

Confirming the Solar and Celestial Alignments and Potential Map at the “Table Rock” Petroglyph

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- There was an expansive Ancestral Puebloan (i.e., Fremont) presence at Utah Lake circa 500 – 1300 AD.









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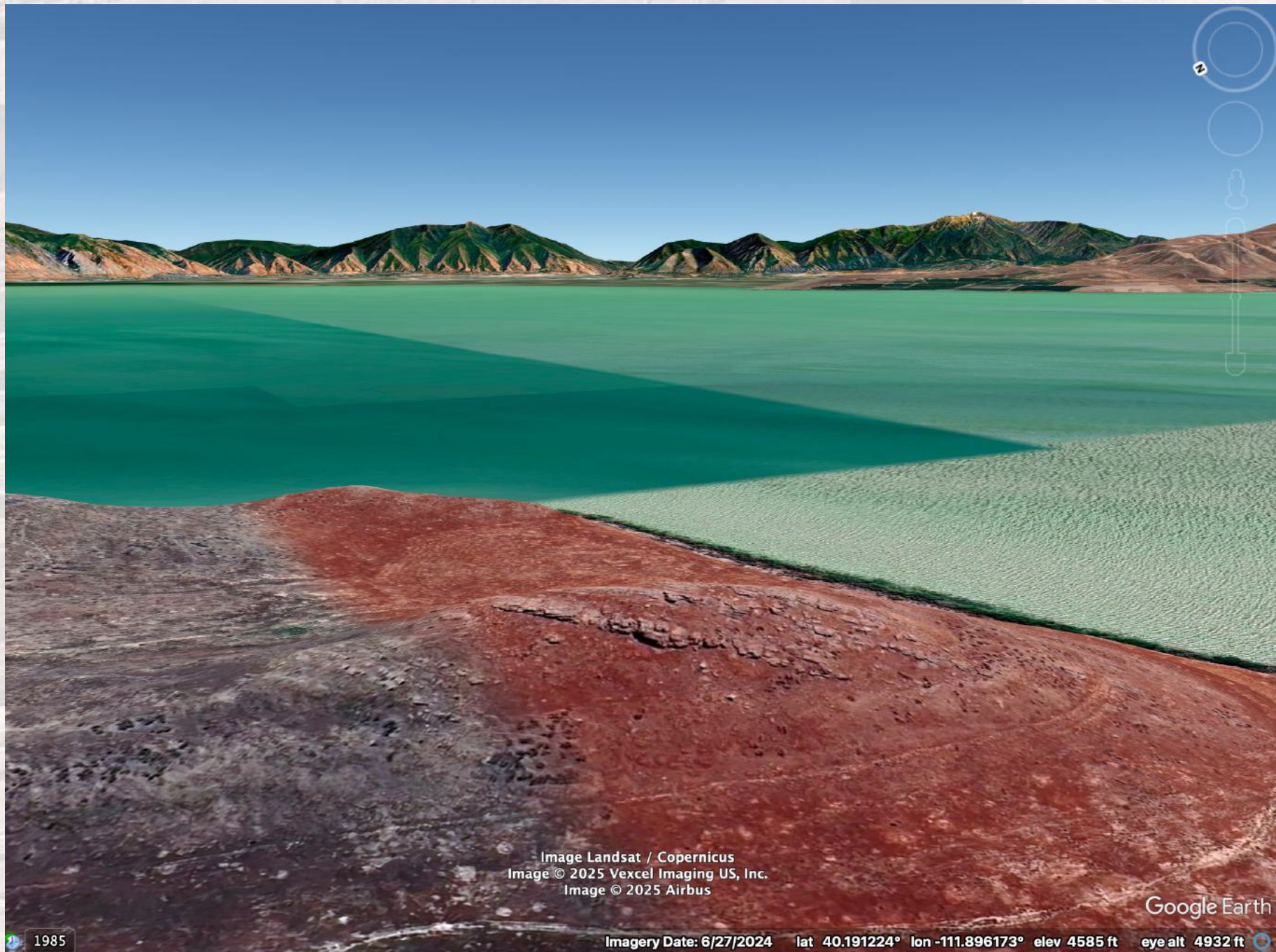


