

INTRODUCTION

New geochemical data from re-analysis of archived stream sediment samples have been assessed using weighted sums modeling and catchment basin analysis as described in the methodology report that accompanies this map (Mackie et al., 2015).

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS

Stream sediment and water samples from the Whitehorse area (NTS 105D) were collected at a reconnaissance scale in 1985 as part of the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement (Geological Survey of Canada, 1986).

MINERAL OCCURRENCES

A variety of types of base and precious-metal mineralization has been identified in the Whitehorse area as listed in Table 1 (Yukon MINFILE, 2015).

WEIGHTED SUMS MODELING

As described in the methodology report (Mackie et al., 2015), two approaches have been used to subdue the influence of background lithological variation and secondary absorption on the composition of stream sediments.

geology mapped within each catchment, while the other uses residuals calculated from regression against selected principal components. Weighted sums models (WSM) have been generated using the processed data.

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS

Exploratory data analysis using both raw element data and principal components indicate that lithological variation and secondary scavenging influence the distribution of certain commodity and pathfinder elements.

Regression analysis of selected metals against the relevant principal component(s) effectively filters the scavenging and lithological controls while preserving responses related to known occurrences.

The effectiveness of historical sampling coverage has been assessed empirically using graphs of WSMs plotted against catchment surface area to determine the ideal maximum catchment size (14 km²).

Table 1: List of Mineral Occurrences for NTS map sheet 105D (Yukon MINFILE, 2015)

Table with columns: Number, Name, Type, Status, Commodities. Lists numerous mineral occurrences such as 1050 001, 1050 002, etc., with their respective types and commodities.

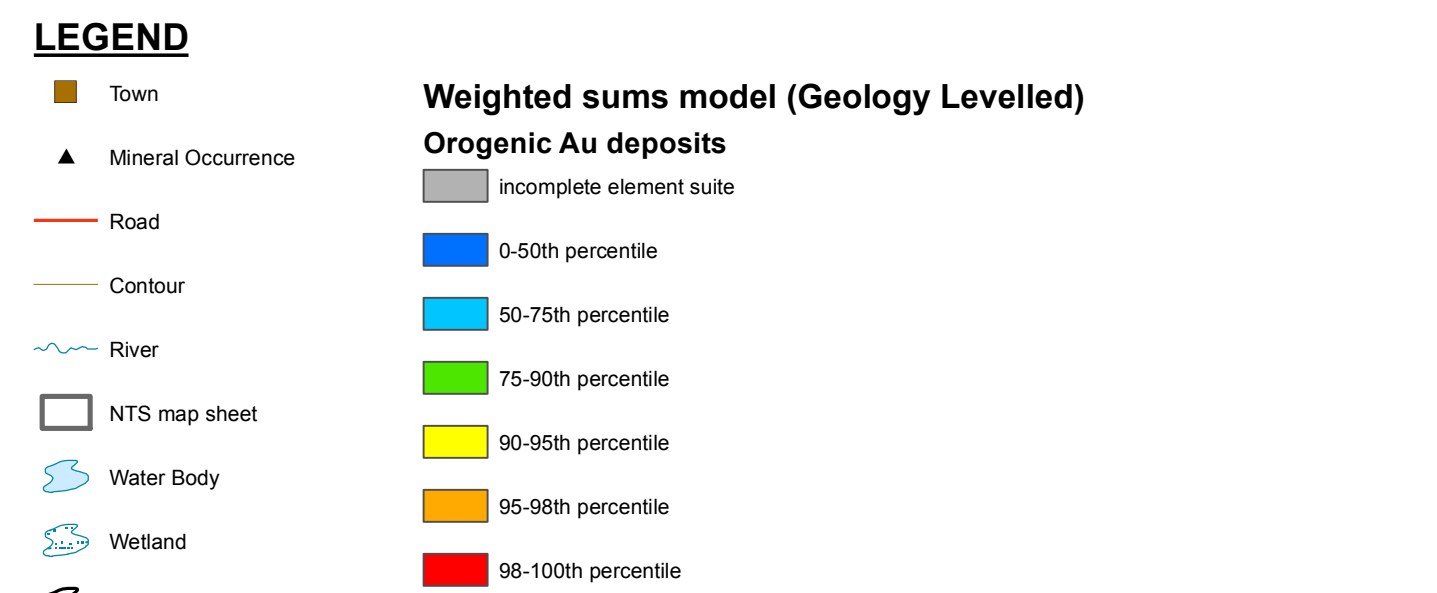
Table 2: Importance ratios for weighted sums models using data levelled by mapped geology.

