Date: 2022-08-25
Flight Campaign ID: P1C1
Airport, FBO ID, City: Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (KBZN) – Bozeman, MT -> Salt Lake City International Airport (KSLC) – Salt Lake City, UT -> Flagstaff Pulliam Airport (KFLG) – Flagstaff, AZ -> Tucson International Airport (KTUS) – Tucson, AZ
Aircraft: N331AR

Domain: NA
Sites Flown: Transit - D18 to D14
Days left in Domain: NA

Report Author: Elissa
Lidar Operators: NA   Flight Hours: 06:43
Spectrometer Operators: NA  Hours until maintenance: 48.27
Ground: Mitch
Pilots: Jeremy, Vince

Summary

After another long but spectacular day, we arrived in Tucson this evening, thus concluding our four-day journey from Northern Alaska to Southern Arizona. Today's three legs comprised a grand tour of some of the West's finest National Parks, Monuments, and landmarks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Great Salt Lake, Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and for a truly epic finale, a traverse of the Grand Canyon. Such a rewarding trip was especially well-deserved by our pilots Jeremy and Vince, who lost count of their days spent in Deadhorse somewhere after 30. Thank you guys for a safe and successful transit!

Concerns

None

Comments

Upon arrival Mitch had everything ready to go to being pumping and cooling of the spectrometer. The process should be complete by Saturday afternoon, setting us up to begin D14 data collection as early as Sunday, in time for a promising “green” weather window forecasted for Monday and Tuesday.
Photos

Prepping the plane this morning at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. Photo by Elissa.

Passing by the Tetons. Photo by Elissa.
Very visible low water level of the Great Salt Lake. Photo by Elissa.

One of the geologically younger “steps” in the Grand Staircase. Photo by Elissa.
Crossing the Grand Canyon. No words for this! Photo by Elissa.
Fuel stop in Flagstaff; Arizona is very rainy right now – a good sign for peak greenness. Photo by Elissa.

Weather Forecast

Tucson, AZ (KTUS)

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source: wunderground.com

Flight Collection Plan for 26 August 2022

Continue pumping and cooling of spectrometer chamber.

Flight Crew: Mitch, Elissa