation of the 819th RHS and it would not

impact the 341st MXG mission. However, the UH-1Ns and MH-139s would initially occupy the same space for maintenance (Building 1440, Bay 5). This would require maintenance contractors for both aircraft to occupy the same space during the transition, which could lead to conflicts with space and scheduling. Malmstrom AFB would be required to provide swing space for initial additional personnel arriving with the replacement aircraft until Building 1440 is renovated. Because the LAMS are temporary structures, they would be dismantled and removed after Building 1440 is renovated.

Alternative 3: Temporary 341st MXG Move to Building 1450 or 1464

Under this alternative, the 341st MXG would temporarily relocate to Building 1464 or 1450, and the 819th RHS would be consolidated. Building 1440 would be renovated prior to the beddown and would be ready to house the replacement aircraft. This alternative is advantageous because it fully accommodates the beddown schedule by completing the Building 1440 renovation earlier. It would provide required vehicle and storage space, but would not adequately address personnel space. Additionally, this alternative would require two 341st MXG relocations and would temporarily increase 341st MXG dispatch times. It would also reduce 341st MXG storage space from 10,000 square feet to 8,000 square feet. The 819th RHS concrete block structure inside Building 1450 would be removed, leading to the loss of RHS office space and the need for an alternate location. Building 1464 houses the 819th RHS armory and would need to be relocated as well. Requiring 819th RHS to temporarily relocate increases the cost of this alternative; RHS would have to consolidate in the remaining area and relocate again at a later date.

Alternative 4: No Action Alternative

CEQ regulations recommend consideration of the No Action Alternative for EAs. The No Action Alternative serves as a baseline against which the impacts of the Proposed Action and other potential action alternatives can be evaluated. Under the No Action Alternative, the USAF would not implement the beddown of the MH-139 at Malmstrom AFB. Deficiencies of function and operational capability that would result from continuing to use aging UH-1N helicopters would persist.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The potential impacts on the human and natural environment were evaluated relative to the existing environment. For each environmental resource or issue, anticipated direct and indirect effects were assessed considering short- and long-term project effects.

Based on my review of the facts and analysis in the attached UH-1N Replacement Beddown EA, I conclude that the Preferred Alternative would not have a significant effect on the environment either by itself or considering cumulative impacts. Accordingly, this action will not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

A notice of availability (NOA) for the EA and FONSI was published in The Great Falls Tribune. The NOA initiated a 30-day public review and comment period beginning October 06, 2019 and ending on November 04, 2019. TBD comments were received.

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105 **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

106	ACAM	Air Conformity Applicability Model
107	ACM	Asbestos Containing Material
108	ACP	Asbestos Control Program
109	AFB	Air Force Base
110	AFFF	Aqueous Film Forming Foam
111	AFGSC	Air Force Global Strike Command
112	AFI	Air Force Instruction
113	AGE	Aerospace Ground Equipment
114	AICUZ	Air Installation Compatible Use Zone
115	BAI	Backup Aircraft Inventory
116	BASH	Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard
117	BLM	Bureau of Land Management
118	CAA	Clean Air Act
119	CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
120	CES	Civil Engineer Squadron
121	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
122	CH ₄	Methane
123	CO	Carbon Monoxide
124	CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
125	CO ₂ -e	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
126	COA	Course of Action
127	DoD	Department of Defense
128	DoDI	Department of Defense Instruction
129	DNRC	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
130	EA	Environmental Assessment
131	EIAP	Environmental Impact Analysis Process
132	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
133	EO	Executive Order
134	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
135	FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
136	GHG	Greenhouse Gases
137	GIS	Geographic Information System
138	HAP	Hazardous Air Pollutants
139	HFC	Hydrofluorocarbon
140	HS	Helicopter Squadron
141	ICRMP	Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan
142	INRMP	Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
143	ITLO	Installation Tribal Liaison Officer
144	LAMS	Large Area Maintenance Shelter

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145	LBP	Lead Based Paint
146	MAF	Missile Alert Facility
147	MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
148	MDEQ	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
149	MFWP	Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
150	MMDF	Missile Maintenance Dispatch Facility
151	MW	Missile Wing
152	MXG	Maintenance Group
153	N ₂ O	Nitrous Oxide
154	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
155	NEI	National Emission Inventory
156	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
157	NF ₃	Nitrogen Trifluoride
158	NMODD	Noise Model Operational Data Documentation
159	NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
160	NOA	Notice of Availability
161	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
162	NO _x	Nitrogen Oxide
163	NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
164	O ₃	Ozone
165	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
166	PAI	Primary Aircraft Inventory
167	PFC	Perfluorocarbon
168	PM	Particulate Matter
169	PM _{2.5}	Particulate Matter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter
170	PM ₁₀	Particulate Matter less than or equal to 10 micrometers in diameter
171	RED HORSE	Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer
172	RHS	RED HORSE Squadron
173	ROI	Region of Influence
174	RONA	Record of Non-Applicability
175	SF	Sulfur Hexafluoride
176	shp	shaft horsepower
177	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
178	SO ₂	Sulfur Dioxide
179	THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Office
180	USAF	United States Air Force
181	USC	United States Code
182	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
183	VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
184	WRCC	Western Regional Climate Center

185 **1. PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION**

186 **1.1 Introduction**

187 The Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and the 341st Missile Wing (341 MW) at Malmstrom
188 Air Force Base (AFB), Montana have identified the need to beddown replacement aircraft for the current
189 inventory of UH-1N helicopters at Malmstrom AFB. This Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the
190 potential environmental effects of this proposed project in compliance with the National Environmental
191 Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 United States Code [USC] 4331 et seq.), the regulations of the
192 President’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) that implement NEPA procedures (40 Code of
193 Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), the United States Air Force (USAF) Environmental Impact
194 Analysis Process (EIAP) regulations at 32 CFR Part 989, and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7061, *The*
195 *Environmental Impact Analysis Process*.

196 Malmstrom AFB, located in central Montana (Figure 1), is home to the 341 MW and is assigned to the
197 AFGSC. The 341 MW’s mission is to defend America with safe, secure, and effective nuclear forces and
198 combat-ready Airmen. Malmstrom AFB encompasses approximately 3,278 acres, with an additional 438
199 acres of restrictive easements on adjacent lands. In addition, the Malmstrom AFB 341 MW missile
200 complex, also known as the Malmstrom AFB deployment area, consists of 15 missile alert facilities
201 (MAFs) and 150 launch facilities, distributed throughout a 13,800 square-mile area in north central
202 Montana. Malmstrom AFB houses only helicopter aircraft; the 40th Helicopter Squadron (HS) provides
203 aerial surveillance of the missile complex, rapid airlifts, security forces responses, and personnel
204 transport.

205 The information presented in this document will serve as the basis for deciding whether the Proposed
206 Action would result in a significant impact to the human environment, requiring the preparation of an
207 environmental impact statement (EIS), or whether no significant impacts would occur, in which case a
208 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) would be appropriate.

209 **1.2 Purpose of the Action**

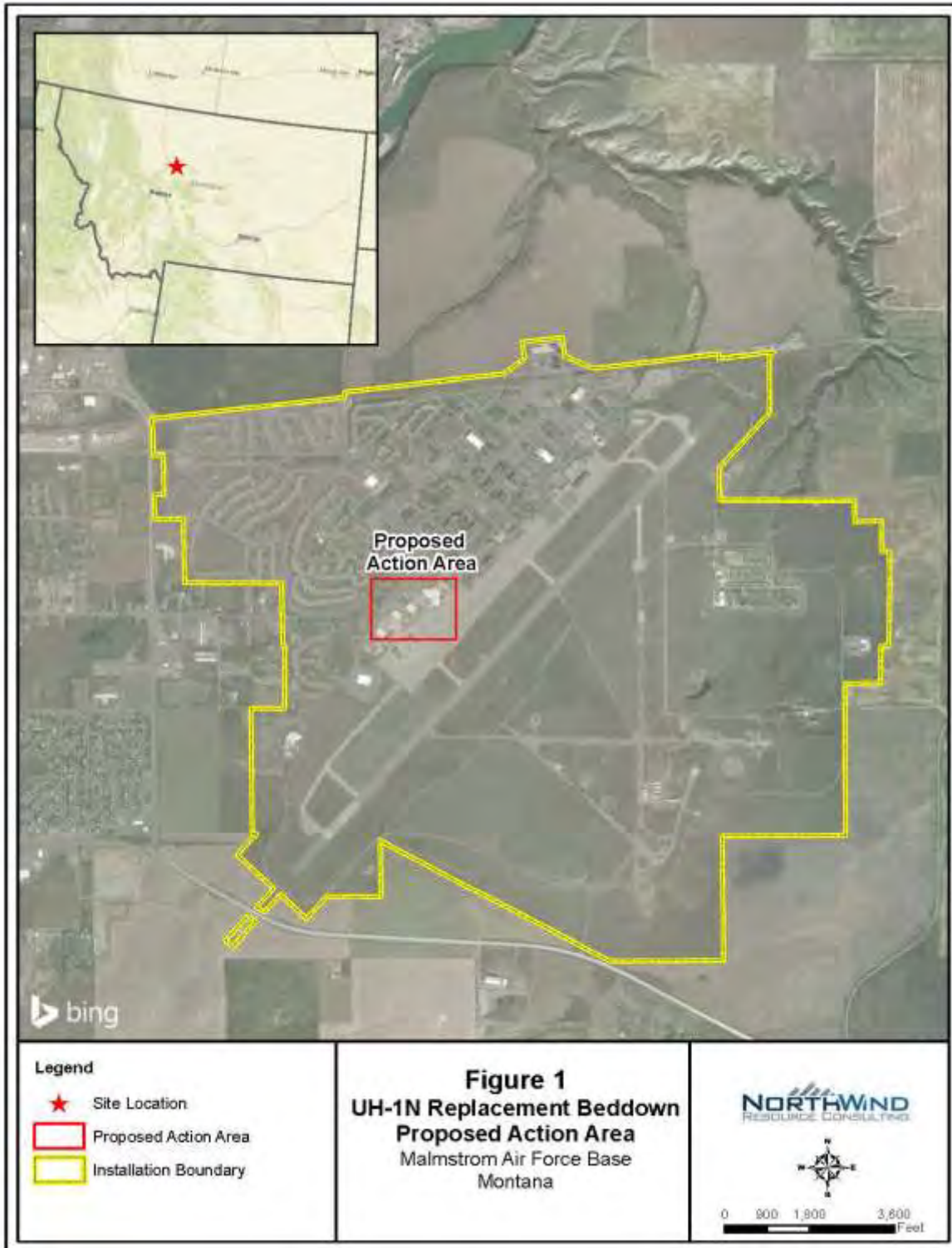
210 The purpose of the Proposed Action is to replace the current Bell UH-1N helicopters at Malmstrom AFB
211 with Boeing MH-139 helicopters and to provide facilities to house and maintain the replacement aircraft.

212 **1.3 Need for the Action**

213 The Proposed Action is needed because the aging fleet of Bell Helicopter UH-1N “Huey” aircraft (the
214 USAF has relied on this fleet since the early 1970s) is increasingly difficult to maintain and does not
215 satisfy current mission requirements. The USAF has identified the requirement for a helicopter that is
216 faster, quieter, more resilient, and has a higher payload capacity and extended range to handle the escort
217 of convoys, missile field contingencies, transportation of government officials, and range support. In
218 September 2018 the USAF selected the Boeing MH-139 aircraft as the best replacement to fully meet
219 requirements for the USAF’s crucial missile site and utility support missions at Malmstrom AFB.
220 Because the MH-139 has five rotor blades (the UH-1N has two), storage and maintenance facilities would
221 need to be larger to accommodate storage and maintenance operations.

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224 Figure 1. Location of Malmstrom AFB and Proposed Action Area.

225 1.4 Interagency/Intergovernmental Coordination and Consultation

226 1.4.1 Interagency Coordination and Consultation

227 Scoping is an early and open process for developing the breadth of issues to be addressed in the EA and
228 for identifying significant concerns related to a Proposed Action. Per the requirements of the
229 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (42 USC 4231(a)) and Executive Order (EO) 12372,
230 *Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*, federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction that
231 could be affected by the Proposed Action will be notified during the development of this EA.

232 Section 6 contains a list of agencies consulted during this analysis and copies of correspondence.

233 1.4.2 Government to Government Consultations

234 EO 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, directs federal agencies to
235 coordinate and consult with Native American tribal governments whose interests might be directly and
236 substantially affected by activities on federally administered lands. Consistent with that EO, Department
237 of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 4710.02, *Interactions with Federally-Recognized Tribes*, and AFI 90-2002,
238 *Air Force Interaction with Federally-recognized Tribes*, federally-recognized tribes that are historically
239 affiliated with the Malmstrom AFB geographic region will be invited to consult on all proposed
240 undertakings that have a potential to affect properties of cultural, historical, or religious significance to
241 the tribes. The tribal consultation process is distinct from NEPA consultation or the interagency
242 coordination process, and it requires separate notification of all relevant tribes. The timelines for tribal
243 consultation are also distinct from those of other consultations. The Malmstrom AFB point-of-contact for
244 Native American tribes is the Installation Tribal Liaison Officer (ITLO). The Malmstrom AFB point-of-
245 contact for consultation with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and the Advisory Council on
246 Historic Preservation is the Cultural Resources Manager.

247 The Native American tribal governments that will be consulted with regarding these actions are listed in
248 Appendix A.

249 1.4.3 Other Agency Consultations

250 In compliance with EO 12372, *Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*, Malmstrom AFB
251 notified and consulted with federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction that could be affected by the
252 Proposed Action during the development of this EA. A list of the agencies consulted during the analysis
253 and representative copies of correspondence are included in Appendix A of the EA.

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255 **1.5 Public and Agency Review of the EA**

256 A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EA and FONSI will be published in the Great Falls Tribune
257 (the newspaper of record), announcing the availability of the EA for review on October 06, 2019. The
258 NOA will invite the public to review and comment on the Draft EA. The public and agency review period
259 ended on November 04, 2019. The NOA and public and agency comments are provided in Appendix A.
260 Native American Tribes were provided a copy of the Draft EA electronically for their review. Malmstrom
261 AFB also made copies of the Draft EA and FONSI available for review at the following locations:

Great Falls Public Library 301 Second Avenue North Great Falls, MT 59401	University of Providence Library 1301 20th Street South Great Falls, MT 59405
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262 **1.6 Decision to be Made**

263 The EA evaluates whether the Proposed Action is a major Federal action significantly affecting the
264 quality of the human environment. If significant effects are identified, Malmstrom AFB could undertake
265 mitigation to reduce effects to below the level of significance, undertake the preparation of an EIS
266 addressing the Proposed Action, or abandon the Proposed Action.

267 This EA is a planning and decision-making tool that will be used to guide Malmstrom AFB in
268 implementing the Proposed Action in a manner consistent with USAF standards for environmental
269 stewardship.

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271 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

272 2.1 Proposed Action

273 The USAF proposes to beddown MH-139 helicopters to replace the current UH-1N helicopters at
274 Malmstrom AFB to satisfy the “Purpose of” and “Need for” the action described in Sections 1.2 and 1.3.
275 The location of the proposed beddown is shown on Figure 1.

276 The Proposed Action includes the beddown of 11 MH-139 aircraft (eight Primary Aircraft Inventory
277 [PAI] and three Backup Aircraft Inventory [BAI]) to replace the eight current UH-1N helicopters at
278 Malmstrom AFB (the BAI would not result in an increase in flight operations but would ensure that
279 mission requirements are consistently satisfied). The proposed beddown would require a transition from
280 the current eight UH-1N aircraft to the MH-139 aircraft. Two MH-139s would be delivered to Malmstrom
281 AFB in early 2021 (this would increase the total number of aircraft on the base to 10), and the transition
282 would be complete in 2023. A surge in personnel is anticipated during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-
283 139 aircraft, after which personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, this Proposed Action would
284 result in slightly more personnel at Malmstrom AFB.

285 2.2 Selection Standards

286 NEPA, CEQ regulations, and 32 CFR Part 989 require an EA to evaluate reasonable alternatives to the
287 Proposed Action. Alternatives that are eliminated from detailed analysis must be identified along with a
288 brief discussion of the reasons for eliminating them. “Reasonable alternatives” are those that also could be
289 utilized to meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action. For purposes of analysis, an alternative
290 is considered “reasonable” only if it enables Malmstrom AFB to satisfy requirements related to the
291 continued mission of patrolling and protecting America’s land-based nuclear weapons.
292 “Unreasonable” alternatives would not enable Malmstrom AFB to meet the purpose of and need for the
293 Proposed Action and therefore would not be retained for further analysis.

294 Per the requirements of 32 CFR Part 989, the USAF EIAP regulations, The USAF developed selection
295 standards to identify alternatives that meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action. In addition,
296 the USAF developed selection standards that identify whether an alternative would be considered
297 reasonable. As a result, the USAF developed the following eight selection standards:

- 298 1. Achieves the desired campus plan (this includes separate, adjacent campuses for storage and
299 maintenance of the new helicopters; the 819th Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational
300 Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron (RHS); and the 341st Maintenance Group
301 (MXG))¹.
- 302 2. Provides parts and supplies storage and aircraft maintenance space.

¹ In order to support the beddown of the UH-1N replacement aircraft, an adequately sized and configured integrated helicopter operations facility is needed to provide proper command and control, maintenance, and fueling capabilities for helicopter operations. A series of buildings is required that would become the main control point for all unit flight and flying training tasks including planning, briefing, administration, alert response, life support system maintenance, crew equipment, and storage. The USAF determined that it is desirable to collocate the squadron operations facility and alert crew sleeping quarters with the aircraft to minimize crew response times and enhance rescue / security team effectiveness.

- 303 3. Meets proposed schedule for the replacement aircraft beddown.
- 304 4. Avoids effects to 341st MXG mission.
- 305 5. Provides flexibility for potential beddown schedule acceleration.
- 306 6. Avoids co-mingling of MXG contractors during transition (i.e., when both UH-1N and MH-139
307 aircraft are operating on the installation).
- 308 7. Avoids temporary facility costs.
- 309 8. Avoids moving the 819th RHS.

310 **2.3 Screening of the Alternatives**

311 The USAF developed three potential courses of action (COAs) that would meet the purpose and need of
312 the Proposed Action. All three COAs have disadvantages related to operational inefficiencies, scheduling,
313 and cost, but could result in the successful beddown of the replacement aircraft. These three COAs are
314 listed below as action alternatives along with the No Action alternative.

- 315 • **Alternative 1:** Renovate building 1450 for initial MH-139s and delay building 1440 renovation.
- 316 • **Alternative 2:** Construct large area maintenance shelters (LAMS) for temporary UH-1N parking.
- 317 • **Alternative 3:** Temporary 341st MXG move to building 1450 or 1464.
- 318 • **Alternative 4:** No Action.

319 The USAF applied the selection standards described in Section 2.2 to these alternatives (Table 1) to
320 determine which alternative(s) would satisfy the purpose and need for the Proposed Action while best
321 satisfying the selection standards. As shown in Table 1, Alternative 1 would satisfy the purpose and need
322 as well as seven of the eight selection standards. Alternatives 2 and 3 would meet three of the eight
323 selection standards. The USAF has not yet identified a Preferred Alternative. Alternative 4 – No Action,
324 would meet four of the eight selection standards but would not meet the purpose of or need for the
325 Proposed Action. However, it will be analyzed in the EA to provide a comparative baseline, as required
326 under USAF and CEQ regulations (32 CFR Part 989.8(a) and (d), and 40 CFR Part 1502.14,
327 respectively).

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329 Table 1. Screening of the Alternatives.

Alternatives	Selection Standards							
	Achieves the desired campus plan at Malmstrom AFB.	Provides parts and supplies storage and aircraft maintenance space.	Meets proposed schedule for the replacement aircraft beddown.	Avoids effects to 341 st MXG mission.	Provides flexibility for beddown schedule acceleration.	Avoids co-mingling of MXG contractors during transition.	Avoids temporary facility costs.	Avoids moving 819 th RHS.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Alternative 1:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Alternative 2:	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Alternative 3:	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Alternative 4: No Action	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

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331 **2.4 Detailed Description of the Alternatives**

332 **2.4.1 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and**
 333 **Delay Building 1440 Renovation**

334 Alternative 1 (Figure 2) would provide sufficient space for the initial phase of the beddown while
 335 minimizing effects to the 819th RHS and avoiding mission effects to the 341st MXG. This alternative
 336 would meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action by renovating existing infrastructure on
 337 Malmstrom AFB. Existing buildings would be renovated to provide space for the beddown; no new
 338 construction or demolition of existing buildings would be required. The 819th RHS would relocate and
 339 consolidate personnel and equipment currently in Building 1450 to Buildings 1460 and 1464 (these
 340 buildings are presently utilized by the 819th RHS). Building 1450 would be renovated to accommodate the
 341 initial phases of the proposed MH-139 beddown in early 2021 (two MH-139s are anticipated at that time,
 342 and the building would be altered to hold four). Hangar 1440 would continue to house the UH-1N aircraft
 343 but would be renovated at a later time to accommodate MH-139s arriving at a later date. No external
 344 alterations to the buildings would be required to implement this alternative.

345 Alternative 1 meets the purpose and need of the Proposed Action and satisfies seven of the eight
 346 identified Selection Standards. This alternative achieves the desired Wing Campus end state for aircraft
 347 operations and an 819th RHS campus, and the 341st MXG would not have to relocate to accommodate the
 348 beddown. The two maintenance contractors (one team each for the UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft) would
 349 not occupy the same space and the 819th RHS would only have to move once. The USAF originally
 350 constructed Building 1450 as an aircraft hangar, and it would provide adequate parts / supply storage and
 351 maintenance space for four of the replacement aircraft. This alternative also provides flexibility for
 352 unforeseen construction or beddown schedule acceleration. Space is available for both MH-139s and
 353 UH-1Ns during the transition, which allows flexibility for aircraft storage in the event that construction of

354 the Missile Maintenance Dispatch Facility (MMDF) (which the 341st MXG will be relocating to) is
355 delayed (the Commander of the 341 Missile Wing signed the FONSI for this action on 14 August 2017,
356 and construction is scheduled for completion in mid-2021), or Malmstrom AFB receives more than two
357 MH-139s before 2023. Disadvantages of this alternative include the high cost of renovating Building
358 1450, and the requirement for 819th RHS to relocate and consolidate into existing space.

359 **2.4.2 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking**

360 This alternative would require the construction of two LAMS to provide temporary UH-1N parking space
361 during the beddown transition. Building 1440 would be renovated later to house the MH-139 aircraft.
362 Benefits of this alternative include that it would not require relocation of the 819th RHS and it would not
363 affect the 341st MXG mission. However, the UH-1Ns and MH-139s would initially occupy the same
364 space for maintenance (Building 1440, Bay 5). This would require maintenance contractors for both
365 aircraft to occupy the same space during the transition, which could lead to conflicts with space and
366 scheduling. Malmstrom AFB would be required to provide swing space for initial additional personnel
367 arriving with the replacement aircraft until Building 1440 is renovated. There are a number of
368 uncertainties associated with this alternative including 341st Civil Engineer Squadron (CES)/819th RHS
369 troop labor needed to construct the LAMS; Fire Protection design required for LAMS; and availability of
370 the LAMS. Additionally, since the LAMS are temporary structures, they would be dismantled and
371 removed after Building 1440 is renovated. Therefore, all costs incurred for the LAMS construction and
372 removal would be for a short-term benefit.

373 **2.4.3 Alternative 3 — Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 or**
374 **1464**

375 Under this alternative, the 341st MXG would temporarily relocate to Building 1464 or 1450, and the 819th
376 RHS would be consolidated. Building 1440 would be renovated prior to the beddown and would be ready
377 to house the replacement aircraft. This alternative is advantageous because it fully accommodates the
378 beddown schedule by completing the Building 1440 renovation earlier. It would provide required vehicle
379 and storage space, but would not adequately address personnel space. Additionally, this alternative would
380 require two 341st MXG relocations and would temporarily increase 341st MXG dispatch times. It would
381 also reduce 341st MXG storage space from 10,000 square feet to 8,000 square feet and the vehicle spacing
382 in Building 1450 is tight, making it difficult to move vehicles in and out. The 819th RHS concrete block
383 structure inside Building 1450 would be removed, leading to the loss of RHS office space and the need
384 for an alternate location. Building 1464 houses the 819th RHS armory and would need to be relocated as
385 well. Requiring 819th RHS to temporarily relocate increases the cost of this alternative; they would have
386 to consolidate in the remaining area and relocate again at a later date.

387 **2.4.4 Alternative 4 — No-Action**

388 Under the No Action Alternative (Alternative 4), Malmstrom AFB would not complete the UH-1N
389 Replacement Beddown. This alternative would not address the purpose and need for the action.

390 **2.5 Alternatives Eliminated From Further Consideration**

391 An additional alternative was also considered but was dismissed from full analysis. The alternative would
392 have utilized LAMS for temporary relocation of the 341st MXG. Hangar 1440 would have been renovated
393 earlier. This alternative addressed vehicle and storage space, but not personnel space and therefore was
394 removed from consideration.

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396 Figure 2. Alternative 1

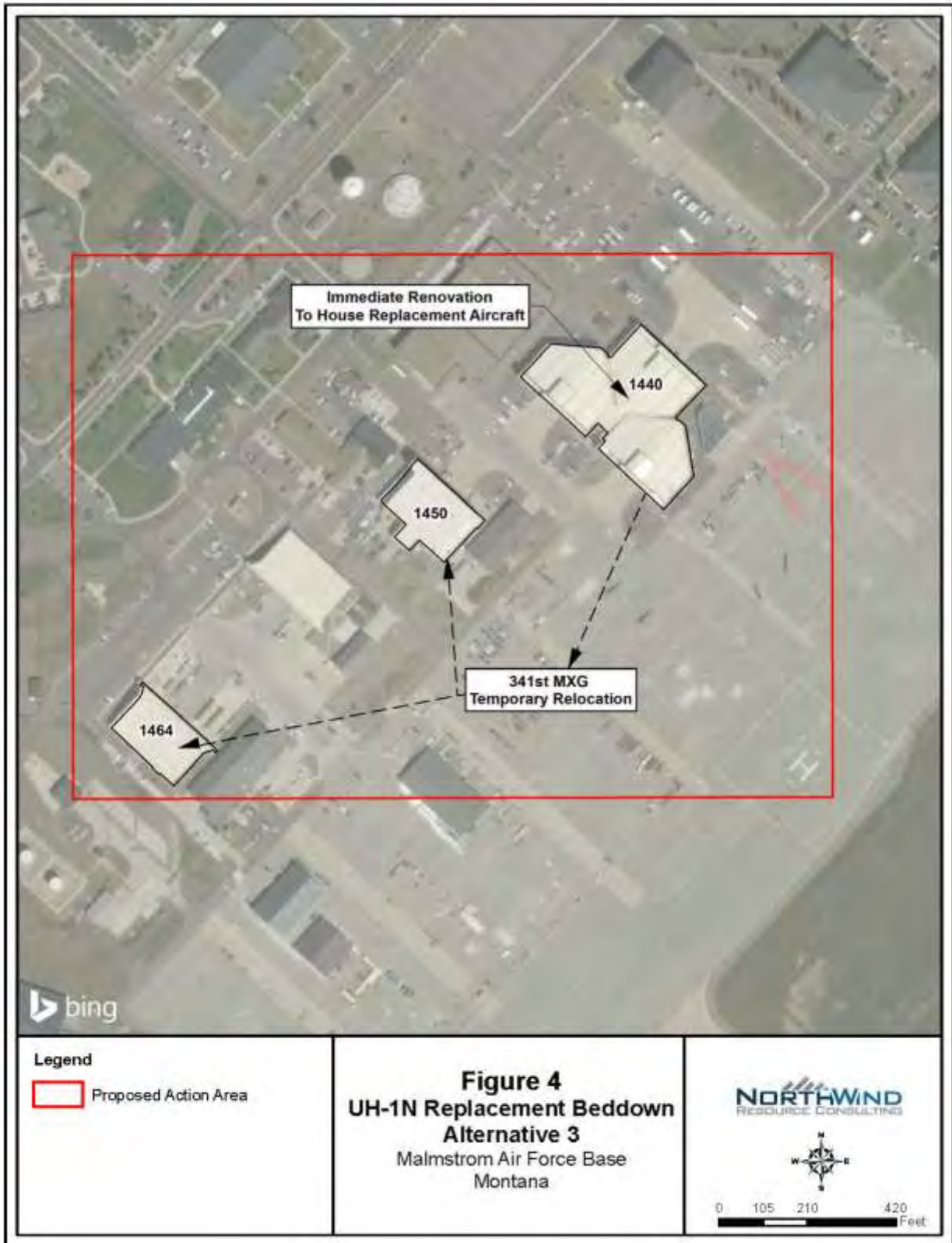
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398 Figure 3. Alternative 2

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400 Figure 4. Alternative 3

401 **2.6 Summary of Anticipated Environmental Effects**

402 Table 2 provides a brief summary of the anticipated effects to resource areas that would result if the
403 USAF implements one of the action alternatives or the No Action Alternative. Effects would not be
404 expected to approach the significance threshold for any resource area.

405 Table 2. Summary of Anticipated Environmental Effects

Resource	Alternative 1: Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and Delay Building 1440 Renovation	Alternative 2: Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking	Alternative 3: Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 or 1464	Alternative 4: No Action
Airspace	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Noise / Acoustic Environment	Beneficial effect.	Beneficial effect.	Beneficial effect.	Less than significant effect.
Air Quality and Climate Change	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.
Water Resources	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Biological / Natural Resources	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.
Earth Resources	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Hazardous Materials and Waste	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	Less than significant effect.	No effect.
Cultural Resources	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Land Use	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Infrastructure / Utilities	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.
Safety and Occupational Health	Less than significant effect. Contractor would protect worker health and safety.	Less than significant effect. Contractor would protect worker health and safety.	Less than significant effect. Contractor would protect worker health and safety.	No effect.
Socioeconomic Resources	Beneficial effect.	Beneficial effect.	Beneficial effect.	No effect.
Environmental Justice	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.	No effect.

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407 3. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

408 3.1 SCOPE OF THE ANALYSIS

409 The potentially affected human environment is interpreted comprehensively to include natural and
410 physical resources and the relationship of people with those resources (40 CFR 1508.14). Information
411 presented in this section serves as a baseline from which to identify and evaluate any individual or
412 cumulative effects likely to result from implementation of the No Action Alternative or one of the action
413 alternatives presented in Chapter 2. In compliance with NEPA, CEQ regulations, and 32 CFR 989, the
414 description of the affected environment focuses on those resources and conditions potentially subject to
415 project effects, thus laying the groundwork for discussions of potential environmental effects to each
416 resource. As such, Malmstrom AFB selected relevant natural and physical resources for analysis in this
417 section.

418 The affected environment includes existing environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic conditions within
419 the Region of Influence (ROI) for the proposed actions. For the purposes of this analysis, the ROI is
420 generally defined as the proposed action area where the helicopters would beddown and the surrounding
421 local area.

422 Subject matter experts (SMEs) obtained resource information for this EA through a review of existing
423 environmental documents, available Geographic Information System (GIS) data, field observations, and
424 communications with Malmstrom AFB staff, regulatory agencies, and other agencies and organizations.
425 Information is presented to the level of detail necessary to support the analysis of potential direct and
426 indirect effects in Section 4, Environmental Consequences. Qualified technical SMEs examined each
427 action component for potential effects on each technical resource area considering the scope of the action
428 and available resource information. The examination resulted in certain resources being dismissed from
429 detailed analysis. Dismissed resources are addressed in Section 3.1.2.

430 3.1.1 Resources Analyzed

431 Based on the components of the Proposed Action and internal scoping and coordination, Malmstrom AFB
432 identified which resources would potentially be affected by the proposed actions. As a result, Malmstrom
433 AFB identified six resource areas for detailed analysis based on their potential to be affected by one of the
434 action alternatives or the No Action Alternative. These include the following:

- 435 • Noise / Acoustic Environment,
- 436 • Air Quality and Climate Change,
- 437 • Biological / Natural Resources,
- 438 • Hazardous Materials / Waste,
- 439 • Cultural Resources, and
- 440 • Safety and Occupational Health.

441 These resources are described in Sections 3.2 through 3.7.

442 **3.1.2 Resources Eliminated from Detailed Analysis**

443 Several resources were not fully evaluated in this EA because SMEs determined through a preliminary
444 screening process that implementation of any of the alternatives would have negligible to no effects on
445 those resources. The resources eliminated from detailed analysis are:

- 446 • Airspace,
- 447 • Water Resources,
- 448 • Earth Resources,
- 449 • Land Use,
- 450 • Infrastructure and Utilities,
- 451 • Socioeconomics, and
- 452 • Environmental Justice and Protection of Children.

453 A brief explanation of why each of these resources was eliminated from further consideration is provided
454 in Sections 3.1.2.1 – 3.1.2.7 below.

455 **3.1.2.1 Airspace**

456 The considered alternatives would not involve changes to airspace management or use. Management of
457 the airspace would remain consistent with current practices. As a result, the Air Force anticipates no
458 short- or long-term effects to airspace from the considered alternatives. Therefore, this resource is not
459 carried forward for detailed analysis.

460 **3.1.2.2 Earth Resources**

461 Earth resources include topography, geology, and soils. Protection of unique geological features,
462 minimization of soil erosion, and the siting of facilities in relation to potential geologic hazards are
463 considered when evaluating potential effects of a proposed action on geological resources. None of the
464 alternatives under consideration would affect earth resources. The only potential new construction would
465 be the LAMS included in Alternative 2. However, the LAMS proposed under that alternative would be
466 placed on currently paved ramp areas. Therefore, no effects would be anticipated and this resource is not
467 carried forward for detailed analysis.

468 **3.1.2.3 Water Resources**

469 Water resources include groundwater, surface water, wetlands, floodplains, and stormwater. Both shallow
470 and deep groundwater is present on Malmstrom AFB. Shallow groundwater can be found at depths of 3 to
471 20 feet and is a result of near surface geological features or human impacts. Deep groundwater resources
472 include the Kootenai and Madison aquifers. Shallow groundwater on the Base is thought to be heavily
473 influenced by man-induced activities such as trenching and filling in the developed areas (Malmstrom
474 AFB 2018). The considered alternatives would have no effects on groundwater on the installation and
475 would not result in an increase in impervious surface. There are no surface water features, wetlands, or
476 floodplains in the vicinity of the project area. Therefore, water resources are not further evaluated in this
477 EA.

478 **3.1.2.4 Land Use**

479 The considered alternatives would be sited on land currently designated as Aircraft Operations and
480 Airfield Surface (Malmstrom AFB 2015). Siting of all three action alternatives would be consistent with
481 these land uses. Therefore, land use is not further evaluated in this EA.

482 **3.1.2.5 Infrastructure and Utilities**

483 Infrastructure and utilities typically include transportation, water supply, sanitary sewage/wastewater,
484 natural gas, electrical, communications, and liquid fuels. The Proposed Action site currently has adequate
485 utility services, access, and infrastructure to support the facilities. Existing utilities are present at all of the
486 buildings. The utility infrastructure at Malmstrom AFB has adequate capacity to support growth on the
487 installation, and adequate utility capacity to meet the demands of the renovated facilities. Therefore, this
488 resource area is not further evaluated.

489 **3.1.2.6 Socioeconomics**

490 Socioeconomic resources are defined as the basic attributes associated with the human environment, and
491 generally include factors associated with economic activity, population and housing, and public services
492 and social conditions. Economic activity is typically described in terms of employment, personal income,
493 and regional industries. Changes to these fundamental components can influence other community
494 resources, such as housing availability, utility capabilities, and public services. The estimated population
495 of the city of Great Falls in 2017 was 59,000 (U.S. Census Bureau 2017), and in 2016 Malmstrom AFB
496 had an estimated population of 4,060 assigned military and civilian personnel, 3,276 active duty
497 dependents, and 643 non-appropriated fund civilians, contractors, and private business employees.
498 Indirect effects to the region from Malmstrom AFB include 1,571 jobs and an estimated 367 million
499 dollars (Malmstrom AFB 2016).

500 The proposed facility renovation would result in minor, short-term beneficial effects to the local economy
501 and region from an increase in construction jobs. Workers may or may not be hired locally, but would be
502 likely to stay in the area while they work and purchase a variety of products. There would be a short-term
503 surge of approximately 40 personnel (primarily due to maintenance crews for both aircraft and pilot
504 trainers for the replacement aircraft) during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft, after which
505 personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, the Proposed Action would result in slightly more
506 personnel at Malmstrom AFB. Activities associated with renovation of the facilities would temporarily
507 generate construction income and increase Base personnel and thus result in a temporary beneficial effect;
508 however, when considering the existing economic contribution to the region from Malmstrom AFB, any
509 changes positive or negative to socioeconomic current conditions attributable to the proposed actions
510 would be negligible, beneficial to the region at large, and less than significant. Therefore, this resource is
511 not further evaluated in this EA.

512 **3.1.2.7 Environmental Justice and Protection of Children**

513 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines environmental justice as "the fair treatment
514 and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, or income with
515 respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and
516 policies." EO 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and
517 Low-Income Populations*, requires federal agencies to consider disproportionately high adverse effects on
518 the human or environmental health to minority and low-income populations resulting from
519 implementation of a proposed action. EO 13045, *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks
520 and Safety Risks*, states that each federal agency "(a) shall make it a high priority to identify and assess
521 environmental health risks and safety risks that may disproportionately affect children; and (b) shall
522 ensure that its policies, programs, activities, and standards address disproportionate risks to children that
523 result from environmental health risks or safety risks."

524 Per CEQ guidance, minority populations should be identified where either the minority population of the
525 affected area exceeds 50% or the minority population percentage of the affected area is meaningfully
526 greater than the minority population percentage in the general population or other appropriate unit of
527 geographic analysis (CEQ 1997). Poverty thresholds established by the U.S. Census Bureau are used to
528 identify low-income populations. Poverty status is reported as the number of persons or families with

529 income below a defined threshold level. Based on data obtained from 2018 Census estimates, the
530 percentage of the population in the city of Great Falls living below the poverty level was 14.5%, as
531 compared to 12.3% for the U.S. as a whole (U.S. Census Bureau 2019). The percentage of minority
532 residents in the city of Great Falls (12.4%) is lower than the percentage of the total population nationwide
533 (23.4%) (U.S. Census Bureau 2019).

534 Residents within Great Falls would not be affected by short-term effects associated with implementation
535 of the alternatives, which would largely be confined to construction activities on site. These construction
536 activities would not affect the surrounding communities. Therefore, the considered alternatives would not
537 disproportionately and adversely affect environmental and human health of minority or low-income
538 populations nor would they result in increased exposure of children to environmental health or safety
539 risks. No effects to these resources are anticipated, and the resource is not further evaluated in this EA.

540 **3.2 NOISE / ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT**

541 Noise is considered unwanted sound that interferes with normal activities or otherwise diminishes the
542 quality of the environment. It may be intermittent or continuous, steady or impulsive, stationary or
543 transient. Stationary sources are normally related to specific land uses (e.g., housing tracts or industrial
544 plants). Transient noise sources move through the environment, either along relatively established paths
545 (e.g., highways, railroads, aircraft flight tracks), or randomly.

546 The USAF Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Resource Book (USAF 2014) states aircraft
547 noise does not affect off-installation areas at levels triggering land use recommendations. The USAF
548 conducted a noise modeling analysis for this Proposed Action that included a validation of current flight
549 operations on Malmstrom AFB (Appendix B). SMEs assembled data describing flight track distances and
550 turns, altitudes, airspeeds, power settings, flight track operational utilization, maintenance locations,
551 ground run-up engine power settings, and number and duration of runs by type of aircraft/ engine. Trained
552 personnel processed the data for input into the NOISEMAP computer program. The 40th HS points of
553 contact reviewed the aircraft operations parameters for accuracy prior to running the noise model.

554 The airframes involved in the current condition and Proposed Action scenarios were not available in the
555 NOISEMAP databases. Based upon the best professional judgement of SMEs the current UH-1N flight
556 and static operations were modeled with the AH-1W Super Cobra and UH-1M Iroquois Huey²,
557 respectively. The proposed MH-139 flight and static operations were modeled with the SH-60B Seahawk
558 and UH-60A Blackhawk³, respectively. The modeling analysis verified that aircraft noise levels that
559 would trigger land use recommendations are still confined to areas well within the installation boundary
560 (Figure 5).

² Noise modeling data for the UH-1N is not available in the Advanced Acoustics Model (AAM), presumably because the aircraft is on its way to retirement, and run-up noise data for the UH-1N was not included in legacy noise modeling software. Therefore, noise SMEs used the most comparable available aircraft. The UH-1M Gunship only has one engine whereas the UH-1N has two, but the UH-1M's engine develops 1,400 shaft horsepower (shp) while the UH-1N's engines each develop 1,250 shp. Data from <https://www.af.mil/About-Us/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/104464/uh-1n-iroquois/> and <http://www.combatairmuseum.org/aircraft/bellhueyuh1m.html>, accessed July 10, 2019.

³ The MH-139 is a new aircraft and noise modeling data is not yet available. Therefore, noise SMEs used the most comparable available aircraft. The H-60 (SH-60B and UH-60A variants) and the MH-139 have similar blade loading at their maximum takeoff weights, i.e., 9 and 11 pounds per square foot of rotor area for the H-60 and MH-139, respectively; same number of engines (2) and similarly rated engines at 1,750-1,800 shaft horsepower from each engine). Data from http://www.blueskyrotor.com/performance/datasheet/Sikorsky/Sea_Hawk-SH_60-B and https://www.militaryfactory.com/aircraft/detail.asp?aircraft_id=1907#specs, accessed July 10, 2019).

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561 Figure 5. Current and Proposed Aircraft Noise Contours

562 3.3 AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

563 3.3.1 Air Quality Resources

564 The following sections describe the air quality resources in the Proposed Action area. Potential effects to
565 this resource are based on the change in annual air emissions that would be caused by the Proposed
566 Action (both directly and indirectly) when compared to current emissions levels.

567 Air quality is the degree to which the air is suitable or clean enough for humans, animals, or plants to
568 remain healthy. Air quality is described in terms of the type and amount of pollutants that are present in
569 the local atmosphere. The amount of air pollutant in the air is generally expressed as a concentration in
570 units of parts per million, parts per billion, or micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

571 Factors that contribute to or affect air quality are local and regional air emissions, geographical size of the
572 air basin, topography, and prevailing meteorological conditions. Air emissions can occur from human
573 activities (e.g., industrial process, fuel combustion, motor vehicles, aircraft) and natural events (e.g.,
574 wildfires, wind-blown dust). Meteorological conditions (temperature, wind speed, wind direction, amount
575 of sunshine, and temperature inversions) influence the extent to which pollutants are dispersed and
576 transported both vertically and horizontally within the atmosphere. Pollutant concentrations in the
577 atmosphere near emission sources are generally highest with light winds or strong temperature inversions,
578 both of which limit the transport of pollutants away from the emission source. The EPA has divided air
579 pollutants into several categories: criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, and greenhouse gases; each
580 of these are discussed below.

581 3.3.1.1 Criteria Pollutants

582 Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA established the National Ambient Air Quality Standards
583 (NAAQS) for six common air pollutants referred to as the "criteria pollutants". These include carbon
584 monoxide (CO), lead, ozone (O_3), nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and particulate matter
585 (PM). Particulate matter is presented in the NAAQS in terms of particulate matter less than or equal to 10
586 micrometers in diameter (PM_{10}) and particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter
587 ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$). These are the most common pollutants associated with human activities and natural events. The
588 NAAQS represent maximum levels of air pollution that are considered safe for public health and the
589 environment. The State of Montana has established additional ambient air quality standards under
590 Administrative Rules 17.8.210 through 17.8.223 which must be considered along with the NAAQS for
591 describing air quality conditions within the state.

592 The EPA is responsible for characterizing and designating a region's air quality status with respect to the
593 NAAQS. A regional designation is made for each criteria pollutant based on ambient air monitoring data
594 collected and verified by the state environmental agencies:

- 595 • Attainment – in compliance with the NAAQS.
- 596 • Non-attainment – the NAAQS is not being met.
- 597 • Maintenance – a region that was previously classified as "nonattainment," but is now in
598 compliance with the NAAQS may be redesignated as "maintenance" if the state has completed an
599 air quality maintenance plan and has successfully demonstrated that the plan is effective in
600 producing necessary emission reductions along with air quality improvements.
- 601 • Unclassified – no monitoring data is available. By default, these areas are considered to be in
602 attainment.

603 **3.3.1.2 Hazardous Air Pollutants**

604 Hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) include a group of 187 pollutants identified by the EPA as having the
605 potential to cause cancer or other serious health effects such as reproductive effects, birth defects, or
606 adverse environmental and ecological effects. These are generally associated with solvents and chemicals
607 used in industrial processes, and usually emitted in much lower quantities than the criteria pollutants.

608 **3.3.1.3 Greenhouse Gases**

609 Greenhouse gases (GHGs) have the tendency to affect the earth's atmospheric temperature through
610 physical processes involving both light and thermal energy. GHGs exist in the atmosphere as a result of
611 both natural processes and human activity. Among the most prominent GHGs associated with human
612 activities are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O). A significant amount of
613 these gases are a combustion byproduct of fossil fuel (i.e., gasoline, diesel, oil, coal, and natural gas) and
614 other organic matter such as wood. Other pollutants that are considered to be GHGs, but which are much
615 less prevalent in the atmosphere, include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur
616 hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). In recent years, GHG emissions from human activity
617 have become a focus of concern and scrutiny as these relate to climate change. GHGs are presented in
618 terms of CO₂ equivalent (CO₂-e)⁴ emissions per year.

619 **3.3.1.4 Regulations**

620 Regulatory requirements at the federal and state levels associated with air quality have been established to
621 protect air quality. These requirements include the air quality standards, State Implementation Plans, air
622 permitting programs, emissions monitoring programs, and protection of environmentally sensitive areas.
623 As a means of tracking and managing air pollutant emissions within a state's borders, the federal and state
624 air quality regulations require any regulated new or modified stationary emission source (facility) to
625 obtain a permit to construct and operate if its potential emissions would be above certain thresholds of
626 criteria and non-criteria pollutants. This air permitting establishes regulatory control over both small and
627 large industrial activities, providing a means for monitoring their effect on air quality. An air permit
628 identifies the facility's operating air emission sources, allowable emission levels, and conditions of
629 operation. However, the regulations also provide exemptions from air permitting requirements for certain
630 types and sizes of emission activities. Although regulated stationary sources require an air permit for
631 certain air emission sources at a facility, the air emissions associated with mobile sources (such as motor
632 vehicles and aircraft) and construction activities are not covered under the permitting process.

633 In addition to the air quality regulations referenced above, Congress established the General Conformity
634 Rule under CAA §176(c)(4) to ensure that actions taken by federal agencies do not cause or contribute to:

- 635
- 636 • New violations of an NAAQS;
 - 637 • Additional or worsening of existing violations of an NAAQS; and
 - Delays in attaining a NAAQS.

⁴ Greenhouse Gases are typically presented as CO₂ Equivalent = (1 × Carbon Dioxide emissions) + (25 × Methane emissions) + (298 × Nitrous Oxide emissions). The three main greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. Methane and nitrous oxide have a 25 and 298 times higher, respective, global warming potential than carbon dioxide. The other four GHGs have very high global warming potentials, but these are generally countered by much lower levels of emissions.

638 This rule generally applies to proposed federal actions located in nonattainment or maintenance areas but
639 can extend to attainment areas for actions with a potential to cause a new NAAQS violation.

640 Unlike the air permitting programs that only consider emissions from stationary sources, the General
641 Conformity Rule requires federal agencies to consider emissions from all activities associated with the
642 proposed federal action including new or modified stationary, mobile, and fugitive emission sources.
643 When applied, this rule requires federal government agencies to prepare a written conformity analysis for
644 a proposed federal action. The analysis begins with an estimate of air emissions that would be generated
645 by the proposed action and comparing these to threshold levels defined in the rule. If the proposed action
646 is to be located in a NAAQS nonattainment or maintenance area and emission levels are below the
647 threshold levels, a Record of Non-Applicability (RONA) is prepared and documented. If the emission
648 levels are above the threshold levels, an in-depth conformity determination is required.

649 **3.3.1.5 Existing Conditions**

650 **3.3.1.5.1 Climate**

651 The Proposed Action would occur in Cascade County, Montana which has an annual mean temperature of
652 45°F. Monthly average temperatures range from 22°F in January to 68°F in July. Total precipitation
653 averages 15 inches per year with spring and summer being the wettest seasons. Winter snowfall averages
654 60 inches per year (Western Regional Climate Center [WRCC] 2019). The prevailing wind direction is
655 from the southwest, and annual average wind speed is 12 miles per hour (National Oceanic and
656 Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] 2015).

657 **3.3.1.5.2 Local Air Quality**

658 The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) operates air quality monitor sites
659 throughout the state for the six criteria pollutants. The information obtained from these monitors is used
660 for evaluating the air quality status relative to the NAAQS. Cascade County, where the proposed project
661 is located, is currently considered to be in attainment for the majority of the NAAQS pollutants (40 CFR
662 §81.327 - Montana). The exception to this is a Phase 2 Maintenance Area for CO located in Great Falls
663 about 0.5 mile from the southwest corner of Malmstrom AFB. In July 2002 the EPA approved a request
664 by Montana to redesignate the Great Falls CO NAAQS nonattainment area to “attainment” (Federal
665 Register / Vol. 67, No. 90 / May 9, 2002 / Rules and Regulations / Page 31150). Subsequently, in April
666 2015, a second 10-year maintenance plan was approved by EPA (Federal Register / Vol. 80, No. 60 /
667 April 1, 2015 / Proposed Rules / Page 17331). Therefore, although the area is considered “attainment for
668 CO,” it is still subject to a Phase 2 (i.e., second 10-year) maintenance plan. Ultimately, the direct project
669 emissions would not occur within this CO maintenance area.

670 In addition to monitoring for the six criteria pollutants, the EPA maintains a national database of air
671 pollutant emissions using data provided by each state on a county-by-county basis. The National
672 Emissions Inventory (NEI) is used for monitoring emission trends and evaluating the effectiveness of
673 emission reduction strategies. It includes reported criteria pollutants and HAP emissions from permitted
674 stationary sources, a wide range of non-permitted sources, mobile sources, and fugitive sources. Although
675 the EPA conducts a comprehensive emissions inventory every three years, developing and updating the
676 inventory is time-consuming. The most recent NEI data available to the public is for the year 2014, and
677 can be obtained through the EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories>. Table 3 presents
678 the most recently available baseline emissions inventory of criteria pollutants for Cascade County. Ozone
679 is not included in the NEI data, because it is generally not emitted directly into the atmosphere. Instead, it
680 is formed in the lower atmosphere by chemical reactions between precursor pollutants in the presence of
681 sunlight. Nitrogen oxides (NOx) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are the main precursors of O₃.

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682 Table 3. 2014 Baseline Emissions for Cascade County, Montana

Source Category	Emissions (ton/year) ^(A)							
	CO	NO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	VOC	HAPs	GHGs ^(B)
Stationary	1,555	520	496	269	211	1,833	198	---
Mobile	16,188	2,767	165	122	15	1,601	456	546,612
Fugitive	7,822	1,056	10,890	1,947	33	14,531	2,727	56,452
Total	25,566	4,344	11,552	2,337	259	17,964	3,381	603,064

(A) County level emission totals reported in tons per year from the 2014 National Emissions Inventory.
(B) National Emissions Inventory only provides Greenhouse Gas emissions for mobile and fugitive sources. Value shown is for CO₂ equivalent.

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684 **3.3.1.6 Emissions at Malmstrom AFB**

685 Potential emission levels from a facility are used to define which air permitting program is applicable.
686 Malmstrom AFB is a major source under the Title V air permitting program because it has the potential to
687 emit several criteria pollutants in excess of certain major source thresholds. However, potential emissions
688 of HAPs are below the major source threshold. The base currently operates under Montana State air
689 permit 1427-10 (to be issued 27 June 2019) that covers its stationary air emission sources. The permit,
690 issued by MDEQ, identifies the facility's air emission sources along with any conditions and
691 requirements of operation.

692 Malmstrom AFB also performs annual air emissions inventories that identify the actual level of air
693 emissions based on the actual (not potential) operations at the base. The most recent available air
694 emissions inventory for Malmstrom AFB is for year 2017 and presented in Table 4. It includes stationary
695 sources and mobile sources. However, the mobile source category in this emissions inventory excludes
696 emissions from the aircraft and ground support equipment.

697 Table 4. 2017 Facility Emissions for Malmstrom AFB

Source Category	Emissions (ton/year) ^(A)							
	CO	NO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	VOC	HAPs	GHGs ^(D)
Stationary Sources ^(B)	13.86	22.01	0.75	0.63	4.22	0.59	1.60	---
Mobile Sources ^(C)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	---
Total	13.86	22.01	0.75	0.63	4.22	0.59	2.6	15,385

Emissions obtained from the 2017 Air Program Information Management System report for Malmstrom AFB. Stationary sources included external combustion (boiler) and internal combustion (power generator) units at the base. Mobile sources included only government vehicle emissions at the base. Emissions from aircraft and aerospace ground equipment were not counted in the 2017 Air Program Information Management System emissions inventory. Greenhouse Gas emissions provided only as facility-wide totals. Value shown is for CO₂ equivalent.

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700 **3.4 BIOLOGICAL / NATURAL RESOURCES**

701 Biological resources include native or naturalized plants and animals and the habitats in which they occur.
702 Sensitive biological resources are defined as those plant and animal species listed as threatened or
703 endangered or proposed for listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or Montana
704 Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP). Much of the information in this section is from the
705 current Malmstrom AFB Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) (Malmstrom AFB
706 2018).

707 **3.4.1 Vegetation Resources**

708 Native vegetation on Malmstrom AFB has been altered or modified by Base operations. A large part of
709 Malmstrom AFB, including the main Base area, consists of improved grounds that are occupied by a
710 variety of structures and pavements. Vegetation in these areas is restricted to turf and landscaping that are
711 planted with grasses, shrubs, and trees, and managed for aesthetics and erosion control. Vegetation
712 present on improved grounds includes crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*), Kentucky bluegrass
713 (*Poa pratensis*), and western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), along with alfalfa (*Medicago saliva*) and
714 sweet clover (*Melilotus* sp.) (Malmstrom AFB 2018). A number of trees are also present throughout the
715 cantonment area, such as green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), plains cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*),
716 honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), Scotch pine (*Pinus sylvestris*),
717 Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*), and Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens*) (Malmstrom AFB 2018). On the
718 southeast portion of the Base, open fields have been plowed and planted with introduced grasses for many
719 years. Vegetation within and near helicopter movement areas on the Base is mowed to satisfy
720 Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) requirements. There is no vegetation on the Proposed
721 Action site.

722 Numerous surveys of the Base have been conducted for noxious and invasive weeds. A survey in 2014
723 identified approximately 652 acres of the Base with relatively high invasive species densities (SWCA
724 2015). The most common invasive weed species present include spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*),
725 Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), and Russian olive (*Elaeagnus*
726 *angustifolia*).

727 **3.4.2 Wildlife**

728 **3.4.2.1 Mammals**

729 Wildlife habitat at Malmstrom AFB is limited due to the relatively small size of the Base and the existing
730 uses that occur there. Most of the Base's open areas are comprised of non-native grasses and have
731 historically been used for grazing and hay production. As a result of these conditions, mammals that are
732 present are those that are typical of human-influenced environments. An 8-foot-tall chain link fence
733 surrounds the perimeter of Malmstrom AFB and limits the movement of large mammals on and off the
734 Base. Mammals that may be present include: mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), white-tailed deer
735 (*Odocoileus virginianus*), white-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus* sp.),
736 badger (*Taxidea taxus*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), coyote (*Canis latrans*), beaver (*Castor canadensis*),
737 skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), black-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*),
738 Richardson's ground squirrel (*Urocitellus richardsonii*), muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), porcupine
739 (*Erethizon dorsatum*), and a variety of species of mice, voles, and shrews. There is no habitat for
740 mammals on or in the vicinity of the Proposed Action site.

741 **3.4.2.2 Birds**

742 The presence of birds on or near airfields represents a potential source of conflict between natural
743 resource management and USAF missions. The BASH Reduction Program (USAF 2016) focuses on
744 reducing bird activity around airfields through habitat alteration and direct control. The integration of
745 biological diversity objectives, mission flying requirements, and safety are achieved at Malmstrom AFB
746 by wildlife hazing and harassment, habitat alteration, prey-base management, and limited lethal control
747 deemed necessary to ensure the safe operation of aircraft.

748 A variety of songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors have been observed on the Base. Commonly
749 observed species include: European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), American robin (*Turdus migratorius*),
750 American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), black-billed magpie (*Pica hudsonia*), brown-headed cowbird
751 (*Molothrus ater*), western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*), turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), northern
752 flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), common nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*), and various blackbird, sparrow, dove,
753 and swallow species. Several birds of prey species are also present at Malmstrom AFB: bald eagle
754 (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*),
755 Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*), osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*),
756 short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), and great horned owl (*Bubo*
757 *virginianus*). Various species of gulls, geese, and ducks also occur on Base.

758 Migratory birds, as listed in 50 CFR 10.13, are ecologically and economically important for recreational
759 activities – including bird watching, studying, feeding, and hunting – practiced by many Americans. In
760 2001, EO 13186 *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds* was issued to focus
761 attention of Federal agencies on the environmental effects to migratory bird species and, where feasible,
762 implement policies and programs that support the conservation and protection of migratory birds. The
763 Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Act are incorporated in this EO.

764 Federal permits are required to take, possess, transport, and dispose of migratory birds, bird parts,
765 feathers, nests, or eggs. Permits are obtained annually for BASH actions from the USFWS Migratory Bird
766 Permit Office in Denver, Colorado.

767 Flocks of gulls feed and rest within the helicopter movement area (located immediately east of Buildings
768 1440 and 1450) and operations area during late summer. California gulls (*Larus californicus*) are present
769 year-round, but thousands of migratory gull species pass through Malmstrom AFB each fall, usually in
770 August and September. In the morning hours, birds use the runway overruns to warm up and feed in the
771 grassy areas on grasshoppers, other insects and carrion from mowing activities. Gulls, raptors, and
772 pelicans have been observed riding thermals approximately 300 – 500 feet above ground level directly
773 over the helicopter movement area. Control techniques include pyrotechnics, vehicle disturbance, propane
774 cannons, grass height management, insect control, and limited lethal control (USAF 2016).

775 **3.4.2.3 Reptiles and Amphibians**

776 The following reptile and amphibian species have been documented on Malmstrom AFB: gopher snake
777 (*Pituophis catenifer*), prairie rattlesnake (*Crotalus viridis*), plains garter snake (*Thamnophis radix*),
778 common garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*), painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*), tiger salamander
779 (*Ambystoma tigrinum*), boreal chorus frog (*Pseudacris maculata*), and northern leopard frog (*Lithobates*
780 *pipiens*) (Malmstrom AFB 2018).

781 **3.4.2.4 Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, and Special Concern Species**

782 No threatened, endangered, or candidate species or critical habitat have been found (or designated) on the
783 main Base (Malmstrom AFB 2018). However, there are two Montana Potential Species of Concern
784 (porcupine [*Erethizon dorsatum*] and short-eared owl) and several state Species of Concern and USFWS
785 Birds of Conservation Concern that have been found on the main Base (see list and additional information
786 from the INRMP at Appendix C).

787 The USAF sent letters describing the Proposed Action to the USFWS Montana Field Office and MFWP
788 on 07 May 2019. The USFWS replied on 06 June that they had no comments or concerns regarding
789 effects to federally-listed or proposed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat that would result
790 from implementation of the Proposed Action (Appendix C). The MFWP did not respond.

791 The Malmstrom AFB Missile Complex is spread across nine Montana Counties. A number of the sites are
792 located within the known ranges of, or potential habitat for, federally listed threatened, endangered, or
793 candidate species (Malmstrom AFB 2018; see Appendix C).

794 **Greater Sage-grouse:** The greater sage-grouse is sensitive to disturbance during the breeding season
795 (Manier et al. 2014). It is a state Species of Concern, and is considered by USFWS as a Bird of
796 Conservation Concern. Although the species is not listed as threatened or endangered, the USFWS is
797 currently monitoring the mountain-prairie populations of greater sage-grouse, and a conservation
798 assessment for this species will be conducted by the USFWS and other partners by 2020. In Montana, the
799 species is managed by the State of Montana (MFWP and Department of Natural Resources and
800 Conservation [DNRC]) as well as by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on BLM-administered
801 lands. The DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division administers Montana EO 12-2015,
802 *Amending and Providing for Implementation of the Montana Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy*.

803 During 2015-16 surveys, greater sage-grouse were found at a distance of 3.5 miles (5.6 km) or less at a
804 total of 17 Missile Complex sites. These sites are occasionally visited by aircraft for security surveillance,
805 maintenance, or to satisfy other requirements. This distance is generally within the species disturbance
806 buffer distance (Manier et al. 2014). The USAF is planning to repeat these surveys during the 2019-2020
807 field season, and is in the process of developing appropriate greater sage-grouse management strategies.

808 **3.5 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / WASTE**

809 Hazardous materials are substances that are considered severely harmful to human health and the
810 environment. The use or release of hazardous materials usually results in the generation of hazardous
811 waste.

812 Hazardous waste is defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C.
813 §6901 et seq.) as a solid waste (or combination of solid wastes) which, because of its quantity,
814 concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may: (1) cause or contribute to an
815 increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating illness, or (2) pose a
816 substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated,
817 stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed. Four characteristics determine whether a
818 substance is considered hazardous. These include ignitability, corrosiveness, reactivity, and toxicity. Any
819 solid waste that exhibits one or more of these characteristics is considered a hazardous waste.

820 Hazardous materials currently utilized within Building 1440 include oils, solvents, and other materials
821 required to conduct aircraft maintenance and repairs. Floor drains and trenches are located in the hangar
822 bay space, shops, and storage rooms. These drain to an oil water separator and are then conveyed to the

823 Great Falls Public-Owned Treatment works. The small amount of hazardous waste generated is disposed
824 of accordance with all applicable federal regulations governing the disposal of hazardous waste.

825 The Administrative Rules of Montana 17.74.354 requires an asbestos inspection be completed for all
826 building materials prior to scheduled renovation activities to determine if asbestos containing materials
827 (ACM) are present. The MDEQ Asbestos Control Program (ACP) oversees the permitting of asbestos
828 abatement projects, the accreditation of asbestos-related occupations, and provides compliance assistance
829 to the regulated community and interested parties. The ACP is also delegated by the EPA to administer
830 the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart A, and the
831 National Emission Standard for Asbestos, 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M.

832 Lead-based paint (LBP) is of concern both as a source of direct exposure through ingestion of paint chips
833 and as a contributor to lead in interior dust and exterior soil. The EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting
834 Rule requires that contractors completing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb LBP in
835 schools, childcare facilities, and homes built before 1978 use certified renovators who are trained to
836 follow lead-safe practices. There is no state program for LBP.

837 A pre-renovation inspection of Building 1450 occurred in November 2018, and project-specific ACM and
838 LBP surveys have been conducted in areas of Building 1440 prior to small-scale renovations. A 2017
839 survey that included collection and analysis of 49 suspect building materials identified one sample of
840 nonfriable exhaust duct sealant that was presumed ACM. All other surveys conducted had negative
841 results for both ACM and LBP. Appropriate surveys would be conducted prior to renovation in any of the
842 Proposed Action buildings to determine whether hazardous materials are present.