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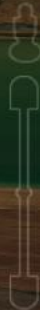
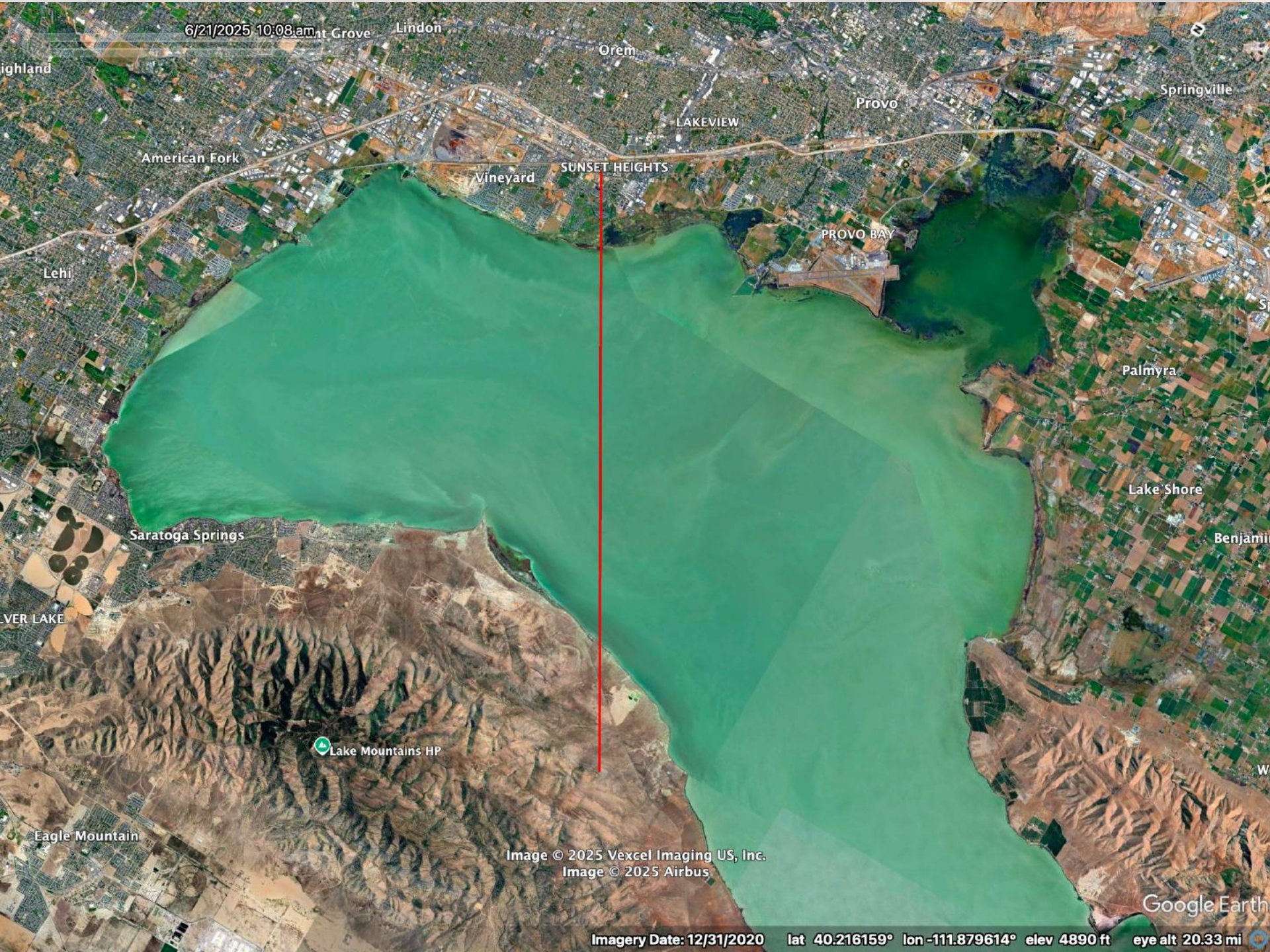


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Highland

American Fork

Lehi

Saratoga Springs

VER LAKE

Eagle Mountain

Lake Mountains HP

Vineyard

SUNSET HEIGHTS

Orem

LAKEVIEW

Provo

PROVO BAY

Springville

Palmyra

Lake Shore

Benjamin

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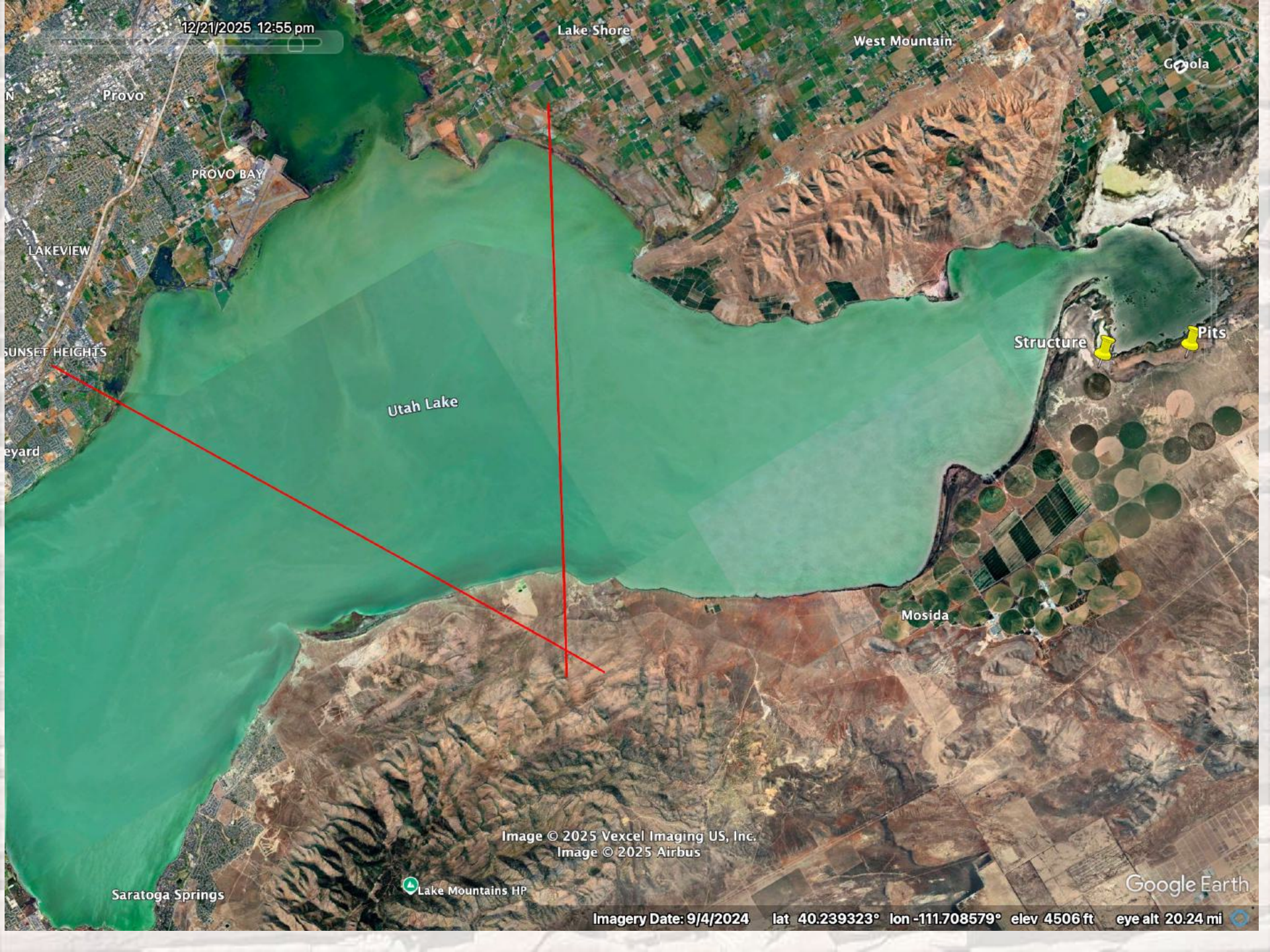
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Lake Shore

