



Date: 30 October 2008

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FROM: Carson Helicopters NTSB Investigation Team members

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Flight Testing

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combination with other existing data. The aircraft be piloted by Steve Metheny and John Harris, Carson senior pilots who are already members of the NTSB team. We feel it would be useful to have the lead investigator (Jim Struhsaker), the Sikorsky representative (Chris Lowenstein), and an airworthiness representative (Mike Hoff) from the team be witness to the flight tests. A type-rated S61 pilot from the USFS (Boyce Bingham) would also be a good addition, since he is already a member of the team. We will be prepared to accommodate any appropriate and reasonable measures or personnel the NTSB deems important to the flight testing. We are prepared to do the flight test at a place that will allow easier duplication of the density altitude than Oregon in late fall.

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- 3) Duplicate the flight profile from the CVR including time and distance and flight attitude.
- 4) Demonstrate Nr droop at full collective travel. Measure amount of droop, rate of climb or descent, amount of collective movement required to restore full Nr.
- 5) Set power to 106 % and perform takeoff.
- 6) Repeat tests with an additional 1500 lbs. onboard.
- 7) Data will be recorded with the onboard CVR, manual data recording by NTSB personnel onboard, and video recording of cockpit.
- 8) The first set of test flights should be done with only the two pilots, as a safety measure. After safety of the flight profile is assured, then subsequent flights would be done with NTSB personnel and recording aboard.
- 9) We currently recommend Showlow, Arizona as a possible airport location. It is 6400 ' above sea level, and still fairly warm in November.

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CHART A

EMPTY WEIGHT CHECK LIST

TYPE	SIKORSKY S-61N		WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT / 100	DELIVERY EQUIPMENT	CHECK		CHECK		CHECK		CHECK	
	AIRCRAFT MODEL : S61N	SERIAL NO. : 61297					DATE :	1	2	3	4	5	6	
ITEM NUMBER	C-FOKP													
A	COCKPIT COMPARTMENT (32-110)													
A-1	AUTOTRANSFORMERS (906-1A)													
	(2) WINDSHIELD DE-ICING		10	42	4.2		✓	✓						
A-2	BATTERY (SAFT 4076)		82	45	3690		✓	✓						
A-3	CONTROLLER (1378-1B)													
	(WINDSHIELD DE-ICING)		8	45	3.6		✓	✓						
A-4	WINDSHIELD WIPER INSTL													
	(S6120-71117)		11	52	5.7		✓	✓						
A-5	AIRSPEED IND. AEROSONIC													
	S-15-KAW (2)		2	61	1.2		✓	✓						
A-6	ALTIMETER-BAROMETRIC (2)													
	A-35-MA-10-L / 101635-11839		3	61	1.8		✓	✓						
A-7	GAS GEN. TACH. 8DJ81 CAA2 (2)		3	61	1.8		✓	✓						
A-8	COURSE IN. (36109-1AG-22 BENDIX)													
	(C-14A COMPASS)		6	62	3.7		o	o						
A-9	MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENTS													
	HYDRAULIC PRESS IND.													
	(SR-152A) (2)		1	63	0.6		✓	✓						
	XMSN OIL TEMP. IND. (163B21D)		0.5	63	0.3		✓	✓						
	XMSN OIL PRESS. IND.													
	(SR-152A)		0.5	63	0.3		✓	✓						
	ENGINE OIL PRESS. IND.													
	(SR-151A) (2)		1.0	62	0.6		✓	✓						
	ENGINE OIL TEMP. IND.													
	(163B2) (2)		1.0	62	0.6		✓	✓						
	FUEL PRESS IND.													
	(SR-151A) (2)		1.0	62	0.6		✓	✓						
	POWER TURB. INLET TEMP IND.													
	(BH-185R-154C)		1	62	0.62		✓	o						
	POWER TURB. INLET TEMP IND.													
	H2900K-416 (2) CHS 61-77-002		1.0	62	62.0		✓	✓						
	Note: o means not installed in a/c													

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A	COCKPIT COMPARTMENT (32-110)														
	FUEL QUANTITY IND. (FWD AFT TANKS) (393004-01884) (2)				2	62	1.2		✓						
A-9	FUEL QUANTITY IND. (CNTR TANK) 393085-43708				1	62	0.6		✓						
	A C VOLT/METER				1	63	0.6		✓						
	D C VOLT/METER IND				1	63	0.6		✓						
	STANDBY COMPASS (CB2100T4)				1	63	0.6		✓						
A-10	TORQUEMETER 357-1320-0010 (6300-C49A-155 B1)				1	63	0.6		✓						
A-11	TRIPLE TACHOMETER (8DJ131-AAB-1) B3152110-008 (2)				3	63	1.9		✓						
A-12	INSTANTANEOUS VERTICAL SPEED IND. (RC-30-V-10) (2)				6	64	3.8		✓						
A-13	ATTITUDE IND. 111303-4 (2) (142640-01-01)				3	64	1.9		✓						
					7	61	4.2		✓						
A-14	CLOCK W33-7540-10 & 86000-1107 (2)				2	64	1.3		✓						
A-15	CUSHIONS, SEAT, PILOT & COPILOT (2)				6	92	5.5		✓						
A-16	SAFETY BELT (1101155-0) (2) (142640-01-01)				4	97	3.9		✓						
A-17	SEATS, PILOT & CO-PILOT (677810000)				44	99	43.6		✓						
A-18	CUSHIONS, BACK, PILOT & COPILOT (2)				4	103	4.1		✓						
A-19	SHOULDER HARNESS (1101155-0) (2)				2	103	2.1		✓						
A-20	JUMP SEAT & SAFETY BELT				2	104	2.2		✓						
A-21	FIRST AID KIT				2	108	2.2		✓						
A-22	PORTABLE FIRE EXT. (KIDDE 2TA)				7	108	7.6		✓						
A-24	SEA ANCHOR AND DROGUE				19	108	20.5		✓						
A-26	CHUTE (CPT)				19	108	20.5		✓						
A-26	CONTROL PANEL (A.F.C.S.) S6190-6060-41				2	78	1.6		✓						
A-27	CONTROL PANEL-CHANNEL				2	78	1.6		✓						
A-28	MONITOR (A.F.C.S.) S6190-60045-5				3	74	2.2		✓						
A-28	CONTROL PANEL (S6160-71038)				1	84	0.8		✓						

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AIRCRAFT MODEL : S61N SERIAL NO. : 61297 DATE: C-FOKP												
A	COCKPIT COMPARTMENT (32-110)											
A-29	POWER ASSURANCE CHECK											
A-30	CHART (S6150-61095)											
A-30	POWER TURBINE INLET TEMP. IND.											
	BH 185 R-77	1	52	0.62								
A-31	CONTROL PANEL A301-61A	1	95	0.95								
A-32	CARGO SLING PANEL	1	90	0.9								
A-33	FUEL JETTISON CON. PANEL	1.2	84	1								
A-34	INDICATOR IN-1402B											
	4000833-0207	7.8	85	6.6								
A-35	REAR VIEW MIRRORS OHS61-25-008											
	P88-1402	1.3	85.9	1.11								
A-36	G.P.S. TRIMBLE 2100T 3401330	2.8	64.0	1.8								
A-37	H.S.I. 111302-5 (2)	6.5	62.0	4.03								
A-38	ADI 504-0017-901	3.2	64.0	2.04								
A-39	ADF CONT. 622-4526-016	1.8	78	1.4								
A-40	VHF CONT. 622-4523-016	1.2	75	0.9								
A-41	VHF CONT. 622-4524-016	1.2	75	0.9								
A-42	NAV CONT. 622-4524-063	1.2	75	0.9								
A-43	NAV CONT. 622-4524-063	1.2	75	0.9								
A-44	XPDR CONT. 622-4527-016	1.2	80	0.96								
A-45	HF CONT. 622-4545-003	1	87	0.9								
A-46	ICS CONT. A301-61A	3	91	2.73								
A-47	ICS CONT. A301-61A	1.2	94	1.13								
A-48	FM CONTROL 921012 (1)	2.5	90.0	2.3								
A-49	HUMS CONTROL PANEL 2231321-2	1	64	0.64								
A-50	COCKPIT FANS CHS61-25-016 (2)	9.9	48.2	4.77								
A-51	MAP LIGHTS CHS61-25-014	1	73.0	0.73								
A-52	CHECK LIST HOLDER CHS61-25-014	1	55.0	0.55								
A-53	C/B LIGHTS OHS61-33-001	0.5	95.0	47.5								
A-54	STBY ATTITUDE IND.	3	64.0	192.0								
A-53	<i>Cub For cert Acft 051616-102</i>	<i>1.16</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>85</i>								

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T/W	SIKORSKY S-61N		AIRFRAME MODEL : S61N SERIAL NO. : 61297 DATE : 22 April 2003		C-FOKP		REVISION		CHECK		CHECK		CHECK		CHECK	
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B	ELECTRONICS COMPARTMENT (32-110)															
B-1	RELAY (HARTMAN A770N) (2)	4	42	1.7			✓						✓			
B-2	LANDING LIGHTS (GRIMES 45-0013) (2)	15	66	9.9			✓						✓			
B-3	OVERVOLT RELAY (E-1597)-2	3	74.75	2.24			✓						✓			
B-4	AMPLIFIER & MOUNT (BENDIX AMA-10A)	6	82	4.9			○						○			
B-5	GYROSYN, COMPASS (C14A) (1) 4019190-3	4.7	85.75	4.03			✓						✓			
B-6	CONVERTER (6RW162YF1) (1)	21	73.25	15.38			✓						✓			
B-7	INVERTER (SE16-3) MGH159-200	14	85.75	12.0			✓						✓			
B-8	CONTROL GYRO (LEAR) 121672-01-15/17 (2)	14	86.5	12.1			✓						✓			
B-9	AMPLIFIER GYRO (LEAR-137698) (2)	10	89	8.9			✓						✓			
B-10	AMPLIFIER-AFCS-LAG(6192-61090) (1)	2	81	1.62			✓						✓			
B-11	CONTROL UNIT, HEATER (CYL2-1886-40)	3	94.12	2.82			✓						✓			
B-12	AMPLIFIER - AFCS (6190-60056-1)	18	99	17.82			✓						✓			
B-13	MOUNTING AMPLIFIER (AFCS)	3	99	3.0			✓						✓			
B-14	CONTROL UNIT ANTI-ICE 10690-1 (2)	5.5	99.5	5.47			✓						✓			
B-15	CRUISE LIGHT # 9371 (STOWED POSITION)	3	106	3.2			○						○			
B-16	CONVERTER (28Y5200Y-13)	21	84	17.6			○						○			
B-17	SUPERVISORY PANEL (MGH-229-100) (2)	14	88	12.3			✓						✓			
B-18	POWER SUPPLY JET. 501-1228-02	11	87.75	9.65			✓						✓			
B-19	VHF#1	6	72.6	4.35			✓						✓			
B-20	VOR#1	6	72.6	4.35			✓						✓			
B-21	TRANSPONDER 662-1270-001	3.9	72.5	2.83			✓						✓			
B-21	TURN & SLIP GYRO A2850-5	1.5	85.10	1.27			✓						✓			
B-21	TURN & SLIP GYRO	1.5	89.75	1.34			✓						✓			
B-22	RADAR 1400 RT1401B	14.5	87.25	12.65			✓						✓			
B-23	VOLTAGE REG. VR-1010-24-1A	3	68	2.04			✓						✓			

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C	CABIN (110-493)											
C-1	SLIDING DOOR, COCKPIT TO CABIN	8	110	8.8								
C-2	HEATING SYSTEM:											
	FUEL CONTROL UNIT (B54-000)	8	117	9.4								
	HEATER A90C13 JANITROL	33	118	38.9								
	BLOWER (JOY 500702-5440)	15	118	17.7								
	SWITCH, AIR PRESSURE	1	123	1.2								
	IGNITION UNIT (A11C30)	6	124	7.44								
	DUCT (WARM WEATHER CABIN											
	HEATER CONVERSION) (OPP)	5	118	5.9								
C-3	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS											
	(2 PLACE) (S6150-62900-101)	26	124	32.2								
C-4	BAGGAGE ENCLOSURE											
	(S6109-51327)	38	201	76.4								
C-5	AUXILIARY BATTERY											
	(SAFT 4076)	82	120	98.40								
C-6	PASSENGER SEAT & BELT											
	(1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)	19	171	32.5								
C-7	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS											
	(2 PLACE) (650B-2-39) (OPT)	30	171	51.3								
C-8	UNUSABLE FUEL - FWD TANK											
		2	204	4.1								
C-9	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS											
	(2 PLACE) (S6150-62903-101)	30	205	61.5								
C-10	PASSENGER SEAT & BELT											
	(1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)	19	205	38.9								
C-11	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS											
	(2 PLACE) (S6150-62903-101)	30	239	71.7								
C-12	PASSENGER SEAT & BELT											
	(1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)	19	239	45.4								
C-13	UNUSABLE FUEL - CNTR TANK											
		2	252	5.04								
C-14	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS											
	(2 PLACE) (S6150-62903-101)	30	273	81.9								

