

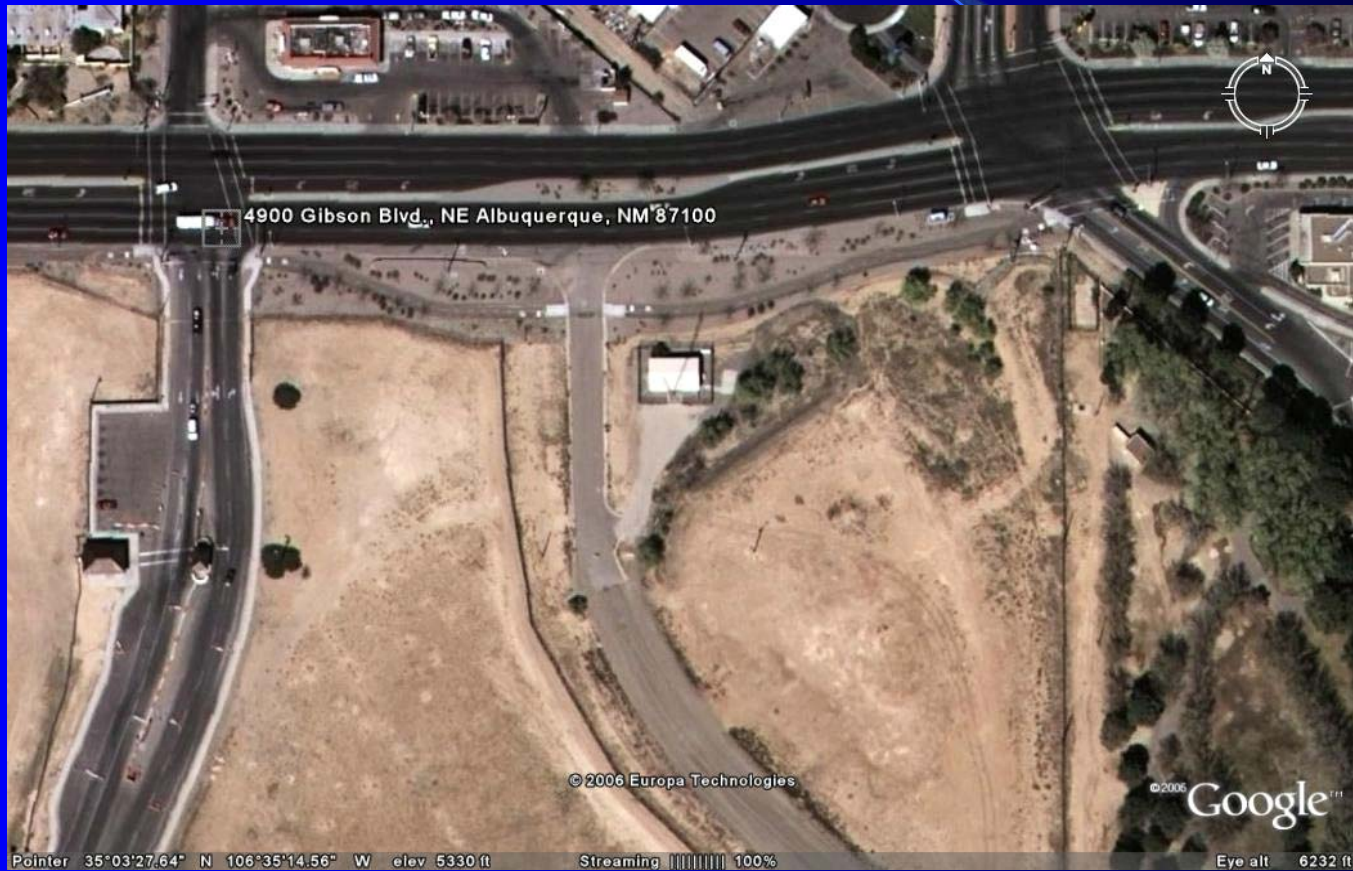
# The Upper Rio Emergency Situation

**Upper Rio  
Board of Directors  
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# Background Information

- The Kirtland Amateur Radio Club (KARC) has been in existence since 1964.
- The club has occupied Bldg 509 on the base since 1970.

