OCTAV-UTLS Meeting

JPL-Table Mountain Facility (TMF)

24490 Table Mountain Road, Wrightwood, CA 92397, USA

March 3-5, 2020

GENERAL:

Meeting will start Tuesday March 3rd, 2020, mid-day.

Meeting will end Thursday March 5th, 2020, mid-day.

Sessions, topics, and agenda to be announced soon.

The Meeting will take place in the main building (TM-17), in the conference room next to the Front Desk. A tour of the Lidar and Balloon Facility will be given (day/time TBD).

Table Mountain Facility is a mountain top observatory located at the east end of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, altitude 2285 m. The site hosts 10+ instrument facilities for atmospheric and astronomic observations, and laser ground-to-space telecommunication. The main building has 18 bedrooms for overnight stays by visiting scientists and astronomers, and a fully equipped community kitchen and dining room. Free guest internet is available on-site. Outdoor activities are available nearby (e.g., hiking, skiing, etc.).

In March, nights can still be cold (-5ºC to +5ºC), but days are usually pleasant if sunny and dry. Rain or snow episodes are possible. In the unlikely event that weather causes hazardous driving conditions, the TMF personnel will provide all necessary transportation to/from the observatory.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

A visitor Request must be submitted in advance by all individuals who do not have a NASA badge. To start the process, send an email to Thierry at thierry.leblanc@jpl.nasa.gov with the following information:

- Full Name & Last Name

 - Email address

 - Dates to check in and how many days to expect onsite

The online form must be submitted more than 21 working days in advance for Foreign Nationals, and more than 3 days in advance for US Citizens.

LODGING:

1) At TMF

Mountain environment.

Rooms are $51.50 per bed, per day. Company checks, institutional checks, personal and government checks are accepted. Cash not accepted. Payment in advance or upon arrival. Checks should be made out to: Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Website: https://tmf.jpl.nasa.gov/accomodations/

2) In Wrightwood (10 min away)

Small town environment.

Canyon Creek Inn is the best option. Website: http://canyoncreekinn.com/. When booking, mention my name (Thierry Leblanc from JPL) for a possible special deal.

There are 2 other motels in town, with unknown reputation. There are many RB&B , and vacation rentals (it is a mountain resort town).

3) Cajun Junction, I-15/138 (25 min away)

Rural environment along the freeway.

Cajun Pass Inn. Website: https://www.cajonpassinnphelan.com/ $89/night

4) Hesperia, I-15 (35 min away)

Urban environment in the desert.

Hotel chains: Courtyard by Marriott Victorville/Hesperia ($103), Holiday Inn Express and Suites Hesperia ($108), Motel 6 Hesperia ($65)
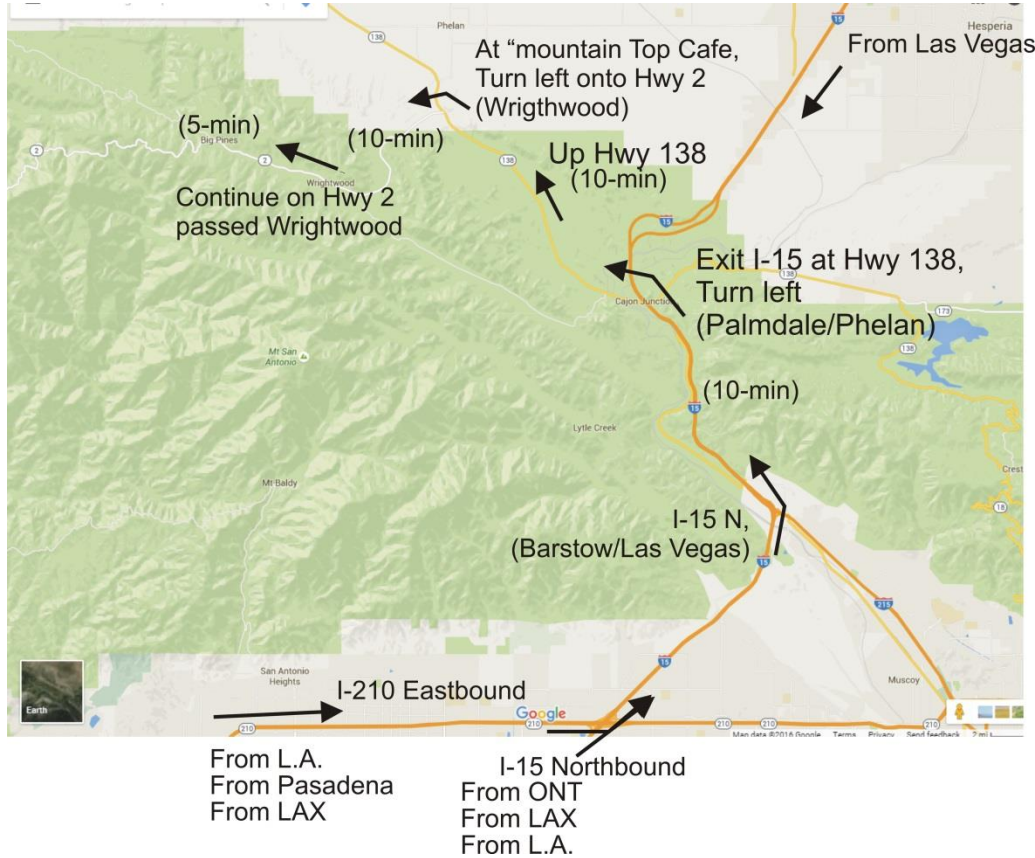

