

Re: LM question

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In article <ID3D8K.LHq@spsystems.net>, henry@spsystems.net says...

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> *In fact, given how hasty the training of the Apollo 11 crew was, quite likely the Apollo 12 crew was the only Apollo crew which ever properly trained for a backup site.*

In fact, the training for ALS-5 included a crater deemed "of scientific interest" called an R point within its target ellipse. That point would have been the pinpoint landing target had 12 been forced to go to ALS-5.

However, AFAIK, they never put together an L&A plaster model of the ALS-5 target site — all of the training for ALS-5 was basically bookwork training. They had maps and charts, and Conrad had spent enough time on the bookwork there's no doubt he would have recognized his pinpoint target area. Unfortunately, I've never seen any of the supporting data for the ALS-5 planning (like traverse plans, or even the specific R point they had selected) anywhere in the literature. I'd hope that kind of thing still exists — I'd love to see the traverse plans worked up for alternate landing sites. I know that J missions were planned out for Davy and Marius Hills — I'd **really** like to see those plans.

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"The problem isn't that there are so many fools; it's that lightning isn't distributed right." -Mark Twain		Doug Van Dorn dvandorn1@NOSPAM.mn.rr.com
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