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C-15	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)			19	273	51.9			o	✓				
C-16	UNUSABLE FUEL - AFT TANK			3	306	9.2			✓	o				
C-17	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (2 PLACE) (S6150-62903-101)			30	307	92.1			o	o				
C-18	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)			19	307	58.3			o	✓				
C-19	HAND FIRE EXTINGUISHER (CHARGED)			7	319	22.3			✓	✓				
C-20	FIRST AID KIT #1C			2	320	6.4			✓	✓				
C-21	ATTENDANT'S SEAT & BELT			15	322	48.3			o	o				
C-22	PASSENGER SEAT & BELT (1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)			19	341	64.8			o	✓				
C-23	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (2 PLACE) (S6150-62904-101)			36	371	133.6			o	✓				
C-24	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (1 PLACE) (S6150-62901-101)			19	375	71.3			o	✓				
C-25	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (2 PLACE) (S6150-62906-101)			29	409	118.6			o	✓				
C-26	PASSENGER SEAT & BELT (1 PLACE) (S6150-62905-101)			18	409	73.6			o	✓				
C-27	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (2 PLACE) (S6150-62907-101)			29	443	128.5			o	✓				
C-28	PASSENGER SEAT & BELTS (2 PLACE) (S6150-62908-101)			24	472	113.3			o	✓				
C-29	UPHOLSTERED INTERIOR: SOFT FORWARD PANELS			136	251	341.4			✓	✓				
	CARPET								o	o				
	CEILING UPHOLSTERY								✓	✓				
	UNDER CARPET PADDING								o	o				
	UPHOLSTERED PANELS R H								✓	✓				
	UPHOLSTERED PANELS L H								✓	✓				

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D	ENGINE & TRANSMISSION COMPT. (160-350)																
D-1	STARTER (G.E. 2CM270D3) (2)	35	179	62.6													
D-2	OIL TANK (S6130-80205) (2)	8	181	14.5													
D-3	OIL UNUSABLE (0.67 GAL)	5	200	10.0													
D-4	ENGINE (CT58-140-1, -2) LH	324	207	670.7													
D-5	ENGINE (CT58-140-1, -2) RH	325	207	670.8													
D-6	OIL, MAIN GEARBOX & COOLER	77	274	211.0													
D-7	HYDRAULIC PUMP (66WAP200) (2)	18	292	52.6													
D-8	GENERATOR (BENDIX 28E-20-27A) (2)	96	295	283.2													
D-9	GENERATOR (BENDIX 30E20-39)	47	300	141.0													
D-10	BLOWER, OIL COOLER (A15008)	8	317	25.4													
D-11	FIRE EXT. ENGINE (CHARGED) (891134) (2)	19	329	62.5													
D-12	TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER (DRY) (8528061)	28	332	93.0													
D-13	GENERATOR (2)	98	295	289.1													
D-14	ACCELEROMETER (HUMS) 3001-01-111	1.4	260	3.64													
D-15	TEMP. BULB (XMSN) 56B19C	0.5	275	1.38													
D-16	MOTOR GENERATOR MGH229-100	47	300	141													
D-17	IGV MONITORING SYS. SB61B55 37	3	144.33	4.33													

SIKORSKY S-61N
CHART A

EMPTY WEIGHT CHECK LIST

TYPE	SIKORSKY S-61N		Rev. 22 April 2003		C-FOKP									
	AIRCRAFT MODEL : S61N	SERIAL NO. : 61297	DATE :		WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT / 100	DELIVERY EQUIPMENT	CHECK 1	CHECK 2	CHECK 3	CHECK 4	CHECK 5	CHECK 6
ITEM NUMBER	ITEMS AND LOCATION GROUPED BY COMPARTMENT								IN AIRCRAFT					
E	TAIL CONE & PYLON (493-705)													
E-1	BLOWER, FRESH AIR (JOY 500702-5440)			15	497	74.5			o					
E-2	FLUX VALVE & COMPENSATOR CHECK # 245945			2	543	10.9			✓					
E-3	CATWALK			4	543	21.7			✓					
E-4	OIL, INTERMED. & TAIL GEARBOXES			5	687	34.4			✓					
E-5	HEATING SYSTEM - AFT (OPT) FUEL CONTROL UNIT (B54600)			8	521	41.7			o					
	HEATER (JANITROL A90C13)			33	522	172.3			o					
	BLOWER (JOY 500702)			15	522	78.3			o					
	SWITCH, AIR PRESSURE			1	534	5.3			o					
	IGNITION UNIT (A11C30)			6	535	32.1			o					
E-6	CVFDR & TRAY D51508			21.7	525	113.9			o					
E-7	ADF RECEIVER (2ND UNIT) P/N 522-2362-001			42	525	22.05			✓					
E-8	VXP ACQUISITION UNIT			6.6	523	34.52			o					
E-9	VXP HUMS SYSTEM CHS61-31-006			28.7	370.5	10634			o					
E-10	EVA FAK 051615-103			3.0	525	36.75			o					
E-11	SAZ DUAL AUTO WWA			1.7	410.0	2.87			o					

SIKORSKY S-61N
CHART A

EMPTY WEIGHT CHECK LIST

TYPE	SIKORSKY S-61N		Rev. 22 April 2003		C-FOKP									
	AIRCRAFT MODEL : S61N	SERIAL NO. : 81297	DATE :		WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT / 100	DELIVERY EQUIPMENT	1	2	3	4	5	6
ITEM NUMBER	ITEMS AND LOCATION GROUPED BY COMPARTMENT								IN AIRCRAFT					
F	EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT													
F-1	MAIN TIRES 6.50 X 10 (4)			50	221	110.5			✓					
F-2	TAIL TIRE 6.00 X 6			9	505	45.4			✓					
F-3	CARGO SLING (OPP)			85	267	226.9			o	o				
F-4	RESCUE HOIST (OPT)			57	154	87.8			o	o				
F-5	HOMER ANTENNA 10-155-2 (2)			4	145	5.8			✓					
F-6	HF ANTENNA PAC200			13	85.0	1.11			✓					
F-7	TRANSPONDER ANT. DMN-170-2			0.25	70	0.18			✓					
F-8	DME DMN-70-2 ANT			0.25	70	0.18			✓					
F-9	ADF 622-2363-001 ANT			2.8	277	7.76			✓					
F-10	G.P.S. 16248-10 ANT			0.8	102	0.82			✓					
F-11	MRK BEACON 522-0854-003 ANT			1	140	0.14			✓					
F-12	#2 VHF 522-1135-012			1.6	630	10.1			✓					
F-13	#1 VHF 522-1135-012			1.6	519	8.3			✓					
F-14	FM ANTENNA			1	98	0.98			✓					
F-15	ANTENNA RADAR 4000525-4512			6.1	26	1.6			✓					
F-16	RADOME			6	22	1.3			✓					
F-17	GLIDE SLOPE ANTENNA			1	48	0.5			✓					
F-18	VOR ANTENNA (2)			4	602	24.1			✓					
F-19	INLET SCREENS			20	168	33.6			✓					
F-20	OAT (HUMS) E22304-2-1			0.5	85	0.43			✓					
F-21	INLET FOD SHIELD			34	154	52.4			o					
F-22	NORTH SEA, SEA ANCHOR PROVISION													
	MP8-00-29 (MARSHALL INSTALLATION)			4.0	85.0	340.0			o	o				
F-23	ELT ANT.3003 REV.D			0.3	447.0	1.1			✓					
F-24	NO 1 RAD ALT ANT 622-3698-001			1.25	90	1.13			✓					
F-25	NO 2 RAD ALT ANT 622-3698-001			1.25	90	1.13			✓					
F-26	GARMIN GPS ANTENNA 011-001 47-00			0.25	102.0	0.26			o	o				
F-27	ADF ANTENNA (2ND UNIT) P/N 622-2363-001			3.1	372.0	11.53			o	o				
F-28	OSAT COMBO ANTENNA (P/N C12480-100)			0.6	114	0.68			o	o				
F-29	OSAT COMBO ANTENNA (P/N C14510-700)			0.6	114	0.68			o	o				
F-30	ADF WIRING HARNESS CHS-34-018			5	301.5	1507.5			o	o				
F-31	Garmin GPS Antenna (21405-005)			0.3	115	34.5			o	o				
F-32	Evidium Antenna (367-1525-109)			0.4	97	38.8			o	o				



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WEIGHT AND BALANCE RECORD
CHART "B"

Aircraft Reg.: C-FOKP	Aircraft Type: S61N
Serial Number: 61297	Date Weighed: 22 April 2003
Scales:	Last Calibrated:

SCALE READINGS				
	Flt. Station	Scale	Tare	Net
L/H JACK POINT	221.0	5419.0	-	5419.0
R/H JACK POINT	221.0	5684.0	-	5684.0
TAIL JACK POINT	459.0	2403.0	-	2403.0
TOTAL		13506.0	-	13506.0

Horizontal C.G. As Weighed:
 As Per Flight Manual
 C.G. = $\frac{(221 \times 11,103.0) + (459 \times 2403.0)}{13506.0} = 263.35$

Lateral C.G. As Weighed:
 As Per Flight Manual
 C.G. = _____

EMPTY WEIGHT					
All oils in unusable fuel out	Weight	Horizontal		Lateral	
		Arm	Moment	Arm	Moment
As weighed	13506.0	263.35	3556805.1		
Add: Unusable fuel fwd.	+2.0	204.0	408.0		
Unusable fuel cent.	+2.0	252.0	504.0		
Unusable fuel aft.	+3.0	306.0	918.0		
Subtract: Blade Stops	-1.0	267.0	-267.0		
	13512.0	263.35	3558368.1		

Weight Empty Wheel Configuration

Total Ballast This Configuration: At Sta. _____ Weight _____
 At Sta. _____ Weight _____
 At Sta. _____ Weight _____

MOST FORWARD C.G.					

MOST AFT C.G.

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 EMPTY WEIGHT AND BALANCE
 CHART "C"

Last Weighed Date 22 April 03
 Empty Weight: 13512.0
 C of G: 263.35
 Moment: 3558368.1

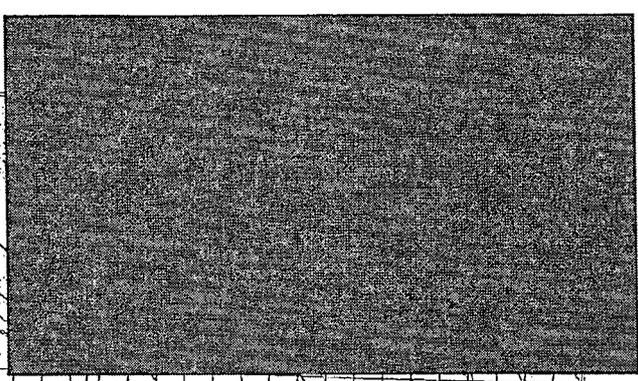
Registration: C-FONP
 Type: S61N
 Serial Number: 6129Z

1 Row No.	2 Date	3 In/Out	4 Drawing No. & Approval No.	5 Description of Alteration or Modification	6 Weight Change			7 Total Ballast	8 The maintenance prescribed in column 1 to 7 has been performed in accordance with applicable standards of airworthiness. SIGNATURE: 1-94#
					Weight	Horizontal Moment	Lateral Moment		
	22 April 2003			As Weighed	13512.0	263.35	3558368.1		
1	30 April 03	In		PAIRED SLING (F-3)	+ 85.0	067.0	22675.0		
1	30 April 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-1) 13594.0	063.43	359106.3			
2	7 May 03	Out		PAIRED SLING (F-3)	- 85.0	067.0	22675.0		
2	7 May 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-2) 13518.0	067.35	3558368.1			
3	11 June 03	In		REMOVE HOOPS (F-3)	+ 35.0	067.0	22675.0		
3	11 June 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-3) 13553.0	063.43	3571063.1			
4	17 June 03	Out		PAIRED SLING (F-3)	- 85.0	067.0	22675.0		
4	17 June 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-4) 13568.0	067.35	3558368.1			
5	17 June 03	Out		FOD SHIELDS (F-21)	34.0	154.0	5736.0		
5	17 June 03	In		INLET BRACIOS (F-19)	00.0	168.0	3360.0		
5	17 June 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-5) 13498.0	063.48	35516192.1			
6	11 July 03	Out	A-60	REMOVE LOWER CANT HARD	- 2.0	04.0	- 128.0		
6	11 July 03			NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-6)	13496.0	063.51	3556364.1		
7	21 Aug 03	Out	570-5109232R	REPLACE ROTOR WITH STATIC INERTER	- 14.0	85.35	- 1200.5		
7	21 Aug 03	In		STATIC INERTER B-54	+ 14.5	85.35	+ 1243.38		
7				NEW EMPTY WEIGHT (E-7)	13496.5	063.51	3556406.9		
8	12.9.03	Out		INLET BRACIOS (F-19)	- 20.0	168.0	- 3360.0		
8	12.9.03	In		FOD SHIELDS (F-21)	+ 34.0	154.0	+ 5736.0		

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EMPTY WEIGHT AND BALANCE
CHART "C"

Registration No. 5611-3
Type: S-11-3
Serial Number: 10247
Last Weighed Date: 04/10/95
Empty Weight: 13512.1
C of G: 263.35
Moment: 3558368.1

