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To FAA Great Lakes Regional Office,

On March 13th, 2013 two of my pilots from Skydive Chicago attended the Skydive Operations Summit at the Chicago ARTCC in Aroura, IL. During this meeting they were given target distribution packages for the TRTLL, ENDEE, and TRIDE RNAV's. These new arrivals have us feeling concerned at Skydive Chicago. During the Skydive Operations Summit considerable time was spent discussing TCAS RA's and the negative effect they have on both pilots and controllers. The location of these new arrivals will lead to an increase of these incidents in our area.

Attached to this letter are some photos of how the new arrivals look in relation to our operation.

Image 1 shows our climb and descent profiles at Skydive Chicago. You can see they have been designed to fit within the triangle created by the BENKY 1, MOTIF 3, and V227 arrivals depicted in blue.

Image 2 shows how the TRTLL RNAV affects us. The main issue here is the AYELL transition.

Image 3 shows how the ENDEE RNAV affects us.

Image 4 shows how the TRIDE RNAV affects us. The only issue here is the TRICH transition.

Image 5 is a combination of all the other images. You can see here how the existing triangle of airspace we have to work with is being filled up.

Skydive Chicago is the buiest Skydiving Center in the Chicago area and we are growing every year. The overall Safety of our operation and that if the arrival traffic into the Chicago area will be decreased if there new arrivals are implemented in their current form. We would like to work together with you towards a resolution that will make the skies safer for everyone.

I look forward to your reply.