Table with columns: Target Deposit Type, Other Deposit Types, and elements (Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Mo, Zn, Pb, Ag, Au, As, Ba, Cd, Sn, Sb, Te, Hg, Tl, Bi, W). Shows importance ratios for various elements across different deposit types.

*Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn type includes vein and matrix types; SEDEX = sedimentary exhalative Pb-Zn (Ag); VMS = volcanic-hosted/associated massive sulphide deposits

†Raw data following a log10 transformation

*Calculated residual from regression against loss-on-ignition



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Catchment basin polygons generated by the Yukon Geological Survey (J. O. Bruce).
Any revisions or additional geological information known to the user would be welcomed by the Yukon Geological Survey.

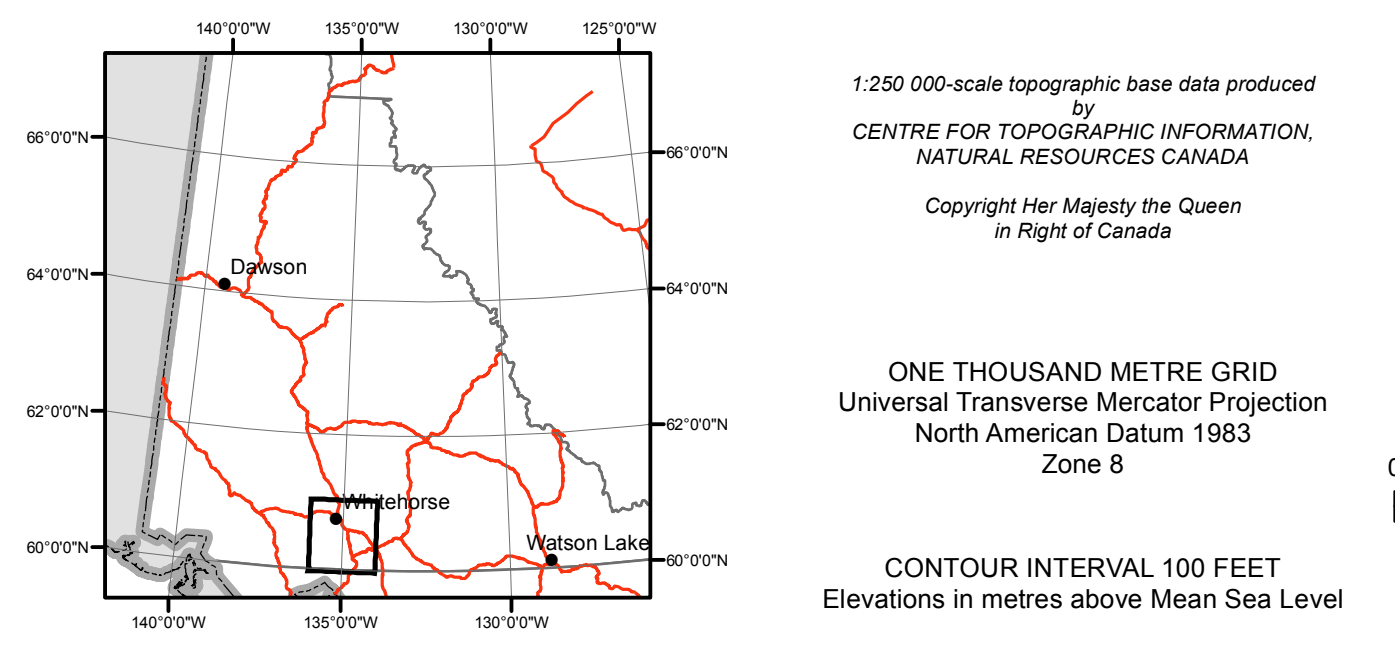
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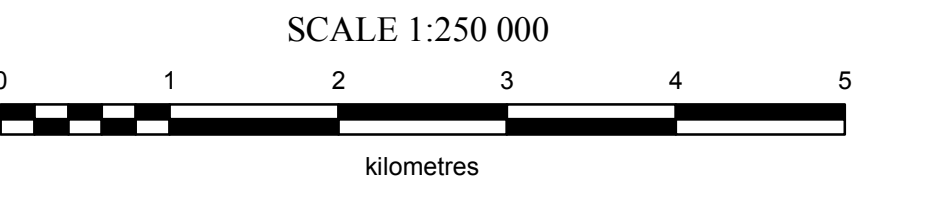
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Use diagram only to obtain numerical values APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 2015 FOR CENTRE OF MAP

Grid coordinate table with columns: 115H, 105E, 105F, 115A, 105D, 105C, 114P, 104M, 104N. Lists geographical locations like Ashihik Lake, Lake Laberge, and Quiet Lake.