

# Payload 3 Daily Flight Report



Date: 2025-09-15

Flight Campaign ID: P3C1

Airport, FBO ID, City: Tucson International Airport (KTUS) - Tucson, AZ

Aircraft: N821AR

**Domain**: 14 (Desert Southwest)

Sites Flown: SRER\_P2 (Santa Rita Experimental Range Priority 2), SRER\_P3 (Santa Rita Experimental Range Priority 3)

Days left in Domain: 1

Report Author: Mitch

**Lidar Operators**: Mitch **Flight Hours**: 04:07

Spectrometer Operators: Matt Hours until maintenance: 50.77

Pilots: Vince, Greg GPS Instruments: AOP\_SRER, C-PIMA

#### **Summary**

The crew successfully took off over the Santa Rita Experimental Range (SRER) this morning to conduct a full collection, completing the Priority 2 flight box and beginning work on the Priority 3 box. As the flight progressed, weather conditions deteriorated due to the continued development of cumulus clouds. Although the crew considered a second flight to finish the box, increasing convective activity made flying along the ridgeline unsafe. The team will look to finish collects tomorrow and depart Tucson on Wednesday.

### Concerns

None

#### **Comments**

None

#### **Daily Coverage**

**Estimated Cloud Cover Key** 

Green: Yellow: Red: 0-10% 11-50% >50%

Solar Angle Less Than 40 degrees: (\*)

### D14|SRER\_P2

Line #	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
Lidar	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>
Spectrometer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>\</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Camera	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>\</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Cloud Cover																			*	*

Line #	62
Lidar	<b>✓</b>
Spectrometer	<b>✓</b>

Camera	<b>√</b>
Cloud Cover	*

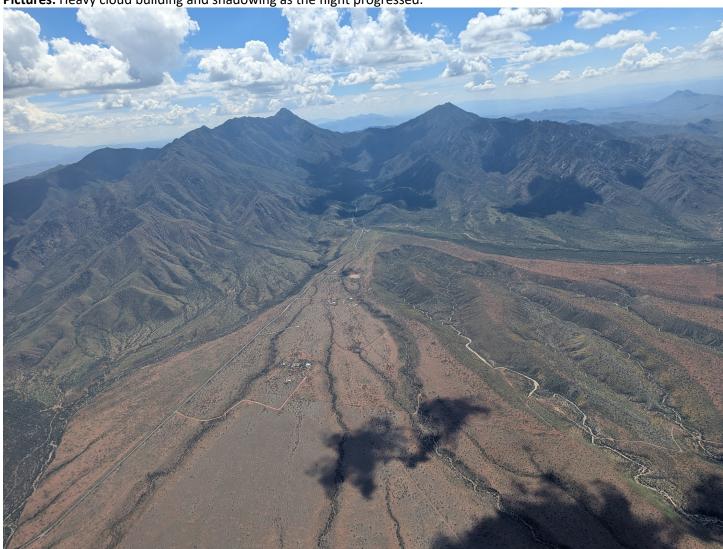
Total number of lines flown: 21
\* Flown within 35deg solar angle

# D14|SRER\_P3

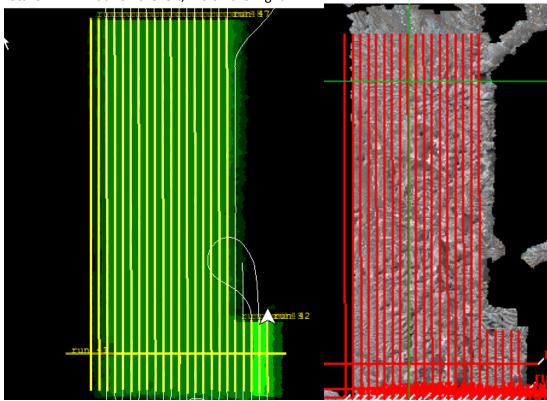
Line #	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
Lidar	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Spectrometer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camera	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cloud Cover									

Total number of lines flown: 9

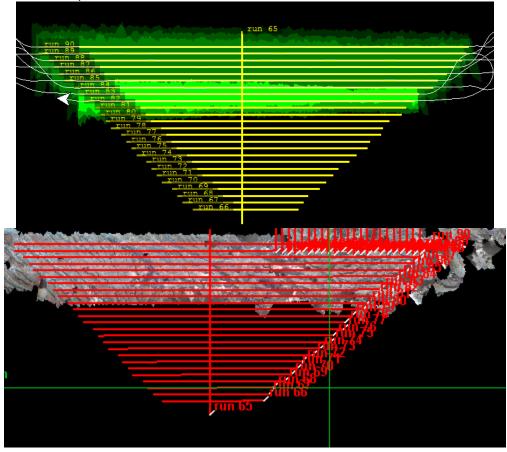
**Pictures:** Heavy cloud building and shadowing as the flight progressed.



Flight Screenshots: SRER P2 Lidar on the left, NIS on the Right



Below: SRER P3 Lidar on the top, NIS beneath



## **Cumulative Domain Coverage**

D14|JORN P1 (Jornada Priority 1)

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34						

Flown: 100% (34/34) Green: 79% (27/34) Yellow: 12% (4/34) Red: 9% (3/34)

#### D14|JORN P2 (Jornada Priority 2)

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35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54

Flown: 100% (20/20) Green: 0% (0/20) Yellow: 45% (9/20) Red: 55% (11/20)

## D14|SRER P1 (Santa Rita Experimental Range Priority 1)

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	

Flown: 100% (39/39) Green: 100% (39/39) Yellow: 0% (0/39) Red: 0% (0/39)

# D14 | SRER\_P2 (Santa Rita Experimental Range Priority 2)

42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60*	61*
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Flown: 100% (23/23) Green: 30% (7/23) Yellow: 17% (4/23) Red: 52% (12/23)

# D14 | SRER\_P3 (Santa Rita Experimental Range Priority 3)

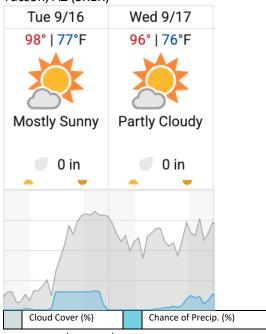
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66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
26	27	22	29	90															

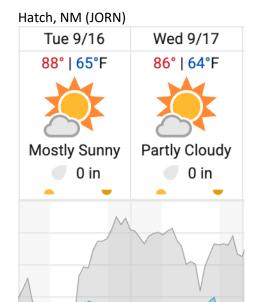
Flown: 36% (9/25) Green: 0% (0/25) Yellow: 0% (0/25) Red: 36% (9/25)

<sup>\*</sup> Flown within 35deg solar angle

#### **Weather Forecast**

Tucson, AZ (SRER)





source: wunderground.com

# Flight Collection Plan for 16 September 2025

Flyority 1

Collection Area: Santa Rita Experimental Range (SRER) P2

Flight Plan Name: D14\_SRER\_C1\_P2\_v8\_Q780

On-Station Time: 1630 UTC / 0930 L

Flyority 2

Collection Area: Santa Rita Experimental Range (SRER) P3

Flight Plan Name: D14\_SRER\_C1\_P3\_v8\_Q780

On-Station Time: 1630 UTC / 0930 L

Crew: Matt (Lidar), Mitch (NIS)