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Marginal Notes

In 2008, the Ontario government announced plans to permanently protect half of the Far North region of Ontario and launched a planning process to support this goal (Far North Information Knowledge Management Program). During the initial stages of planning, the need for primary landscape data became apparent. A terrain mapping project to remotely predict surficial materials was initiated by the Ontario Geological Survey in response to this information need.

SPOT imagery (4 colour bands and the panchromatic band), a digital elevation model and its derivatives and the Ontario Hydro Network vector drainage shape files (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2015) are the primary data sources for this remote prediction mapping exercise. A multisolution segmentation algorithm, using different image layer weights, scale parameters and homogeneity criterion, within an object-based image analysis software is used to achieve meaningful objects representing various surficial material types. Objects are then classified based on digital signature, internal variability of signature and proximity to certain vector layers and certain adjacent material types.

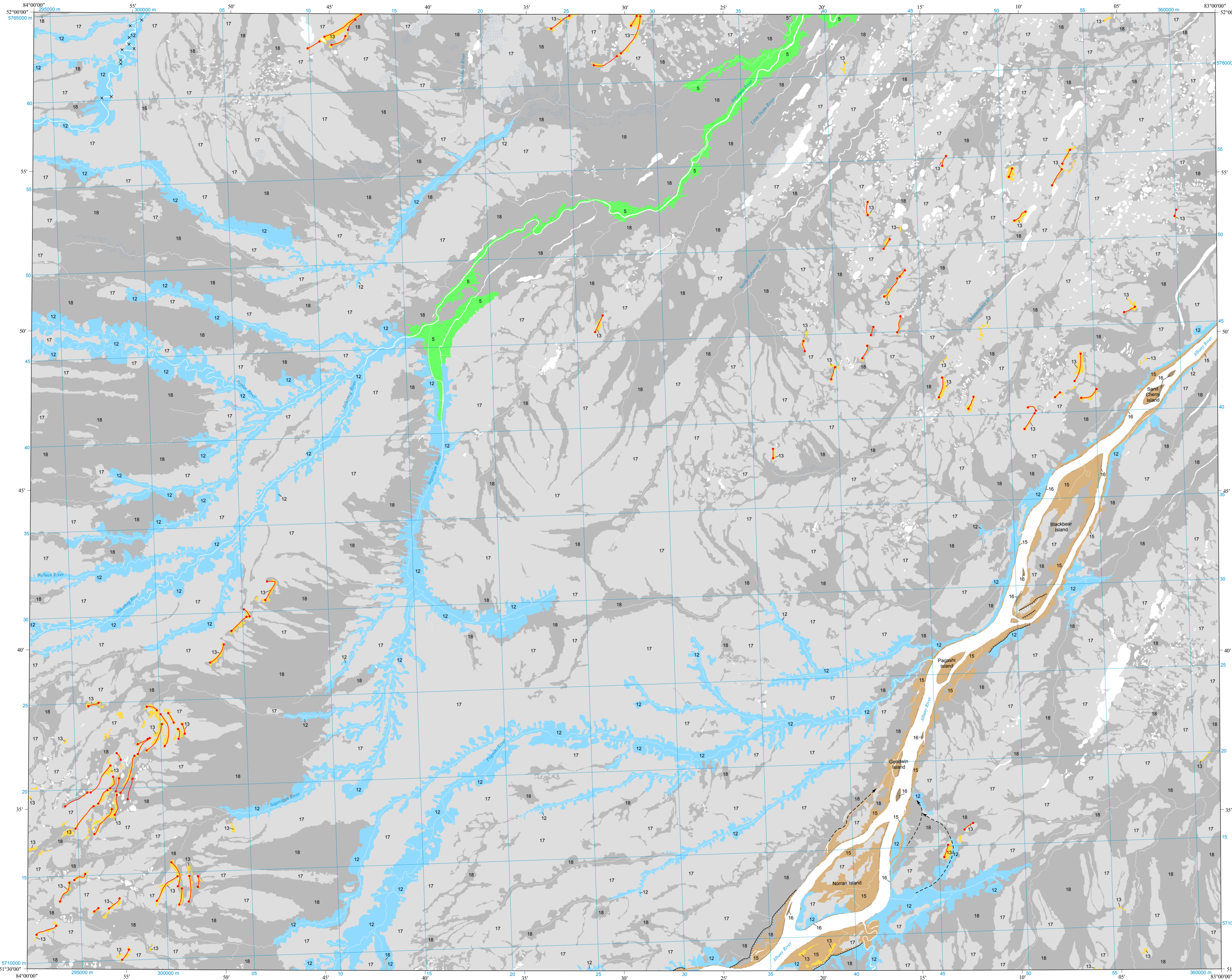
Limited helicopter-supported field work combined with the examination of archival information (Riley and Boisssonau (unpublished field notes and photographs), Geological Survey of Canada, Operation Winsk unpublished field notes, Skinner 1973, Sanford, Norris and Bostock 1968, Sanford and Norris 1975, and Thorleifson, Wyatt and Warman 1993, and their unpublished field notes) provided the ground control for the classification of objects. In addition, information from the various other Far North Information Knowledge Management Program projects, such as base data and land cover information (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2014), has been used in the interpretation and classification of the surficial materials.

