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# Toolik Field Station Mission:

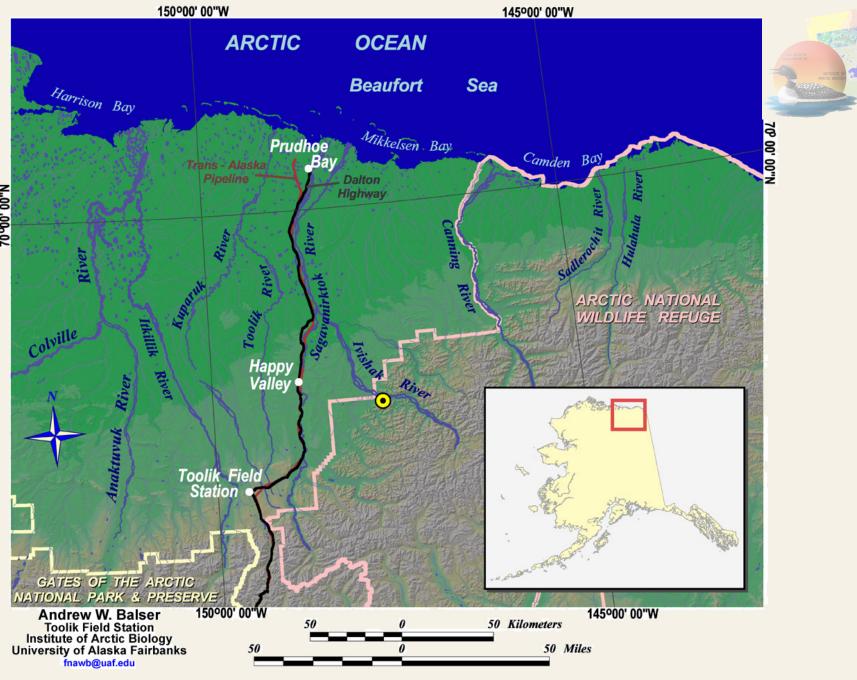
# Support Research Science Through Facilities, Logistics & Management





# Annual Clientele: 300 researchers / 60 institutions (roughly)

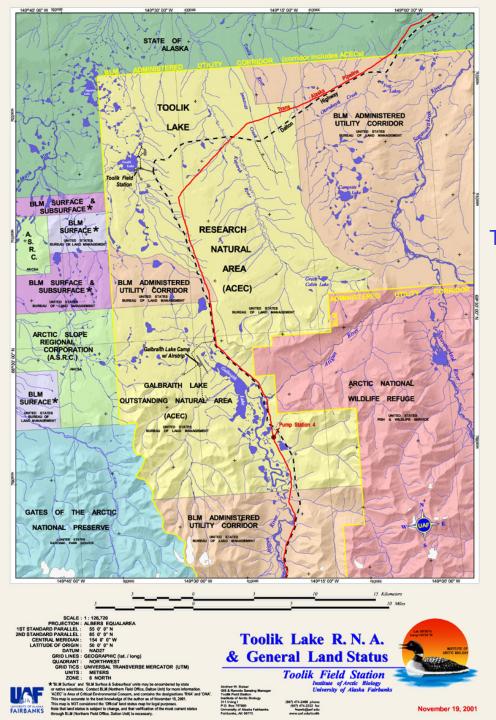
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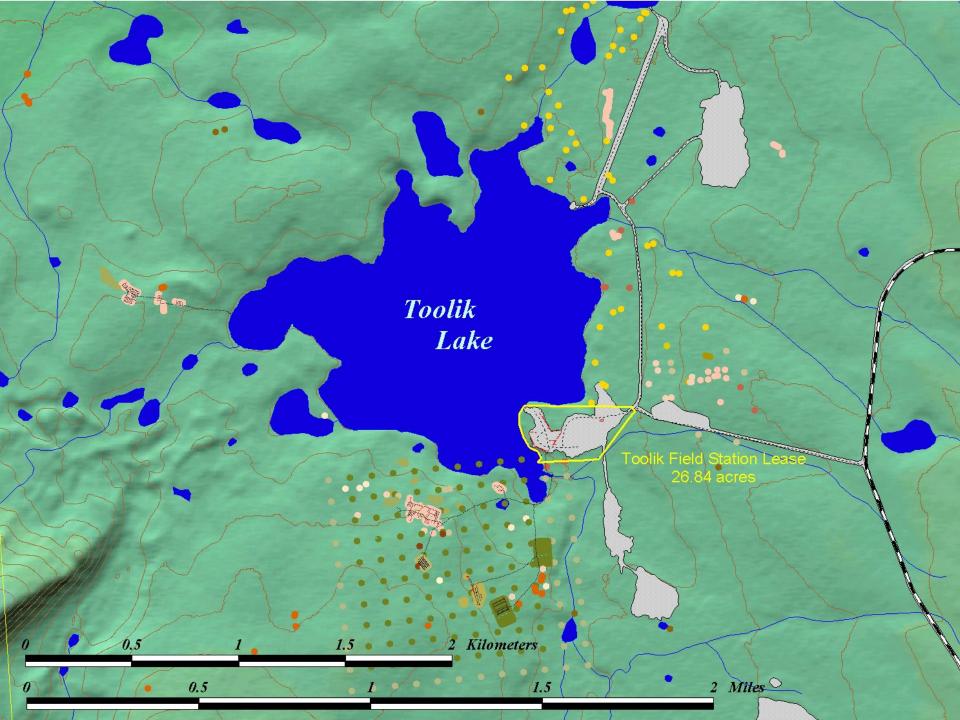


