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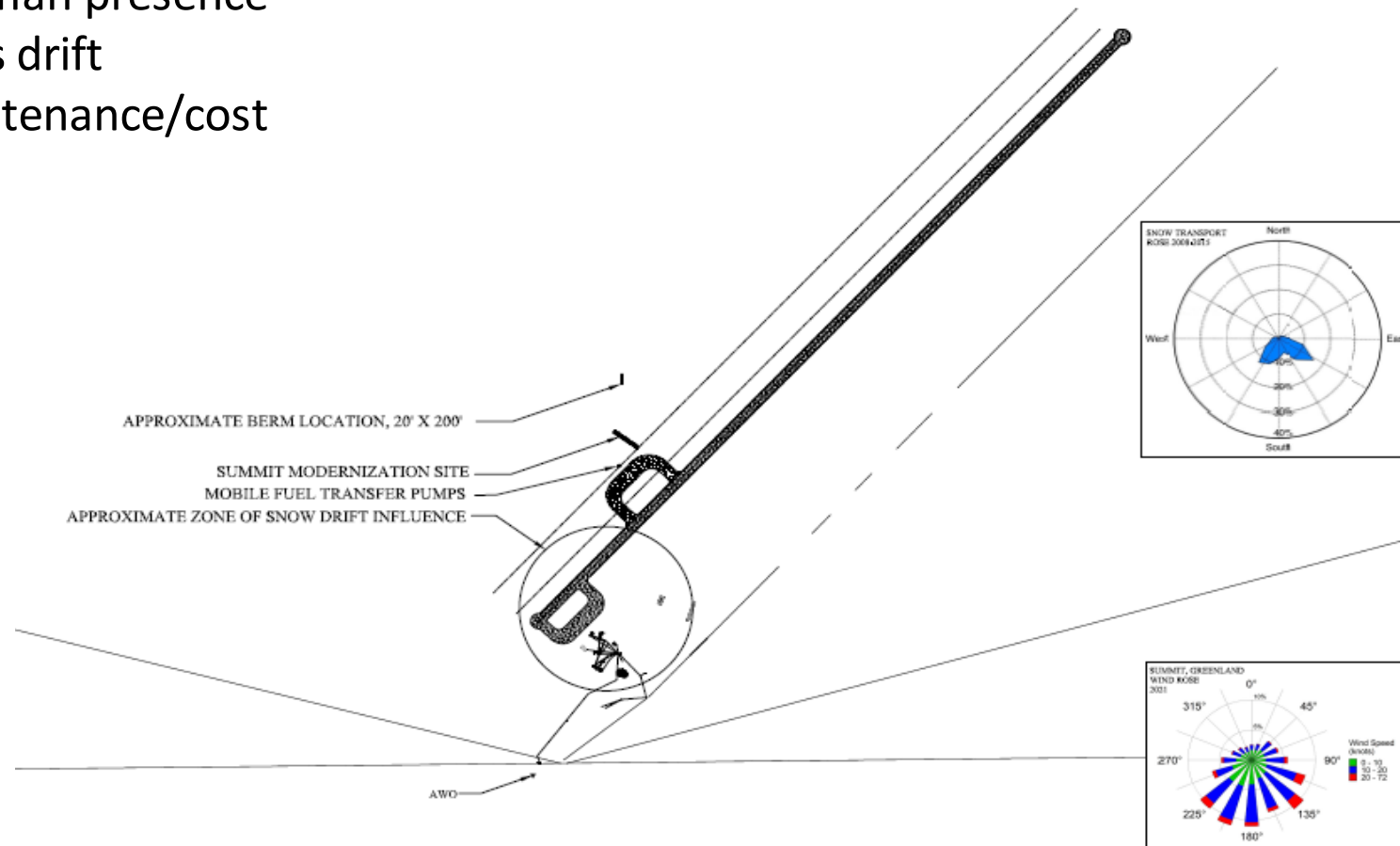
- National Strategy for the Arctic Region (NSAR)
- Bering Task Force on the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area
- Recapitalization of Summit Station, Greenland
- Joint NASA/NSF workshop: Future of Greenland Ice Sheet Science (FOGSS) meeting March 22-23
- IARPC/United States Arctic Observing Network (U.S. AON) Board released report "On the Need to Establish and Maintain a Sustained Arctic Observing Network"
- International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research (ICE-PPR) MOU
- The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory: creation of 3 new facilities (Treat Island, ME; Fairbanks, AK; Hanover, NH) for the testing of coatings to withstand/mitigate ice adhesion/corrosion.

New Station

- Efficient, flexible observing platform to enable year-round research with minimal human presence
- Elevated station minimizes drift
- Reduced operational maintenance/cost

Multi-year construction environment

- Increased flights for several years for cargo / fuel
- Extended summer seasons and larger winter crews for construction
- Anticipating a 5-to-7-year construction duration



Reducing Environmental Impact



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- New Summit Station aims to reduce human presence
- R/V *Sikuliaq* is designed to have the lowest possible environmental impact, including a low underwater radiated noise signature for marine mammal and fisheries work
- Examples of environmental sustainability NSF-funded research
 - "Electric Vehicles in the Arctic (EVITA) - Interactions with Cold Weather, Microgrids, People, and Policy"
 - "Displacing Wood Use with Electric Thermal Storage Heating to Improve Ambient Air Quality"



- International collaborators are welcome at Summit Station and Toolik Field Station, both with reasonable day rates. Please contact rcrain@nsf.gov for more information
- Long-lead time coordination of planning and proposal preparation will assist with international vessel access options
- Thule Partnership
- ARMAP: Arctic Research Mapping Application <https://armap.org/>