West Mountain

Gould

Provo

PROVO BAY

LAKEVIEW

SUNSET HEIGHTS

eyard

Utah Lake

Structure

Pits

Mosida

Saratoga Springs

Lake Mountains HP

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South Knolls Lookout point

Lake mountain

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An aerial photograph showing a U-shaped stone wall constructed from light-colored, irregularly shaped stones. The wall is situated on a dry, sandy, and rocky terrain with scattered clumps of green grass. A red double-headed arrow spans the width of the opening of the U-shape, with a white rectangular box containing the text "12 FT" centered above it.

12 FT

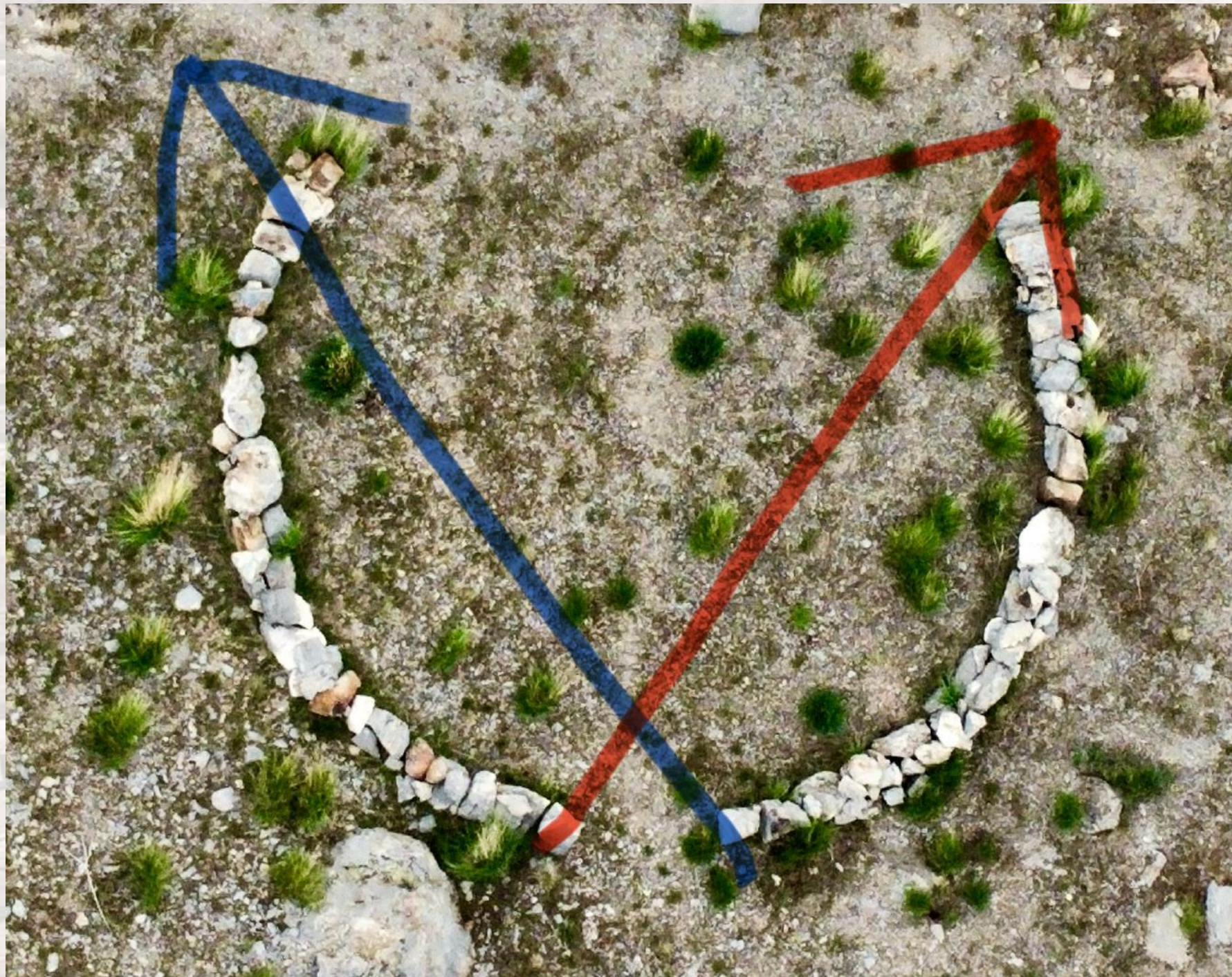






Table Rock

(42UT1454, Panel 1)

- Located 1 mile from the Smith Archaeological Preserve; western shore of Utah Lake.