### **Toolik Fun Facts:**

Toolik RNA - BLM - 78,000 acres

Toolik Field Station – IAB/UAF – 27 acres (lease)

Toolik LTER (Arctic LTER) - MBL



### **Toolik Field Station** Sauna Lab 4 Facilities Meeting Frailer Incinerator Helipad **Fent City** Dry Lab Diesel / Unleaded Fuel Winter Wet Lab **Generator Modules** Lab Showers Weatherport Housing Lab 3 goric Pluckery Veco Trailer Washup/ Dorm 1 Laundry Lab 2 Dorm 2 Dorm 3 Lab 1 Dorm 4 Main Winter New Dorm Dock Quarters Kitchen & Incubation Dining Hall Facility 150 Meters 100

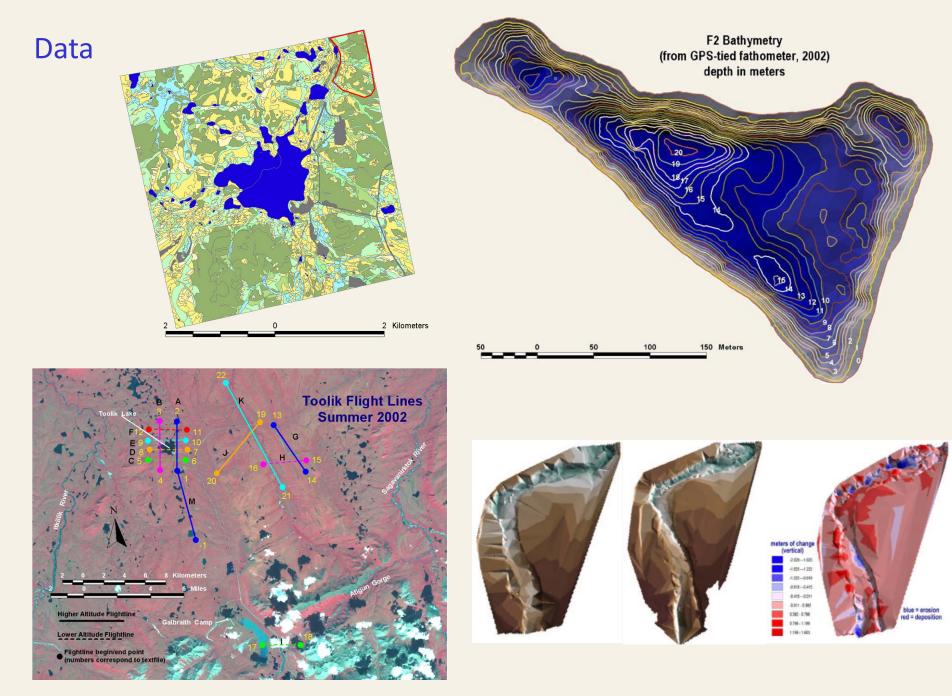


Toolik Field Station GIS:

Support Research Science Data Development/Management/Dissemination Analyses & Consultation Logistical Support

Support Science, Landscape & Facility Management Outreach to Agencies Toolik Natural Resource Tool

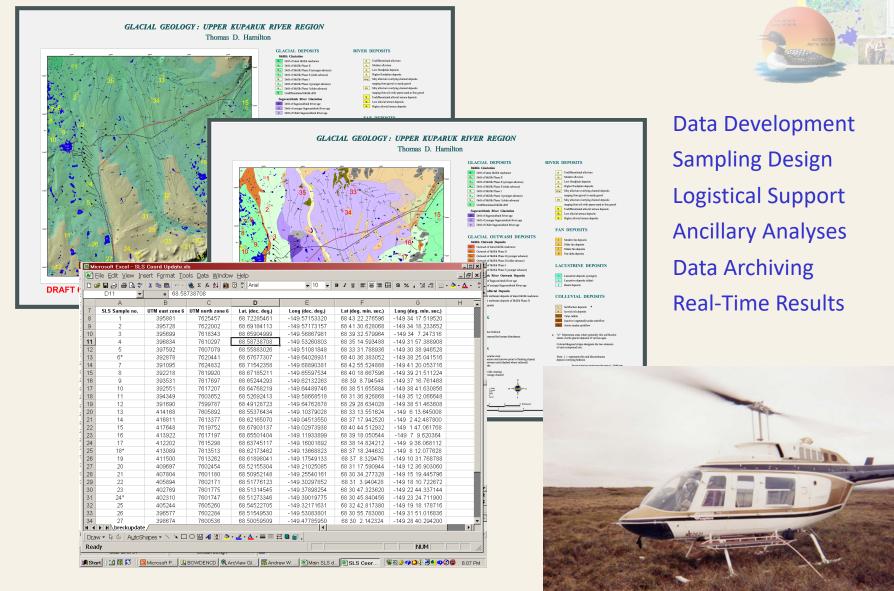
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### Research Support - Breck Bowden, Stream Landscape Survey



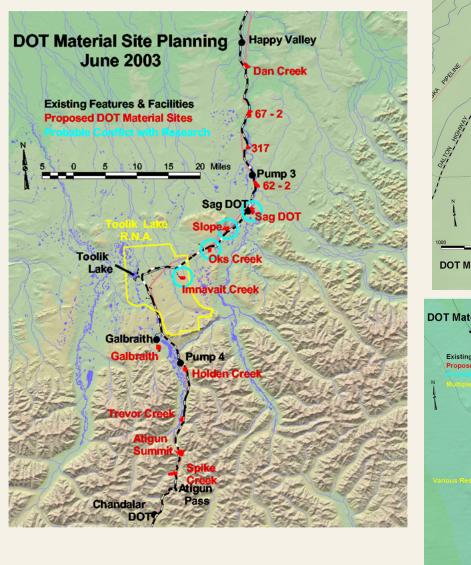
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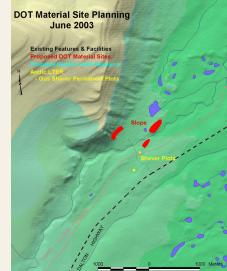
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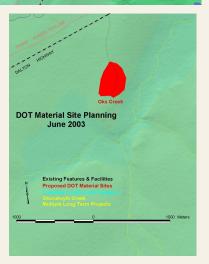
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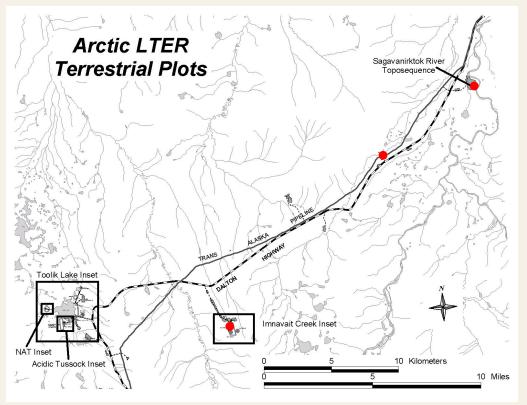