1 Rev No.	2 Date	3 In/Out	4 Drawing No. & Approval No.	5 Description of Alteration or Modification	6 Weight Change				7 Total Ballast		8 The maintenance described in columns 1 to 7 has been performed in accordance with applicable standards of airworthiness SIGNATURE & 1-94#
					Weight	Horizontal Arm	Horizontal Moment	Lateral Arm	Lateral Moment	STW	
8	12-9-03			New empty weight Rev #9	13510.5	263.37	3558368.98				
9	20-10-03	Out	01RE203	0-5AT 100 (8-53)	-7.67	99	-267.53				
9	20-10-03	Out	T1 # 01RE203	New empty weight Rev #9	13509.83	263.10	3558001.45				
9	20-10-03	Out	T1 # 01RE203	0-5AT 100 (8-53)	-4.2	99	-415.8				
10	07-10-03	In	A5A61A30-15A	New Empty Weight Rev #9	13506.3	263.42	3557867.18				
10	07-10-03	In	A5A61A30-15A	CHOP DETECTOR W/AVINIC PRO	1.5	71.0	35.5				
10	07-10-03	Out		CHOP DETECTOR. Remove Panel	-3.5	119.0	-416.5				
10	07-10-03	Out		05AT 100 FORWARD ATTENUATOR	1.6	111.0	68.4				
10	07-10-03	Out		05AT 100 FORWARD ATTENUATOR	1.5	99.0	49.5				
11	24 Oct 03	In	C55	5-10 (60) 10	13509.2	263.39	3558001.88				
		Out	A59	Inst. Qty 4 locknut bolting 6958	-1.2	24.0	-88.8				
		In	A83	Remove 05AT FOR cond. head	1.1	74.0	+85.84				
		Out	E6	Inst. 05AT FOR cond head DS1616-102	-21.7	525.0	-11372.5				
11	29 Oct 03	In	E10	Remove 05AT FOR Tray DS1509	17.0	525.0	+3675.0				
12	23 Nov 03	In	S2003 002	Inst. 11 05AT 100 DS1615-102	23499.76	263.12	3551911.42				
		Out		Inst. 11 05AT 100 system	-7.4	103.1	-763.3				
		Out		Empty weight Rev #12	13506.18	263.03	3552024.72				
13	27 Nov 03	Out	S2003 002	Remove 05AT 100 system	-7.4	103.1	-763.3				
		Out		New empty weight Rev #13	13499.46	263.12	3551911.42				





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 EMPTY WEIGHT AND BALANCE
 CHART "C"

Reg:	C-Fokf	Last Weighed Date:	22-04-03
Type:	S610	Empty Weight:	2522.0
Serial No.:	61297	C of G:	263.35
		Moment:	2558.68.1

1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8
					Weight	Horizontal Arm	Lateral Moment		
13	23 Nov 03				13497.76	263.72	3550911.42		The maintenance described in columns 1 to 7 has been performed in accordance with applicable standards of airworthiness. SIGNATURE & 1941
14	3 Dec 03	In	A-60	Carried forward	72.0	64.0	+128.00		
14				Reinstall landing unit	13501.46	263.09	3552019.42		
15	11 Dec 03	IN	SH03-30	New empty weight Rev #14	+7.4	103.1	+763.3		
15	11 Dec 03			ISAT-100 New Installation	13508.86	262.99	3552882.22		
16	19 June 04	OUT	F-21	New empty weight Rev #15	-34.0	-154.0	-5236.0		
16		IN	F-19	Food Shield	+20.0	+168.0	+3360.0		
16				Diced Seacress	13528.86	263.13	3552926.22		
17	6 Oct 04	OUT		New Empty weight Rev 16	-20.0	168.0	-3360.0		
17	6 Oct 04	IN		TABLET SCALES (F-19)	+34.0	154.0	+5236.0		
17	6 Oct 04			FOOD SHIELD (F-21)	13508.86	263.0	3552882.22		
18	23 Nov 04	IN		PL-R (R2)SLIP-2 #17	1.85.0	267.0	+22695.0		
18	23 Nov 04			Cargo Sling (F-3)	13513.86	263.01	3554977.2		
19	23 Nov 04	OUT		New Empty weight Rev #18	-85.0	267.0	-22695.0		
19	23 Nov 04			Cargo Sling (F-3)	13509.86	263.0	3552882.2		
20	19 APR 05	IN	F-3	New Empty weight Rev #19	785.0	267.0	+9265		
20	19 APR 05			CARGO SLING	13593.86	263.02	3575977.2		
20	20 APR 05	OUT	F-3	NEW EMPTY WEIGHT Rev #20	-85.0	267.0	-22695.0		
21	20 APR 05			CARGO SLING (F-3)	13508.86	263.0	3552882.22		
22	25 June 05	out	F-21	New Empty weight Rev #21	-34.0	-154.0	-5236.0		
22				Food shield					

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 April 10, 1995

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Empty Weight and Balance
Chart "C"

Registration: C-F20KP Last Weighted Date: 22-04-03
Type: 5612 Empty Weight: 13512.0
Serial Number: 61297 CofG: 2623.5
Moment: 3558368.1

Rev No.	Date	In/Out	Drawing No. & Approval No.	Description of Alteration or Modification	Weight Change			Lateral			Total Ballast	
					Weight	Arm	Moment	Arm	Moment	Station	Weight	
22	25 June 94	IN	F-19	Inlet screens	20	168.8	3366.0					
23	27 June 94	IN	5109-30	Manufacture weight Rev #22	13002.8	263.13	3429262.8					
24	27 June 94	IN	5109-30	Power weight to 55A7-100 system (A934-300)	1.64	89	145.6					
25	27 June 94	IN	5109-30	ISAT A/C CAUSEAL REAR	7.5	89	667.5					
26	27 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW EMPTY OUT REV #28	10997.7	163.1	1793777.7					
27	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	WALDE LOGANAL (IN) ISAT 100 SYSTEM (A934-300)	1.63	89.0	145.0					
28	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	ISAT BUT PORTAL (40) AS (A-57)	7.50	83.0	622.5					
29	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	ALUMI CAP-TH W/LOGIT (CON) #23	3475.7	263.7	9157.0					
30	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	CONGO SLING	145.0	267.0	38715.0					
31	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW EMPTY WT REV #24	3382.5	263.7	8917.0					
32	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	CONGO SLING	85	267.0	22695.0					
33	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW #25	3475.7	263.7	9157.0					
34	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	Inlet Screens	20	168.8	3366.0					
35	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	FDS shield	34	151	5125.6					
36	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW EMPTY WEIGHT and CofG Amend # 26	13331.9	263.7	3527026.6					
37	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	PARRO SLING	45.0	267.0	12015.0					
38	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW REV # 27	3594.7	263.0	9452.6					
39	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	CONGO SLING	85.0	267.0	22695.0					
40	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW REV # 28	1359.9	263.0	3578.2					
41	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW BATTERY Removal	-82.0	45	-3690					
42	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	Lead Acid Battery Install Rev #25	+288.5	45	+12982.5					
43	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	WT + Post Amendment # 29	288.5	120	34620					
44	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	WT + Post Amendment of cockpit seat. Arm tests	13.16	179.0	2355.5					
45	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	INSTALLATION OF cockpit seat. Arm tests	13.52	179.0	2409.0					
46	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW EMPTY WT REV #30	13526.15	262.7	3554289.1					
47	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	VOLUME BOOST 55A7-100 (Installation of 2nd A934-300)	1.0	184.25	184.25					
48	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW EMPTY OUT REV #31	15522.15	262.7	4074433.3					
49	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	IF Seat	-1.0	87.0	-87.0					
50	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	IF Power Arm	-7.6	71.4	-542.0					
51	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	IF Power Arm	8.0	85.0	680.0					
52	15 June 94	IN	5109-30	NEW REV #32	13503.25	262.8	3552523.3					

REMEMBER TO SIGN

MISSING # 32 SAT PERM.

EMPTY WEIGHT AND BALANCE
CLASSIFICATION "C"

Type: 2267
Serial Number: 61292
Empty Weight: 43522.5
C of G: 263.35
Moment: 9558368.1

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Rev No.	Date	In/Out	Drawing No. & Approval No.	Description of Alteration or Modification	Weight Change						Total Ballast	8 The maintenance described in columns 1 to 7 has been performed in accordance with applicable standards of airworthiness SIGNATURE & 1-9#
					Horizontal		Lateral		STA	Weight		
					Arm	Moment	Arm	Moment				
33	16 MAR 06	IN	STE # SHD1-A5	SATCOM ADAPTER UNIT	74.0	396.0						
33	16 MAR 06	IN	DRAWING # ANT-SAT-1	SATCOM ANTENNA	40.7	282.0						
33	16 MAR 06	IN		SATCOM CRADLE (L PHONE)	2.3	200.1						
33	16 MAR 06			AS PER REV # 33	18510.8	263.0	3583462.4					
34	16 MAR 06	OUT	F-21	FOD SHIELD	-34.0	154.0	5236.0					
34	16 MAR 06	IN	F-19	FUEL T SCALONS	120.0	168.0	3360.0					
35	16 MAR 06	OUT	F-19	PER NEW 84	13491.2	168.1	3551584.1					
35	16 MAR 06	OUT	F-19	INLET SCREENS	-20.0	168.0	3360.0					
35	16 MAR 06	IN	F-21	FOD SHIELD	734.0	154.0	5236.0					
35	16 MAR 06	IN	F-21	REV # 35	13510.8	263.0	3553460.4					
36	29 APR 06	OUT	STC SHD1-45	SATCOM ANTENNA UNIT	-4.0	99.0	396.0					
36	29 APR 06	OUT	STC SHD1-45	SATCOM ANTENNA	-7	410.0	287.0					
36	29 APR 06	OUT	STC SHD1-45	SATCOM ANTENNA - 1	-2.3	87.0	200.1					
36	29 APR 06	OUT	STC SHD1-45	SCR ANTENNA - 1	-10.5	78.0	819.0					
36	29 APR 06	OUT	STC SHD1-45	PER REV # 36	15493.3	268.22	3551758.3					
37	31 MAY 07	OUT	F-21	FOD SHIELD	-34.0	154.0	5236.0					
37	31 MAY 07	IN	F-19	INLET SCREENS	120.0	168.0	3360.0					
37	31 MAY 07			REV # 37	13491.2	168.1	3551584.1					
37	31 MAY 07			REV # 37	13479.3	263.4	3549882.3					

FAA OKC

Conformity Inspection Record
 1. Project Number, TIA/Request Date: AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION
 2. SHEET 1 of 2 Sheets

Manufacturer: SIKORSKY
 Model: S-61N
 4. Beginning Date: 08-09-07
 5. Ending Date: 08-10-07

7. Inspected By: NICHOLAS MIRALES DART 950020EA

9. Nomenclature of Item Inspected	10. Drawing, Document, Specification, etc.	11. Revision and Date	12. No. of Items Determined		13. Comments
			SAT.	UNSAT.	
APPLICATION FOR AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE	FAA FORM 8130-06	08-09-07	X	X	
TYPE CERTIFICATE, AIRFRAME	TC# 1H15	Rev 15	X	X	T.T 3513/1.5 hrs
TYPE CERTIFICATE, ENGINE	TC# 1E3	Rev 15	X	X	1 Pos S/N A95-208-7023 494.2A 2 Pos S/N 295-176-11 20702.3V
TYPE CERTIFICATE, PROPELLER	TC#		X	X	
REGISTRATION MARKING	CFR PART 45.21		X	X	N 612AZ
DATA PLATES	CFR PART 45.11	1H15	X	X	
AIRCRAFT FLIGHT MANUAL	CFR PART 23.25, & 27.1581 (a)	REV 49	X	X	
WEIGHT & BALANCE	ORDER 8130-2D PAR.46	08-06-07	X	X	Empty wt 18491.16 CG 266.6
EQUIPMENT LIST	ORDER 8130-2D PAR.46		X	X	
OPERATION LIMITATIONS	CFR PART 91.9 (a)		X	X	
PLACARDS & MARKINGS	CFR PART 91.9 (a)		X	X	
INSRTRUMENT MARKINGS	CFR PART 91.9 (a)		X	X	
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTOES	CFR PART 91.417(a)(2)(V)		X	X	Blowdowny 2007-16
SUPPLEMENTAL TYPE CERTIFICATE (STC)	FORM 8130-6 SECTION III, BOX B		X	X	NONE
FAA FORM 337	APPENDIX B TO PART 43		X	X	3-337 WORK INSTALLED PER 100% REPAIRS
MAJOR ALTERNATIONS	CFR PART 91.417 (a) (2) (VI)		X	X	NONE
MAJOR REPAIRS	APPENDIX B (b) TO PART 43		X	X	NONE
LIFE LIMITED PARTS AIRFRAME	CFR PART 91.417 (a) (2) (II)		X	X	NONE
LIFE LIMITED PARTS ENGINE	CFR PART 91.417 (a) (2) (II)		X	X	NONE

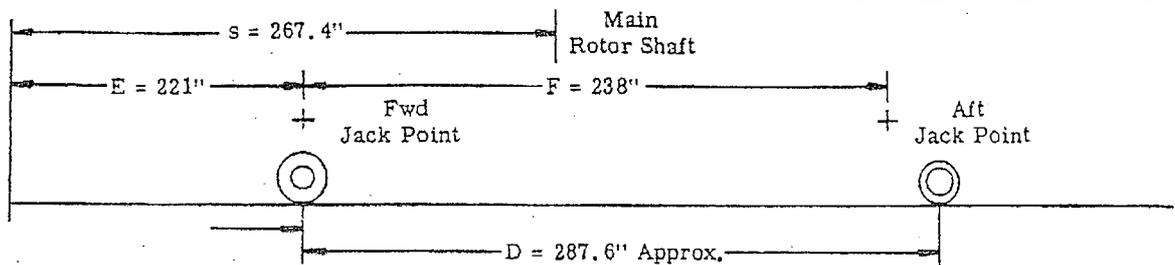
AIRCRAFT ACTUAL WEIGHT AND HORIZONTAL BALANCE
FOR S-61N MODEL HELICOPTER

Prepared By David Wolf
Date 8-15-07

Reg. No. N612AZ

Serial No. 61297

SCALE POSITION	SCALE NO.	SCALE READING (LB)	TARE	SCALE ERROR	SYMBOL	NET WEIGHT
LEFT MAIN POINT		5144			W _L	5144
RIGHT MAIN POINT		5683			W _R	5683
POINT TAIL		2246			W _T	2246
TOTAL WEIGHT		13073			W	13073