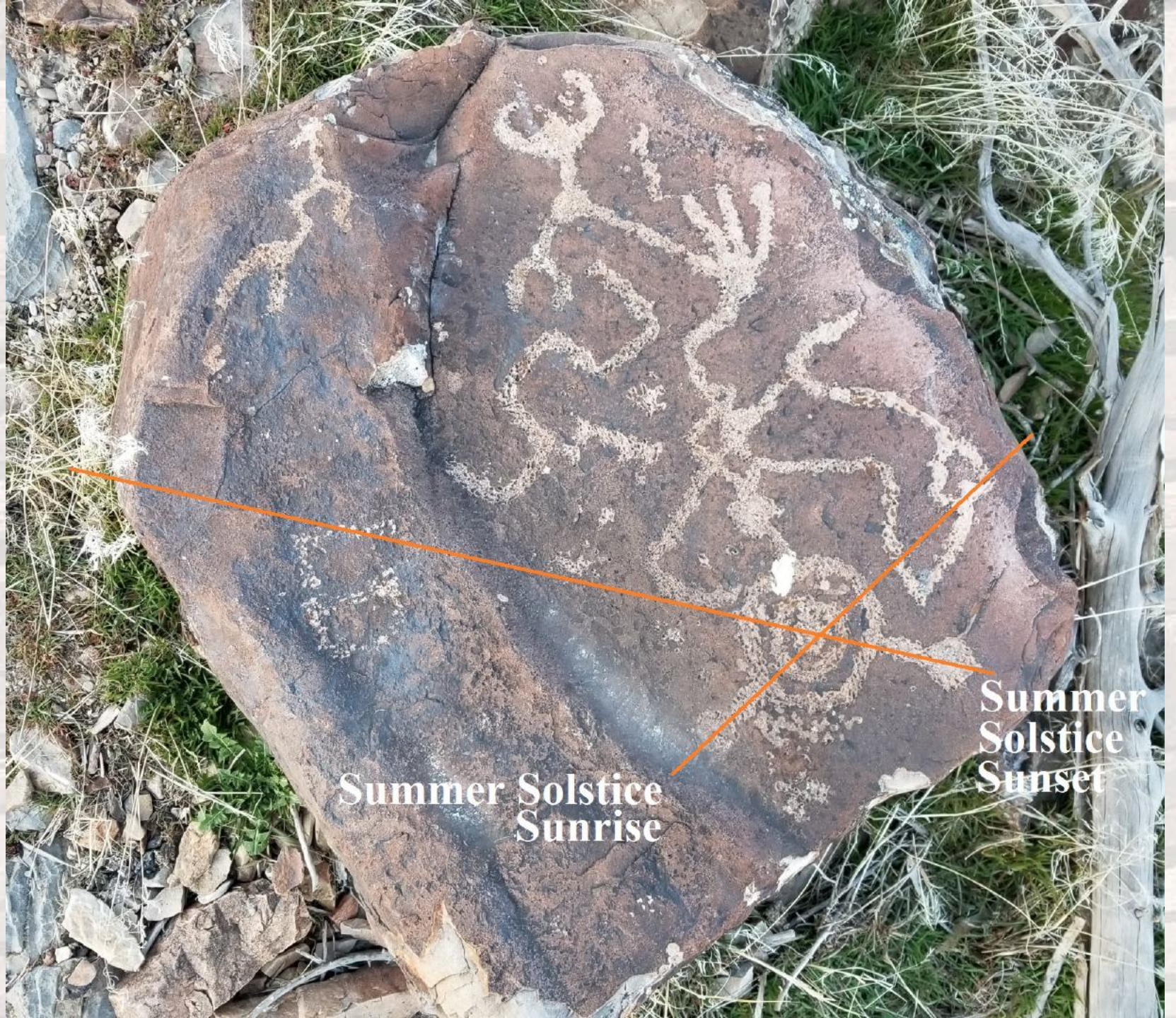






Nina Bowen's summer
solstice sunrise
photograph, 18 June
2006.





