

TEXTURE
 Texture refers to the size, shape and sorting of particles in clastic sediments, and the proportion and degree of decomposition of plant fibre in organic sediments.
 Specific clastic textures:
 a - blocks: angular particles >256 mm in size
 b - boulders: rounded particles >256 mm in size
 c - cobbles: rounded particles between 64 and 256 mm in size
 d - pebbles: rounded particles between 2 and 64 mm in size
 e - sand: particles between 0.0625 and 2 mm in size
 f - silt: particles between 2 and 0.0625 mm in size
 g - clay: particles <2 µm in size
 Common clastic textural groupings:
 d - mixed fragments: a mixture of rounded and angular particles >2 mm in size
 e - angular fragments: a mixture of angular fragments >2 mm in size (i.e. a mixture of blocks and rubble)
 g - gravel: a mixture of two or more size ranges of rounded particles >2 mm in size (eg. a mixture of boulders, cobbles and pebbles); may include interstitial sand
 h - rubble: angular particles between 2 and 256 mm; may include interstitial sand
 m - must: a mixture of silt and clay; may also contain a minor fraction of fine sand
 y - shells: a sediment consisting dominantly of shells and/or shell fragments

ORGANIC TERMS
 o - organic: general organic materials
 e - fibric: the least decomposed of all organic materials; it contains amounts of well-preserved fibre (40% or more) that can be identified as to botanical origin upon rubbing
 u - mesic: organic material at a stage of decomposition intermediate between fibric and humic
 h - humic: organic material at an advanced stage of decomposition; it has the lowest amount of fibre, the highest bulk density, and the lowest saturated water-holding capacity of the organic materials; fibres that remain after rubbing constitute

SURFACE EXPRESSION AND PATTERN
 Surface expression refers to the form (assemblage of slopes) and form expressed by a surficial material at the land surface. The three-dimensional shape of the material is expressed as 'landform' (used in a non-genetic sense (e.g. ridges, plains). Surface expression symbols also describe the manner in which unconsolidated surficial materials relate to the underlying substrate (e.g. veneer). Surface expression is indicated by up to three upper case letters, placed immediately following the surficial material designator, listed in order of decreasing importance:
 a - apron: a wedge-like slope-like complex of laterally coalescent colluvial fans and blankets. Longitudinal slopes are generally less than 15° (26%) from apex to toe with flat or gently concave/convex profiles
 b - blanket: a layer of unconsolidated material thick enough (>1 m) to mask minor irregularities of the surface of the underlying material, but still conforms to the general underlying topography; outcrops of the underlying unit are rare
 c - cone: a cone or sector of a cone, mostly steeper than 15° (26%); longitudinal profile is smooth and straight, or slightly concave/convex; usually associated with talus cones
 f - fan: sector of a cone with a slope gradient less than 15° (26%) from apex to toe; longitudinal profile is smooth and straight, or slightly concave/convex
 h - hummock: steep sided hillocks and hollows with multidirectional slopes; dominantly between 15-35° (27-70%); composed of unconsolidated materials, whereas bedrock slopes may be steeper; local relief >1 m; in plan, an assemblage of parallel or sub-parallel linear forms with subdued relief (commonly applied to bedrock ridges and fluted or assemblage of till plains)
 i - delta: landform created at the mouth of a river or stream where it flows into a body of water; gently sloping surfaces between 0-3° (0-5%), and moderate to steeply sloping fronts between 10-35° (27-70%); glacial/fluviol deltas in the map area are typically coarse grained with steep sides and gently inclined bedrock or channelled surfaces
 m - rolling: elongate hillocks or slopes dominantly between 3-15° (5-26%); local relief >1 m; in plan, an assemblage of parallel or sub-parallel linear forms with subdued relief (commonly applied to bedrock ridges and fluted or assemblage of till plains)
 p - plain: a level or very gently sloping, unidirectional (planar) surface with slopes 0-3° (0-5%); relief of local surface irregularities generally <1 m, very applied to glaciofluvial floodplains, organic deposits, lacustrine deposits and till plains
 r - ridge: elongate hillocks with slopes dominantly 15-35° (26-70%); composed of unconsolidated materials; bedrock slopes may be steeper; local relief >1 m; in plan, an assemblage of parallel or sub-parallel linear forms, commonly applied to unstratified till plains, eskers, moraine ridges, ice-marginal ridges and ridged bedrock
 t - terrace: a single or assemblage of step-like forms where each step-like form consists of a scarp face and a horizontal or gently inclined surface above it; applied to fluvial and lacustrine terraces and stepped bedrock topography
 v - veneer: a layer of unconsolidated material too thin to mask the minor irregularities of the surface of the underlying material; 10 cm - 1 m thick, commonly applied to eolian-veined and colluvial veneers