843 A site inspection related to the presence of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) was conducted on
844 Malmstrom AFB in April 2018 (USACE 2018). Hangar 1440 historically conducted annual fire
845 suppression system testing which resulted in the release of AFFF solution to the apron. The AFFF
846 evaporated or drained into a grated drop inlet stormwater drain. A subsurface soil analysis indicated that
847 AFFF was not present in soil at concentrations above the screening levels for water. However, one
848 perched groundwater sample had concentrations of AFFF constituents above screening levels.

849 **3.6 CULTURAL RESOURCES**

850 Cultural resources include any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object considered
851 important to a culture, subculture, or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or other purposes.
852 They include archaeological resources, historic properties, and traditional resources. Archaeological
853 resources are found at locations where prehistoric or historic activity measurably altered the earth or
854 produced deposits of physical remains (e.g., arrowheads, bottles, etc.). Historic properties (as defined in
855 36 CFR 60.4) are significant archeological, architectural, or traditional resources eligible for listing, or
856 listed in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Traditional resources are associated with
857 cultural practices and beliefs of a living community that are rooted in its history and important in
858 maintaining the community's continuing cultural identity.

859 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal agencies consider what
860 effects their actions, funding, permit, or license may have on historic properties, and that they give the
861 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a "reasonable opportunity to comment" on such actions.
862 Actions in areas outside of a Historic District also need to be reviewed for their potential visual effects on
863 the Historic District.

864 Cultural resource management requirements on USAF installations are established in AFI 32-7065,
865 *Cultural Resources Management*. AFI 32-7065 details compliance requirements for protecting cultural

866 resources through an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP). The most recent study of
867 historic structures and resources of Malmstrom AFB did not find any of the buildings in the Proposed
868 Action area NRHP eligible. The USAF initiated consultation with the Montana State Historic
869 Preservation Office (SHPO) on 07 May 2019. The SHPO responded on 31 May with no comment
870 (Appendix A).

871 CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1501.2) require consultation with "... Indian tribes and with interested private
872 persons and organizations when its own involvement is reasonably foreseeable." In 1999, the Department
873 of Defense (DoD) promulgated its American Indian and Alaska Native Policy, which emphasized the
874 importance of respecting and consulting with tribal governments on a government-to-government basis.
875 The policy requires an assessment, through consultation, of the effect proposed DoD actions have on the
876 potential to significantly affect protected tribal resources, tribal rights, and Indian lands before decisions
877 are made by the services.

878 Malmstrom AFB has identified seven federally-recognized tribes that could be potentially affected by
879 activities on the installation. Malmstrom AFB has facilitated four tribal relations meetings inviting the
880 seven tribal governments in 2009, 2016, 2017, and 2018. None of the tribes have identified sites or issues
881 of religious or cultural significance in the context of Malmstrom AFB actions. The Malmstrom AFB
882 ITLO initiated consultation on the Proposed Action with tribal leaders on 17 April 2019. All letters sent
883 and responses received are provided in Appendix A.

884 **3.7 SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**

885 Safety and occupational health includes risks to the public and workers from conducting daily activities,
886 noise exposure, and exposure to unsafe or unhealthful environments. Although many routine activities
887 involve some degree of risk, there are numerous ways to enhance safety and minimize health risks.

888 Safety and occupational health requirements are codified in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of
889 1970 (PL 91-596, December 29, 1970, with amendments through January 1, 2004) and are regulated by
890 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Montana does not have an OSHA state plan
891 but does have regulations related to health and safety, including those found in the Montana Code
892 Annotated 39-71. The Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Safety and Health Bureau is the
893 primary state agency charged with addressing occupational health and safety.

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895 4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

896 4.1 INTRODUCTION

897 This section describes the anticipated environmental effects for resources that would be affected by the
898 considered alternatives. Effects are evaluated in terms of type (beneficial or adverse), context (setting or
899 location), intensity (none, negligible, minor, moderate, severe), and duration (short-term/temporary or
900 long-term/permanent). The type, context, and intensity of an effect on a resource are explained under each
901 resource area. Unless otherwise noted, short-term effects are those that would result from the activities
902 associated with the project's renovation phase, and that would end upon the completion of that phase.
903 Long-term effects are generally those resulting from operation of the proposed project.

904 4.2 NOISE / ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

905 4.2.1 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and 906 Delay Building 1440 Renovation

907 The number of operations would not change from existing conditions under this alternative; the BAI
908 would be used only to ensure that mission requirements are consistently satisfied. As Figure 5 shows, the
909 Noise Model Operational Data Documentation (NMODD) analysis (Appendix B) determined that
910 implementation of Alternative 1 would reduce aircraft noise, and that aircraft noise levels that would
911 trigger land use recommendations (65 dB) would be confined to areas well within the installation
912 boundary (the area of the 65 dB contour would be reduced from the current 7.8 acres to 3.3 acres, a 58
913 percent decrease). Construction-related noise would be short-term and very localized as it would be
914 limited to interior renovations. Therefore, Alternative 1 would result in a short-term negligible, localized
915 increase in construction noise, and a long-term decrease in noise caused by aircraft operations.

916 4.2.2 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking

917 Effects to noise / acoustic environment resources that would result from the implementation of this
918 alternative would be essentially the same as for Alternative 1 and would be less than significant. There
919 would be some additional construction noise in the short-term during assembly and removal of the
920 LAMS, but this would be extremely localized. The decrease in noise caused by aircraft operations would
921 be the same as for Alternative 1.

922 4.2.3 Alternative 3 — Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 or 923 1464

924 Effects to noise / acoustic environment resources that would result from the implementation of this
925 alternative would be essentially the same as for Alternative 1 and would result in a short-term negligible,
926 localized increase in construction noise, and a long-term decrease in noise caused by aircraft operations.

927 4.2.4 No Action Alternative

928 Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no change in the current noise / acoustic environment.
929 Aircraft noise levels that would trigger land use recommendations or result in noise-related complaints
930 would still be confined to areas well within the installation boundary.

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932 **4.3 AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

933 **4.3.1 Approach to Analysis**

934 AFI 32-7040, Air Quality Compliance and Resource Management, provides a framework for ensuring
935 that USAF actions conform to appropriate CAA, federal/state air regulations, and General Conformity
936 Rule requirements.

937 Section 3.4 of AFI 32-7040 (Conformity Rule Planning) applies to and addresses the evaluation of federal
938 actions located in NAAQS nonattainment and maintenance areas, and how the action would conform to
939 applicable State Implementation Plans.

940 Section 3.5 of AFI 32-7040 (NEPA and Environmental Impact Analysis Process Planning) outlines
941 requirements under NEPA for analysis of air quality effects and permitting requirements associated with a
942 proposed action. The analysis shall consider net emission changes of any NAAQS attainment pollutants,
943 HAPs, or other CAA-regulated pollutants. This section also requires, for completeness, that a General
944 Conformity applicability analysis be performed.

945 Both Sections 3.4 and 3.5 instruct that the USAF Air Conformity Applicability Model (ACAM) be used
946 as the air quality affect assessment tool. The ACAM has been designed to provide a uniform and
947 consistent method for calculating air emissions associated with various construction and operational
948 activities. ACAM (version 5.0.12) was authorized by the Malmstrom AFB Air and Water Resources
949 Manager and populated by the air quality SME to quantify effects of the Proposed Action. ACAM
950 assumptions and model results are provided in Appendix D.

951 Effects to air quality are evaluated in terms of the change in annual air emissions that would result from
952 the Proposed Action alternatives relative to baseline emissions levels. Any air emissions from
953 construction activity are considered to be temporary and result in short-term effects since these are
954 associated with one-time construction events. Any air emissions from operational activity are considered
955 to be a long-term effect because these are associated with recurring activities that would continue for the
956 foreseeable future. The alternatives under consideration would have the potential to increase operational
957 air emissions. However, there would be little or no construction-related air emissions.

958 There is no requirement to do conformity for any of the criteria pollutants at Malmstrom AFB, MT.

959 **4.3.2 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and**
960 **Delay Building 1440 Renovation**

961 Construction Emissions

962 Several existing structures would be renovated to house the new aircraft. However, no new construction
963 or demolition would occur. There would be no ground-disturbance activities (i.e., site preparation,
964 grading, excavation, paving, etc.). Therefore, there would be no short-term construction-related
965 emissions.

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967 Operational Emissions

968 Alternative 1 would involve replacing the current fleet of eight UH-1N helicopters with a total of 11 new
969 MH-139 aircraft (eight primary and three backup). The total number of continually active aircraft would
970 remain at eight. The backup aircraft would be inactive and only swapped out with the primary aircraft as
971 needed to maintain a full-strength fleet. The replacement beddown would occur from 2021 to 2023. A
972 surge in personnel would be anticipated during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft, after which
973 personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, this alternative would result in slightly more
974 personnel at Malmstrom AFB after the replacement beddown is completed. For the purpose of estimating
975 emissions associated with personnel vehicular traffic, it was assumed that an additional forty (40)
976 temporary personnel would be deployed to the base for three years to support this project.

977 Under this alternative, operational air emissions would occur from fuel combustion in the aircraft during
978 flight operations and associated aerospace ground equipment (AGE). Specifically, emissions from the
979 new aircraft and AGE would replace emissions from the old aircraft and AGE units. The net change in
980 emissions between new and old equipment will be used to define the level of affect to air quality
981 resources.

982 The Air Quality SME entered appropriate inputs into the ACAM to determine the net change in emissions
983 from the operational activities based on the project timeline. Emission activities entered in the model
984 included the new aircraft / AGE flight operations and increase in vehicular traffic (from increased base
985 personnel) as added emission sources. The old aircraft / AGE flight operations were entered as removed
986 emission sources. A typical helicopter flight operation at Malmstrom AFB involves an ascent, hovering,
987 and descent phase. The annual number of flight operations effects in such a large, remote area would be
988 minor and less than significant.

989 **4.3.3 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking**

990 **4.3.3.1 Vegetation Resources**

991 This alternative would take place on areas that are currently developed. Therefore, no effects to
992 vegetation resources would occur.

993 **4.3.3.2 Wildlife**

994 The LAMS would be constructed on currently paved area. Effects to wildlife would be the same as for
995 Alternative 1 and would be less than significant.

996 **4.3.3.3 Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species**

997 Effects to threatened, endangered, and sensitive species would be the same as for Alternative 1 and would
998 be less than significant.

999 **4.3.4 Alternative 3 — Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 or**
1000 **1464**

1001 **4.3.4.1 Vegetation Resources**

1002 This alternative would take place on areas that are currently developed. Therefore, no effect to vegetation
1003 resources would occur.

1004 **4.3.4.2 Wildlife**

1005 Effects to wildlife would be the same as for Alternative 1 and would be less than significant.

1006 **4.3.4.3 Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species**

1007 Effects to threatened, endangered, and sensitive species would be the same as for Alternative 1 and would
1008 be less than significant.

1009 **4.3.5 No Action Alternative**

1010 **4.3.5.1 Vegetation Resources**

1011 No effects to vegetation resources would occur under the No Action Alternative.

1012 **4.3.5.2 Wildlife**

1013 Effects to wildlife would be similar to those that would occur under Alternative 1 and would be less than
1014 significant.

1015 **4.3.5.3 Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species**

1016 Effects to threatened, endangered, and sensitive species would be similar to those that would occur under
1017 Alternative 1 and would be less than significant.

1018 **4.4 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / WASTE**

1019 **4.4.1 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and**
1020 **Delay Building 1440 Renovation**

1021 The implementation of Alternative 1 would result in a slight short-term increase in the use of hazardous
1022 materials and generation of hazardous waste during the beddown overlap period. Malmstrom AFB has the
1023 capacity and established protocols to properly handle these materials and wastes in accordance with all
1024 applicable federal regulations governing the storage of hazardous materials and the disposal of hazardous
1025 waste. The amount of these materials would return to a steady state once the beddown is complete.

1026 ACM and LBP inspections would be conducted prior to any building renovation. Based upon previous
1027 project-specific inspections the amount of ACM and LBP present would likely be very small. Any
1028 materials testing positive that must be disturbed would be abated and disposed of under permit and
1029 oversight of the MDEQ ACP. Therefore, effects related to hazardous materials / waste would be less than
1030 significant.

1031 **4.4.2 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking**

1032 Effects related to hazardous materials / waste would be similar to those for Alternative 1 and would be
1033 less than significant.

1034 **4.4.3 Alternative 3 — Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 or**
1035 **1464**

1036 Effects related to hazardous materials / waste would be the same as those for Alternative 1 and would be less
1037 than significant.

1038 **4.4.4 No Action Alternative**

1039 Effects related to hazardous materials / waste would be similar to those for Alternative 1 and would be
1040 less than significant.

1041 **4.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES**

1042 The USAF initiated consultation with the Montana SHPO on 07 May 2019. The SHPO responded on 31
1043 May with no comment (Appendix A).

1044 Malmstrom AFB consulted with seven federally-recognized affiliated reservations in Montana. Although
1045 none of the tribes have ever identified any sites or issues of religious or cultural significance in the
1046 context of Malmstrom AFB actions, Malmstrom AFB initiated government-to-government consultation
1047 with the seven tribes via certified mail on 07 April 2019. The Rocky Boy Reservation – Chippewa Cree
1048 Tribe responded on 09 May with a finding of No Adverse Effect. Malmstrom AFB sent a follow-up email
1049 to the non-responding tribes on 30 May. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe responded to that email on 07
1050 June and stated that they would provide comment when the draft EA is released for public review and
1051 comment. Tribal letters and all responses to date are included in Appendix A.

1052 **4.5.1 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown and**
1053 **Delay Building 1440 Renovation**

1054 Based upon the responses to date from the SHPO and Native American Tribes and the fact that the
1055 Proposed Action does not include any ground disturbing activities or alterations to the viewshed, no effect
1056 to Cultural Resources would be anticipated from the implementation of Alternative 1.

1057 **4.5.2 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking**

1058 Based upon the responses to date from the SHPO and Native American Tribes and the fact that the
1059 Proposed Action does not include any ground disturbing activities or permanent alterations to the
1060 viewshed, no effect to Cultural Resources would be anticipated from the implementation of Alternative 2.

1061 **4.5.3 Alternative 3 — Temporarily Move 341st MXG to Building 1450 and**
1062 **1464**

1063 Based upon the responses to date from the SHPO and Native American Tribes and the fact that the
1064 Proposed Action does not include any ground disturbing activities or alterations to the viewshed, no effect
1065 to Cultural Resources would be anticipated from the implementation of Alternative 3.

1066 **4.5.4 No Action Alternative**

1067 No effect to Cultural Resources would occur under the No Action Alternative.

1068 **4.6 SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**

1069 **4.6.1 Alternative 1 — Renovate Building 1450 for Initial Beddown Delay**
1070 **Building 1440 Renovation**

1071 All USAF standards, protocols, and programs to protect Air Force personnel and / or contractors from
1072 death, injuries, or occupational illnesses would be followed. During renovation, workers would be
1073 provided with appropriate personal protective equipment, which would include, but not be limited to,
1074 approved hard hats, safety shoes, gloves, goggles, eye / face protection, hearing protection, and traffic
1075 safety vests, where necessary. Therefore, no significant effect to safety and occupational health would be
1076 anticipated with the implementation of Alternative 1.

1077 **4.6.2 Alternative 2 — Construct LAMS for Temporary UH-1N Parking**

1078 As discussed for Alternative 1, no significant effect to safety and occupational health would be
1079 anticipated with the implementation of Alternative 2.

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1082 As discussed for Alternative 1, no significant effect to safety and occupational health would be
1083 anticipated with the implementation of Alternative 3.

1084 **4.6.4 No Action Alternative**

1085 No effect to safety and occupational health would occur under the No Action Alternative.

1086 **4.7 OTHER NEPA CONSIDERATIONS**

1087 **4.7.1 Unavoidable Adverse Effects**

1088 This EA identifies unavoidable adverse effects that would result from implementation of the considered
1089 alternatives and the significance of the potential effect to resources and issues. A determination of
1090 significance requires consideration of context and intensity as specified in 40 CFR §1508.27.
1091 Unavoidable adverse effects include those effects that cannot be avoided due to constraints in alternatives.

1092 Renovation of the existing facilities would temporarily affect the project area at Malmstrom AFB.
1093 Unavoidable short-term adverse effects associated with implementing the considered alternatives would
1094 include: the relocation of personnel, a minor increase in personnel for renovations, maintenance, and
1095 aircraft crew training. These effects are considered minor and temporary, and have been minimized to the
1096 extent practicable through design. The action is required for Malmstrom AFB to conduct its mission.

1097 **4.7.2 Relationship of Short-Term Uses and Long-Term Productivity**

1098 The relationship between short-term uses and enhancement of long-term productivity from project
1099 implementation is evaluated from the standpoint of short-term effects and long-term effects. Short-term
1100 effects would be those associated with the renovation activities. The long-term enhancement of
1101 productivity would be those effects associated with operation of more efficient, state-of-the-art aircraft to
1102 fulfill mission requirements after implementation of the Proposed Action.

1103 The considered alternatives represent an enhancement of long-term productivity for aircraft related
1104 requirements at Malmstrom AFB. The short-term adverse effects during renovation activities would be
1105 minor compared to the benefits from use of the renovated facilities. Immediate and long-term benefits
1106 would be realized for many years after completion of the action.

1107 **4.7.3 Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources**

1108 This EA identifies irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources associated with the considered
1109 alternatives. An irreversible effect is one that results from the use or destruction of resources that cannot
1110 be replaced within a reasonable time; for example, the use of energy associated with project
1111 implementation. An irretrievable effect is one that results from loss of resources that cannot be restored.
1112 Short-term irreversible commitments of resources associated with this project include planning and
1113 engineering costs, renovation materials and supplies and their cost, use of energy resources during
1114 renovation, and labor. No long-term irretrievable commitments of resources are anticipated.

1115 **4.8 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS**

1116 In accordance with CEQ NEPA implementation regulations (CEQ 1997), any past, present, and
1117 reasonably foreseeable future actions with the potential to cumulatively affect the same resources as the
1118 alternatives presented in Chapter 2 are presented below, followed by an analysis of cumulative effects.
1119 Future actions proposed in the area may require site-specific NEPA analysis prior to implementation.

1120 Cumulative effects on environmental resources result from incremental effect of an action, when
1121 combined with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects in the area. Cumulative
1122 effects may arise from single or multiple actions and may result in additive or interactive effects.
1123 Cumulative effects can result from minor, but collectively substantial, actions undertaken over time by
1124 various agencies (i.e., federal, state, and local) or individuals.

1125 Past actions are those that occurred within the same geographic scope of cumulative effects that have
1126 shaped the current environmental conditions of the project area. Generally, past actions have altered the
1127 resources that are the existing conditions described in Chapter 3. Past, present, and reasonably foreseeable
1128 future actions with the potential to affect the same resources as the Proposed Action are summarized
1129 below.

1130 **Completed Projects:**

1131 Construct snow barn, and
1132 Repair helicopter pad.

1133 **Short Range Projects (less than 5 years):**

1134 Construct a Tactical Response Force Alert Facility and Missile Maintenance Dispatch Facility,
1135 Construct a Weapons Storage Maintenance Facility,
1136 Construct a Helicopter Slide Area, and
1137 Construct a Missile Transfer Facility.

1138 **Medium Range Projects (5 to 10 years)**

1139 Construct an Alert Fire Team Facility, and
1140 Construct a Fire Station.

1141 **4.8.1 Noise / Acoustic Environment**

1142 Some of the short-range projects could occur at the same time as the Proposed Action, which would result
1143 in a short-term cumulative increase in construction noise that would be limited to the airfield area of the
1144 base. The Proposed Action would result in a long-term decrease in noise levels due to the quieter
1145 replacement aircraft. Therefore, no significant cumulative effects would be expected.

1146 **4.8.2 Air Quality and Climate Change**

1147 The Proposed Action would result in a negligible increase in air emissions. The other past, present, and
1148 reasonably foreseeable actions would result in a short-term increase in air emissions during construction.
1149 Cumulative effects to regional air quality would not change the current attainment status for NAAQS
1150 pollutants. Therefore, no significant cumulative effects would be expected.

1151 **4.8.3 Biological / Natural Resources**

1152 The Proposed Action would not result in effects to biological / natural resources beyond current
1153 conditions. Therefore, no significant cumulative effects would be expected.

1154 **4.8.4 Hazardous Materials / Waste**

1155 Malmstrom AFB has the capacity to handle and dispose of the small amounts of hazardous materials and
1156 waste generated on the Base. Therefore, no significant cumulative effects would be expected.

1157 **4.8.5 Cultural Resources**

1158 The Proposed Action would not have any effects on cultural resources. Therefore, no significant
1159 cumulative effects to cultural resources would occur.

1160 **4.8.6 Safety and Occupational Health**

1161 Projects in the vicinity of the Proposed Action would have common construction site safety risks. These
1162 risks would be minimized through best construction practices and implementing a health and safety plan
1163 to promote occupational safety. Operation of projects would not be expected to have appreciable effects
1164 on safety, health, or emergency services. None of the past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects,
1165 alone or in combination with the Proposed Action, would likely result in disproportionately high and
1166 adverse environmental health or safety risks to workers or the public. Therefore, cumulative effects on
1167 safety and occupational health would not be significant.

1168 **4.9 POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES**

1169 Because the effects associated with the considered alternatives to implement the Proposed Action are
1170 minor or less in magnitude, no mitigation measures are necessary. The USAF will, however, continue to
1171 support the Montana Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy and adjust operations as the mission allows.

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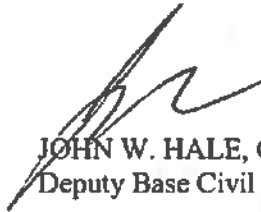
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Mr. Brown,

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed the maps, project description, and EA and has no comments or concerns regarding federally-listed or proposed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat. Such species that occur in greater Cascade County are not supported within the proposed currently developed project footprint and would not be affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Do not hesitate to contact Jeff Berglund at jeff_berglund@fws.gov or (406) 449-5225, ext. 206 if we may be of any further assistance. Thank you. JB

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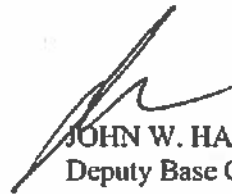
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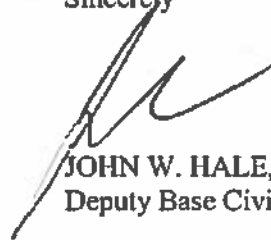
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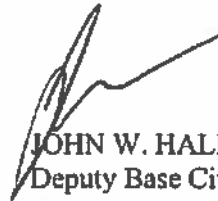
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HEADQUARTERS 341ST MISSILE WING (AFGSC)**

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Deputy Base Civil Engineer, 341st Civil Engineer Squadron
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Federal Aviation Administration
Northwest Mountain Region
1601 Lind Avenue, Southwest
Helena, MT 59626

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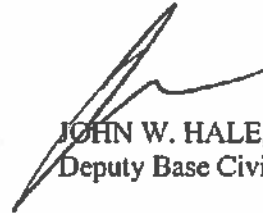
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Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division
Attn: Mr. Tim Davis, Administrator
1520 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620

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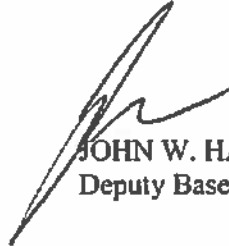
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Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Dr. Mark Baumler, Montana SHPO
225 North Roberts, PO Box 201201
Helena, MT 59620

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From: Brown, Peter <pebrown@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 9:03 AM
To: ELLSWORTH, CANDACE GS-12 USAF AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE
Cc: BROWN, ROBERT A GS-12 USAF AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Helicopter Beddown EA

Candace,

I went over the EA earlier this week. SHPO has no comment.

Thanks for asking.

Pete

From: ELLSWORTH, CANDACE GS-12 USAF AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE [mailto:candace.ellsworth@us.af.mil]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Brown, Peter <pebrown@mt.gov>
Cc: BROWN, ROBERT A GS-12 USAF AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE <robert.brown.124@us.af.mil>
Subject: Helicopter Beddown EA

Pete,

Just following up to see if your office received our letter concerning the Helicopter Beddown EA at Malmstrom. If you have any questions, please let us know. I am going to be TDY next week, but Rob will be available if you need anything (406-731-7099).

v/r

Candace R Ellsworth, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Cultural and Tanks Program Manager, Malmstrom AFB
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7 APR 2019

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39 78th Street North
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Honorable Andrew Werk, Jr.
President
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation
656 Agency Main Street
Harlem, MT 59526

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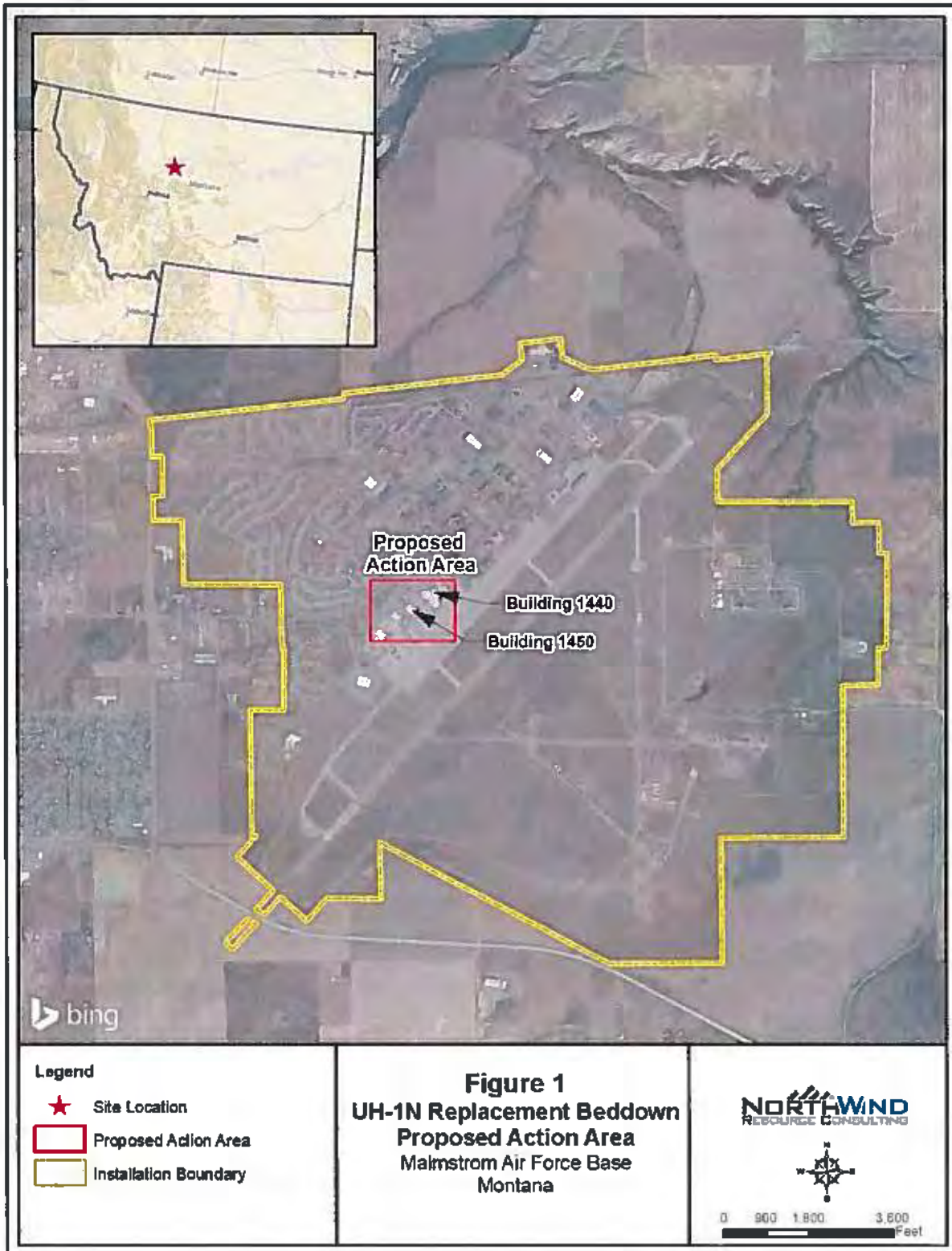
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17 APR 2019

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Honorable Rynalea Whiteman Pena
President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
600 Cheyenne Avenue
PO Box 128
Lame Deer, MT 59043

Dear President Whiteman Pena,

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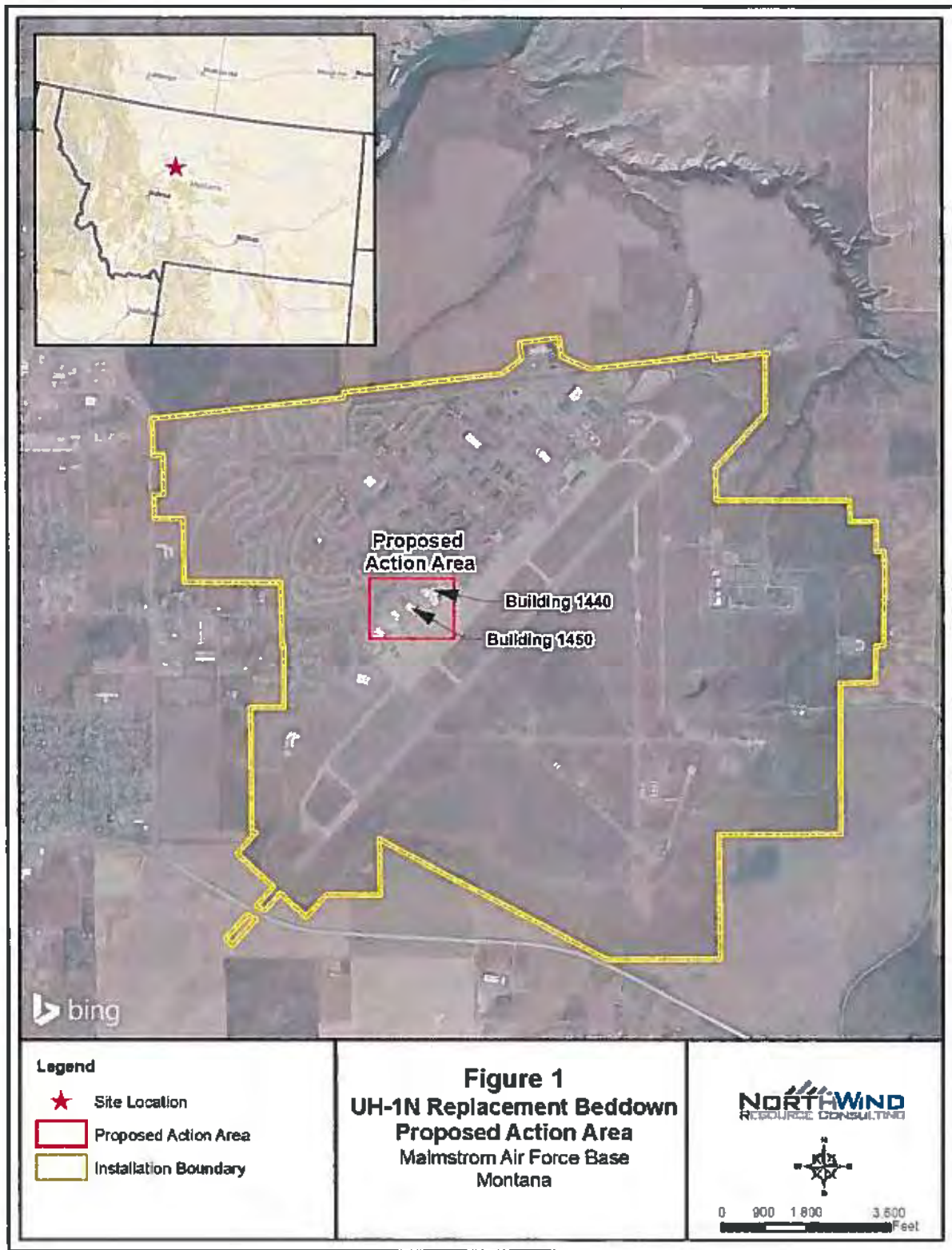
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From: Teanna Limpy <teanna.limpy@cheyennation.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 5:46 PM
To: BROWN, ROBERT A GS-12 USAF AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Helicopter Beddown EA

Mr. Brown,

Thank you for the inquiry. We will provide comment when the draft EA is ready for public review, just keep us informed on any actions requiring our attention.

Thanks,

Teanna Limpy, THPO
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
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Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:07 PM
To: William Big Day <William.BigDay@crow-nsn.gov>; Teanna Limpy <teanna.limpy@cheyennation.com>; mblackwolf@ftbelknap.org; kyle.felsman@cskt.org; John Murray <jmflydown@gmail.com>; d.youpee@fortpecktribes.net
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Good Morning

I am writing to do a follow up for the proposed action for the Beddown of new Helicopters at Malmstrom AFB. This proposed action consists of bedding down new helicopters which Malmstrom AFB will be using in the near future. The action involves remodeling several existing hangars on MAFB in the developed area near the flight line on base. We will be providing a copy of the Draft EA when it goes out for public review for your review and comments, in the near future.

A Letter of Notification for this proposed action was sent on April 17, 2019. If you would like me to resend a copy of that letter please let us know. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the proposed action.

v/r

Rob Brown

Robert A Brown (Rob)

NEPA Manager
Malmstrom AFB, Montana
406-731-7099
DSN632-7099



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Crow Agency, MT 59022

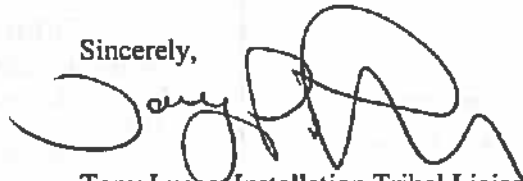
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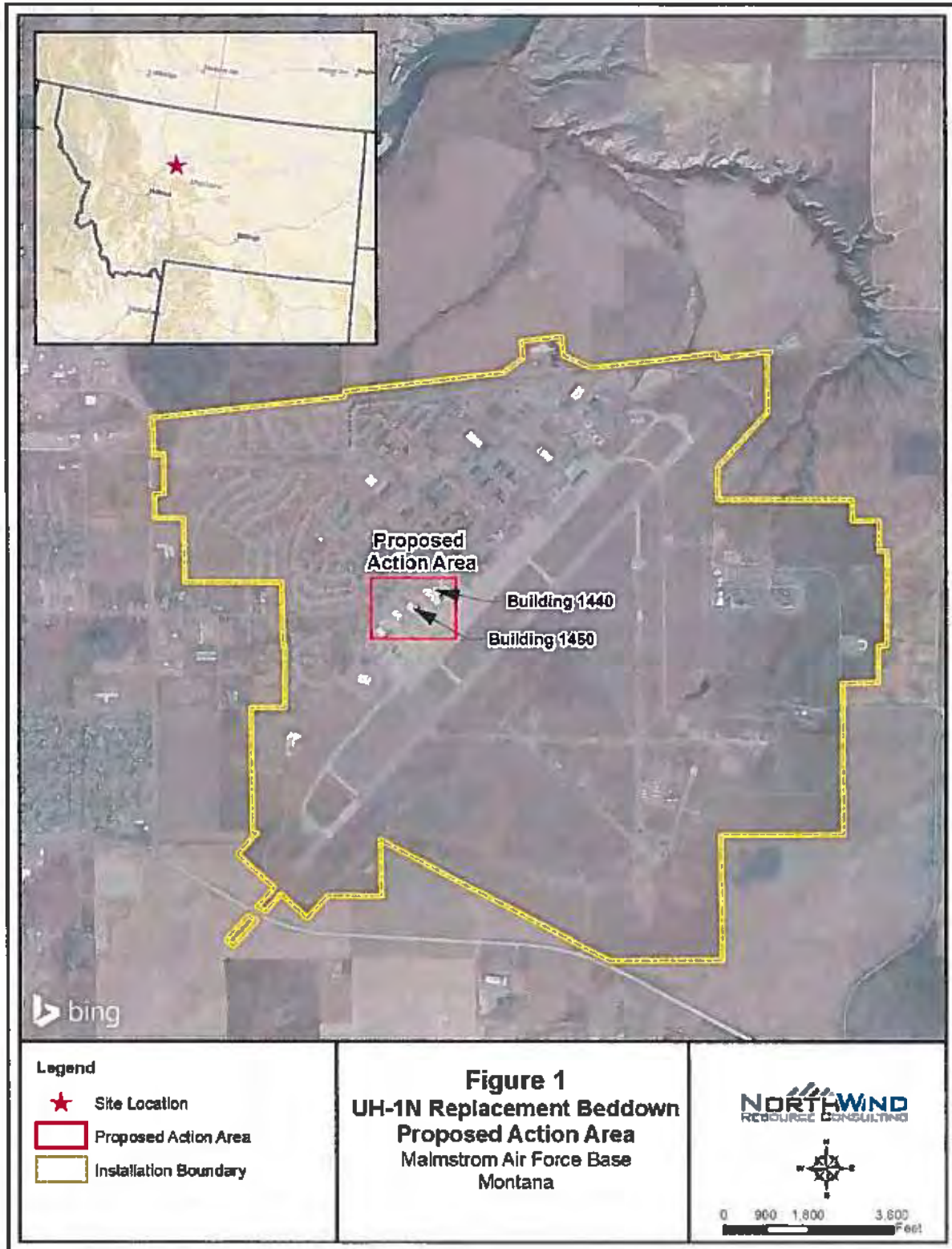
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Chairman
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
PO Box 278
42487 Complex Boulevard
Pablo, MT 59855

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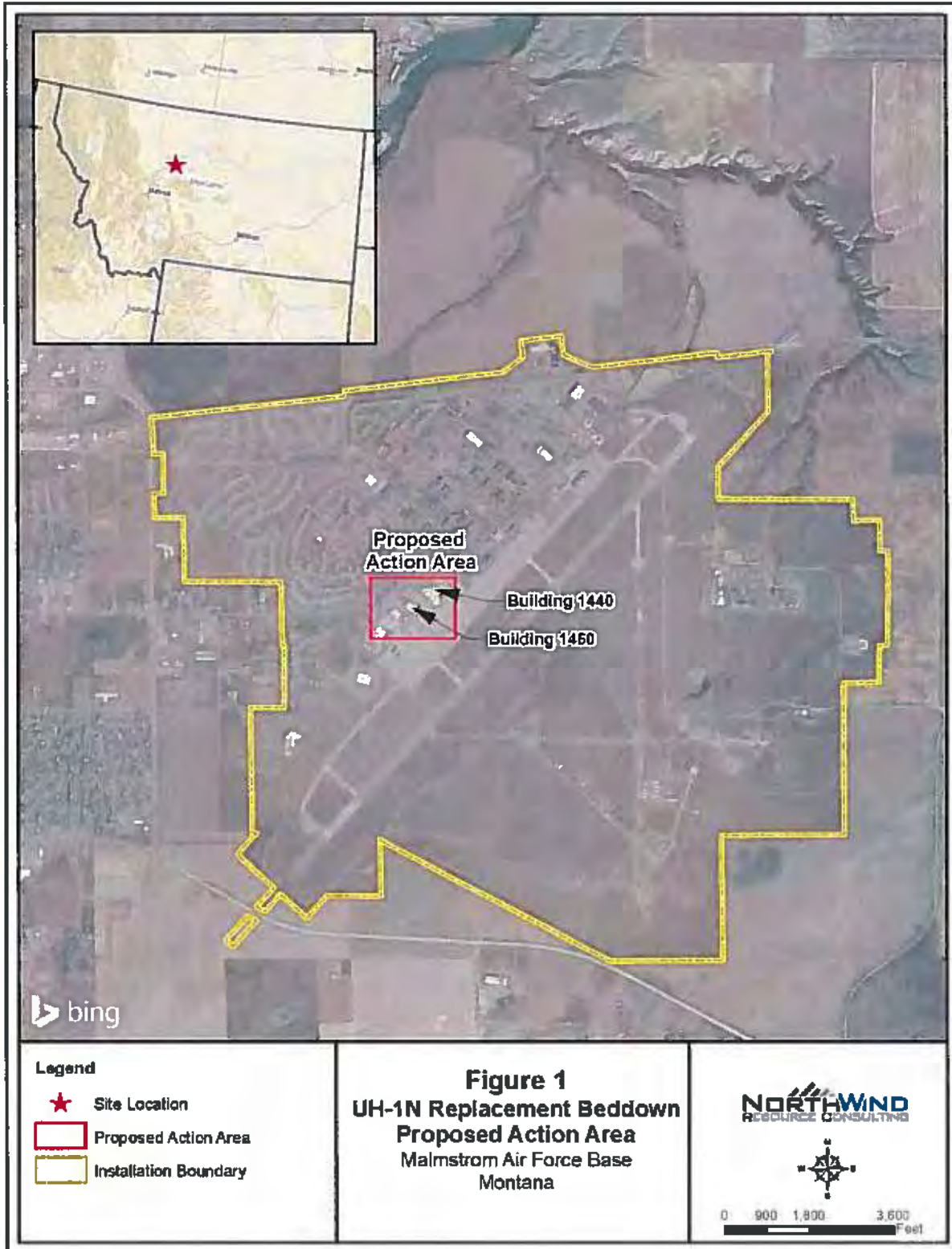
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Honorable Harlan Baker
Chairman
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
PO Box 230
96 Clinic Road North
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Dear Chairman Baker,

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tony Lucas, Installation Tribal Liaison Officer, at (406) 731-7794; tony.lucas@us.af.mil; or 39 78th Street North, Malmstrom AFB, MT 59402-7536. You may also contact Mr. Rob Brown, NEPA Program Manager, at (406) 731-7099 341, robert.brown.124@us.af.mil, or at the same mailing address as Mr. Lucas. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort.

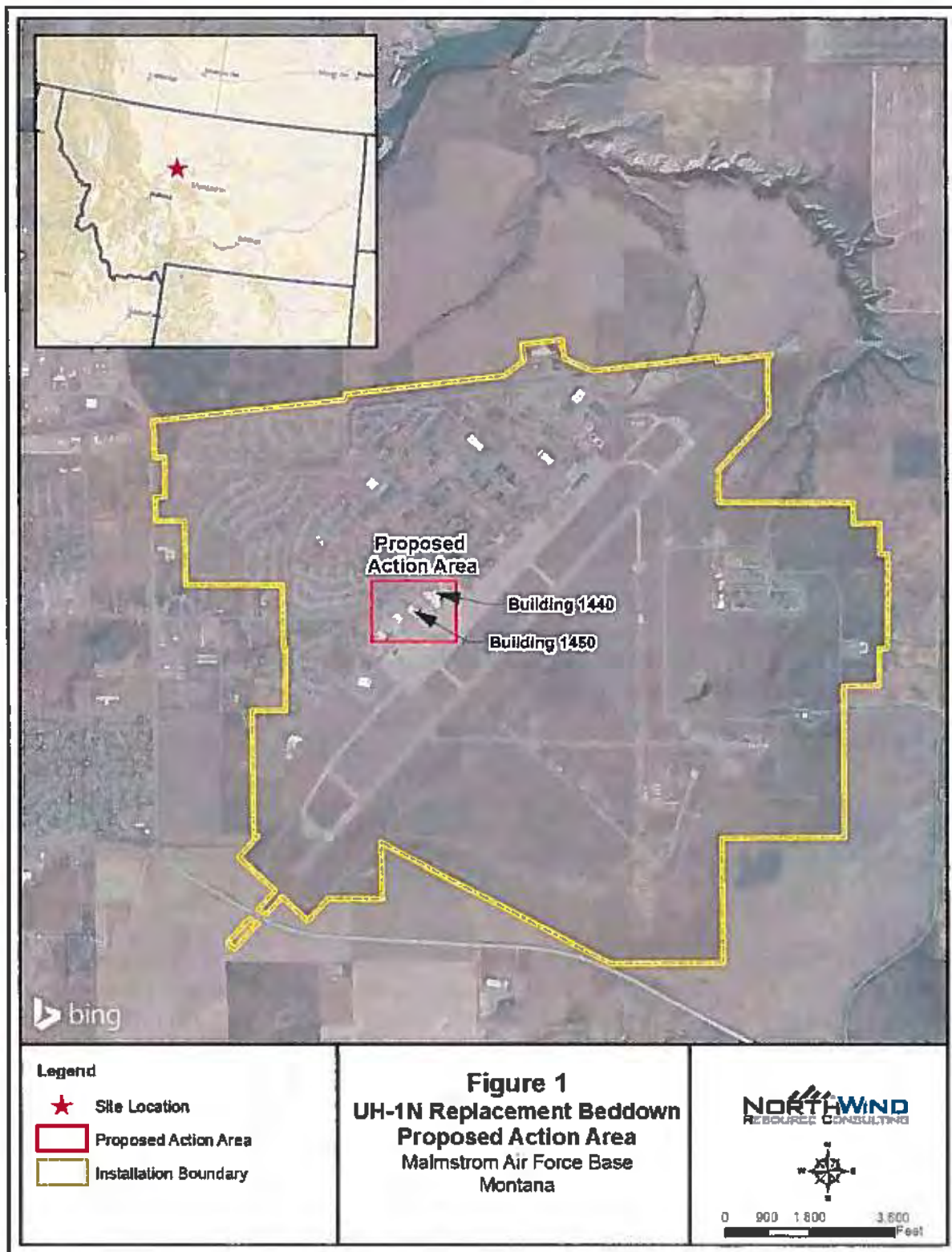
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Tony Lucas, Installation Tribal Liaison Officer
Malmstrom AFB

Attachment 1: Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives
CC: Mr. Jonathan Windy Boy, THPO

Attachment 1. Proposed Action Area





Chippewa Cree Cultural Resources Preservation Department

"Our mission is to maintain and inspire the traditional values that relate to the Ojibwa and Nei-yahw way of life for its people through established principles: Culture, History, Language and Life."

To: Tony Lucus
Date: May 9, 2019
Project: UH-1N Replacement Beddown, Malmstrom AFB

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FINDING OF NO ADVERSE EFFECT – While there may be cultural resources directly affected by the proposed undertaking, the integrity of this resource is not compromised. The Chippewa Cree Tribe does not recommend this site as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. However, if cultural materials are discovered during construction please notify the Chippewa Cree Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2A4, after reviewing the materials you provided for the *Harlan Baker's Homesite Project*, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Historic Preservation Office finds that there is low potential for an adverse effect impacting cultural resources significant to the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

The proposed undertaking does not directly affect a documented tribal cultural resource. The vicinity of the project is significant to the Chippewa Cree Tribe. According to our tribal elders, historians, and archaeological/anthropological evidence, the Chippewa & Cree Tribes have a long and storied history throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana. That history includes major sacred events, encampments, medicinal plants and other significant markers that indicate our footprint throughout this entire region. Since the area around the project was heavily utilized in prehistoric times, it is particularly important for the ground disturbance to remain in the areas designated in the original site plans.

No further cultural resource work is necessary for this project as long as the areas outlined are adhered to. If additional work is necessary outside the areas designated, please notify our department to make the necessary arrangements. In the unlikely event that an artifact of unknown cultural origin is uncovered during ground disturbing activities, we request that all construction activities cease and that our office is contacted immediately for a review.

Thank you,

Jonathan Windy Boy.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



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Honorable Timothy Davis
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Dear Chairman Davis,

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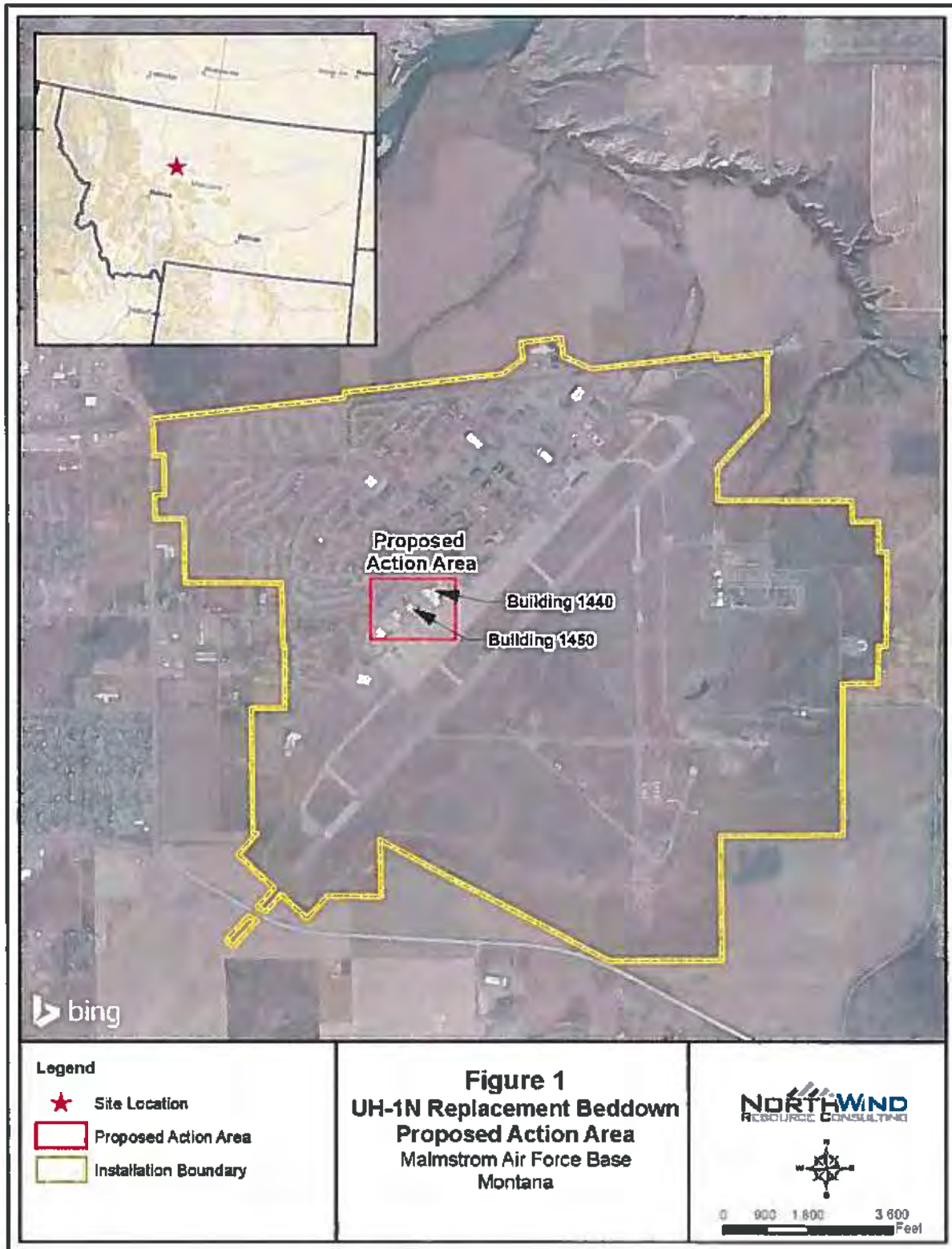
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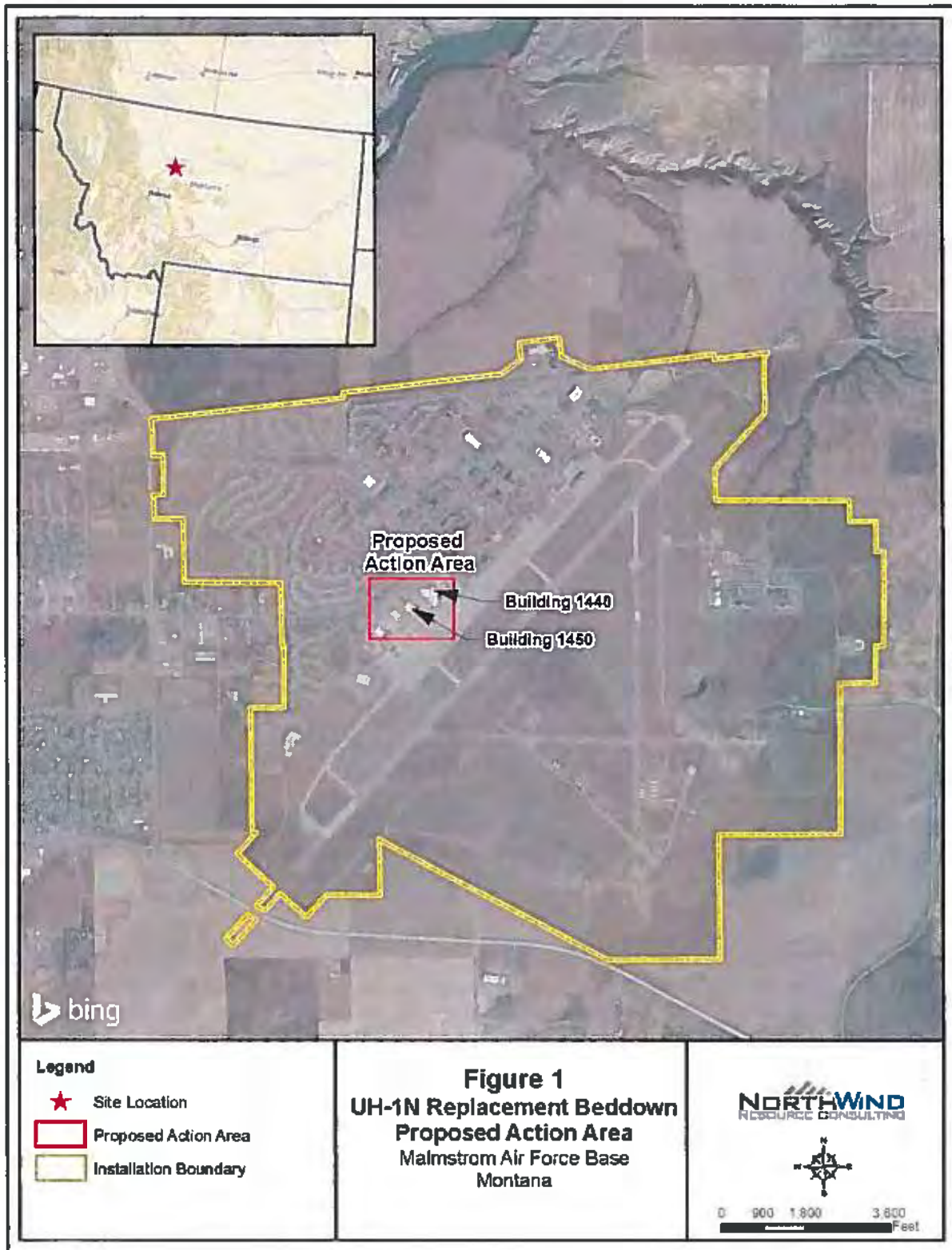
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

U.S. Air Force UH-1N Replacement Beddown Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana

The U.S Air Force is proposing to replace the current fleet of Bell UH-1N “Huey” helicopters with Boeing MH-139 helicopters and provide facilities to house and maintain the replacement aircraft. The proposed aircraft are required because *while the UH-1 is reliable and capable, it is a Vietnam-era aircraft that does not meet nuclear missile convoy escort and emergency security response mission requirements*. The U.S. Air Force has identified the need for a helicopter that is faster, quieter, more resilient, and has a higher payload capacity and extended range to handle the escort of convoys, missile field contingencies, transportation of government officials, and range support. *The MH-139 will meet the needs to secure and defend the nation’s ICBMs and provide continuity of government flights, training, testing, and operational support airlift.*

The U.S. Air Force has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact, (FONSI), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), that is available for public comment. The EA and FONSI evaluate the environmental impacts from the proposed beddown and renovations. The public comment period for the EA and FONSI is 30 days from the date of this posting.

The EA and FONSI can be reviewed online at <https://www.malmstrom.af.mil/About-Us/Environmental-Resources/> and at the following libraries:

Great Falls Public Library
301 2nd Ave N
Great Falls, MT 59401

University of Providence Library
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**Comments must be
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Executive Summary

This Noise Model Operational Data Documentation (NMODD) is in support of an Environmental Assessment (EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the proposed beddown by the US Air Force (USAF) of eleven (11) Augusta Westland MH-139 helicopters, replacing eight (8) Bell UH-1N Huey helicopters, at Malmstrom Air Force Base (AFB), in Great Falls, MT. By the end of Calendar Year (CY) 2023 (CY23), it is proposed that all eight (8) UH-1N helicopter would be gone, eight (8) of the MH-139 aircraft would be in operation and three (3) would be held in maintenance on standby.

Operational Scenarios Modeled

This NMODD considers two scenarios for the EA:

1. Baseline/No Action Alternative (referred to as simply “Baseline” for brevity) and
2. Proposed Action. The Proposed Action considers all based aircraft operations would be by the MH-139, with no activity by the UH-1N.

Modeling was accomplished with the Advanced Acoustic Model (AAM) and the legacy core program of the NOISEMAP suite (NMAP). AAM was used for flight operations. NMAP was used for static operations. Noise exposure was computed in terms of Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) for annual average daily operations. DNL contours of 65, 70 and 75 decibels (dB) are shown.

Interviews Conducted

Major Jeffrey S. Miser (jeffrey.miser@us.af.mil; AFGSC 40 HS/ADO) of the 40th Helicopter Squadron (40HS) provided the necessary updates to flight and static operations occurring at GFA. The USAF anticipates no change in the quantity of aircraft operations for the Proposed Action, by either based or transient aircraft.

Results Summary

The 65 DNL contour would remain within the base’s boundary for the Proposed Action.

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1 Modeling Overview

The International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) abbreviation for Malmstrom AFB is KGFA, shortened to just “GFA” for brevity for the purposes of this NMODD.

1.1 Noise Metric and Levels of Significance

The noise contour methodology used herein is the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) metric of describing the noise environment. Efforts to provide a national uniform standard for noise assessment have resulted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopting DNL as the standard noise descriptor for use in land use planning.

The DNL metric can be used to describe different types of sounds. Because human hearing picks up noise energy in certain frequency ranges better than others, sound energy in certain frequency bands is emphasized when measuring noise to best predict effects. For aircraft noise and most other types of sound, the frequencies most easily audible to humans are emphasized using a function known as A-weighting. Because A-weighting is prevalent, sounds can be assumed to be A-weighted unless otherwise specified.

The Air Force uses the DNL descriptor in assessing the amount of aircraft noise exposure and as a metric for community response to the various levels of exposure. The DNL values most commonly used for planning purposes are 65, 70, 75, and 80 decibels (dB). Land use guidelines are based on the compatibility of various land uses with these noise exposure levels. It is generally recognized that a noise environment descriptor should consider, in addition to the annoyance of a single event, the effect of repetition of such events and the time of day in which these events occur. DNL begins with a single-event descriptor and adds corrections for the number of events and the time of day. Since the primary development concern is residential, nighttime events are considered more annoying than daytime events and are weighted by a factor of 10. DNL values are computed from the single-event noise descriptor, plus corrections for number of flights and time of day (see Figure 1-1).

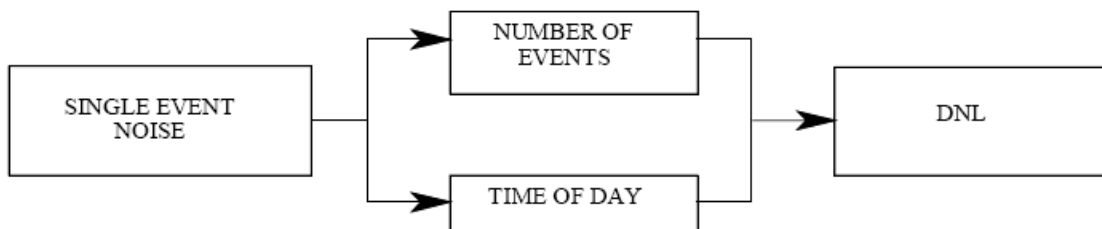


Figure 1-1. A-weighted Day-Night Average Sound Level

As part of the extensive data collection process, detailed information is gathered on the type of aircraft, time of day, and the number of flying operations for each flight track during a typical day. This information is used in conjunction with the single-event noise descriptor to produce DNL values. These values are combined on an energy summation basis to provide single DNL values for the mix of aircraft operations at the base. Equal value points are connected to form the contour lines.

1.2 Computer Noise Model

Data describing flight track distances and turns, altitudes, airspeeds, power settings, flight track operational utilization, maintenance locations, ground run-up engine power settings, and number and duration of runs by type of aircraft/engine are assembled. Trained personnel process the data for input into the NOISEMAP computer program. Aircraft operations parameters are reviewed for accuracy by operational unit points of contact prior to running the noise model.

Table 1-1 lists the computerized noise models used for this NMODD and pertinent modeling parameters discussed herein. The models used are described briefly below.

NOISEMAP is a suite of computer programs and components developed by the US Department of Defense to predict noise exposure near an airfield due to aircraft flight, maintenance, and ground run-up operations. The components of NOISEMAP are as follows:

- BASEOPS is the input module for NOISEMAP and is used to enter detailed aircraft flight track and profile and ground maintenance operational data.
- NOISEFILE is a comprehensive database of measured military and civil aircraft noise data. Aircraft operational information is matched with the noise measurements in NOISEFILE after the detailed aircraft flight and ground maintenance operational data have been entered into BASEOPS.
- NMAP and AAM (the Advanced Acoustics Model) are the core computational modules in NOISEMAP. NMAP and AAM take BASEOPS input and uses the NOISEFILE database to calculate the noise levels caused by aircraft events at specified grid points in the airbase vicinity. The output of NMAP is a series of georeferenced data points, specific grid point locations, and corresponding noise levels.
- NMPLOT is the program for viewing and editing the sets of georeferenced data points. NMPLOT plots the NMAP output from the aforementioned noise contour grid and can export the noise contours as files used in mapping programs for analyzing the noise impacts.

For the purposes of this project, AAM was used for flight operations. NMAP was used for static operations. Noise exposure was computed in terms of Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) for annual average daily operations. DNL contours of 65, 70 and 75 decibels (dB) are shown.

The airframes involved in the Baseline and Proposed Action scenarios are not available in the AAM's or NMAP's databases. The Baseline UH-1N flight operations were modeled with AAM's AH-1W Super Cobra. The proposed MH-139 flight operations were modeled with AAM's SH-60B Seahawk. The static operations were modeled with NMAP's UH-1M Iroquois Huey and its UH-60A Blackhawk. The suite's BaseOps and NMPLOT programs were used to compute grids of DNL from NMAP and AAM and logarithmically sum each noise grid to compute the resultant DNL contours, respectively.

The airfield modeling uses a local coordinate system with the origin at the GFA Airfield Reference Point (ARP), which has geographical coordinates of 47.506024° North / 111.18976° West and an elevation of 3,478 feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL). The current magnetic declination is 12.4° East. All maps in this report depict a north arrow pointing to true north.

Table 1-1 Noise Models and Parameters

Aircraft Noise Models			
Software	Analysis	Version	
Advanced Acoustic Model (AAM)	AH-1W (UH-1N surrogate) flight noise SH-60B (MH-139 surrogate) flight noise (see note 1)	2.0	
NMAP	UH-1M (UH-1N surrogate) and UH-60A (MH-139 surrogate) run-up noise	7.3	
Modeling Parameters			
Modeling Parameter	Description		
Receiver Grid Spacing	500 ft in x and y		
Modeled flying days	365		
Magnetic Declination	12.4 deg East		
Reference Point Elevation	3,478 ft MSL		
Topography (source unknown; see note 2)			
Elevation and Impedance Grid Spacing	500 ft in x and y		
Flow Resistivity of Land Areas (soft)	225 kPa-s/m ²		
Flow Resistivity of Water Areas (hard)	100,000 kPa-s/m ²		
Weather (modeled condition chosen by BaseOps program highlighted; Malmstrom AFB 1988-2017)			
Month	Temperature (deg F)	Relative Humidity (%)	Pressure (inHg)
January	26.8	62.1	1013.80
February	29.6	59.4	1014.02
March	27.8	55.4	1012.50
April	46.2	53.5	1012.39
May	54.3	55.4	1013.55
June	62.9	54.3	1006.33
July	71.0	44.8	1015.60
August	69.0	43.9	1015.98
September	59.7	43.4	1015.98
October	48.3	54.6	1015.08
November	36.6	56.6	1013.36
December	27.9	59.8	1012.57

Notes:

- 1) permission to use NCfiles for each of these airframes obtained from NAVFAC HQ (Danesi 2018)
- 2) Elevation and impedance files from AFCEC's 2014 modeling of Malmstrom AFB

The modeling used the topography data files from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's (AFCEC) 2014 work for a potential update of Malmstrom AFB's Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) study¹. AFCEC's files had grid spacings of 500 feet and were presumably based on data obtained from the US Geological Survey. AFCEC specified areas of land as acoustically "soft" surfaces, with a flow resistivity of 225 kPa-s/m², and bodies of water as "hard" surface, with a flow resistivity of 100,000 kPa-s/m². No large bodies of water exist near GFA.

