
Re: "PYD" Radio Direction Beacon Near Groom Lake

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>Subj: PYD Found!!!
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>Mystery of PYD solved! I just returned from a conference in Las Vegas,
>where I was able to conclusively RDF the site of PYD 414. It is
>located (as was briefly alluded to) near Groom Lake in Nellis AFB,

That would be the "big radar" facility NW of the lakebed. This is supposedly a large rotating antenna, and it does show up on most maps and overhead photos (though I have yet to see anything with decent detail). One of the current theories is that this is associated with a system for in-flight radar cross section measurement- which would explain the beacon. You'd want to use it somewhat like a waypoint or VOR to home in on from various directions to get RCS measurements from different angles, speeds, etc.

Dan

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