



**Poudre Canyon Group**  
Rocky Mountain Chapter



**CLEAN WATER ACTION**

March 5, 2012

Governor John Hickenlooper  
136 State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

Over the past year, we have heard many rumors about alleged illegal dumping of drilling and fracking fluids and wastes in Weld County. Using free, publicly available satellite imagery, we investigated some of these possible allegations and have recovered the images below. These images appear to support the rumored allegations and may suggest that drillers and frackers may have been driving tanker trucks offroad, opening the valve on the tanks while driving, and spraying drilling and fracking fluids and wastes across the landscape.

The images suggest that the chemicals sprayed out may have killed the vegetation on the landscape – green areas are turned orange/brown or completely white. Two-track wheel tracks can be seen trailing some of the alleged possible dumping sites.

Here's a detailed inset view of one of these images: <http://water.clean.home.comcast.net/~water.clean/Weld-County-collage-12345.jpg>

Here's a time-sequence of the possible alleged dumping site detailed above showing that the scar remains on the landscape over a year later: <http://water.clean.home.comcast.net/~water.clean/Weld-time-sequence2-2006-2011.jpg>

Given the possibility that these allegations may be true, we suggest that the prudent course of action would be to direct the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, or another appropriate State agency to investigate the alleged possible illegal dumping of drilling and fracking fluids and wastes in Weld County suggested in the images below. There are many more similar images – feel free to contact us for additional information and details.

We look forward to a response about our request.

Respectfully,

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4/30/2006

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Shane Davis  
Weld County  
North of Keenesburg, CO  
~5 miles

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Imagery Date: 4/30/2006 1999

1151 ft

40°14'07.74" N 104°33'56.41" W elev 4743 ft





3/11/2010  
1999 2011

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Weld County  
North of Keenesburg, CO  
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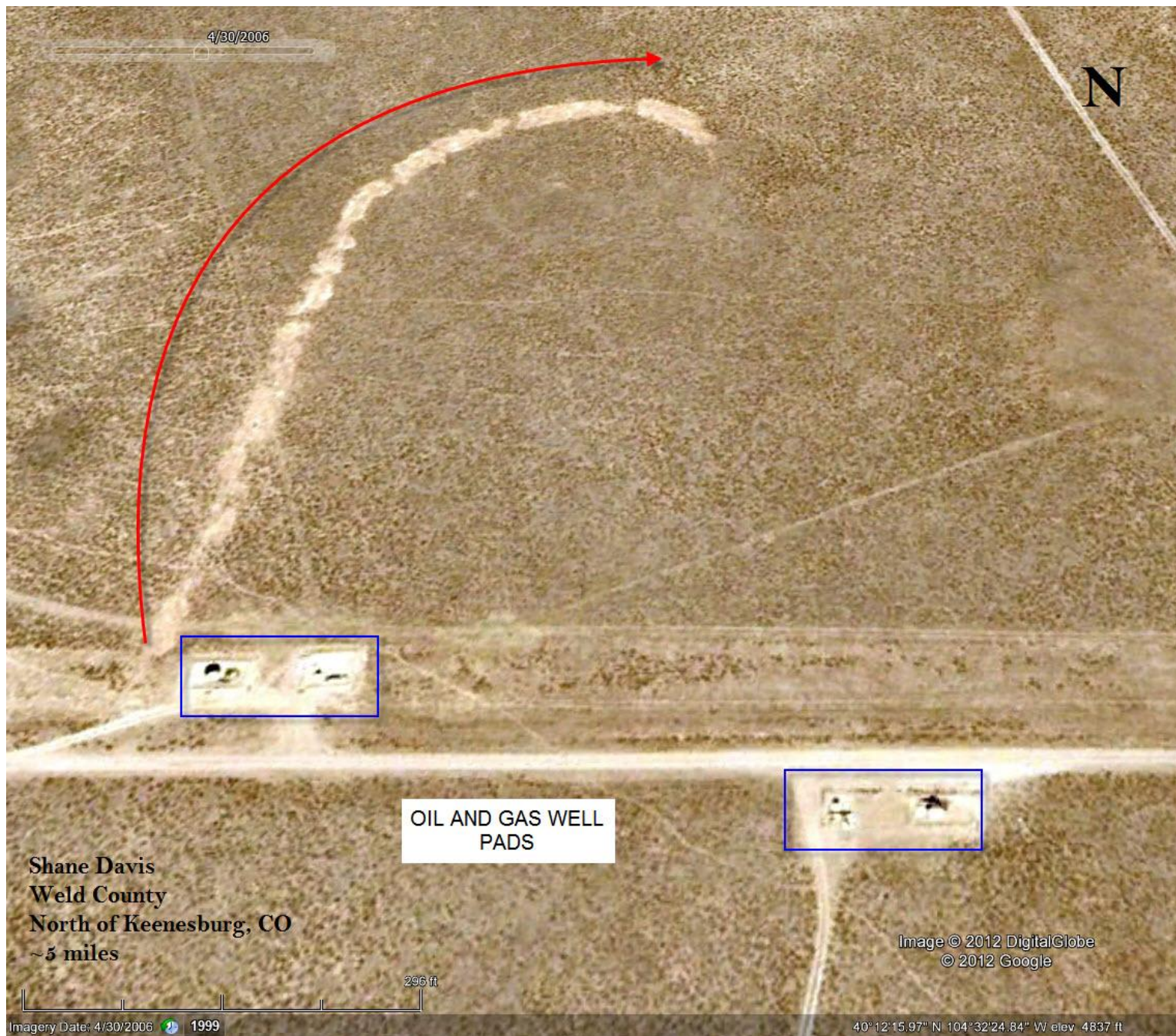
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556 ft