¹ Electronic mail from Robert Brown, GS-12 AFGSC 341 CES/CEIE, to Brandon Robinette and Joseph Czech, HMMH, re: "Data Needs => EA for the UH-1N Replacement Beddown at Malmstrom AFB", October 15, 2018.

Local weather conditions (e.g., temperature, relative humidity, and air pressure) influence how quickly sound is absorbed by the atmosphere as it travels outward from its source. This report utilized detailed daily average weather conditions for each month from GFA. Average daily temperature and relative humidity values are plotted in Figure 1-2. The average temperatures for summer months (May to September) and winter months (October to April) are 63°F and 35°F, respectively, and the average temperature overall is 47°F. Relative humidity for the same periods over the course of an entire day are 48 percent for the summer months and 57 percent for winter months. The NOISEMAP suite’s BaseOps program computes absorption coefficients for each month and selects the median coefficient to use in the noise exposure modeling (U.S. Air Force 1992). The modeled conditions selected by the BaseOps program correspond to the month of August with a temperature of 69°F and a relative humidity of nearly 44 percent.

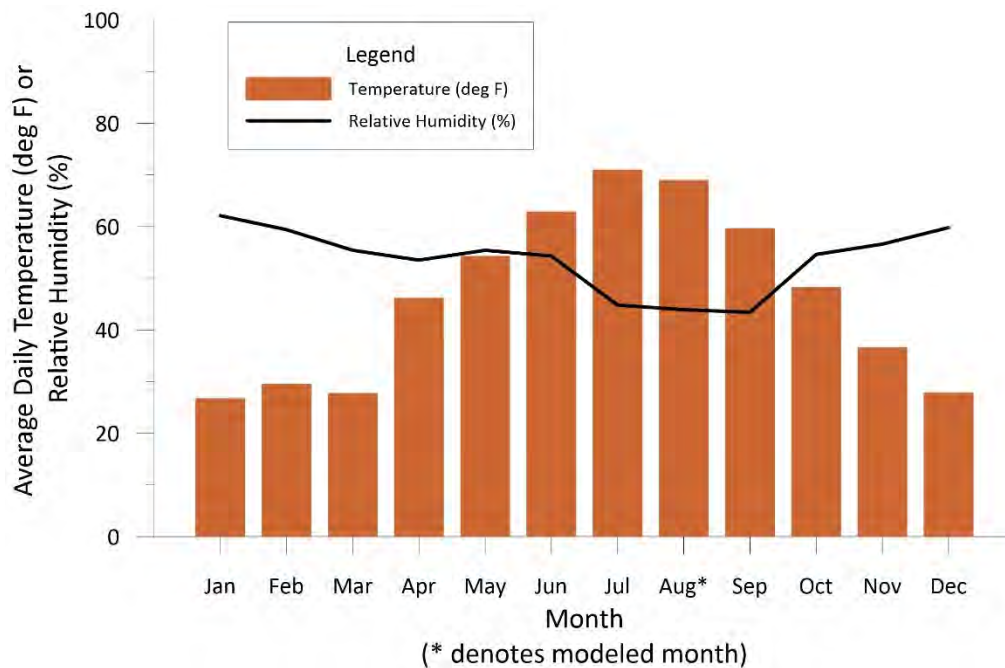


Figure 1-2. Average Daily Temperature and Relative Humidity for Each Month

2 Flight Operations

Table 2-1 summarizes the annual flight operations. The 40th Helicopter Squadron (HS) contributes nearly all of the annual flight operations at GFA. Transient operations were not modeled for any scenario due to their lack of significant contribution to the overall DNL. The Baseline operations total nearly 7,600. The No Action scenario would be identical to the Baseline scenario. The Proposed Action scenario would be identical to the No Action and Baseline scenarios except the aircraft type would be the MH-139, instead of the UH-1N.

The 40th HS indicated 20 percent of their annual departure and arrival operations are during the DNL nighttime period (2200-0700).

Table 2-1 Summary of Annual Flight Operations, by Scenario

Squadron/ Unit	PAA	Representing Aircraft Type	Baseline			No Action			Proposed Action		
			Day (0700- 2200)	Night (2200- 0700)	Total	Day (0700- 2200)	Night (2200- 0700)	Total	Day (0700- 2200)	Night (2200- 0700)	Total
40th HS	8	UH-1N	7,114	452	7,566	7,114	452	7,566			
	11	MH-139							7,114	452	7,566
Transient		CH-47	2	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2
		UH-60	2	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2
Total			7,118	452	7,566	7,118	452	7,570	7,118	452	7,570

Table 2-2 shows the UH-1N/MH-139's annual flight operations in greater detail. The operation subtypes listed in the table pertain to the modeled flight tracks depicted in Section 3. The 40th HS indicated less than 1 percent of their annual closed pattern operations are during the DNL nighttime period (2200-0700). None of their practice emergency closed operations are during the DNL nighttime period.

Table 2-2 Annual Flight Operations by Type and Subtype

Operation Type	subtype1	subtype2	Annual Flight Operations		
			Day (0700-2200)	Night (2200-0700)	Total
Departure		Southwest	125	31	156
		South1	88	22	110
		South2	88	22	110
		Cat1/Convoy	292	73	365
		Mountains	117	29	146
		Northwest	125	31	156
Arrival		Southwest	125	31	156
		South1	88	22	110
		South2	88	22	110
		Cat1/Convoy	292	73	365
		Mountains	117	29	146
		Northwest	125	31	156
Closed Pattern*	Local VFR	Tight	386	30	416
		Avoid	86	6	92
		West	10	-	10
	Emergency	Autorotation	1,850	-	1,850
		Other	2,960	-	2,960
		Tactical	104	-	104
	Hover Checks	48	-	48	
<i>Subtotals and Grand Total</i>					
	Departure		835	208	1,043
	Arrival		835	208	1,043
	Closed Pattern*		5,396	36	5,432
	Hover		48	-	48
TOTAL			7,114	452	7,566

*Shown as two operations for each circuit

3 Flight Tracks and their Utilization

The flight tracks shown in this section represent actual ground paths followed by aircraft flying to and from Malmstrom AFB runways/helipads. It is fully recognized that flying operations, particularly when conducted under Visual Flight Rules (VFR), vary from one operation to the next even when conducting the same procedure. Variations may be a result of winds, other air traffic, pilot preference, or a multitude of other factors. Instrument Landing System (ILS) operations have less variability.

Departure flight operations occur only from the “Pedro Pad”. Arrivals are to either the “Pedro Pad”, the “Paved Slide Area” or the “Grass Slide Area”. Figures 3-1 through 3-6 show the modeled departure and arrival flight paths, grouped by their mission/type, e.g., “Northwest” listed in Table 2-2 above.

Figures 3-7 through 3-12 show the modeled closed pattern flight tracks, grouped similarly to the operations in Table 2-2.

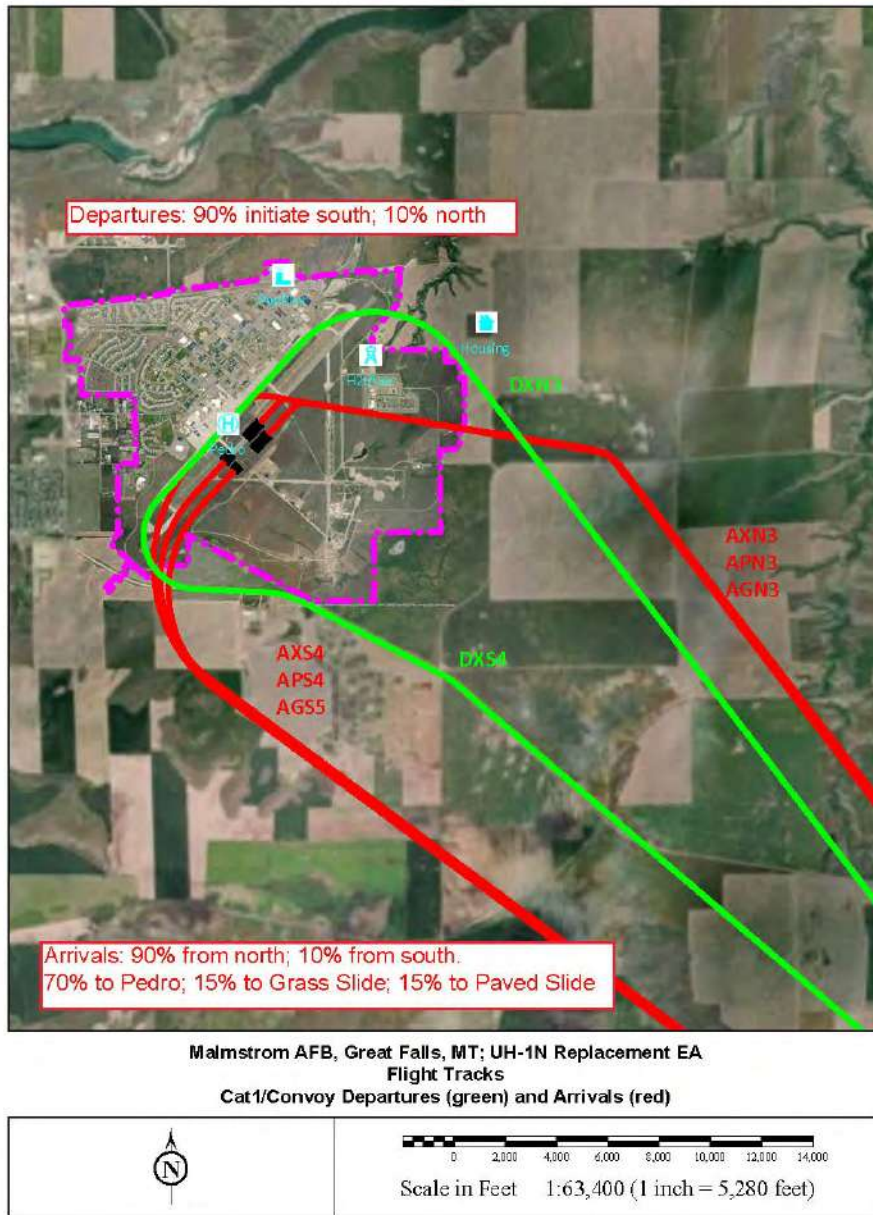


Figure 3-1. Cat1/Convoy Departures and Arrivals

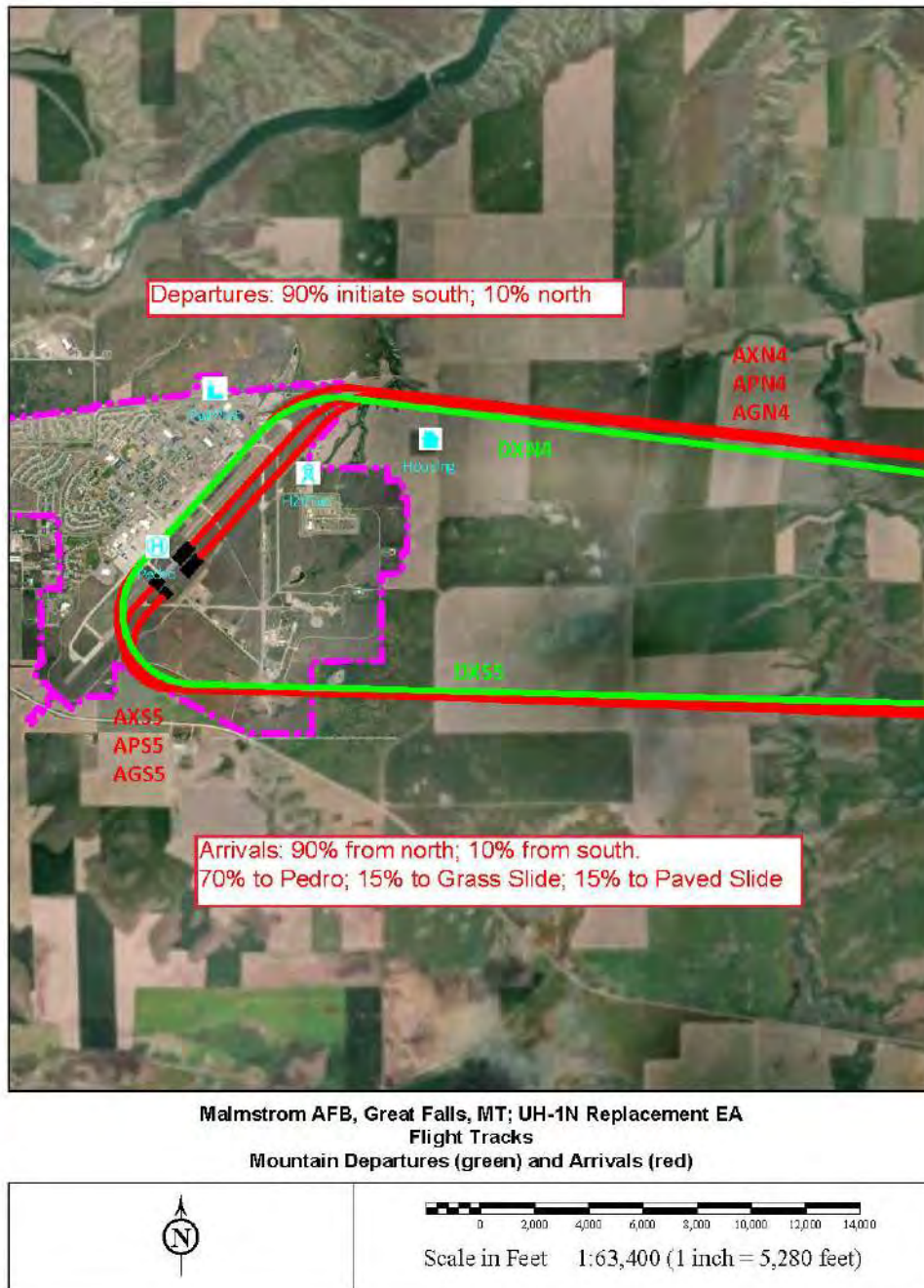


Figure 3-2. Mountain Departures and Arrivals



Figure 3-3. Northwest Departures and Arrivals

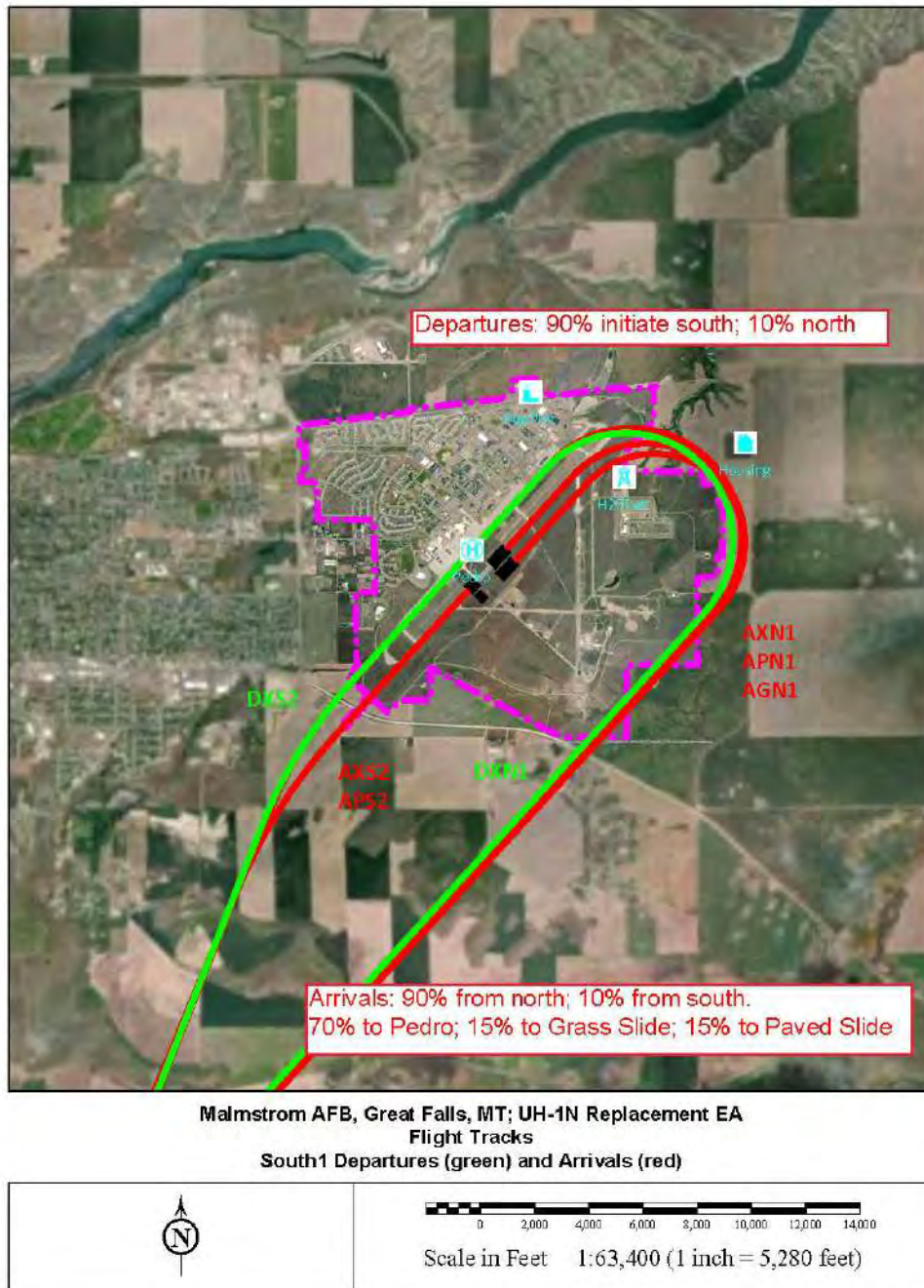


Figure 3-4. South1 Departures and Arrivals

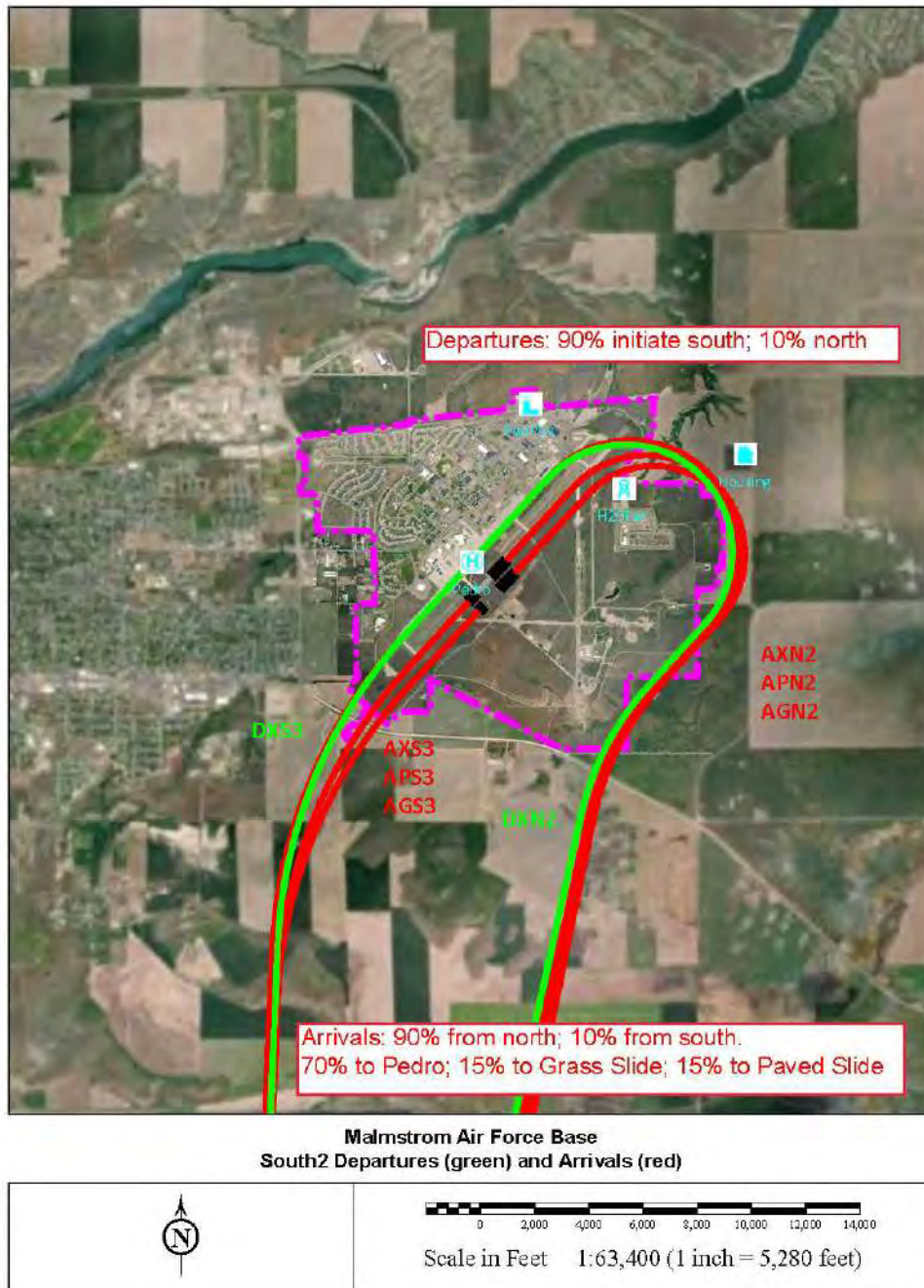


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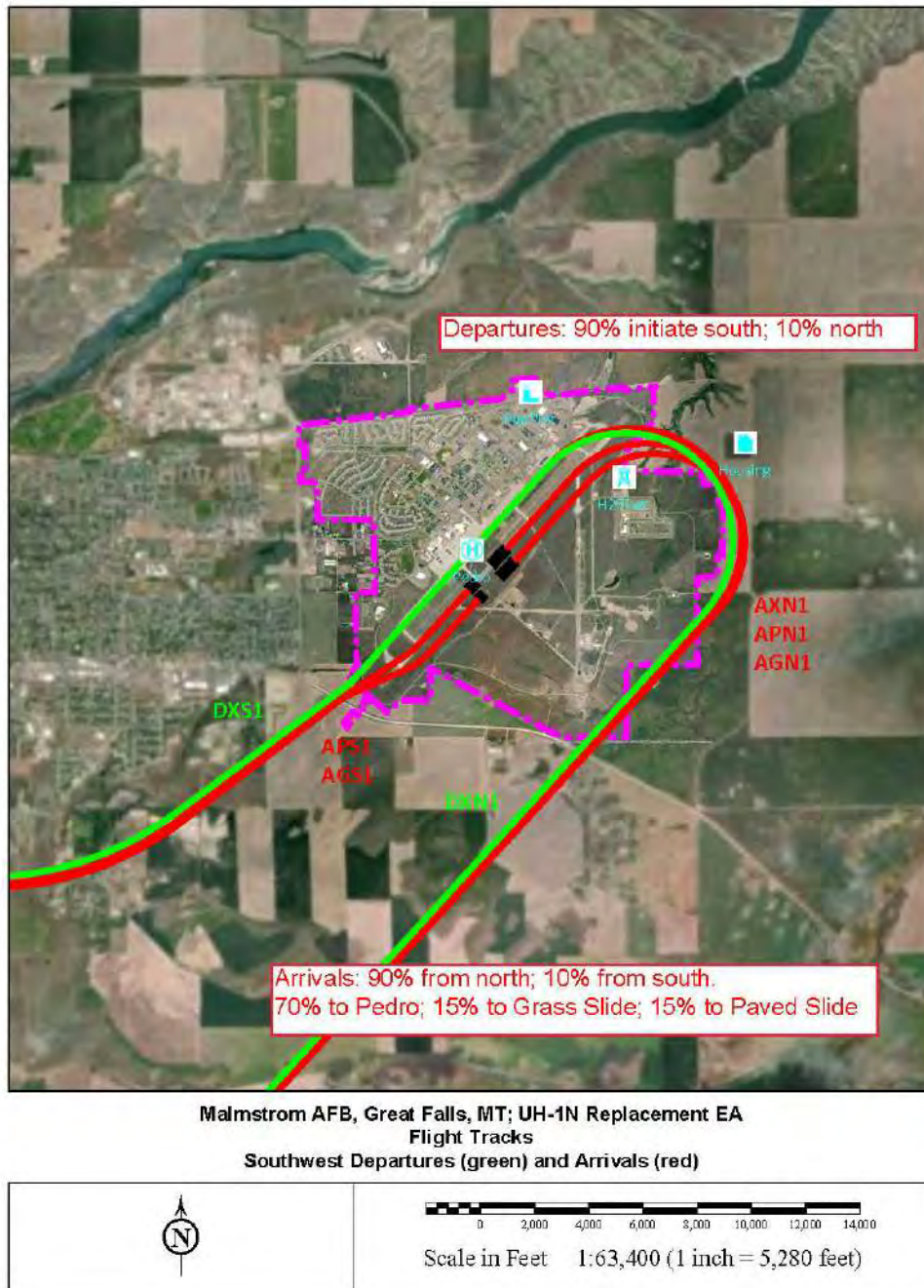


Figure 3-6. Southwest Departures and Arrivals



Figure 3-7. Local VFR (Tight) Patterns



Figure 3-8. Local VFR (Avoid) Patterns



Figure 3-9. Local VFR (West) Patterns

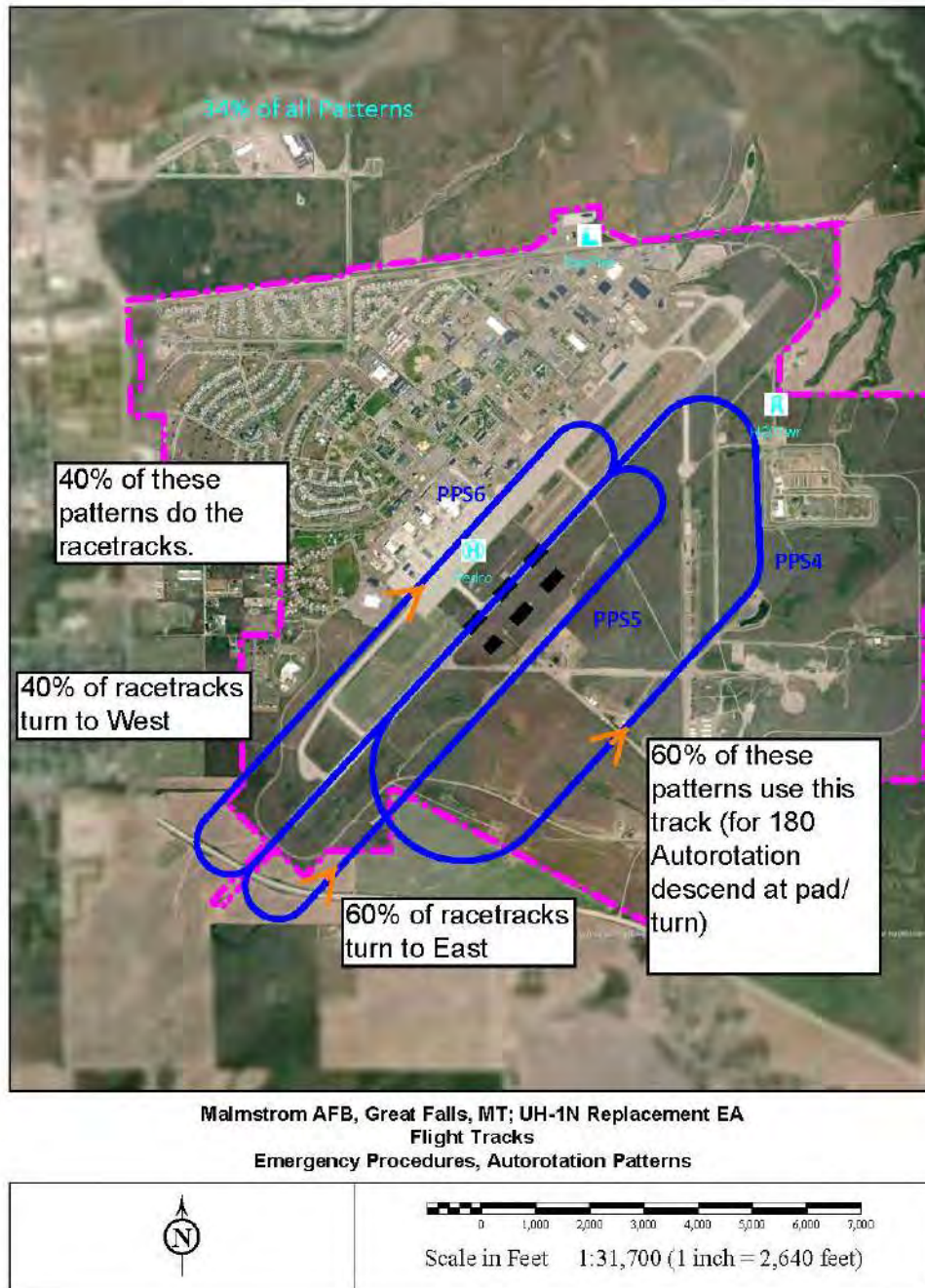


Figure 3-10. Emergency Procedure Patterns for Autorotations

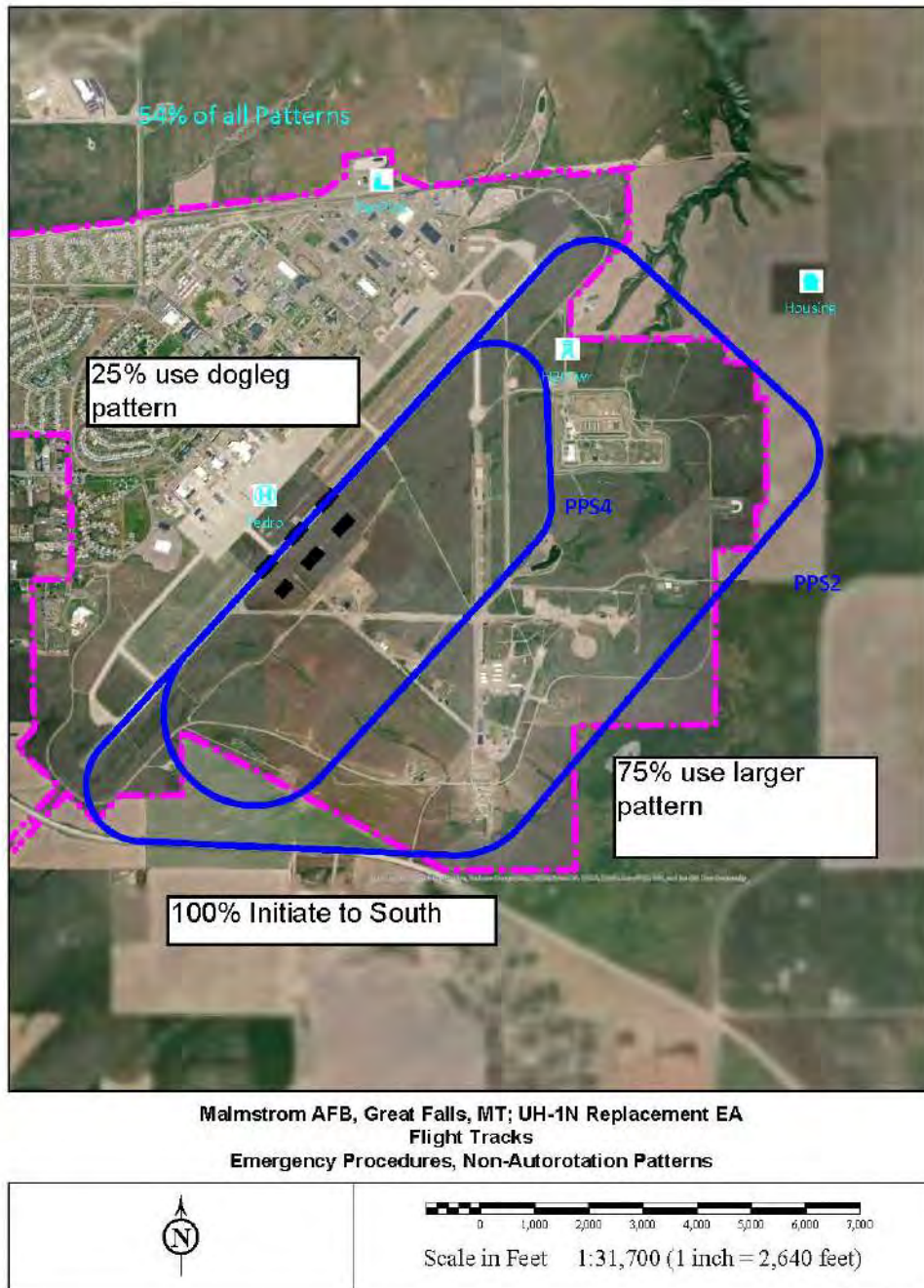


Figure 3-11. Emergency Procedure Patterns for Non-Autorotations



Figure 3-12. Tactical Patterns

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4 Flight Profiles and their Utilization

Profiles data, i.e., altitude, speed and aircraft attitude (essentially roll, pitch and yaw), were provided by Malmstrom AFB via the data collection process (interview and follow-up data validation) through the use of *representative* profiles. Representative profiles consisted of those profiles with most operations for each type of operation and mission, allowing for any profile variation. The only profile variation was for arrivals from the missions of Cat1/Convoy, Mountains, Northwest, and South2, which had a ‘normal’ altitude profile and a ‘low’ altitude profile. Malmstrom AFB confirmed that the representative profiles could be copied to flight tracks of similar mission/operation type, allowing for changes in track geometry.

In terms of profile utilization, departures had only one profile per track. Arrivals for the Southwest and South1 missions had only one profile per track. As previously mentioned, arrivals for Cat1/Convoy, Mountains, Northwest and South2 had two types of profiles (‘normal’ and ‘low’ altitudes) whose operations were validated to be equally split among the two profile types. Patterns had only one profile per track, except track PPS2 was applicable to the Local VFR (Avoid) Pattern and the Emergency Procedure (non-autorotation) Avoid Pattern.

Tables 4-1 through 4-3 show the modeled average DNL daytime and nighttime daily events modeled for each flight profile. The representative profiles have red-boxed IDs in these tables. The events shown in these tables were computed by the following steps:

- a) Dividing the operations shown in Table 2-2 by 365 (per Table 1-1),
- b) Further dividing the closed pattern operations by 2,
- c) Multiplying the results from (a) and (b) by the percentages shown in Tables 4-1 through 4-3 for corresponding missions.

The events are shown (and modeled) rounded to the nearest 4th decimal place.

Table 4-1 Modeled Average Daily Departure Flight Events and Track/Profile IDs (all from Pedro Pad)

Mission	Initial Departure Direction	%	Track ID	Profile ID	Daytime (0700-2200) Events	Nighttime (2200-0700) Events
Southwest	North	10%	DXN1	108	0.0342	0.0085
	South	90%	DXS1	111	0.3082	0.0764
South 1	North	10%	DXN1	108	0.0241	0.0060
	South	90%	DXS2	107	0.2170	0.0542
South 2	North	10%	DXN2	110	0.0241	0.0060
	South	90%	DXS3	109	0.2170	0.0542
Cat1/Convoy	North	10%	DXN3	102	0.0800	0.0200
	South	90%	DXS4	101	0.7200	0.1800
Mountains	North	10%	DXN4	104	0.0321	0.0079
	South	90%	DXS5	103	0.2885	0.0715
Northwest	North	10%	DXN5	106	0.0342	0.0085
	South	90%	DXS6	105	0.3082	0.0764



Table 4-2 Modeled Average Daily Arrival Flight Events and Track/Profile IDs

Mission	Pad / Runway	%	Landing Direction	%	Track ID	Altitude	%	Profile ID	Daytime (0700-2200) Events	Nighttime (2200-0700) Events
Southwest	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN1	normal	100%	143	0.2158	0.0535
			South	10%	AXS1	normal	100%	153	0.0240	0.0059
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN1	normal	100%	139	0.0462	0.0115
			South	10%	AGS1	normal	100%	151	0.0051	0.0013
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN1	normal	100%	141	0.0462	0.0115
			South	10%	APS1	normal	100%	152	0.0051	0.0013
South 1	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN1	normal	100%	143	0.1519	0.0380
			South	10%	AXS2	normal	100%	144	0.0169	0.0042
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN1	normal	100%	139	0.0325	0.0081
			South	10%	AGS2	normal	100%	140	0.0036	0.0009
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN1	normal	100%	141	0.0325	0.0081
			South	10%	APS2	normal	100%	142	0.0036	0.0009
South 2	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN2	normal	50%	149	0.0759	0.0190
			North	90%	AXN2	low	50%	149L	0.0759	0.0190
			South	10%	AXS3	normal	100%	150	0.0169	0.0042
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN2	normal	50%	145	0.0163	0.0041
			North	90%	AGN2	low	50%	145L	0.0163	0.0041
			South	10%	AGS3	normal	100%	146	0.0036	0.0009
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN2	normal	50%	147	0.0163	0.0041
			North	90%	APN2	low	50%	147L	0.0163	0.0041
			South	10%	APS3	normal	100%	148	0.0036	0.0009
			North	90%	AXN3	normal	50%	125	0.2520	0.0630
Cat1/Convoy	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN3	low	50%	125L	0.2520	0.0630
			South	10%	AXS4	normal	100%	126	0.0560	0.0140
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN3	normal	50%	121	0.0540	0.0135
			North	90%	AGN3	low	50%	121L	0.0540	0.0135
			South	10%	AGS4	normal	100%	122	0.0120	0.0030
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN3	normal	50%	123	0.0540	0.0135
			North	90%	APN3	low	50%	123L	0.0540	0.0135
			South	10%	APS4	normal	100%	124	0.0120	0.0030
Mountains	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN4	normal	50%	131	0.1010	0.0250
			North	90%	AXN4	low	50%	131L	0.1010	0.0250
			South	10%	AXS5	normal	100%	132	0.0224	0.0056
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN4	normal	50%	127	0.0216	0.0054
			North	90%	AGN4	low	50%	127L	0.0216	0.0054
			South	10%	AGS5	normal	100%	128	0.0048	0.0012
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN4	normal	50%	129	0.0216	0.0054
			North	90%	APN4	low	50%	129L	0.0216	0.0054
South	10%	APS5	normal	100%	130	0.0048	0.0012			
Northwest	Pedro	70%	North	90%	AXN5	normal	50%	137	0.1079	0.0268



Mission	Pad / Runway	%	Landing Direction	%	Track ID	Altitude	%	Profile ID	Daytime (0700-2200) Events	Nighttime (2200-0700) Events
			North	90%	AXN5	low	50%	137L	0.1079	0.0268
			South	10%	AXS6	normal	100%	138	0.0240	0.0059
	Grass Slide Area	15%	North	90%	AGN5	normal	50%	133	0.0231	0.0057
			North	90%	AGN5	low	50%	133L	0.0231	0.0057
			South	10%	AGS6	normal	100%	134	0.0051	0.0013
			North	90%	APN5	normal	50%	135	0.0231	0.0057
	Paved Slide Area	15%	North	90%	APN5	low	50%	135L	0.0231	0.0057
			South	10%	APS6	normal	100%	136	0.0051	0.0013

Table 4-3 Modeled Average Daily Closed Pattern Flight Events and Track/Profile IDs

Mission / Pattern Type	Location	%	Sub-Mission	Description	%	Track ID	Profile ID	Daytime (0700-2200) Events	Nighttime (2200-0700) Events		
Local VFR Traffic Patterns	Pedro	20%	Tight Pattern	Initiate to North	10%	PXN1	175	0.0106	0.0008		
				Initiate to South	90%	PXS1	176	0.0952	0.0074		
	Paved Slide Area	70%		Initiate to North	10%	PPN1	173	0.0370	0.0029		
				Initiate to South	90%	PPS1	174	0.3331	0.0259		
	Grass Slide Area	10%		Initiate to North	10%	PGN1	171	0.0053	0.0004		
				Initiate to South	90%	PGS1	172	0.0476	0.0037		
	Pedro	20%		Avoid Pattern	Initiate to North	10%	PXN2	181	0.0024	0.0002	
					Initiate to South	90%	PXS2	182	0.0212	0.0015	
	Paved Slide Area	70%			Initiate to North	10%	PPN2	179	0.0082	0.0006	
					Initiate to South	90%	PPS2	180	0.0742	0.0052	
	Grass Slide Area	10%			Initiate to North	10%	PGN2	177	0.0012	0.0001	
					Initiate to South	90%	PGS2	178	0.0106	0.0007	
	Pedro	20%			West Pattern	Initiate to North	10%	PXN3	187	0.0003	0.0000
						Initiate to South	90%	PXS3	188	0.0025	0.0000
Paved Slide Area	70%	Initiate to North	10%			PPN3	185	0.0010	0.0000		
		Initiate to South	90%			PPS3	186	0.0086	0.0000		
Grass Slide Area	10%	Initiate to North	10%			PGN3	183	0.0001	0.0000		
		Initiate to South	90%			PGS3	184	0.0012	0.0000		
Emergency Procedures	Paved Slide Area	100%	Auto-Rotation			180 AR-descend at pad	12%	PPS4	189	0.3041	0.0000
						180 AR descend at turn	48%	PPS4	189	1.2164	0.0000
				90° East Patt		24%	PPS5	190	0.6082	0.0000	
			Non-Auto Rotation	90° West Patt		16%	PPS6	191	0.4055	0.0000	
				Avoid Pattern		75%	PPS2	180	3.0411	0.0000	
				Dogleg Pattern		25%	PPS4	192	1.0137	0.0000	
Tactical Pattern	100%	n/a	East, Initiate to North	81%		PGS4N	193	0.1154	0.0000		
			West, Initiate to North	9%		PGN4N	194	0.0128	0.0000		



Mission / Pattern Type	Location	%	Sub- Mission	Description	%	Track ID	Profile ID	Daytime (0700- 2200) Events	Nighttime (2200- 0700) Events
	Grass Slide Area			East, Initiate to South	9%	PGS4S	195	0.0128	0.0000
				West, Initiate to South	1%	PGN4S	196	0.0014	0.0000

Maps of all flight profiles, including the representative profiles, are contained in Appendix A.

5 Maintenance and Pre-Flight Run-up Operations and Locations

Tables 5-1 and 5-2 list the modeled maintenance and pre-flight run-up operations as provided by the 40th HS. These would apply to all scenarios for the EA, changing only the aircraft type from UH-1N to MH-139 (modeled surrogates of UH-1M to UH-60A). Modeled average daily events were assigned to each run-up profile by dividing the annual operations by 365 (per Table 1-1).

Table 5-1 Maintenance Run-Up Operations

Maintenance Type	Power Setting	# Engines Running	Duration of Each Event (Minutes)	Duration (Sec)	Annual Events during Day (0700-2200)	Annual Events during Night (2200-0700)	Total Annual Events	Run Location
Phase Maintenance	power	2	60	3600	42	0	42	Parking 1
Tail Rotor, Driveshaft Lube/ Balance	power	2	20	1200	42	0	42	Parking 1
Engine Wash	idle	2	25	1500	36	0	36	Parking 1
Unscheduled Maintenance/ Leak Check	idle	2	10	600	42	0	42	Parking 1
	power	2	5	300				

Table 5-2 Pre-flight Run-Up Operations

Type	Power Setting	# Engines Running	Duration of Each Event (Minutes)	Duration (Sec)	Annual Events during Day (0700-2200)	Annual Events during Night (2200-0700)	Total Annual Events	Run Location
warmup	power	2	7	420	835	208	1,043	Parking 1
cool down	idle	2	1	60	835	208	1,043	Parking 1

The single maintenance location “Parking 1” is shown as the airplane symbol in Figure 5-1 below. It is the 40th HS’s ramp.



Figure 5-1. Maintenance Run-up Location (airplane symbol)

6 Noise Exposure Calculations

6.1 Results

The DNL contours for the Baseline scenario are shown in Figure 6-1. The 65 DNL is confined within the base boundary, within an area between the airfield buildings and the paved slide area.

The DNL contours for the Proposed scenario are shown in Figure 6-2. Again, the 65 DNL is confined within the base boundary, an area even smaller than the Baseline 65 DNL.



Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT; UH-1N Replacement EA
Aircraft DNL Contours/Shading
Baseline Scenario

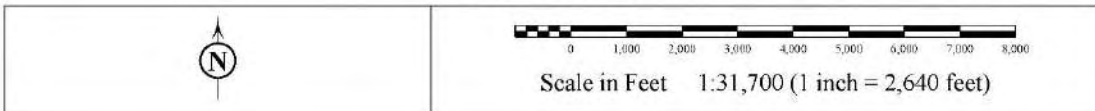


Figure 6-1. DNL Contours/Shading for Baseline Scenario



Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT; UH-1N Replacement EA
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Proposed Scenario

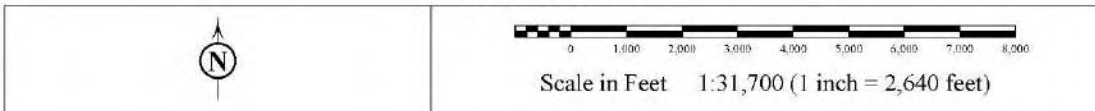


Figure 6-2. DNL Contours/Shading for Proposed Scenario

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Appendix A Flight Profiles

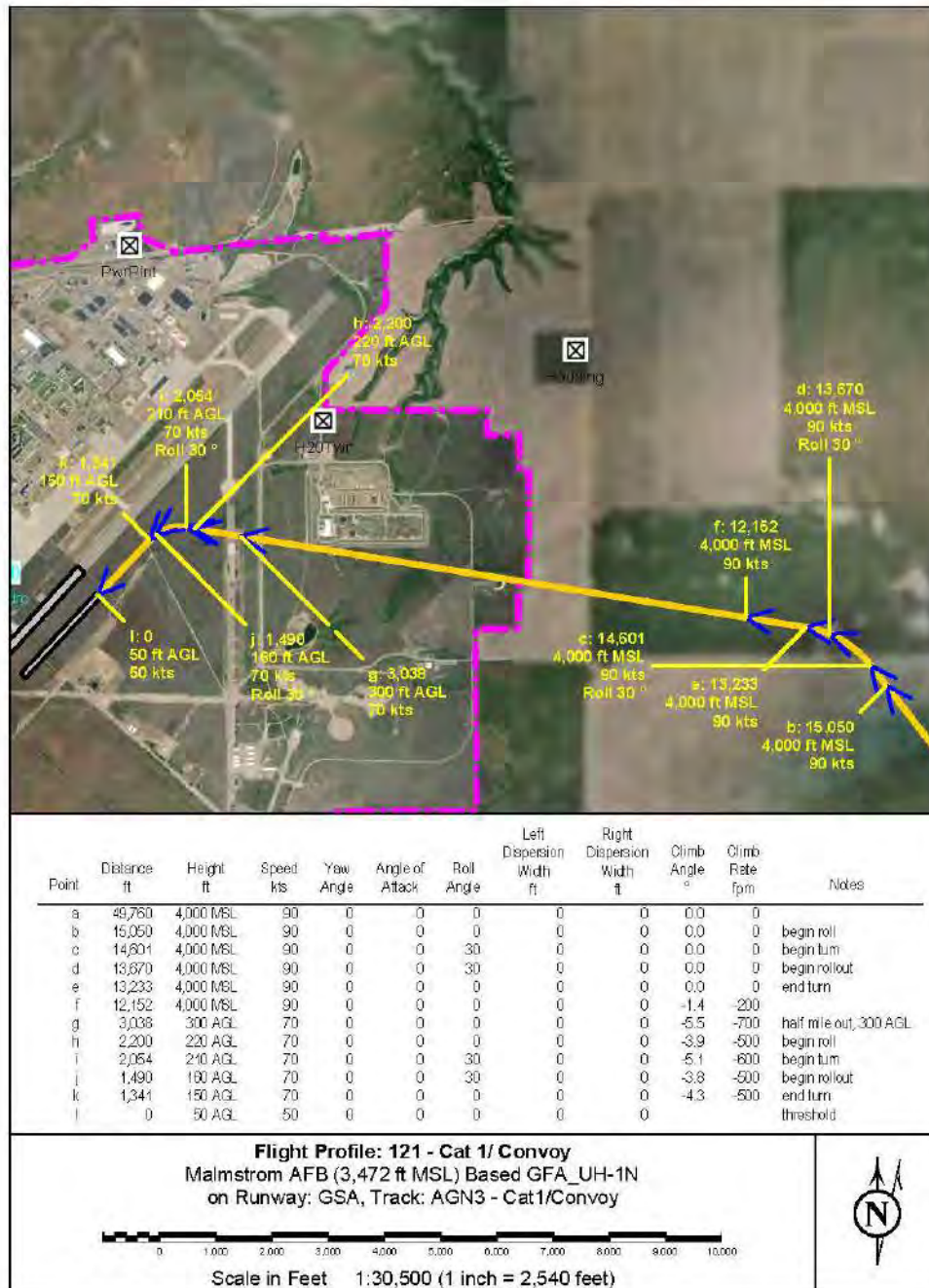


Figure A-1. Arrival Flight Profile 121

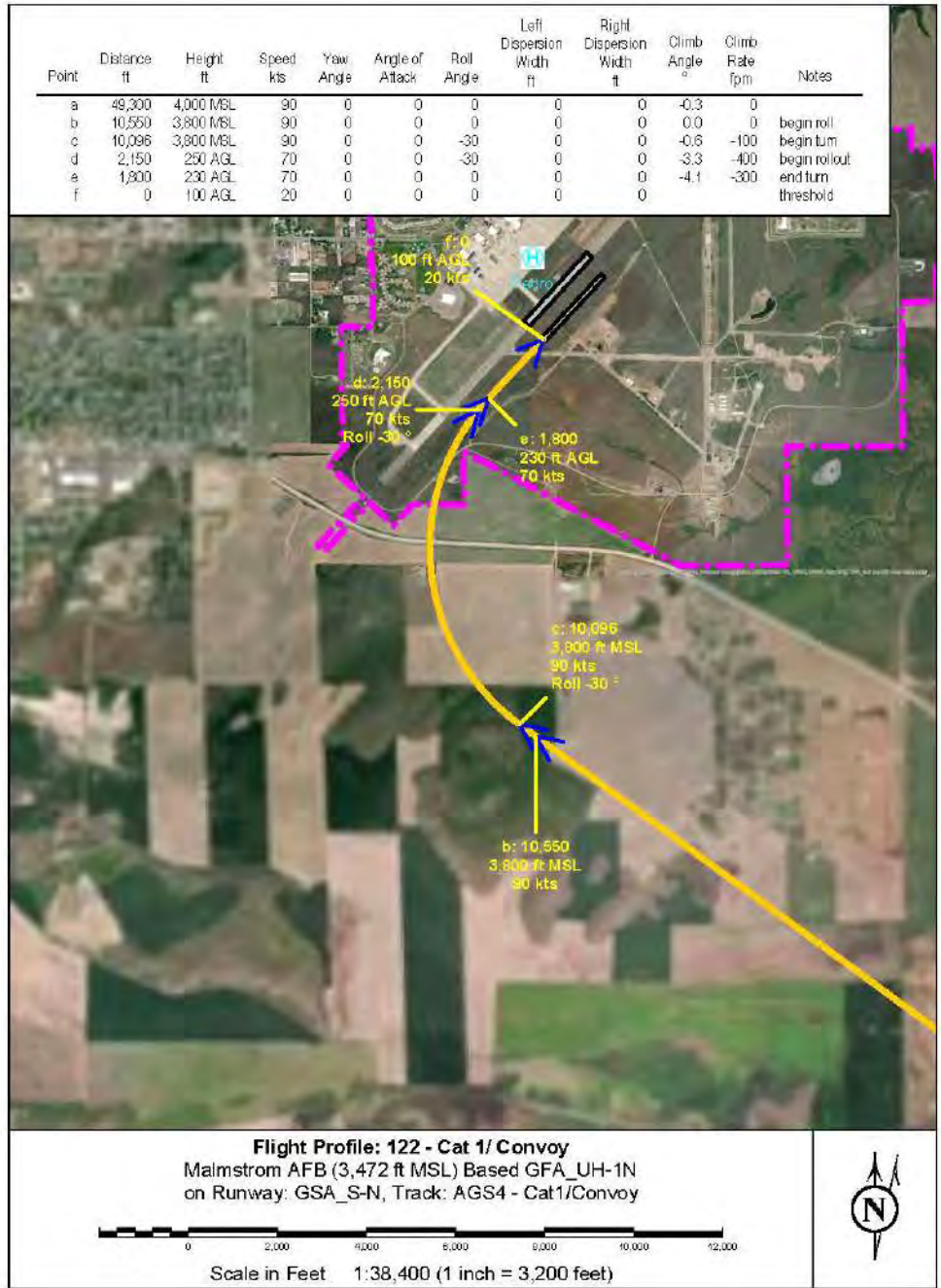


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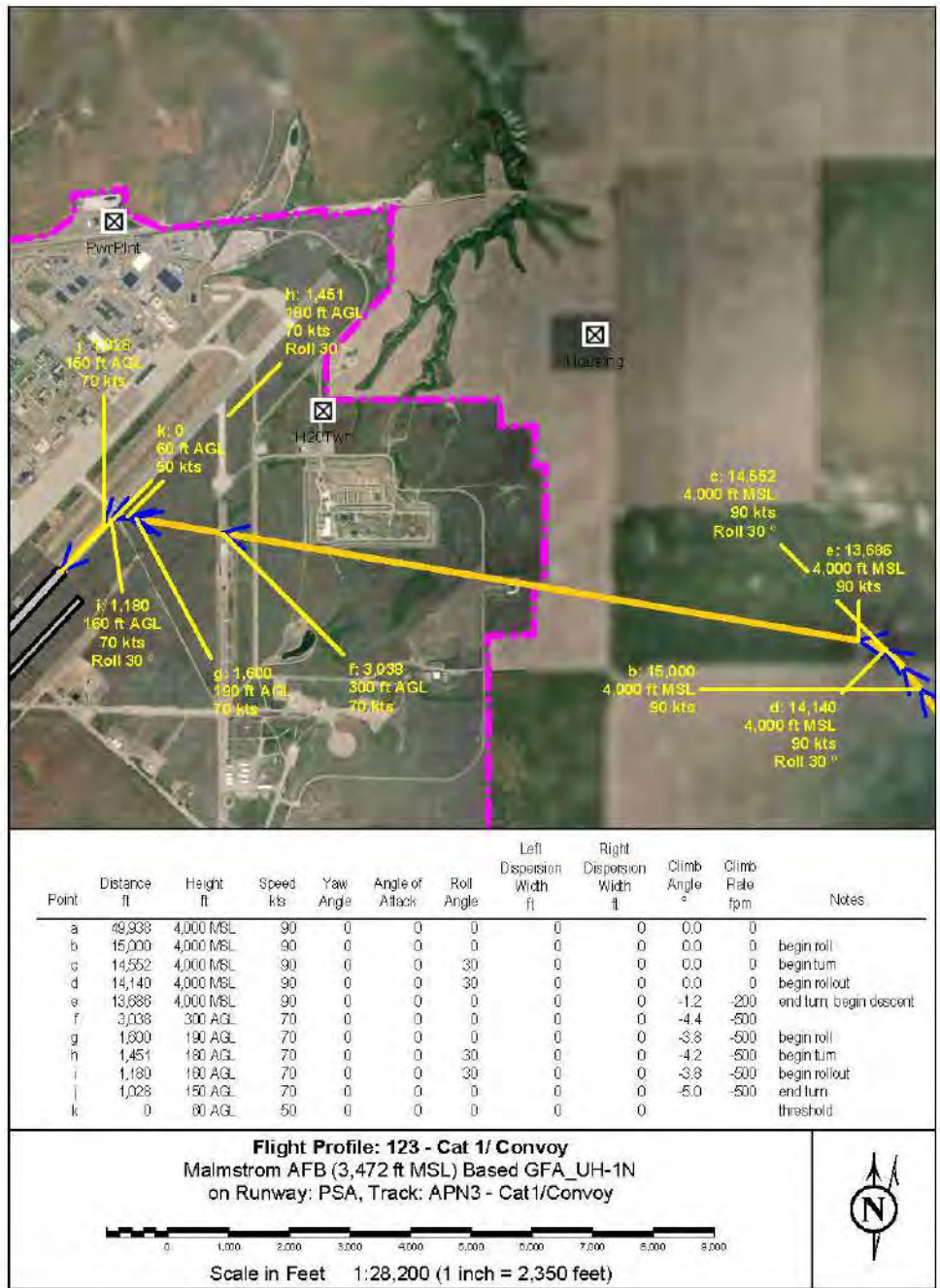


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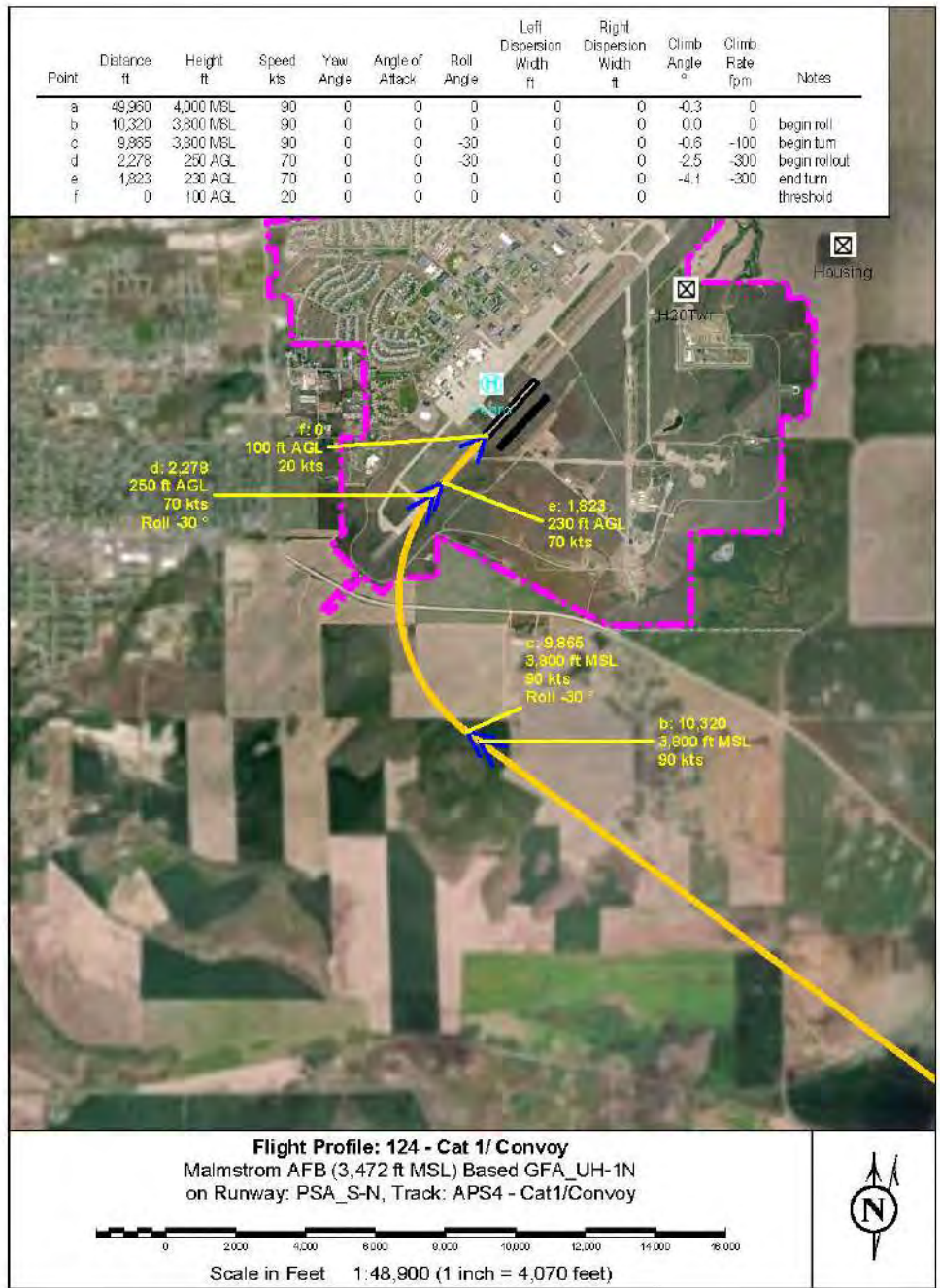


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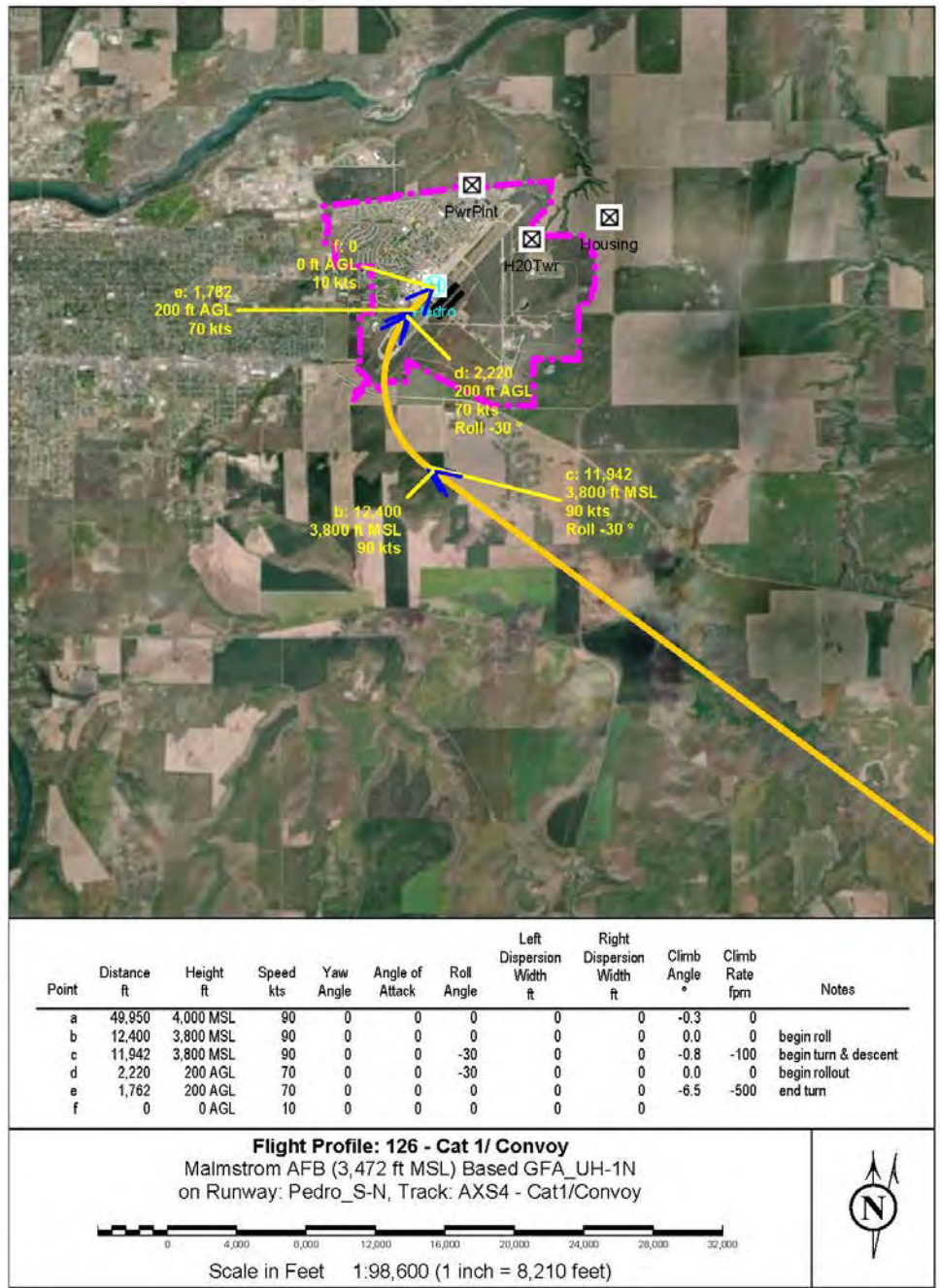