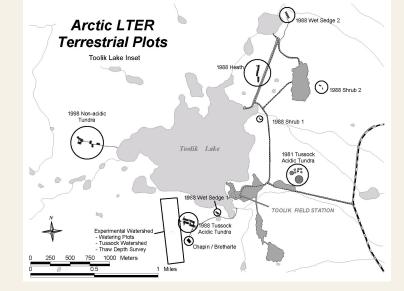
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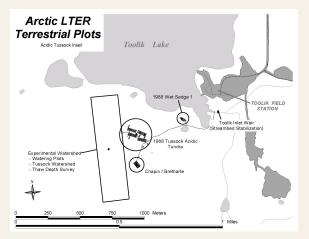
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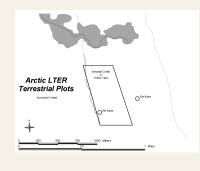
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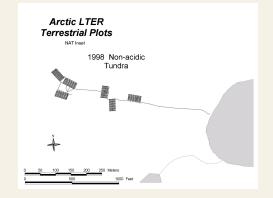






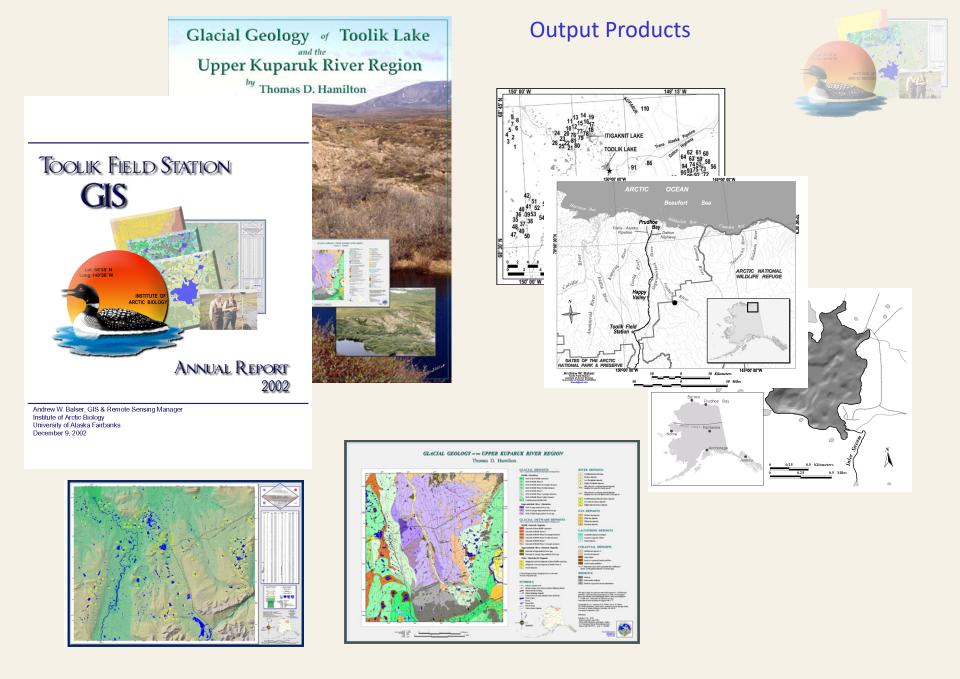






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# **Toolik Natural Resource Tool**

Think of the landscape as a natural resource for science . . .

- limited resources
- undisturbed landscape is non-renewable within our time context

Maximize the benefits of resource consumption . . .