5) Rancho Cucamonga and Ontario Area (45 min away)
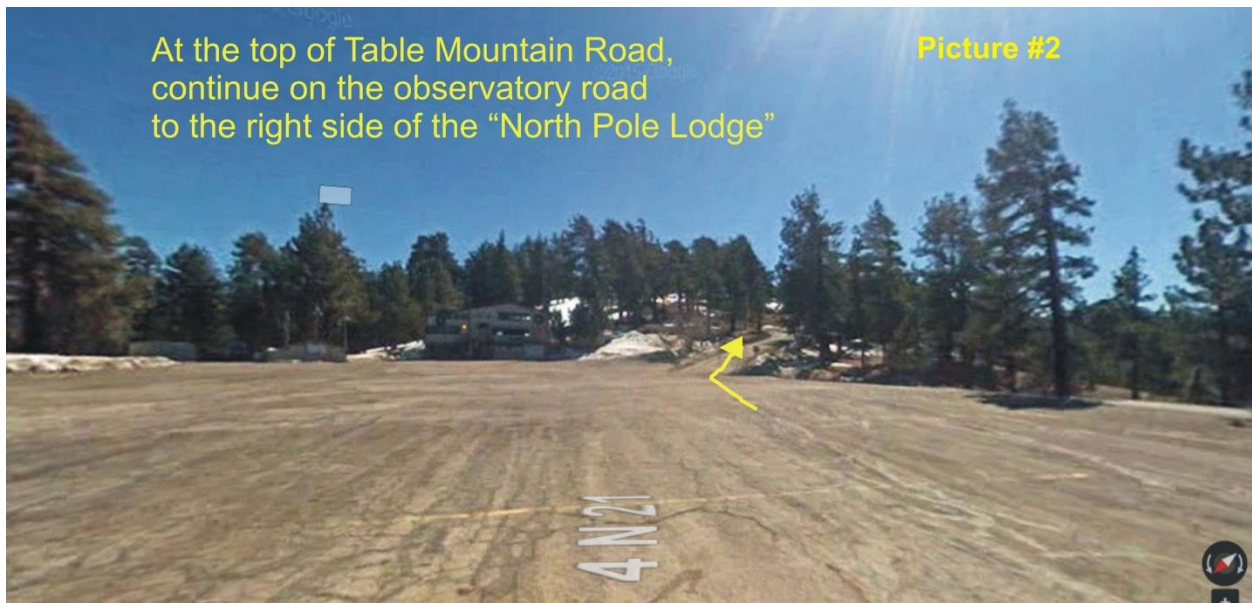
Urban environment in L.A. basin.

All hotel chains available.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING:

Ontario International Airport (ONT) is the closest airport (45 min). LAX is 1.5 hours away without traffic, 2.5 hours away or more with heavy traffic. There is no train or easy bus access to Wrightwood or TMF. Renting a car at the airport is the best option. Airport pickup/drop-off at ONT by TMF personnel is possible, if need be.

Driving directions:

At "mountain Top Cafe, Turn left onto Hwy 2 (Wrigthwood)

From Las Vegas

(5-min)   (10-min)
Continue on Hwy 2 passed Wrightwood

Up Hwy 138 (10-min)

Exit I-15 at Hwy 138, Turn left (Palmdale/Phelan)

(10-min)

I-15 N, (Barstow/Las Vegas)

I-210 Eastbound

From L.A.
From Pasadena
From LAX

I-15 Northbound
From ONT
From LAX
From L.A.

At the top of Table Mountain Road, cross parking lot and take small observatory road (uphill, see picture #2)

Drive up Table Mountain Road (3-min)

24490 Table Mountain Road

At the top, turn right onto Table Mountain Road (uphill, see picture #1)

Continue on Hwy 2 passed Wrightwood (5-min)

9 min
5.0 miles

From ONT
From LAX
From L.A.

Wrightwood, CA

Picture #1

3 miles passed Wrightwood on Hwy 2, turn right, up on Table Mountain Road

At the top of Table Mountain Road, continue on the observatory road to the right side of the "North Pole Lodge"

Picture #2

Once you arrive at the TMF gate:

1. Locate the phone pad on the left side of the gate

2. Dial 3650 to reach front desk, and introduce yourself, so they can open the gate for you

3. Drive straight passed the main entrance (left), and park on any parking spot on the right side

4. Walk to main entrance and register inside at front desk

5. If a Foreign National, you will need an escort at all times outside the main building

PHOTOS:

Winter view outside the dining room. Accommodations building in the back.

Winter view outside the Lidar Building

TMF Website Link:

https://tmf.jpl.nasa.gov/