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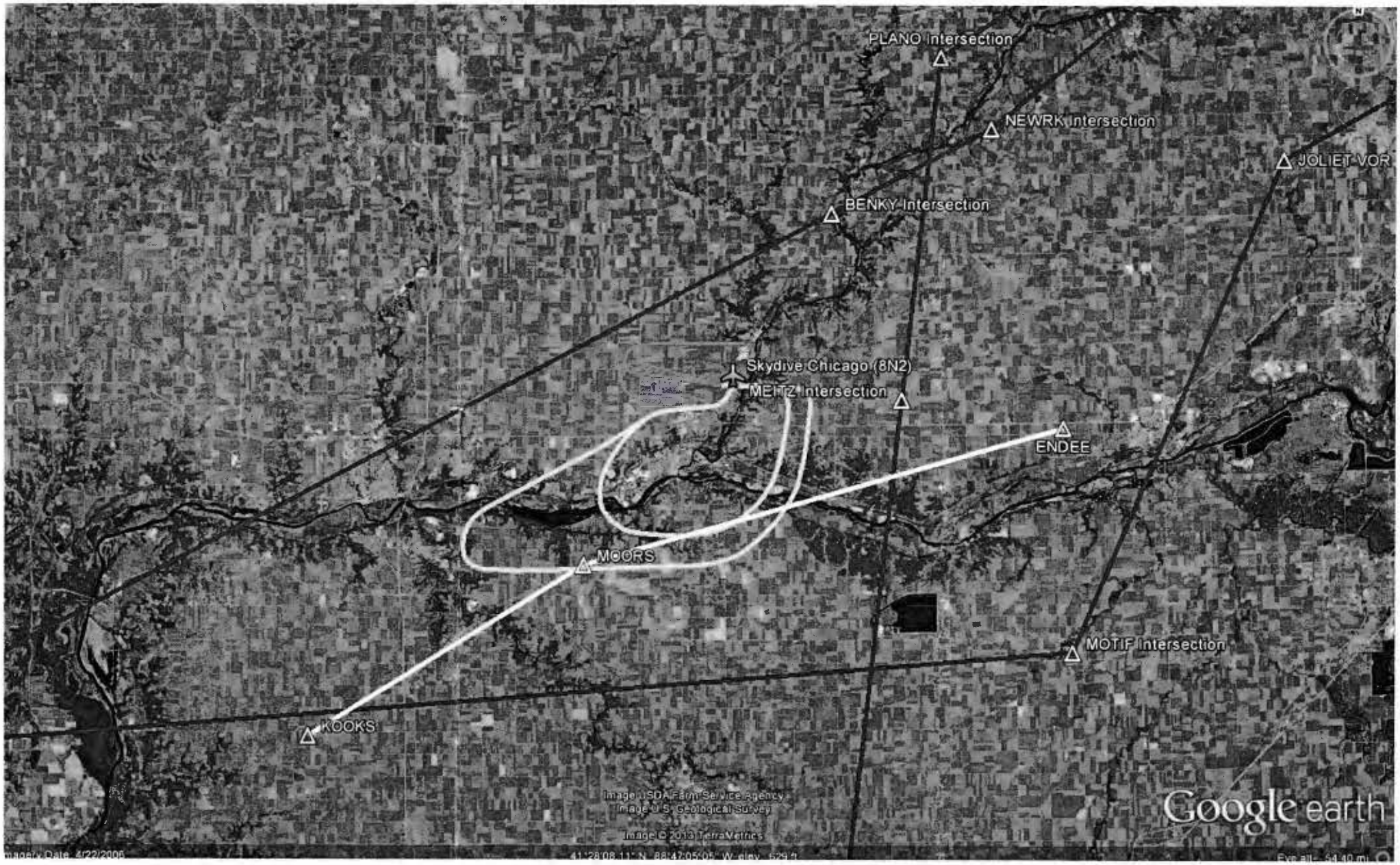
Image 2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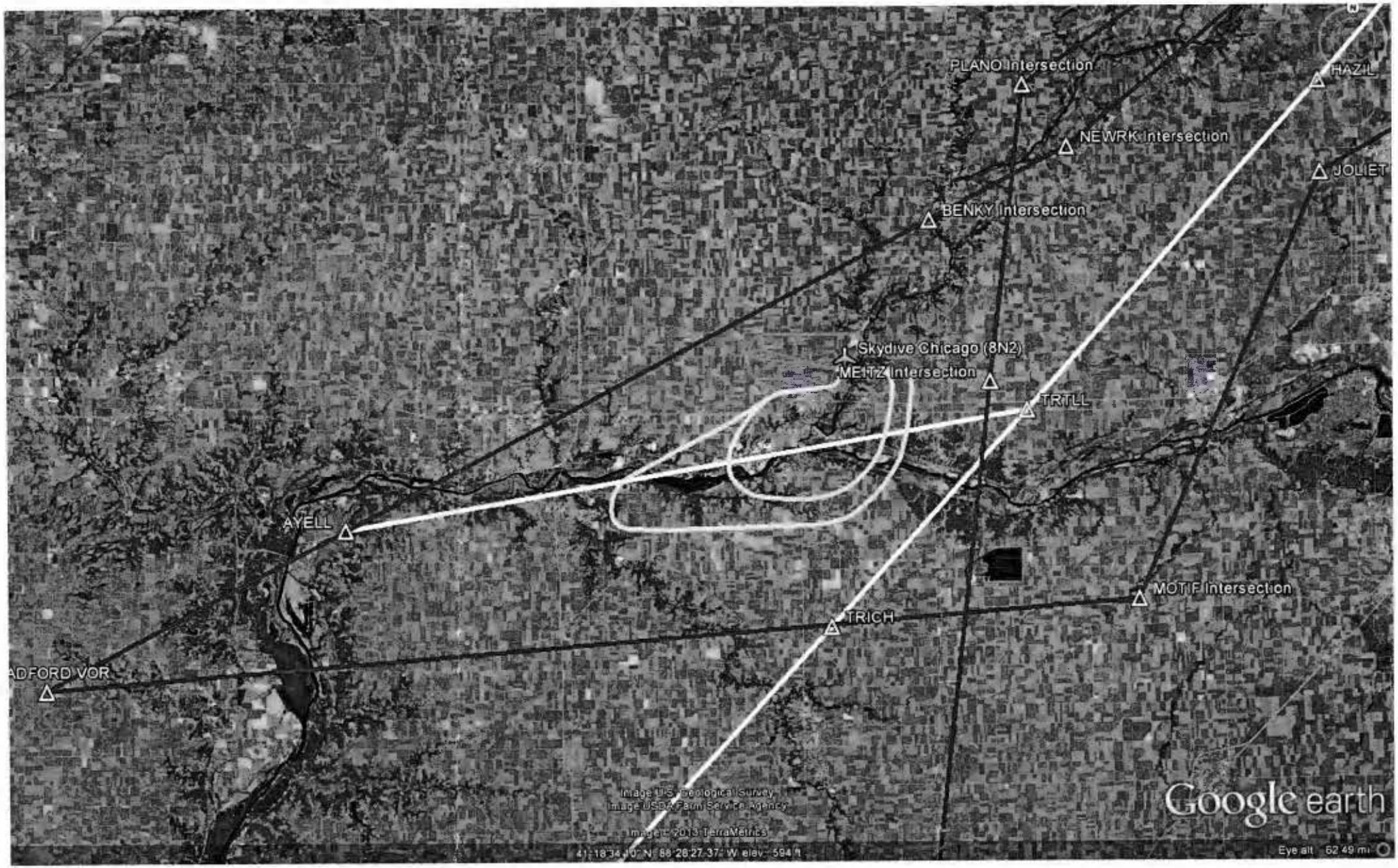
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41°18'34.10" N 88°28'27.37" W elev 594 ft
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Image 3