CENTER OF GRAVITY TO FORWARD DATUM (HORIZ. DIST. - AS WEIGHED)

~~Weighing on Main Points~~

$$E + \frac{W_T \times D}{W}$$

Weighing on Jack Points

$$E + \frac{W_T \times F}{W} \quad 221 + \frac{2246 \times 238}{13073} = 261.9$$

CORRECTED WEIGHT AND HORIZONTAL BALANCE

ITEMS ADDED & SUBTRACTED	WEIGHT (LB)	HORIZONTAL DIST (in) C.G. TO FWD DATUM	MOMENT (lb in.)
Aircraft as Weighed	13073	261.9	3423818.7
Plus -			
Minus -			
TOTAL GROSS ^{EMPTY} WEIGHT	13073	261.9	3423818.7
BALANCE 261.9 Horizontal Dist. - s = 5.5 in. (Corrected)		Aft ^{Fwd} of Main Rotor Centroid	

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Figure 4-10

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FLTS. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

N612AZ CG	WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT
N612AZ	13073	261.9	3423818.7
PILOT	225	88.6	19935
TEST PILOT	165	88.6	14619
C6 STA OPERATOR	270	167	45090
C7 STA OPERATOR	160	201	32160
FWD FUEL	900	203.9	183510
AFT FUEL	900	305.9	275310
CTR FUEL		264.8	0
LOAD ON HOIST	600	154	92400
C16 BALLAST	300	439	131700
A/C TOTAL WEIGHT	16593	254.2362864	4218542.7
CG Range 16000 & under 254.0-280			
16500 = 254.7- 279.3			
17000 = 255.3 - 278.7			
17500 = 256.0 - 278.0			
18000 = 256.6 - 277.4			

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FLT. 3

N812AZ CG	WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT
N612AZ	13073	261.9	3423818.7
PILOT	225	88.6	19935
TEST PILOT	165	88.6	14619
C6 STA OPERATOR		167	0
C7 STA OPERATOR		201	0
FWD FUEL	600	203.9	122340
AFT FUEL	600	305.9	183540
CTR FUEL		264.8	0
LOAD ON HOIST		154	0
C16 BALLAST		439	0
AVC TOTAL WEIGHT	14663	256.7177726	3764252.7
CG Range 16000 & under 254.0-280			
16500 = 254.7 - 279.3			
17000 = 255.3 - 278.7			
17500 = 256.0 - 278.0			
18000 = 256.6 - 277.4			

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FLT. 7

N812AZ CG	WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT
N612AZ	13073	261.9	3423818.7
PILOT	225	88.6	19935
TEST PILOT	165	88.6	14619
C6 STA OPERATOR		167	0
C7 STA OPERATOR		201	0
FWD FUEL	300	203.9	61170
AFT FUEL	300	305.9	91770
CTR FUEL	0	264.8	0
LOAD ON HOIST	600	154	92400
C16 BALLAST	125	439	54875
A/C TOTAL WEIGHT	14788	254.1647079	3758587.7
CG Range 16000 & under 254.0-280			
16500 = 254.7 - 279.3			
17000 = 255.3 - 278.7			
17500 = 256.0 - 278.0			
18000 = 256.6 - 277.4			
18500 = 257.3 - 276.7			
19000 = 258.0 - 276.0			

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FLT. 8

N612AZ CG	WEIGHT	ARM	MOMENT
N612AZ	13073	281.9	3423818.7
PILOT	225	88.6	19935
TEST PILOT	185	88.8	14619
C8 STA OPERATOR	270	167	45090
C7 STA OPERATOR	160	201	32160
FWD FUEL	1400	203.9	285460
AFT FUEL	1300	305.9	397670
CTR FUEL	1600	264.8	423680
LOAD ON HOIST	600	154	92400
C16 BALLAST	400	439	175600
C15 BALLAST	300	405	121500
A/C TOTAL WEIGHT	19493	258.1404966	5031932.7
CG Range 16000 & under 254.0-280			
16500 = 254.7- 279.3			
17000 = 255.3 - 278.7			
17500 = 256.0 - 278.0			
18000 = 256.8 - 277.4			
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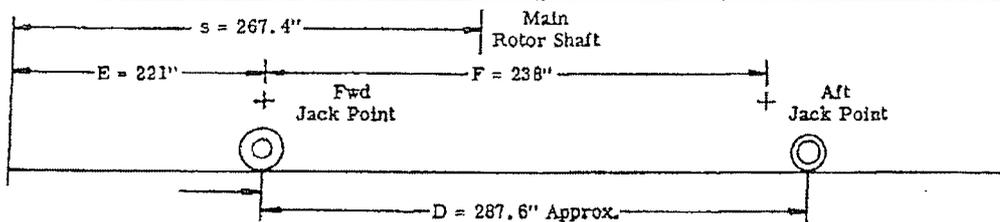
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AIRCRAFT ACTUAL WEIGHT AND HORIZONTAL BALANCE
FOR S-61N MODEL HELICOPTER

Prepared By David Wolf
Date 1-4-68

Reg. No. N612AZ Serial No. 61297

SCALE POSITION	SCALE NO.	SCALE READING (LB)	TARE	SCALE ERROR	SYMBOL	NET WEIGHT
LEFT MAIN POINT		5015			W _L	5015
RIGHT MAIN POINT		5132			W _R	5132
POINT TAIL		2181			W _T	2181
TOTAL WEIGHT		12328			W	12328



CENTER OF GRAVITY TO FORWARD DATUM (HORIZ. DIST. - AS WEIGHED)

Weighing on Wheels $E + \frac{W_T \times D}{W}$

Weighing on Jack Points $E + \frac{W_T \times F}{W} = 221 + \frac{2181 \times 238}{12328} = 263.1$

CORRECTED WEIGHT AND HORIZONTAL BALANCE

ITEMS ADDED & SUBTRACTED	WEIGHT (LB)	HORIZONTAL DIST (in) C. G. TO FWD DATUM	MOMENT (lb in.)
Aircraft as Weighed	12328	263.1	3243496.8
Plus -			
Minus -			
TOTAL EMPTY GROSS WEIGHT	12328	263.1	3243496.8
BALANCE 263.1 Horizontal Dist. - s = 4.3 in. Aft Fwd of Main Rotor Centroid (Corrected)			

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Witnessed By [Signature]
Rodney Mahogue

Figure 4-10

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August 17, 2009

Andy Mills
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**REFERENCE: Sikorsky S-61N, Registration N612AZ
Accident near Weaverville, California
August 5, 2008**

Dear Mr. Mills:

The Sikorsky registration N612AZ crashed at 1941 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 5, 2008 (0241 UTC August 6, 2008). Figure 1 shows the terrain, the accident location and the weather stations in the region. The terrain in the region is mountainous and the closest station to the accident location is the Backbone RAWS (Remote Automated Weather Station). This station is 6.03 miles east southeast of the accident site and is at an elevation of 4,700 feet MSL (mean sea level). The accident site is at an elevation of 5,950 feet MSL or 1,250 feet higher in elevation than the Backbone RAWS (Figure 2).

Most of the RAWS stations are owned by wildland fire agencies and are used for fire weather purposes. As such, these stations record wind speed from a height of 20 feet above the ground (as opposed to FAA mandated stations at airports of 32.8 feet above the ground). Thus, the RAWS stations reported winds are generally lower in speed than those reported by weather stations at airports. The RAWS (as with the airport stations) report air temperature from 6 to 8 feet above the ground.

The RAWS wind speed (sometimes reported as mean wind speed) and wind direction (sometimes reported as mean wind direction) is a 10-minute average (the previous 10-minutes just prior to reporting). The peak wind speed (sometimes reported as maximum wind gust) and peak wind direction is the maximum from the previous hour.

The temperature and wind data as reported by the Backbone RAWS on August 5, 2008 surrounding the accident time were as follows.

Time (PDT)	Wind Speed (mph)	Wind Direction (degrees true)	Wind Gust (mph)	Air Temperature (°C)
1849	5	155	13	27.8
1949	6	151	12	25.0
2049	9	154	13	22.2

So the wind speed and direction reported at 1949 PDT was the mean wind speed and direction from 1939 – 1949 PDT and thus encompasses the accident time. The wind gust is the peak gust from the previous hour. The wind speeds reported at 1849 PDT, 1949 PDT and 2040 PDT were increasing during this time period and their wind directions were very similar 151° to 155° (or south southeasterly).

Figure 3 is a wind rose of the mean wind speeds and direction on August 5, 2008. This figure shows that the mean wind speeds ranged from calm to 9 miles per hour and the wind directions were from the south to southeast.

Figures 4 and 5 are the time series plots of the mean wind speeds and directions from the Backbone RAWS on August 5, 2008 (note that times are LST and one hour must be added to get PDT). These graphs show that the mean wind speeds had not been calm since the early morning hours and the wind directions had been southeasterly since 1300 PDT.

Figures 6 and 7 are the time series plots of the maximum wind gusts and the direction of these gusts. These figures also show that from 1300 PDT on until the time of the accident the wind gusts were 10 mph or greater and the directions were east southeasterly to easterly.

Regarding the air temperature data, the RAWS station records air temperature at 6 to 8 feet above the ground. The air temperature at the Backbone RAWS was reported to be 25.0°C at 1949 PDT on August 5, 2008. Figure 8 is a plot of the air temperatures at the 2 meter (or ~6.6 feet above the ground) level. This plot is at 0300 UTC August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT on August 5, 2008) or approximately 11 minutes after the RAWS reporting time. This plot is from the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) reanalysis data for the U.S. These data are digital data and include assimilation of many weather data such as: official U.S. surface observing sites, satellite data, ship & buoy data, precipitation assimilation, surface characteristics, heat fluxes and vegetation. The data are available every three hours. This figure shows that the 2-meter air temperature range for the Backbone RAWS was 22°C to 24°C and for the accident location was 20°C to 22°C. The reanalysis air temperature at the 825mb level (or approximately 5,800 feet MSL) the temperatures at the accident site region were in the 20.5 to 21.0°C range (Figure 9). The 825mb level reanalysis winds show that the accident site was in the 2 to 3 knot range from the south (Figure 10). However, the resolution of these data is 32 kilometers. Thus, taking this into account, the accident site air temperature was in the 19.5 to 21.5°C range and the winds were in the 2 to 4 knot range from the south.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Meteorological Factual Report dated June 15, 2009, utilizes data from the North American Model (NAM). These data are 12-kilometer resolution data and the analysis files are available every six hours (0000Z, 0600Z, 1200Z and 1800Z). The closest NAM analysis times that bracket the time of the accident are the 0000Z and the 0600Z August 6, 2008 times. The closest analysis time to the accident time is the 0000Z August 6, 2008. These winds and temperatures from these analyses files were plotted. Figures 11 and 12 are the 850mb (or approximately 4,950 feet MSL over the region) winds at 0000Z and 0600Z August 6, 2008, respectively. These

figures show southerly flow at 0000Z turning to southeasterly at 0600Z and increasing in speed. The 0000Z winds were in the 4 to 5 knot range. However, given the resolution of the NAM data (12 km) this gives the range of wind speeds from 3 to 6 knots. The 0600Z wind speeds are in the 6 to 8 knot range.

The 0000Z and 0600Z August 6, 2008, 850mb (or 850 hPa) level temperature analysis are plotted in Figures 13 and 14, respectively. The 0000Z air temperatures range from 23°C to 25°C (with the ± 12 km range) and the 0600Z air temperatures range from 20.5°C to 22°C (with the ± 12 km range).

The 0000Z and 0600Z 825mb level (or ~5,800 feet MSL over the region) winds and temperatures the region were as follows:

0000Z August 6, 2008: Air Temp = 21.5°C to 22°C, Winds 6 to 8 knots south southeasterly
0600Z August 6, 2008: Air Temp = 19.5°C to 20°C, Winds 8 to 10 knots southeasterly

The supporting figures for the NAM 825mb winds are shown in Figures 15 and 16, and the air temperatures are shown in Figures 17 and 18.

The NTSB Meteorological Factual Report utilizes the NAM 0300Z August 6, 2008 forecast product, not an analysis product due to the proximity in time to the accident time (0241Z August 6, 2008). In addition, the NTSB uses a single point sounding from this forecast product and does not analyze what is going on regionally and discusses the temperature and winds at the 850mb level and not the 825mb level, which is closer in altitude to the accident site elevation. This is important due to the fact that this is a forecast product and also the data resolution. The regional plots of the 0300Z August 6, 2008, 825mb level (or 5,800 feet MSL level over the region) forecast winds and temperatures are in figures 19 and 20, respectively. These plots show that at the 5,800 feet MSL level (or ~150 feet below the accident site) the winds were 8 to 10 knots from 109° and the air temperature was in the 19 to 21°C range.