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40°13'14.62" N 104°33'58.02" W elev 4766 ft





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OIL AND GAS WELL  
PADS

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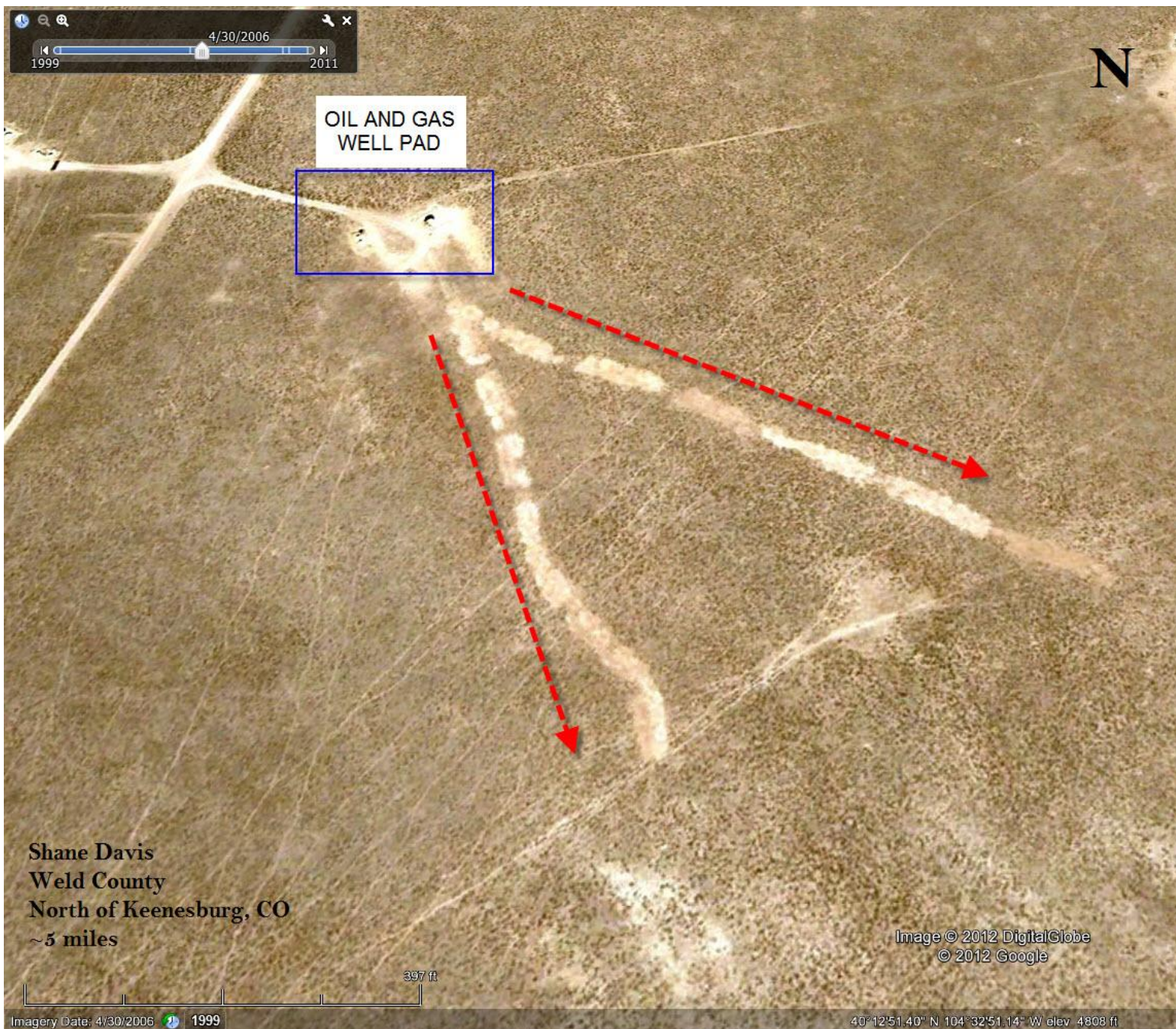
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296 ft

