Hello Stephanie,

You are certainly welcome to use the image! I have attached a screenshot of the entire map (in its current state as of today) for you to use if you’d like. Alaska is included in an inset, obviously not to scale.

As you may have read elsewhere on the site, most beacon locations shown on the map have been extracted from the National Geodetic Survey database. The database contains many beacons, but obviously not all that were in use.

For credit, my full name is Jennifer K. Galas. (Zhanna is my nickname.) I originally created the map in 2013, but it’s being updated continually, so for the date you might want to say something like “Retrieved on Jan. 9, 2015.”

You can also, if you wish, include the link to the page so that people can use the map interactively: http://surveymarks.planetzhanna.com/map-of-ngs-airway-beacons/

Something else you might be interested in is the index I’ve started of the air navigation maps in the Library of Congress’s digital collections: http://surveymarks.planetzhanna.com/historical-airway-maps/ It’s not quite finished but you might find it useful. I created the index because without individual metadata describing each map, it was hard to find a particular route.

Please let me know if I can help you out with anything else! I’m excited about your thesis topic and would love to see the eventual result, if that’s possible. I’m no expert on beacons (my site primarily focuses on survey marks) but I’ve become interested in the subject recently. Right now I’m reading “Flying the Beam” by Henry R. Lehrer.

Best of luck and thanks for contacting me!

Jennifer/Zhanna