The NTSB report also states that the density altitudes were derived using streamline analysis of the Mesowest data (which are just the station observations in the region). These streamline analyses are using very few stations in the region and any conclusions drawn from this type of analysis should be taken to have high uncertainty values.

Every dataset used to analyze the situation in question has issues in terms of resolution, location and timing. Given the mountainous terrain in the region, the distance of over 6 miles to the nearest surface weather station, and the timing of the measurements, the wind and temperature information from the copilot and helitak manager as relayed to me by Carson should be considered the most representative of the conditions just prior to and at the time of the accident. In fact, the 3 to 5 knot wind (3 to 6 mph) out of the south is consistent with the 6 mph at 151° (or south southeast) as recorded by the Backbone RAWS between 1939 PDT and 1949 PDT.

In order to gain further insight into the air temperatures, air flow, winds and density altitudes in the region of the subject flight a mesoscale atmospheric model such as the

MM5 or the WRF which uses atmospheric reanalysis data along with terrain and vegetation should be considered.

Please call should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Elizabeth J. Austin.

Elizabeth J. Austin, Ph.D., C.C.M.
President

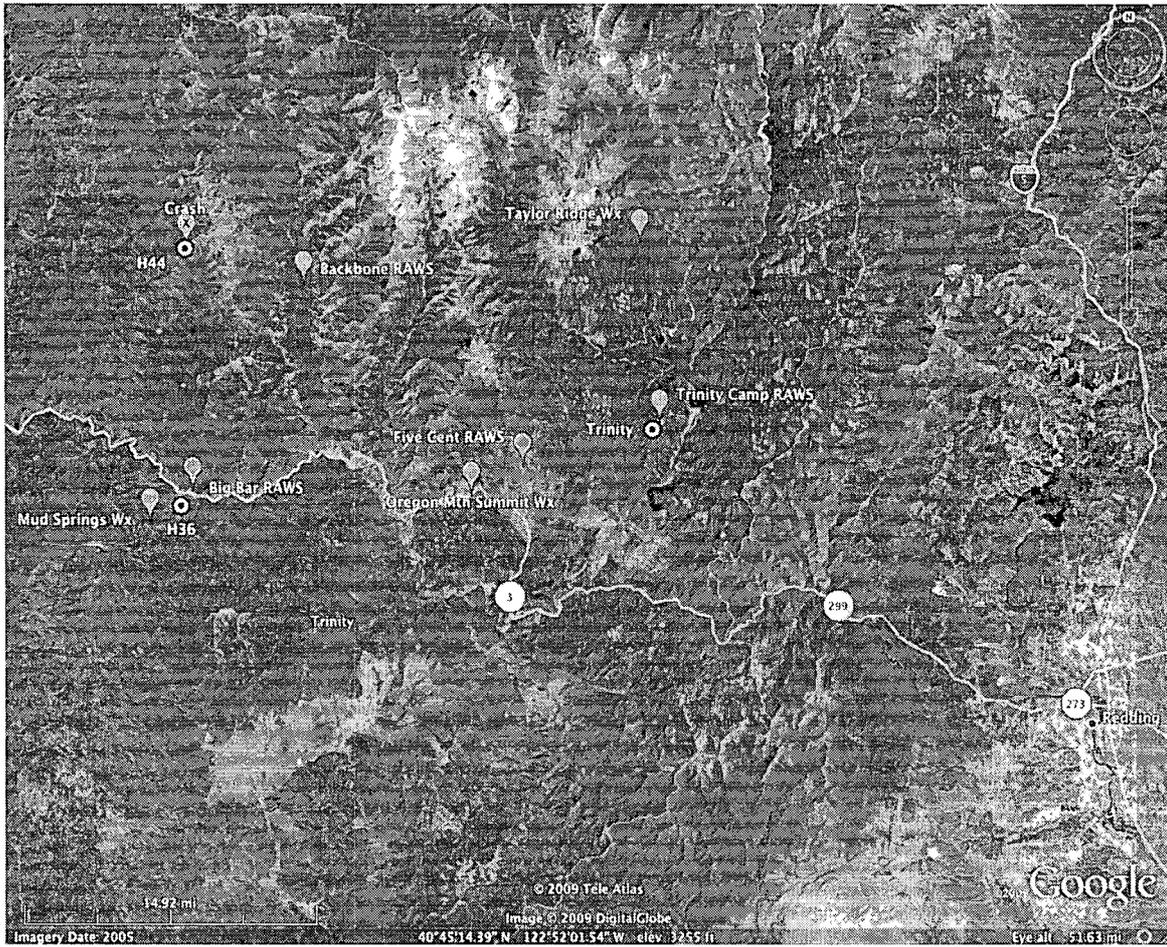


Figure 1. Terrain, accident location, helicopter landing sites and weather stations in the region (source: Google Earth).

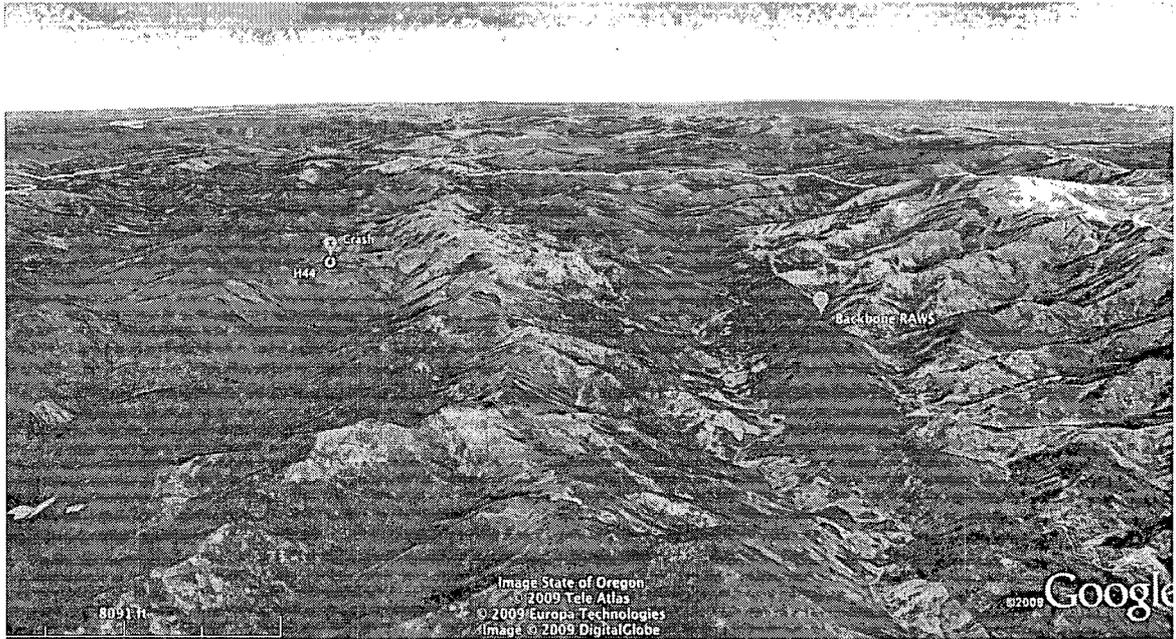


Figure 2. Terrain, accident location, helicopter landing sites and weather stations in the region (source: Google Earth).

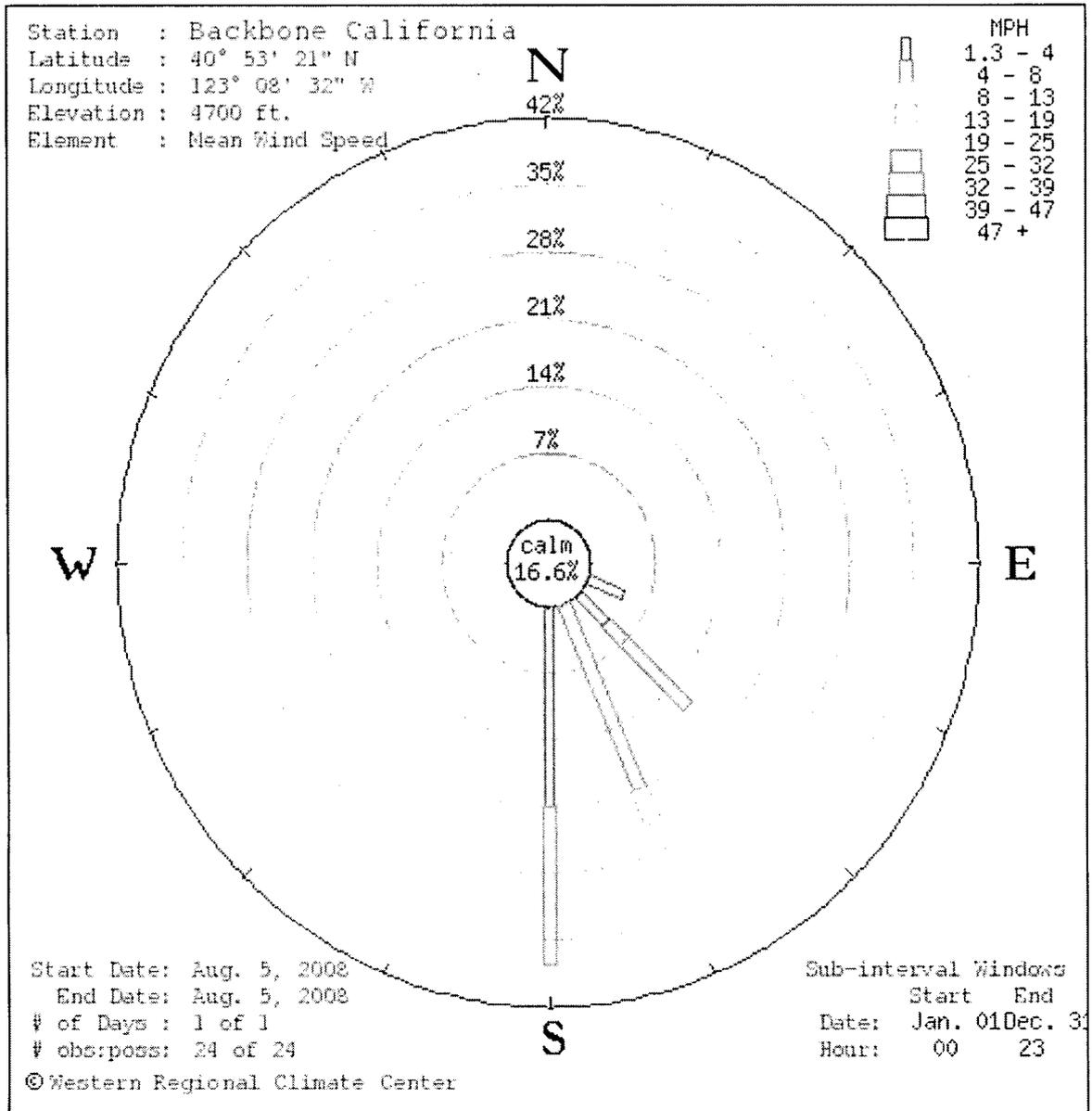


Figure 3. Backbone RAWS wind rose of mean wind speed and mean wind directions on August 5, 2008 (source: Western Regional Climate Center).

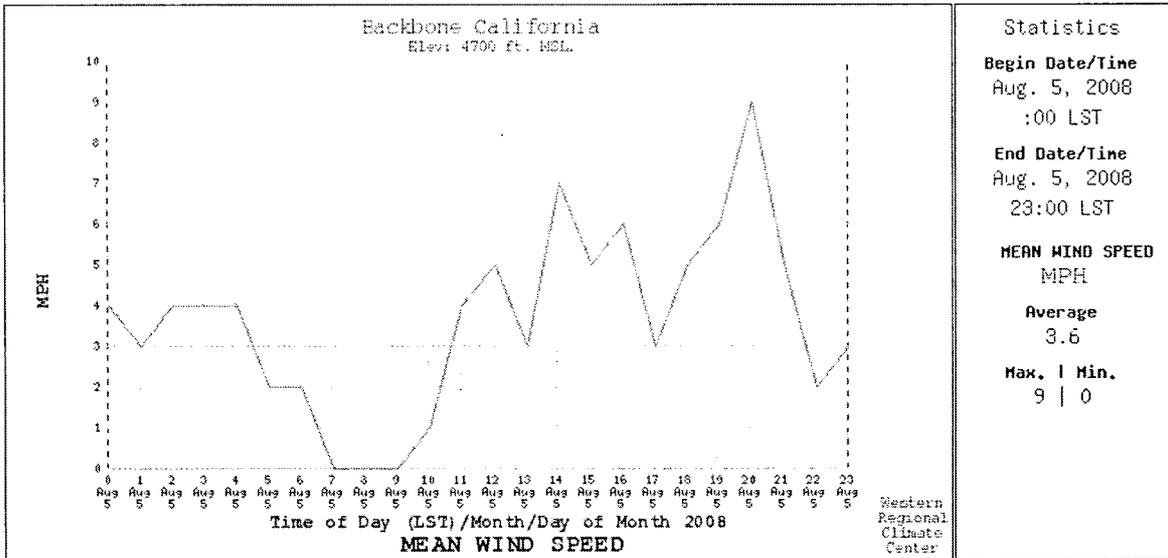


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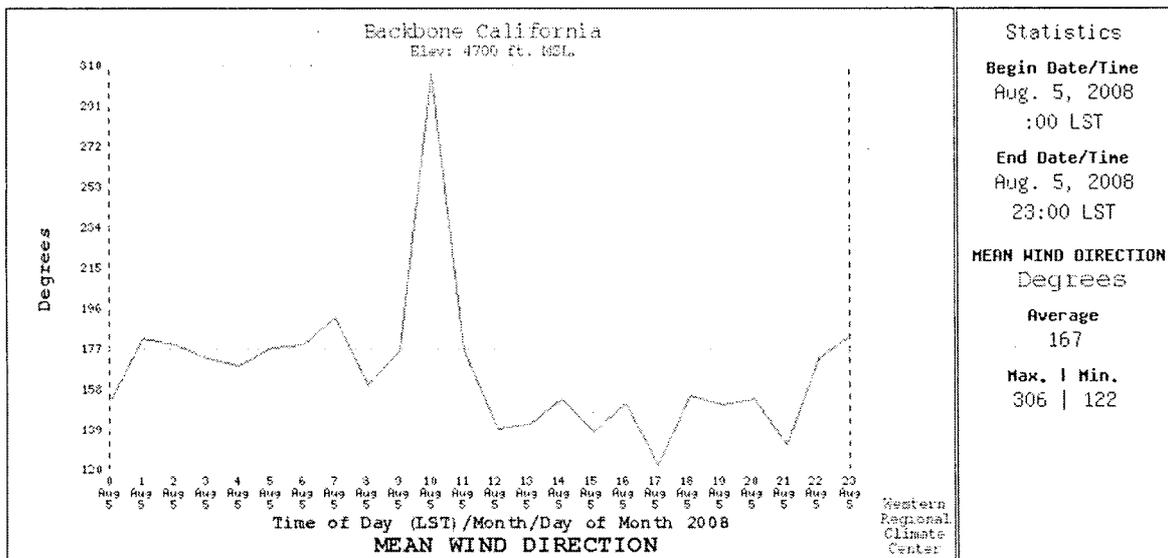


