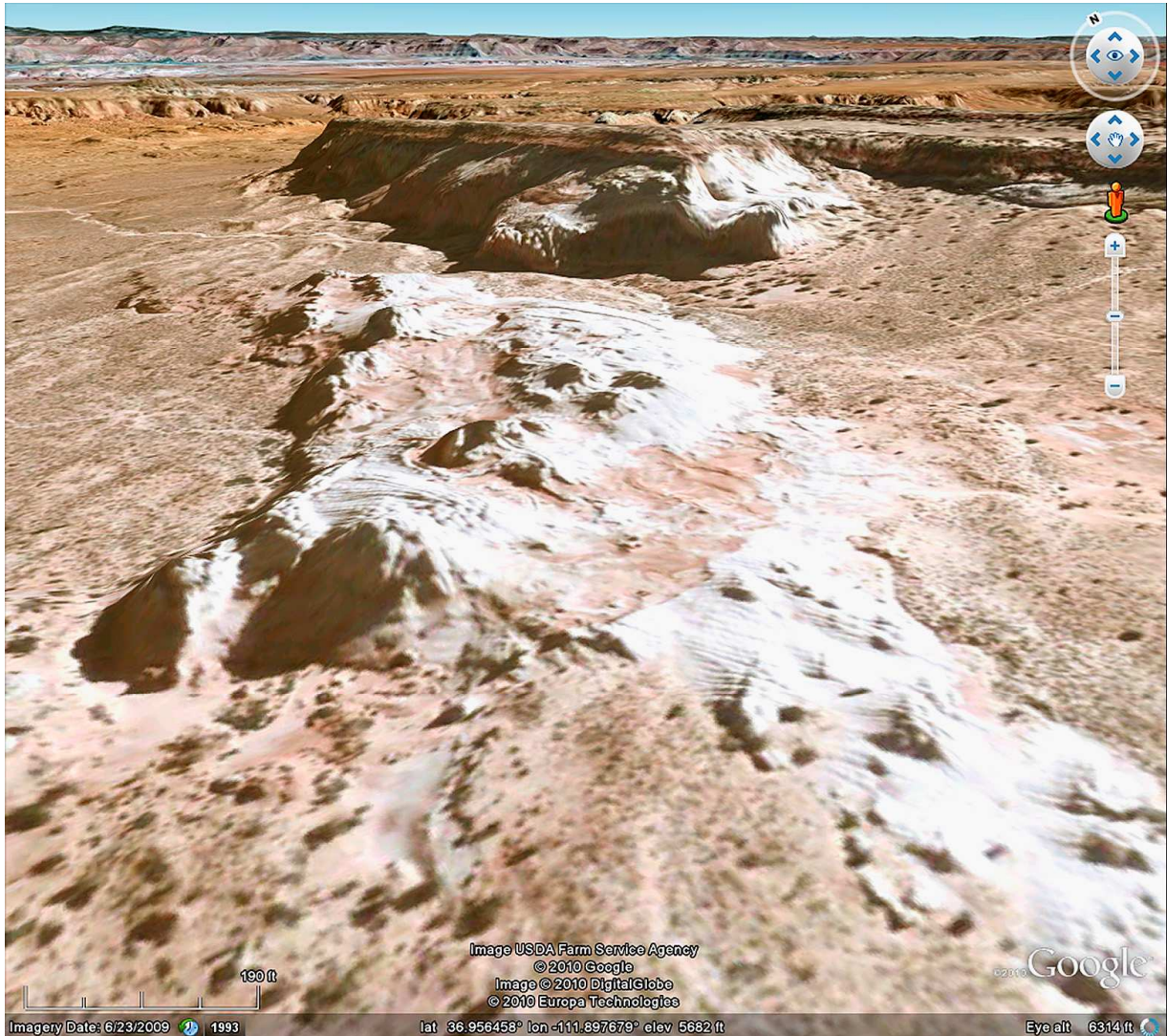
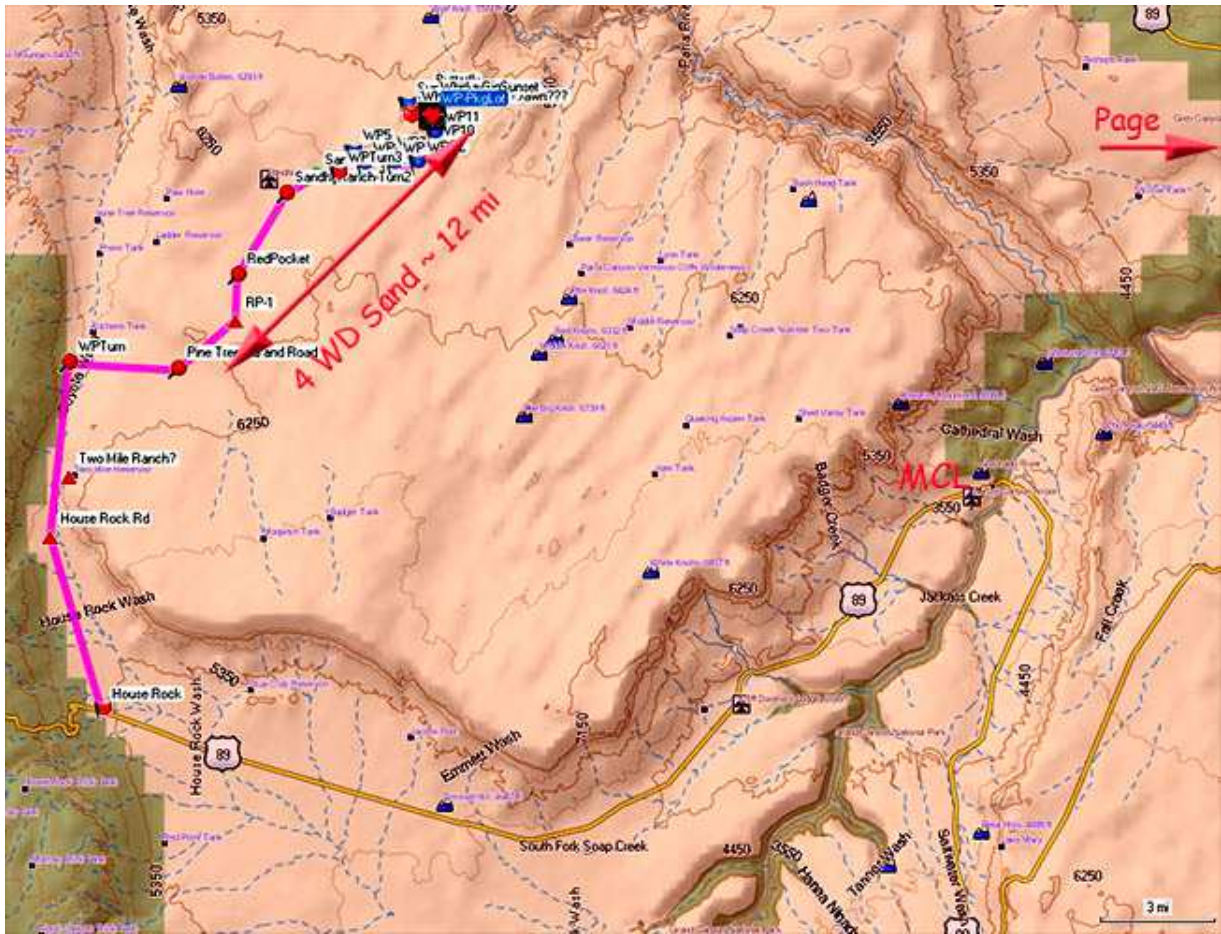