- prevent inappropriate co-location
- help identify natural synergies among projects

Other benefits . . .

- conservation biology
- responsible stewardship
- much better interaction with other stakeholders



Toolik Natural Resource Tool

**Research Classification Scheme:** 

## **5 Basic Classes**

- 0 (Presumed) Undisturbed Landscape
- 1 Single Observation
- 2 Repeated Observation
- 3 Manipulative
- 4 Destructive
- 5 Manipulative & Destructive

# **3 Level of Status**

- 1 Active
- 2 Inactive
- 3 Abandoned

# 4 Levels of Activity/Impact

- 1 Low Intensity
- 2 High Intensity
- 3 Isotope Addition, Stable
- 4 Isotope Addition, Radioactive

# **3 Levels of Infrastructure**

- 0 None
- 1 Pin flags/Stakes/Markers
- 2 Structures / Equipment



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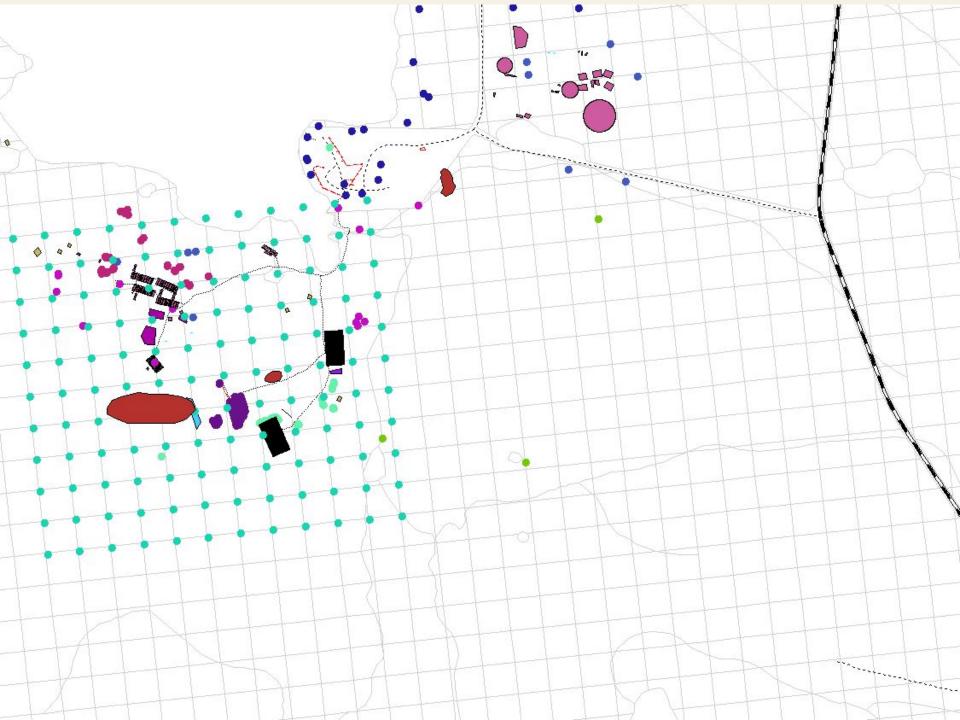
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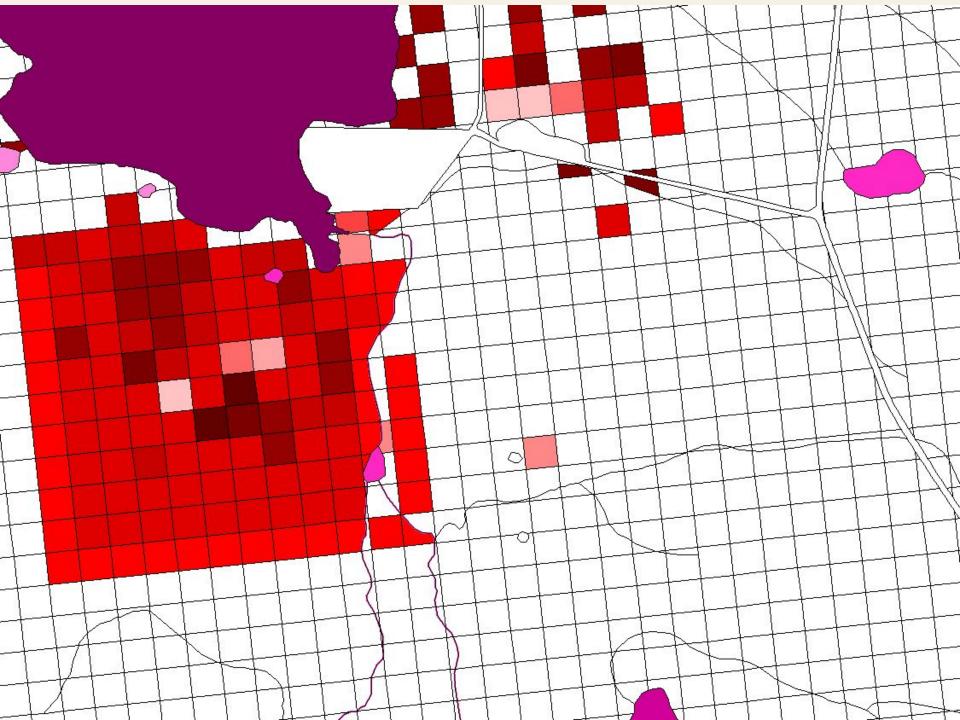
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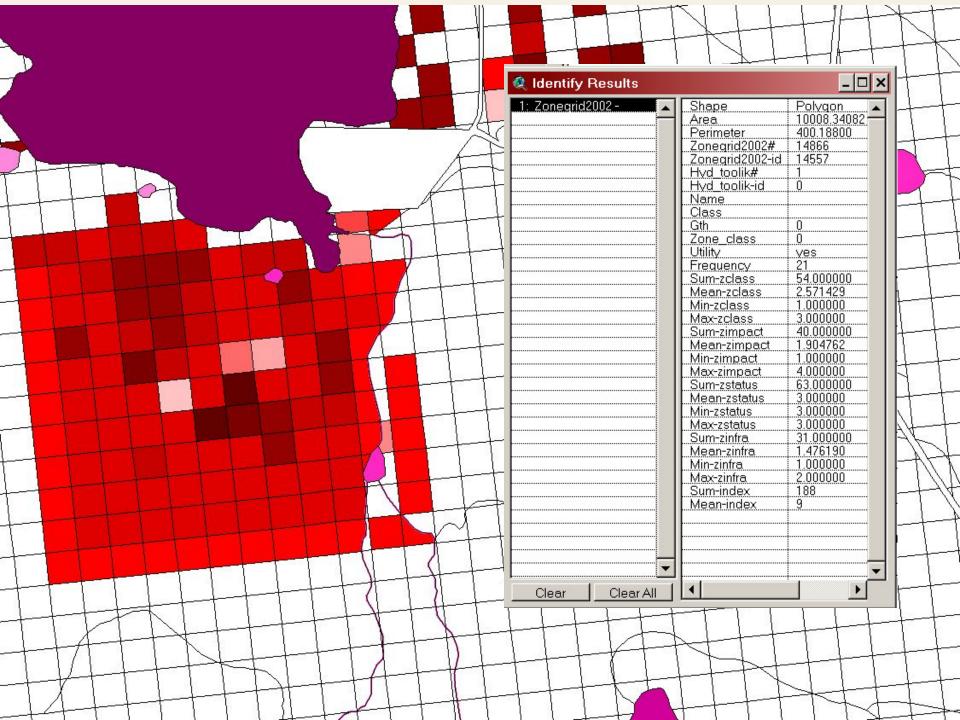
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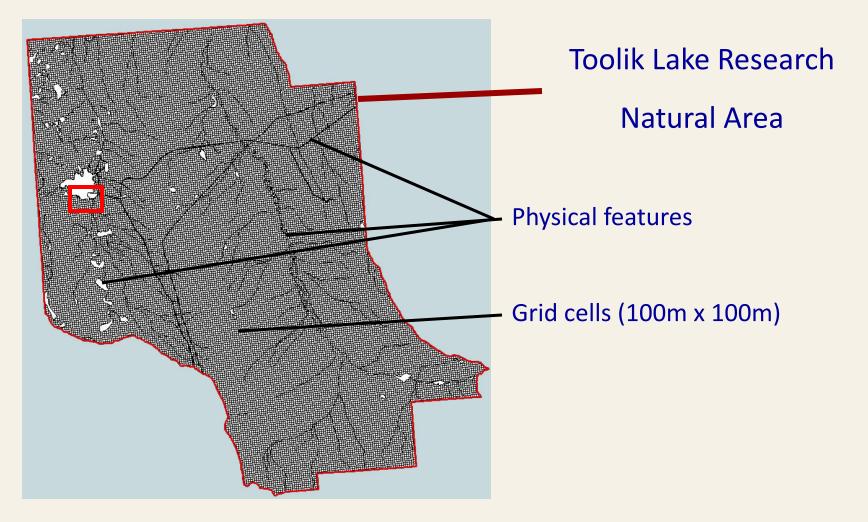
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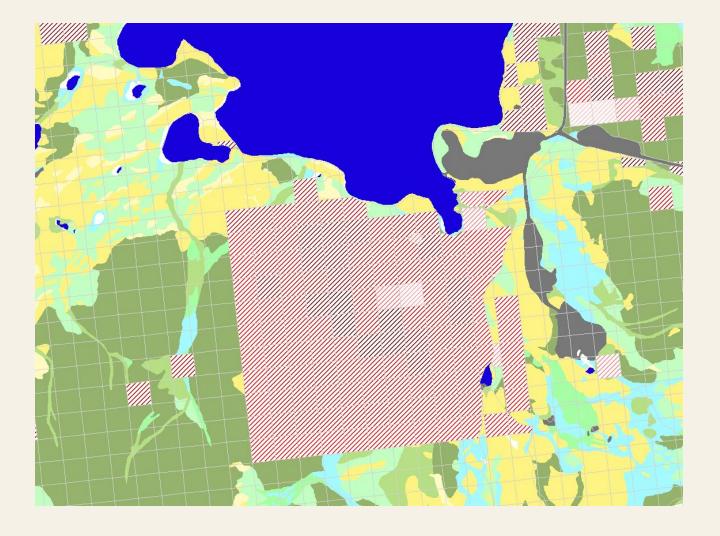