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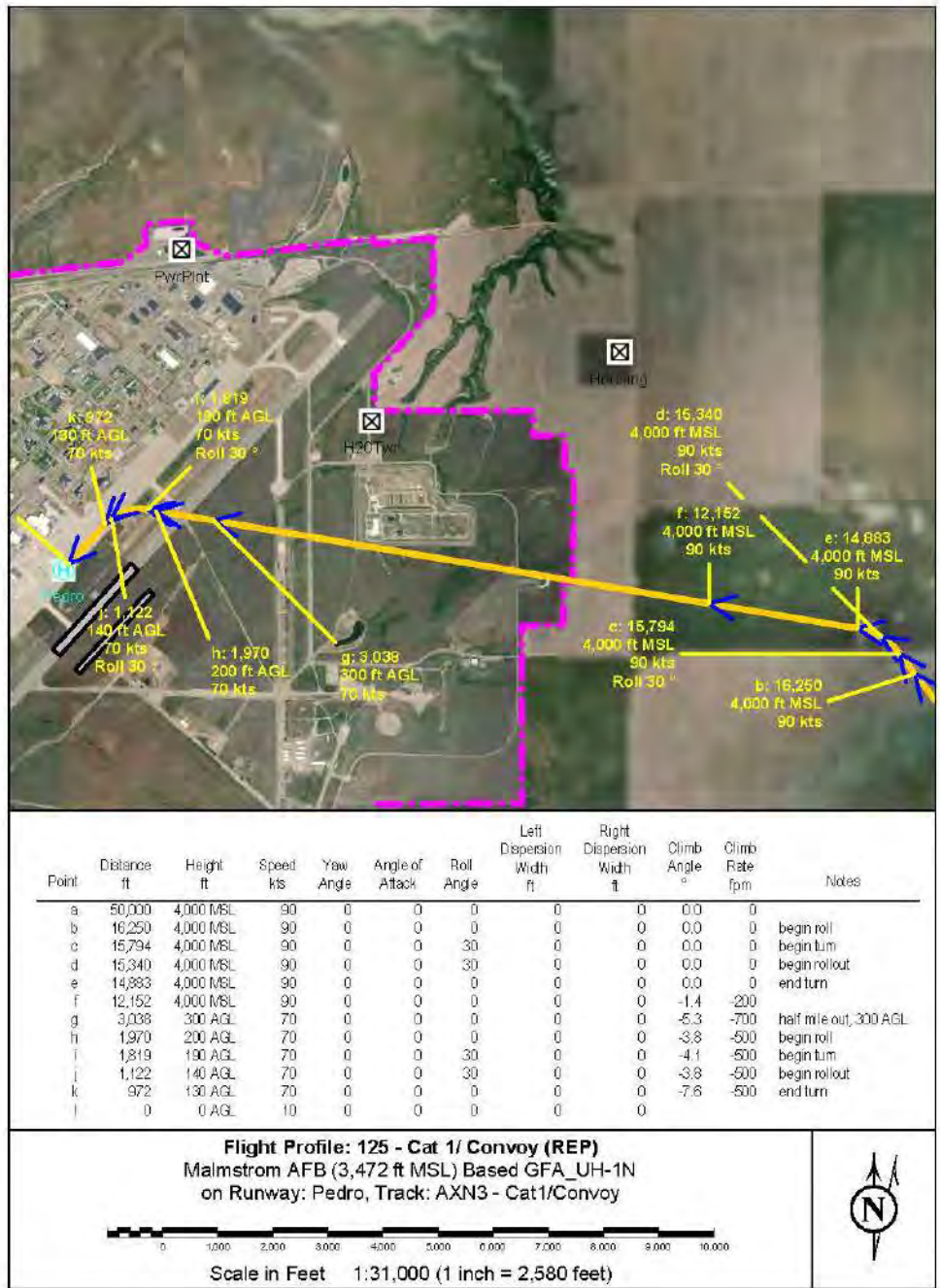


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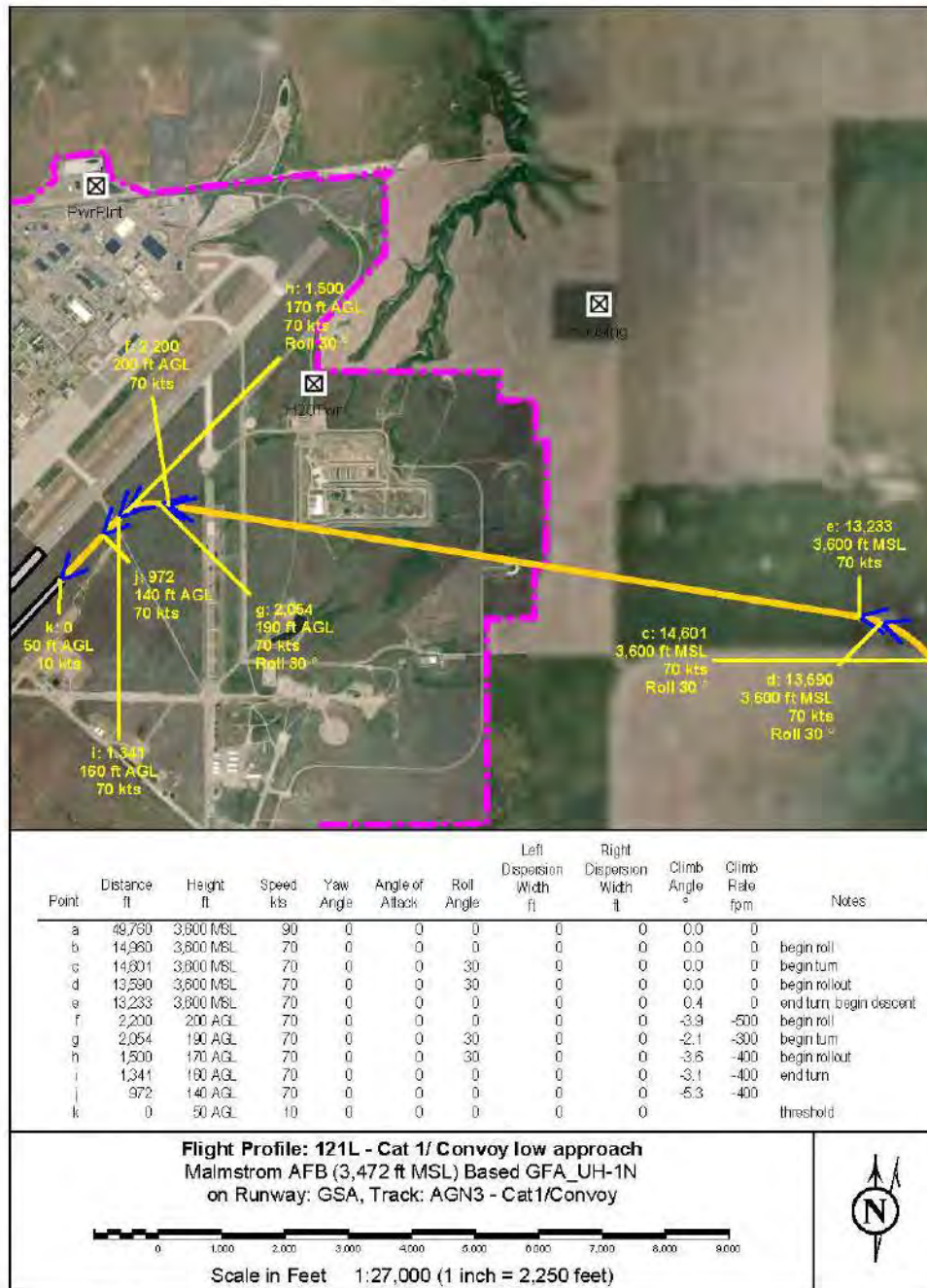


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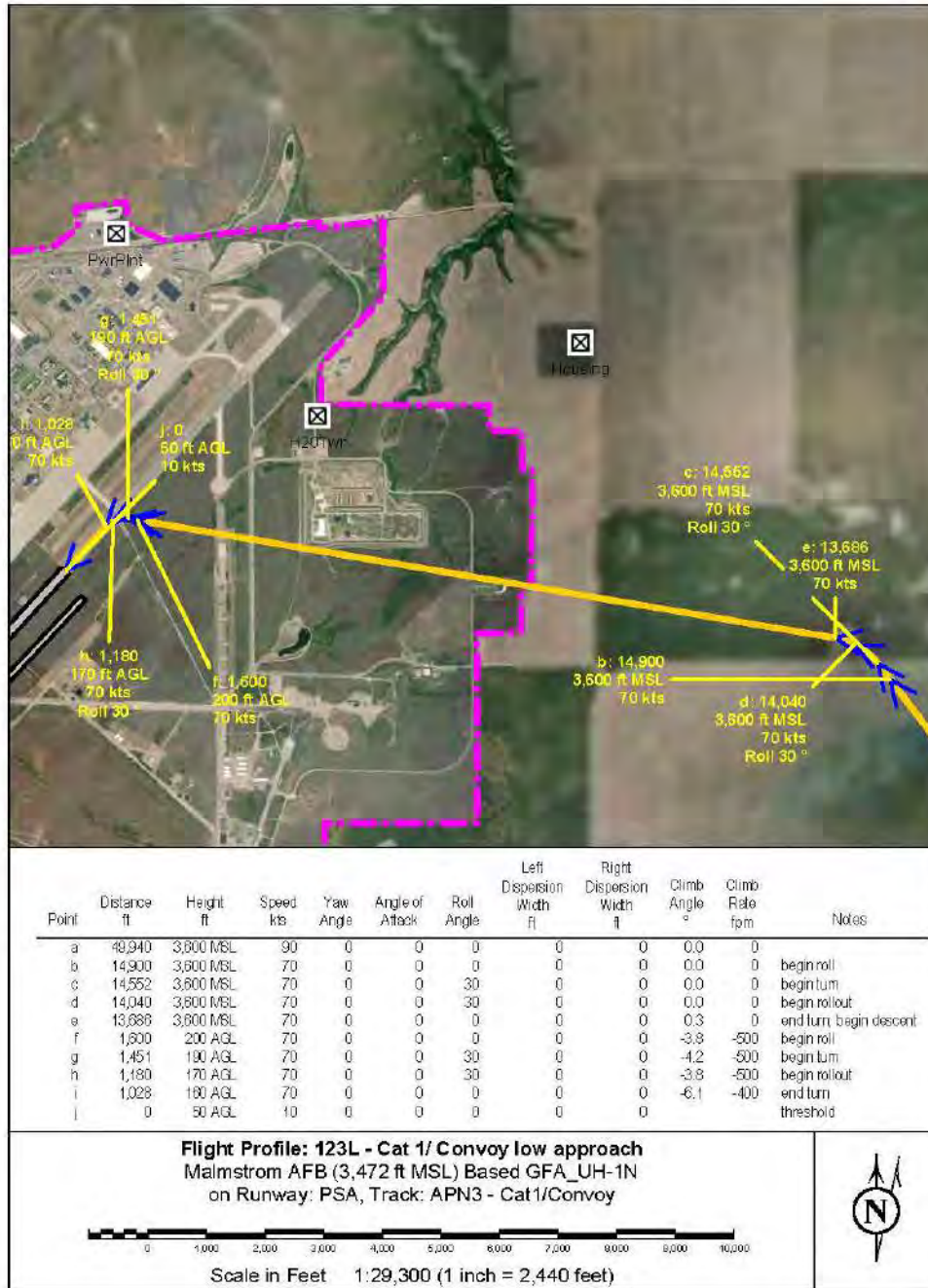


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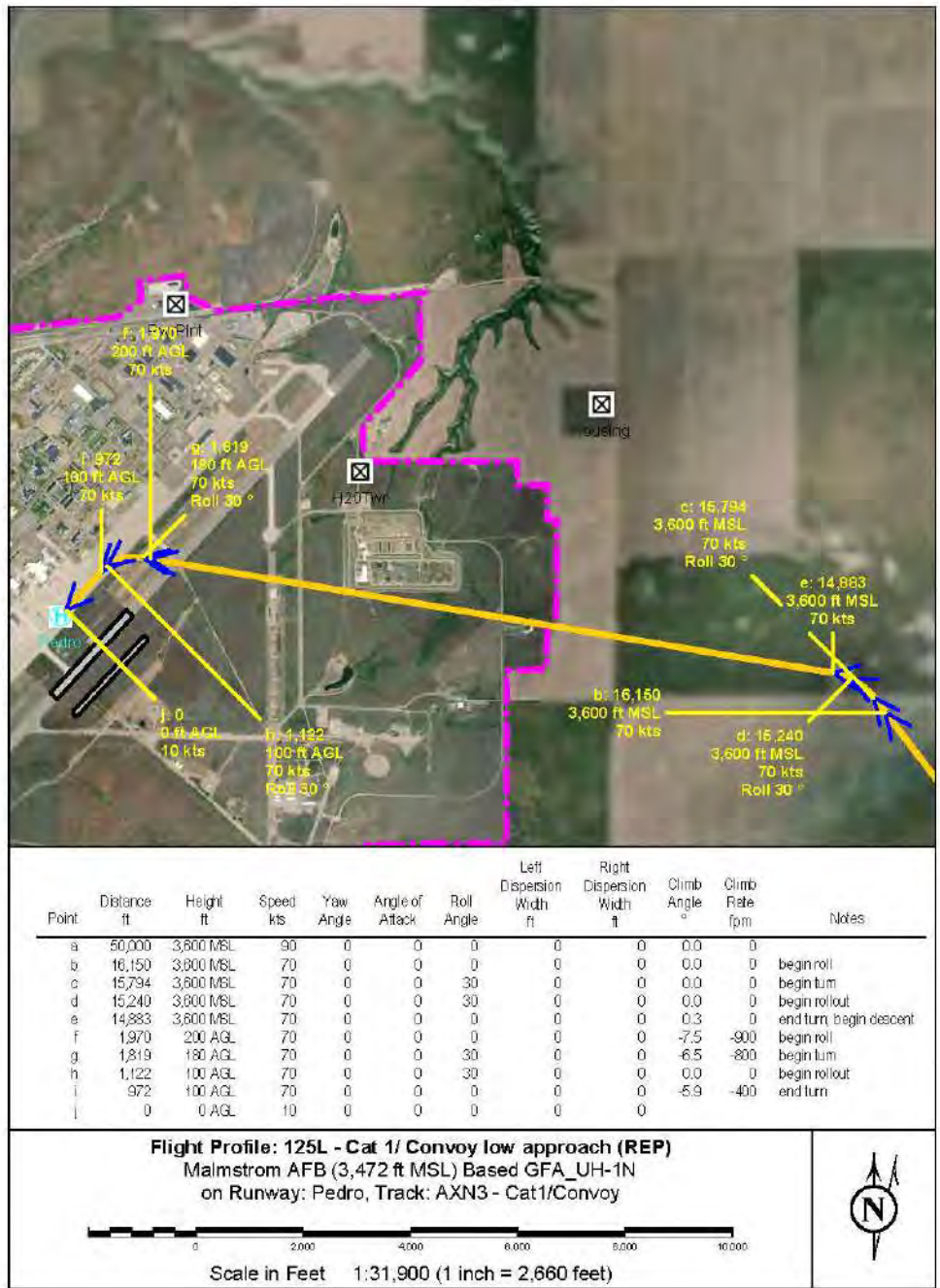


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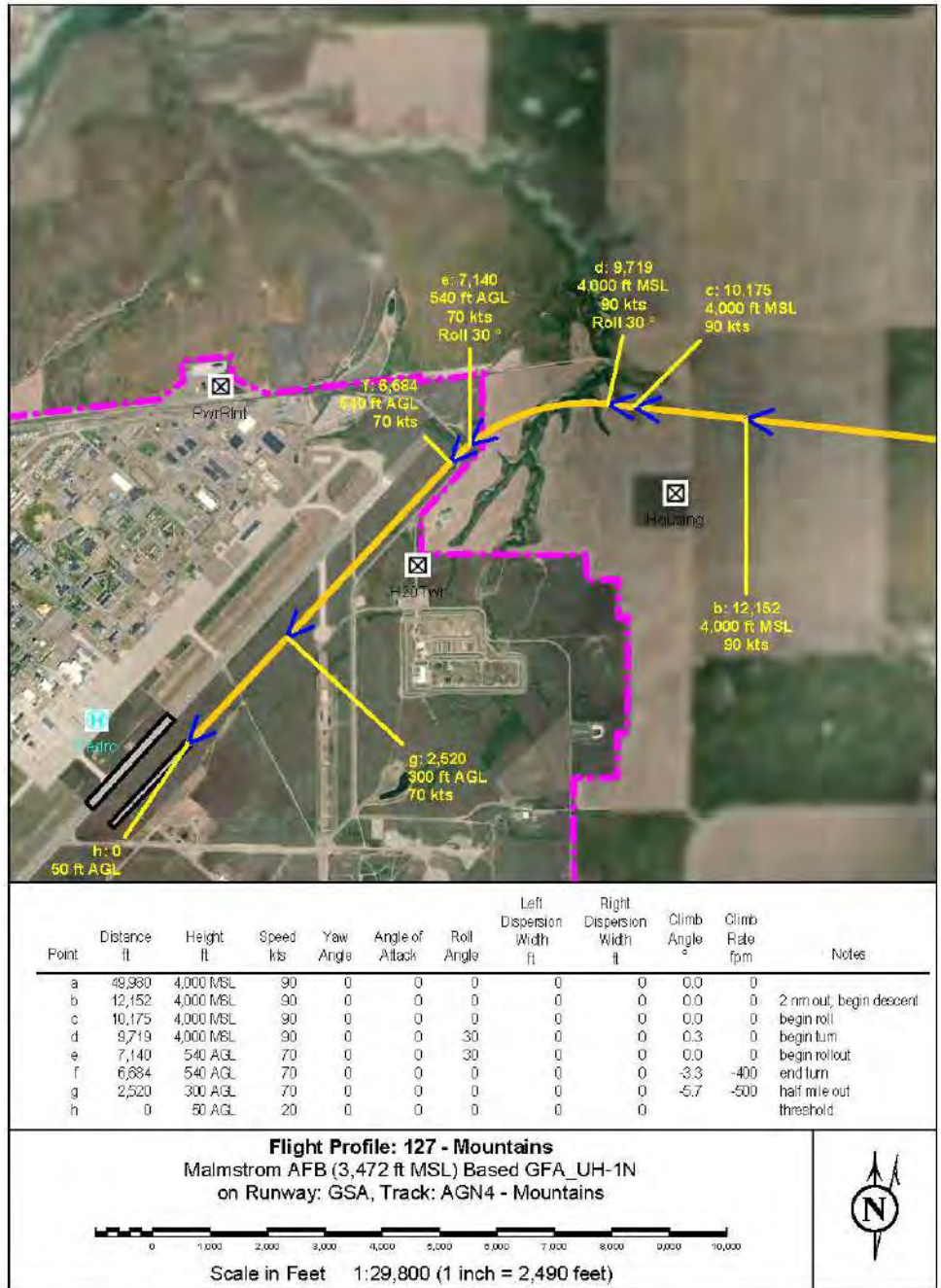


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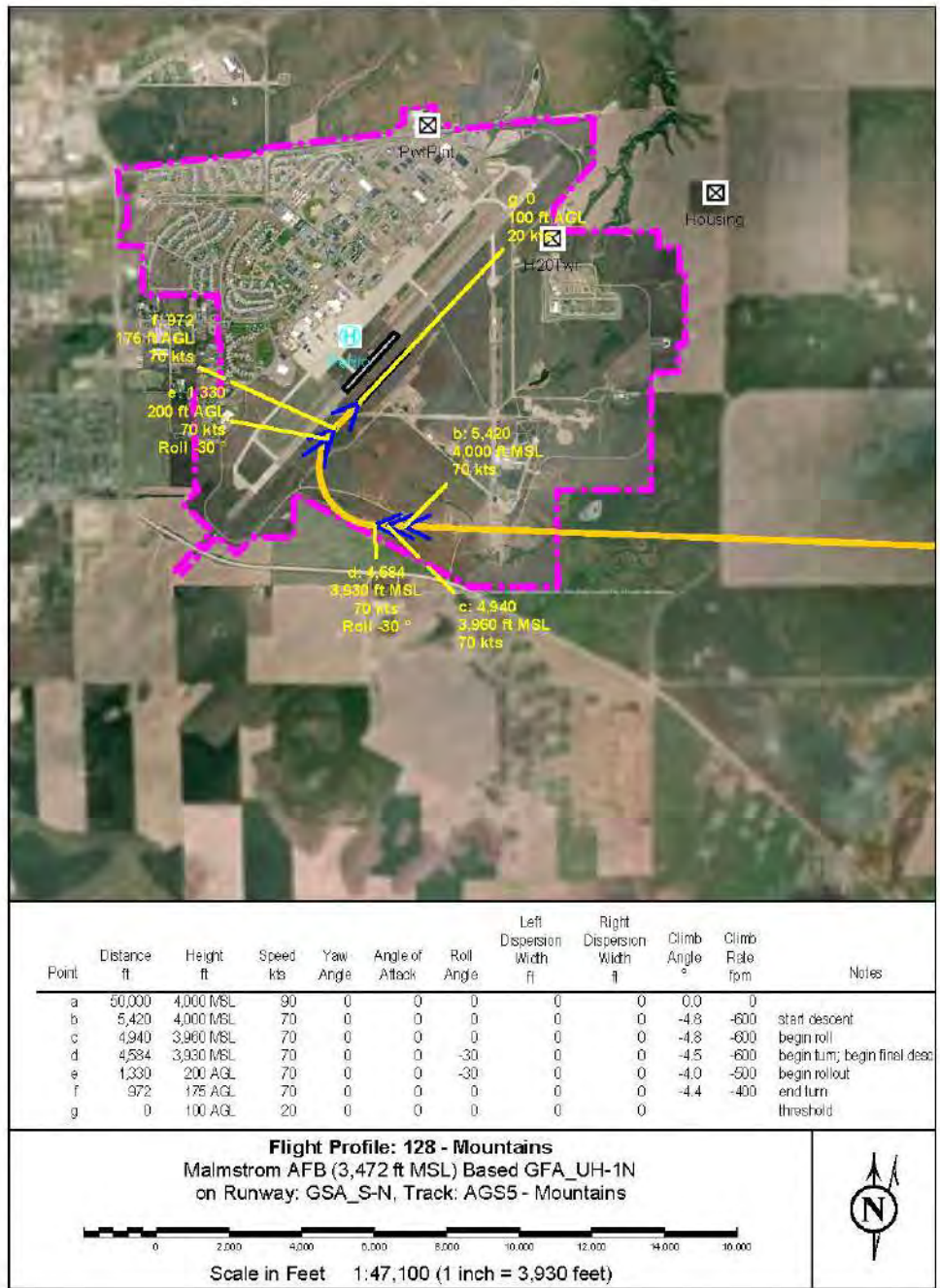


Figure A-11. Arrival Flight Profile 128



Figure A-12. Arrival Flight Profile 129

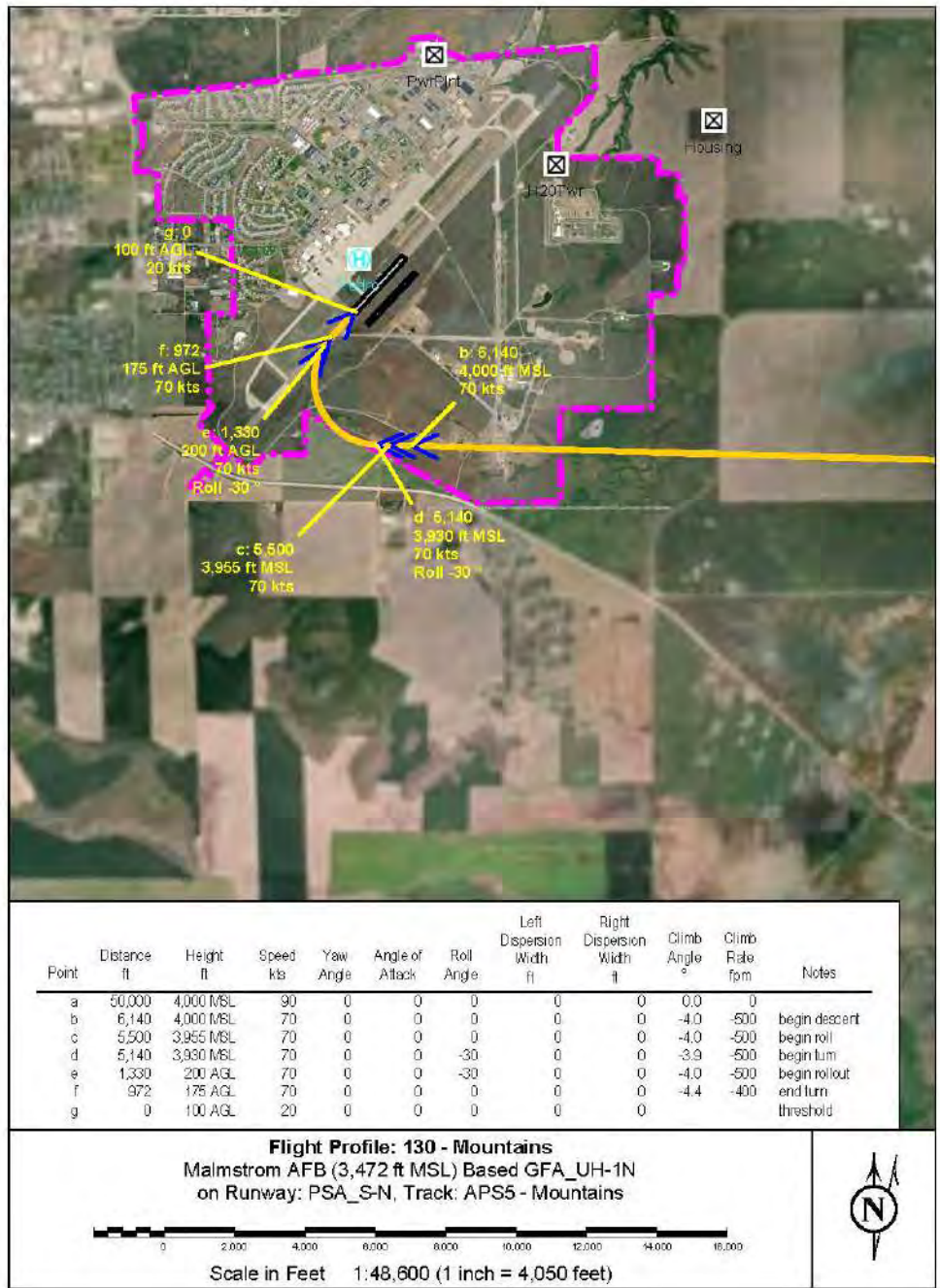


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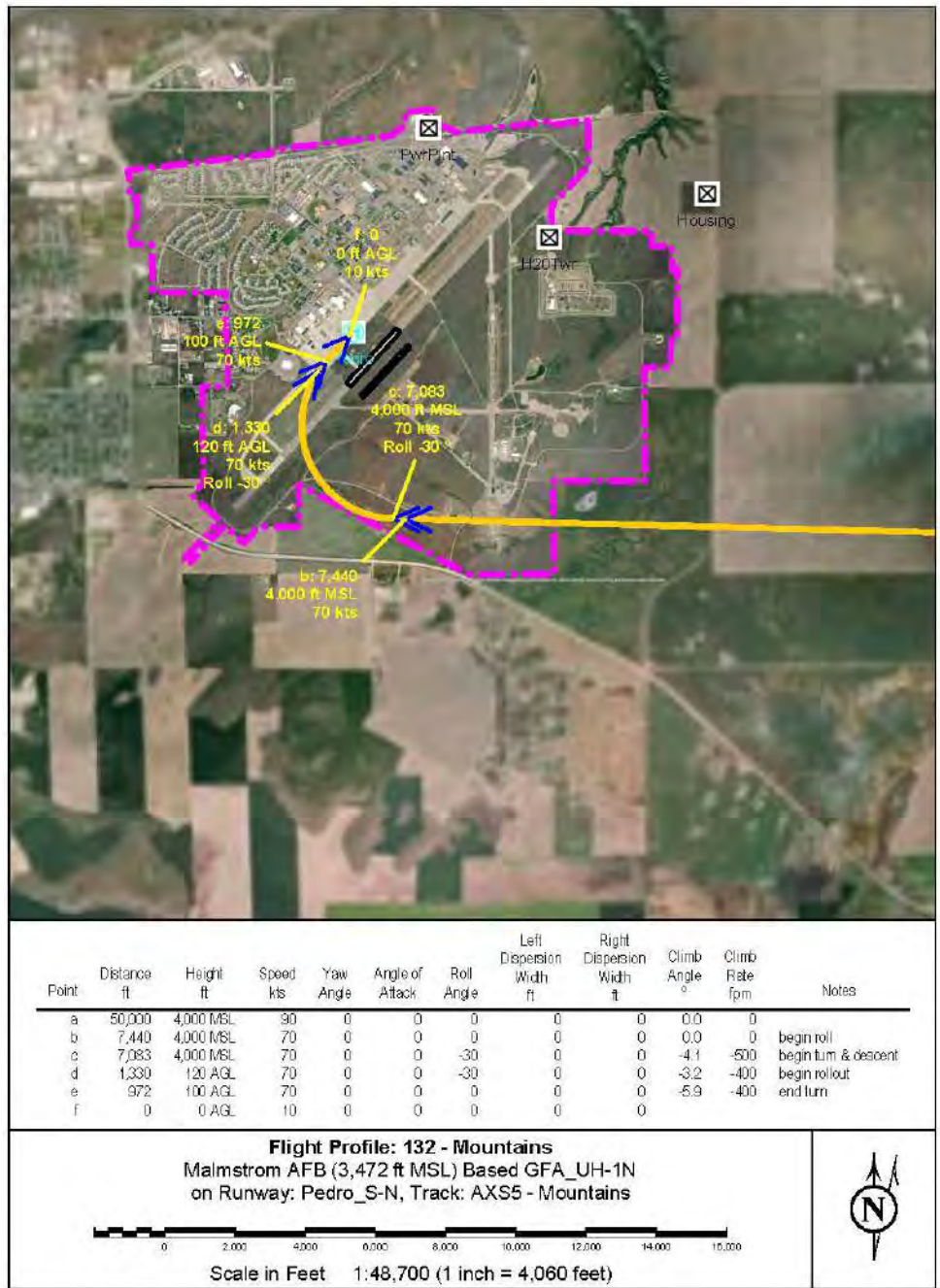


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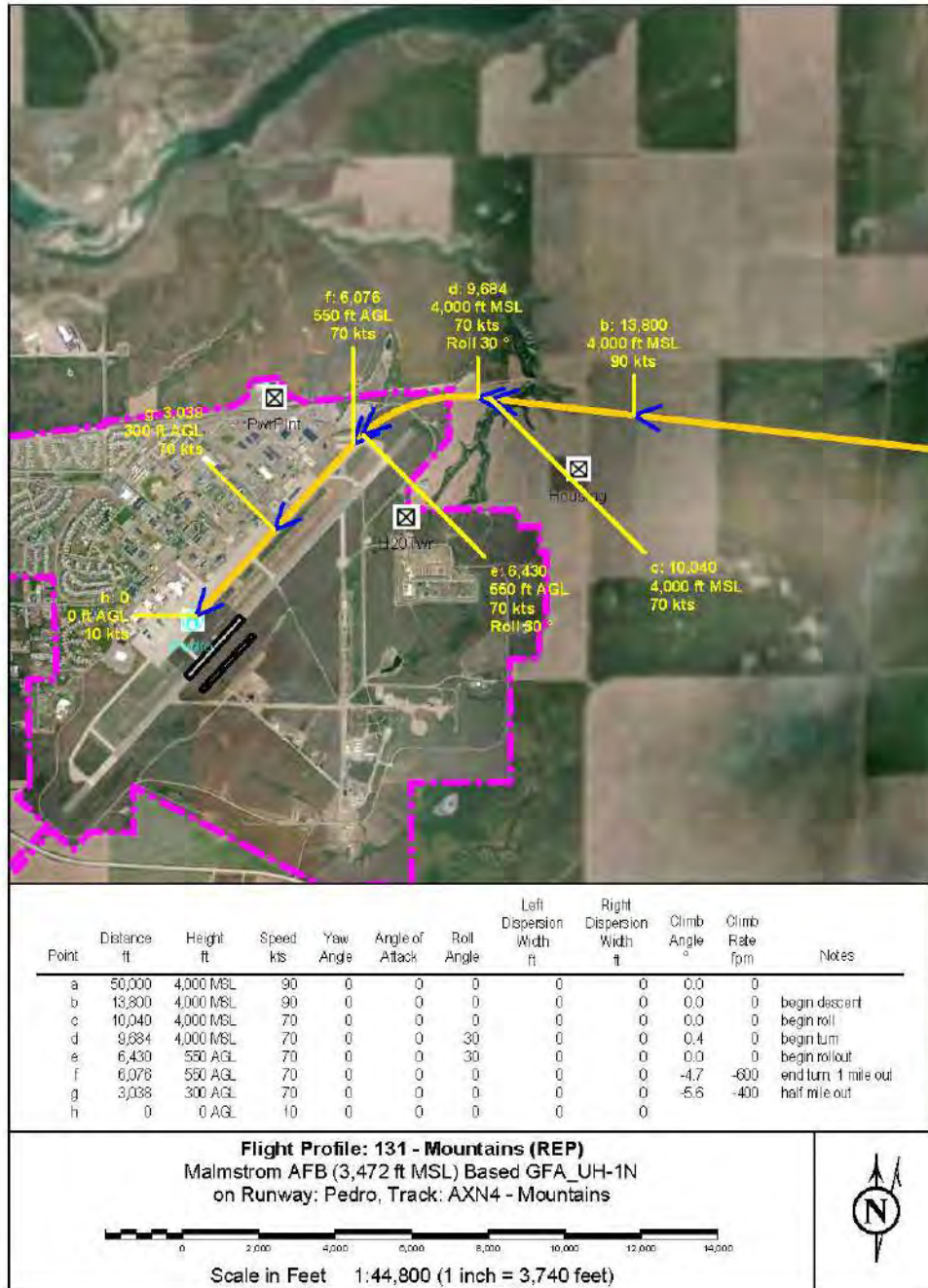


Figure A-15. Arrival Flight Profile 131



Figure A-16. Arrival Flight Profile 127L

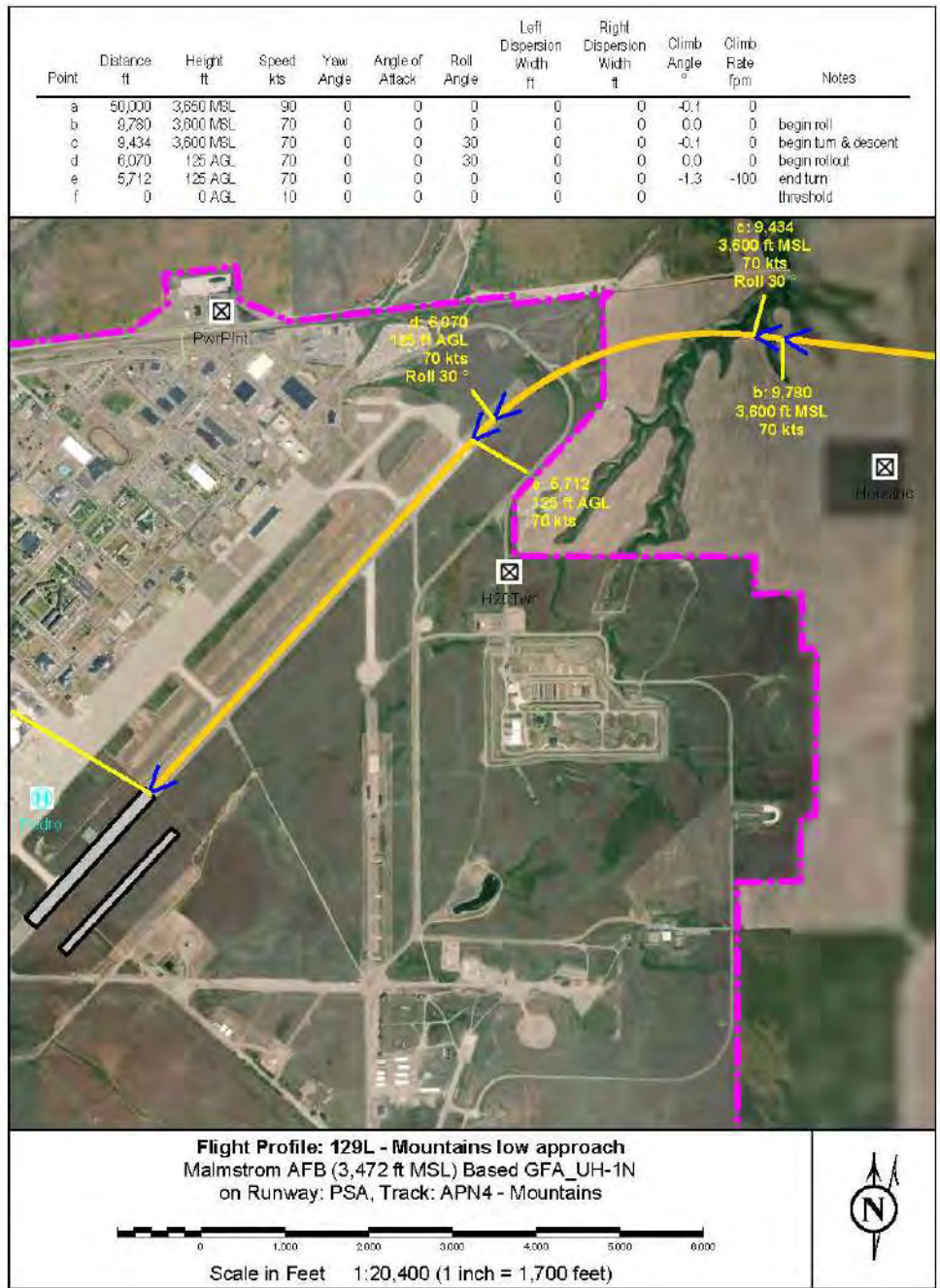


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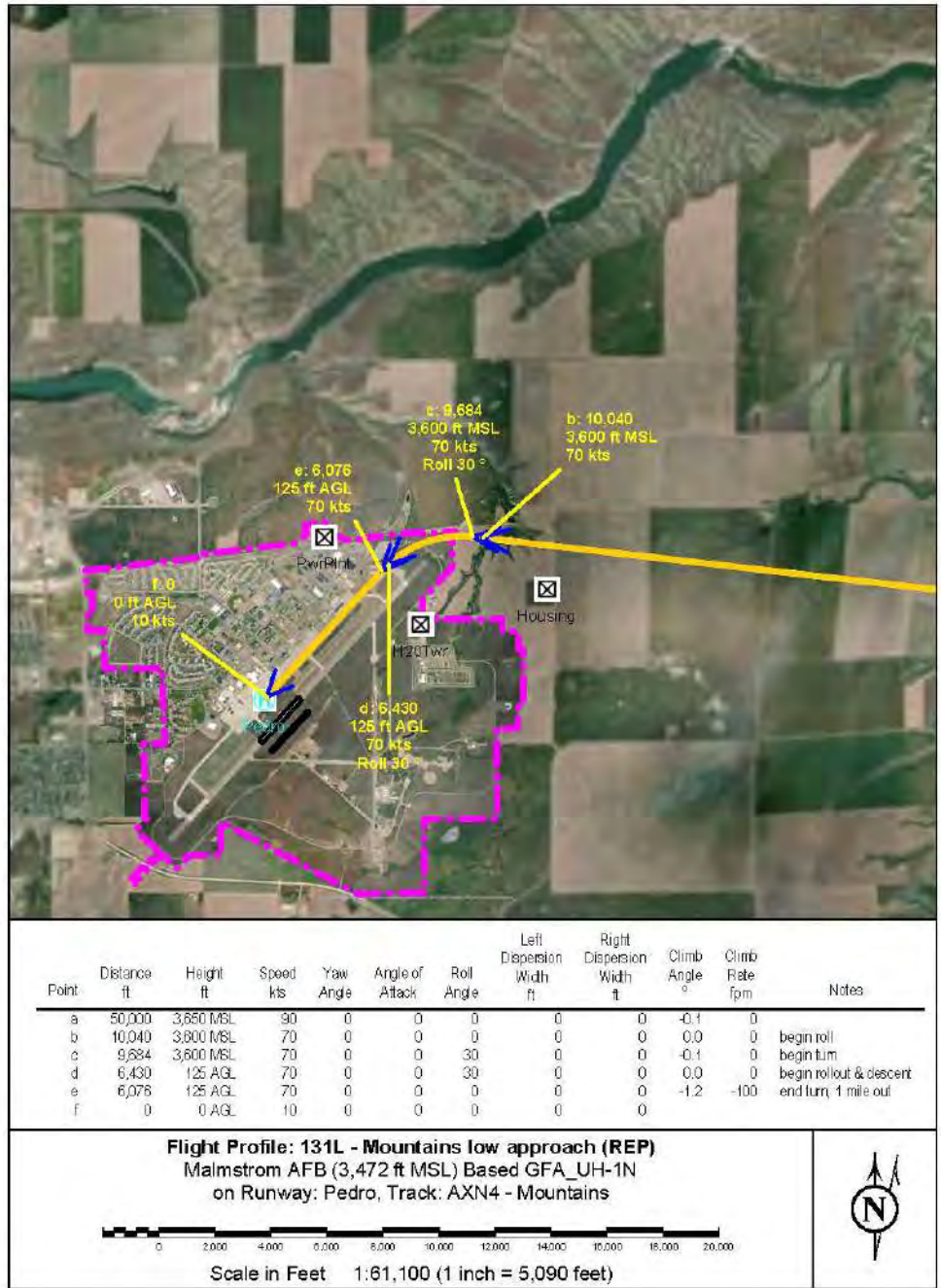


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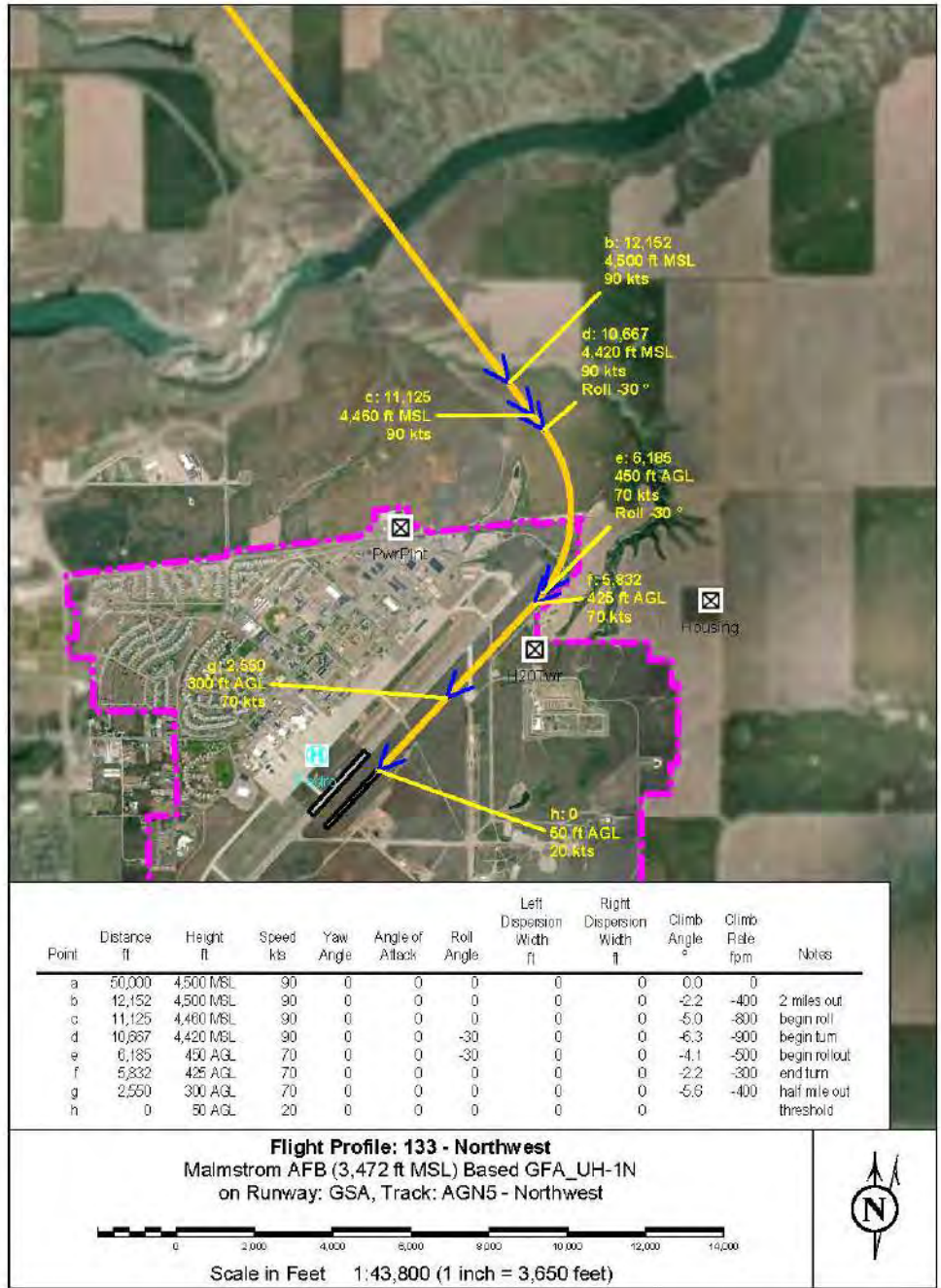


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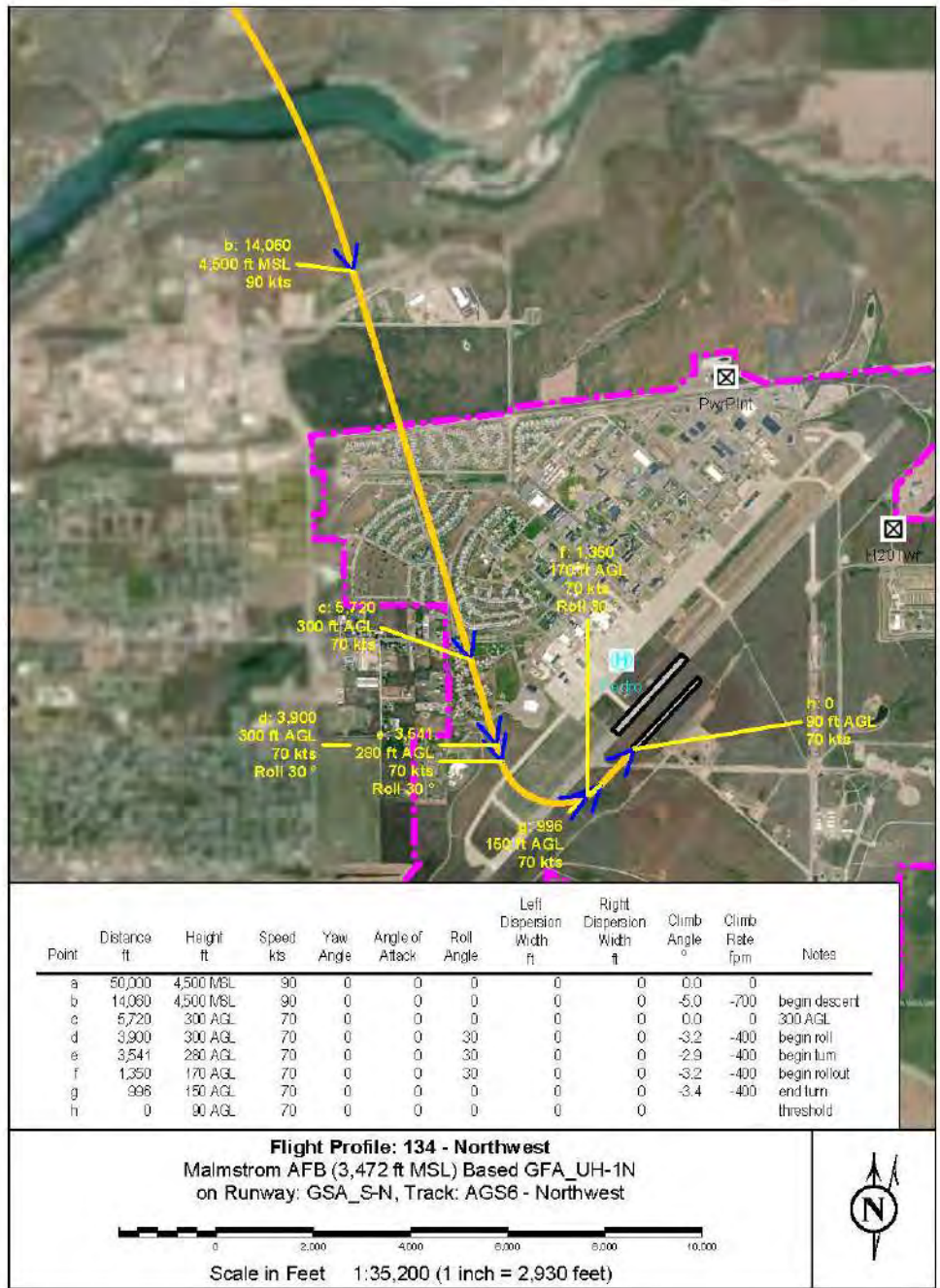


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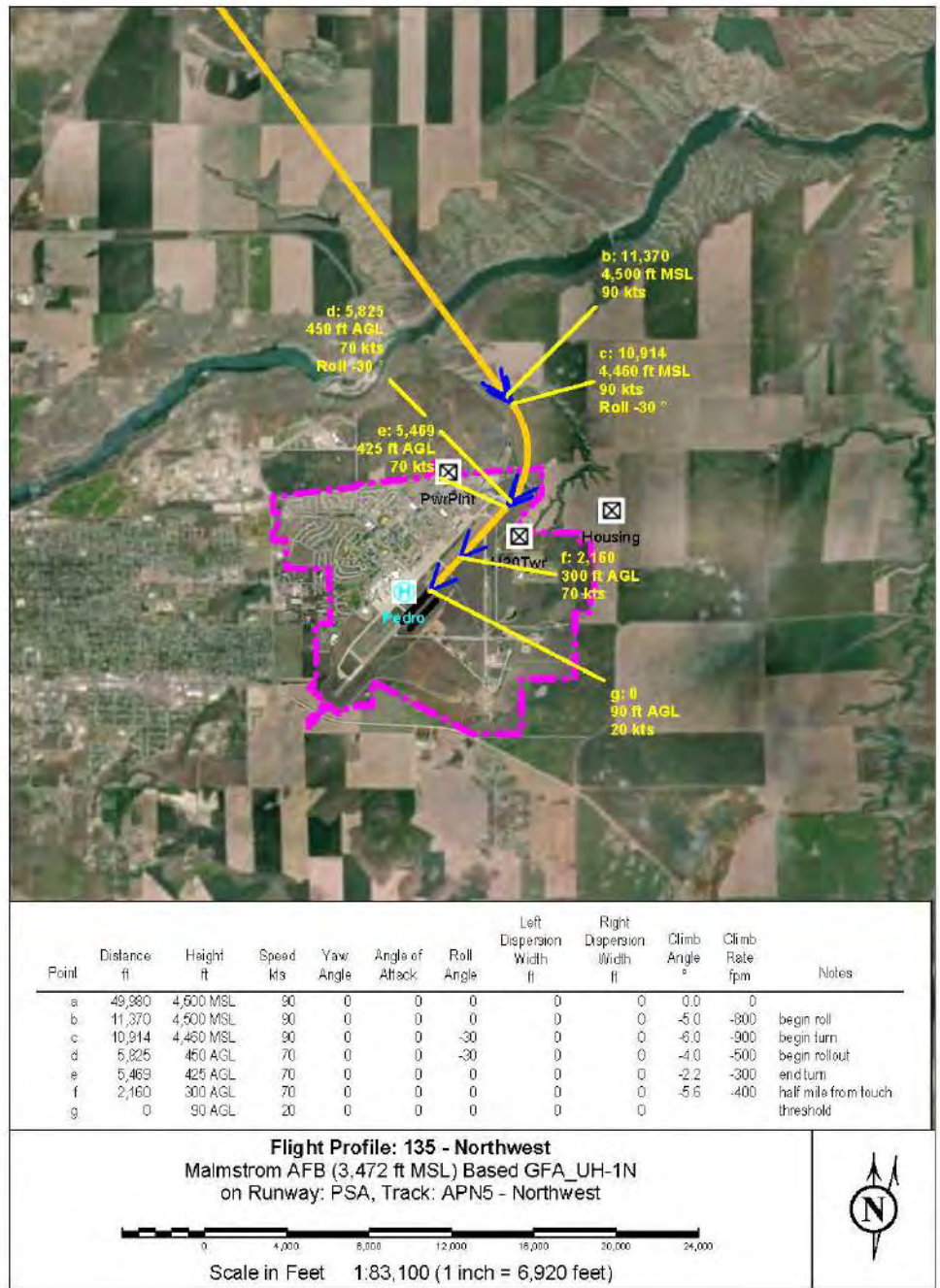


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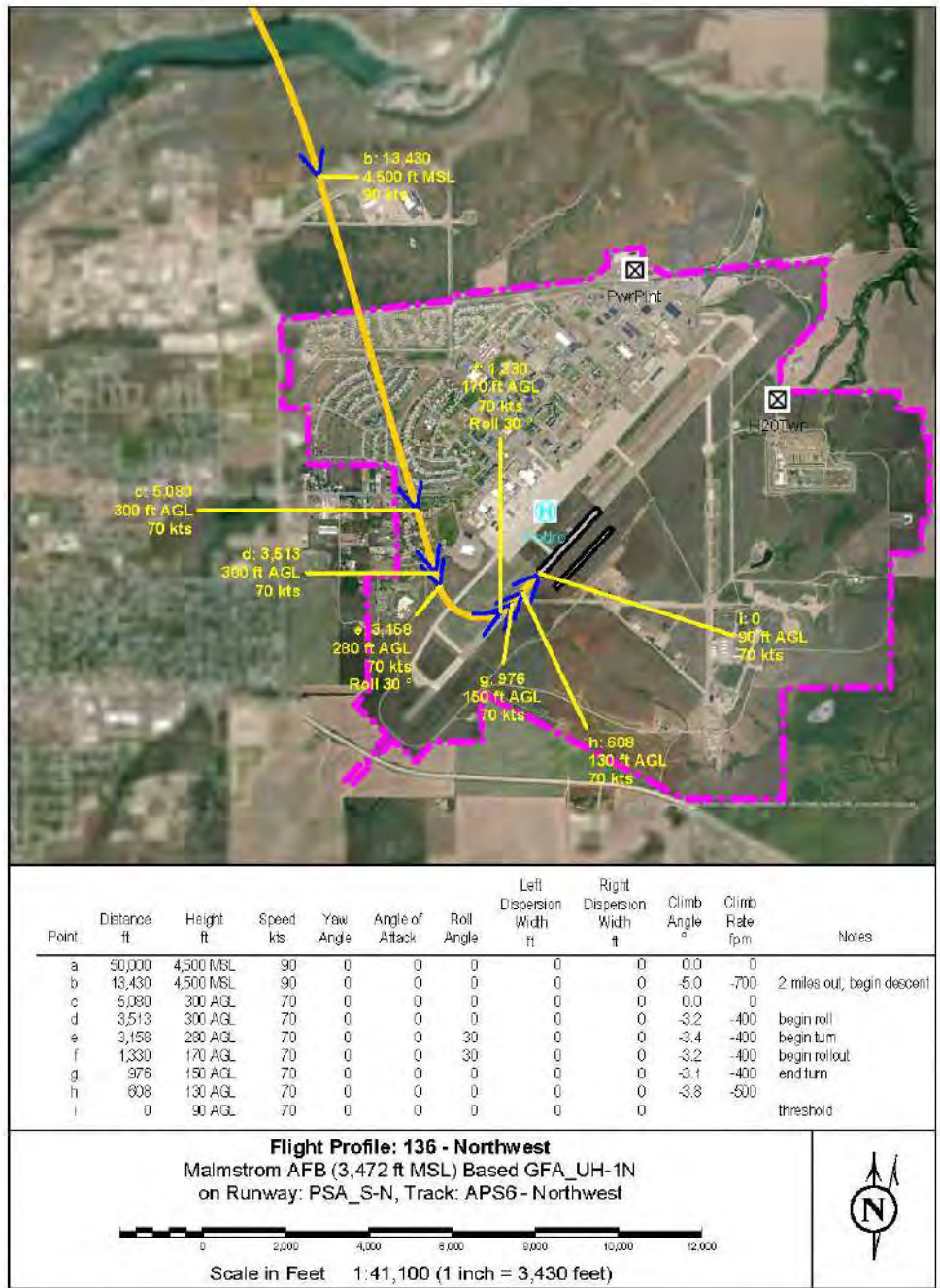


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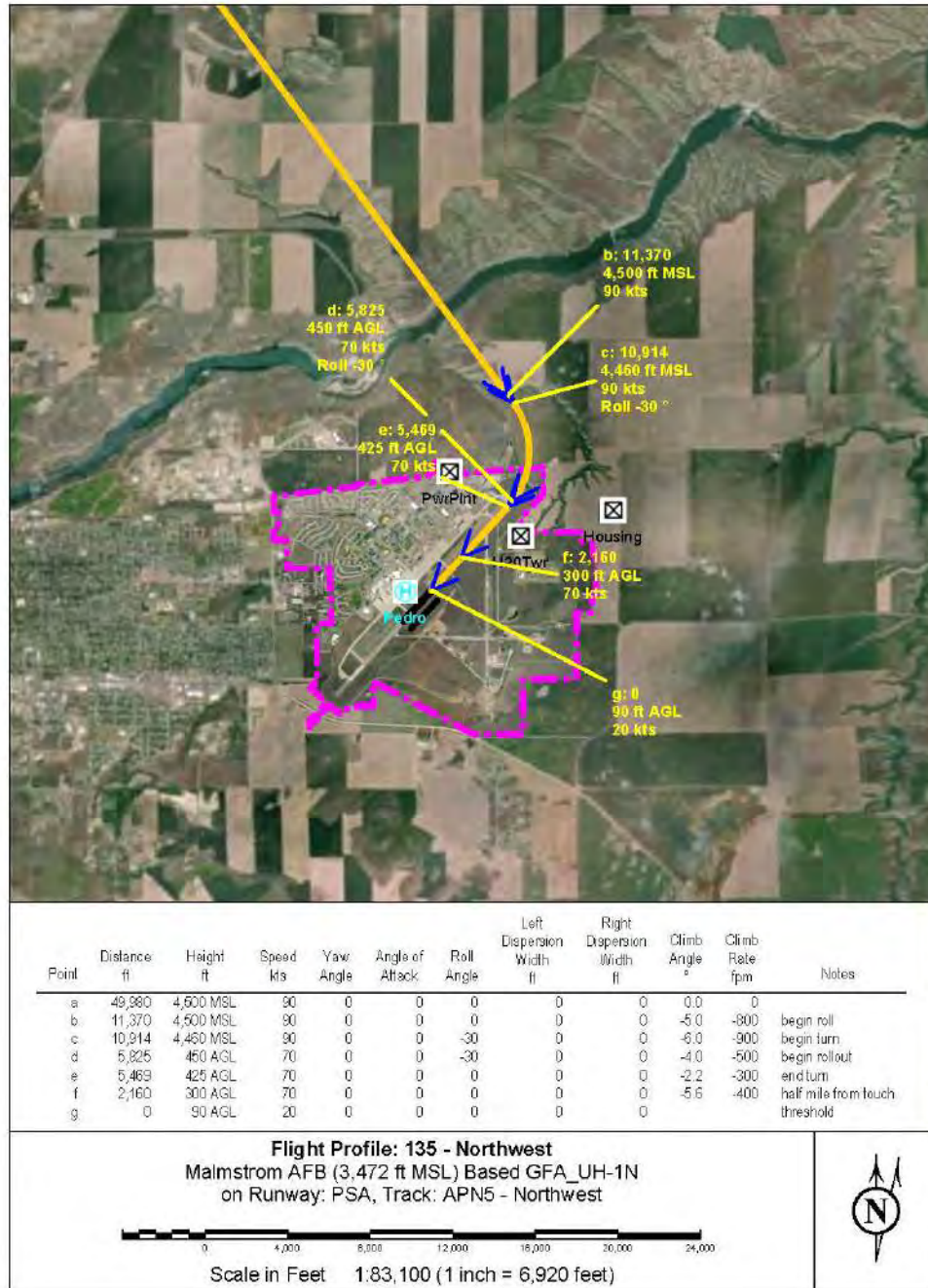