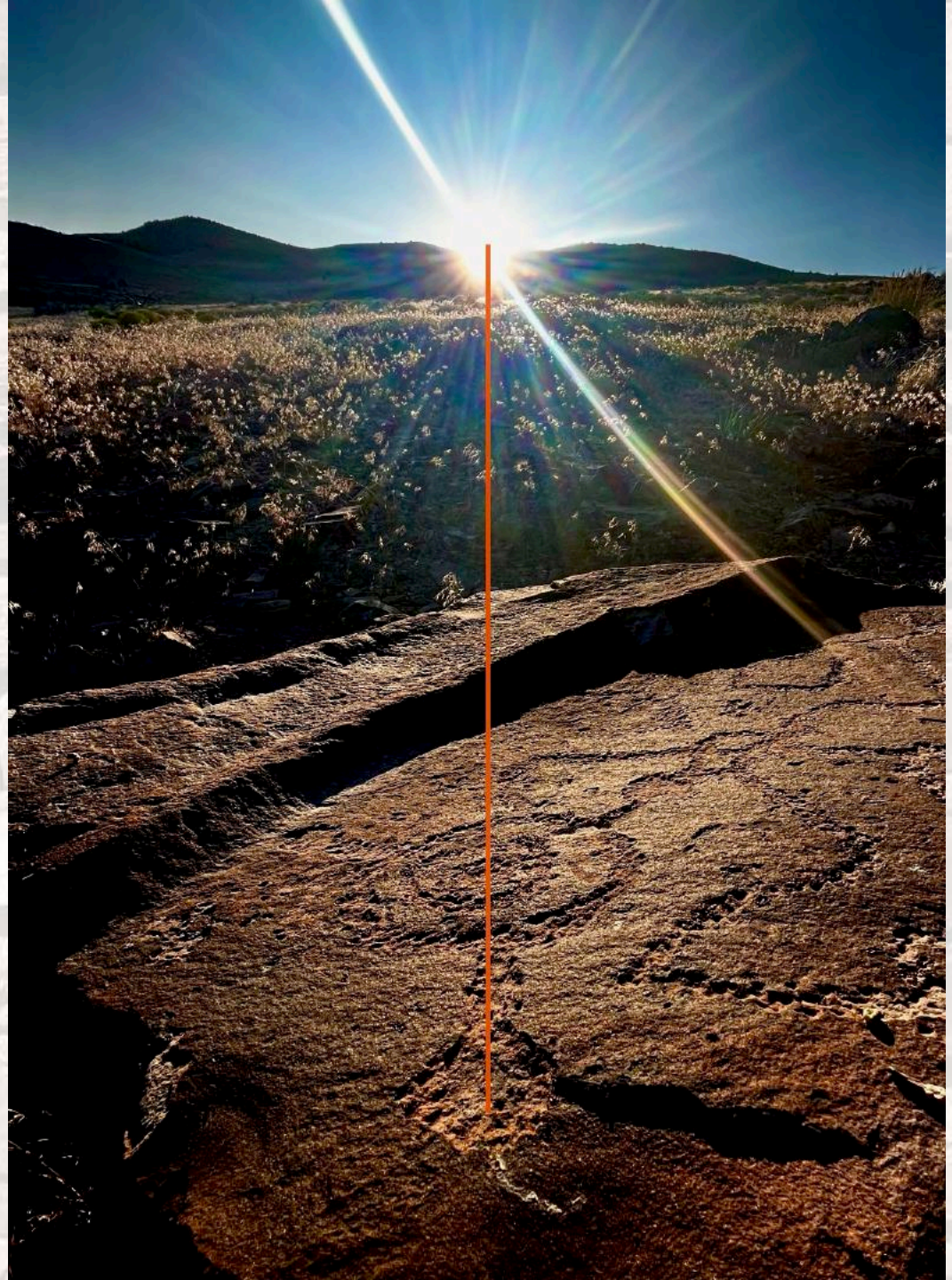
Summer Solstice
Sunrise

Summer
Solstice
Sunset

- Sunrise at the Table Rock petroglyph, Utah Lake, 16 June 2025.
- The “Line-and-Dot” motif on the western side of the glyph aligns with the summer solstice sunrise.



- Sunset at the Table Rock petroglyph, Utah Lake, 21 June 2025.
- The “Line-and-Dot” motif on the eastern side of the glyph aligns with the summer solstice sunset.



Concentric Circle Motif:

“In Pueblo explanations of this old symbol, so standardized as possibly to warrant designation as a glyph, the outer circle represents the ring of light around the Sun, the second represents Sun himself ...”



Concentric Circle Motif:

“... and the inner circle or dot his umbilicus, which opens to provide mankind with game and other food”

Ellis & Hammack
1968:35





Concentric Circle = Sun Glyph

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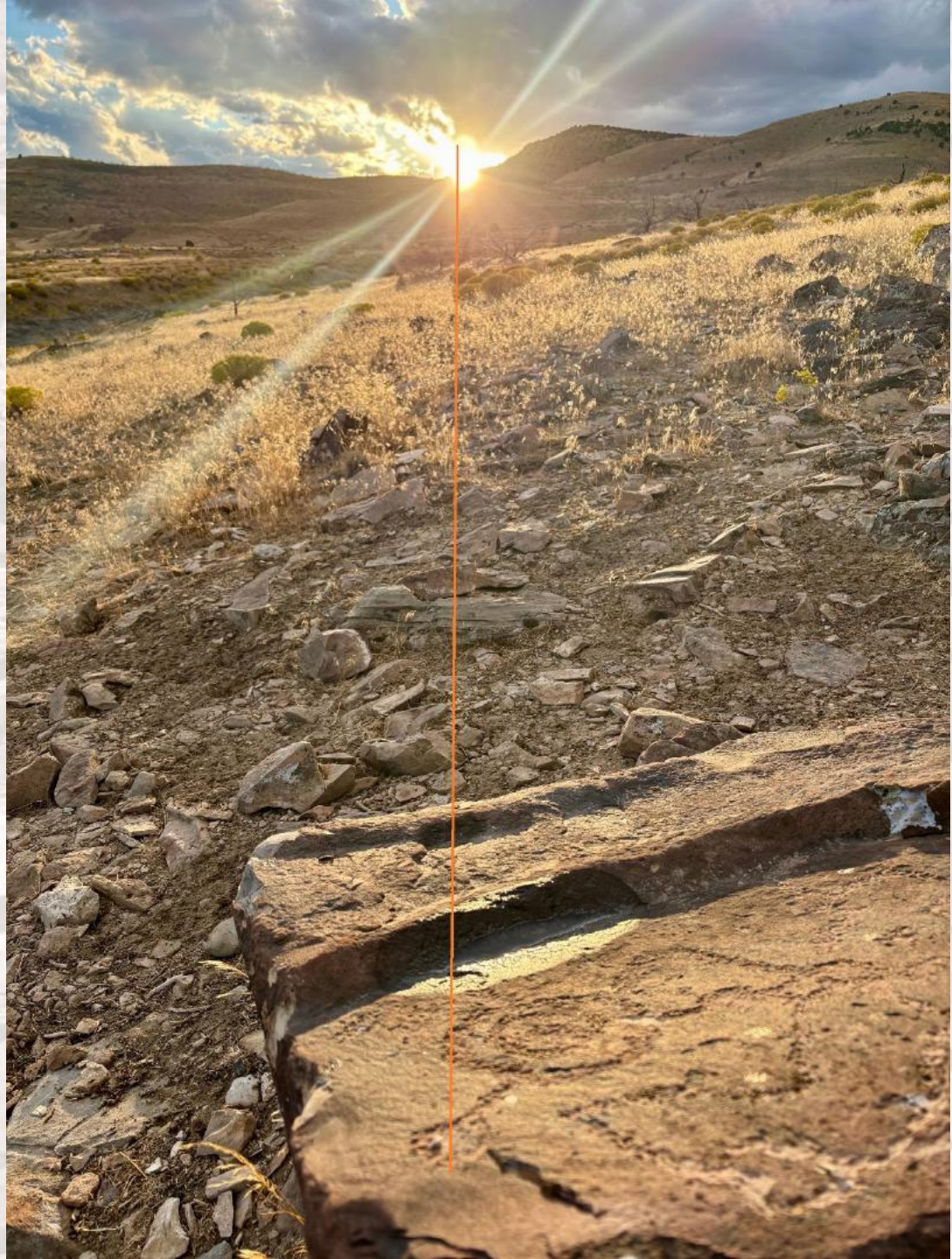
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equinox
alignment?