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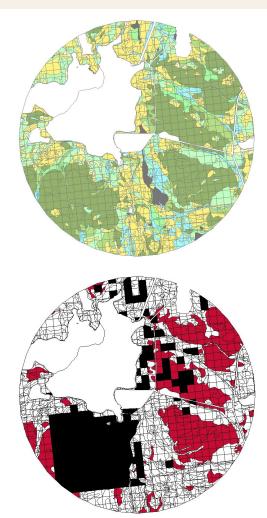
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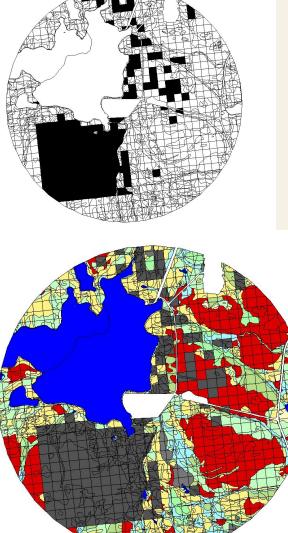




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### Toolik Natural Resource Tool – Zoning Application







### Goal:

- preserve some tundra

Criteria:

- within 1 mile of camp
- Moist Acidic Tundra

not yet disturbed

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# Toolik Natural Resource Tool – Larger Picture



BLM's approach represents a progressive view and a golden opportunity

We will likely get only one chance to do this right

Public perception is potentially crucial and can't be mishandled

Community involvement is also crucial

Web content:

Interactive site-selection & permitting tool

IMS for conveying general information

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