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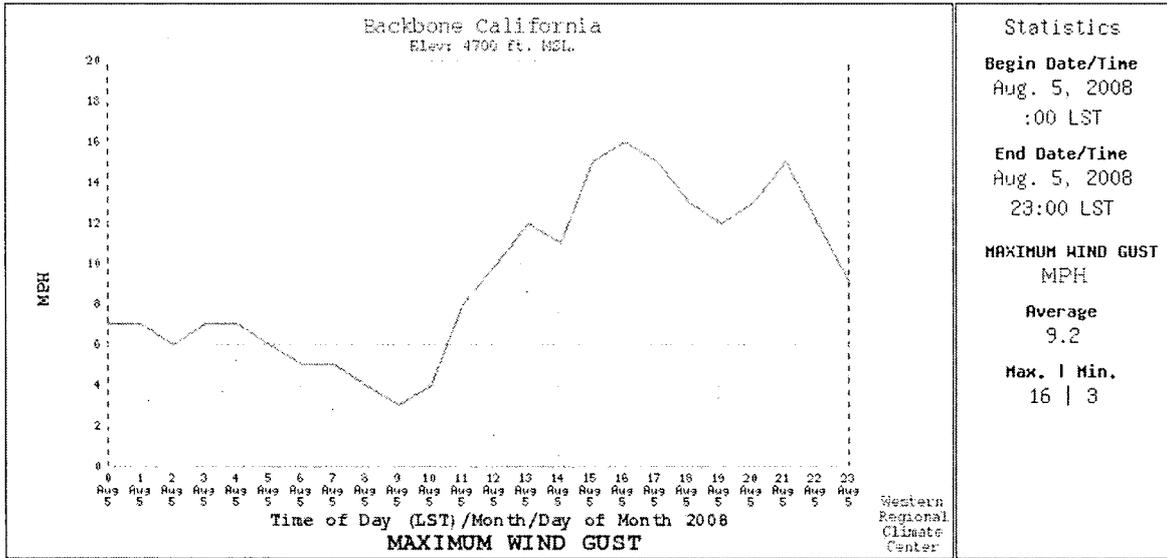


Figure 6. Backbone RAWS wind gusts on August 5, 2008 (source: Western Regional Climate Center).

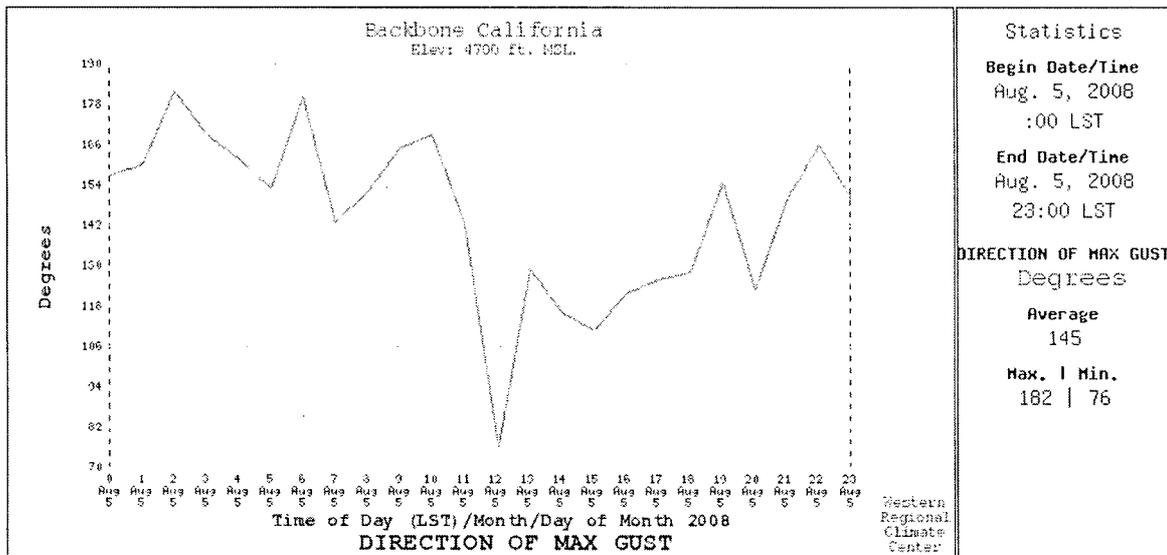


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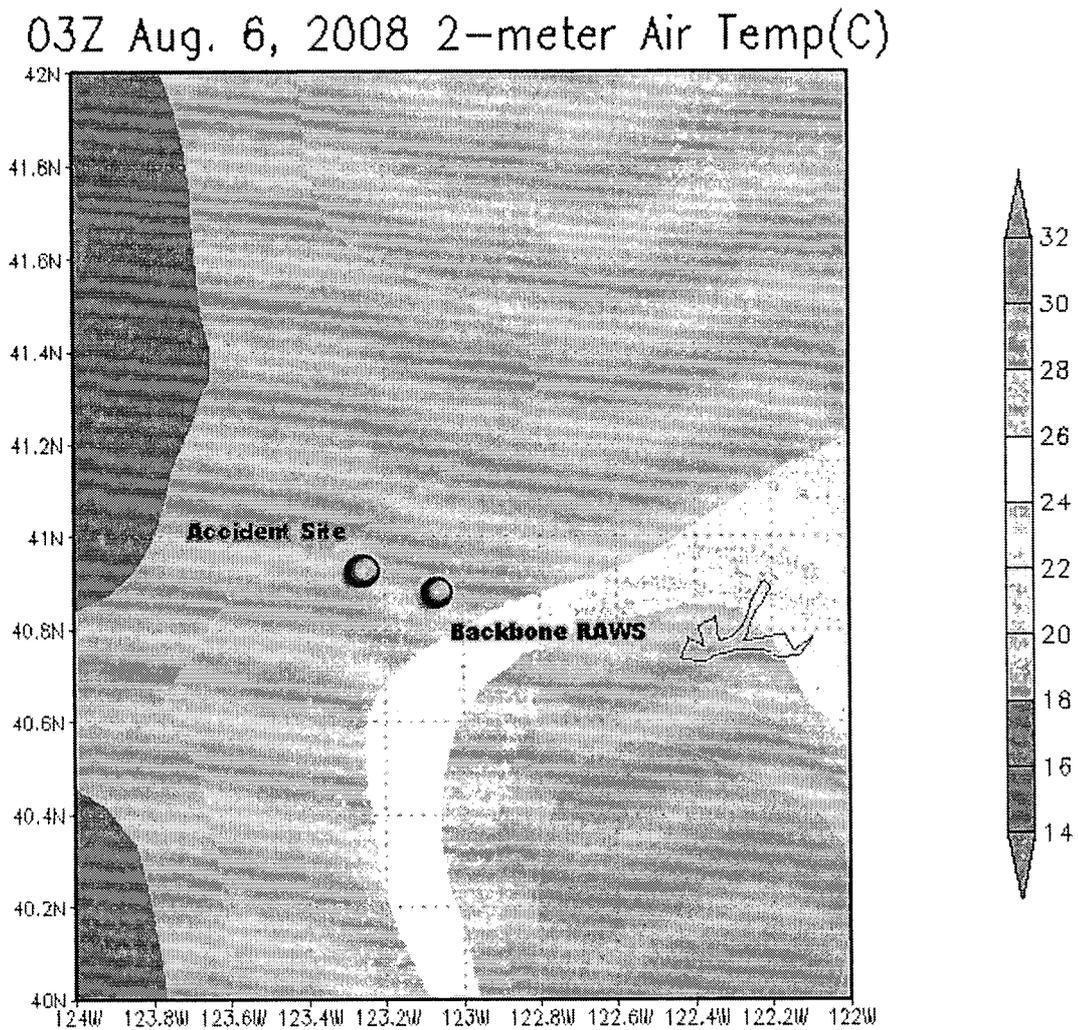


Figure 8. NCEP digital reanalysis data of 2-meter air temperature over the region at 0300 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT August 5, 2008).

03Z August 6, 2008 825mb Temp (C) Reanalysis

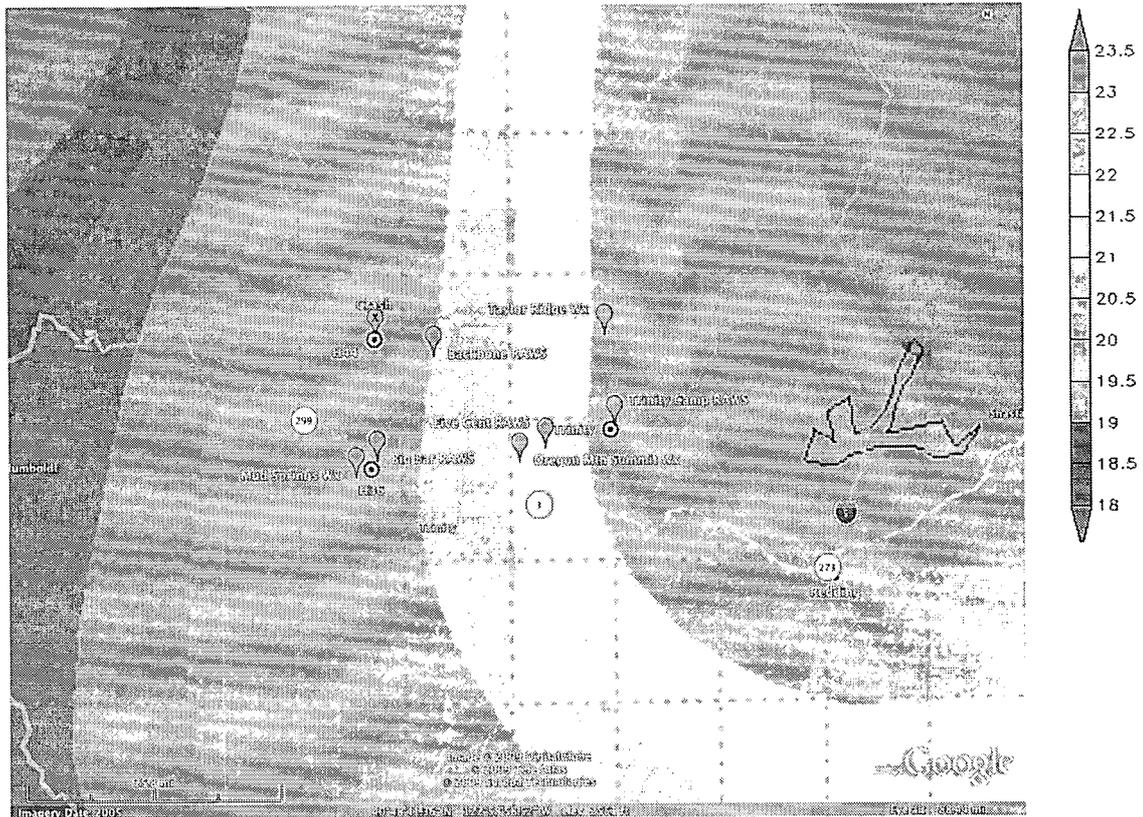


Figure 9. NCEP digital reanalysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) air temperature over the region at 0300 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT August 5, 2008).

03Z August 6, 2008 825mb Winds (kts) Reanalysis



Figure 10. NCEP digital reanalysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0300 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT August 5, 2008).

00Z August 6, 2008 Wind (kts) @ 850mb



Figure 11. NAM analysis data of the 850mb (~4,950 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0000 UTC on August 6, 2008 (1700 PDT August 5, 2008).