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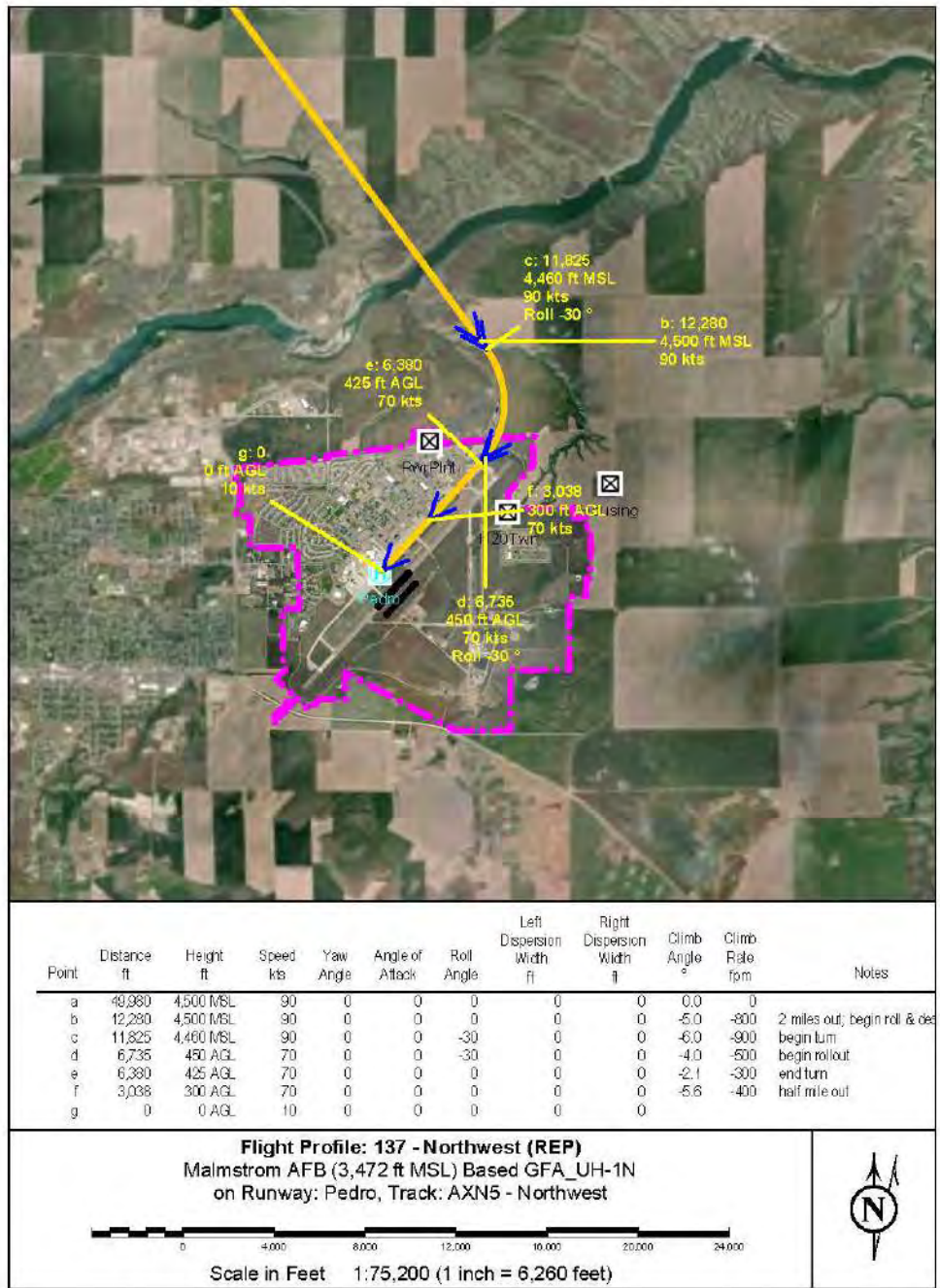


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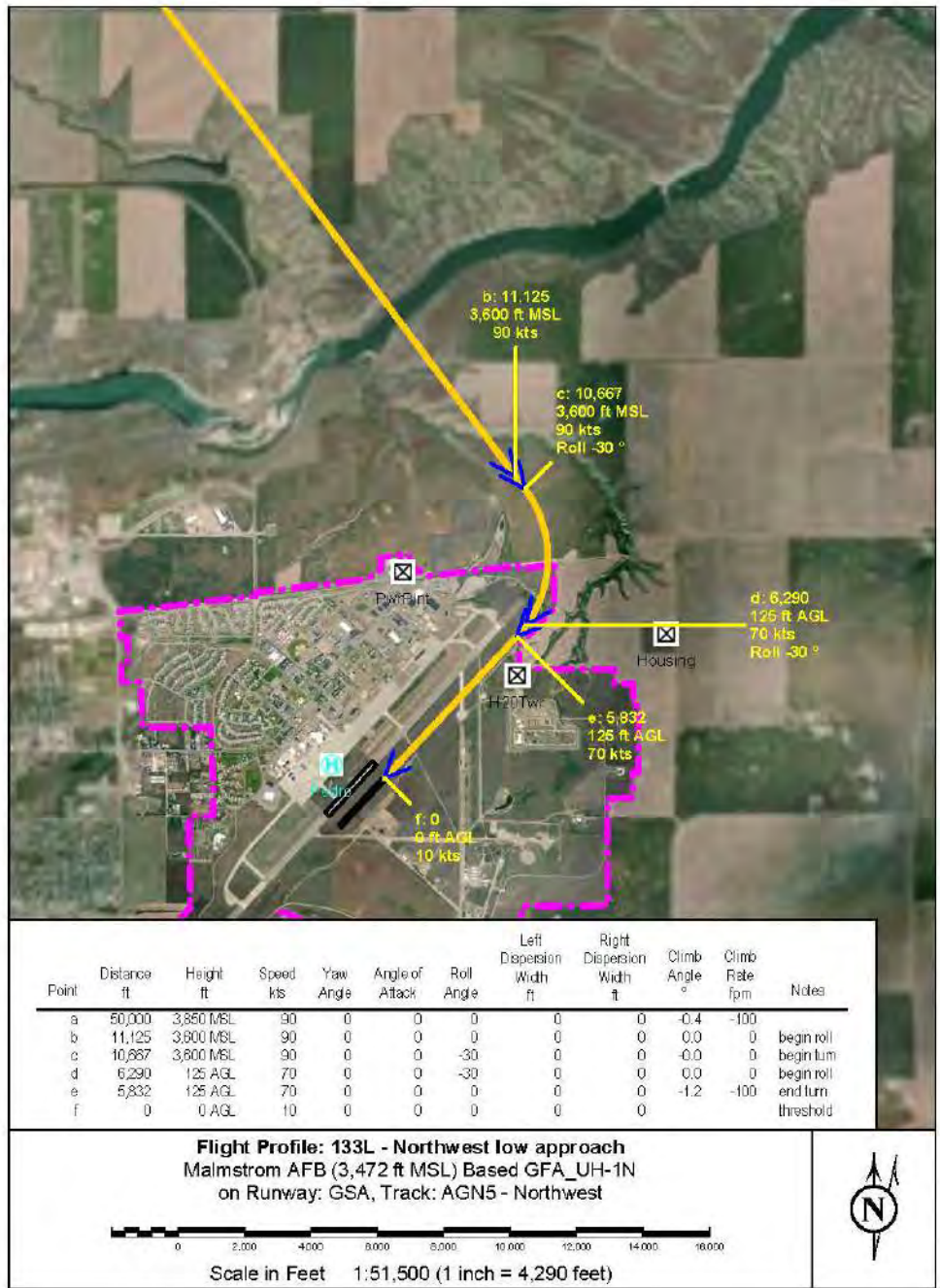


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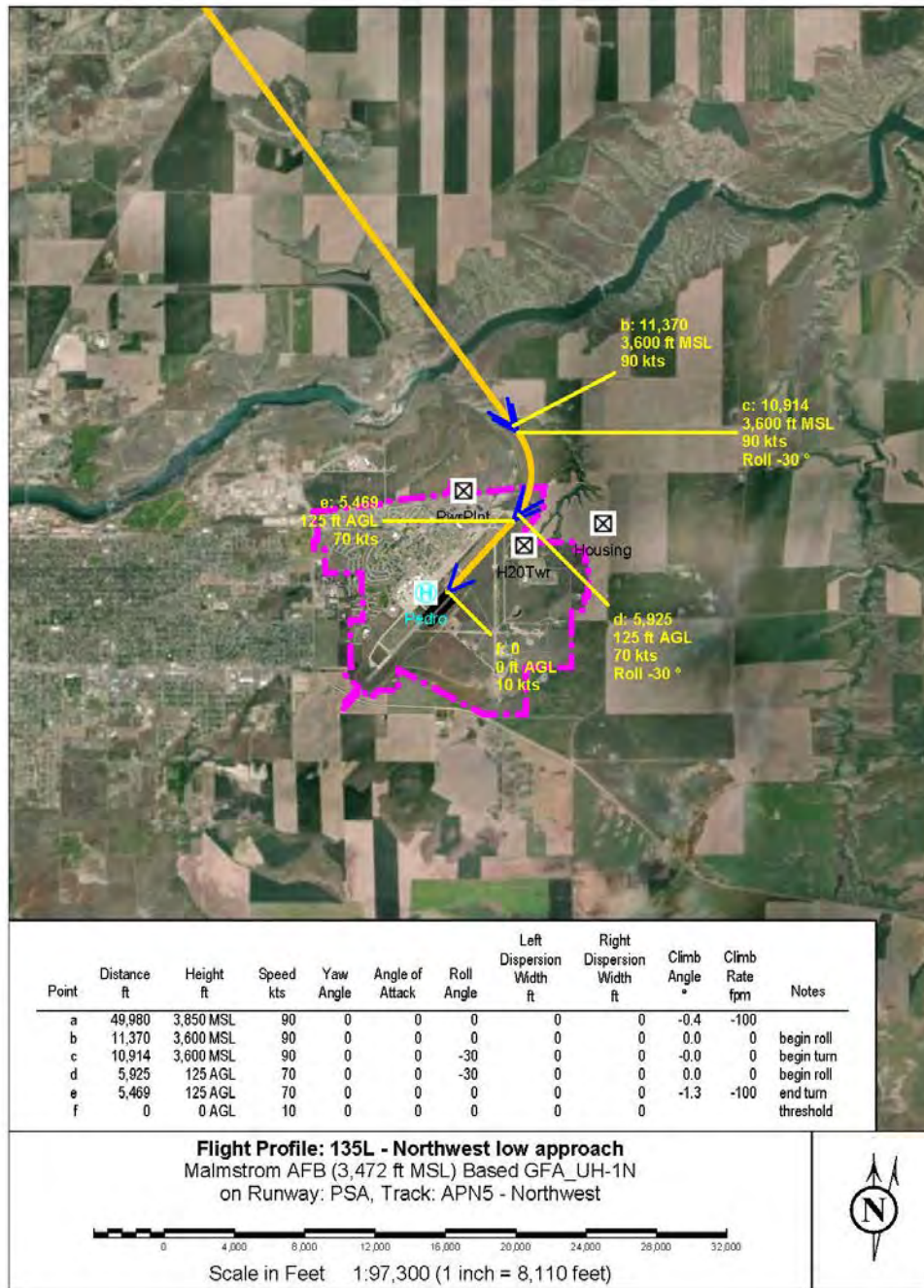


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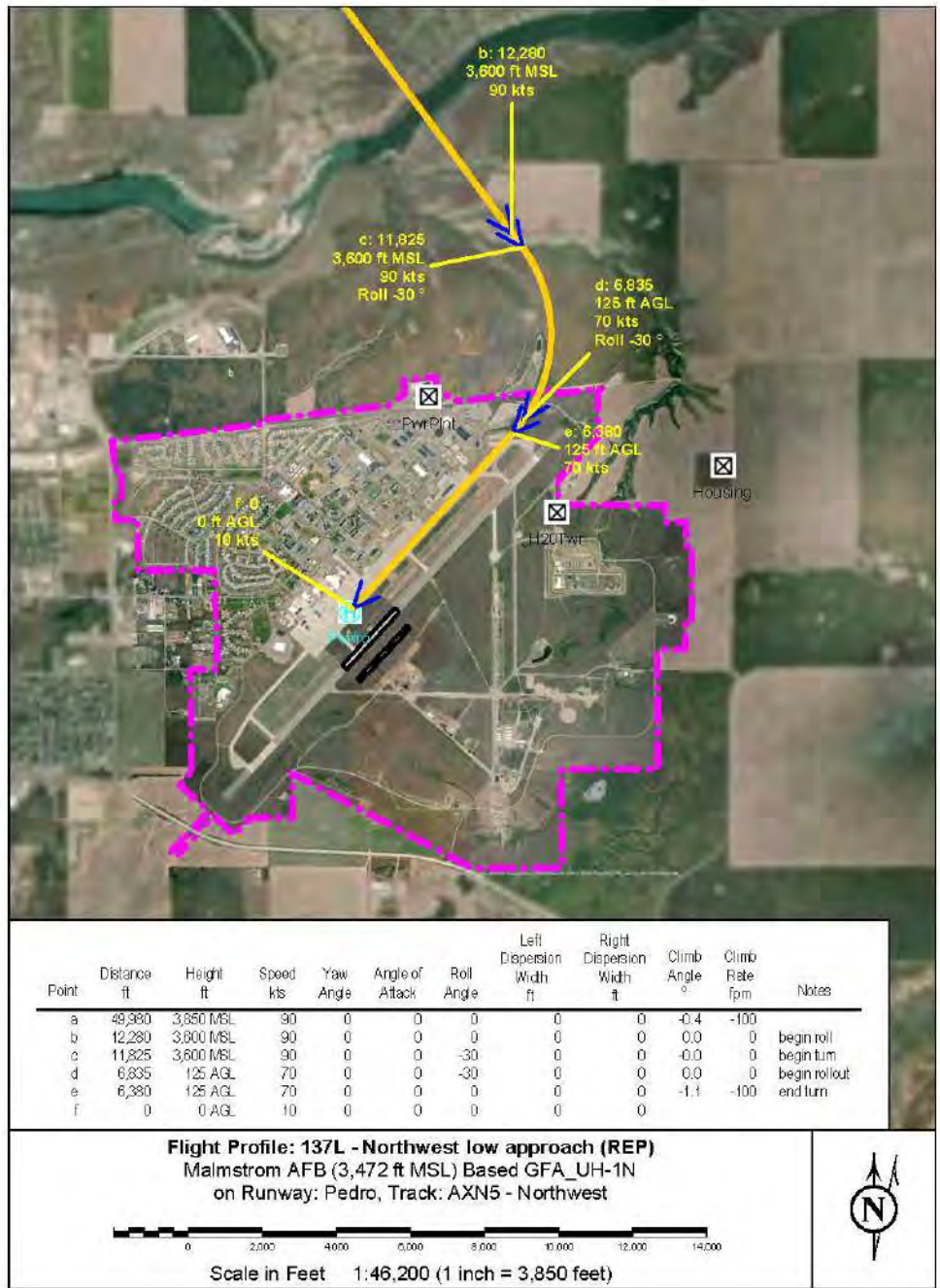


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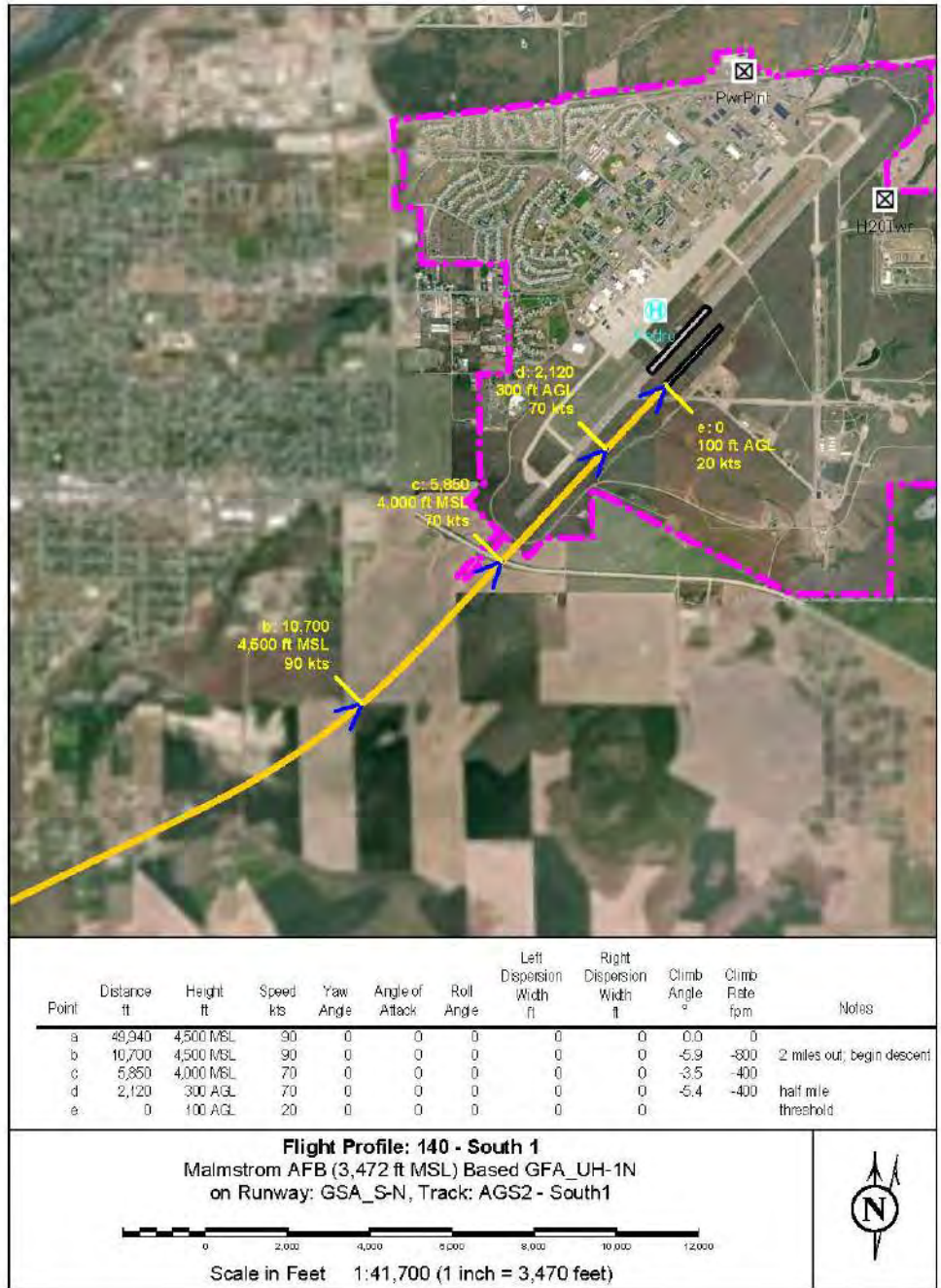


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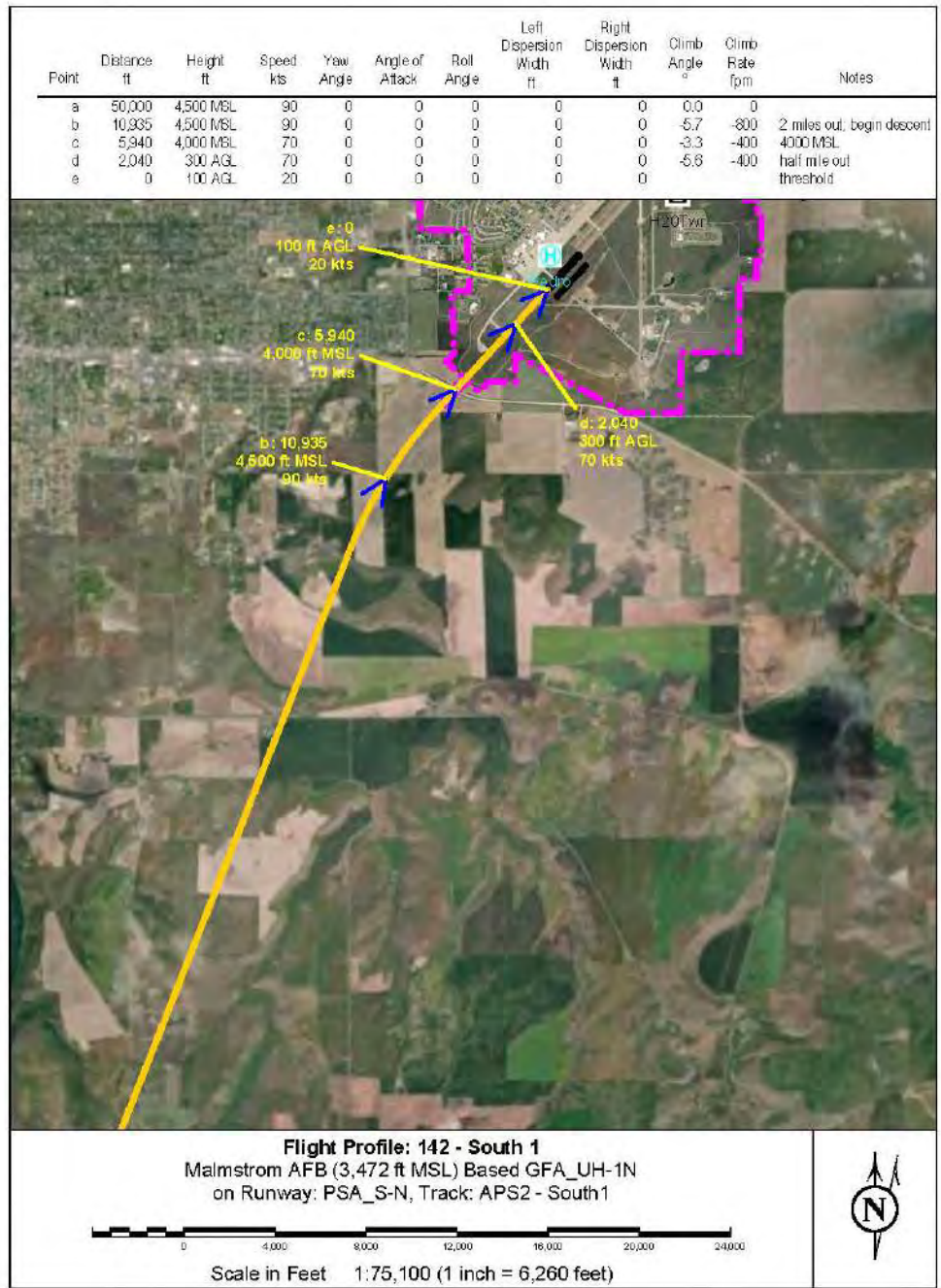


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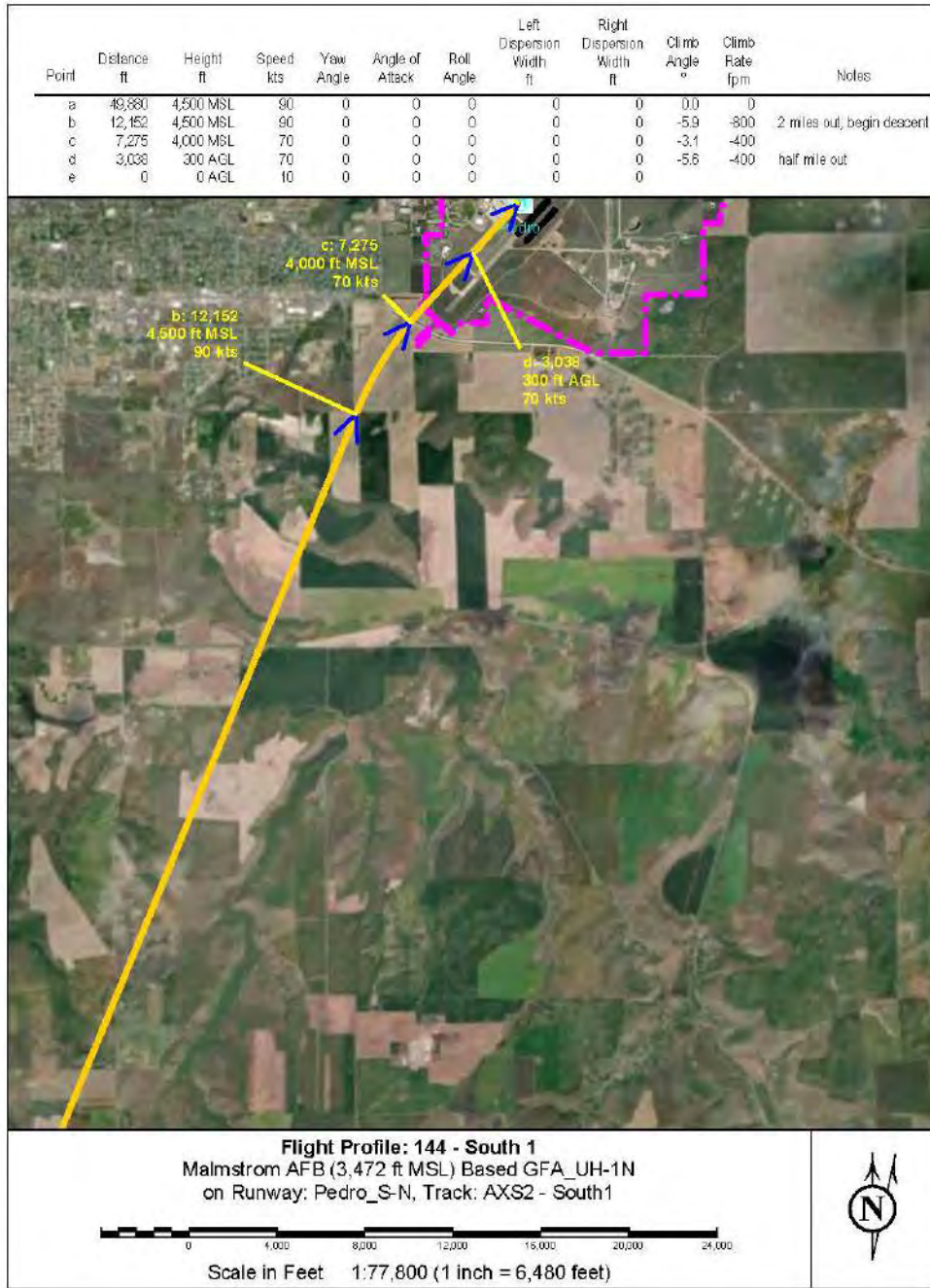


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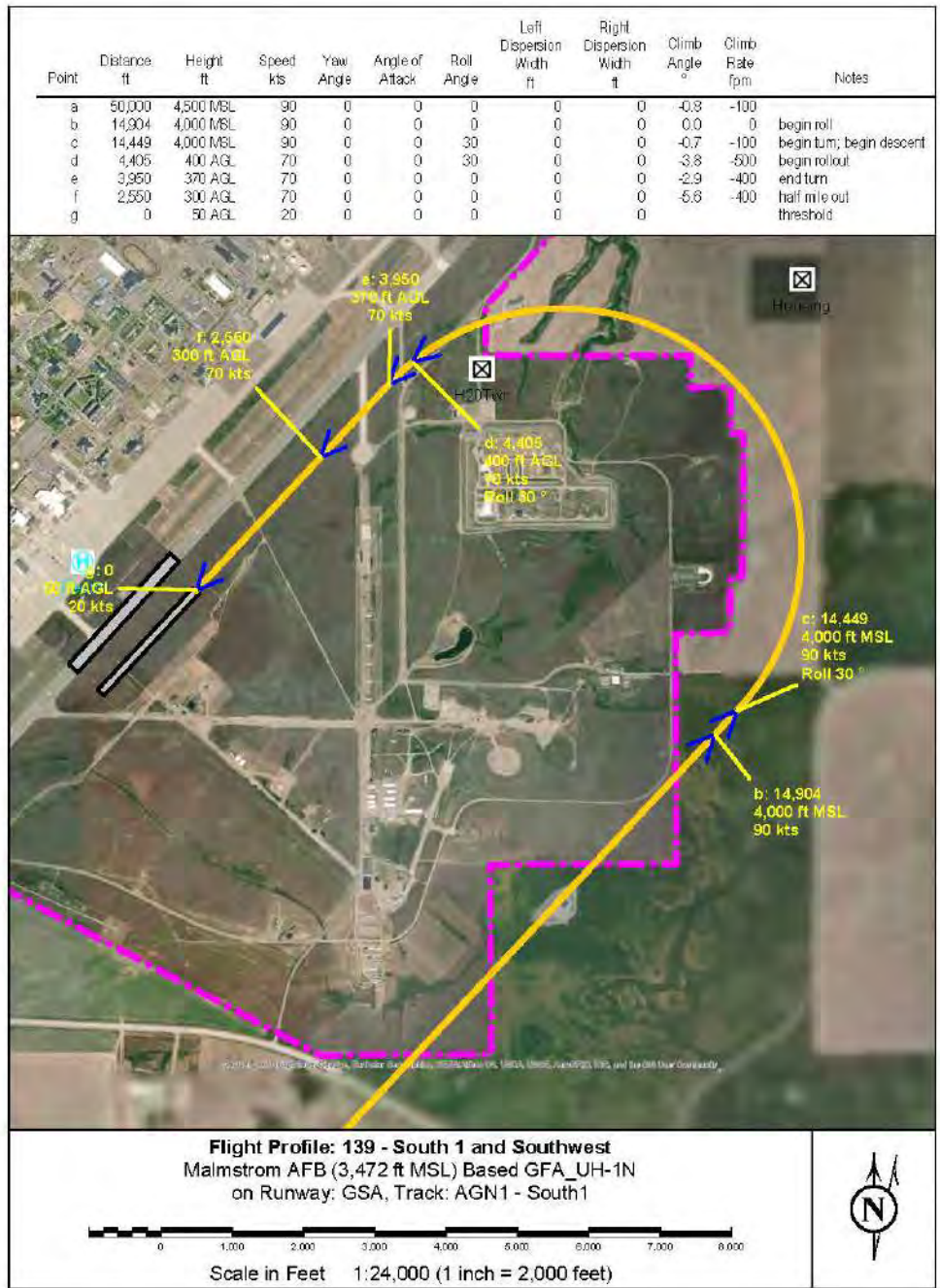


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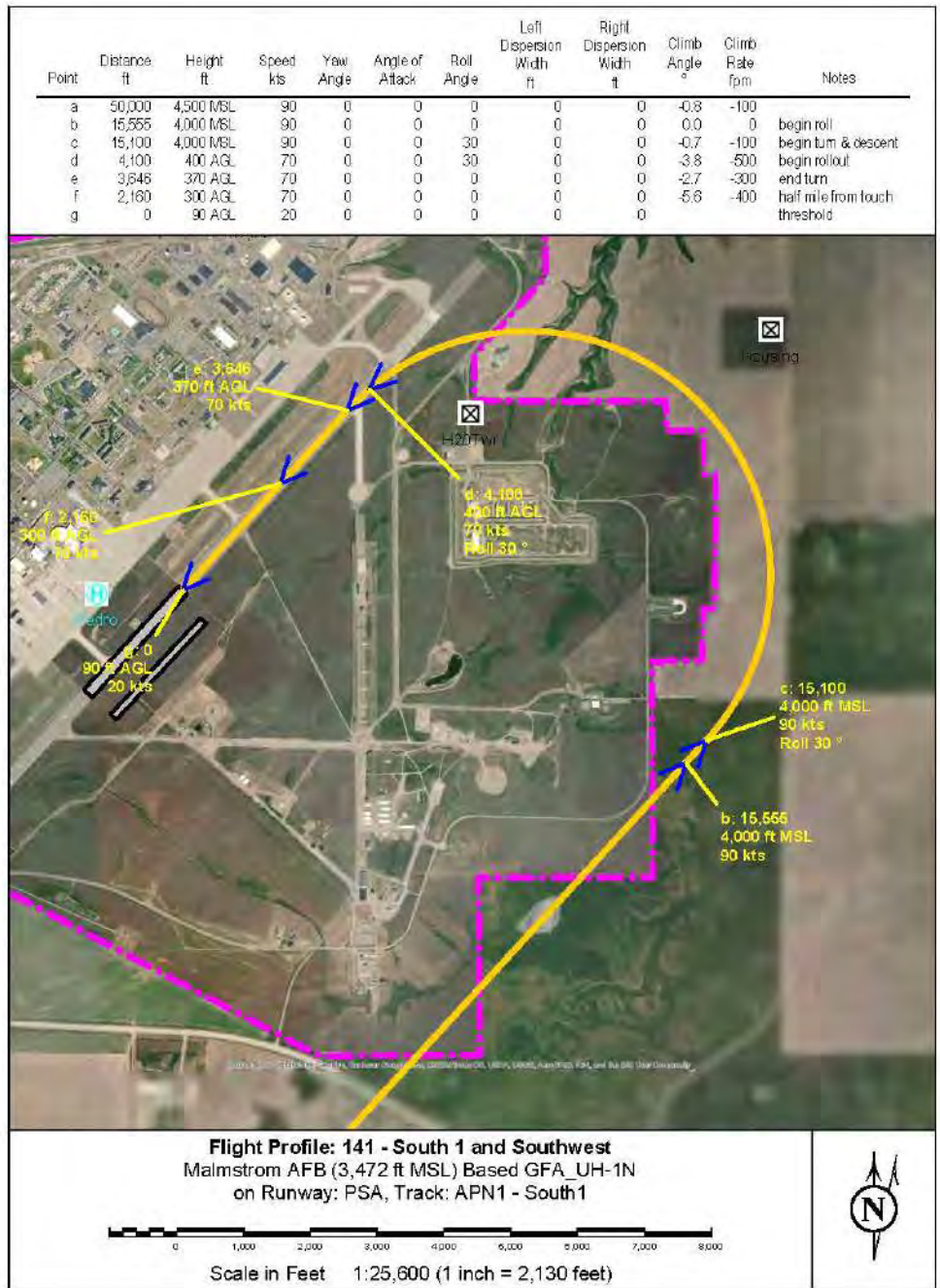


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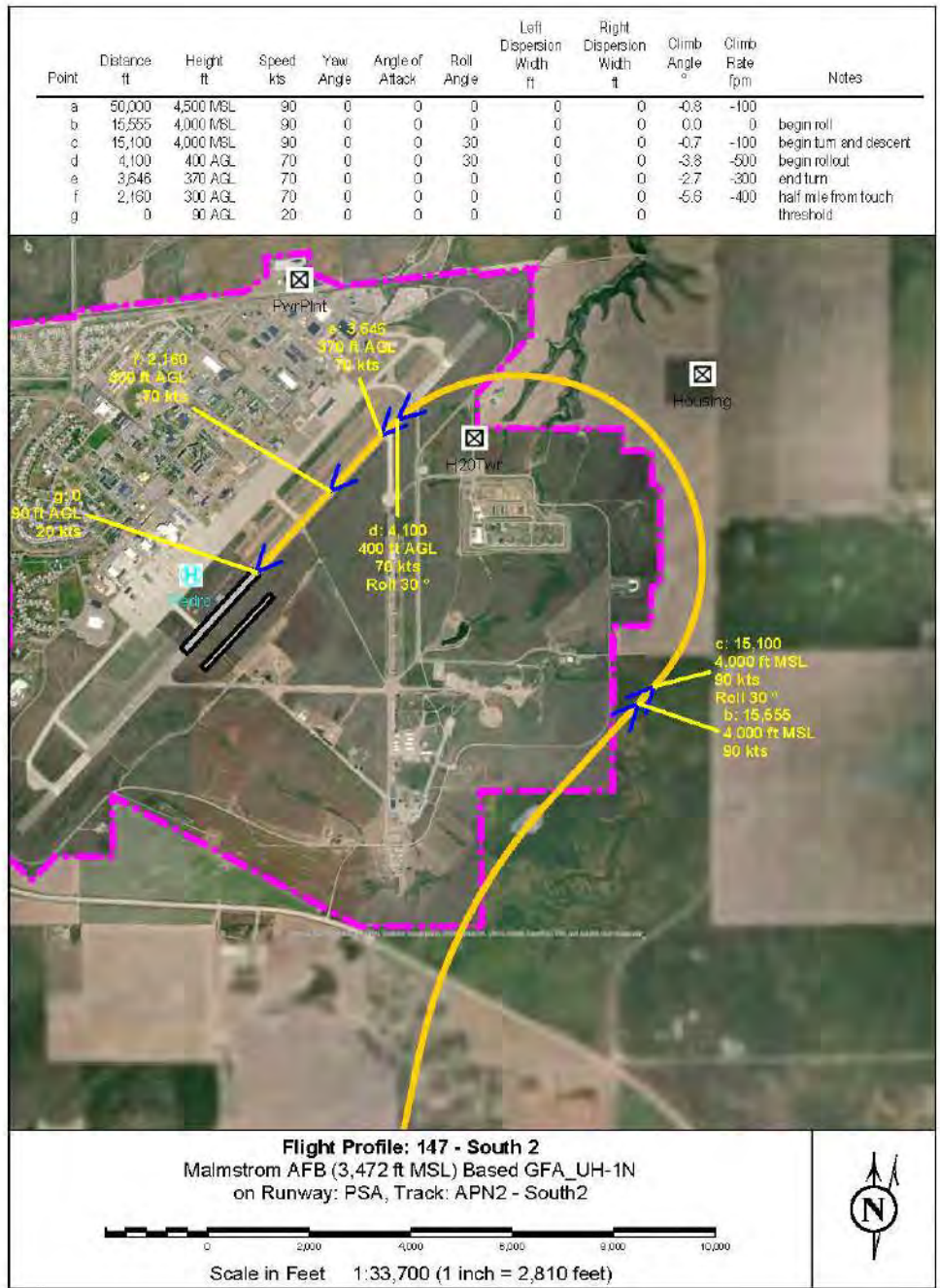


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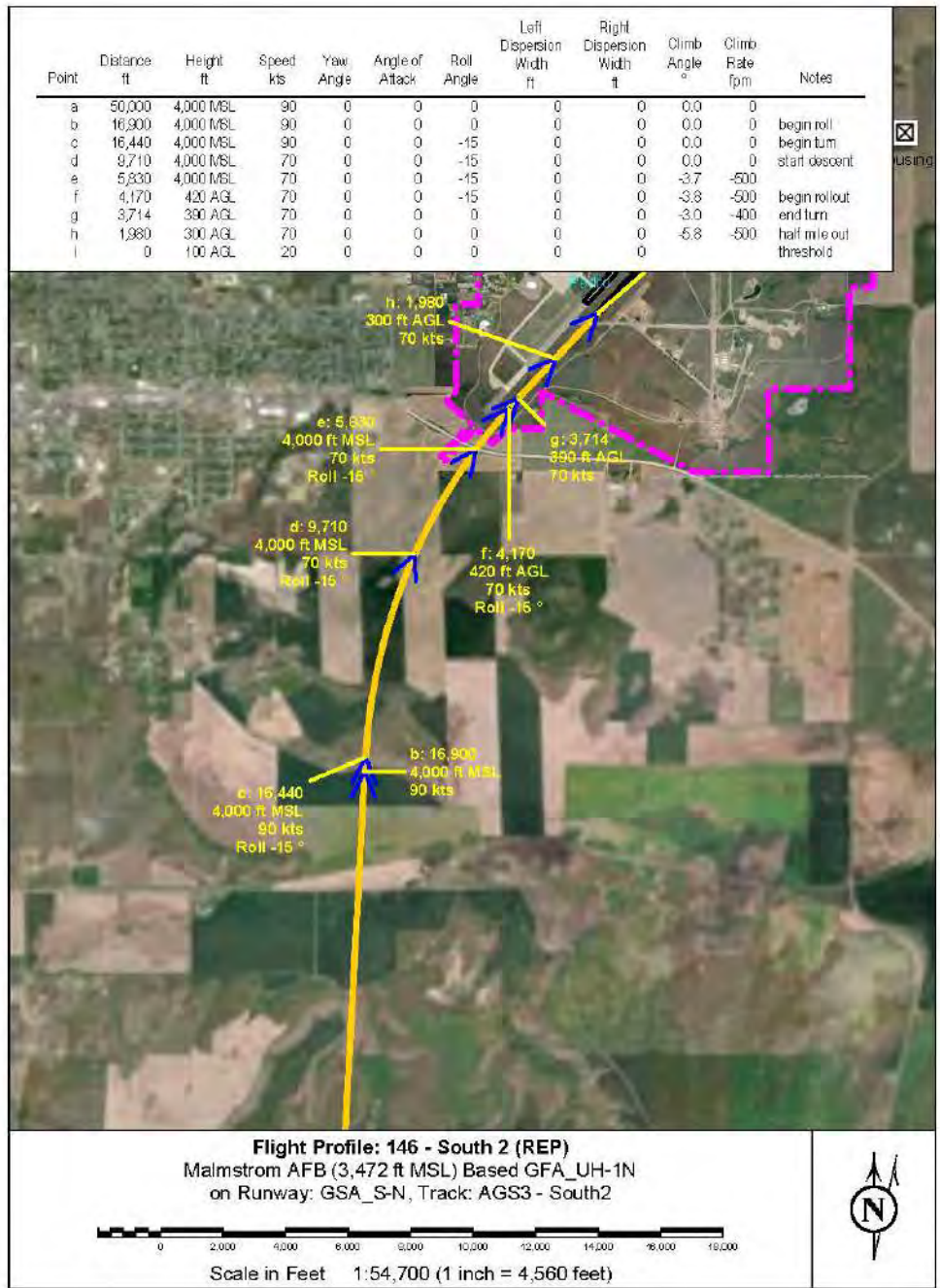


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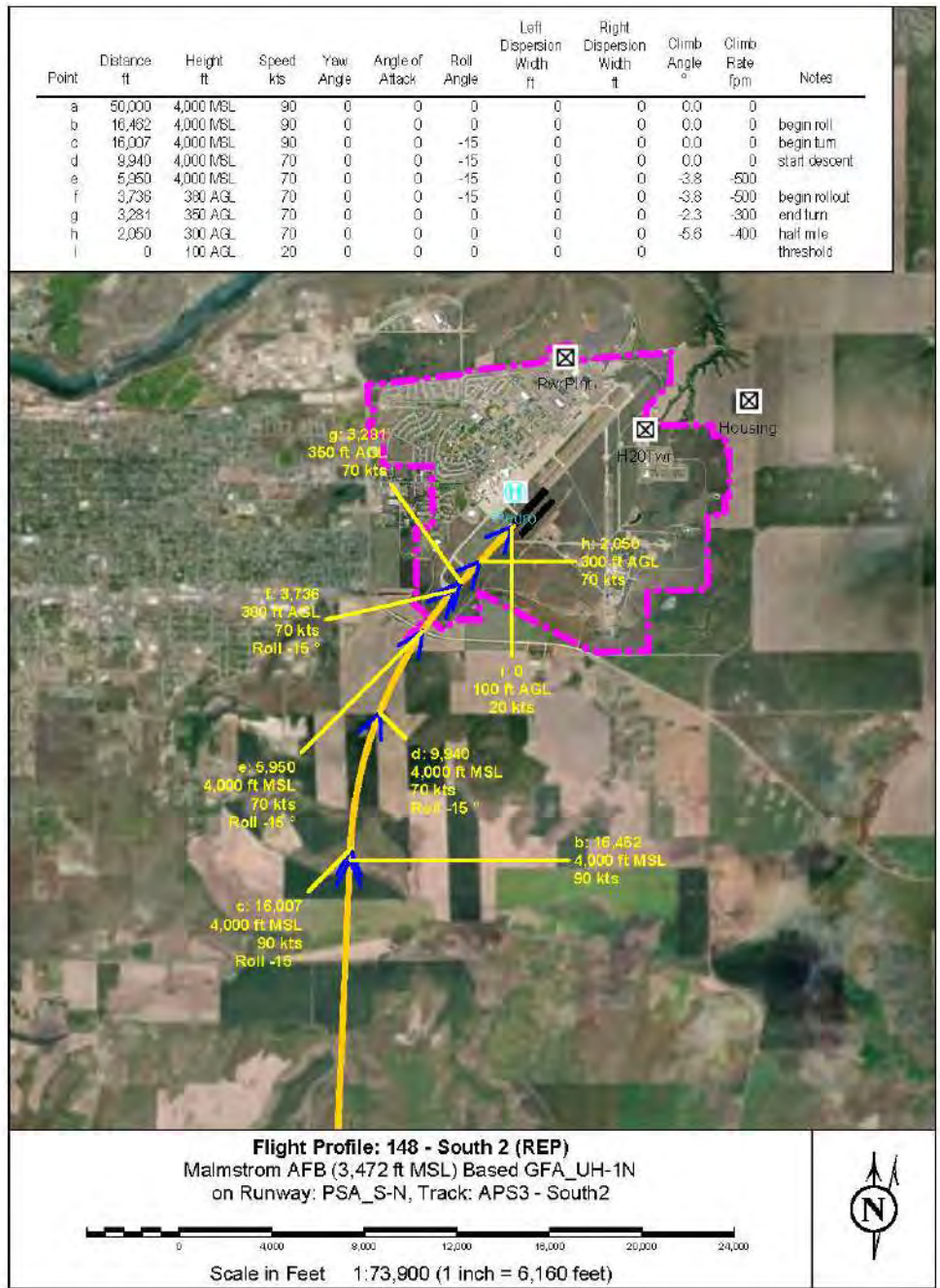


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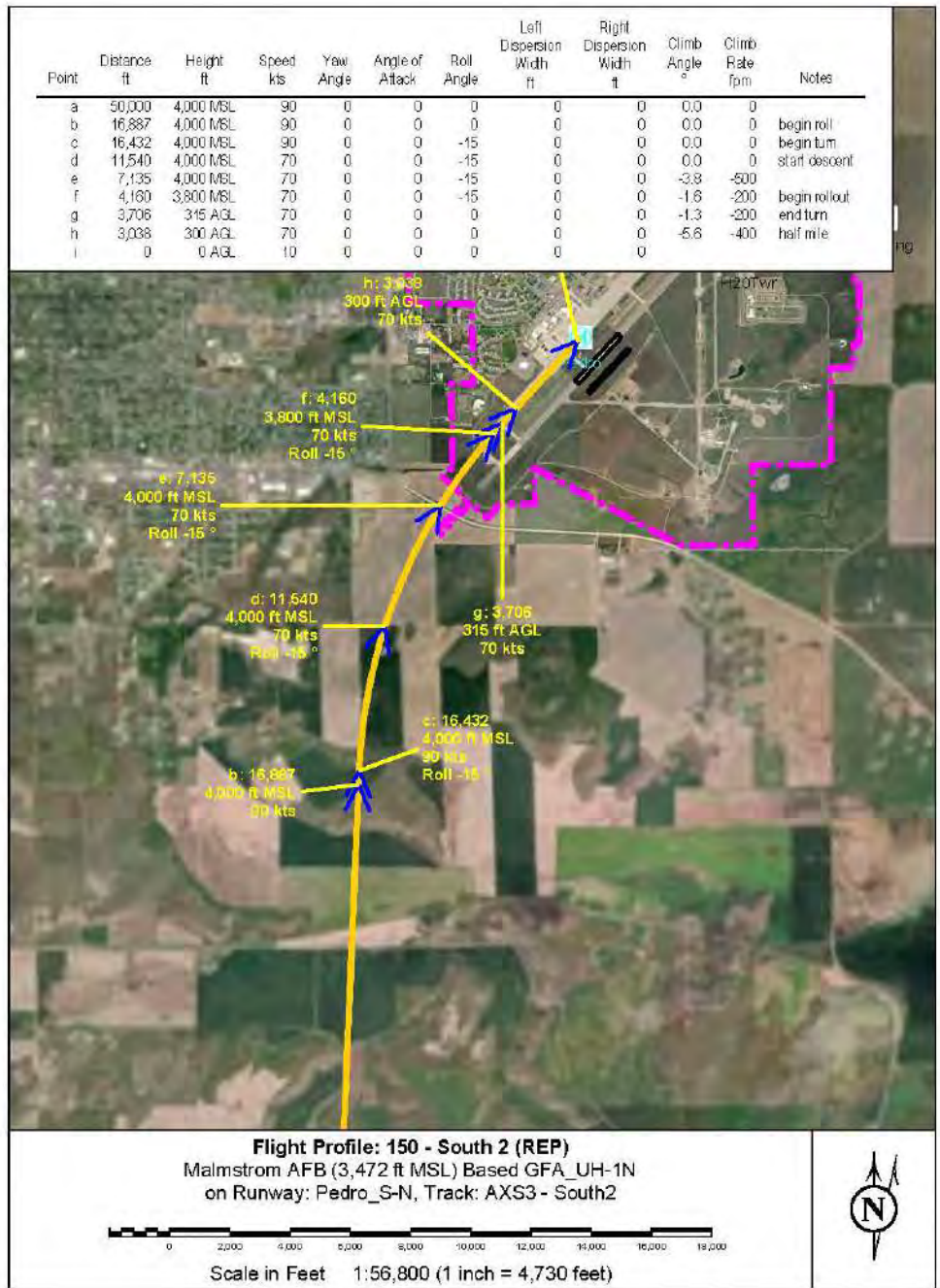


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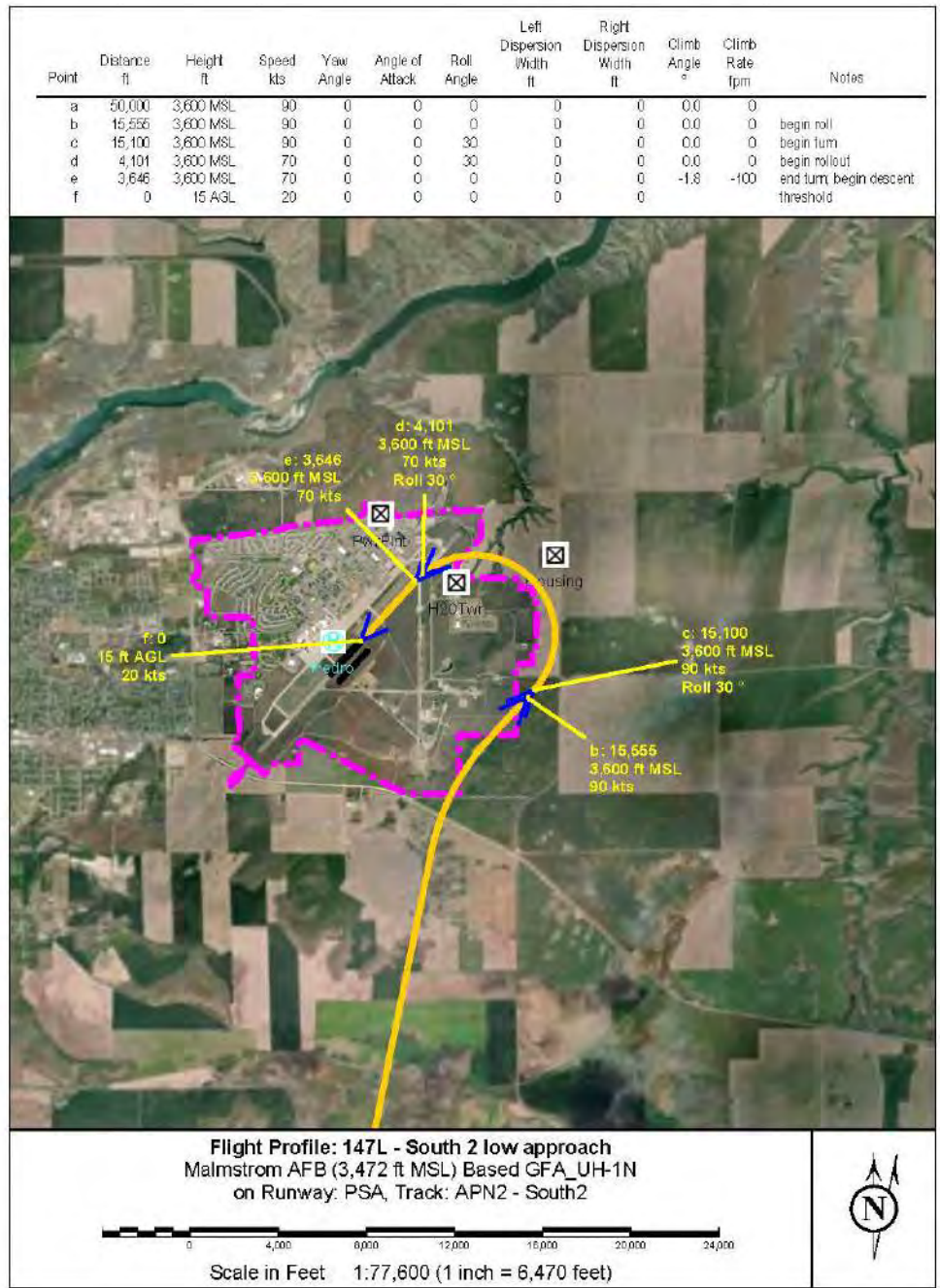


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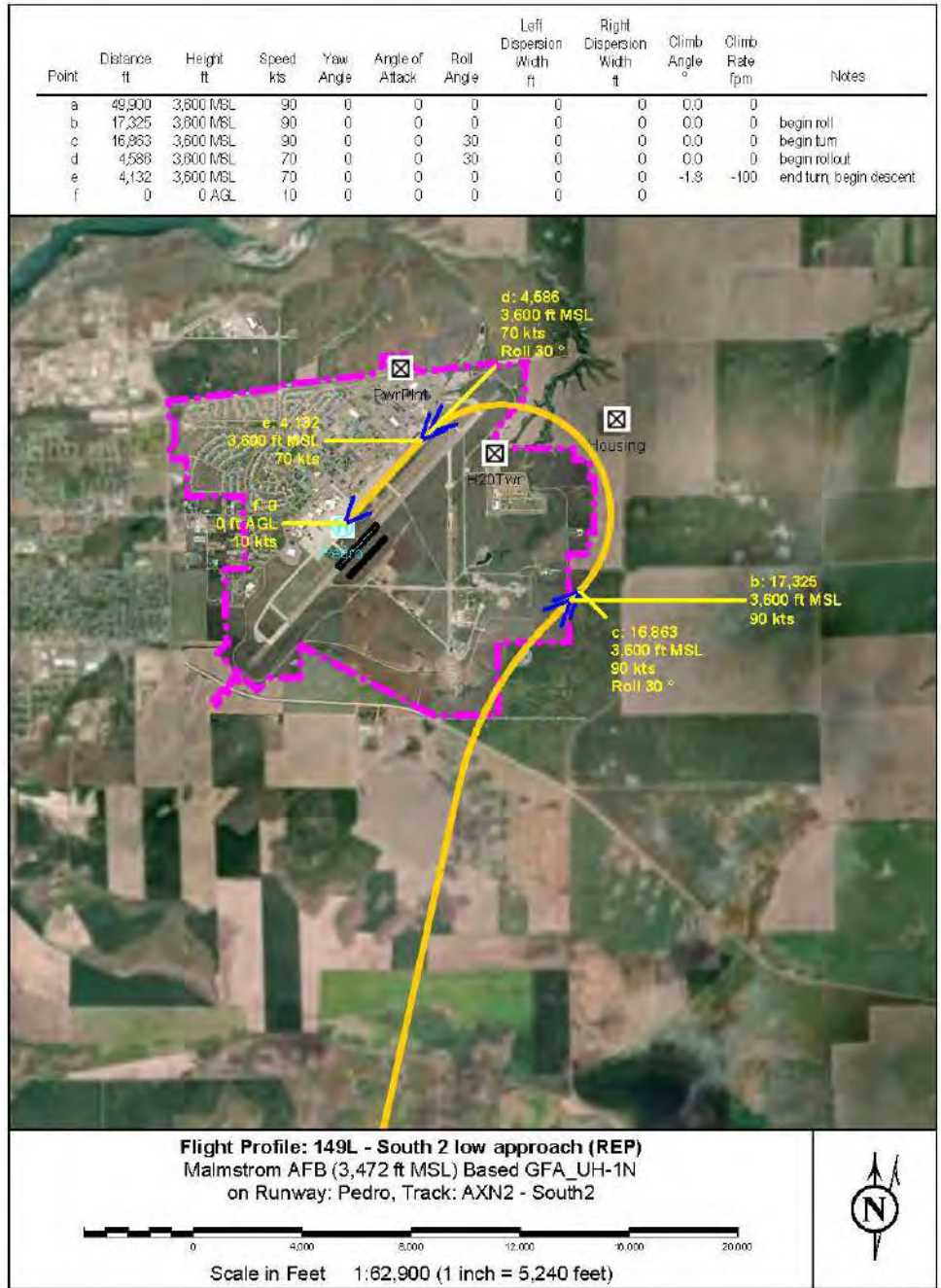


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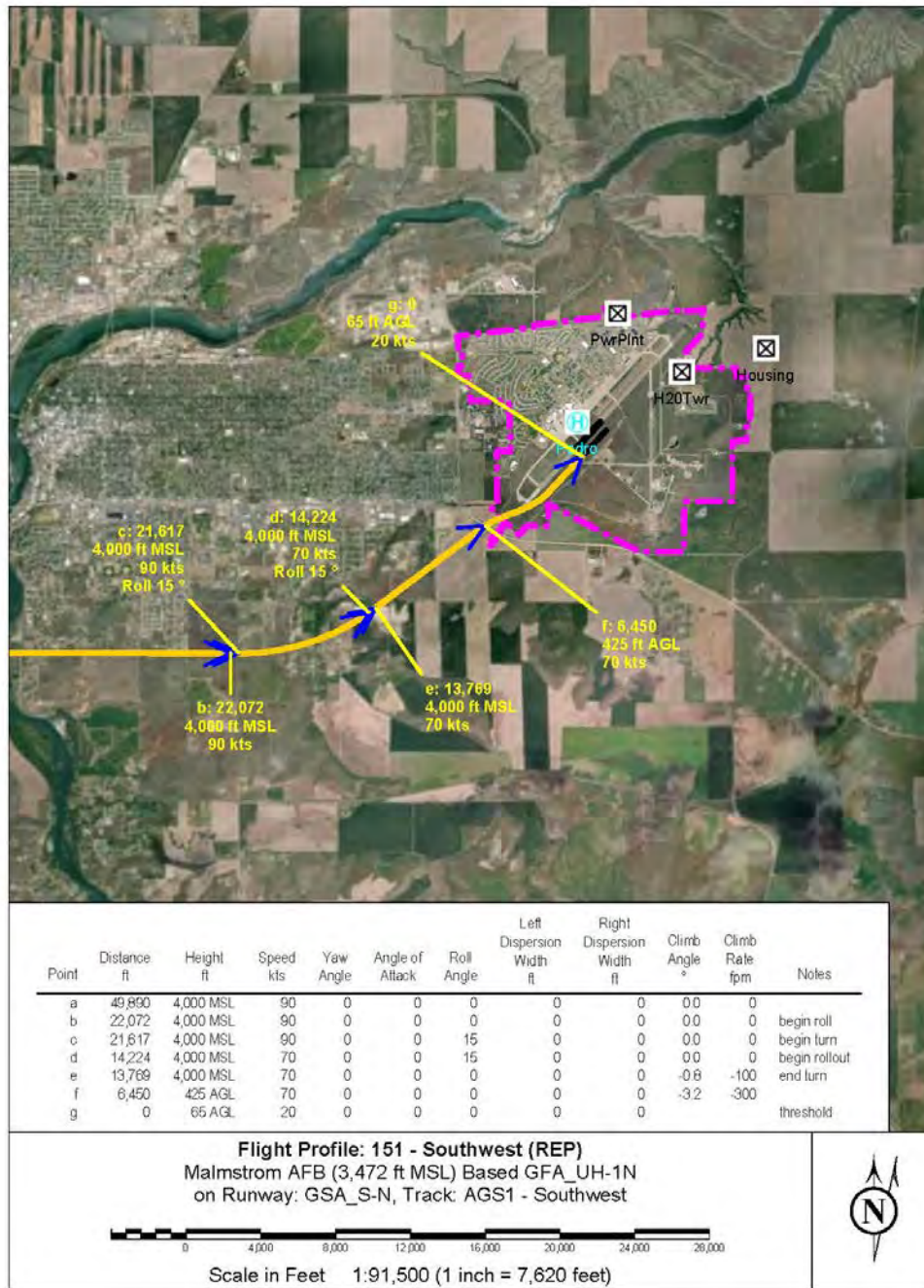


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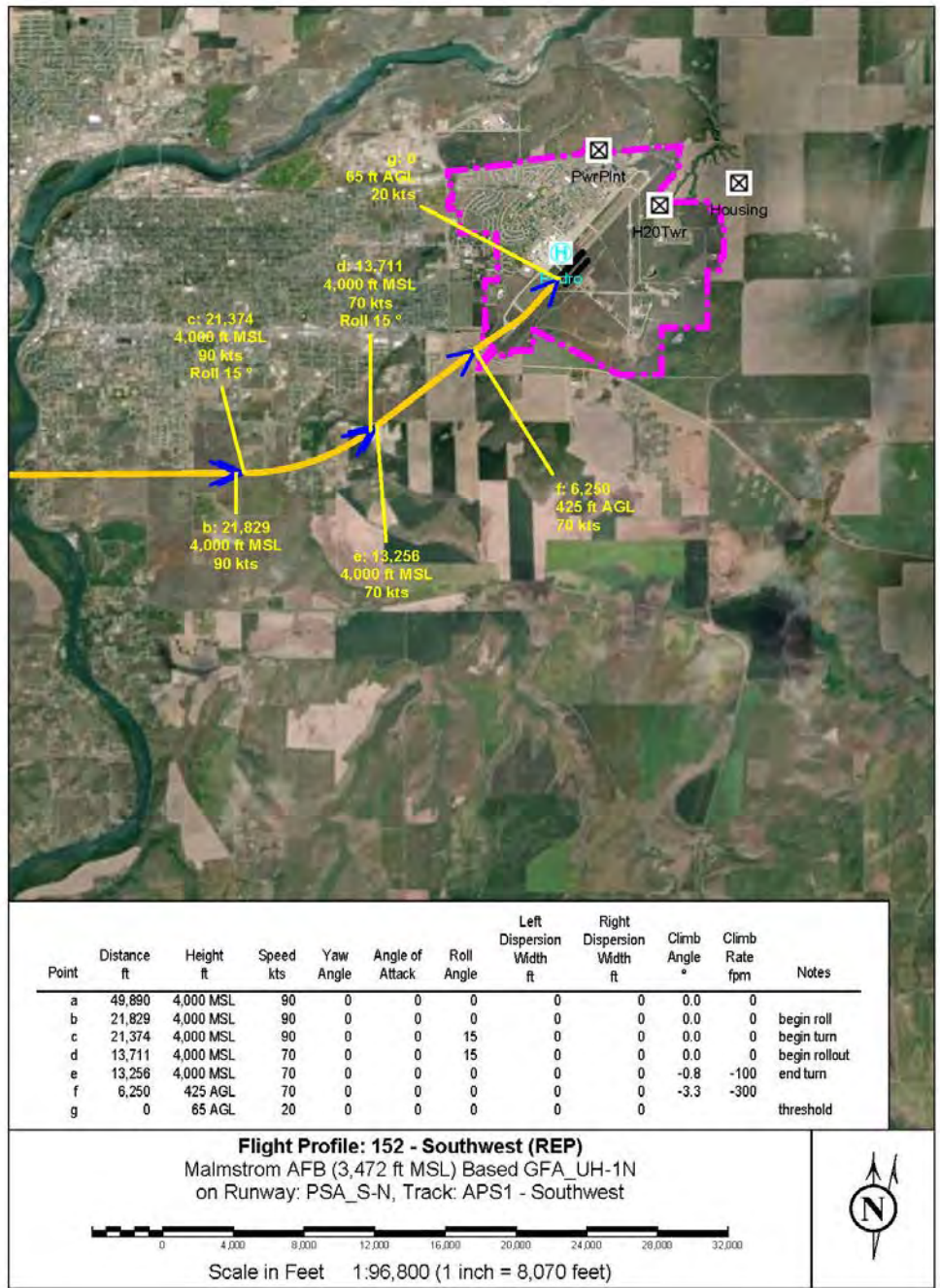