GEOMORPHOLOGICAL PROCESSES
 Geomorphological processes are natural mechanisms of weathering, erosion and deposition that result in the modification of the surface of the earth's surface. Unless a qualifier (A (active) or I (inactive)) is used, all processes are assumed to be active, except for tectonic processes. Process is indicated by up to three upper case letters, listed in order of decreasing importance, placed after the surface expression symbol, and separated from the surface expression by a dash (-).
 Subclasses can be used to provide more specific information about a general geomorphological process, and are represented by lower case letters placed after the related process designator. Up to three subclasses can be attached to each process. Process subclasses used on the map are defined with the related process below:
 V - gully erosion; running water; mass movement and/or snow avalanching, resulting in the formation of: parallel and sub-parallel long, narrow ridges

FLUVIAL PROCESSES
 I - irregularly sinuous channel: a clearly defined main channel displaying irregular turns and bends without repetition of similar features; backchannels may be common, and minor side channels and bars and islands may be present, but regular and regular meanders are absent
 M - meandering channel: a clearly defined channel characterized by a regular and repeated pattern of bends with relatively uniform amplitude and wave length

MASS MOVEMENT PROCESSES
 F - slow mass movements: slow downslope movement of masses of cohesive or non-cohesive surficial material and/or bedrock by creeping, flowing or sliding
 L - mass movement with an unspecified rate
 R - rapid mass movements: rapid downslope movement by falling, rolling, sliding or flowing of dry, moist or saturated debris derived from surficial material and/or bedrock
 Subclasses: (b) rockfall; (c) rock creep

PERIGLACIAL PROCESSES
 C - cryoturbation: movement of surficial materials by heaving and/or churning due to frost action (repeated freezing and thawing)
 S - solifluction: slow gravitational downslope movement of saturated non-frozen overburden across a frozen or otherwise impermeable substrate
 X - permafrost processes: processes controlled by the presence of permafrost, and permafrost aggradation or degradation
 Z - general periglacial processes: solifluction, cryoturbation and rivation, possibly occurring in a single polygon
 Subclasses: (e) thermokarst erosion; (i) segregated ice; (n) pingos; (t) thermokarst; subsidence; (r) patterned ground; (s) sheetwash

DEGLACIAL PROCESSES
 E - channelled by meltwater: erosion and channel formation by meltwater alongside, beneath, or in front of a glacier
 H - kettle: depressions in surficial materials resulting from the melting of buried glacial ice
 T - ice contact: landforms that developed in contact with glacier ice such as kames

SYMBOLS
 GEOLGICAL BOUNDARIES:
 defined approximate assumed
 AGE OF GLACIAL FEATURES:
 McConnell (M) - late Wisconsin
 Gladstone (G) - early Wisconsin
 Reid (R) - Illinoian
 unspecified age
 GLACIAL FEATURES:
 moraine ridge
 meltwater channel
 open system pingo
 drumlin (coloured by glacial age)
 esker
 glacial lake shoreline
 streams
 wetlands
 GROUND OBSERVATION SITES:
 (labelled with site number, e.g. 08J004)
 field station
 stratigraphic section
 radiocarbon sample
 cosmogenic sample
 heavy mineral sample
 erratics, unspecified age
 erratic, Gladstone
 erratic, Reid
 no erratics found
 OTHER SURFACE FEATURES:
 open system pingo
 drumlin (coloured by glacial age)
 TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES:
 contours
 streams
 trails
 wetlands