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40°12'15.97" N 104°32'24.84" W elev 4837 ft









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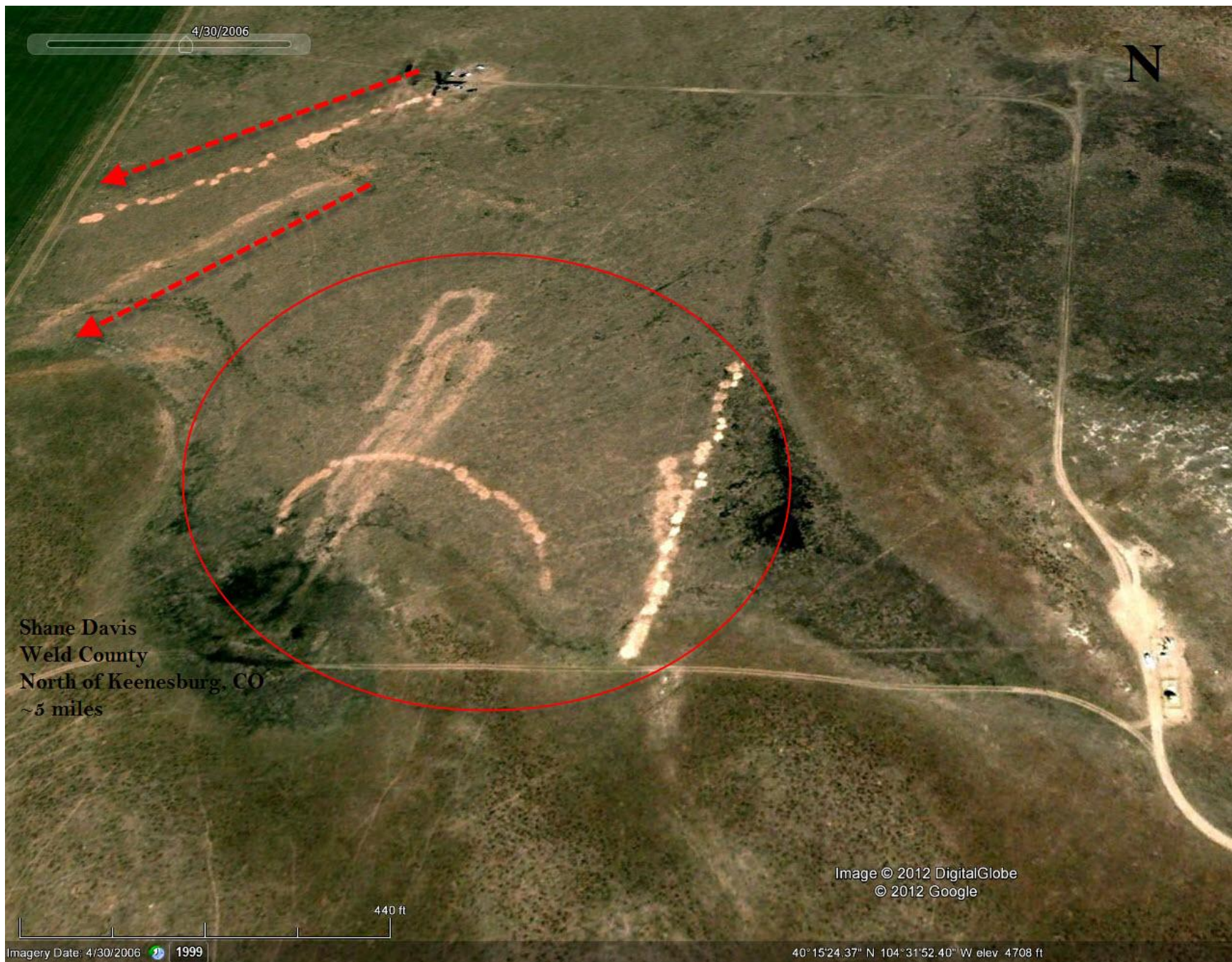
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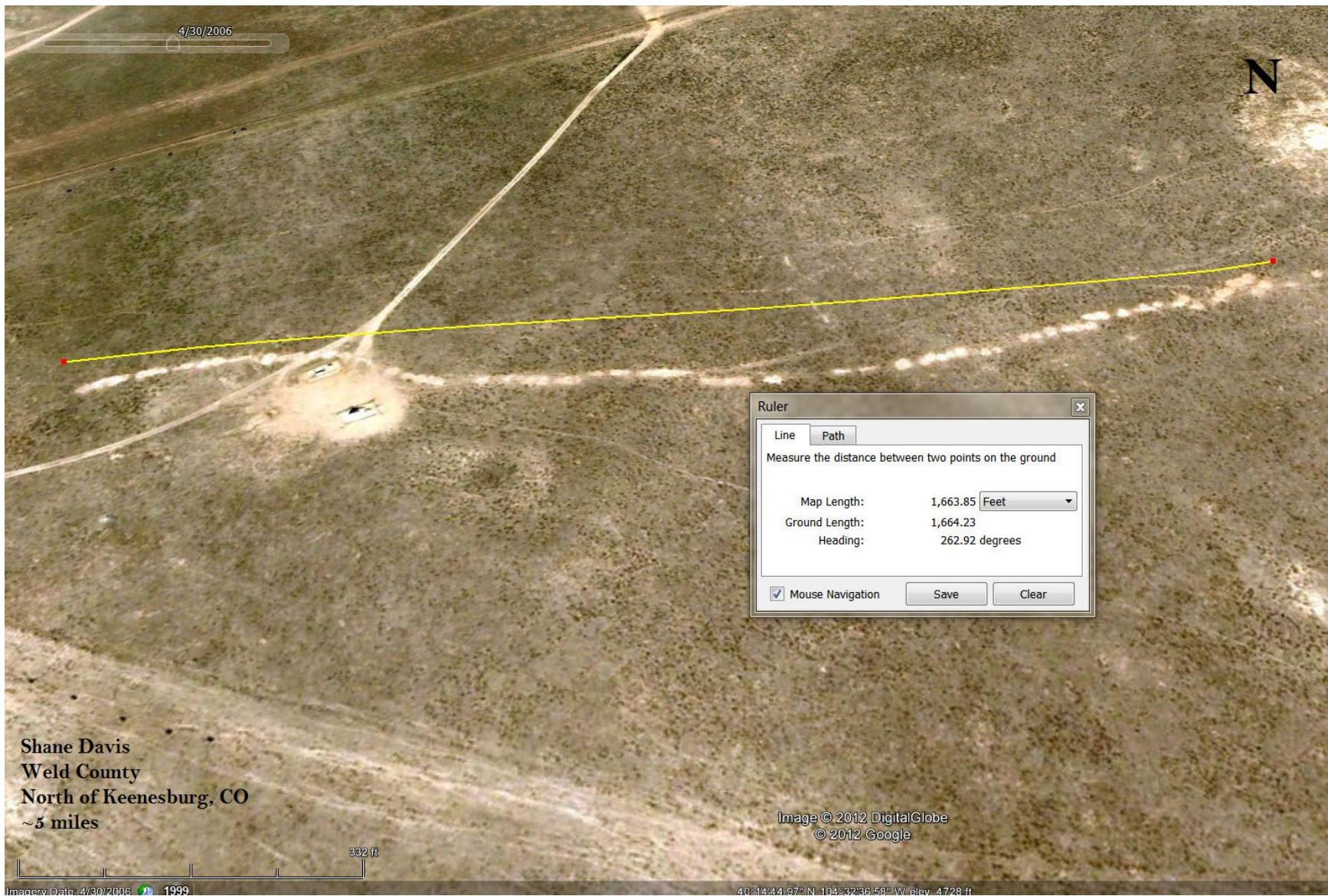