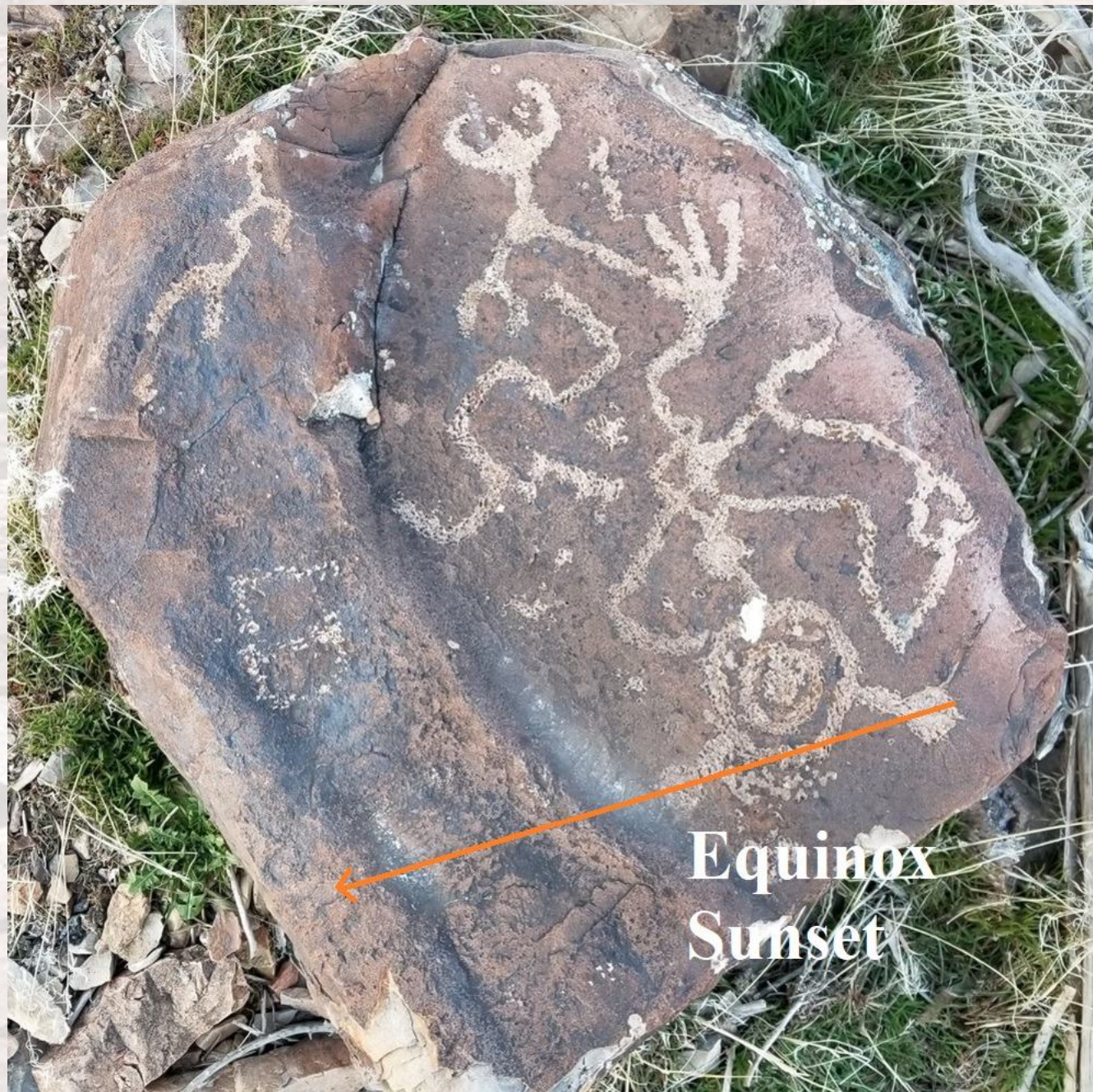
The equinox
sunrise **did not**
make an
alignment at
Table Rock.



The equinox
sunset **did** make
an alignment at
Table Rock.



Equinox
alignment.



Equinox
Sunset

The “Line”
motif at the
upper portion
of Table Rock
points
3° - 4° west of
Polaris, the
Pole Star.





to Vega
(North Star in
the year 14,000)

