

# **2014 AEROTRIANGULATION and ORTHORECTIFICATION for Teton County – 1977 Imagery**

**Data Development Report**

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# 1. Project Information

The purpose of this report is to document the orientation, aerotriangulation, and orthorectification processes and results for the 1977 Teton County Imagery, consisting of one block from Kelly to Hoback Junction, and another block in the foothills above Moran Junction.

Aerial Photography was acquired in the summer of 1977.

Orthorectification was performed in the winter of 2014.

The datums for this project are as follows:

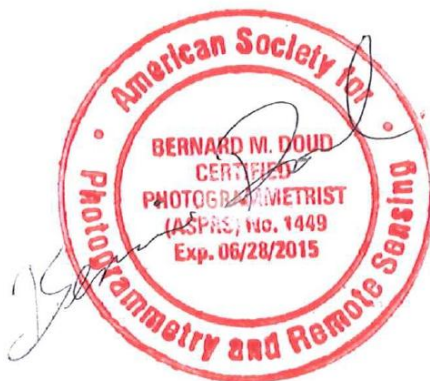
Horizontal Datum: State Plane Wyoming West NAD83 US Feet

Other relevant project parameters:

3-band, natural color imagery

1' pixel resolution

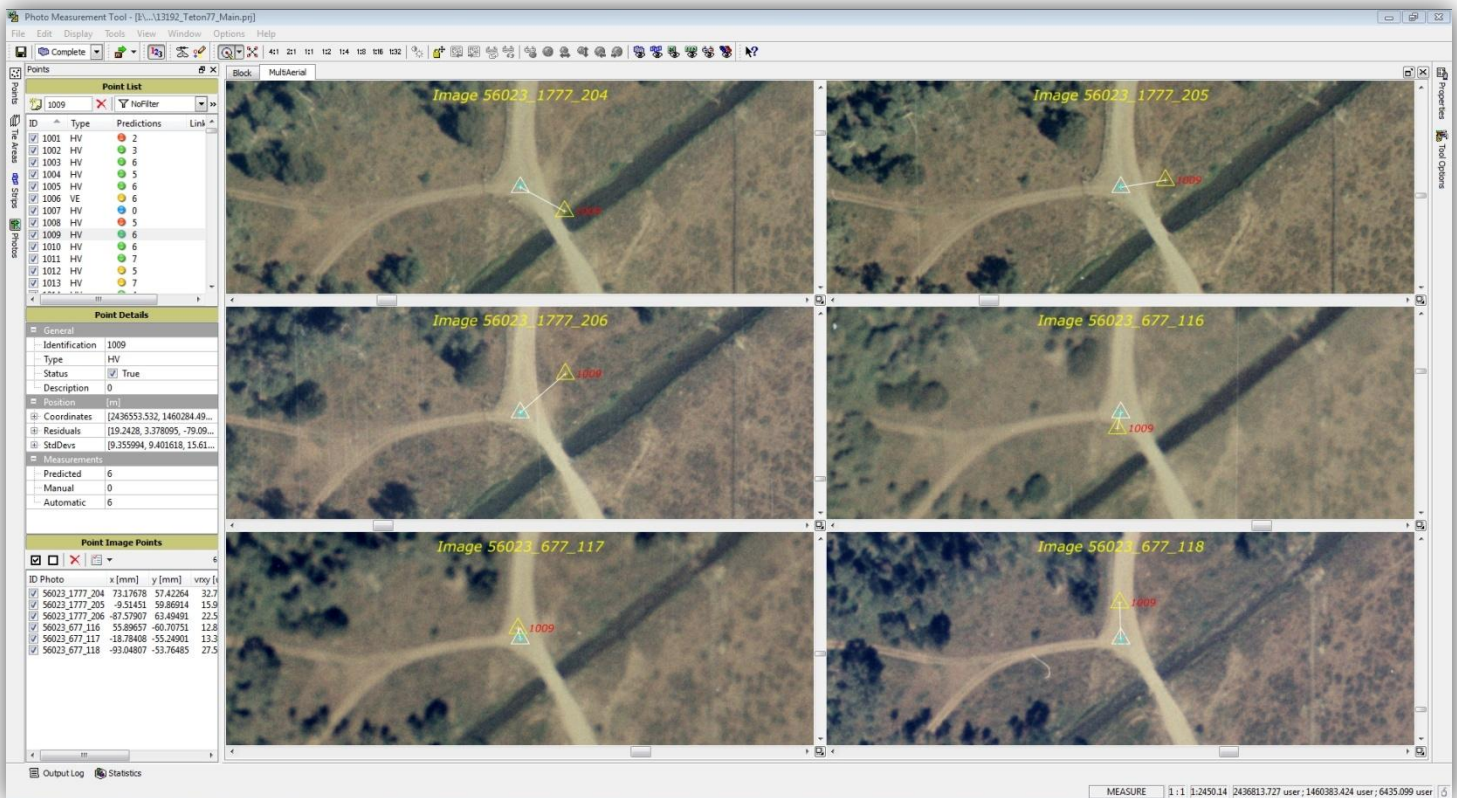
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## 2. Aerotriangulation Process