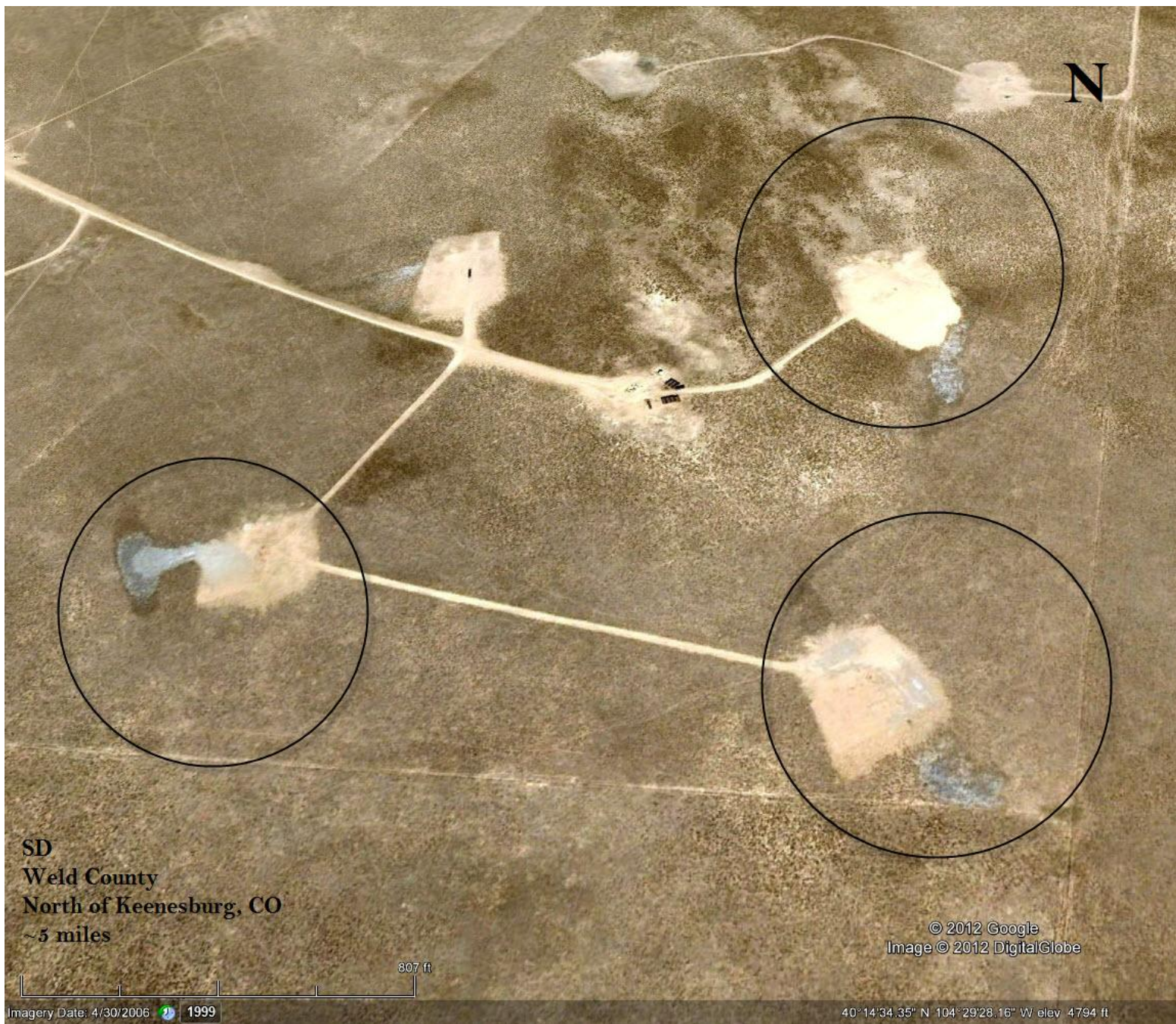
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40°14'34.35" N 104°29'28.16" W elev 4794 ft