Hey Gang,

Thought I'd prepare preliminary suggestions for our highly anticipated White Pocket photo trip during full moon 15-18 April.



Here's the latest Google earth shot; from lower right to upper left it's about half a mile. From west to east, it's about 2/10 of a mile. It's truly hard to believe that God put so much incredible beauty in one small place 200 million years ago.



Here is a scaled out view locating Page, Arizona, Marble Canyon Lodge (MCL), and White Pocket. House Rock is about 375 miles from Albuquerque through Window Rock. Then it's another 25 to White Pocket. If Flag, it's about 80 miles farther than that. Anyway you cut it, that's a long one-day drive. If you leave at dawn, you should be able to step out of the four wheel and begin recon with a couple of hours left before dark.

Why recon?

In my opinion, this is one of the most incredibly photogenic regions our planet offers. I don't know of any region which is more geologically tantalizing in terms of its history. Ditto photographically challenging! And we'll be there during full moon!

Just to figure out where things are, where you want to be in the right Magic Hour light, and, more particularly, what you want to do about the moon - that's absolutely huge!

As of Thursday morning, interested parties follow. Art has suggested we meet at his office 5716 Osuna northeast 881-5225 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, to get the ball rolling.

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Celie Southwick	<i>Tentative (BB)</i>	

Because it's 25 miles from White Pocket to the nearest telephone, it pays to take certain living and safety precautions.

Let's start with **living** - water, food, and shelter. My last trip in there, the rain tarp is all that saved me from getting wet when it rained on the tent one night. As we should be there for three nights, we have to be prepared! It's probably best to figure 2 gallons of water per day minimum. The foods up to whatever your diet will tolerate.

Let's talk **safety** - a two-way radio in each pack will help us know where each person is during the day. The four-wheel drives will get us 12 or so miles across the sandy plateau. The compressed air tank is a security issue in case Sonoma needs to have lower tire pressure. The GPS is a very handy way of providing a track. When you turn the GPS on, it will make a track until you turn that track off. This comes in real handy if you want to get somewhere before dawn (where you recon the day before) or get back after dark.

Naturally, you'll need batteries to handle all your gear!

Transportation and Safety Gear		
Art	4 WD, tent	
Charlie	GPS, tent	
Betsy	4 WD, 4 walkie-talkie, GPS, tent	
Barbara	2 walkie-talkie, compressed air tank, tent	
Joe	2 GPS, tent, DC/AC power converter (need at least one more)	

The maximum relief at White Pocket is less than 100 feet. Nevertheless, ankle boots with good laces helps a major part of each day's trek while carrying a full gear pack around on hard rock as sloping ground.

You can find my list of photo/travel/camping gear at
<http://www.geocompa.com/CampingGear-III.pdf>