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Map of true color surface HDRF at 1.1 km resolution from the MISR DA camera (view zenith angle is approximately 70 deg).

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Compared to the AN camera map, this one shows a prominent "quilting" effect. This effect will always be most dramatic at the largest view zenith angles (D cameras). Outlined on the map in red is a 3 x 3 region area which shows a considerable amount of "quilting".
This 3 x 3 pattern (corresponding to the 3 x 3 region area contained with the red outline of the DA camera HDRF map) displays the retrieved aerosol optical depths (MISR green band) used in the atmospheric correction process to obtain the HDRFs.

These optical depths have an average and standard deviation of 0.079 +/- 0.021. Nevertheless, the variation is large enough to produce the "quilt" pattern which can be easily seen within the red outline on the DA camera HDRF map.
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