06Z August 6, 2008 Winds (kts) @ 850mb

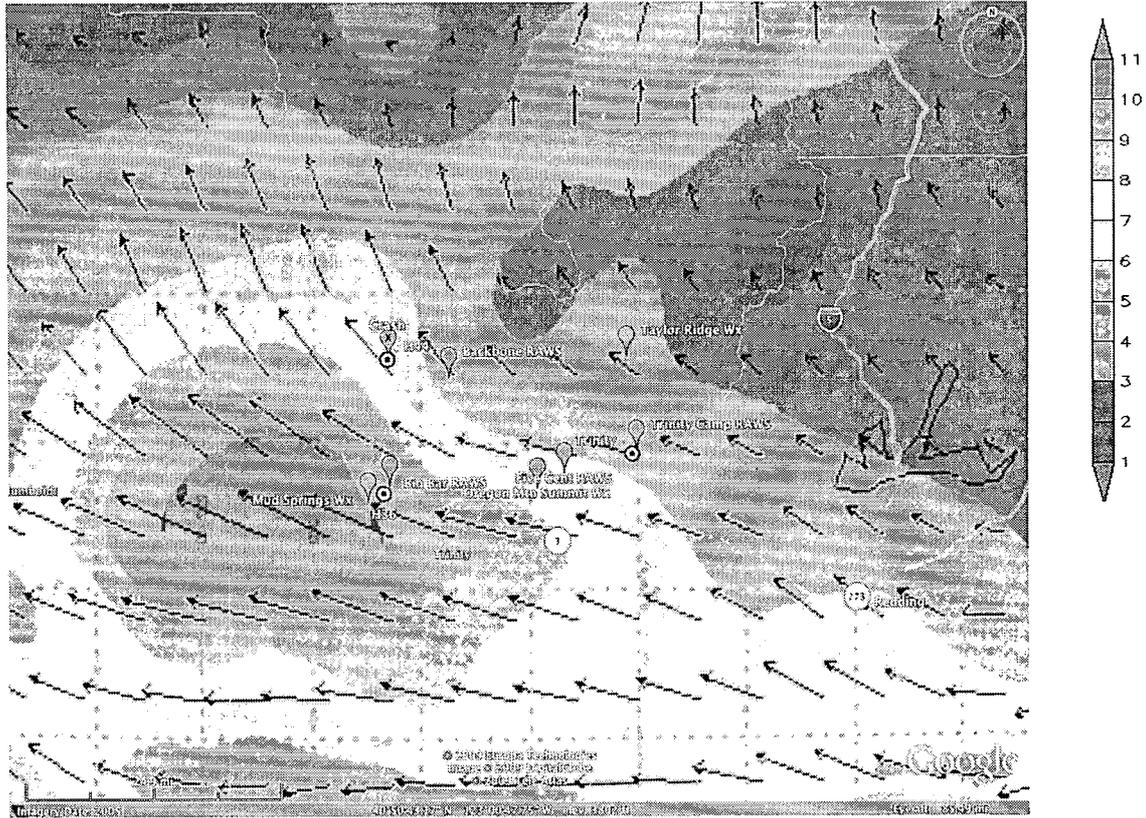


Figure 12. NAM analysis data of the 850mb (~4,950 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0600 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2300 PDT August 5, 2008).

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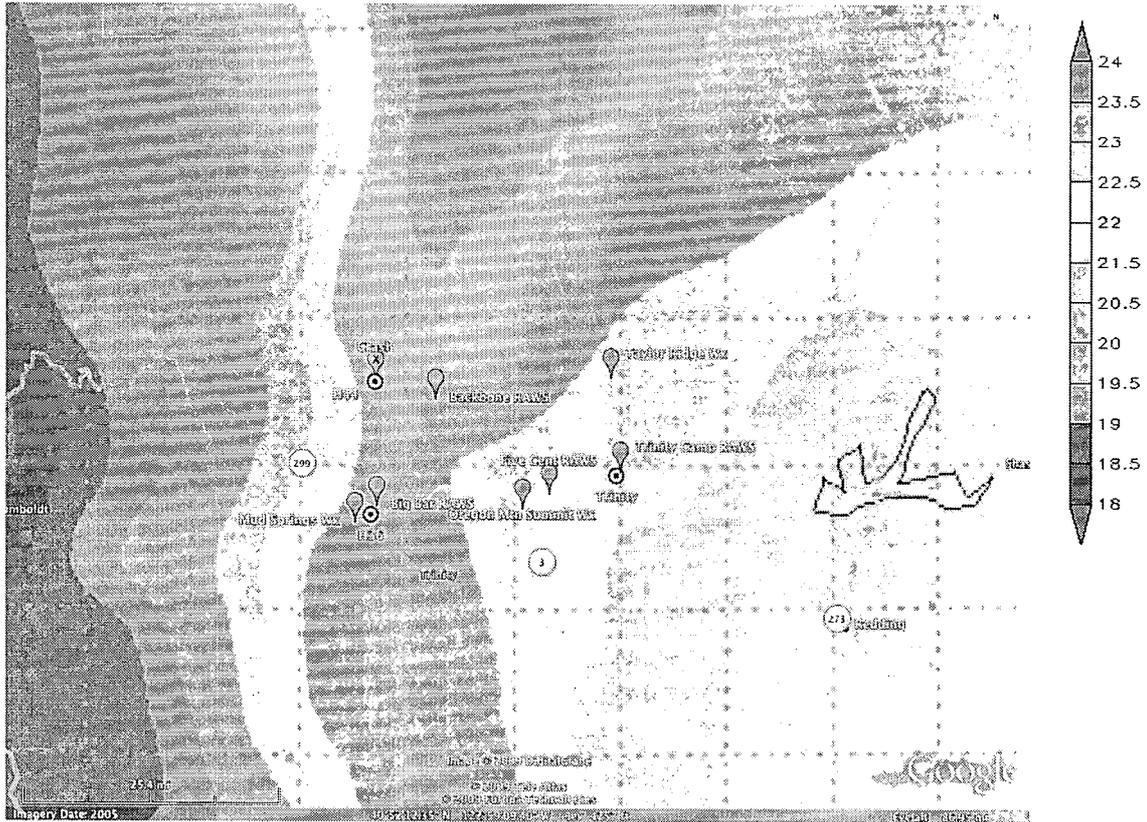


Figure 13. NAM analysis data of the 850mb (~4,950 feet MSL) air temperature over the region at 0000 UTC on August 6, 2008 (1700 PDT August 5, 2008).

00Z August 6, 2008 Winds (kts) @ 825mb

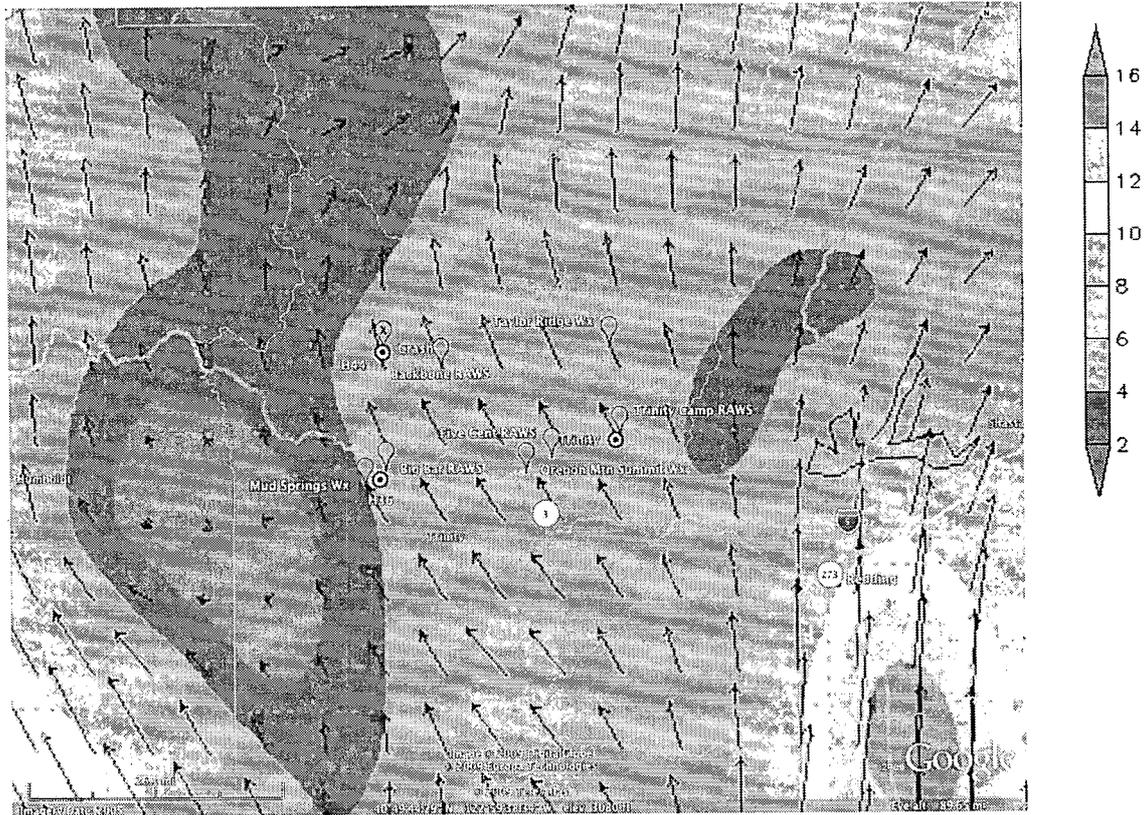


Figure 15. NAM analysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0000 UTC on August 6, 2008 (1700 PDT August 5, 2008).

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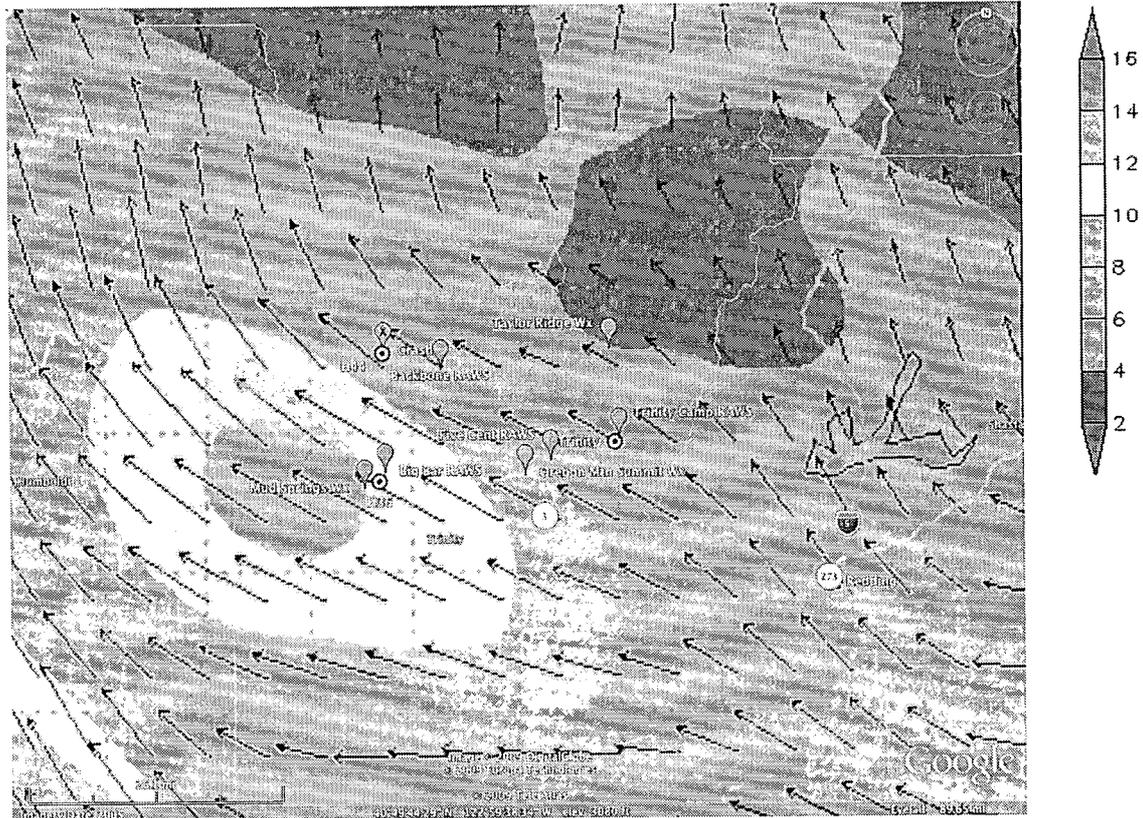


Figure 16. NAM analysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0600 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2300 PDT August 5, 2008).