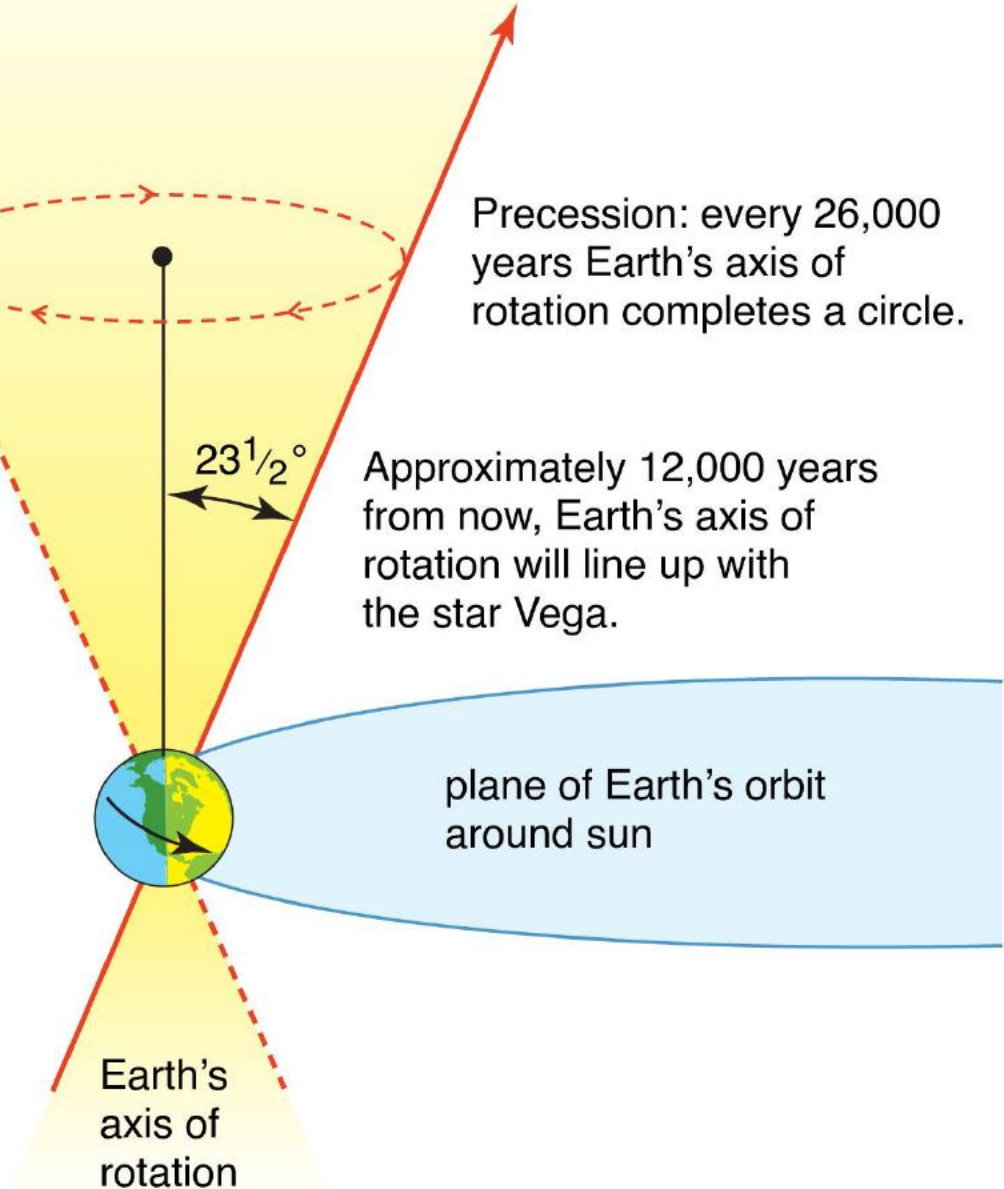
to Polaris
(North Star now)

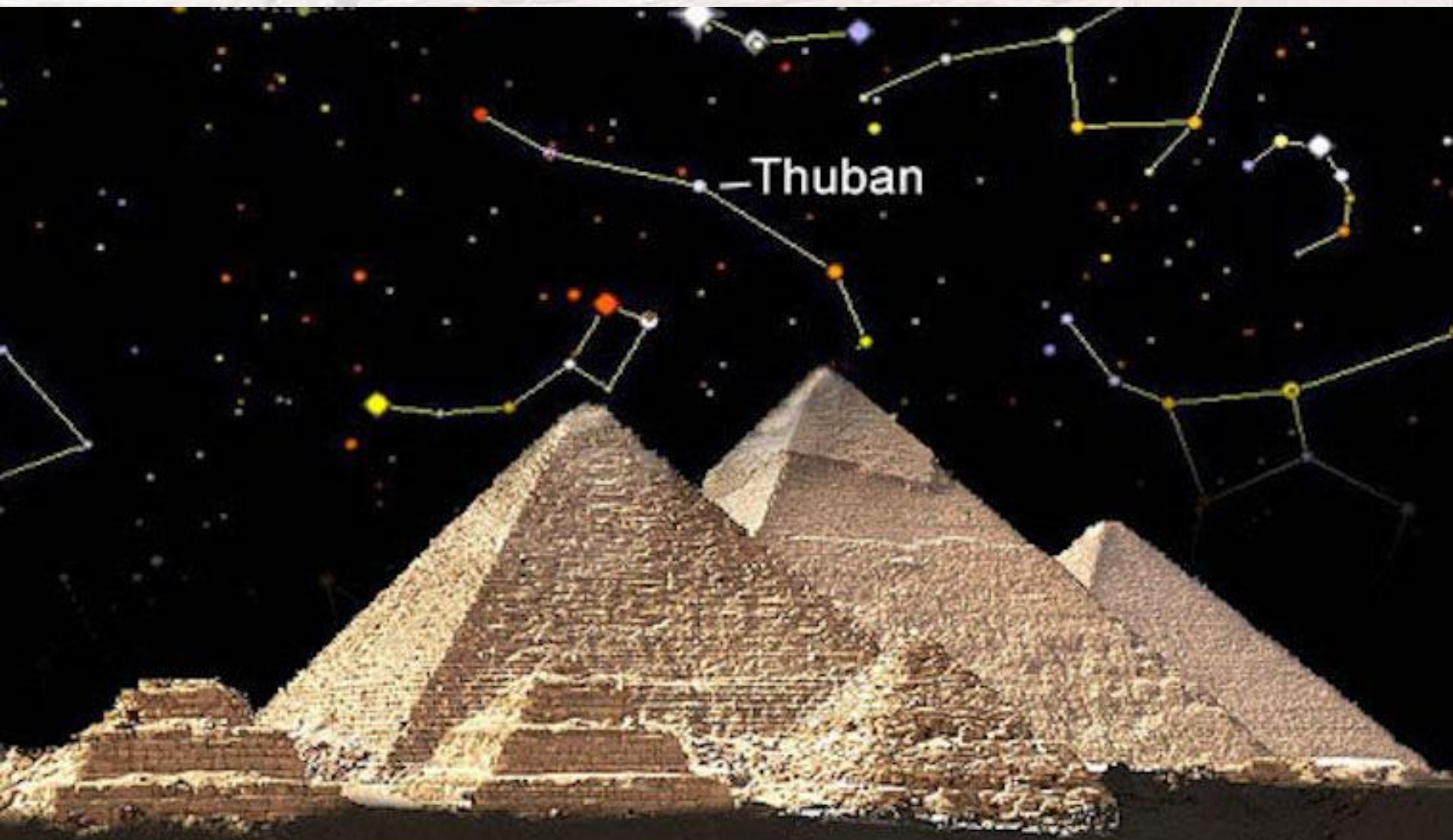
Precession: every 26,000
years Earth's axis of
rotation completes a circle.