The maps show only the surficial material distribution. For better definition of wetland types, please see Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (2014). Older deposits that occur along many of the deeply incised river valleys are only depicted where their scale is suitable for cartographic presentation. The reader is encouraged to review publications by Skinner (1973) and Thorleifson, Wyatt and Warman (1993) for additional information and details on the older sediments exposed along rivers within the Hudson Bay Lowland.

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LEGEND

- PHANEROZOIC
CENOZOIC
QUATERNARY
20 Marine Mud-Flat Deposits: Sand, silt and clay, deposited in mud flats and offshore bars within the tidal zone.
19 Marine Salt-Marsh Deposits: Silt and clay with organic matter, minor sand; deposited in salt marshes along present-day coast.
18 Organic Deposits: Peat, muck and/or marl; deposited in fen wetlands.
17 Organic Deposits: Peat, muck and/or marl; deposited in bog wetlands.
16 Fluvial Deposits (recent): Stratified sand and gravel; may include silt, minor clay. Deposited in bars and channels of present-day rivers and creeks.
15 Fluvial Deposits (abandoned): Stratified sand and gravel; may include silt, minor clay. Deposited in bars and channels along abandoned terraces of rivers and creeks.
14 Marine Deltaic Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; silt, minor clay. Deposited at the mouths of rivers and creeks entering a postglacial sea.
13 Marine Beach and Nearshore Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; minor silt. Deposited primarily in the shore zone and nearshore zone of a postglacial sea.
12 Marine Basin Deposits: Massive to stratified silt and clay; minor sand. Deposited in basinal areas of a postglacial lake.
11 Glaciolacustrine Deltaic Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; may include minor silt and clay. Deposited at the mouths of rivers and creeks entering a proglacial lake.
10 Glaciolacustrine Beach and Nearshore Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; minor silt. Deposited primarily in the shore zone and nearshore zone of a proglacial lake.
9 Glaciolacustrine Basin Deposits: Stratified silt and clay; minor sand. Deposited in basinal areas of a proglacial lake.
8 Glaciolacustrine Outwash Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; including minor silt, clay. Deposited in bars and channels in rivers flowing from a glacier.
7 Glaciolacustrine Ice-Contact Deposits: Stratified sand and gravel; including minor silt, clay, till and flow till. Deposited in eskers, kames, deltas and subaqueous fans and in end and recessional moraines along a glacier margin.
6 Till: Massive to bedded diamict; clayey silt to clay matrix, clay content low to moderate, moderate to high matrix carbonate content, may contain discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay, or flow till. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
5 Till: Massive to bedded diamict; sandy silt to silt matrix, clay content moderate to high, low to high matrix carbonate content, rare discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay, or flow till. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
4 Till: Massive to bedded diamict; silty sand to sand matrix, clay content moderate to high, low to moderate matrix carbonate content, rare discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay, or flow till. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
3 Thin Sediment over Bedrock: Thin, near-continuous cover of Quaternary sediments overlying undifferentiated bedrock. Quaternary sediments are commonly less than 1 m thick; however, areas of outcrop indicated on the map may contain small areas where the cover exceeds 1 m in thickness, but are too small to delineate at this map scale.
2 Bedrock: Undifferentiated bedrock with a thin, discontinuous cover of Quaternary sediments. Quaternary sediments rarely exceed 0.5 m in thickness; however, areas of outcrop indicated on the map may contain small areas where the cover exceeds 1 m in thickness, but are too small to delineate at this map scale.
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PALEOZOIC, MESOZOIC AND CENOZOIC (TERTIARY)

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\* Refer to Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (2014) for better definition of wetland types and distribution.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

GHOST RIVER AREA NORTHWEST, NORTHERN ONTARIO

Scale 1:100 000



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1 cm equals 50 km

SYMBOLS

- Bedrock outcrop
Lineament observed on remotely sensed imagery
Brow of large landslide or failure scar
Base of terraced escarpment (abandoned glaciolacustrine or marine shore bluff)
Base of terraced escarpment (margin of abandoned or modern, fluvial or glaciolacustrine terrace)
Trend or crest of abandoned or modern beach bar or spit
Base of large ice-contact slope
Trend of large moraine or moraine crest
Trend of minor moraine or moraine crest; includes De Geer (or washboard) moraines
Area of hummocky moraine
Area of palmpeest moraine
Area of ribbed landforms; includes ridges (or ribbed) moraine, scabland-type erosional features and/or megapillars
Trend of esker or esker crest
Glacial erosion features carved into the bedrock surface (includes striations, grooves, etc.); direction of ice movement known, unknown
Streamline form with positive relief; includes drumlins, drumlinoid ridges and drag-and-tail features
Streamline form with negative relief; includes flutes
Large iceberg keel mark
Large sand dune (eolian)
Fluvial channel (direction of flow assumed)
Area of extensive palsas
Area of suspected karst features
Indian Reserve, park boundary
Utility
Road, winter road
Railroad

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