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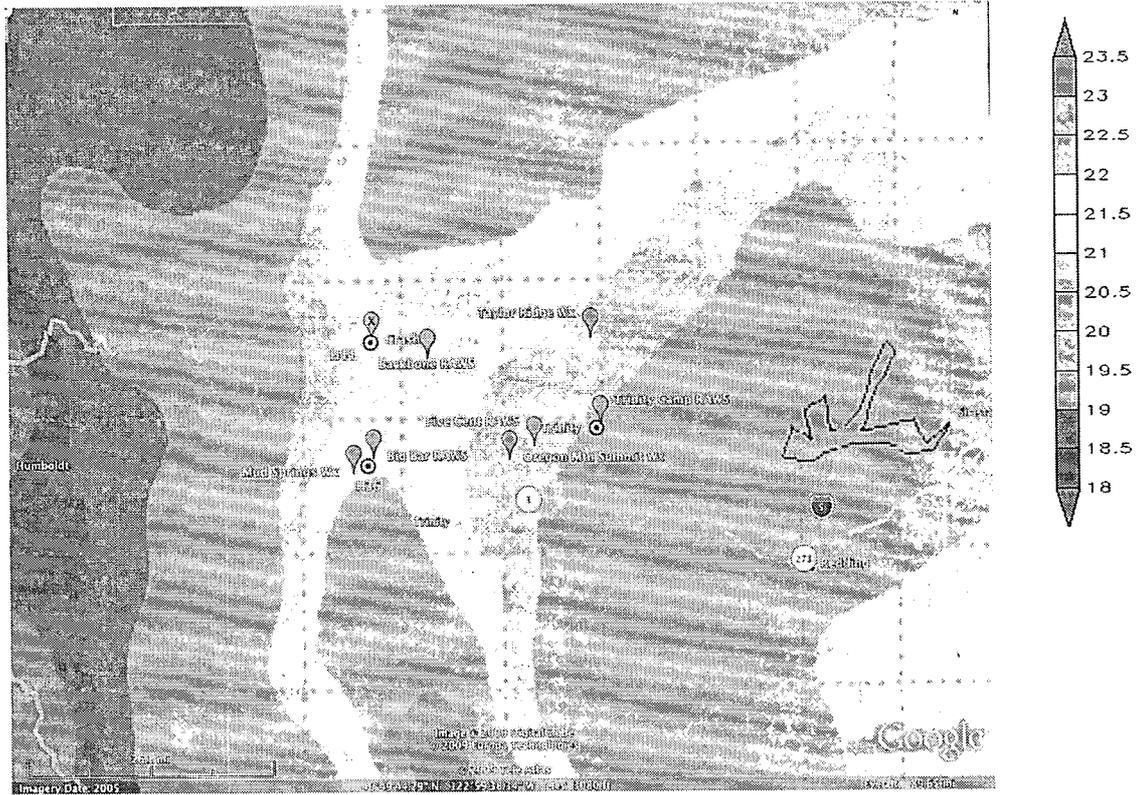


Figure 17. NAM analysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) air temperature over the region at 0000 UTC on August 6, 2008 (1700 PDT August 5, 2008).

06Z August 6, 2008 Temp (C) @ 825mb

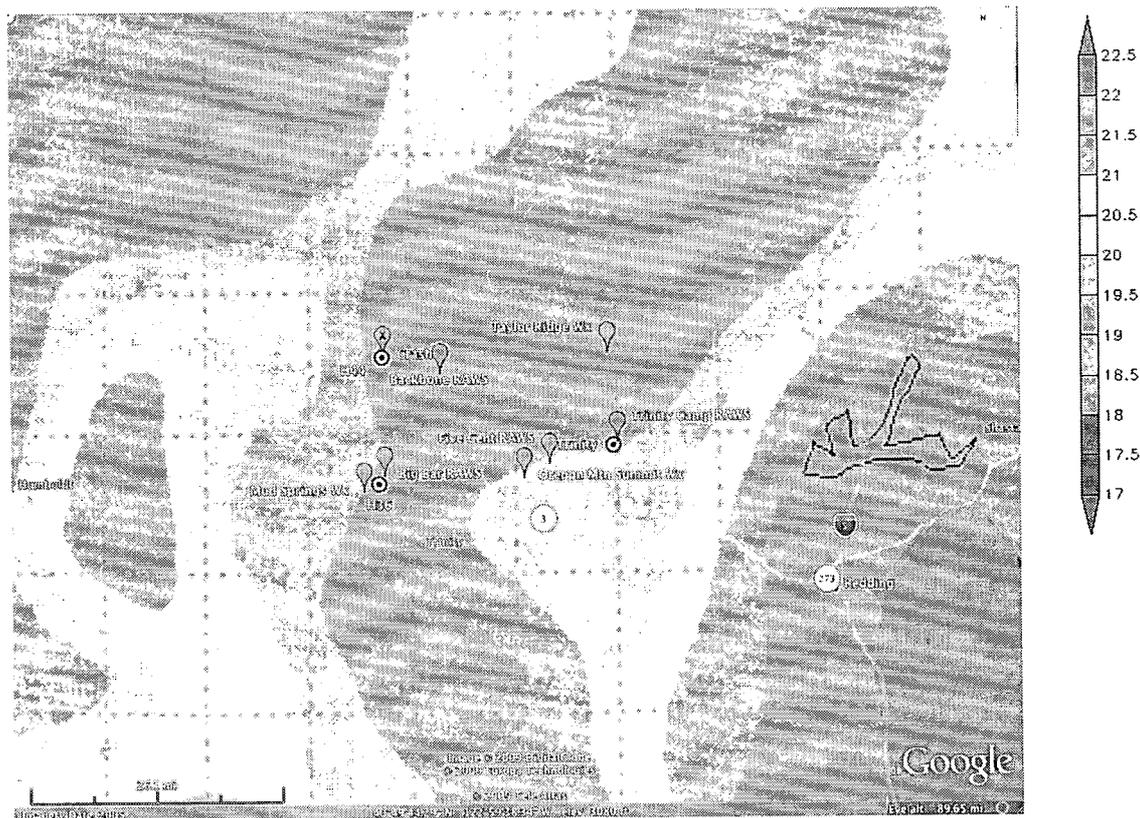


Figure 18. NAM analysis data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) air temperature over the region at 0600 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2300 PDT August 5, 2008).

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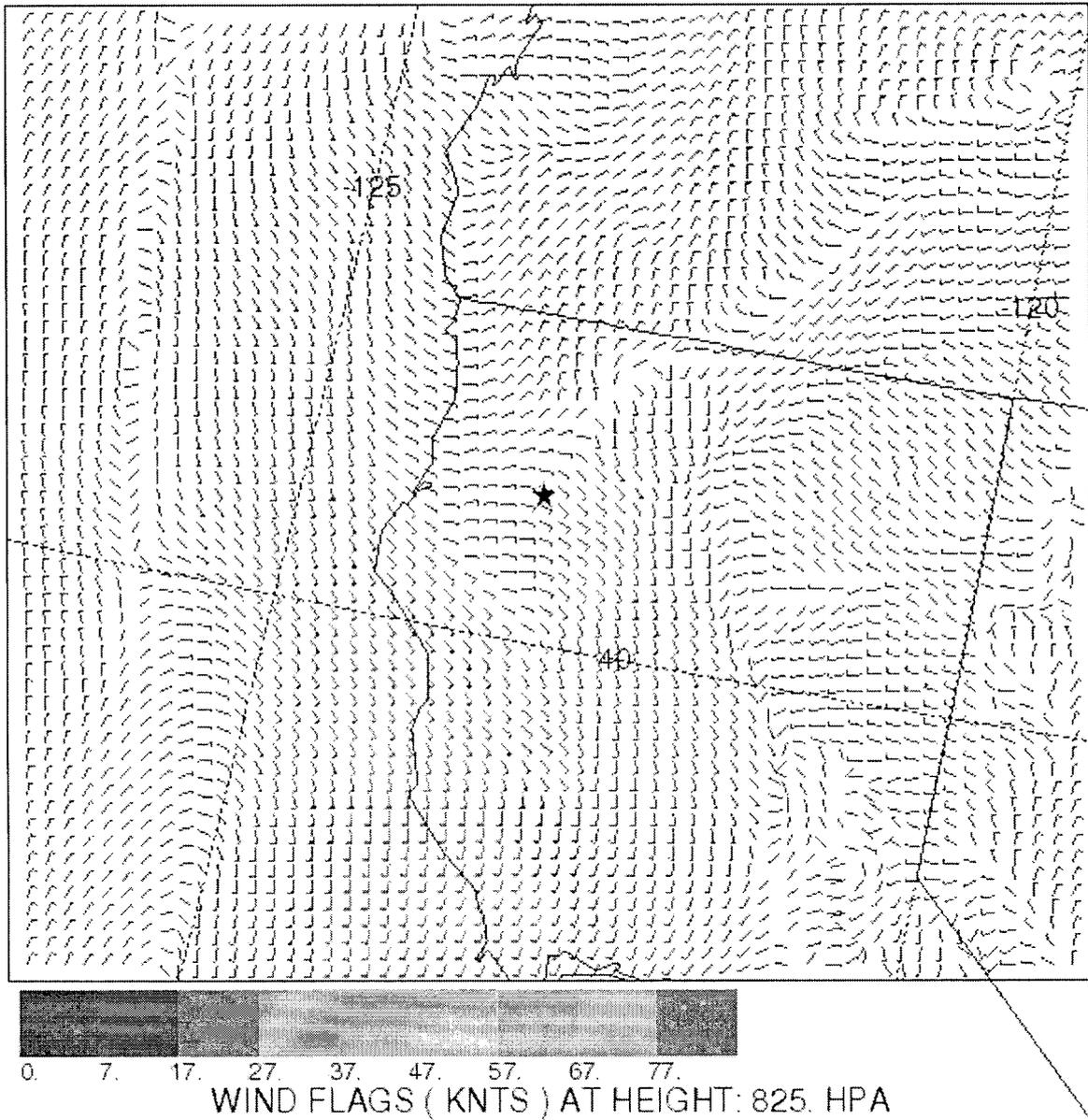


Figure 19. NAM forecast data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) winds over the region at 0300 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT August 5, 2008).

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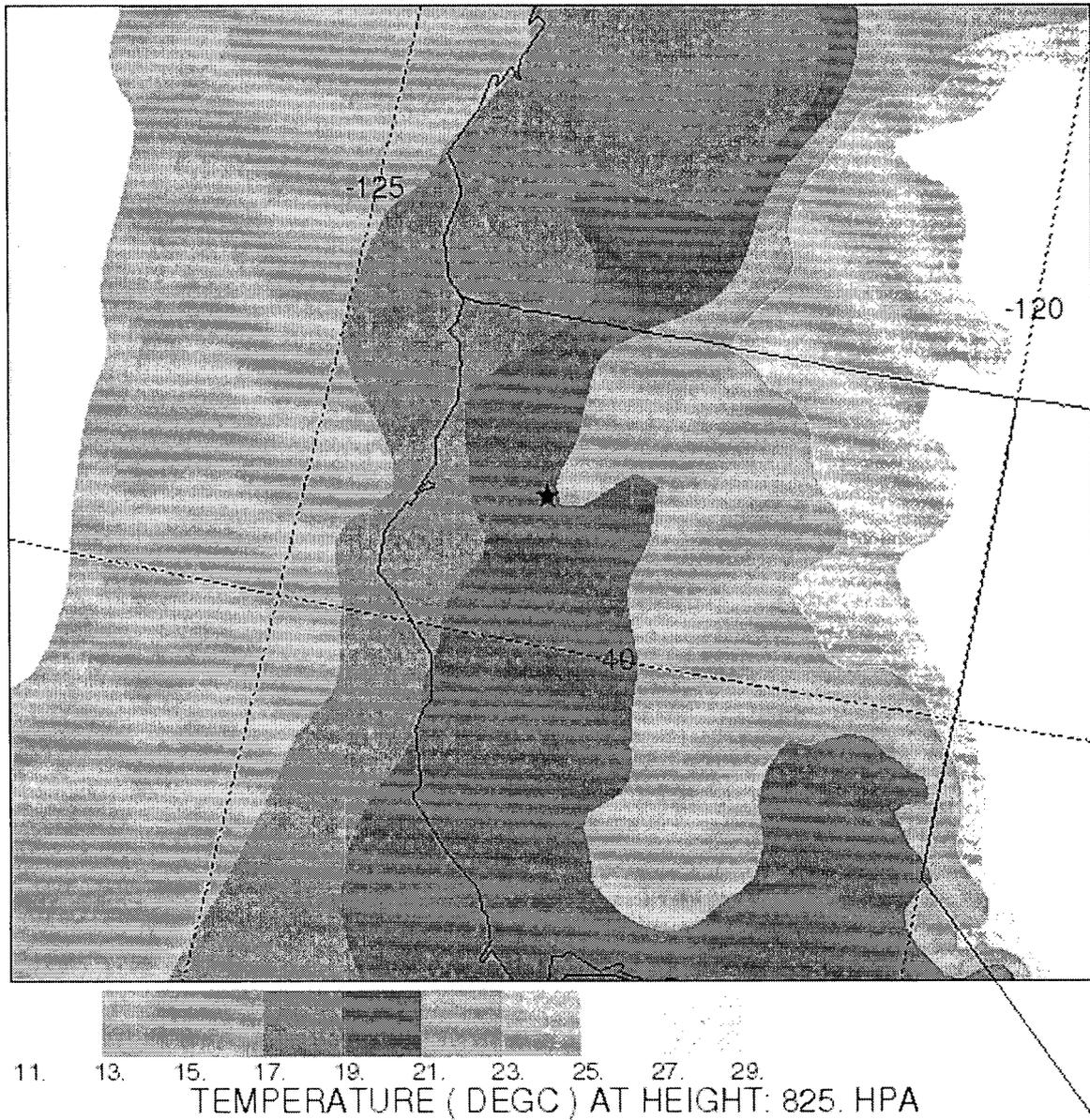


Figure 20. NAM forecast data of the 825mb (~5,800 feet MSL) air temperature over the region at 0300 UTC on August 6, 2008 (2000 PDT August 5, 2008).