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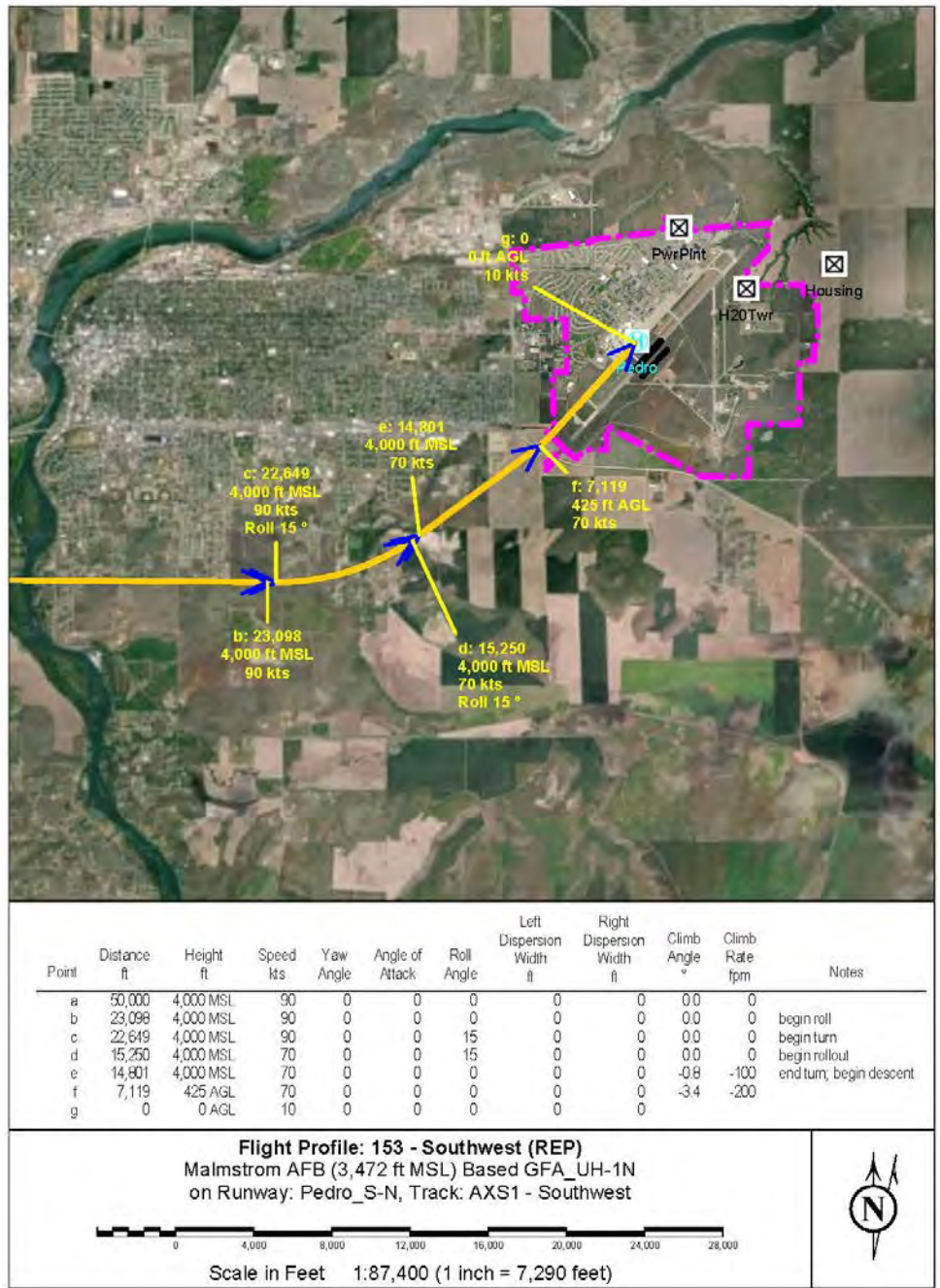


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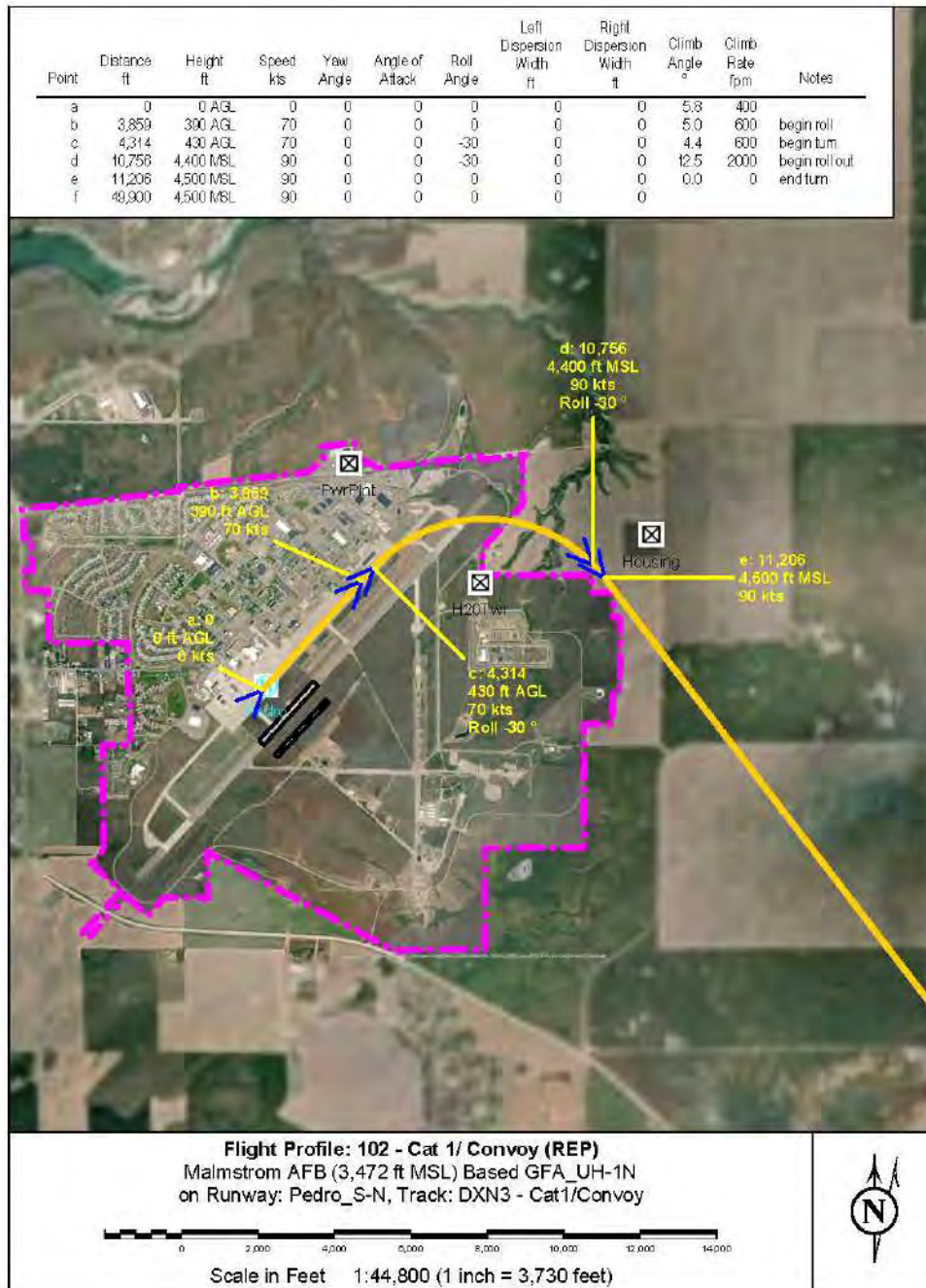


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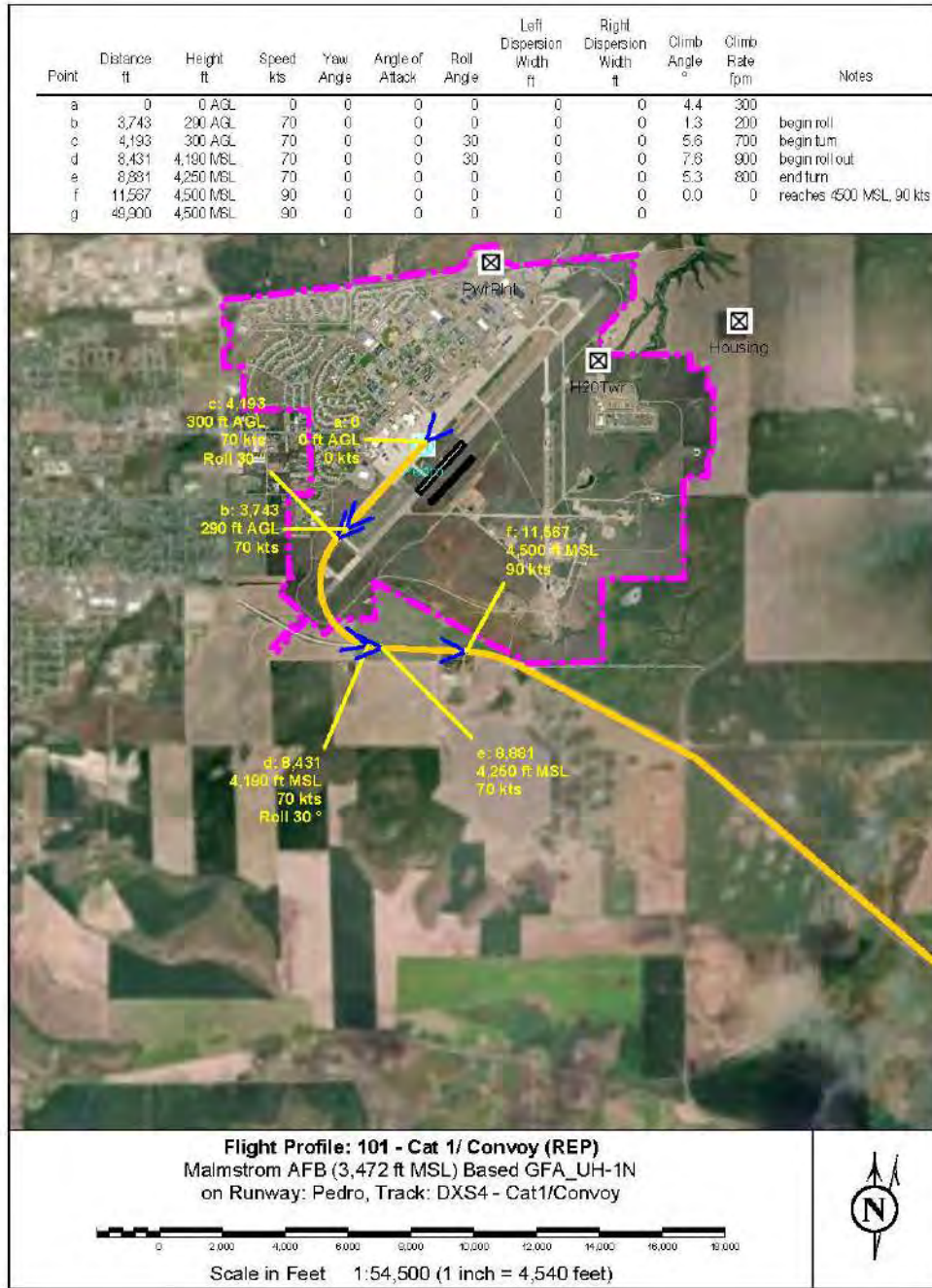


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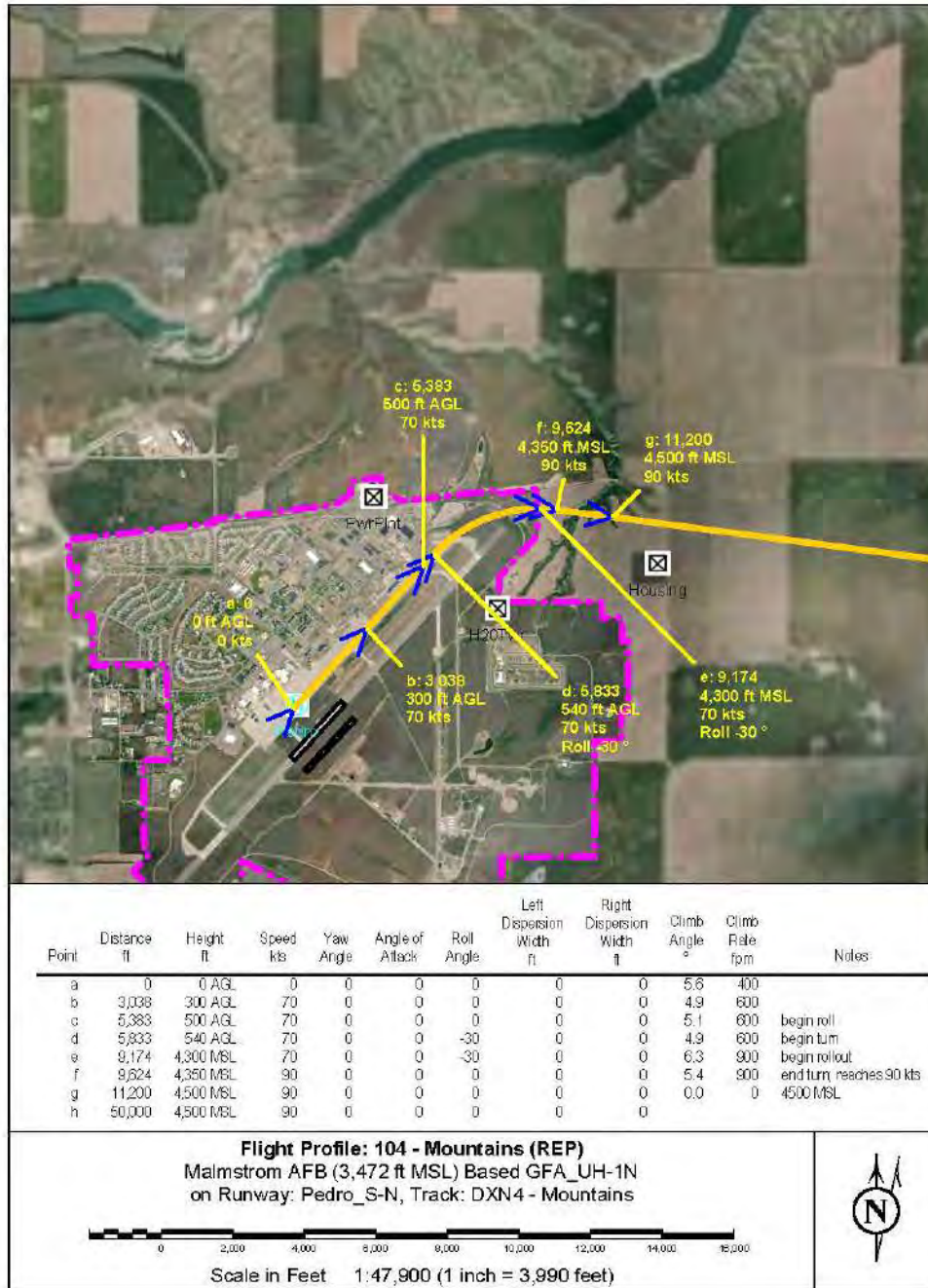


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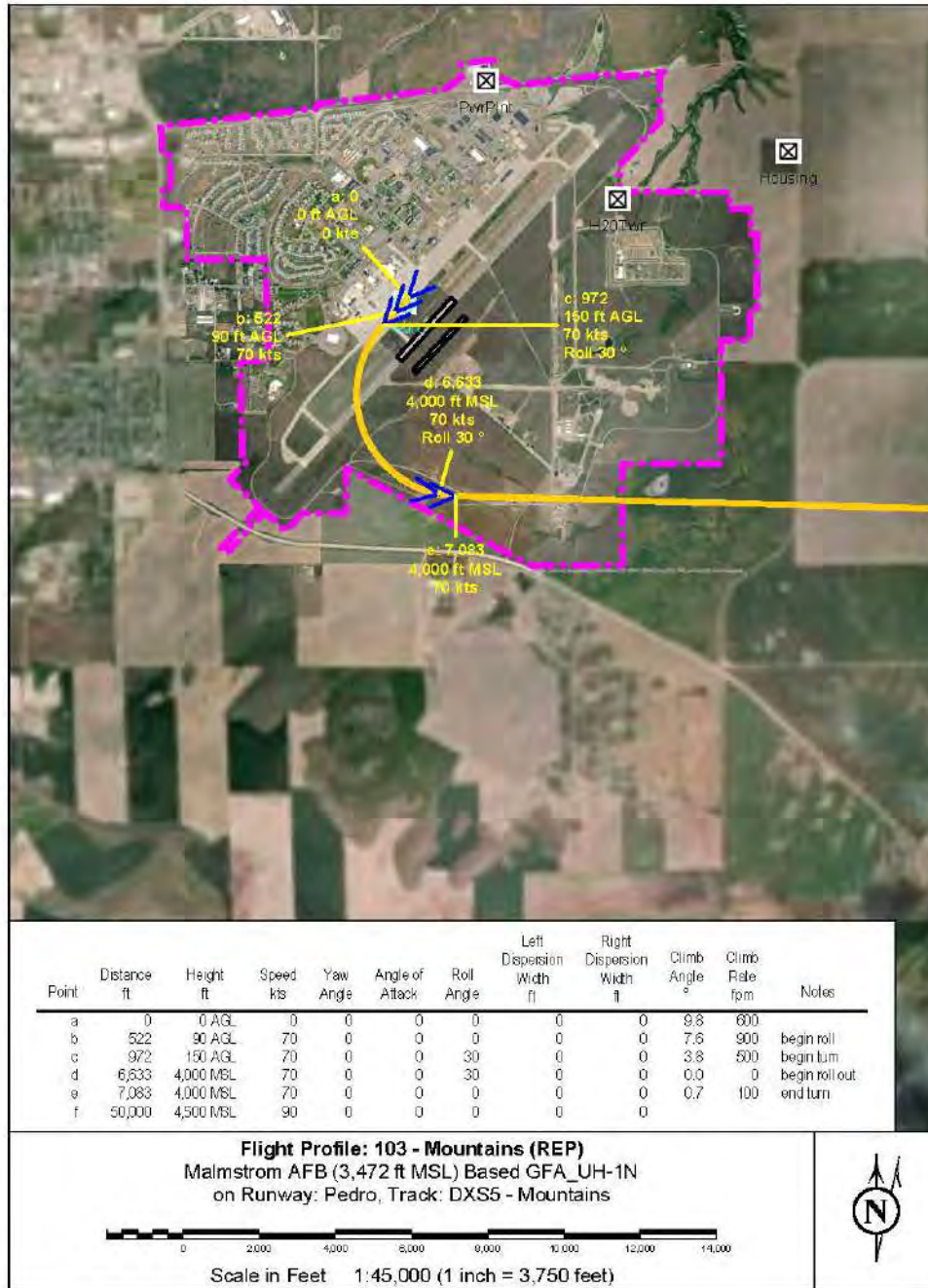


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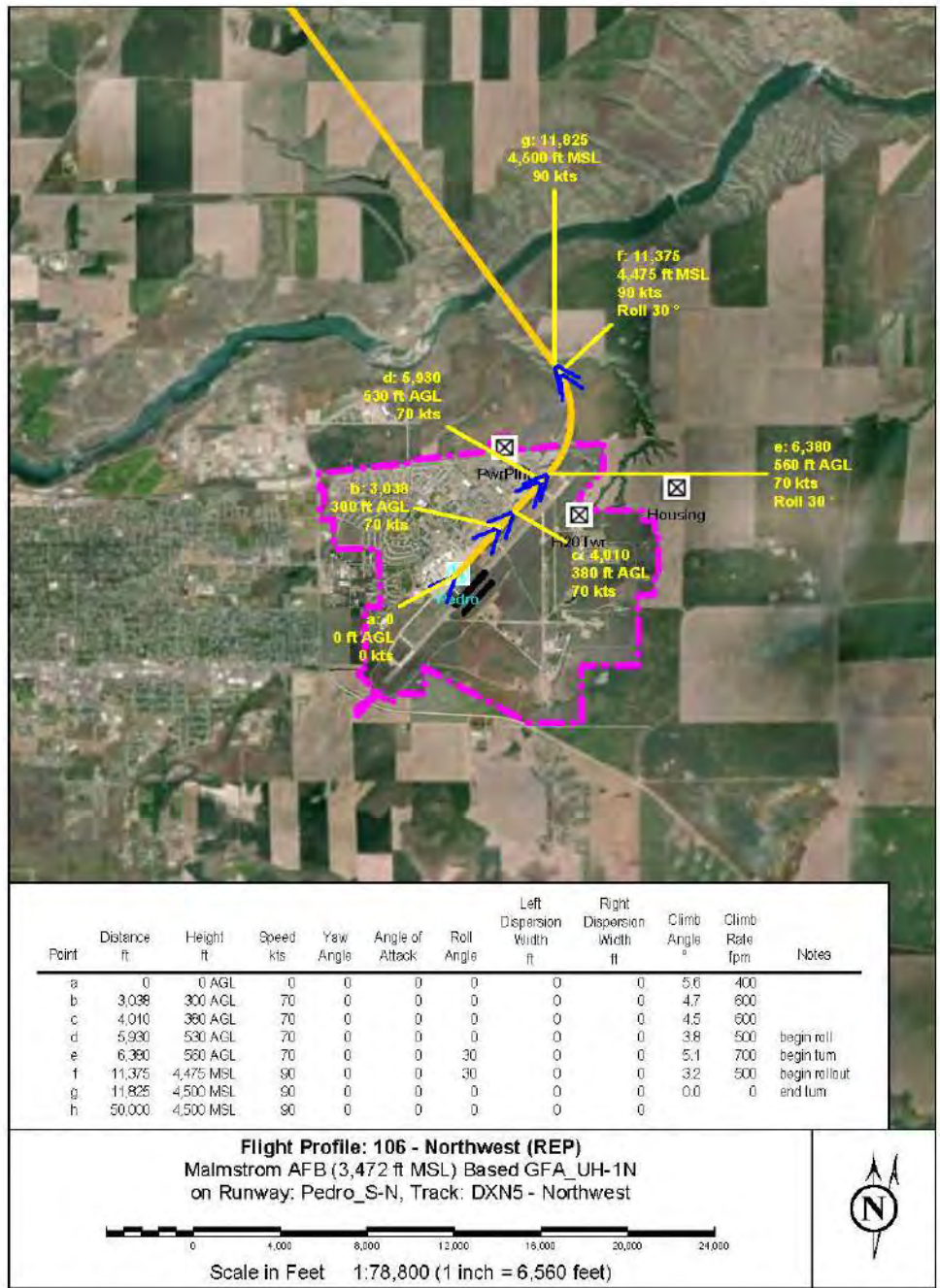


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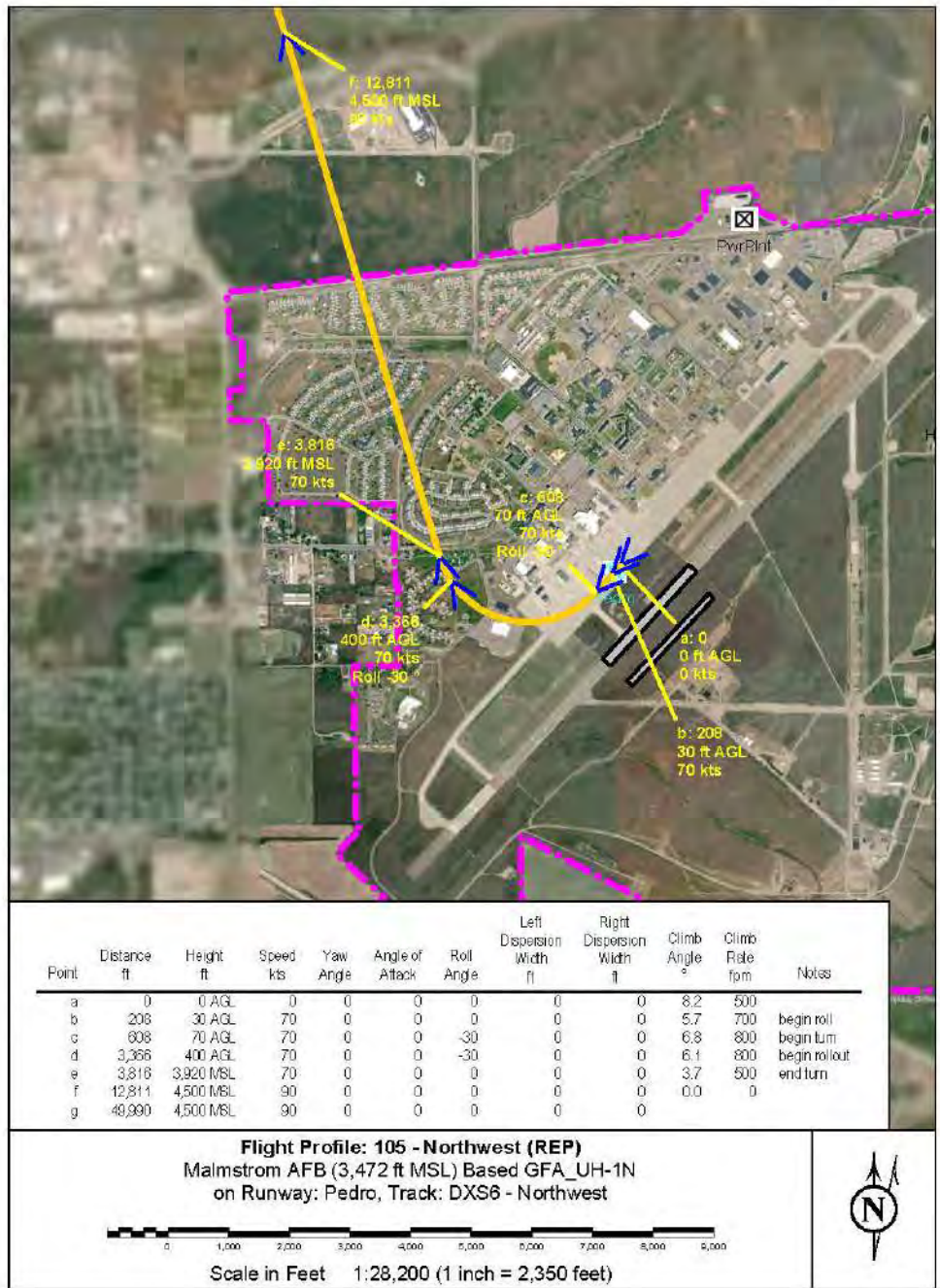


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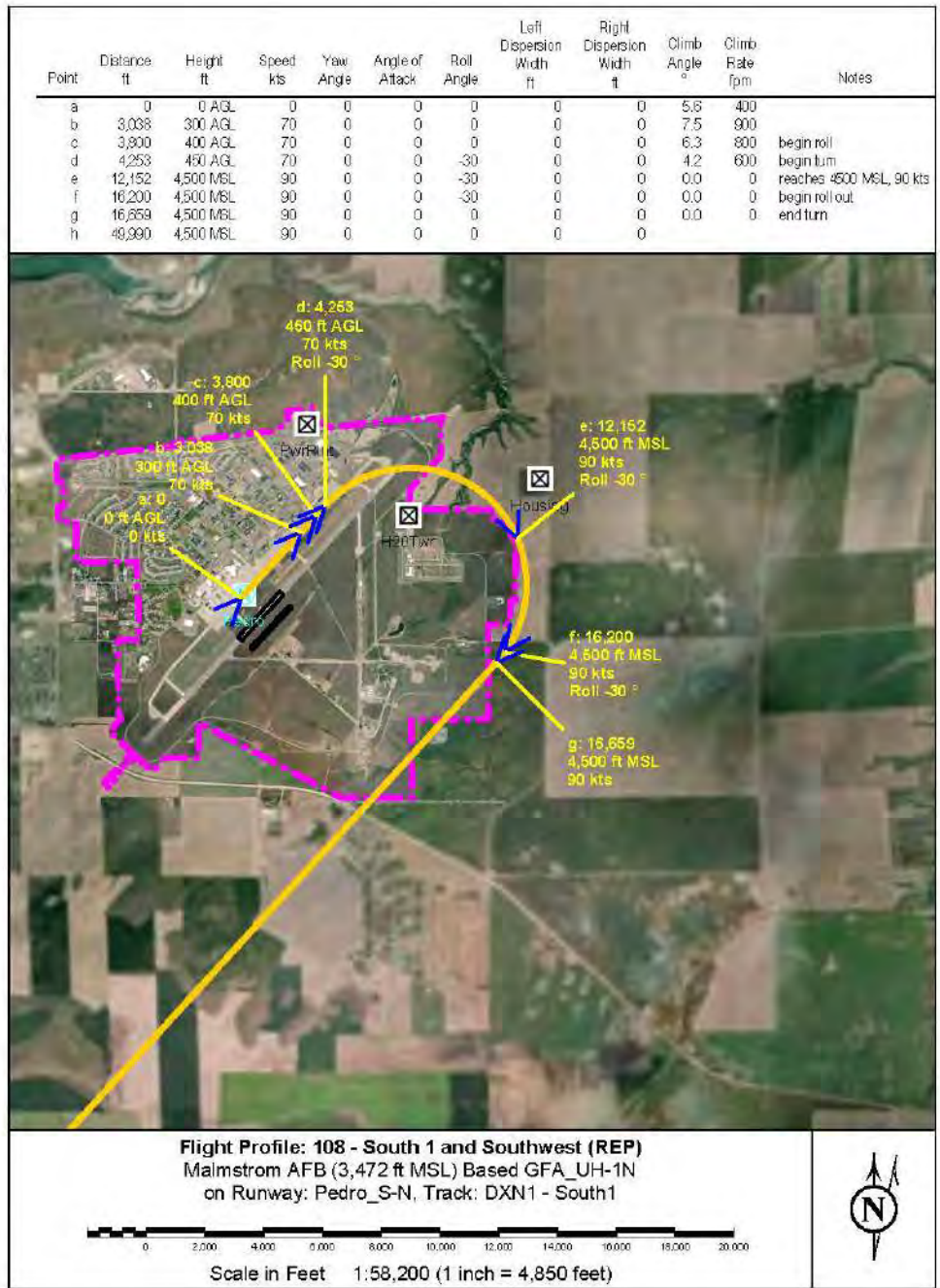


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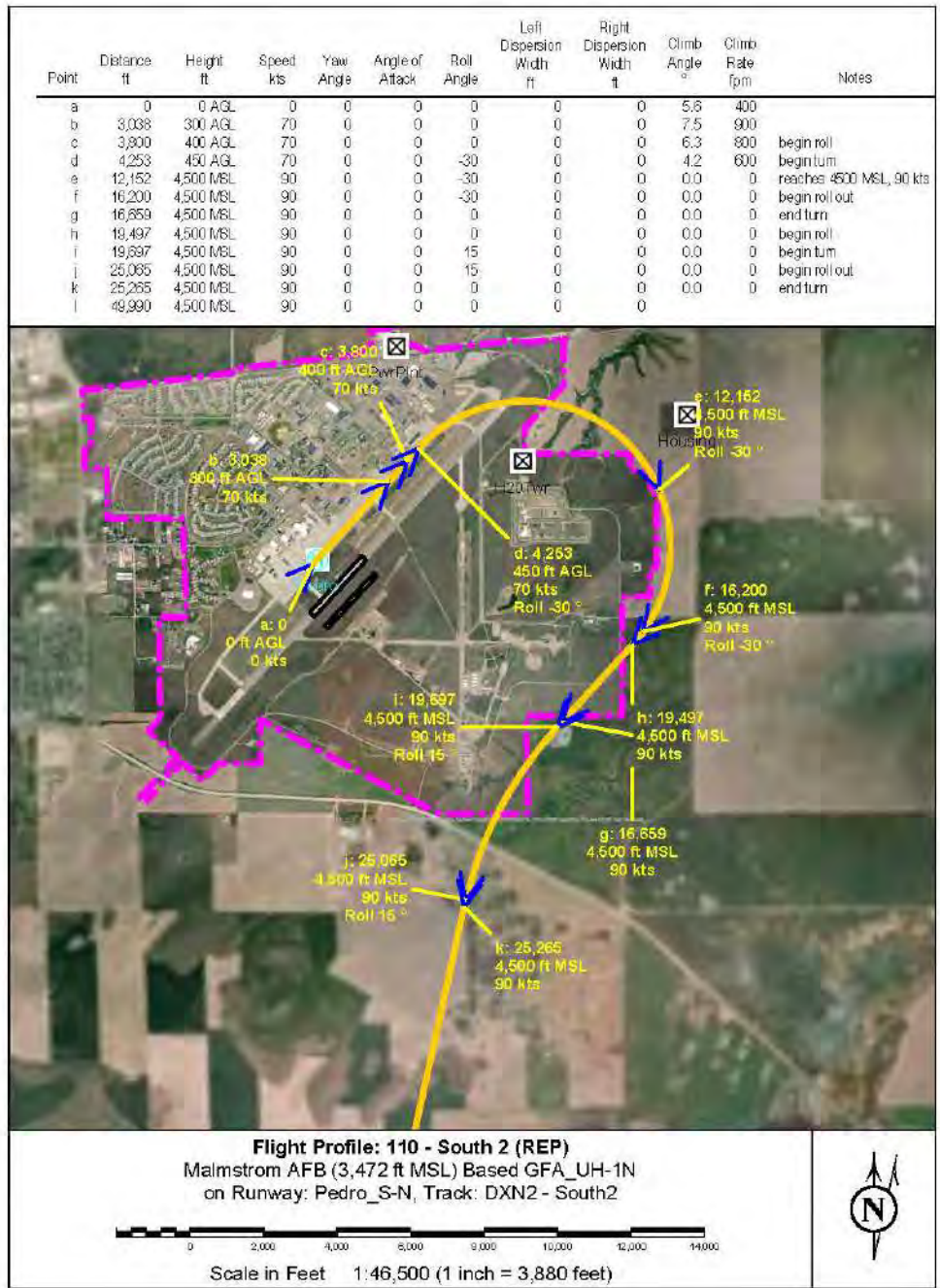


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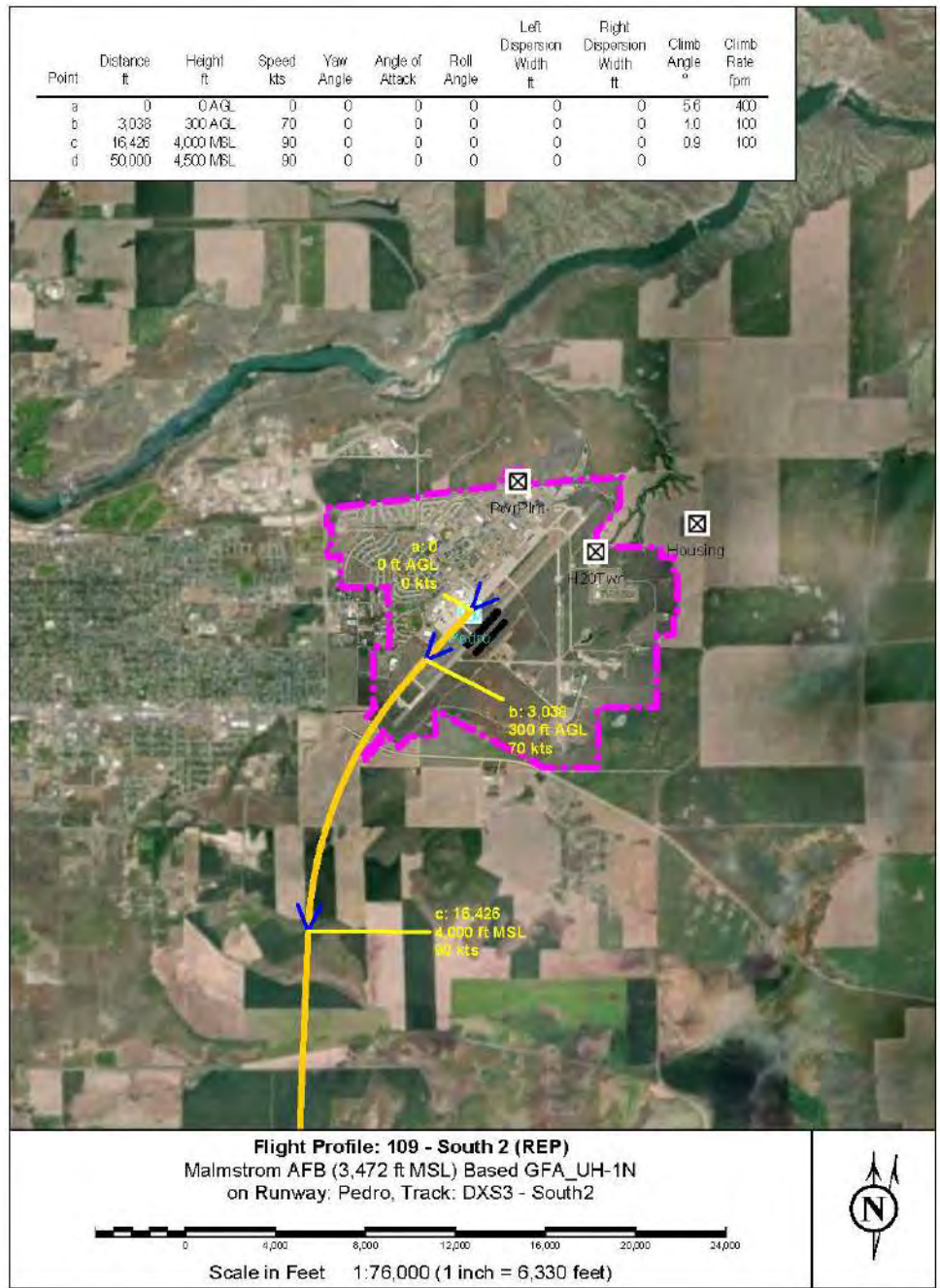


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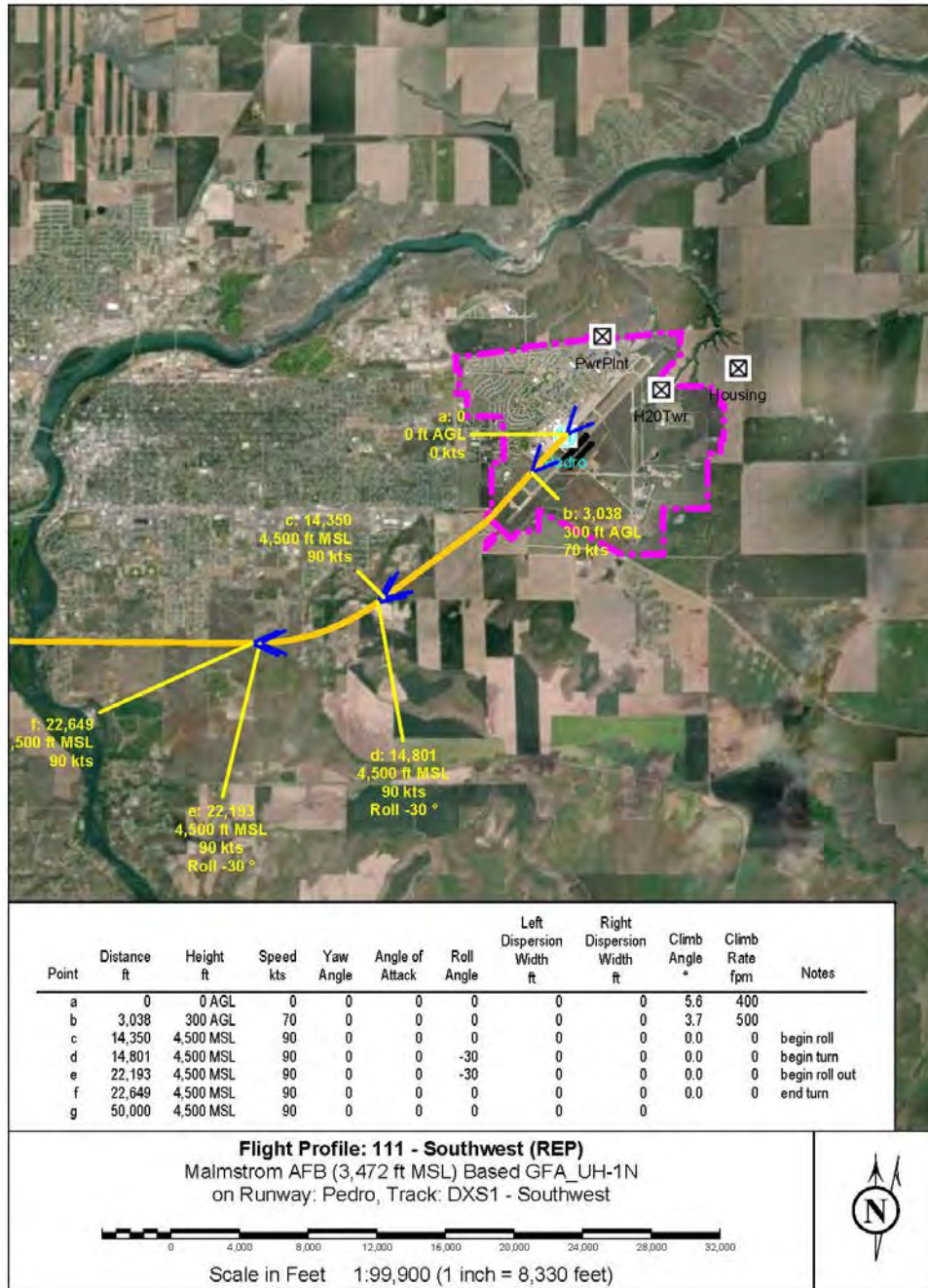


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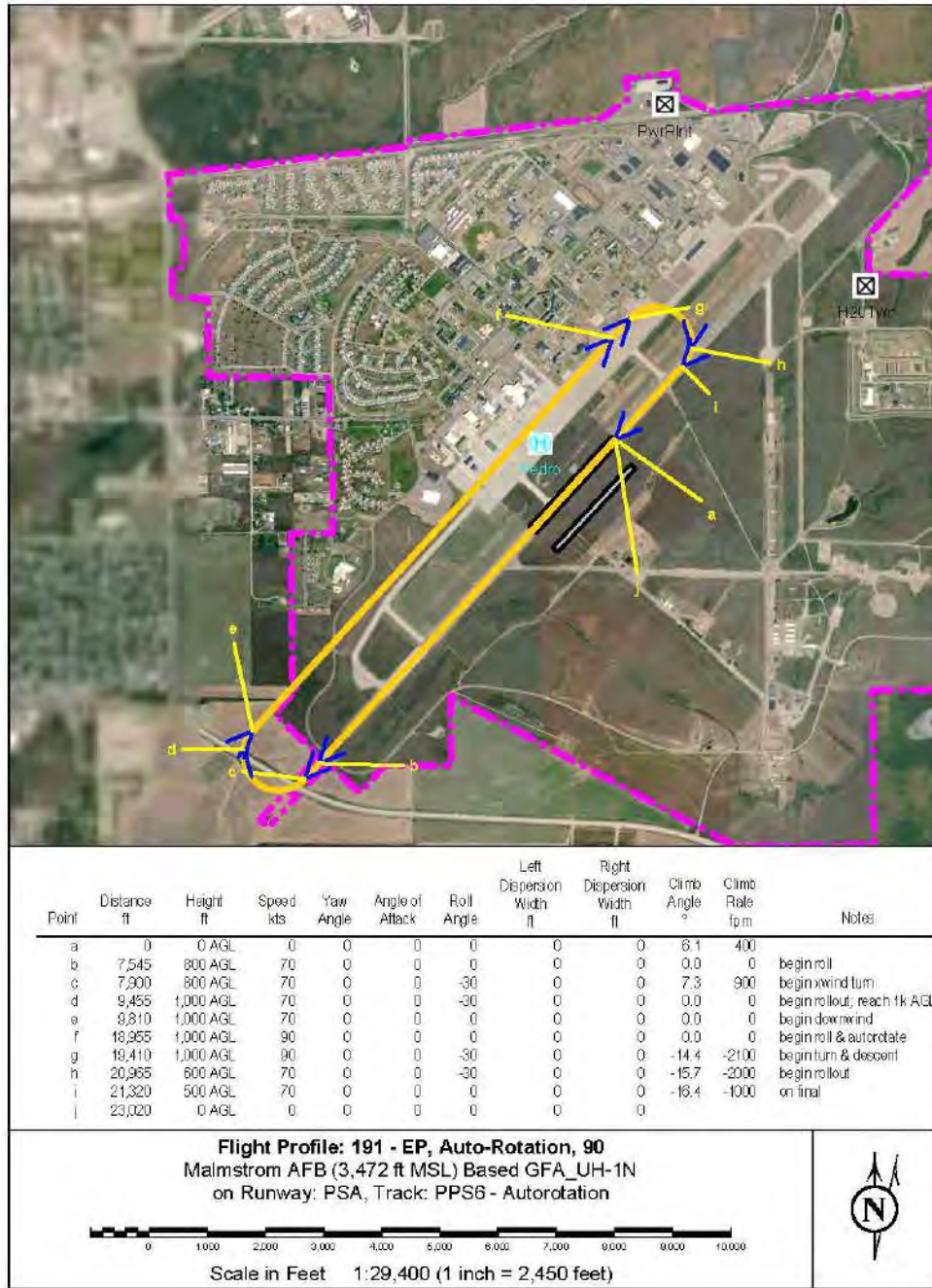


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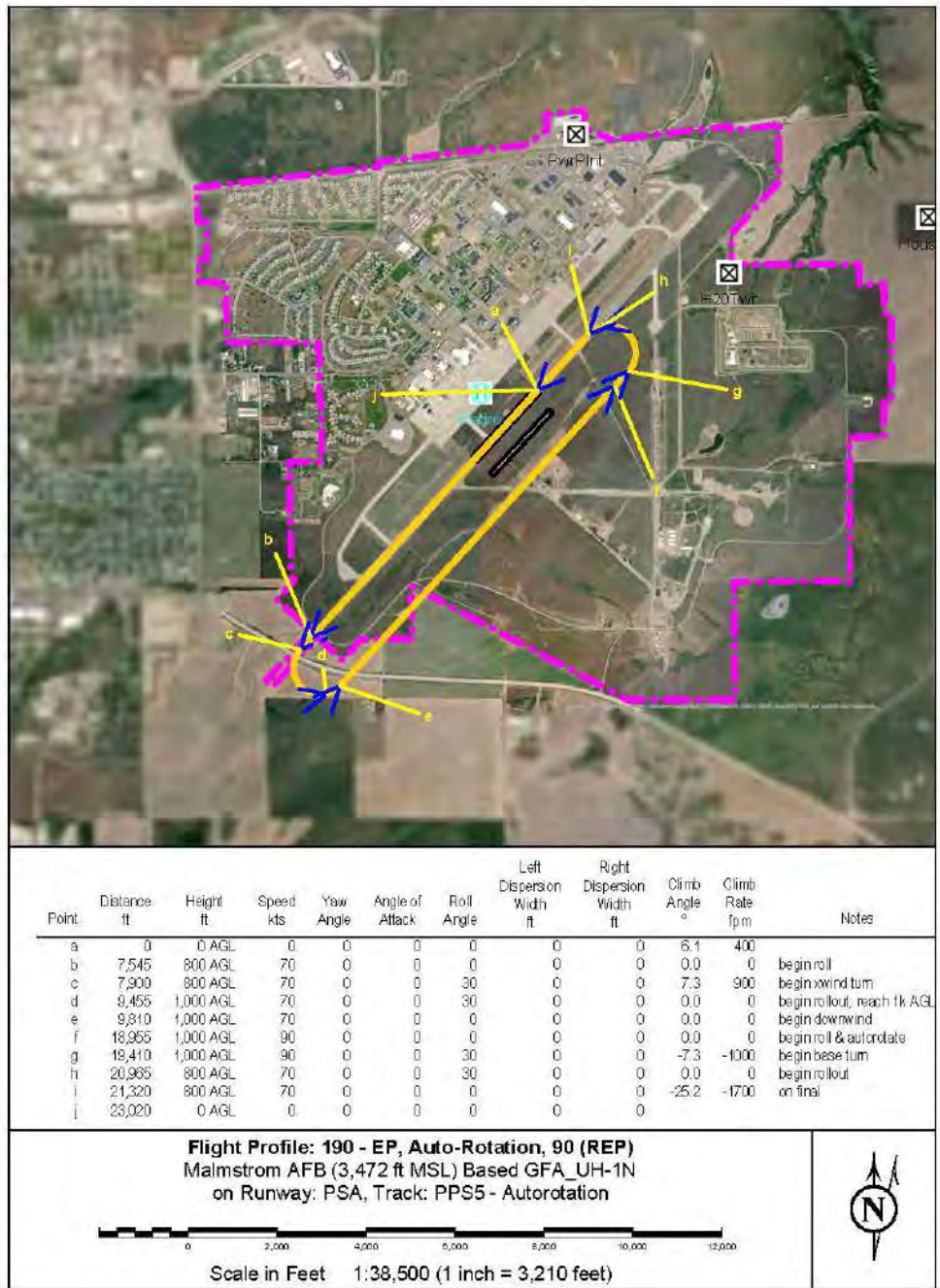


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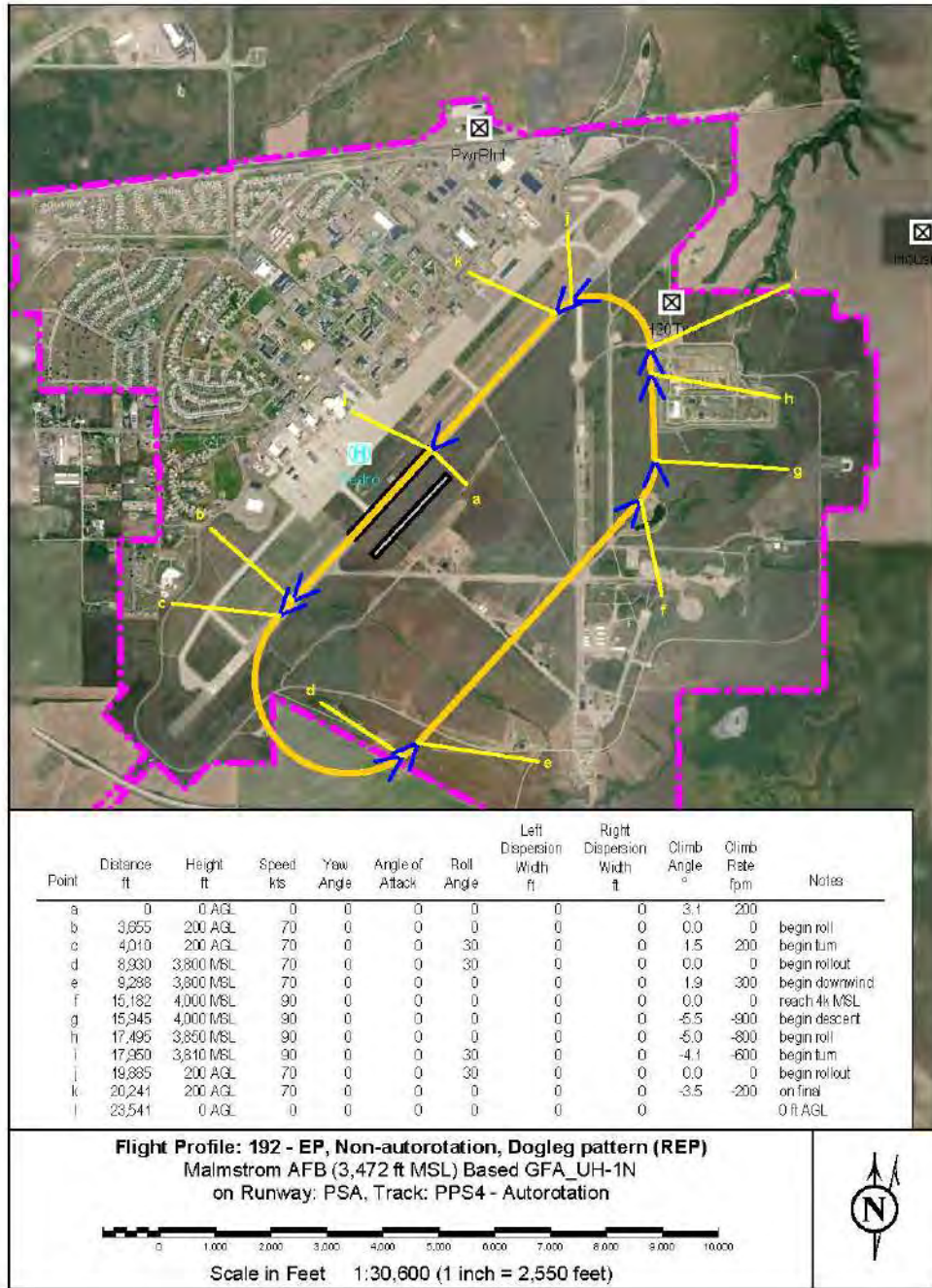


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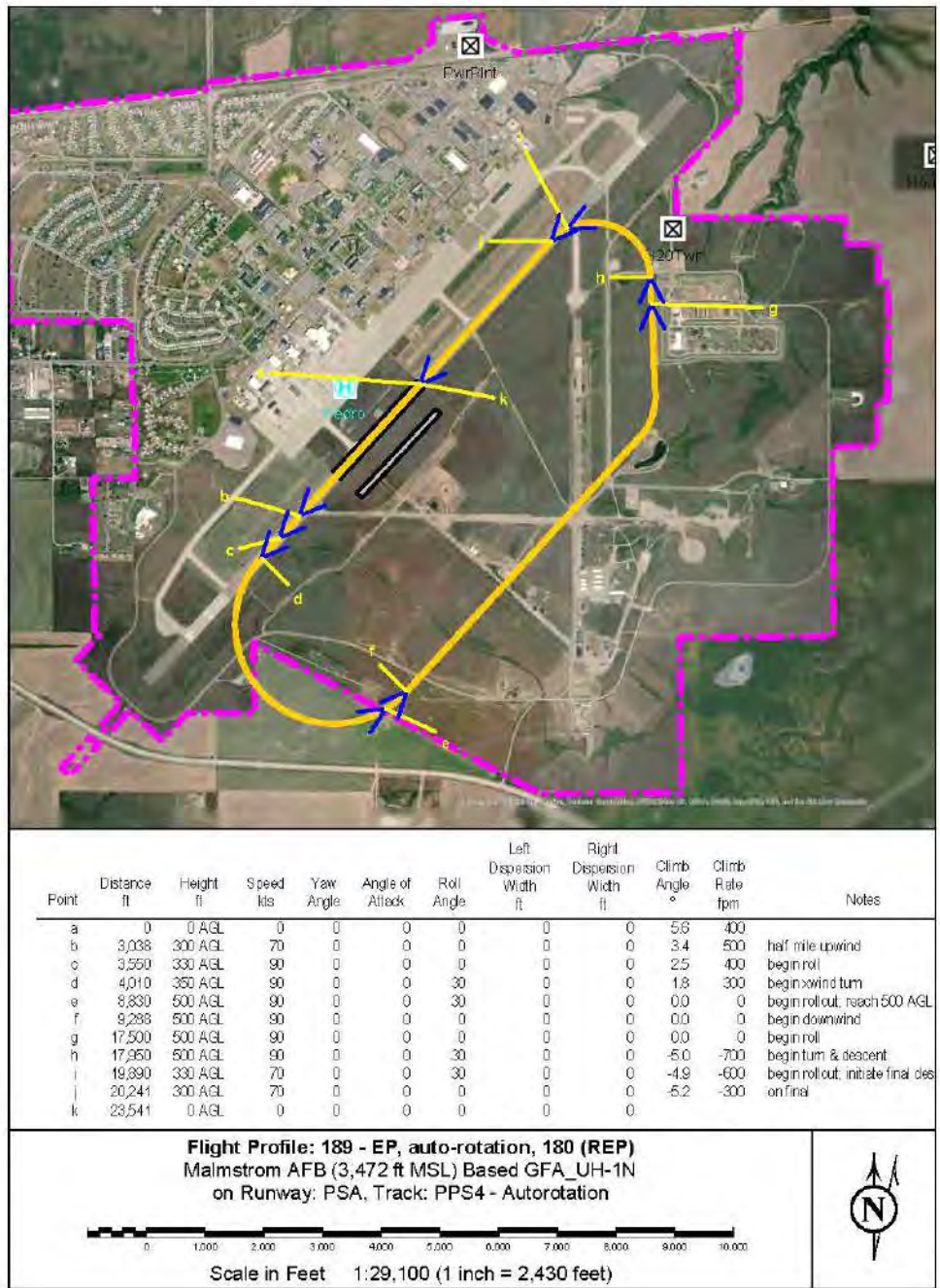


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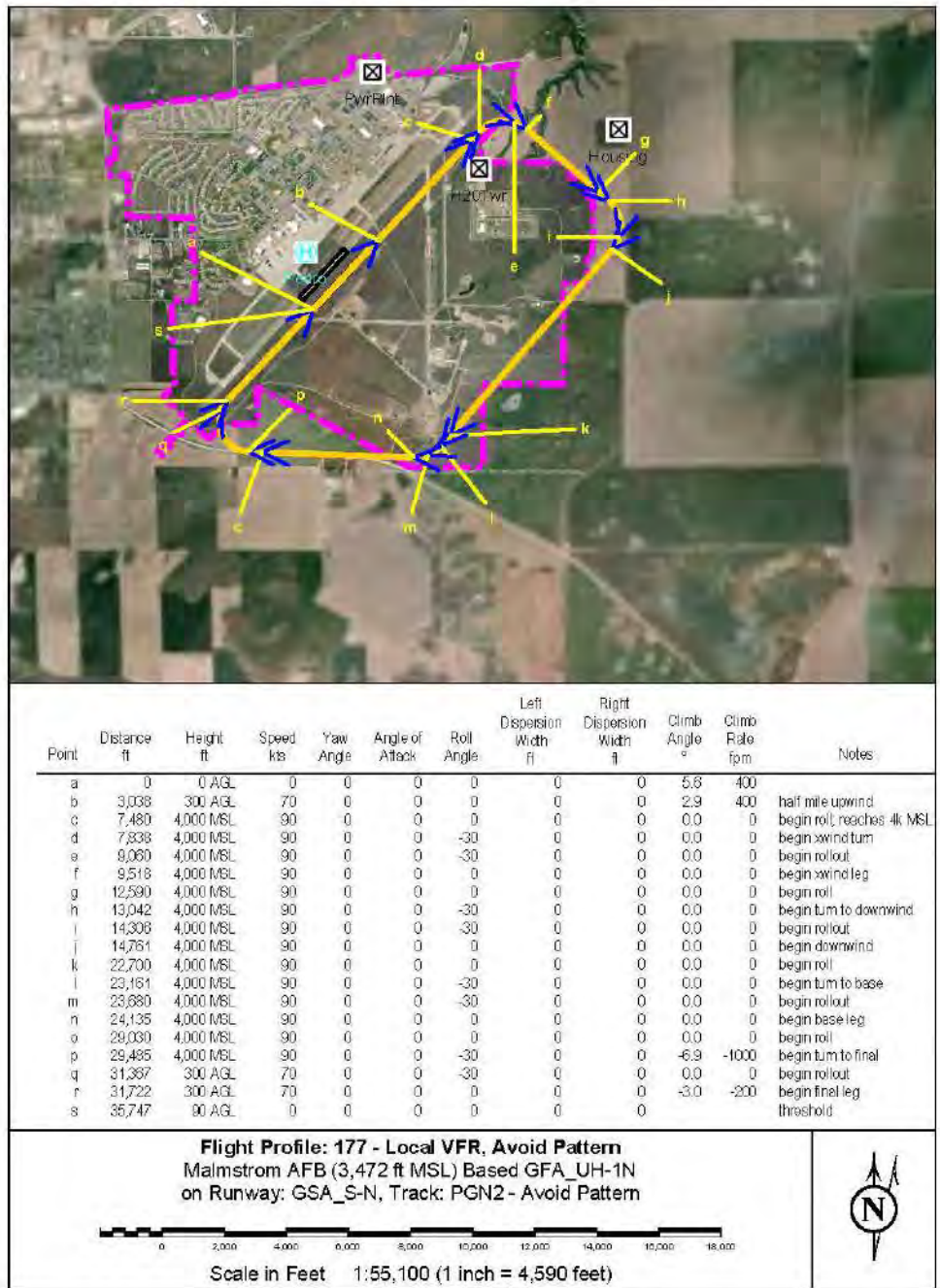


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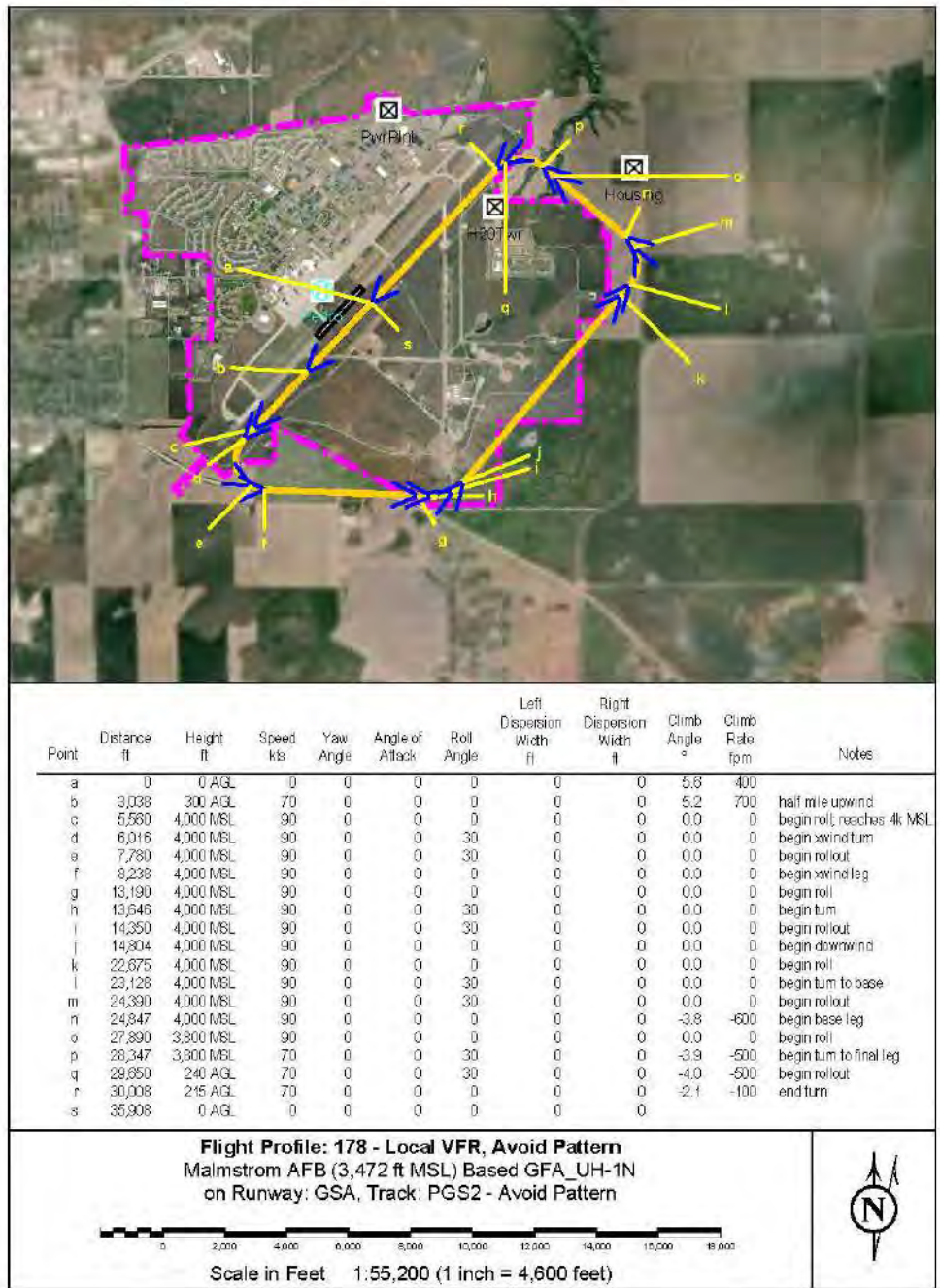