Approximately 12,000 years
from now, Earth's axis of
rotation will line up with
the star Vega.

plane of Earth's orbit
around sun

Earth's
axis of
rotation





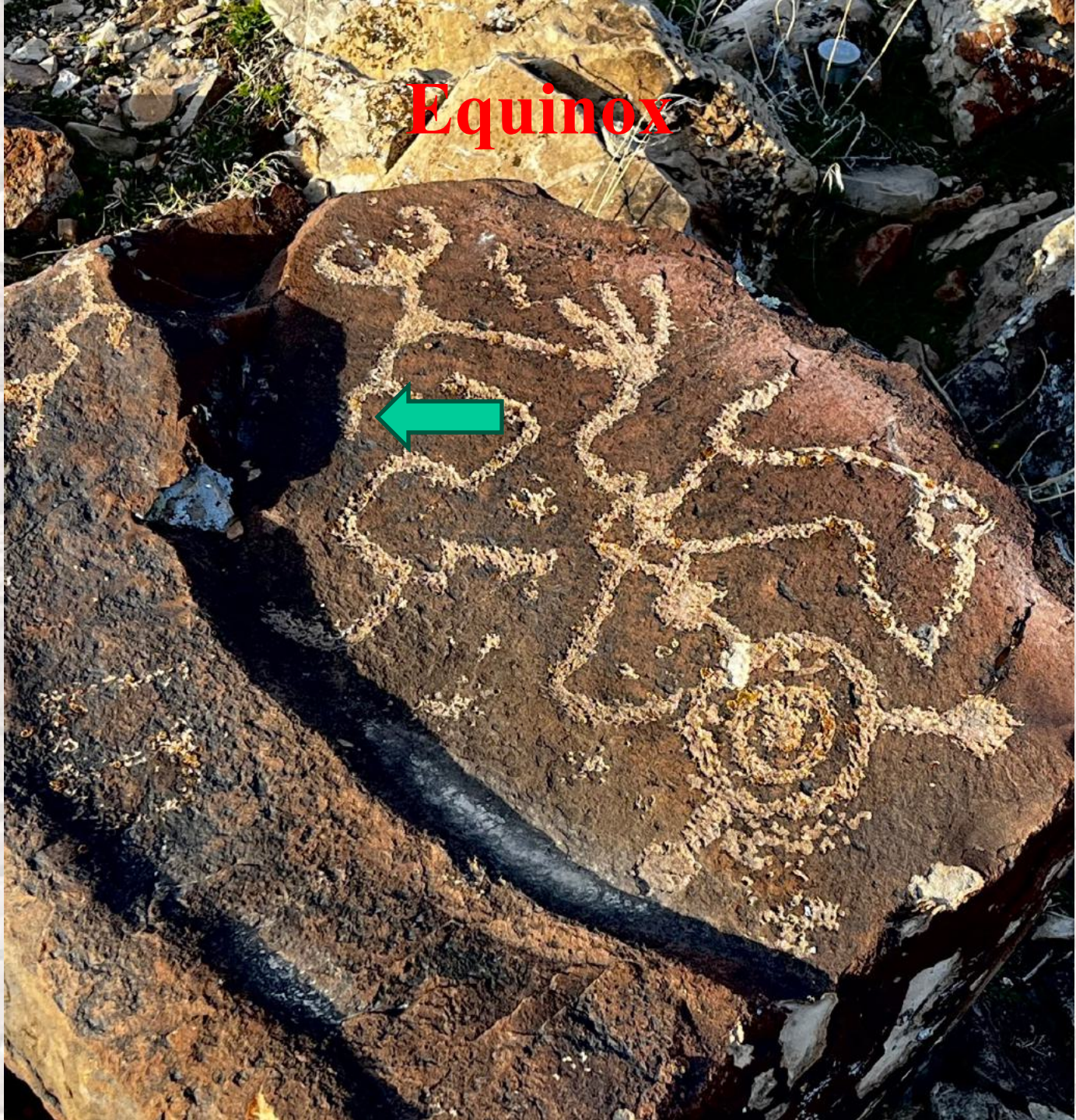
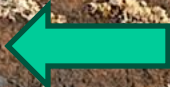


Polaris was 3° - 4° west of its current position between 1394–1574 AD. This celestial alignment may divulge the panel's date.

Summer Solstice



Equinox





Predictions & Hypotheses

The middle
“Line” motif
appears to
align with the
winter solstice
sunrise.







Lunar Standstill?





Vivian Park

Mapleton

Springville

Mt Timpanogos

Spanish Fork

Provo

Salem

Orem

Lindon

Benjamin

Payson

Vineyard

Alpine

Highland

American Fork

Lehi

Utah Lake

Genola

Saratoga Springs

Mosida

Eagle Mountain













Questions

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