

Flight Guidelines for Shading Analysis Inspection

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MAPPING FLIGHT

Ground Sample Distance (GSD): 2 cm/pxr (0.8 in/px) Appox. altitude 91.4 m (300 ft.) AGL

Gimbal Pitch:

Nadir (straight down) -90 degrees from horizon

Overlap: 80% front overlap, 80% side overlap

Flight Area:

The flight path should cover the entire site including neighboring tree line with a grid flight pattern.

I UAS REQUIREMENTS

Drone:

Obliques captured with multi-copter UAS with gimbal mounted camera (e.g. DJI Phantom 4 Pro).

High-Resolution Camera:

5472×3648 pixel (20 MP) resolution minimum e.g. Phantom 4 Pro camera, Zenmuse X4S.

Note: Before you begin, confirm that trees have sufficient foliage for image capture and analysis.

ORBITAL FLIGHT

Altitude:

Approx. 250 ft. above the tree-line.

Gimbal Pitch:

Approx. 30 degrees facing toward the tree line and away from the center of the site (no horizon or sky should be visible in images).

Overlap:

50-70% side overlap

Flight Area:

Flight should be flown in a circle around entire perimeter of array and 50 ft inward from the bordering obstructions.



I OUTWARD OBLIQUE FLIGHT

Altitude: Approx. 100 ft. above the tree-line

Gimbal Pitch: -15.0 to -45.0 degrees from horizon

Overlap:

No overlap

Flight Area:

Flight should be flown above the center of the solar site, with 8 images taken in the 8 cardinal directions.