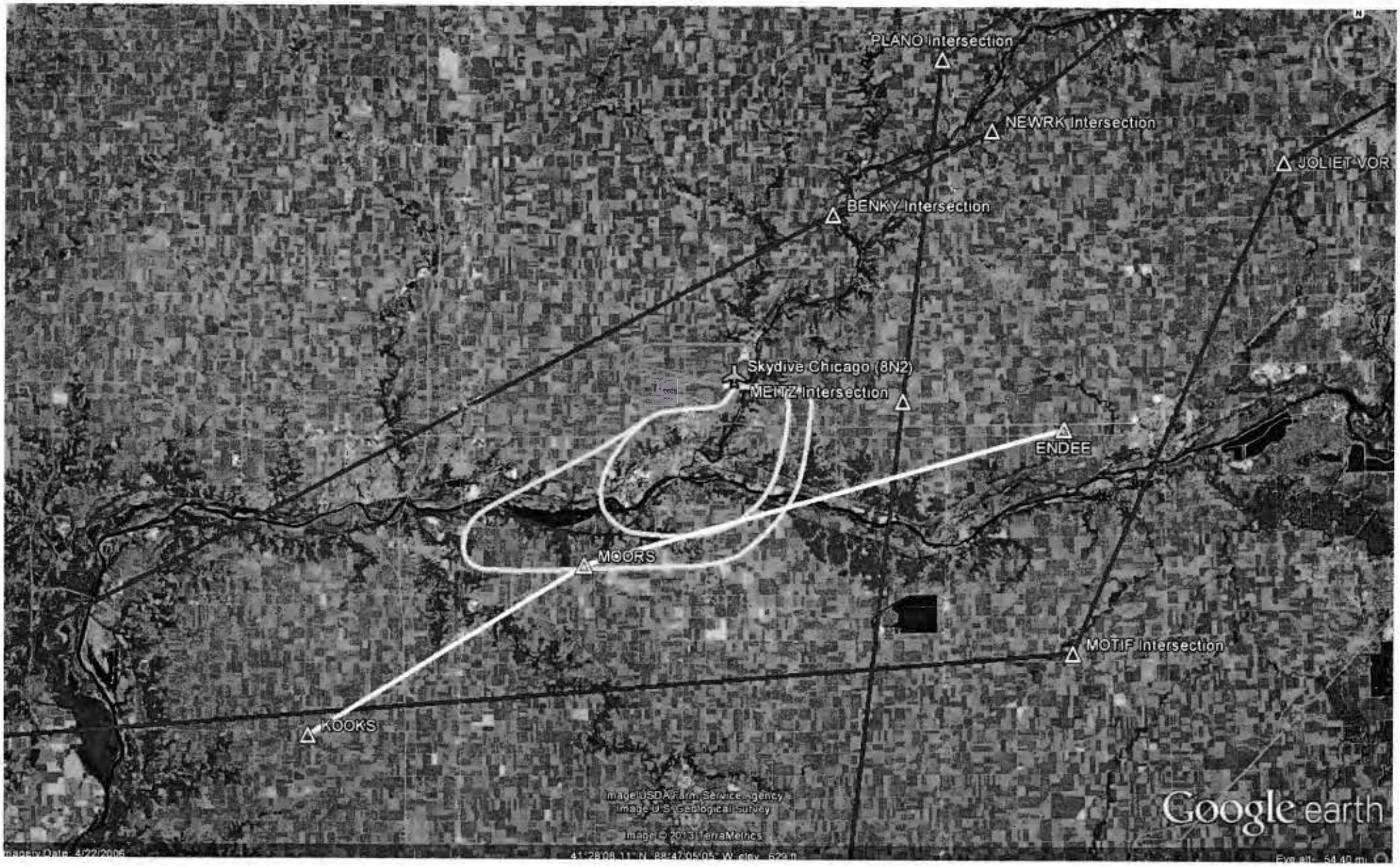
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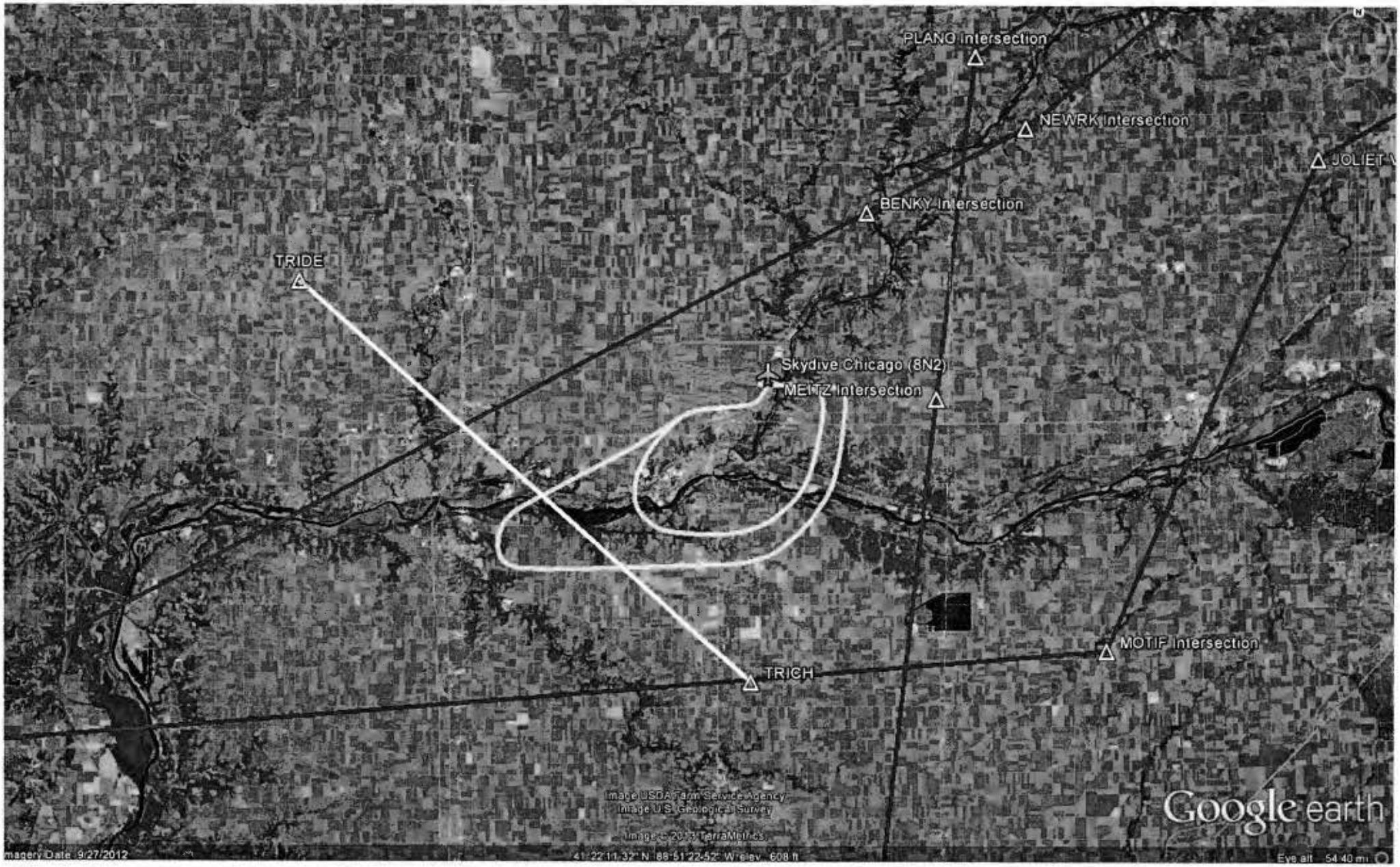