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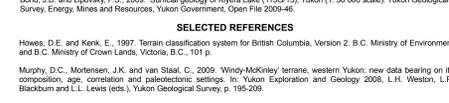
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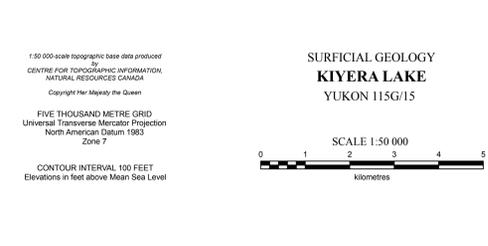
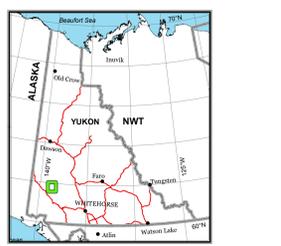
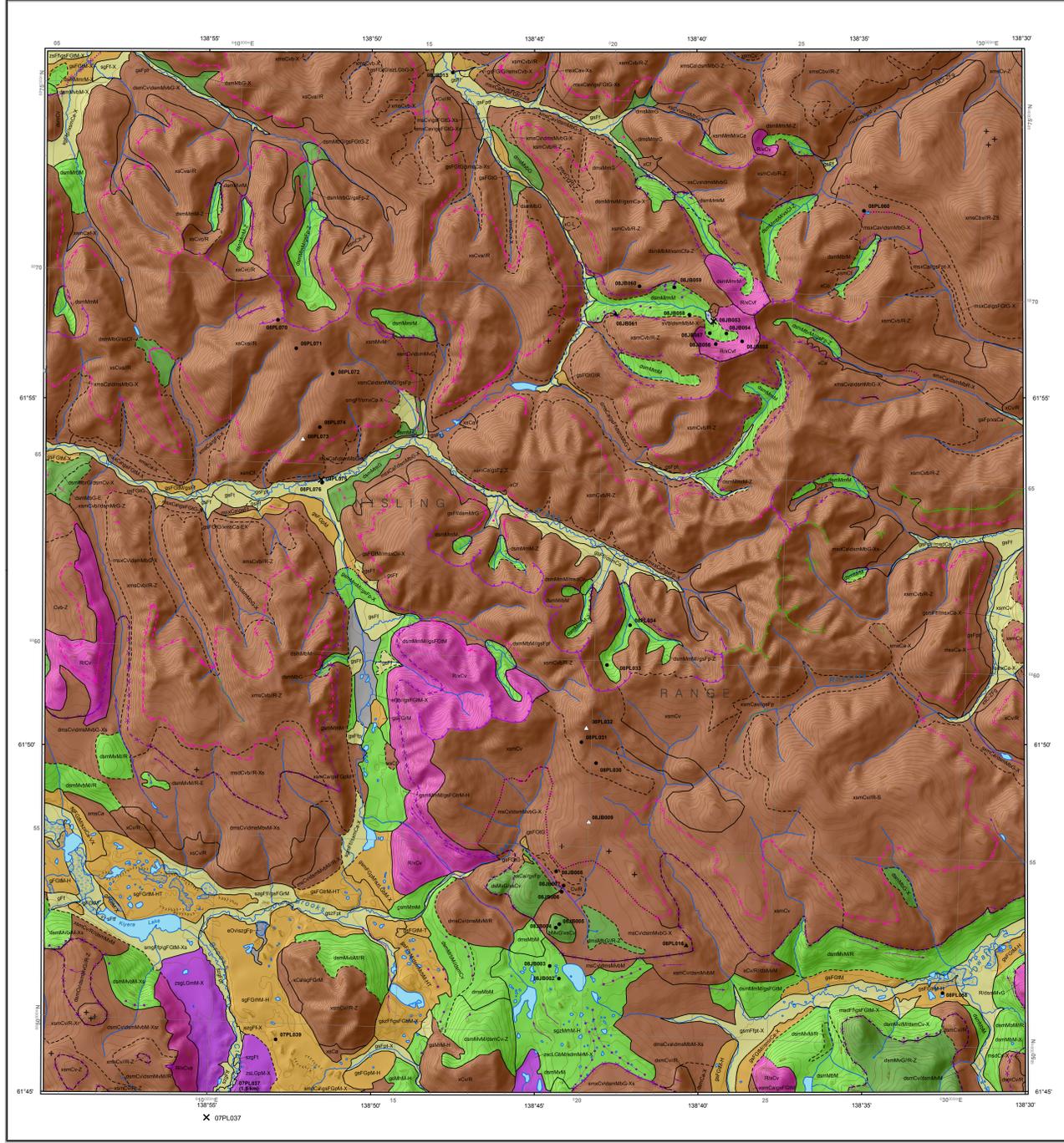
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115G/14	115G/15	115G/16
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	LOCATION	
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NARUTKA CREEK	SERPENTHEAD LAKE	WILBY CREEK open file 2009-48