# Hub Location

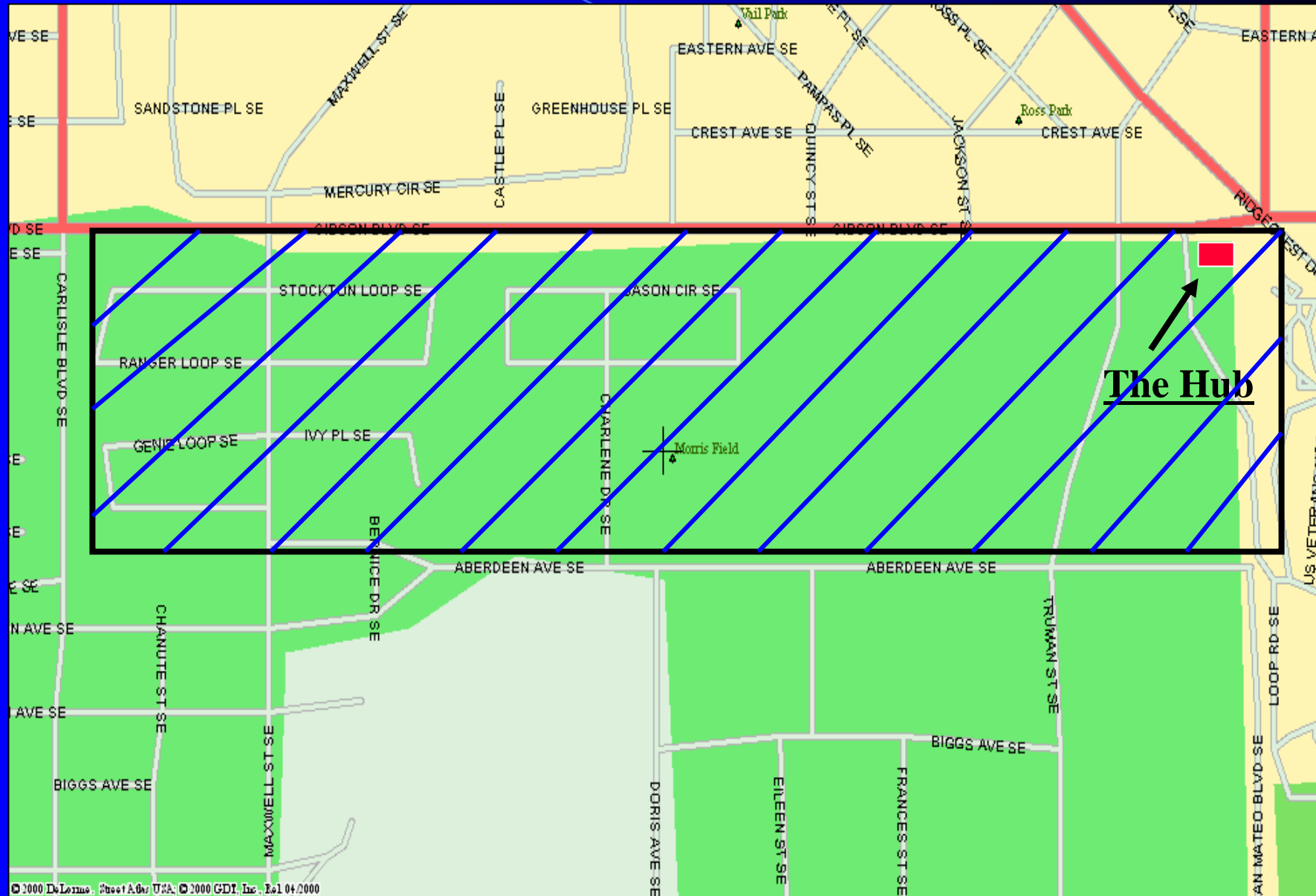


- The bylaws of the KARC state “the amateur radio club and membership shall coordinate the resources of the club with local and regional clubs to maximize efforts to train and mentor amateur radio operators and maximize the effective use of available resources to support public service in the community”.

# The Emergency Situation

- In December of CY2006 two of the Upper Rio BOD's learned of an Air Force initiative to lease a parcel of land on KAFB through a program called the Enhanced Use Leasing (EUL) program.
- **Building 509 is located on this parcel of land!**

# Location



# What May be Lost!

- All linking capability between repeaters.
- The 146.900 repeater.
- The phone patch.
- The 449.550 UHF repeater.
- The IRLP/Echo-Link bridge connection.
- The APRS internet connection.
- The 800 MHz back-up trunk repeater.
- The CAP repeater.
- Backup EOC Center.
- And More!

# BOD Actions to Date

- The BOD's have held 4 emergency meetings in the last three months to coordinate activities to maintain operations in Building 509.
- Interactions between BOD's via phone calls and e-mail have been intense.
- Two BOD's attended the EUL industrial forum to garner as much information as possible regarding the EUL program.

- The approach of the BOD's has been to keep our interactions with base personnel at the lowest level possible initially and only escalate the level of interaction as conditions warranted.
- The BOD's have enlisted support from high level city, county, state personnel and our congressional representatives.
- The BOD's have met with representatives of Heather Wilson's office.

- The BOD's have put together a presentation detailing the critical need for building 509.
- The BOD's developed a memo for key base personnel which was hand delivered on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# The Present Situation

- Best Case Scenario: The RFQ for the EUL project will be modified to allow the KARC to continue business as usual.
- Worst Case Scenario: The KARC will have to be out of Bldg 509 by 9/30/2007.

# Latest News

- A letter has been sent to the base commander from Senator Pete Domenici requesting base personnel to “consider possible ways to keep the club’s radio hub linked to the base and located in building 509”

- A registered letter has been sent to Heather Wilson's office requesting a "face to face" meeting to discuss the emergency situation at the Upper Rio hub.

- The BOD's have corresponded with higher level personnel in Washington D. C. They have informed us that all decisions regarding building 509 will be made at the KAFB level.

# Ongoing Activities.

- Interactions with base personnel, members of congress, city and county and state officials continue.
- Members of the BOD's are actively pursuing alternate locations in the event all interactions are fruitless.

# The Options Today

- Work with higher levels of government to modify the EUL and allow us to continue operations at the present site.
- Work out an agreement with the organization that may end up leasing the land that contains Building 509.
- Move the operations to another site off the base.
- Move the operations to another building on the base.

# How You Can Help

- Do not call base personnel. The BOD's are presently negotiating with base personnel in good faith on your behalf.
- Don't "fly off the handle" in any discussions with individuals involved with this issue. Be civil at all times. A summary of the situation is available from the BOD's.
- Sign the petition available at the front table.
- Call government contacts as directed by the BOD's at a future date. (Probably within a month.)
- Write to your congressional representatives with a "form letter" at a future date. (Probably within a month.)