Image 4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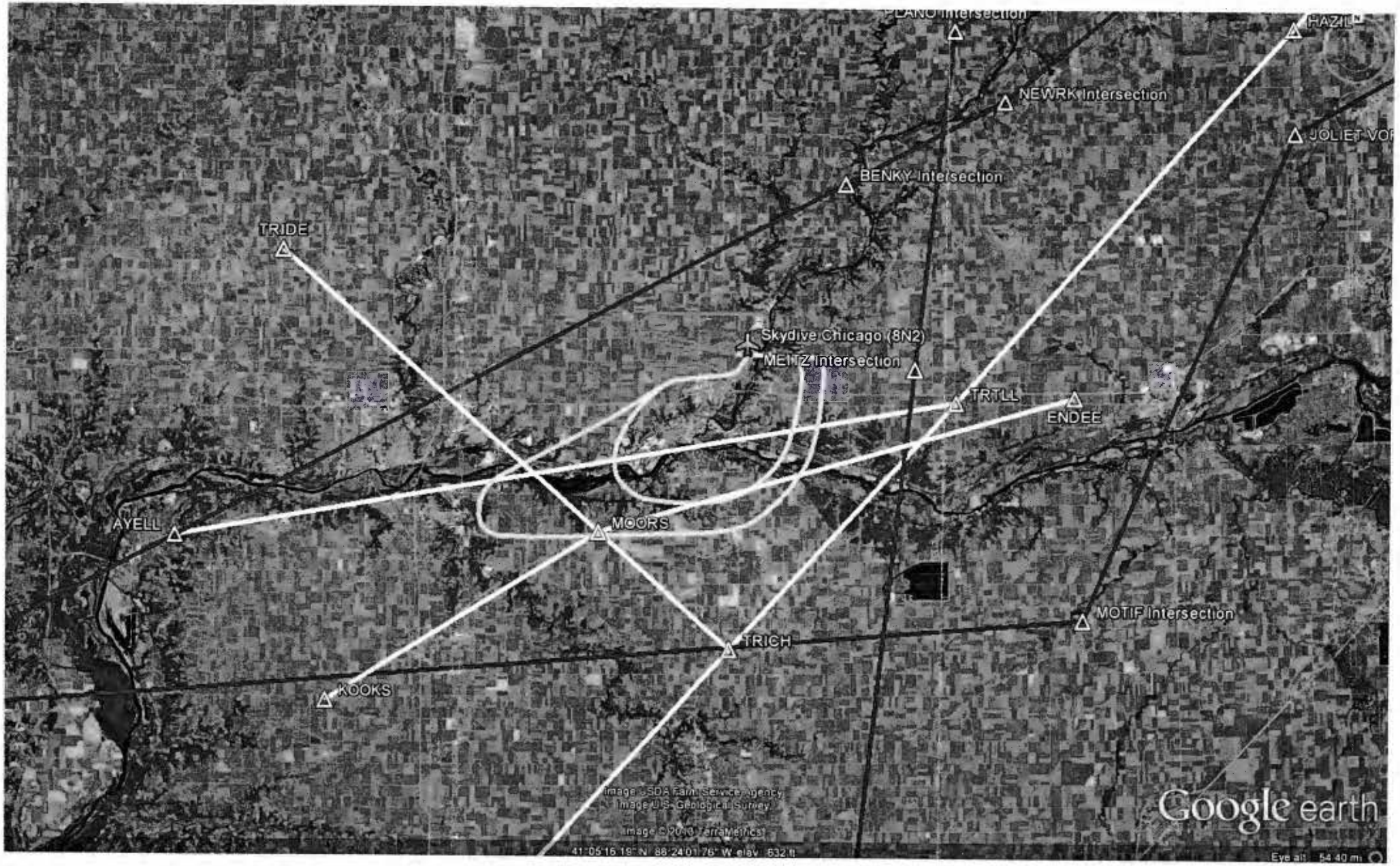
Eye alt 54.40 mi

Image 5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