Trimble-Inpho's Match-AT software (Version 5.5) was utilized to perform fully analytical digital aero-triangulation. Manually measured tie points extended full control for each stereo model.

Camera calibration parameters were provided for the camera used on these flights and were used to account for lens distortions and other aberrations.

In this process we assigned approximate X-Y values to the center of each image, based on visual matching to the same features in Google Earth. for initial image positioning and orientation. The image block was then stitched together by manually measuring tie points. These points tie each image to its neighbors in the same flightline and also to those in adjacent flightlines. Photo identifiable control points, common to the 1977 imagery and USGS 7.5-minute quad sheets, were identified and measured manually throughout the Snake River Valley and into the foothills. Out of necessity, many of these were less-than-ideal features such as road intersections that had changed minimally over the 37-year time period. These photo IDs, along with tie points and images, were then processed together in a final bundle adjustment to refine the photo

center points and provide the best orientation solution that minimized cumulative error throughout the project.

Once the AT solution was complete, we used Inpho DTMaster (version 5.5) to check every model and ground control point in stereo. We confirmed that some of the expected errors with the photo IDs did exist. These errors were introduced through minor photo ID positional differences between datasets over 37 years.

In conjunction with minimizing ground control error, we ensured that all parallax was cleared and that all tie points were on the ground – with no points floating or digging. Our QA/QC procedures aim to find gross errors and correct them before the AT results are passed on to our orthorectification staff.

### **3. Digital Orthorectification Process**

An Aero-Graphics-generated 60-foot autocorrelated grid was used for the orthorectification surface, and the digital imagery underwent automatic orthorectification in a one-step batch process using Inpho's OrthoMaster software. Aero-Graphics utilizes Inpho's distributed processing features, which allows multiple idle workstations to process ortho tiles simultaneously and greatly expedites turnaround time.

The orthorectified imagery tiles were then adjusted in Inpho's OrthoVista software to compute subtle radiometric adjustments that compensate for visual effects within individual images. OrthoVista then performed a block-wide color balance by adjusting adjacent images to match. This achieves a uniform appearance across the project. Multiple orthophotos were combined into one seamless, balanced and geometrically-perfect ortho mosaic.

Aero-Graphics then conducted its standard quality control procedures. The orthoimagery was inspected by a QC Inspector completely removed from the project, where linear and above-ground features were reviewed to detect misalignment and warping. In addition, the Project Manager and AT/Ortho Manager spot-checked all deliverables for correct balance, accuracy, and data integrity prior to delivery.

## 4. Horizontal Accuracy

Foundational accuracy challenges notwithstanding, the final orthophoto was reasonably accurate in the most important locations. The most appropriate benchmarks to compare the 1977 imagery were 2009 NAIP imagery and USGS 7.5' quadrangles. Our strategic spot checks found horizontal error averaging 3-20' in many of the flat valley areas, but more significant errors (~80') were present near the mountain peaks and ridges.