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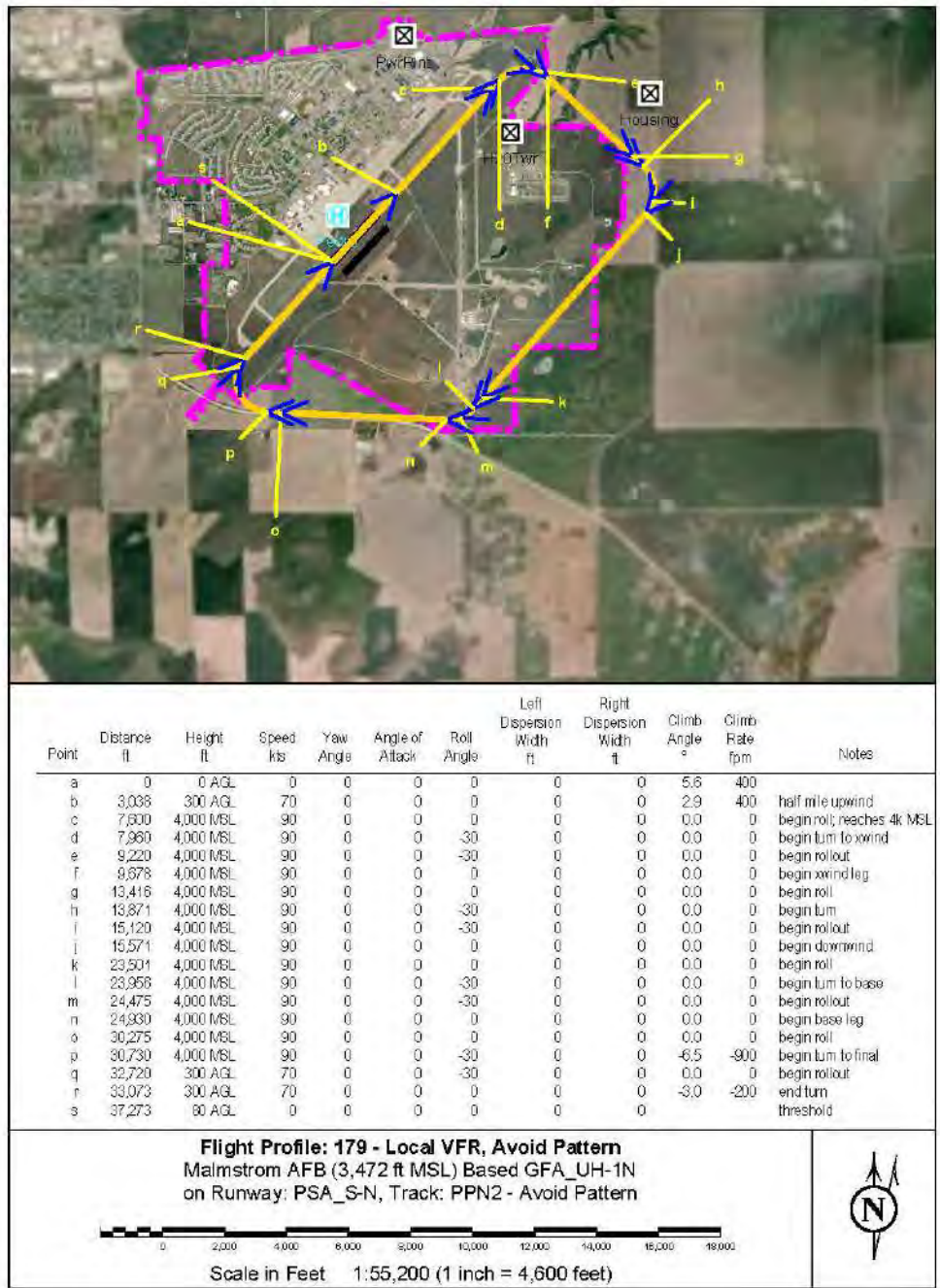


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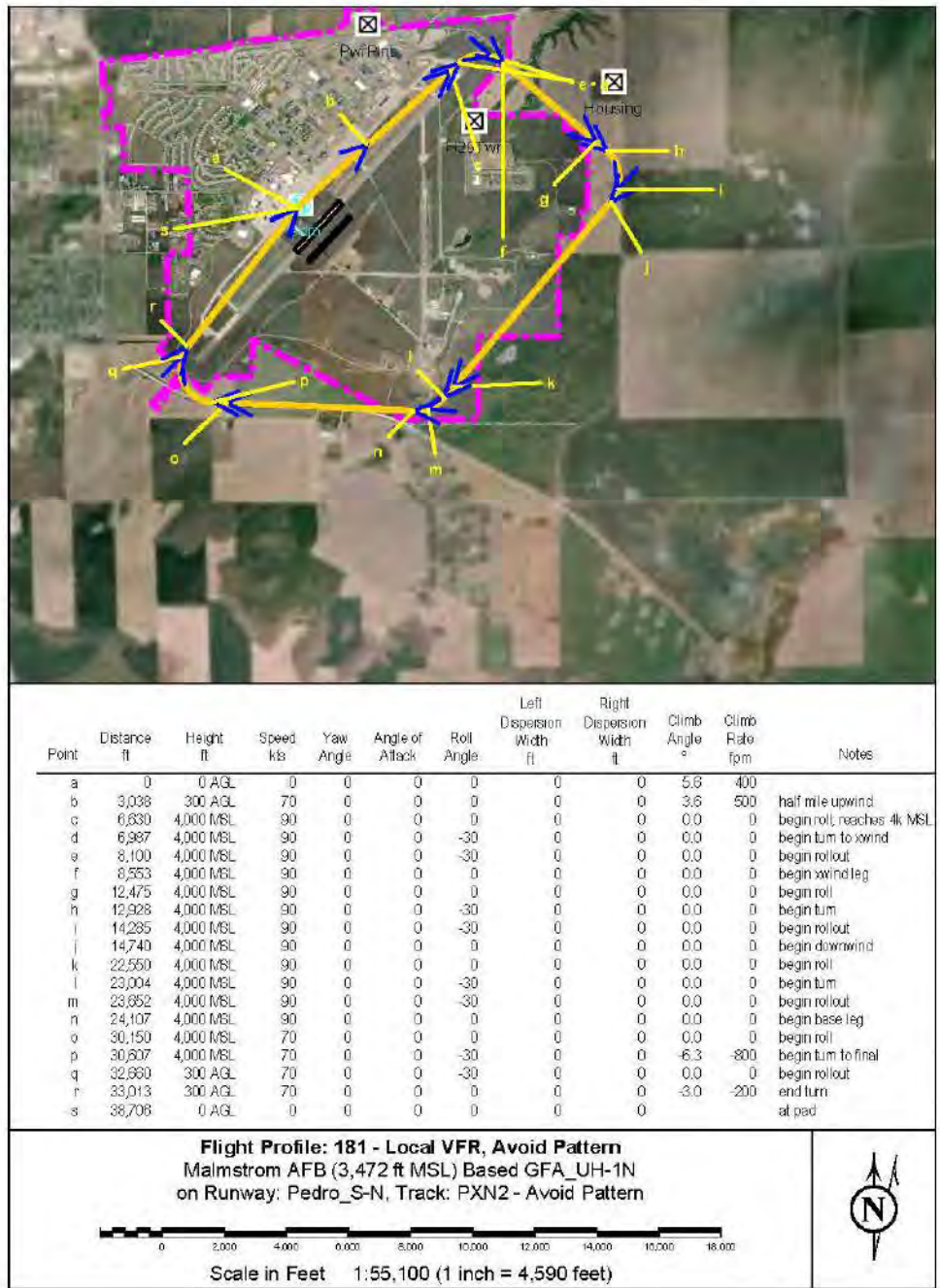


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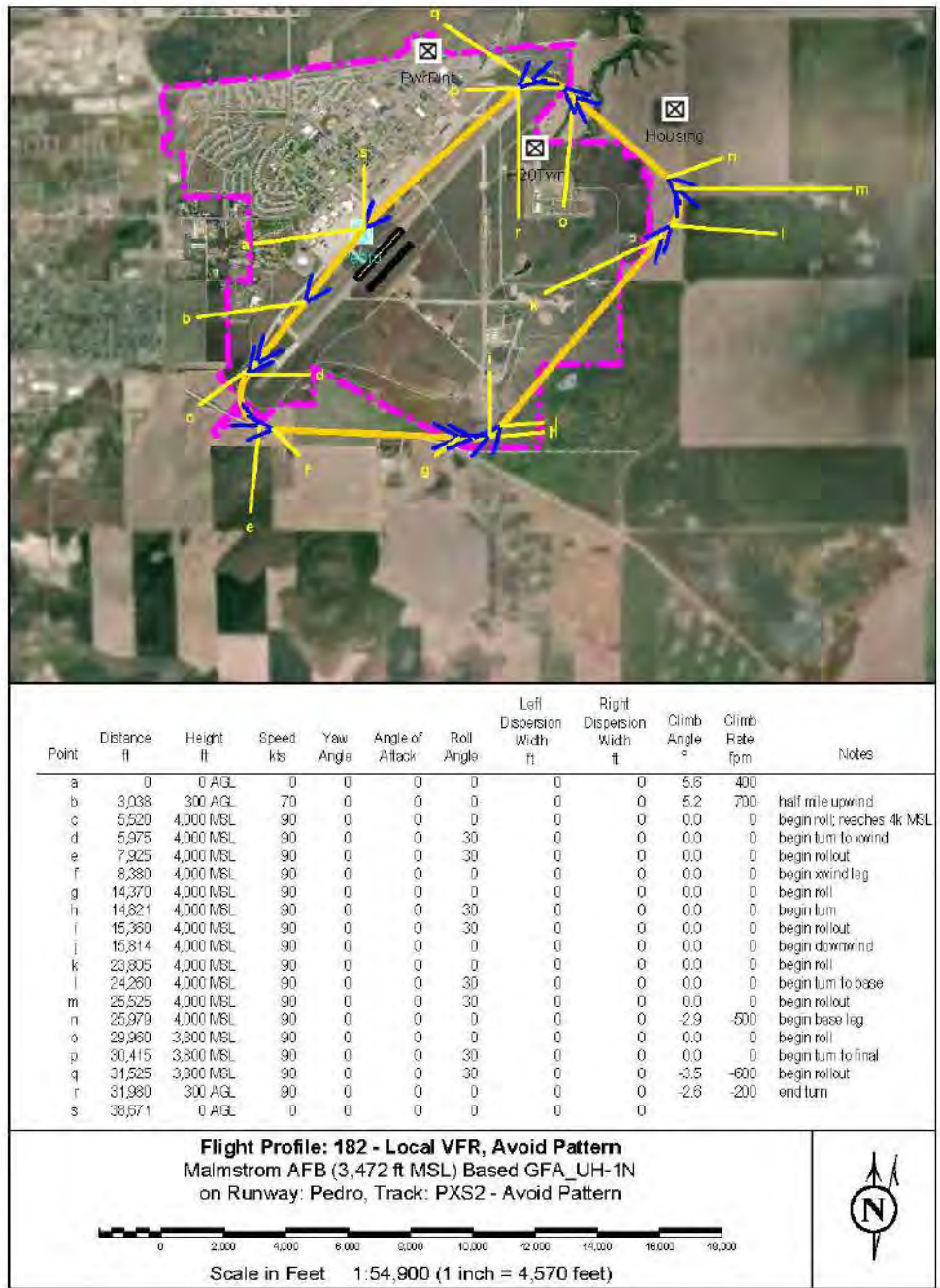


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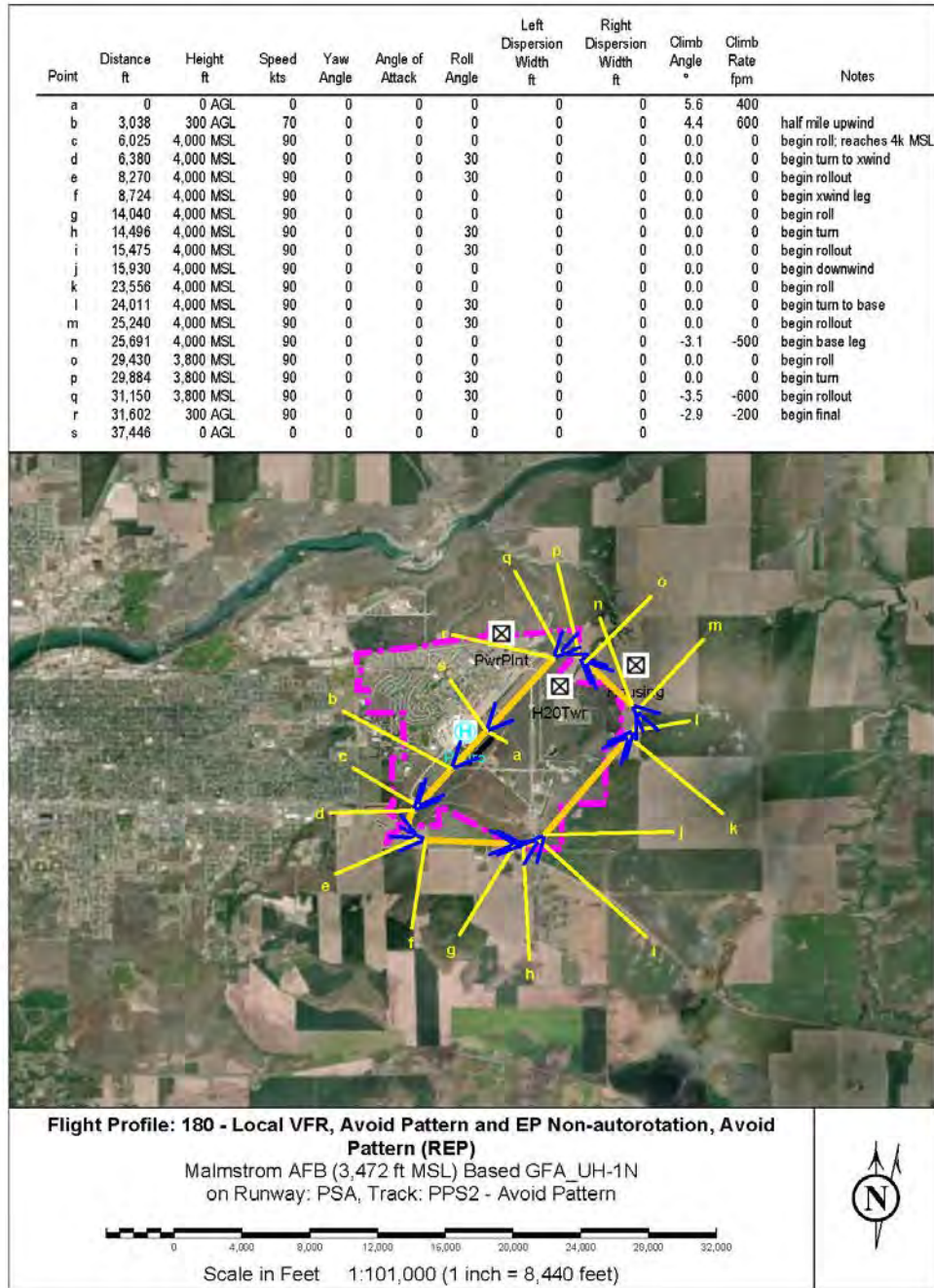


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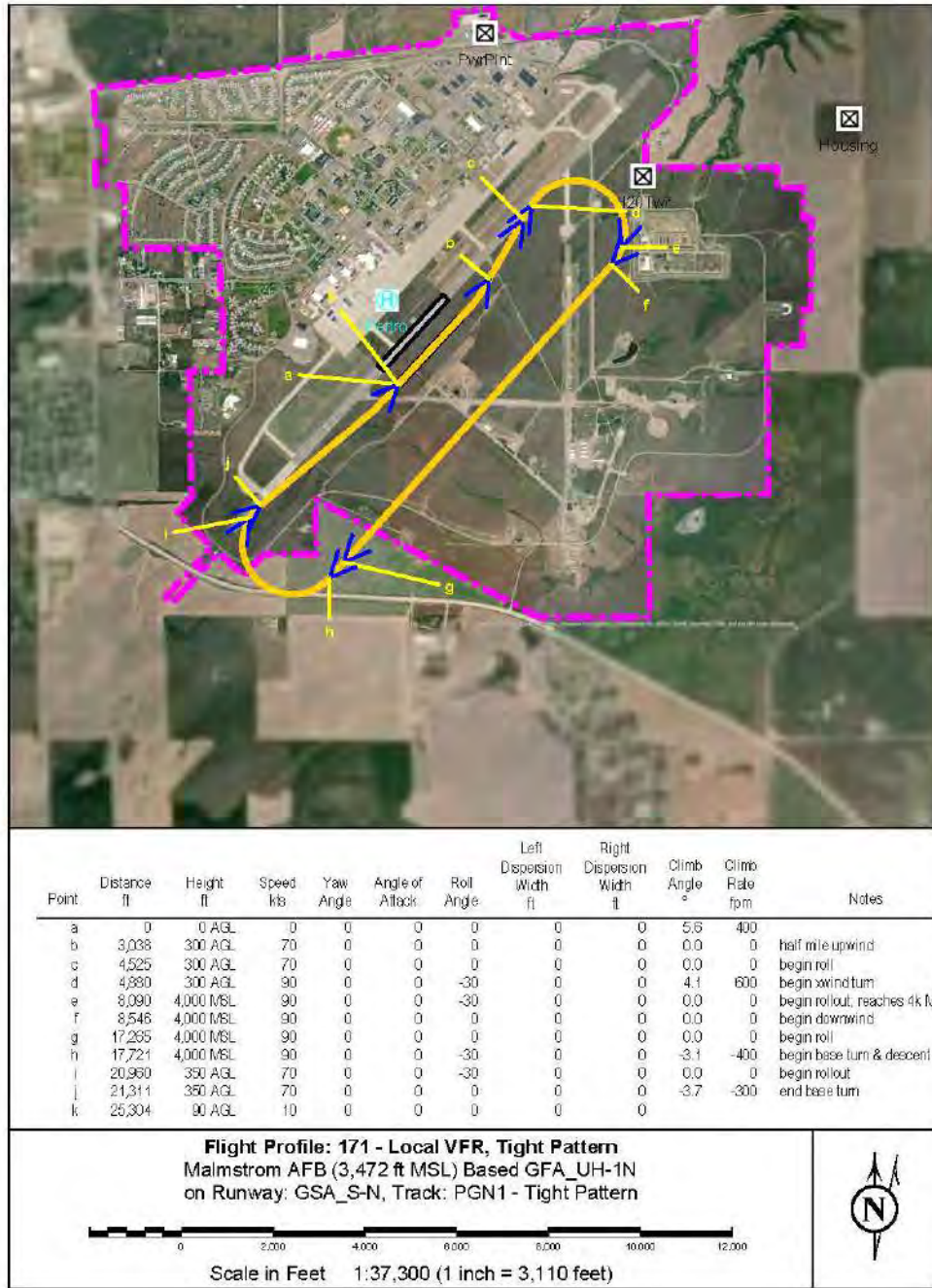


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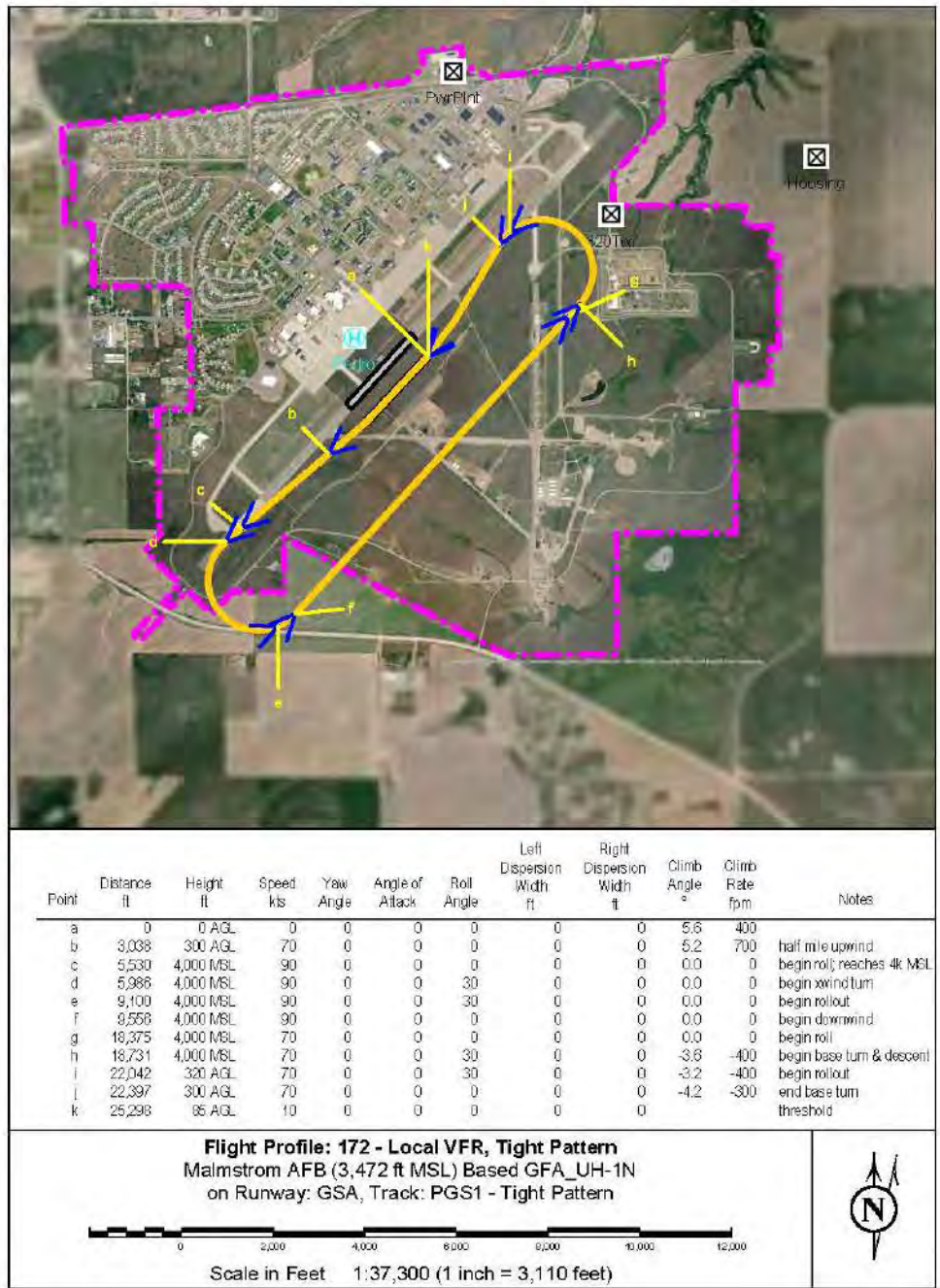


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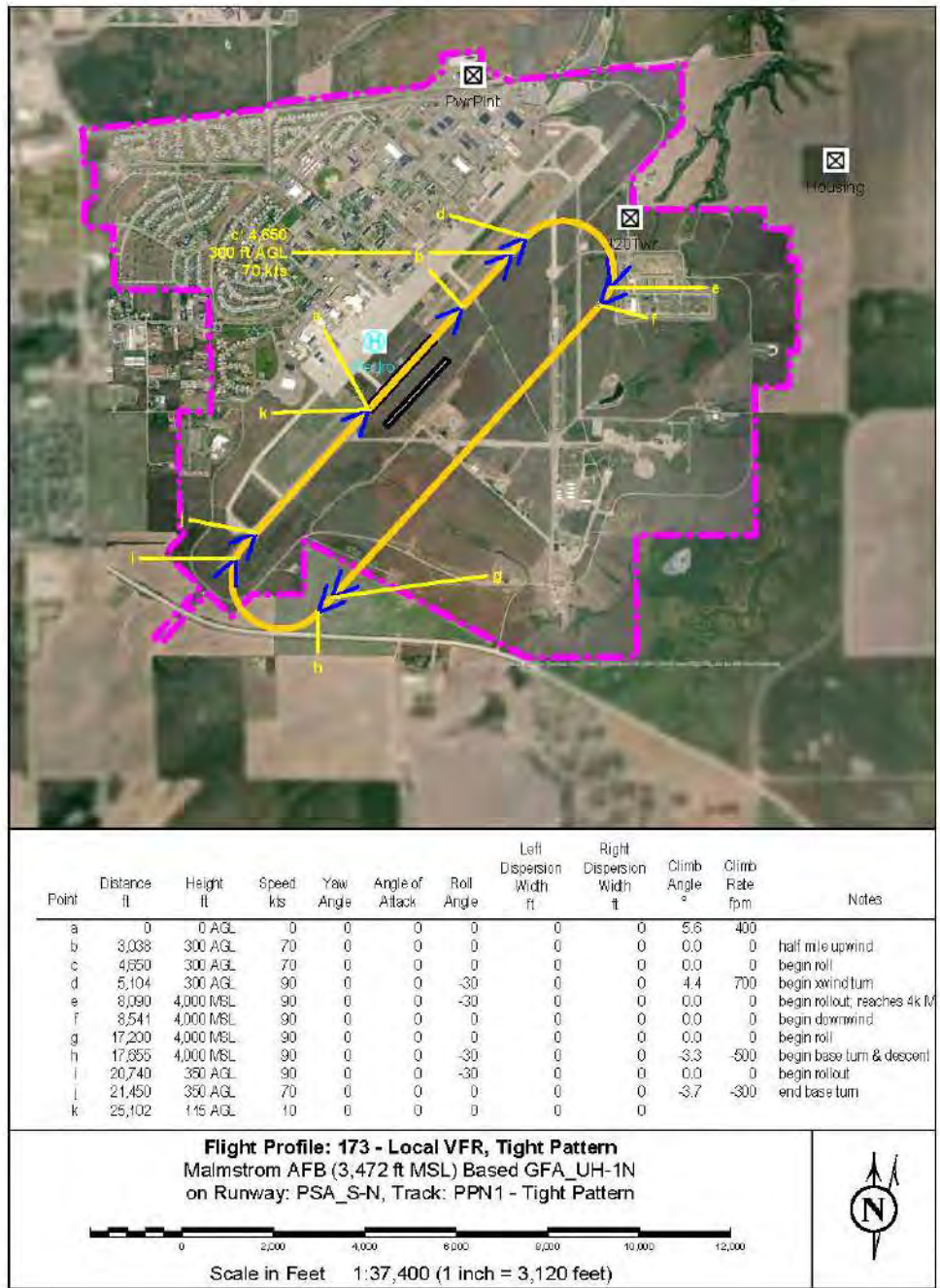


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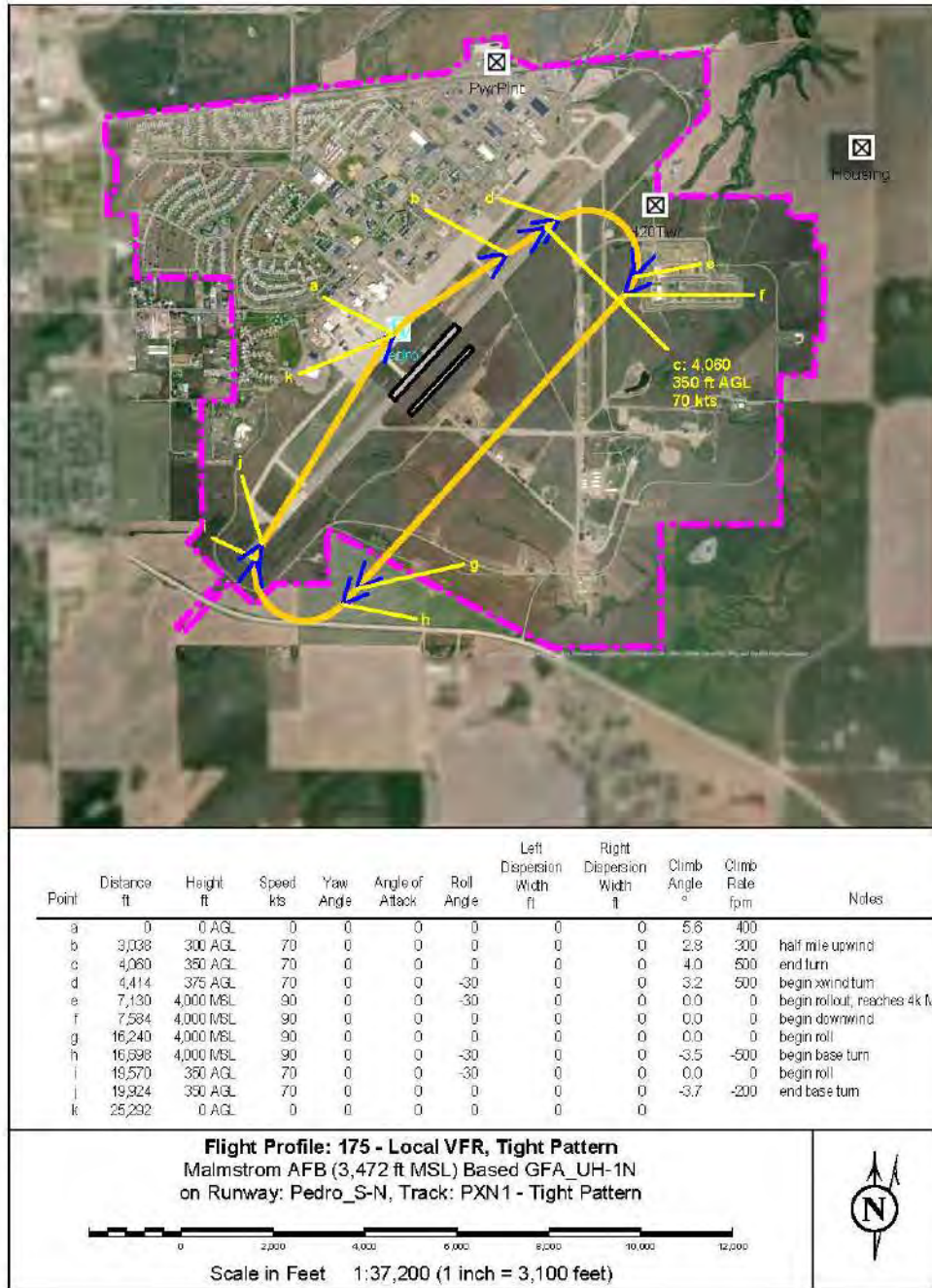


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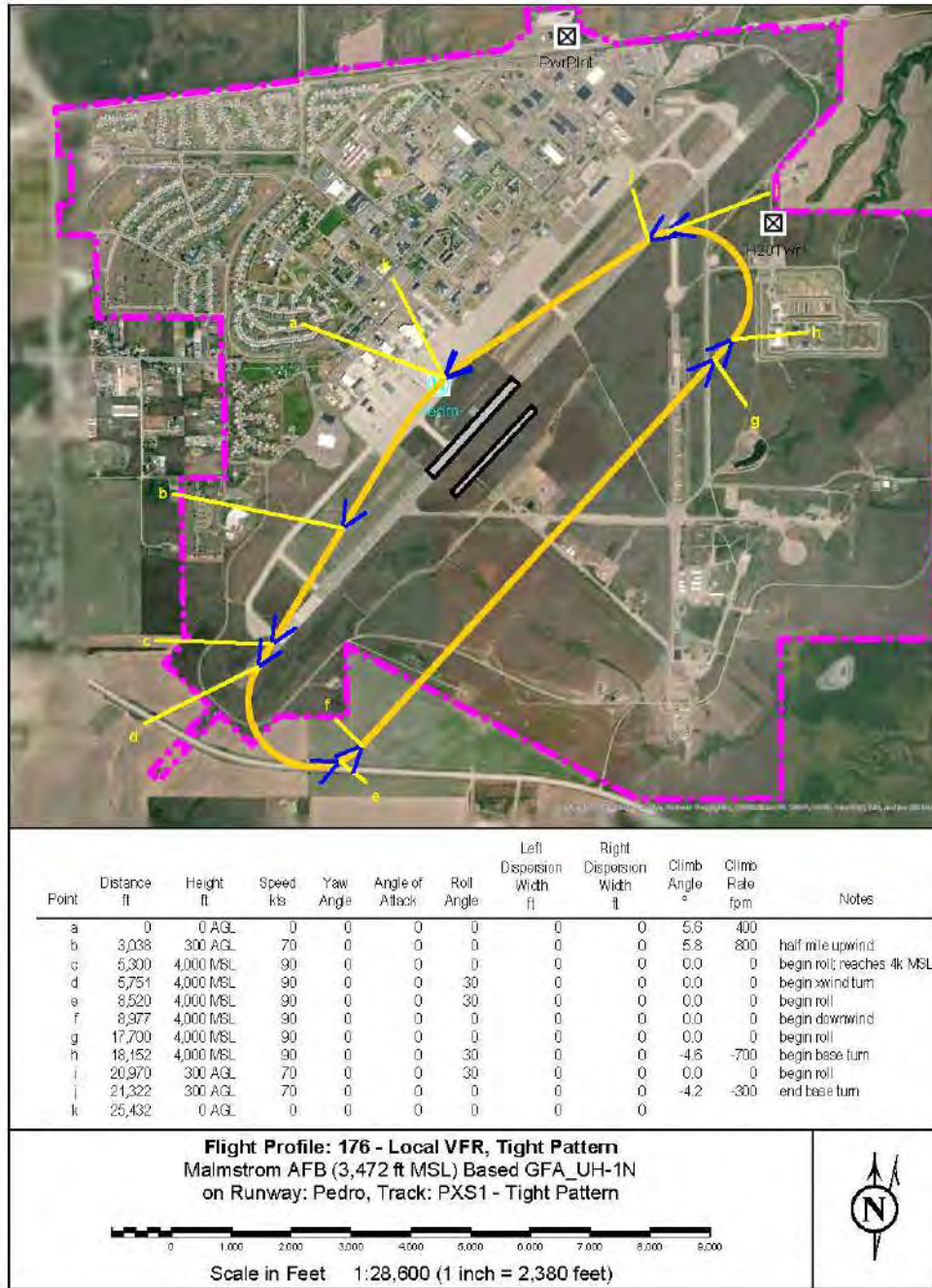


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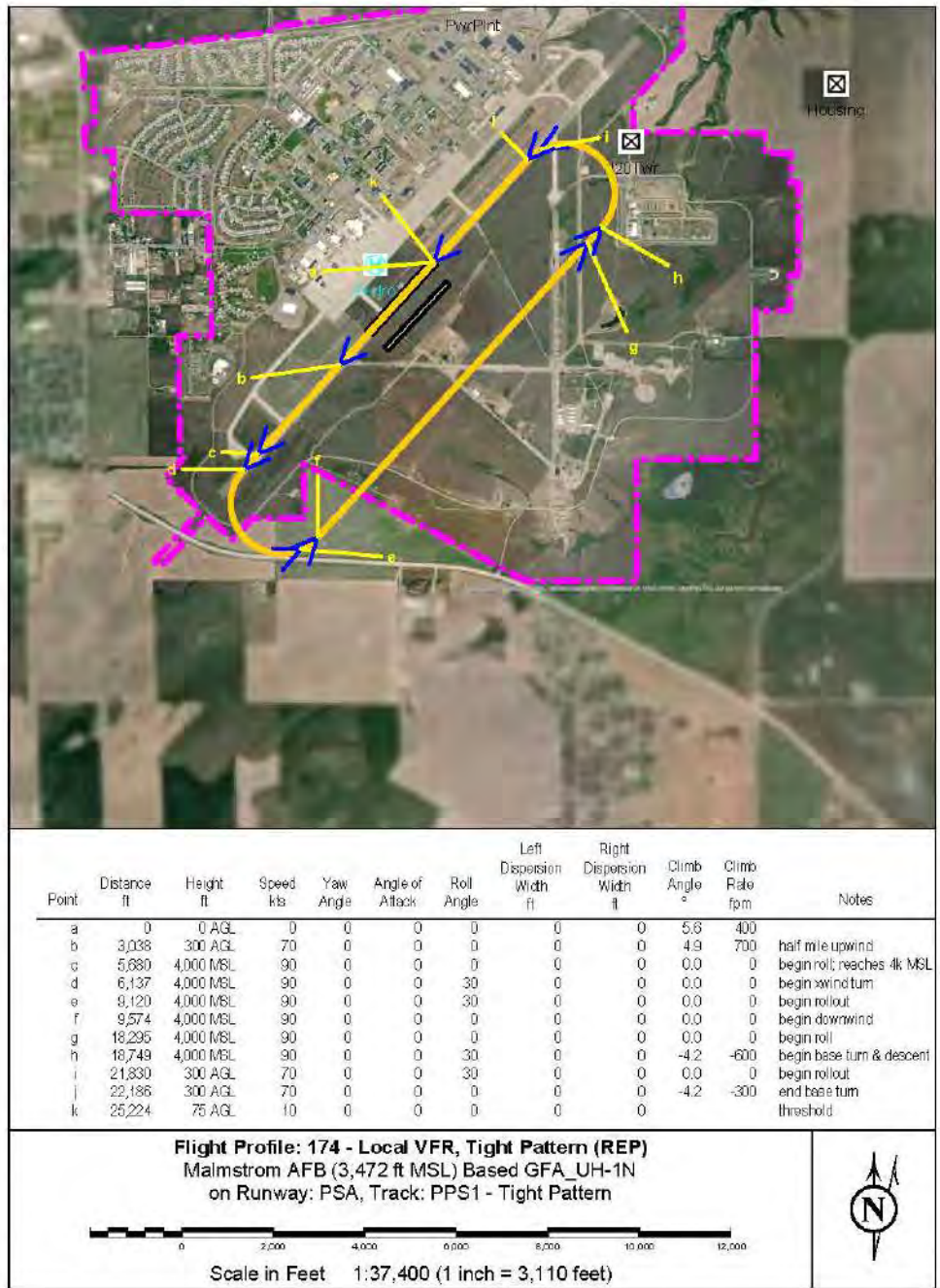


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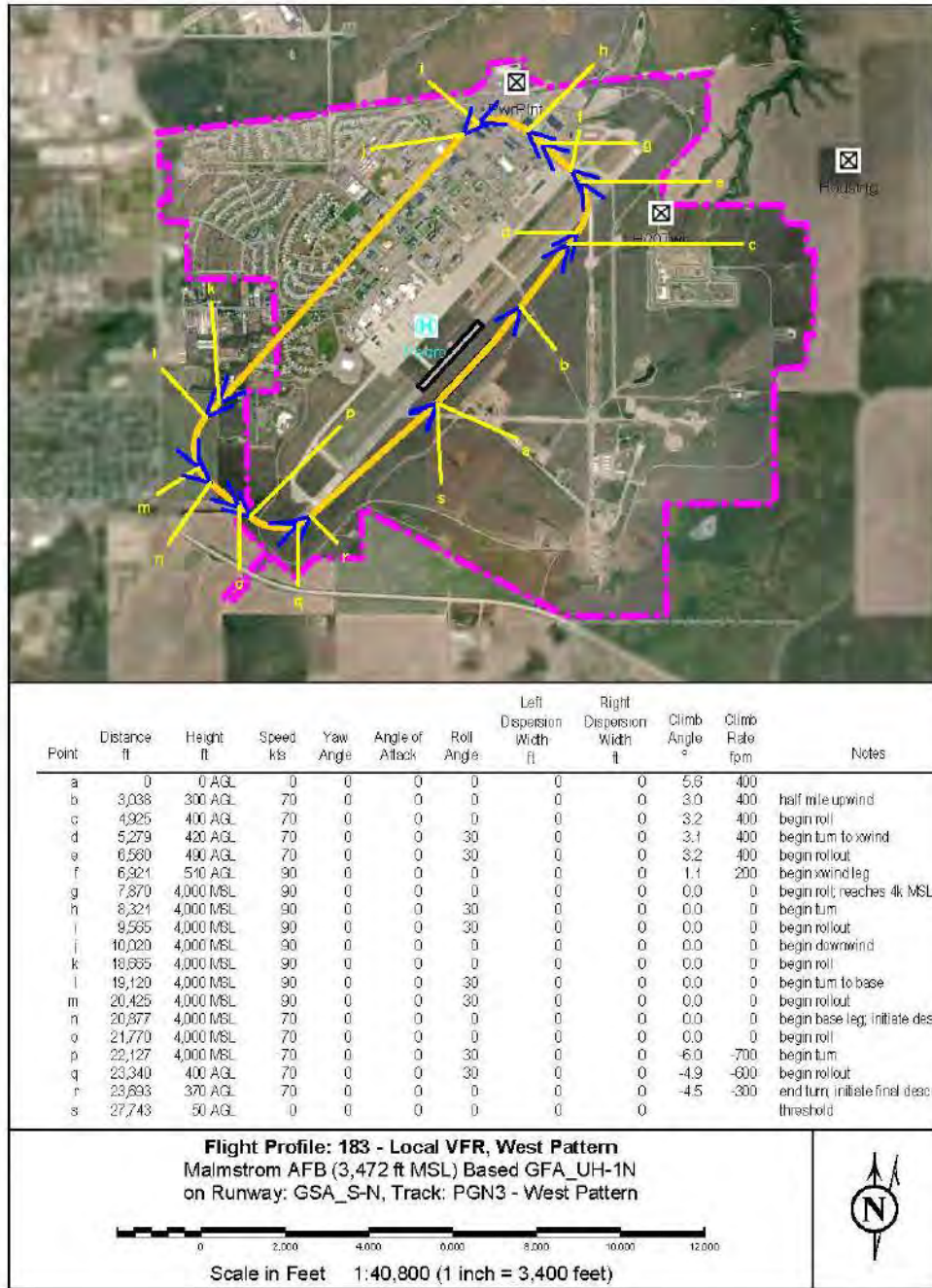


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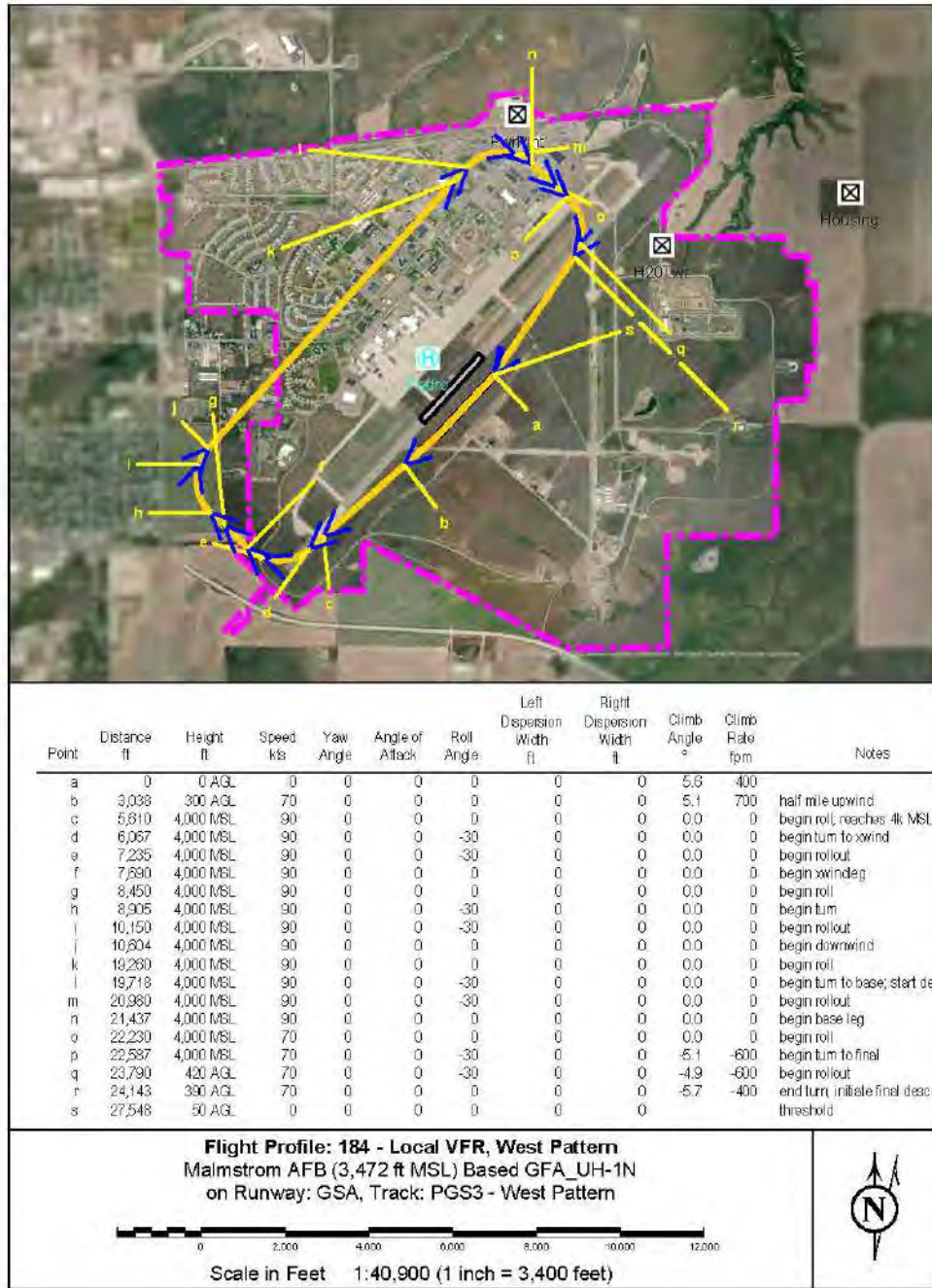


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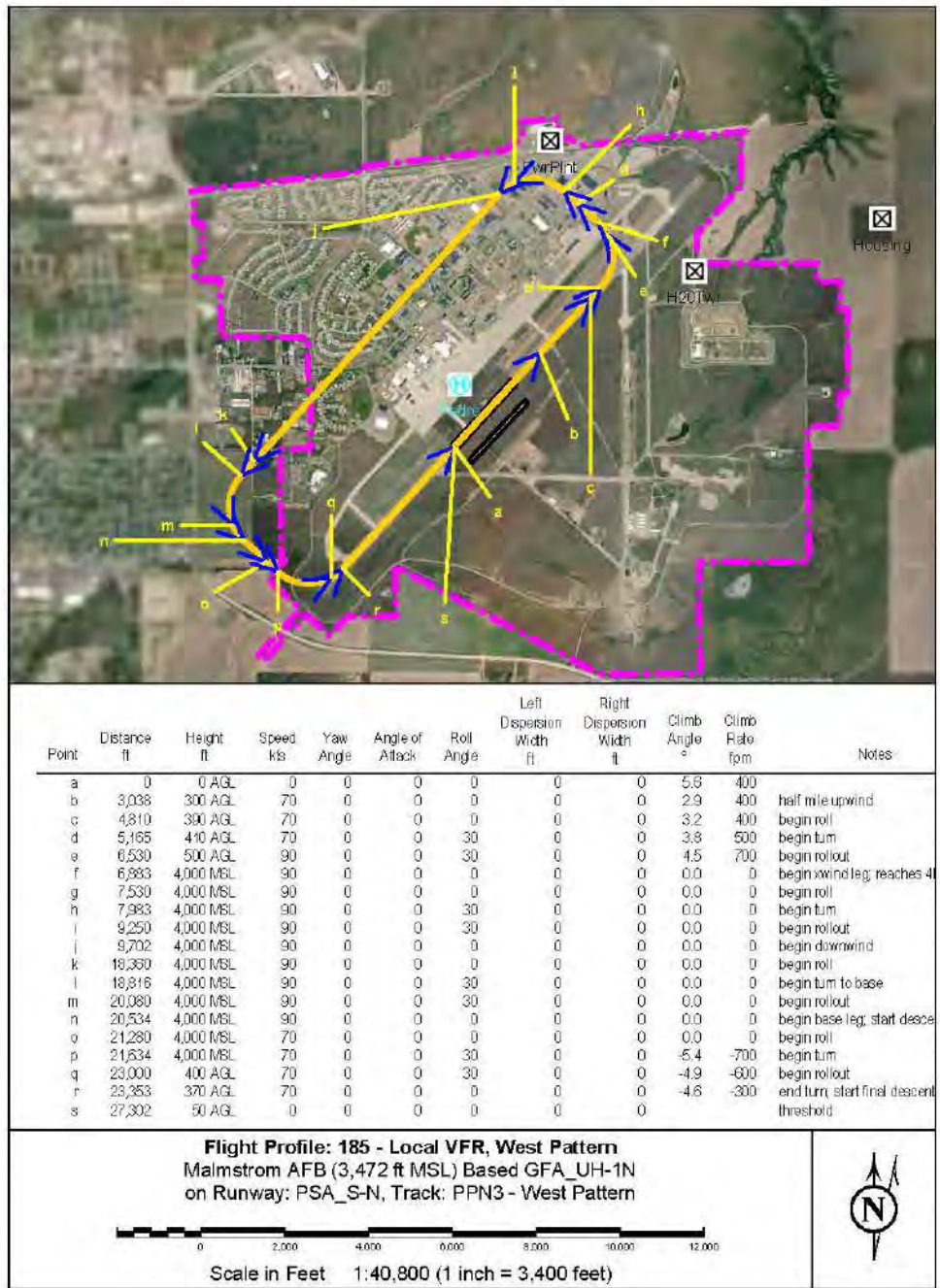


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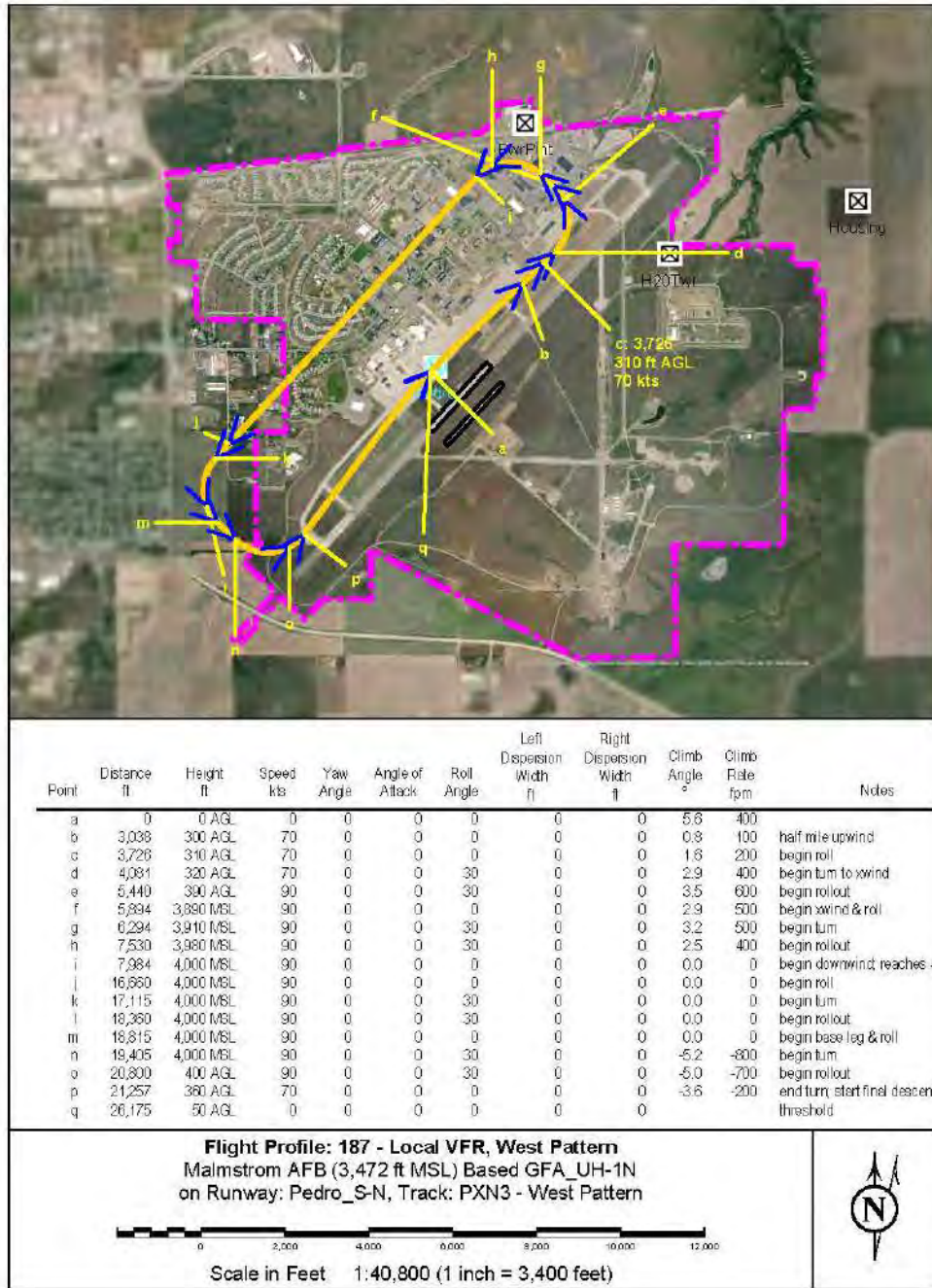


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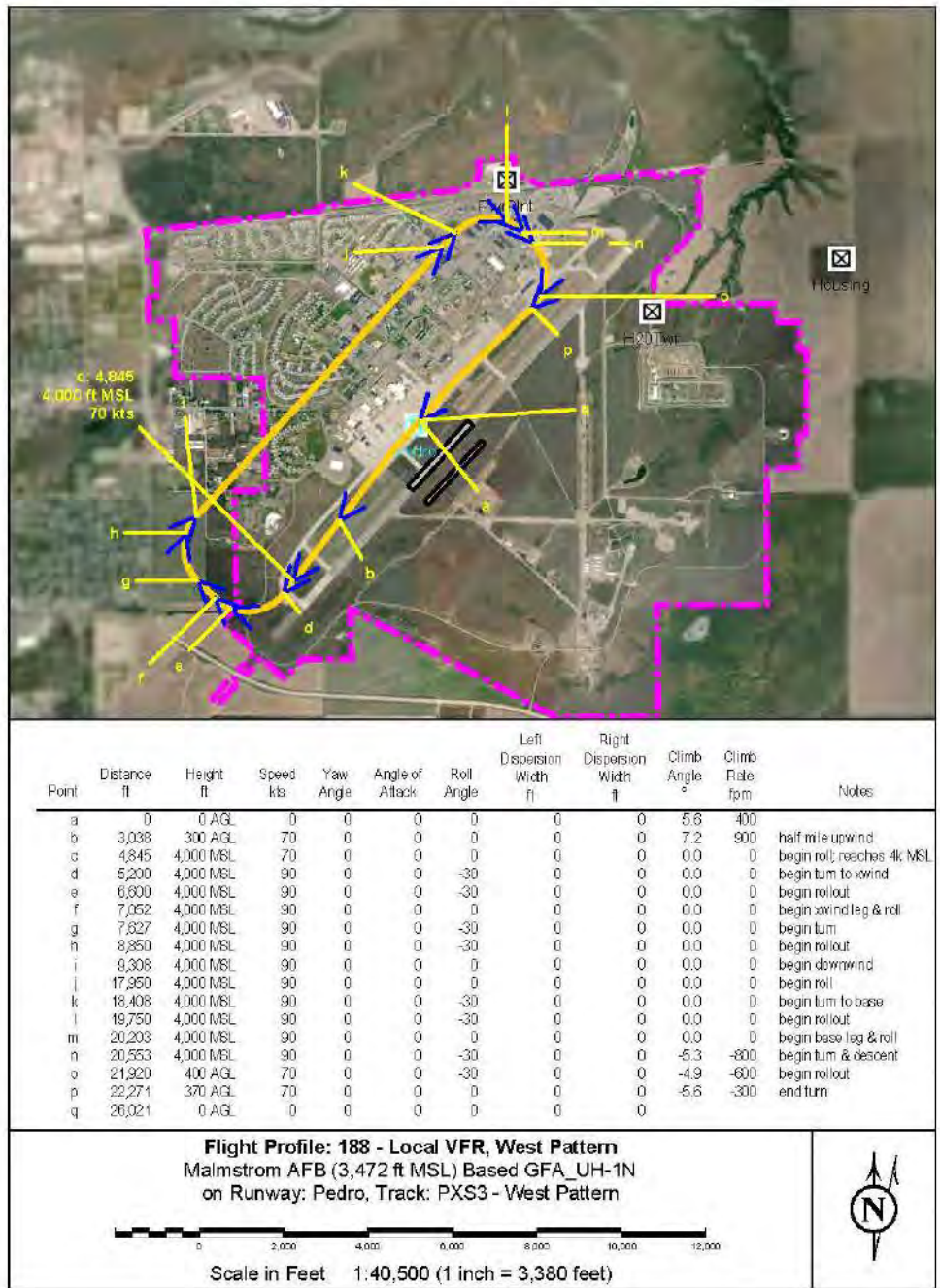


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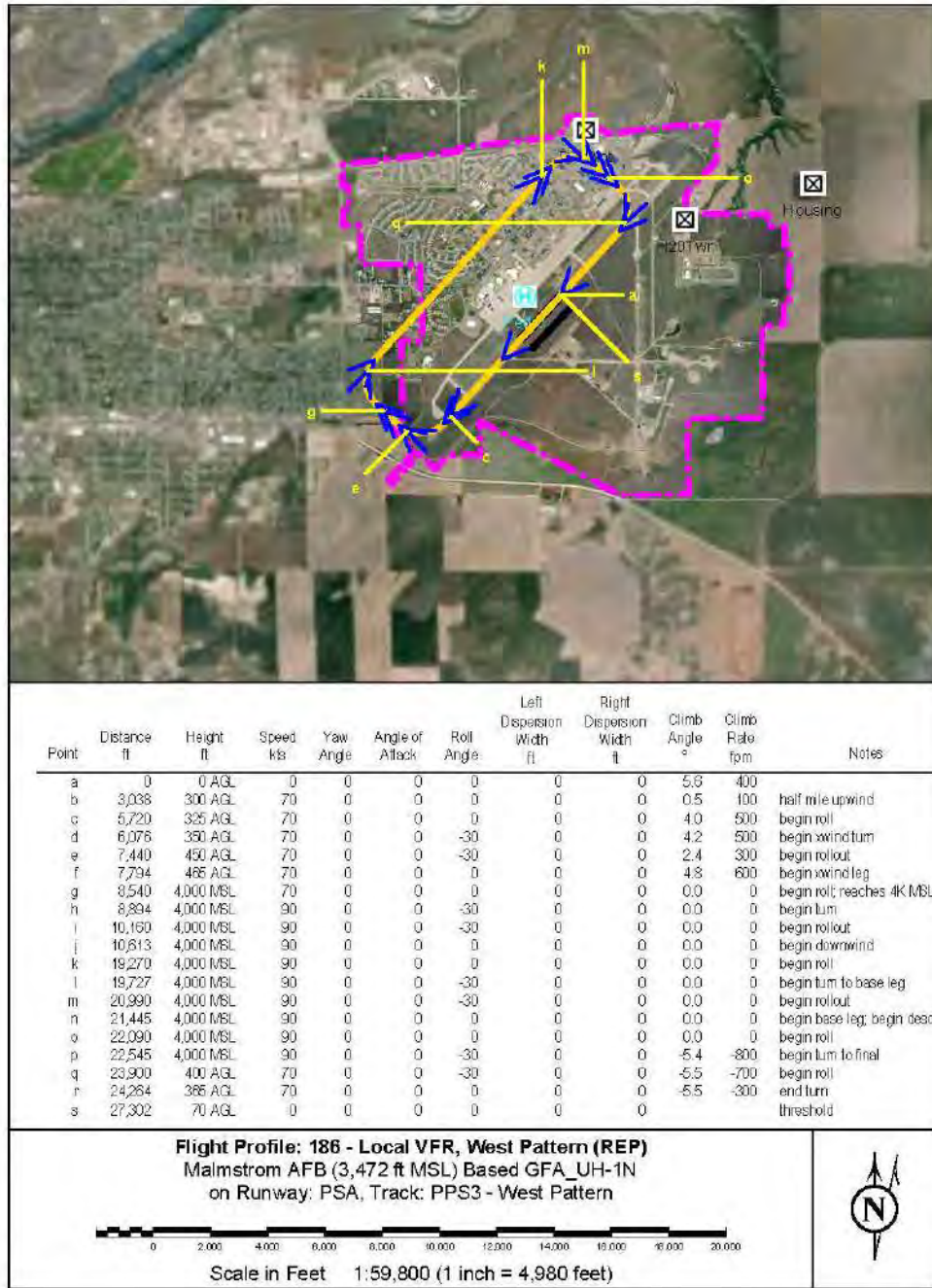


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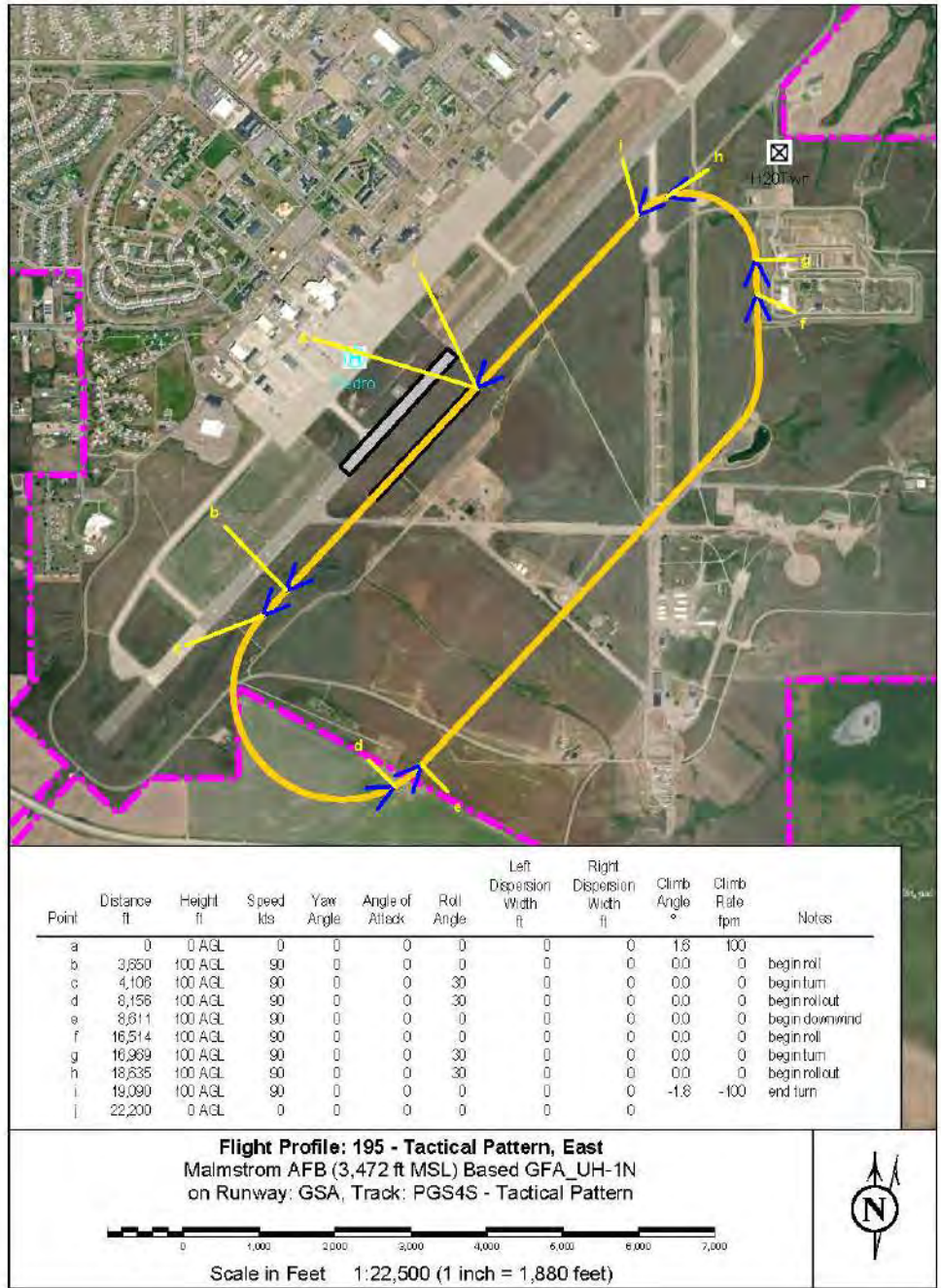


