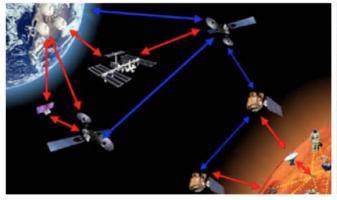
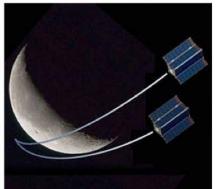
The Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex

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The Antennas

- Goldstone Consists of 8 Operational Deep Space Stations (DSS)
- Antenna Sizes Range from 34 Meters to 70 Meters in Diameter
 - DSS-13 (34m BWG: R&D)
 - DSS-14 (70m)
 - DSS-15 (34m HEF)
 - DSS-24, 25 & 26 (34m BWG)
 - DSS-28 (34m HSB: GAVRT)



The Complex

- Approximately 45 miles NW of Barstow, CA & 155 miles from JPL
- Goldstone covers ~52 square miles of Territory & is located on Fort Irwin Military Reservation
- 5 Primary Sites (Echo, Mars, Apollo, Venus & Gemini)
- Centralized Control of Assets at the Signal Processing Center (SPC-10) located at Mars Site

The People

- ~ 160 Personnel Operate/Maintain all Aspects of Complex Functions
- Very Diverse Skill-Sets
 - Spacecraft Communication Operators
 - Electronic/Digital, RF, Communications, Hydro-Mechanical Technicians & Field Engineers
 - Electrical, HVAC, System Controls, Fire Protection, Facility Maintenance Technicians & Field Engineers
 - Finance, Logistics, Business & Armed Security Support Staff
 - Outreach







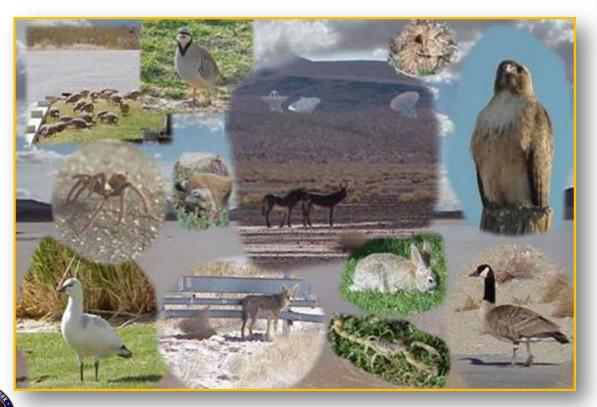


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The Environment

- Vast Array of Wildlife
- Goldstone is home to wide variety of flora & fauna, two endangered species & some dangerous species
- Temperatures Range from Below Zero to +120° F











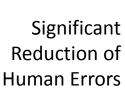


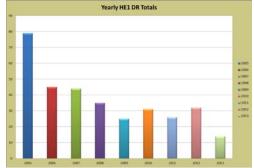
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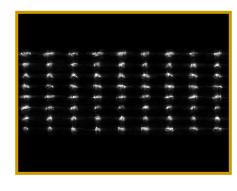
Operational Efficiency

- High Power Radiation Clearance Process
- Improved Workstations
- 2-Links per Operator





Increasing Demand on Goldstone High Power Radar



72 individual radargenerated images of asteroid 2012 DA14 created using data from NASA's 70m DSN antenna at Goldstone



Goldstone Radiation Avoidance Map (GRAM)



Workstation Upgrades







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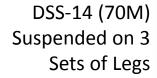


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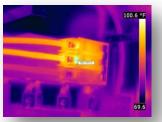
- Site-Wide Uninterruptible Power Supply (SWUPS)
- Vast Infrastructure Upgrades
- Extensive Expansion of Infrared & Predictive Technologies
- DSS-14 70m DLM Life Extension



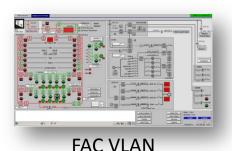
4MW SWUPS







IR 'Find' Capture



Implementation



Upgrades

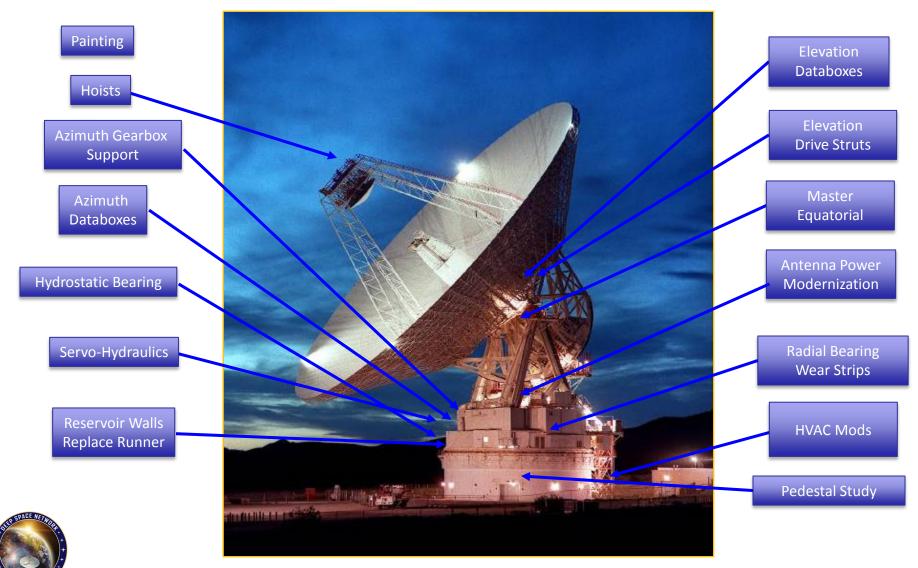






DSS-14: 70M Antenna Life Extension Tasks









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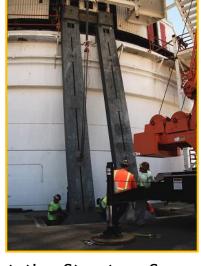




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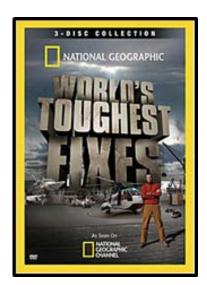
Alignment of Runner Segments



Rotating Structure Support Installation



El Bearing Replacement



Removal of Pad





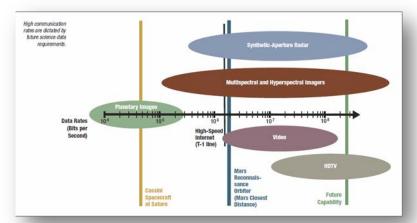


GDSCC Future Upgrades & Initiatives



Future Upgrades & Initiatives

- 80kW Transmitter
- Addition of 4th 34m BWG Antenna
- Automated Link Builder (ALB)
- **Consolidating Footprint**
- **Optical Communication**



High Communication Rates are Dictated by Future Science Data Requirements



100kW Klystron under **Test**









GDSCC In Action



