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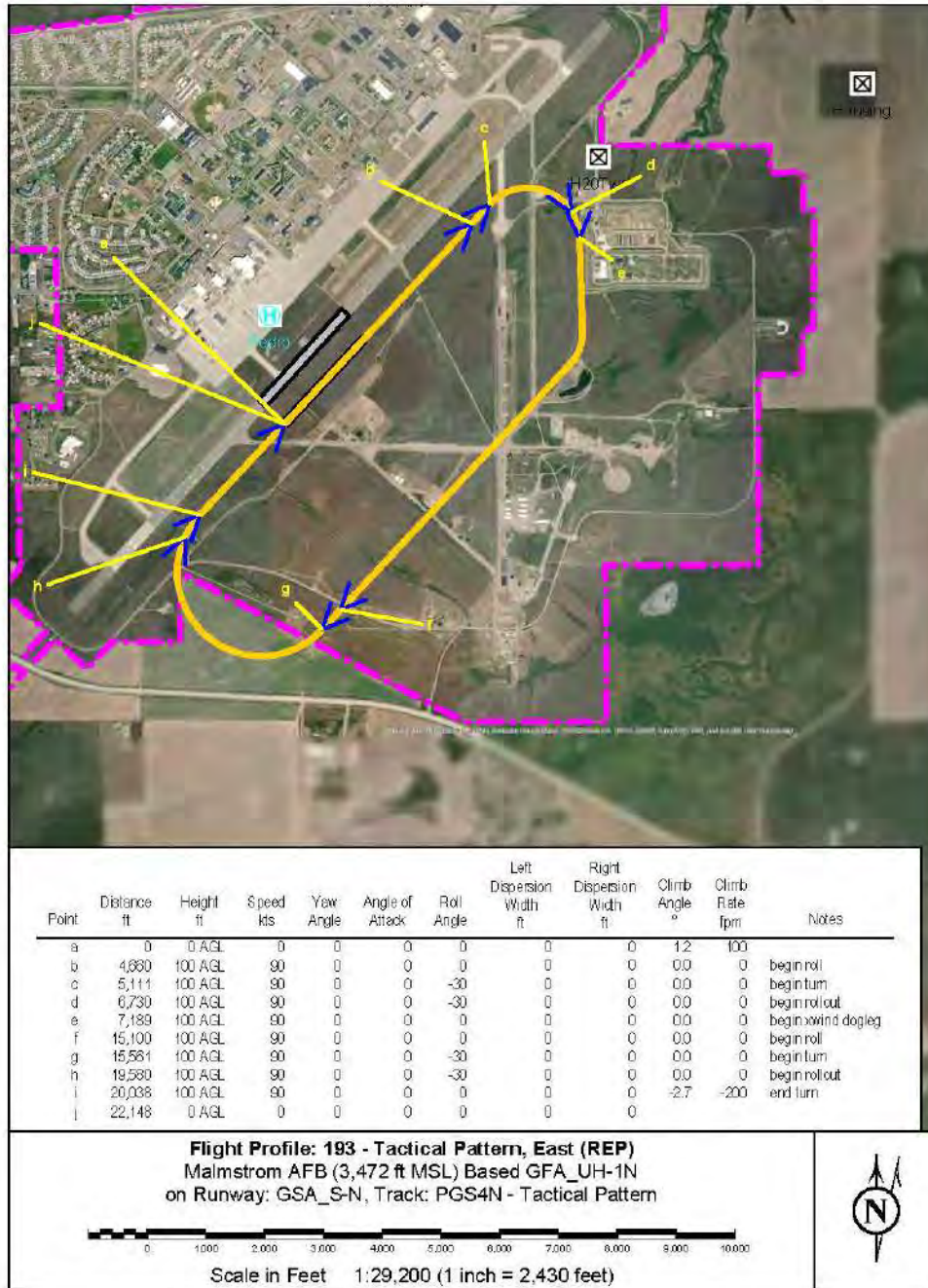


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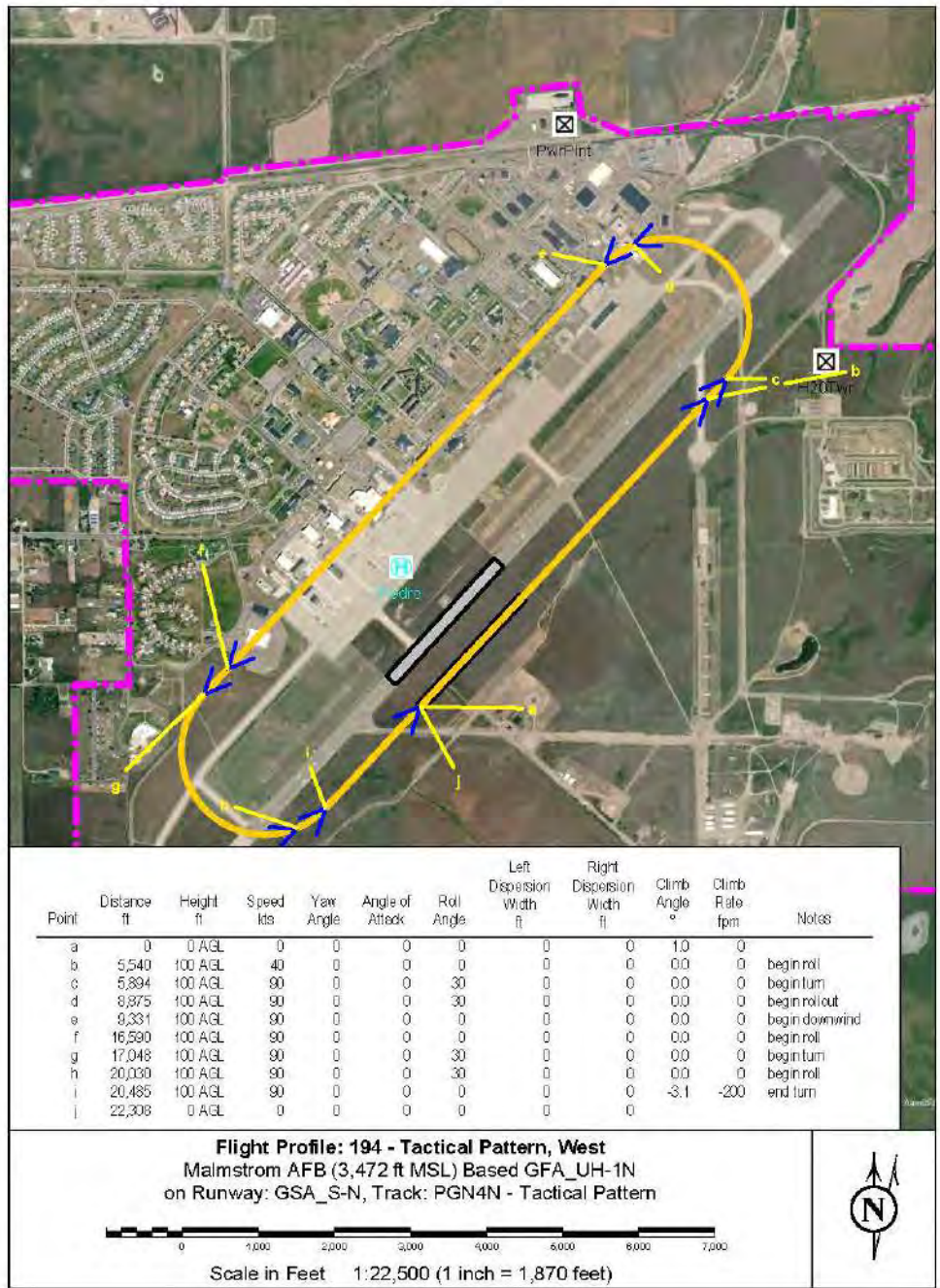


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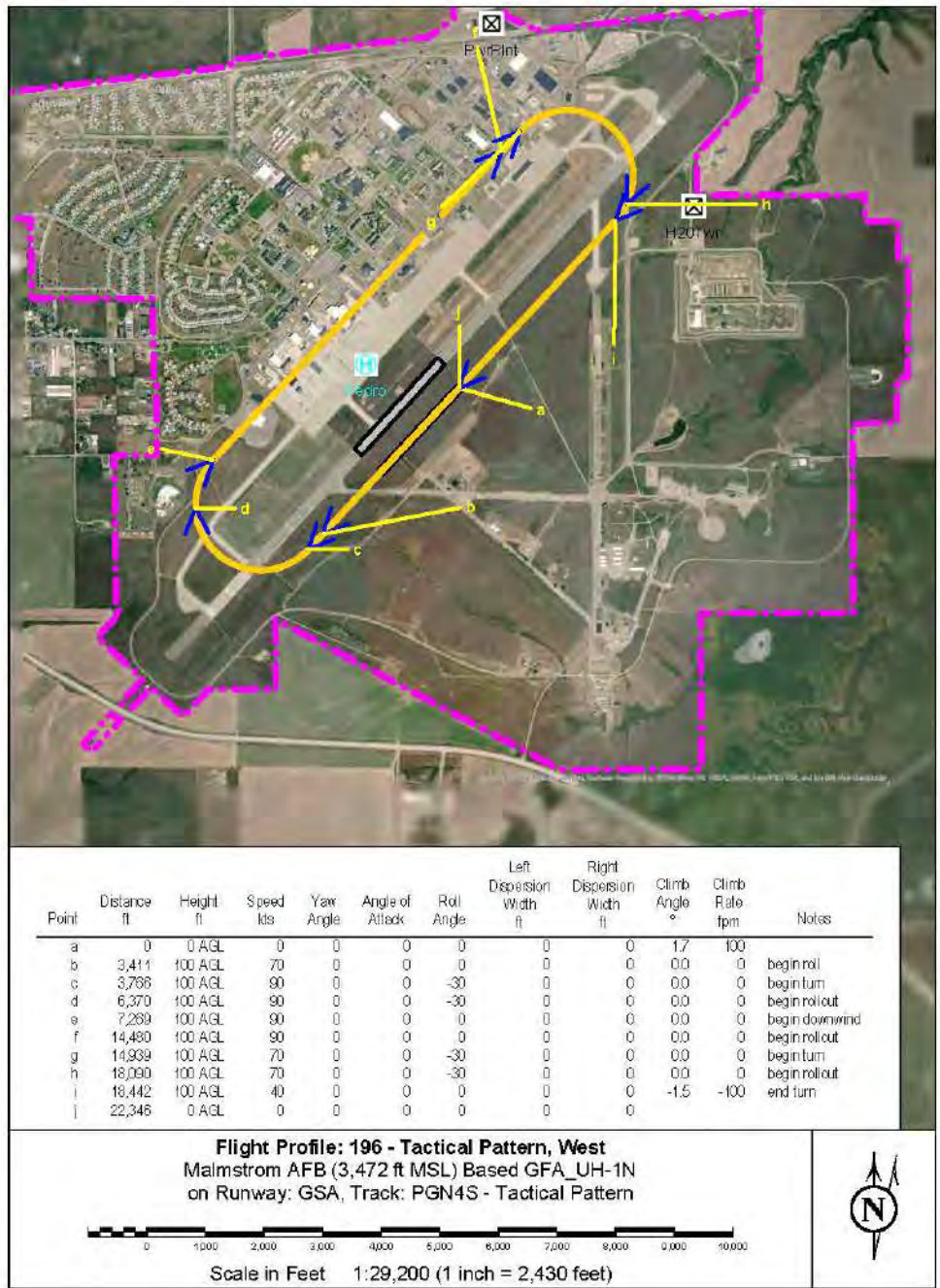


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Appendix C.

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Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species

**Draft Environmental Assessment for
UH-1N Replacement Beddown, Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT**

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Table 5. Species of Concern or Potential Concern Documented on the Installation (USFWS 2008, MNHP 2017).

Common Name	Scientific Name	State and Federal designations
American white pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	MT State Rank: S3B USFWS: MBTA
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	MT State Rank: S4 USFWS: BGEPA; MBTA; BCR10, 11, & 17
Burrowing Owl*	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	MT State Rank: S3B USFWS: MBTA; BCR17; BLM: SENSITIVE
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	MT State Rank: S3B USFWS: MBTA; BCR10&17
Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	MT State Rank S3B; BLM: SENSITIVE USFWS: MBTA
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	MT State Rank: S3 USFWS: BGEPA; MBTA; BCR10&17
Grasshopper Sparrow*	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	MT State Rank: S4B USFWS: MBTA; BCR17
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	MT State Rank: S3; USFWS: MBTA
Long-billed curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	MT State Rank: S3B USFWS: BGEPA; MBTA; BCR10, 11, & 17
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	MT State Rank: S4 USFWS: MBTA; BCR11 & 17
Swainson's Hawk*	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	MT State Rank: S3 USFWS: MBTA; BCR10&11
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	MT State Rank: S3; BLM: SENSITIVE USFWS: MBTA; BCR10, 11, & 17
Prairie falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	MT State Rank: S4 USFWS: MBTA; BCR 17
Upland sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	MT State Rank: S4B USFWS: BGEPA; MBTA; BCR10, 11, & 17
Black-tailed Prairie Dog*	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	MT State Rank: S3; BLM: SENSITIVE
Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	MT State Rank: S3

The data and ranking in Table 5 were obtained from the Montana Natural Heritage Program website (MNHP 2017) and are defined below.

Symbol	Definition
*	Breeding on Base.
S1	At high risk because of extremely limited and/or rapidly declining population numbers, range and/or habitat. Highly vulnerable to global extinction or extirpation in the state.
S2	At risk due to very limited and/or potentially declining population numbers, range and/or habitat. Vulnerable to global extinction or extirpation in the state.
S3	Potentially at risk because of limited and/or declining numbers, range and/or habitat, even though it may be abundant in some areas.
S4	Apparently secure, though may be quite rare in parts of its range, and/or suspected to be declining
BGEPA	The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 (BGEPA) (16 U.S.C. 668-668c) prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from taking Bald or Golden eagles, including their parts, nests, or eggs. BGEPA provides criminal and civil penalties for persons who take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any Bald eagle ... [or any Golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof. BGEPA defines “take” as pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb. "Disturb" means to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior. In addition to immediate impacts, this definition also covers impacts that result from human-induced alterations initiated around a previously used nest site during a time when eagles are not present, if, upon the eagles return, such alterations agitate or bother an eagle to a degree that injures an eagle or substantially interferes with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering habits and causes, or is likely to cause, a loss of productivity or nest abandonment.
MBTA	The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) - (16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712, July 3, 1918, as amended 1936, 1960, 1968, 1969, 1974, 1978, 1986 and 1989) implements 4 treaties that provide for international protection of migratory birds. The statute’s language is clear that actions resulting in a “taking” or possession (permanent or temporary) of a protected species, in the absence of a USFWS permit or regulatory authorization, are a violation of the MBTA. The MBTA states, “Unless and except as permitted by regulations ... it shall be unlawful at any time, by any means, or in any manner to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill ... possess, offer for sale, sell ... purchase ...ship, export, import ...transport or cause to be transported ...any migratory bird, any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird[The Act] prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, import and export of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior.” The word “take” is defined by regulation as “to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect.” The USFWS maintains a list of species protected by the MBTA at 50 CFR 10.13. The USFWS also maintains a list of species not protected by the MBTA. MBTA does not protect species that are not native to the U.S. or species groups not explicitly covered under the MBTA; these include species such as the house (English) sparrow, European starling, rock pigeon, Eurasian collared-dove, and non-migratory upland game birds.
BCR	“The 1988 amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act mandates USFWS to identify species, subspecies, and populations of all migratory nongame birds that, without additional conservation actions, are likely to become candidates for listing under the ESA. Birds of Conservation Concern 2008 (USFWS, 2008) is the most recent effort to carry out this mandate. The overall goal of this report is to accurately identify the migratory and non-migratory bird species (beyond those already designated as federally threatened or endangered) that represent the Service’s highest conservation priorities.” (USFWS, 2008).

Potential Species of Concern on Malmstrom AFB, main installation:

- *Porcupine*

The porcupine in Montana is listed as a “Potential Species of Concern” (MNHP, 2017). Causes of mortality include predation, loss of habitat, and hunting (MNHP, 2017). The Porcupine has been observed on the main installation during game camera surveillance work as recently as 2017. Management recommendations include increasing awareness among Base residents to avoid vehicle collisions with the slow-moving Porcupine. Caution should be taken driving vehicles off-road at night and during summer.

- *Short-eared owl*

The Short-eared owl has been observed frequenting grassland areas south and southeast of the Combat Arms Training complex during the breeding season and is a likely nester there. This is a “Potential Species of Concern,” which describes those species native to Montana for which current information suggests potential vulnerability (MNHP 2017). Because Short-eared owls are ground nesters that require relatively large areas of grassland, they are susceptible to increased predation pressure often associated with fragmented habitats and nearby rural developments. As a result, they seem to be especially sensitive to habitat loss and fragmentation (Wiggins et al., 2006; Vickery, 1996). Their main prey items are small mammals (Wiggins et al., 2006). While Short-eared owls tend to avoid highly altered areas, management actions that maintain lower vegetation heights, i.e., mowing, burning or rotational grazing, can create suitable conditions for this species (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2017).

Species of Concern on Malmstrom AFB, main installation

REPTILES

The main installation hosts no known threatened, endangered, or species of special concern reptiles.

AMPHIBIANS

The Northern Leopard Frog is associated with ponds and other water features in lower elevations (MNHP, 2017), and has been documented on the main installation (Melton, 2018). This species was found to be not warranted for federal listing under the ESA in 2011 (76 FR 61896) and in Montana, east of the Rockies, it is not designated a “Species of Concern” (MNHP, 2017). Thus, currently there are no known amphibians considered threatened, endangered, or species of special concern on the main installation.

Management recommendations: To minimize impacting the species on Base, avoid mowing and construction-related activities on the eastern portion of the Base during the nesting season (June - late August). Individual grassland site disturbances may be accomplished, but on a long rotating schedule (3-8 years), or limit disturbance to 20%-30% of a site in any given year.

FISH and CRUSTACEANS

There are no known fish or crustaceans considered threatened, endangered, or species of special concern on the main installation.

PLANTS

- *Many-headed sedge*

There is one high-risk, sensitive plant species whose ranges overlap with the main installation: Many-headed sedge (*Carex sychnocephala*; State Rank: S1S2; MNHP, 2017). It is unknown if this species is

present on the main installation. However, because the ranges of this species overlaps with the Base (MNHP, 2017), surveys for this plant on the main installation are recommended.

MAMMALS

- Black-tailed prairie dog

The state of Montana lists the Black-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) as a state Species of Concern, due to a range of threats that caused recent declines in Montana (MNHP, 2017). MFWP’s Montana Prairie Dog Working Group manages the species under a Conservation Plan for Black-tailed and White-tailed Prairie Dogs (Montana Prairie Dog Working Group, 2002). The species has been observed in small numbers on the main installation; i.e. two burrows (Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS). Management recommendations for this species include mapping the burrows, and maintaining awareness to ensure pest removal actions for Richardson’s ground squirrel exclude active Black-tailed prairie dog burrows.

- Little Brown Bat / Little Brown Myotis

The Little Brown Myotis, despite its widespread U.S. distribution, is considered vulnerable to extinction and a Montana Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017). A variety of threats have contributed to their decline (e.g. wind energy turbines), but the rapid spread of an introduced fungal disease has caused significant mortality (white-nose syndrome; Kunz and Reichard, 2010). Management recommendations for this species include conducting night-time surveys on the main installation to determine location and numbers, and dependent on findings, collaborate with MFWP bat specialists for management recommendations.

BIRDS

On Malmstrom AFB main installation, several avian Species of Concern, as designated by the State of Montana (MNHP, 2017) and/or USFWS (2008), as well as Bald and Golden eagles which occasionally fly over the Base have been observed (Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS). Management actions for these species (Table 5) requires compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

- Burrowing Owl

Malmstrom should afford the Burrowing Owl additional management consideration as a state “Species of Concern” (MNHP, 2017), as well as a “Mission-sensitive species” by the DoD Partners in Flight steering committee. The Burrowing Owl has been observed nesting on Base using previously excavated animal burrows in the south and southeast horse pastures leased to the Base Riding Club (Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS). Management recommendations: To minimize project impacts during the nesting season, presence/absence surveys should be conducted during the nesting and fledging times during May – July.

Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate species in Malmstrom AFB Missile Complex:

Currently, no LF or MAF occurs within designated critical habitat for any listed T&E species. However, within the missile complex, a number of sites are located within the known ranges of, or potential habitat for, federally listed threatened, endangered, or candidate species (see Table 6).

Table 6. Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate species in Malmstrom AFB Missile Complex.

Missile Squadron	Counties	ESA Listed and Proposed Species
564th (Demolished/Care-taker Status)	Chouteau, Pondera, Teton and Toole	Piping Plover (LT), Grizzly Bear (LT), Canada Lynx (LT, CH), Red Knot (LT), Wolverine (PT)
12th	Cascade, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, and Teton	Grizzly Bear (LT), Canada Lynx (LT, CH), Wolverine (PT), Pallid Sturgeon (LE), Red Knot (LT), Whitebark Pine (C)
10th	Cascade, Fergus, and Judith Basin	Pallid Sturgeon (LE), Red Knot (LT)
490th	Fergus, Judith Basin, and Wheatland	Wolverine (PT), Pallid Sturgeon (LE)
LE (Listed Endangered), LT (Listed Threatened), PT (Proposed Threatened), C (Candidate),		

Data from MNHP (2017) and USFWS (2017).

REPTILES

There are no known Federally-listed, proposed, or candidate reptile species in Montana (USFWS, 2017). There are three state Species of Concern with habitat types and ranges that overlap the missile complex.

These are: Plains Hog-nosed Snake (*Heterodon nasicus*), Western Milksnake (*Lampropeltis gentilis*), and Greater Short-horned lizard (*Phrynosoma hernandesi*) (MNHP, 2017). Data are lacking on presence/absence of this species or its habitats on or near LFs or MAFs.

AMPHIBIANS

Great Plains Toad (*Anaxyrus cognatus*) is a state Species of Concern in Montana that has a range overlapping the missile complex (MNHP, 2017). Data are lacking on presence/absence of this species or its habitats on or near LFs or MAFs.

Plains Spadefoot (*Spea bombifrons*) is a state Species of Concern in Montana that has a range overlapping the missile complex (MNHP, 2017). Data are lacking on presence/absence of this species or its habitats on or near LFs or MAFs.

FISH and CRUSTACEANS

- *Pallid Sturgeon*

The Pallid sturgeon is a bottom-dwelling fish native to and inhabiting the Missouri, Yellowstone, Marias, Milk, Poplar, Powder, and Tongue rivers (USFWS, 2014), none of which occur within the missile field.

PLANTS

- *Whitebark Pine*

The Whitebark pine is a Candidate species for listing under the ESA (81 FR 87246). The species habitat and range is higher elevation forested areas in central and western Montana, where it favors high-elevation upper montane habitat near the tree line (MNHP, 2017; USFWS, *pers. comm.*). Whitebark pine has been reported in the vicinity of two or more LFs (A-05, C-08) in the Belt Mountain range in both Cascade and Judith Basin counties (MNHP, 2017).

MAMMALS

Montana has a number of sensitive large mammals that are either considered state Species of Concern, or have a designated status under the ESA. These include the Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*), Fisher (*Pekania pennanti*), Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*), Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), Black-footed Ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), and Swift Fox (*Vulpes velox*).

- *Black-footed Ferret*

The Black-footed Ferret is listed as federally endangered under the ESA (32 FR 4001) and is also a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017). The Black-footed Ferret is a now very rare species whose range once encompassed large areas of central Montana, including areas that overlapped the current missile complex location. The ferret’s natural habitat is closely tied to their prey, prairie dogs, in grasslands, steppe, and shrub steppe. The Black-footed Ferret has been eliminated throughout much of their historic range. Their decline is thought to be directly related to widespread disease outbreaks, primarily sylvatic plague, land-use modifications to its native rangeland habitat, and large-scale use of toxicants to control prairie dogs, the ferret’s primary prey. The ferret was thought to be extinct in 1979, but was re-discovered in Wyoming in 1981. From 1989, the USFWS conducted extensive surveys for the Black-footed Ferret in potentially suitable habitats in an attempt to locate additional extant populations. However, no other extant, wild populations have been detected to date.

Based on the failure to locate additional populations and with the ubiquity of sylvatic plague throughout the historic range of the species, the USFWS determined that the Black-footed Ferret has been extirpated throughout its range, except where reintroduced. Under the authority of Section 10(j) of the ESA, experimental, non-essential populations have been established in portions of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming since 1991. More recently, ferrets have been reintroduced through the Black-footed Ferret Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement, which uses authorities described in Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. No Black-footed Ferret reintroductions have occurred in the Malmstrom AFB deployment area. Consequently, it is reasonable to not anticipate any occurrence of the Black-footed Ferret within the missile complex.

- *Grizzly Bear*

While the Grizzly Bear population in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem was delisted in 2017 (82 FR 30502), the Grizzly Bear is still designated as Threatened in the continental United States under the ESA (40 FR 31734) and is also a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017). The Grizzly Bear inhabits alpine/subalpine coniferous forest and plains, and is typically found in western and central Montana (MNHP, 2017). The specie’s range overlaps the mountainous portions of the southwestern and western missile complex.

- *Canada lynx*

The Canada lynx is listed as federally threatened under the ESA (65 FR 16053) and is also a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017). It is a resident in core montane spruce/fir forests. In secondary/peripheral forested habitat however, it is a transient. Critical habitat has been designated for this species (79 FR 54782). Though designated critical habitat does not overlap the missile complex, the boundary does extend to approximately 3 miles (4.8 km) to the southwest of the Golf-08 LF (490th missile squadron). Additionally, MNHP (2017) range maps overlaps with two missile sites in the mountains portions of the southwestern and western missile complex.

- *Wolverine*

The Wolverine is proposed for listing under the ESA as a federally threatened species (81 FR 87246) and is also a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017). This species tends to occupy higher elevations wooded habitats (Hornecker and Hash, 1981), though dispersing individuals do not seem obligated to these habitat types. In Montana, the range and habitats of this species approaches and potentially overlaps the missile complex (MNHP, 2017).

- *Northern Rocky Mountain Fisher*

The Northern Rocky Mountain Fisher is a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017), though it was recently determined it did not warrant listing under the ESA (82 FR 46618). The range of the Fisher approaches the western LFs in the missile complex (MNHP, 2017).

- *Swift Fox*

The Swift Fox is a Montana State Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017), though it was removed as a candidate species under the ESA (66 FR 1295). The Swift Fox inhabits open prairie and arid plains, including areas intermixed with winter wheat fields in north-central Montana. It was once extirpated throughout much of eastern Montana, but has since showed signs of population recovery. Potential habitat and historic ranges for this species have been mapped in the western and southern portions of the deployment area i.e., in the western parts of Pondera, Teton, Lewis & Clark counties, and Cascade County (MNHP, 2017). Thus this species has a range overlapping the missile complex.

While, the ranges of the other above-mentioned species overlap with part of the missile complex, data are lacking for any of the above large mammals to determine their use of habitat in the vicinity of the LFs or MAFs. Thus, in 2017, a joint AF and USFWS MFWCO project was initiated to conduct remote surveys with the use of game camera surveillance techniques. Game camera traps were mounted in locations near 25 missile complex sites found within the current, mapped ranges of Wolverine, Fisher, Grizzly Bear and Canada lynx. The project will be conducted for a period of 2-3 years.

BIRDS

- *Piping plover*

The Northern Great Plains populations of the Piping Plover is listed as Threatened by the USFWS (50 FR 50726). Their foraging habitat includes the Missouri and Yellowstone River sandbars, on alkali beaches in west-central and northeastern Montana. Within central Montana, Piping Plover are only known to breed at Alkali Lake on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Pondera County. During migration, Piping Plover have been reported just east of the Rocky Mountains (MNHP, 2017). Within the missile complex, Piping Plover have been observed as migrants at Freezeout Lake and Benton Lake NWR (Jeff Berglund, USFWS, pers. comm.).

- *Red Knot*

The *rufa* Red Knot (*C. canutus rufa*) was listed Threatened by USFWS in 2015 (79 FR 73706-73748). The species migrates through Montana with stopovers within the deployment area at wetlands near Freezeout Lake, Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and Lake Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge (MNHP, 2017).

Species of Concern within the Malmstrom AFB missile complex

There are 9 species of small mammals and over 35 migratory bird species that have been determined to be Montana Species of Concern (MNHP, 2017), or Birds of Conservation Concern (FWS, 2008) that are anticipated to occur within the missile complex (USFWS, 2008; MNHP, 2017). At present, data are minimal regarding presence/absence or proximity to LFs or MAFs. Following is a summary for several bird species for which there are observational data (see also Table 7).

- *Golden Eagle*

During Greater sage-grouse surveys (2015-16) within the missile complex, Golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) were incidentally observed roosting or nesting within 0.5-5 miles (0.8-8.0 km) of several LFs (Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS, pers. comm.). The Golden eagle is a “special status” species, and is protected by the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act. Thus, management recommendations include conducting Golden eagle surveys in the vicinity of LFs and MAFs during their breeding season to determine the potential of future training or construction activities to impact nesting eagles.

- *Greater Sage-grouse*

The Greater sage-grouse is sensitive to disturbance during the breeding season (Manier et al. 2014; MNHP 2017). It is a state Species of Concern, and is considered by USFWS as a Bird of Conservation Concern (USFWS, 2008; MNHP, 2017). Although the species is not listed as endangered, the USFWS is currently monitoring the mountain-prairie populations of Greater sage-grouse, and a conservation assessment for this species will be conducted by the USFWS and other partners by 2020. In Montana, the species is managed by the State of Montana (MFWP and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation [DNRC]) as well as by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on BLM-administered lands. The DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division administers Montana Executive Order 12-2015 and the Montana sage-grouse conservation strategy. On BLM administered lands, BLM oversees execution of and project compliance with applicable Resource Management Plans (BLM, 2015).

During 2015-16 surveys, Greater sage-grouse were found at a distance of 3.5 miles (5.6 km) or less at a total of 17 sites (Pierce and Jordan, 2018a; Table 7). This distance is generally within the species’ disturbance buffer distance (Manier et al., 2014).

- *Long-billed curlew*

The Long-billed curlew (*Numenius americanus*) can be found breeding in habitat adjacent to numerous missile facilities (Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS, pers. comm.). This curlew is a Montana State Species of Concern because of its limited and/or declining numbers, range and/or habitat, even though it may be abundant in some areas (MNHP, 2017).

Table 7. USFWS and Montana Species of Conservation Concern – Occurrence in Missile Complex. (USFWS 2008; MNHP 2017; Pierce and Jordan, 2018a; Dr. Elin Pierce, USFWS, Pers. comm.)

Common Name	Species Latin Name	Occurrence at Missile Sites
American bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	unknown
American Golden-plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	unknown
Baird’s sparrow	<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	unknown
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus</i>	unknown
Black swift	<i>Cypseloides niger</i>	unknown
Black tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	unknown
Black-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus</i>	unknown
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	unknown
Brewer’s sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	unknown
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	unknown
Cassin’s finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	unknown
Chestnut-collared longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	unknown
Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Unknown
Ferruginous hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	J-01, L-08
Franklin’s Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	Unknown
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Unknown
Grasshopper sparrow	<i>Ammodramus</i>	Unknown
Greater Sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	E-02, E-03, E-04, E-05,E-06, K-04, K-07, N-02, N-03, O-1, O-2, O-3, O-4, O-5, O-6, O-7, O-11 O-11 O-7
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	unknown
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza</i>	unknown
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	unknown
Lewis’s woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	Q19
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	B-11
Long-billed curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	A-05, A-09, A-10, B-04, B-07, B-11, C-04, E-05, E-06, E-08, E-09, F-01, F-02, F-05, F-09, F10, G-03, G-06, G-09, G-11, H-07, H08, I-06, I-08 I-11, J-03, L-04, L-06, L-08, P-03, P-07, R30, S0, T48
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	unknown
Marbled godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	unknown
McCown’s longspur	<i>Calcarius mccownii</i>	unknown
Mountain plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	unknown
Olive-sided flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	unknown
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	unknown
Pinyon jay	<i>Gymnorhinus</i>	unknown
Red-headed woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes</i>	unknown

Common Name	Species Latin Name	Occurrence at Missile Sites
Rufous hummingbird	<i>selasphorus rufus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Sage thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Semipalmated sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Short-billed dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	C-03, O-06
Sprague's pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	C-07, F-02, F-03, F-05, F-10, G-06, G-08, L-04, L-06
Swainson's hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Upland sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Western grebe	<i>aechmophorus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	<i>unknown</i>
SMALL MAMMALS	Species Latin Name	Occurrence at Missile Sites
Townsend's Big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Spotted Bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Hoary Bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Little Brown Myotis	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Fringed Myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Black-tailed Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Merriam's Shrew	<i>Sorex merriami</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Dwarf Shrew	<i>Sorex nanus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Preble's Shrew	<i>Sorex preblei</i>	<i>unknown</i>
REPTILES	Species Latin Name	Occurrence at Missile Sites
Plains Hog-nosed Snake	<i>Heterodon nasicus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Western Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis gentilis</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Greater Short-horned lizard	<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi</i>	<i>unknown</i>
AMPHIBIANS	Species Latin Name	Occurrence at Missile Sites
Great Plains Toad	<i>Anaxyrus cognatus</i>	<i>unknown</i>
Plains Spadefoot	<i>Spea bombifrons</i>	<i>unknown</i>

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Appendix D.
Air Emissions Model Report

**Draft Environmental Assessment for
UH-1N Replacement Beddown, Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT**

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AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT

– DETAIL –

1. General Information

- Action Location

Base: MALMSTROM AFB
State: Montana
County(s): Cascade
Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- **Action Title:** Malmstrom AFB - Environmental Assessment for UH-1N Replacement Beddown

- **Project Number/s (if applicable):** Contract No. W9128F17A0002, Order No. W9128F18F0293

- **Projected Action Start Date:** 1 / 2021

- Action Purpose and Need:

Replace the current UH-1N helicopters at Malmstrom AFB with MH-139 helicopters and provide facilities to house the replacement aircraft.

- Action Description:

The Proposed Action is replacing the current fleet of 8 UH-1N helicopters with a total of 11 new MH-139 aircraft (8 as primary and 3 as backup). The total number of continually active aircraft will remain at 8. The backup aircraft will be inactive and only swapped out with the primary as needed to maintain a full strength fleet of 8 aircraft. The aircraft replacement is scheduled to occur during years 2021 and 2023. Two MH-139s would be delivered to Malmstrom AFB in early 2021 (this would increase the total number of aircraft on the base to 10), and the transition would be complete in 2023. The total annual flight operations will remain unchanged at 7,566 (946 per aircraft). The average duration of a flight operation duration is assumed to be 4 minutes.

To support the beddown of the replacement aircraft, an adequately sized and configured integrated helicopter operations facility is needed to provide proper command and control, maintenance, and fueling capabilities for helicopter operations. A series of buildings is required that would become the main control point for all unit flight and flying training tasks. This will be achieved through renovation of existing buildings. A surge in personnel is anticipated during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft, after which personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, this Proposed Action would result in slightly more personnel at Malmstrom AFB. No interior construction or demolition would occur. Any new structures would be temporary and consist of prefabricated shelters requiring only assembly in place.

There are 4 Alternative Actions under consideration:

- Alternative 1: Renovate building 1450 for initial MH-139s and delay building 1440 renovation.
- Alternative 2: Construct large area maintenance shelters (LAMS) for temporary UH-1N parking.
- Alternative 3: Temporary 341st MXG move to building 1450 or 1464.
- Alternative 4: No Action.

Alternatives 1 through 3 each include the same aircraft replacement schedule. There will be no ground preparation, demolition, or major construction under any of the action alternatives. Therefore, a single ACAM model run (identified as Alternative 1) will adequately support analyses for Action Alternatives 1, 2 and 3.

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- Activity List:

	Activity Type	Activity Title
2.	Personnel	Years 2021-2023 - Addition of Temporary Support Personnel
3.	Aircraft	Year 2021 - Addition of Two MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)
4.	Personnel	Year 2021 - Addition of Permanent Support Personnel for First Two MH-139 Aircraft
5.	Aircraft	Year 2021 - Removal of Two UH-1N Helicopters
6.	Aircraft	Year 2022 - Addition of Three MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)
7.	Personnel	Year 2022 - Addition of Permanent Personnel to Support Next Three MH-139 Aircraft
8.	Aircraft	Year 2022 - Removal of Three UH-1N Helicopters
9.	Aircraft	Year 2023 - Addition of Three MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)
10.	Personnel	Year 2023 - Addition of Permanent Personnel to Support Last Three MH-139 Aircraft
11.	Aircraft	Year 2023 - Removal of Three UH-1N Helicopters

Emission factors and air emission estimating methods come from the United States Air Force's Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Stationary Sources, Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, and Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Transitory Sources.

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– DETAIL –

2. Personnel

2.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Years 2021-2023 - Addition of Temporary Support Personnel

- Activity Description:

A surge in personnel is anticipated during the overlap of UH-1N and MH-139 aircraft, after which personnel would decrease to a steady-state. Overall, this Proposed Action would result in slightly more personnel at Malmstrom AFB. It is assumed that an additional forty (40) temporary personnel will be deployed to the base for three years to support this project. It is also assumed that five (5) permanent support personnel will be added for each new MH-139 aircraft.

This Personnel Activity accounts for the additional temporary personnel deployed to Malmstrom AFB for the three-year period 2021-2023 in support of this project.

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2021

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: No

End Month: 12

End Year: 2023

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Total Emissions (TONs)
VOC	0.284356
SO _x	0.001807
NO _x	0.258492
CO	3.214587
PM 10	0.007939

Pollutant	Total Emissions (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.007226
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.016374
CO _{2e}	254.7

2.2 Personnel Assumptions

- Number of Personnel

Active Duty Personnel: 40

Civilian Personnel: 0

Support Contractor Personnel: 0

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 0

Reserve Personnel: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Average Personnel Round Trip Commute (mile): 20 (default)

AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT

– DETAIL –

- Personnel Work Schedule

Active Duty Personnel:	5 Days Per Week (default)
Civilian Personnel:	5 Days Per Week (default)
Support Contractor Personnel:	5 Days Per Week (default)
Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel:	4 Days Per Week (default)
Reserve Personnel:	4 Days Per Month (default)

2.3 Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture

- On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

	LDGV	LDGT	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC
POVs	37.55	60.32	0	0.03	0.2	0	1.9
GOVs	54.49	37.73	4.67	0	0	3.11	0

2.4 Personnel Emission Factor(s)

- On Road Vehicle Emission Factors (grams/mile)

	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	Pb	NH ₃	CO _{2e}
LDGV	000.343	000.002	000.257	003.756	000.010	000.009		000.022	00313.875
LDGT	000.400	000.003	000.434	004.961	000.012	000.011		000.024	00404.284
HDGV	000.657	000.005	001.065	014.900	000.026	000.023		000.044	00740.723
LDDV	000.141	000.003	000.139	002.353	000.004	000.004		000.008	00301.516
LDDT	000.270	000.004	000.389	003.971	000.007	000.006		000.008	00428.585
HDDV	000.614	000.013	005.915	001.983	000.169	000.155		000.030	01487.496
MC	002.246	000.003	000.875	013.744	000.028	000.025		000.055	00398.991

2.5 Personnel Formula(s)

- Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel for Work Days per Year

$$VMT_p = NP * WD * AC$$

VMT_p: Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles/year)

NP: Number of Personnel

WD: Work Days per Year

AC: Average Commute (miles)

- Total Vehicle Miles Travel per Year

$$VMT_{Total} = VMT_{AD} + VMT_C + VMT_{SC} + VMT_{ANG} + VMT_{AFRC}$$

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AD}: Active Duty Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_C: Civilian Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{SC}: Support Contractor Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{ANG}: Air National Guard Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AFRC}: Reserve Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

- Vehicle Emissions per Year

$$V_{POL} = (VMT_{Total} * 0.002205 * EF_{POL} * VM) / 2000$$

V_{POL}: Vehicle Emissions (TONs)

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

0.002205: Conversion Factor grams to pounds

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (grams/mile)

VM: Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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3. Aircraft

3.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2021 - Addition of Two MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)

- Activity Description:

As part of the helicopter fleet replacement, eight (8) new MH-139 primary aircraft inventory will be placed into service over a three year period 2021 through 2023. Three (3) additional MH-139 will be included as backup aircraft inventory. The backup aircraft will remain inactive unless swapped out with primary aircraft in order to maintain a full fleet strength of 8 active aircraft. The ACAM model will be set up to account for only the active aircraft. There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (USAF Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

This activity represents the first year, 2021, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which two (2) new aircraft will replace two (2) old aircraft.

The MH-139 helicopter is powered by two PT6C-67C turboshaft engines rated at 1750 hp each. The ACAM model does not include MH-139 aircraft within the Aircraft Activity module. Therefore, the C-23B aircraft was chosen as the surrogate based on engine number and type. The C-23B is powered by two PT6A-65AR turboshaft engines rated at 1424 hp each which are the closest match to the PT6C-67C in terms of engine family and horsepower.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Tim-in-Mode for Military Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2021

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	6.195388
SO _x	0.764928
NO _x	31.496037
CO	18.372853
PM 10	1.464728

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	1.412241
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	1870.2

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- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	3.505483
SO _x	0.140363
NO _x	0.543615
CO	11.299006
PM 10	0.107161

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.096616
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	428.2

- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	2.689905
SO _x	0.624566
NO _x	30.952422
CO	7.073847
PM 10	1.357566

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	1.315624
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	1442.0

3.2 Aircraft & Engines

3.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-23B
Engine Model: PT6A-65AR
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: MW-139 (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: PT6C-67C

3.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	131.43	53.66	1.06	1.89	166.43	1.23	1.11	3234
Approach	339.89	3.31	1.06	4.59	20.86	0.74	0.67	3234
Intermediate	570.64	0.72	1.06	6.69	6.72	0.29	0.26	3234
Military	633.06	0.53	1.06	7.08	5.36	0.26	0.23	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

3.3 Flight Operations

3.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 2
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 1892
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33

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Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27
Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

3.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL} : Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)

TIM: Time in Mode (min)

60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours

FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)

1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds

EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)

NE: Number of Engines

LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONS

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO} : Aircraft Emissions (TONs)

AEM_{IDLE_IN} : Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)

AEM_{IDLE_OUT} : Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)

$AEM_{APPROACH}$: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)

$AEM_{CLIMBOUT}$: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)

$AEM_{TAKEOFF}$: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL} : Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)

TIM: Time in Mode (min)

60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours

FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)

1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds

EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)

NE: Number of Engines

TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONS

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO} : Aircraft Emissions (TONs)

$AEM_{APPROACH}$: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)

$AEM_{CLIMBOUT}$: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)

$AEM_{TAKEOFF}$: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

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- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)

TD: Test Duration (min)

60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours

FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)

1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds

EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)

NE: Number of Engines

NA: Number of Aircraft

NTT: Number of Trim Test

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONS

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)

AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)

AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)

AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)

AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)

AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

3.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

3.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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3.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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3.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL}: Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

3.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

3.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

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- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 1892

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

3.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

3.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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4. Personnel

4.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2021 - Addition of Permanent Support Personnel for First Two MH-139 Aircraft

- Activity Description:

This Personnel Activity accounts for the additional permanent personnel deployed to Malmstrom AFB to support the first two new aircraft (5 for each aircraft).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2021

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	0.023696
SO _x	0.000151
NO _x	0.021541
CO	0.267882
PM 10	0.000662

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.000602
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.001365
CO _{2e}	21.2

4.2 Personnel Assumptions

- Number of Personnel

Active Duty Personnel: 10

Civilian Personnel: 0

Support Contractor Personnel: 0

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 0

Reserve Personnel: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Average Personnel Round Trip Commute (mile): 20 (default)

- Personnel Work Schedule

Active Duty Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Civilian Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Support Contractor Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 4 Days Per Week (default)

Reserve Personnel: 4 Days Per Month (default)

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4.3 Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture

- On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

	LDGV	LDGT	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC
POVs	37.55	60.32	0	0.03	0.2	0	1.9
GOVs	54.49	37.73	4.67	0	0	3.11	0

4.4 Personnel Emission Factor(s)

- On Road Vehicle Emission Factors (grams/mile)

	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	Pb	NH ₃	CO _{2e}
LDGV	000.343	000.002	000.257	003.756	000.010	000.009		000.022	00313.875
LDGT	000.400	000.003	000.434	004.961	000.012	000.011		000.024	00404.284
HDGV	000.657	000.005	001.065	014.900	000.026	000.023		000.044	00740.723
LDDV	000.141	000.003	000.139	002.353	000.004	000.004		000.008	00301.516
LDDT	000.270	000.004	000.389	003.971	000.007	000.006		000.008	00428.585
HDDV	000.614	000.013	005.915	001.983	000.169	000.155		000.030	01487.496
MC	002.246	000.003	000.875	013.744	000.028	000.025		000.055	00398.991

4.5 Personnel Formula(s)

- Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel for Work Days per Year

$$VMT_p = NP * WD * AC$$

VMT_p: Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles/year)

NP: Number of Personnel

WD: Work Days per Year

AC: Average Commute (miles)

- Total Vehicle Miles Travel per Year

$$VMT_{Total} = VMT_{AD} + VMT_C + VMT_{SC} + VMT_{ANG} + VMT_{AFRC}$$

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AD}: Active Duty Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_C: Civilian Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{SC}: Support Contractor Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{ANG}: Air National Guard Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AFRC}: Reserve Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

- Vehicle Emissions per Year

$$V_{POL} = (VMT_{Total} * 0.002205 * EF_{POL} * VM) / 2000$$

V_{POL}: Vehicle Emissions (TONs)

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

0.002205: Conversion Factor grams to pounds

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (grams/mile)

VM: Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT

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5. Aircraft

5.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Remove

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2021 - Removal of Two UH-1N Helicopters

- Activity Description:

As part of the helicopter fleet replacement, the existing eight (8) UH-1N helicopters will be removed from service over a three year period 2021 through 2023.

This activity represents the first year, 2021, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which two (2) old aircraft will decommissioned from service.

The UH-1N helicopter is powered by a T400-CP-400 (PT6T) twinpac turboshaft engine rated at 1800 hp (total). The ACAM model does not include UH-1N aircraft within the Aircraft Activity module. Therefore, the C-12C aircraft was chosen as the surrogate based on engine number and type. It is powered by twin PT6A-41 turboshaft engines rated at 850 hp each. This is the closest match in the ACAM model to the PT6T engine in terms of engine family and total power rating.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2021

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-11.520317
SO _x	-0.759315
NO _x	-31.473199
CO	-16.088199
PM 10	-1.404324

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-1.357885
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-1853.1

- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-8.830412
SO _x	-0.134749
NO _x	-0.520777
CO	-9.014352
PM 10	-0.046758

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-0.042261
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-411.1

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- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-2.689905
SO _x	-0.624566
NO _x	-30.952422
CO	-7.073847
PM 10	-1.357566

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-1.315624
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-1442.0

5.2 Aircraft & Engines

5.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-12C
Engine Model: PT6A-41
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: UH-1N (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: T400-CP-400

5.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	147.00	116.88	1.06	1.97	115.31	0.50	0.45	3234
Approach	273.00	26.12	1.06	4.65	34.80	0.10	0.09	3234
Intermediate	473.00	2.34	1.06	7.57	6.49	0.25	0.23	3234
Military	510.00	2.01	1.06	7.98	5.10	0.24	0.22	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

5.3 Flight Operations

5.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 2
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 1892
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33
Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27

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Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

5.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL} : Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONS

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO} : Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 AEM_{IDLE_IN} : Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
 AEM_{IDLE_OUT} : Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
 $AEM_{APPROACH}$: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
 $AEM_{CLIMBOUT}$: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
 $AEM_{TAKEOFF}$: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL} : Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONS

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO} : Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 $AEM_{APPROACH}$: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
 $AEM_{CLIMBOUT}$: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
 $AEM_{TAKEOFF}$: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

$AEPS_{POL}$: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds

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EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
 NE: Number of Engines
 NA: Number of Aircraft
 NTT: Number of Trim Test
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

AE_{TRIM} : Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 $AEPS_{IDLE}$: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
 $AEPS_{APPROACH}$: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
 $AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}$: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
 $AEPS_{MILITARY}$: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
 $AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

5.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

5.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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5.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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5.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL} : Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
 APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
 OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
 LTO: Number of LTOs
 EF_{POL} : Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

5.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

5.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 1892

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- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

5.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

5.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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6. Aircraft

6.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2022 - Addition of Three MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)

- Activity Description:

This activity represents the second year, 2022, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which three (3) new aircraft will be added to replace three (3) old aircraft.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2022

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	9.293082
SO _x	1.147393
NO _x	47.244056
CO	27.559279
PM 10	2.197091

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	2.118361
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	2805.4

- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	5.258225
SO _x	0.210544
NO _x	0.815423
CO	16.948509
PM 10	0.160742

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.144925
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	642.4

- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	4.034858
SO _x	0.936848
NO _x	46.428633
CO	10.610770
PM 10	2.036349

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	1.973436
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	2163.0

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6.2 Aircraft & Engines

6.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-23B
Engine Model: PT6A-65AR
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: MW-139 (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: PT6C-67C

6.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	131.43	53.66	1.06	1.89	166.43	1.23	1.11	3234
Approach	339.89	3.31	1.06	4.59	20.86	0.74	0.67	3234
Intermediate	570.64	0.72	1.06	6.69	6.72	0.29	0.26	3234
Military	633.06	0.53	1.06	7.08	5.36	0.26	0.23	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

6.3 Flight Operations

6.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 3
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 2838
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33
Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27
Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

6.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

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AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

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AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 AE_{PSIDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
 AE_{PSAPPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
 AE_{PSINTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
 AE_{PSMILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
 AE_{PSAFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

6.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

6.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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6.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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6.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL}: Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
 APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
 OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
 LTO: Number of LTOs
 EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

6.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

6.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 2838

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

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6.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

6.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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7. Personnel

7.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2022 - Addition of Permanent Personnel to Support Next Three MH-139 Aircraft

- Activity Description:

This Personnel Activity accounts for the additional permanent personnel deployed to Malmstrom AFB to support the next three new aircraft (5 for each aircraft).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2022

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	0.035545
SO _x	0.000226
NO _x	0.032312
CO	0.401823
PM 10	0.000992

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.000903
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.002047
CO _{2e}	31.8

7.2 Personnel Assumptions

- Number of Personnel

Active Duty Personnel: 15

Civilian Personnel: 0

Support Contractor Personnel: 0

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 0

Reserve Personnel: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Average Personnel Round Trip Commute (mile): 20 (default)

- Personnel Work Schedule

Active Duty Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Civilian Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Support Contractor Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 4 Days Per Week (default)

Reserve Personnel: 4 Days Per Month (default)

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7.3 Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture

- On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

	LDGV	LDGT	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC
POVs	37.55	60.32	0	0.03	0.2	0	1.9
GOVs	54.49	37.73	4.67	0	0	3.11	0

7.4 Personnel Emission Factor(s)

- On Road Vehicle Emission Factors (grams/mile)

	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	Pb	NH ₃	CO _{2e}
LDGV	000.343	000.002	000.257	003.756	000.010	000.009		000.022	00313.875
LDGT	000.400	000.003	000.434	004.961	000.012	000.011		000.024	00404.284
HDGV	000.657	000.005	001.065	014.900	000.026	000.023		000.044	00740.723
LDDV	000.141	000.003	000.139	002.353	000.004	000.004		000.008	00301.516
LDDT	000.270	000.004	000.389	003.971	000.007	000.006		000.008	00428.585
HDDV	000.614	000.013	005.915	001.983	000.169	000.155		000.030	01487.496
MC	002.246	000.003	000.875	013.744	000.028	000.025		000.055	00398.991

7.5 Personnel Formula(s)

- Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel for Work Days per Year

$$VMT_p = NP * WD * AC$$

VMT_p: Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles/year)

NP: Number of Personnel

WD: Work Days per Year

AC: Average Commute (miles)

- Total Vehicle Miles Travel per Year

$$VMT_{Total} = VMT_{AD} + VMT_C + VMT_{SC} + VMT_{ANG} + VMT_{AFRC}$$

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AD}: Active Duty Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_C: Civilian Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{SC}: Support Contractor Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{ANG}: Air National Guard Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AFRC}: Reserve Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

- Vehicle Emissions per Year

$$V_{POL} = (VMT_{Total} * 0.002205 * EF_{POL} * VM) / 2000$$

V_{POL}: Vehicle Emissions (TONs)

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

0.002205: Conversion Factor grams to pounds

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (grams/mile)

VM: Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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8. Aircraft

8.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Remove

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2022 - Removal of Three UH-1N Helicopters

- Activity Description:

This activity represents the second year, 2022, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which three (3) old aircraft will decommissioned from service.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2022

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-17.280476
SO _x	-1.138972
NO _x	-47.209799
CO	-24.132299
PM 10	-2.106487

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-2.036828
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-2779.7

- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-13.245618
SO _x	-0.202124
NO _x	-0.781166
CO	-13.521528
PM 10	-0.070137

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-0.063391
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-616.7

- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-4.034858
SO _x	-0.936848
NO _x	-46.428633
CO	-10.610770
PM 10	-2.036349

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-1.973436
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-2163.0

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8.2 Aircraft & Engines

8.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-12C
Engine Model: PT6A-41
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: UH-1N (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: T400-CP-400

8.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	147.00	116.88	1.06	1.97	115.31	0.50	0.45	3234
Approach	273.00	26.12	1.06	4.65	34.80	0.10	0.09	3234
Intermediate	473.00	2.34	1.06	7.57	6.49	0.25	0.23	3234
Military	510.00	2.01	1.06	7.98	5.10	0.24	0.22	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

8.3 Flight Operations

8.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 3
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 2838
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33
Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27
Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

8.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

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AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

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AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

8.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

8.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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8.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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8.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL}: Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
 APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
 OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
 LTO: Number of LTOs
 EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

8.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

8.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 2838

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

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8.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

8.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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– DETAIL –

9. Aircraft

9.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2023 - Addition of Three MH-139 Helicopters (Primary Inventory Aircraft)

- Activity Description:

This activity represents the third year, 2023, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which three (3) new aircraft will be added to replace three (3) old aircraft.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2023

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	9.293082
SO _x	1.147393
NO _x	47.244056
CO	27.559279
PM 10	2.197091

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	2.118361
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	2805.4

- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	5.258225
SO _x	0.210544
NO _x	0.815423
CO	16.948509
PM 10	0.160742

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.144925
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	642.4

- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	4.034858
SO _x	0.936848
NO _x	46.428633
CO	10.610770
PM 10	2.036349

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	1.973436
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	2163.0

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9.2 Aircraft & Engines

9.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-23B
Engine Model: PT6A-65AR
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: MW-139 (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: PT6C-67C

9.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	131.43	53.66	1.06	1.89	166.43	1.23	1.11	3234
Approach	339.89	3.31	1.06	4.59	20.86	0.74	0.67	3234
Intermediate	570.64	0.72	1.06	6.69	6.72	0.29	0.26	3234
Military	633.06	0.53	1.06	7.08	5.36	0.26	0.23	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

9.3 Flight Operations

9.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 3
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 2838
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33
Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27
Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

9.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

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AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

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AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

9.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

9.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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9.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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9.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL}: Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
 APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
 OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
 LTO: Number of LTOs
 EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

9.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

9.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 2838

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

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9.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

9.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

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10. Personnel

10.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2023 - Addition of Permanent Personnel to Support Last Three MH-139 Aircraft

- Activity Description:

This Personnel Activity accounts for the additional permanent personnel deployed to Malmstrom AFB to support the last three new aircraft (5 for each aircraft).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2023

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	0.035545
SO _x	0.000226
NO _x	0.032312
CO	0.401823
PM 10	0.000992

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	0.000903
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.002047
CO _{2e}	31.8

10.2 Personnel Assumptions

- Number of Personnel

Active Duty Personnel: 15

Civilian Personnel: 0

Support Contractor Personnel: 0

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 0

Reserve Personnel: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Average Personnel Round Trip Commute (mile): 20 (default)

- Personnel Work Schedule

Active Duty Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Civilian Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Support Contractor Personnel: 5 Days Per Week (default)

Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 4 Days Per Week (default)

Reserve Personnel: 4 Days Per Month (default)

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10.3 Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture

- On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

	LDGV	LDGT	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC
POVs	37.55	60.32	0	0.03	0.2	0	1.9
GOVs	54.49	37.73	4.67	0	0	3.11	0

10.4 Personnel Emission Factor(s)

- On Road Vehicle Emission Factors (grams/mile)

	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	Pb	NH ₃	CO _{2e}
LDGV	000.343	000.002	000.257	003.756	000.010	000.009		000.022	00313.875
LDGT	000.400	000.003	000.434	004.961	000.012	000.011		000.024	00404.284
HDGV	000.657	000.005	001.065	014.900	000.026	000.023		000.044	00740.723
LDDV	000.141	000.003	000.139	002.353	000.004	000.004		000.008	00301.516
LDDT	000.270	000.004	000.389	003.971	000.007	000.006		000.008	00428.585
HDDV	000.614	000.013	005.915	001.983	000.169	000.155		000.030	01487.496
MC	002.246	000.003	000.875	013.744	000.028	000.025		000.055	00398.991

10.5 Personnel Formula(s)

- Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel for Work Days per Year

$$VMT_p = NP * WD * AC$$

VMT_p: Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles/year)

NP: Number of Personnel

WD: Work Days per Year

AC: Average Commute (miles)

- Total Vehicle Miles Travel per Year

$$VMT_{Total} = VMT_{AD} + VMT_C + VMT_{SC} + VMT_{ANG} + VMT_{AFRC}$$

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AD}: Active Duty Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_C: Civilian Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{SC}: Support Contractor Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{ANG}: Air National Guard Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

VMT_{AFRC}: Reserve Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

- Vehicle Emissions per Year

$$V_{POL} = (VMT_{Total} * 0.002205 * EF_{POL} * VM) / 2000$$

V_{POL}: Vehicle Emissions (TONs)

VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

0.002205: Conversion Factor grams to pounds

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (grams/mile)

VM: Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT

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11. Aircraft

11.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Remove

- Activity Location

County: Cascade

Regulatory Area(s): NOT IN A REGULATORY AREA

- Activity Title: Year 2023 - Removal of Three UH-1N Helicopters

- Activity Description:

This activity represents the third year, 2023, of the three-year project implementation schedule during which three(3) old aircraft will decommissioned from service.

There will be 946 annual flight operations per primary inventory aircraft with an average duration of 4 minutes (assumed equally distributed over Takeoff, Climb Out, and Approach) per operation. Taxi/Idle-Out and Taxi/Idle-In assumed as 8.0 and 7.0 minutes, respectively, based on "Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources" (Jan 2013) Table 2-4 (Default Time-in-Mode for Military Helicopter). Ground Support Equipment operations based on USAF Jan 2013 Table 3-3 (Military Aircraft and GSE Assignments - Generic Helicopter).

- Activity Start Date

Start Month: 1

Start Year: 2023

- Activity End Date

Indefinite: Yes

End Month: N/A

End Year: N/A

- Activity Emissions:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-17.280476
SO _x	-1.138972
NO _x	-47.209799
CO	-24.132299
PM 10	-2.106487

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-2.036828
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-2779.7

- Activity Emissions [Flight Operations (includes Trim Test & APU) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-13.245618
SO _x	-0.202124
NO _x	-0.781166
CO	-13.521528
PM 10	-0.070137

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-0.063391
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-616.7

- Activity Emissions [Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) part]:

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
VOC	-4.034858
SO _x	-0.936848
NO _x	-46.428633
CO	-10.610770
PM 10	-2.036349

Pollutant	Emissions Per Year (TONs)
PM 2.5	-1.973436
Pb	0.000000
NH ₃	0.000000
CO _{2e}	-2163.0

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11.2 Aircraft & Engines

11.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine

Aircraft Designation: C-12C
Engine Model: PT6A-41
Primary Function: General - Turboprop
Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate

Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? Yes
Original Aircraft Name: UH-1N (Helicopter)
Original Engine Name: T400-CP-400

11.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
Idle	147.00	116.88	1.06	1.97	115.31	0.50	0.45	3234
Approach	273.00	26.12	1.06	4.65	34.80	0.10	0.09	3234
Intermediate	473.00	2.34	1.06	7.57	6.49	0.25	0.23	3234
Military	510.00	2.01	1.06	7.98	5.10	0.24	0.22	3234
After Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3234

11.3 Flight Operations

11.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

Number of Aircraft: 3
Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles for all Aircraft: 2838
Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles for all Aircraft: 0
Number of Annual Trim Test(s) per Aircraft: 24

- Default Settings Used: No

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)

Taxi/Idle Out [Idle] (mins): 8
Takeoff [Military and/or After Burn] (mins): 1.33
Climb Out [Intermediate] (mins): 1.33
Approach [Approach] (mins): 1.33
Taxi/Idle In [Idle] (mins): 7

Per the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, the defaults values for military aircraft equipped with after burner for takeoff is 50% military power and 50% afterburner.

- Trim Test

Idle (mins): 12
Approach (mins): 27
Intermediate (mins): 9
Military (mins): 12
AfterBurn (mins): 0

11.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * LTO / 2000$$

AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT

– DETAIL –

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

$$AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE_IN} + AEM_{IDLE_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{LTO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE_OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year

$$AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * TGO / 2000$$

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles (for all aircraft)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year

$$AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}$$

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year

$$AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * NA * NTT / 2000$$

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year

$$AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}$$

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AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
 AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
 AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

11.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

11.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

Number of APU per Aircraft	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	Designation	Manufacturer
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11.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
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11.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

$$APU_{POL} = APU * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

APU_{POL}: Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
 APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
 OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
 LTO: Number of LTOs
 EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

11.5 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

11.5.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: No

- AGE Usage

Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 2838

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

Total Number of AGE	Operation Hours for Each LTO	Exempt Source?	AGE Type	Designation
1	1	No	Air Compressor	MC-1A - 18.4hp
1	2.5	No	Air Compressor	MC-2A
1	2	No	Air Conditioner	MA-3D - 110hp
1	3	No	Generator Set	A/M32A-86D
1	2	No	Heater	H1
1	2.5	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-1-1
1	1	No	Hydraulic Test Stand	MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp
1	2	No	Light Cart	FL-1D
1	0.5	No	Start Cart	A/M32A-95

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11.5.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

Designation	Fuel Flow	VOC	SO _x	NO _x	CO	PM 10	PM 2.5	CO _{2e}
MC-1A - 18.4hp	1.1	0.267	0.008	0.419	0.267	0.071	0.068	24.8
MC-2A	7.4	0.195	0.053	3.396	0.794	0.089	0.086	168.8
MA-3D - 110hp	4.6	0.284	0.032	0.640	0.058	0.063	0.061	103.8
A/M32A-86D	6.5	0.294	0.046	6.102	0.457	0.091	0.089	147.0
H1	0.4	0.100	0.011	0.160	0.180	0.006	0.006	8.9
MJ-1-1	2.5	0.026	0.018	0.757	0.043	0.109	0.105	57.2
MJ-2/TTU-228 - 125hp	4.9	0.292	0.035	0.937	0.083	0.083	0.080	111.8
FL-1D	0.0	0.025	0.043	0.170	0.130	0.160	0.155	30.7
A/M32A-95	0.0	0.070	0.264	1.470	5.860	0.110	0.107	190.4

11.5.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

$$AGE_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000$$

AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment

OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

LTO: Number of LTOs

EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons