



**QUEST**  
**Regional Geochemical**  
**Surveys**

*Burns Lake*  
*October 9, 2009*

# RGS DEFINED



## REGIONAL

COVER VERY LARGE AREAS,  
OFTEN 1000s SQUARE KILOMETRES



## GEOCHEMICAL

STUDY OF THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF METALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

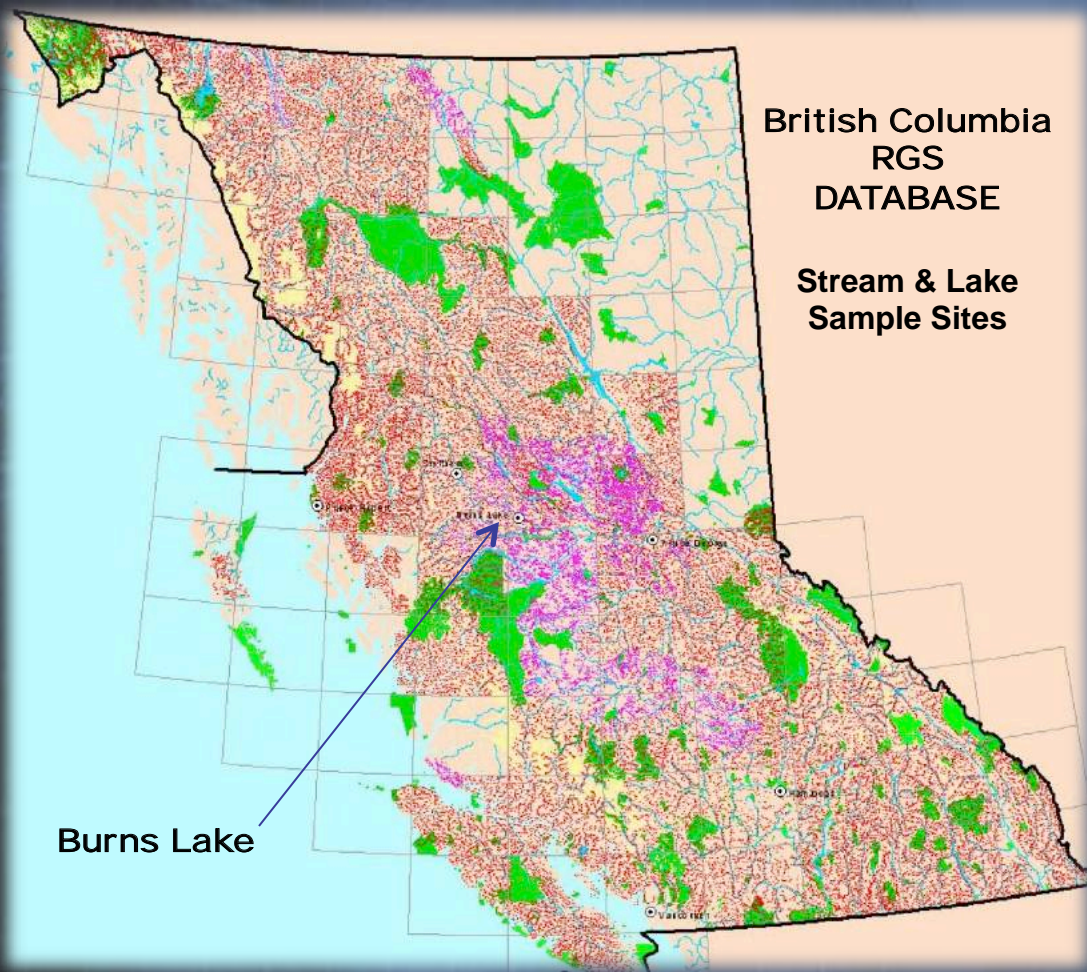


## SURVEYS

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION  
AND VARIOUS SAMPLE MEDIA



# BC RGS STATUS



**PUBLICALLY FUNDED**

**RECONNAISSANCE-SCALE**

**MULTI-ELEMENT**

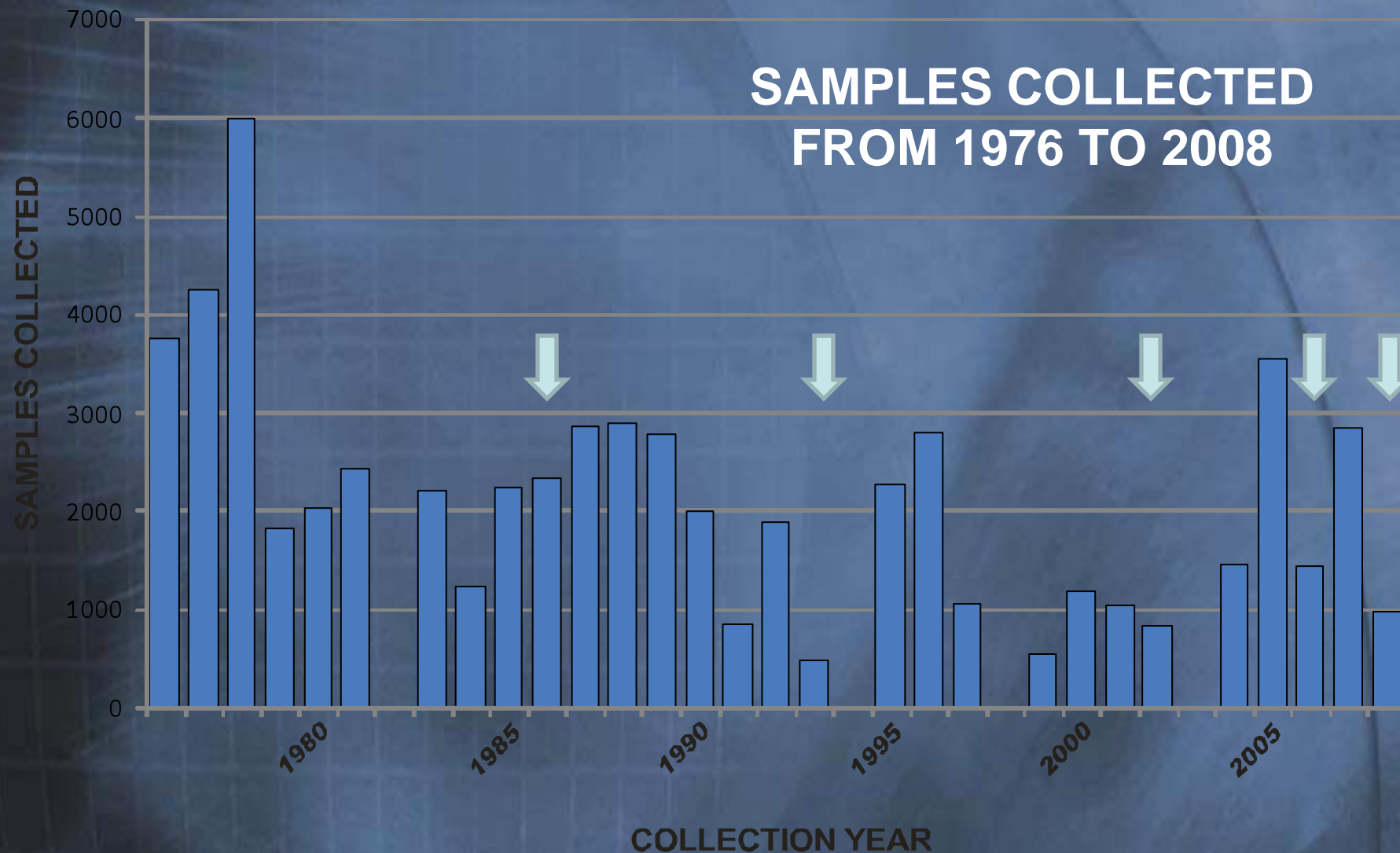
**ONGOING SINCE 1970s**

**65,000 SITES / 70% COVER**

**NATIONAL STANDARDS**

**UPGRADES INCLUDE  
NEW SURVEYS AND  
DATA REANALYSIS**

# BC RGS STATUS



# GEOSCIENCE BC CONTRIBUTIONS

**Over 19,000 new and updated samples**  
**Most comprehensive collection in Canada**



# RGS PROGRAMS

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

**SURVEY DESIGN**

**SAMPLE & DATA COLLECTION**

**SAMPLE ANALYSIS**

**DATABASE COMPILATION**

**PUBLICATION**



# RGS DESIGN



## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

**FAST PACED AND COST EFFECTIVE**

**COMPLETED IN A TIMELY FASHION**

**NATIONAL STANDARDS**

**APPROPRIATE MEDIA TYPE**

**ACCESS AND LAND-USE ISSUES**

**STATE OF EXISTING GEOSCIENCE DATA**





# RGS DESIGN



**SAMPLE COLLECTED PROVIDE  
AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION  
OF THE LOCAL GEOCHEMISTRY**

**SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN  
SOURCES OF MINERALS  
THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED  
WITH REGIONAL TRENDS  
AND SITE ANOMALIES**





# RGS COLLECTION



## STREAM SEDIMENT & WATER

**SECOND ORDER STREAMS DRAINING AREAS  
OF 6 TO 10 SQUARE KILOMETRES**



**2 KG OF FINE-GRAINED MATERIAL AND  
250 ML CLEAR WATER**



**COLLECTED FROM ACTIVE CHANNEL  
REMOVED FROM POSSIBLE SOURCES OF  
CONTAMINATION**

# RGS COLLECTION



## LAKE SEDIMENT & WATER

**SMALL LAKES/PONDS AND SINGLE BASINS  
IN LARGER LAKES**

**2 KG OF CENTRE BASIN SEDIMENTS AND  
CLEAR NEAR SURFACE WATER**

**ORGANIC GEL SAMPLES COLLECTED  
REPRESENT A 35 CM SECTION BELOW  
SEDIMENT-WATER INTERFACE**





# RGS COLLECTION



**TILL and Other**

**BASAL TILL**



**BIOGEOCHEMISTRY - BARK**





# RGS COLLECTION

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

SITE LOCATION DATA

SAMPLE MEDIA DESCRIPTIONS

SAMPLE SITE INFORMATION



# RGS SAMPLE ANALYSIS



**SAMPLES ARE CAREFULLY PROCESSED FOR MULTI-ELEMENT ANALYTICAL WORK**



**EARLY SURVEYS ONLY INCLUDED A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF ANALYSIS**

**MODERN PROGRAMS INCLUDE A FULL RANGE OF PRECIOUS METALS, BASE METALS, PATHFINDER ELEMENTS AND MORE**



**ICPMS AND INAA METHODS CAN PROVIDE OVER 70 ELEMENT DETERMINATIONS**





# RGS DATABASE

	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	AB	AC	AD
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**DIGITAL COLLECTION OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND RAW ANALYTICAL DATA**

**EACH SAMPLE SITE IDENTIFIED WITH A UNIQUE ID NUMBER**

**EACH SAMPLE NUMBER IS ATTRIBUTED WITH LOCATION INFORMATION, FIELD DATA AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS**

**EASILY LOADED INTO ANY DATABASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SPREADSHEET AND/OR GIS**



# 56 DIFFERENT ELEMENTS

# ICPMS AND INAA PRIMARY METHODS

\*Lanthanide series

### \*\* Actinide series

lanthanum 57 138.91	cerium 58 140.12	praseodymium 59 140.91	neodymium 60 144.24	promethium 61 144.91	europium 62 151.96	gadolinium 63 157.25	terbium 64 158.93	dysprosium 65 162.50	holmium 66 164.93	erbium 67 167.26	thulium 68 168.93	ytterbium 69 173.04	
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La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb
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# QUEST RGS- STREAM



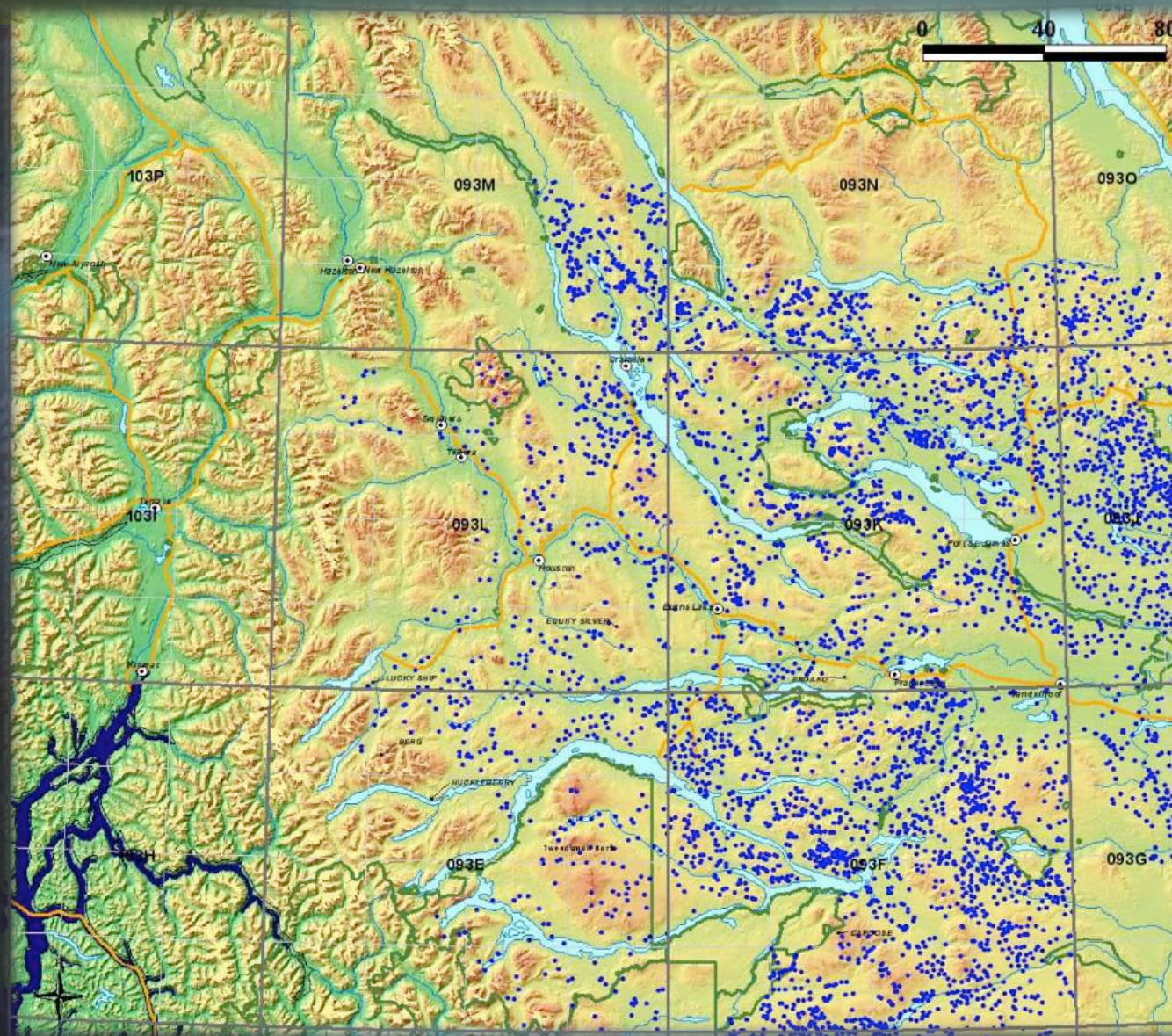
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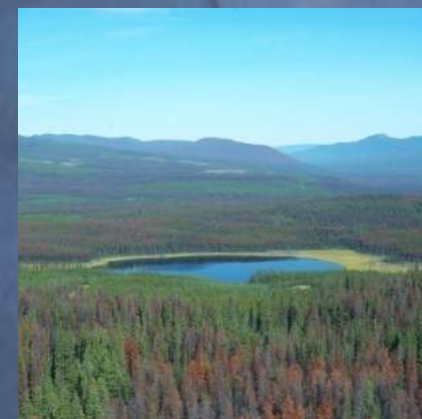
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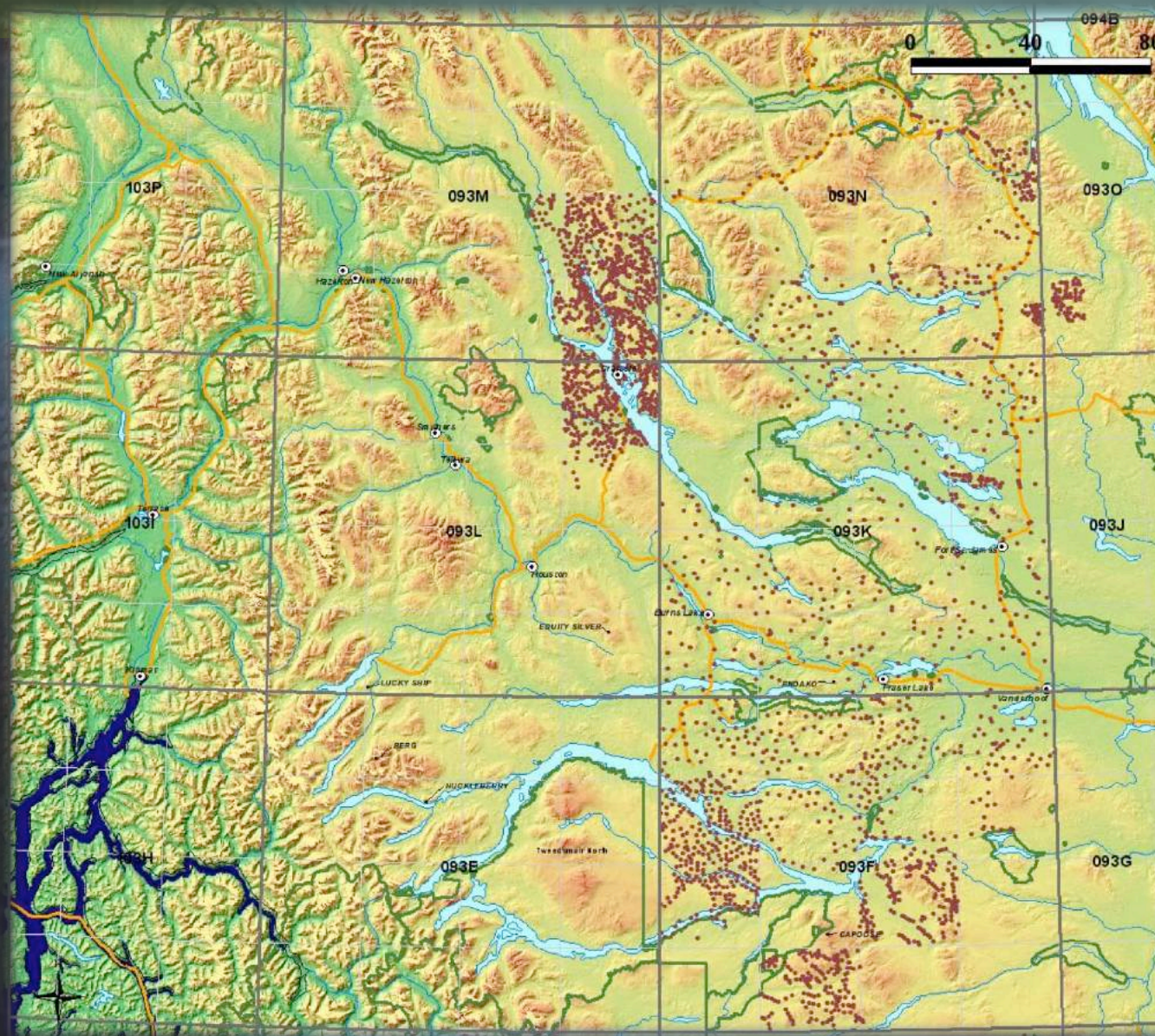
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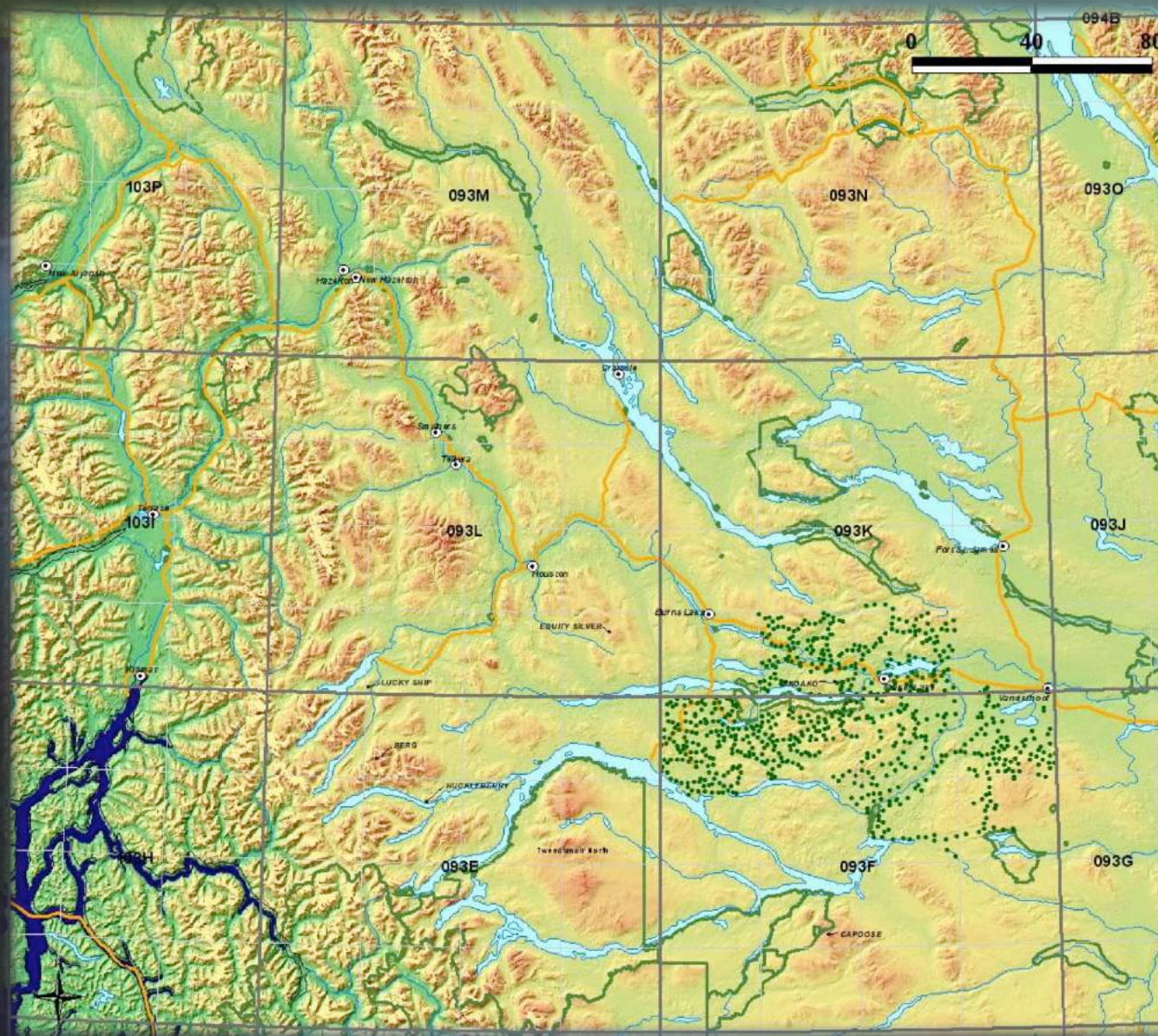
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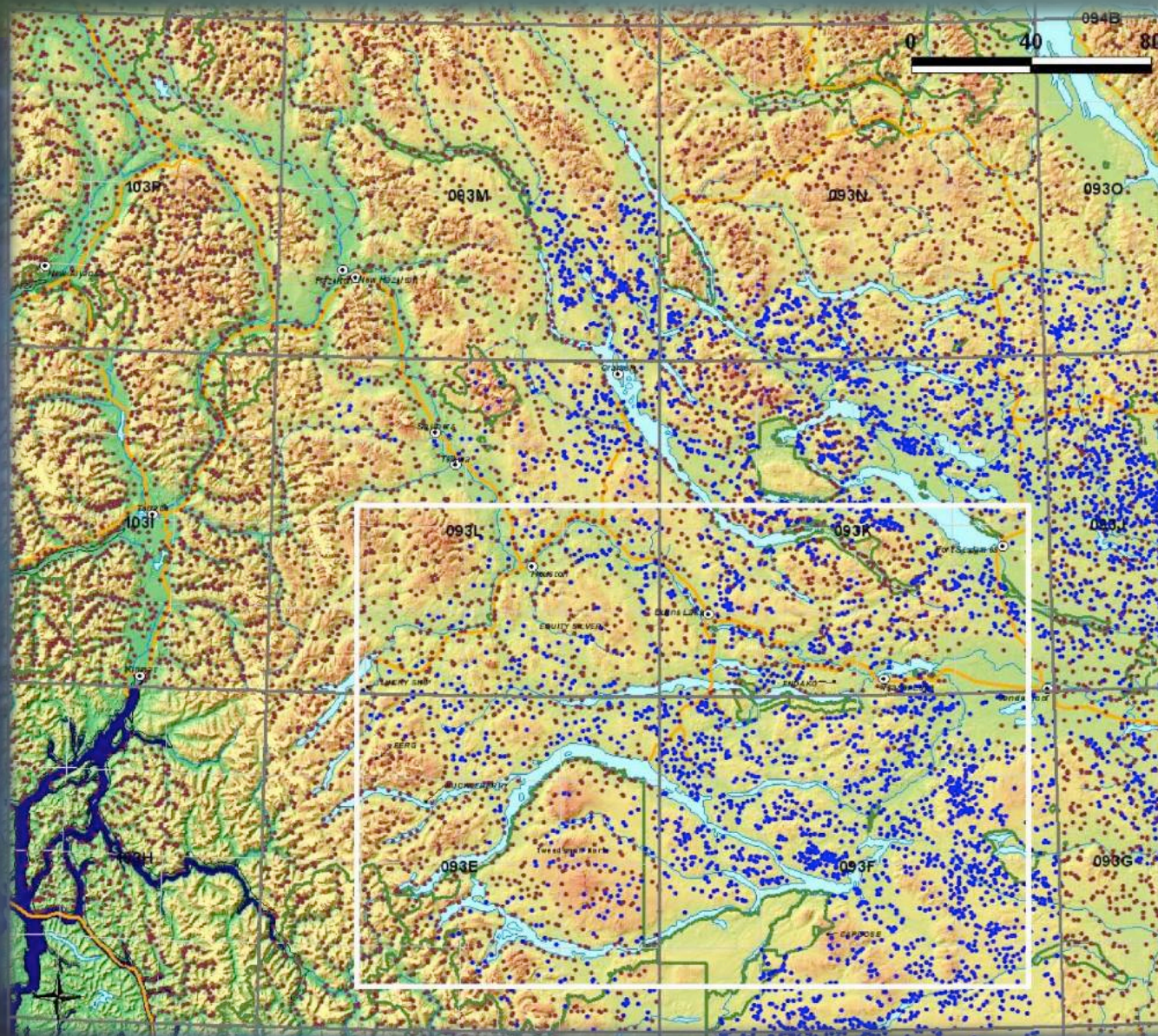
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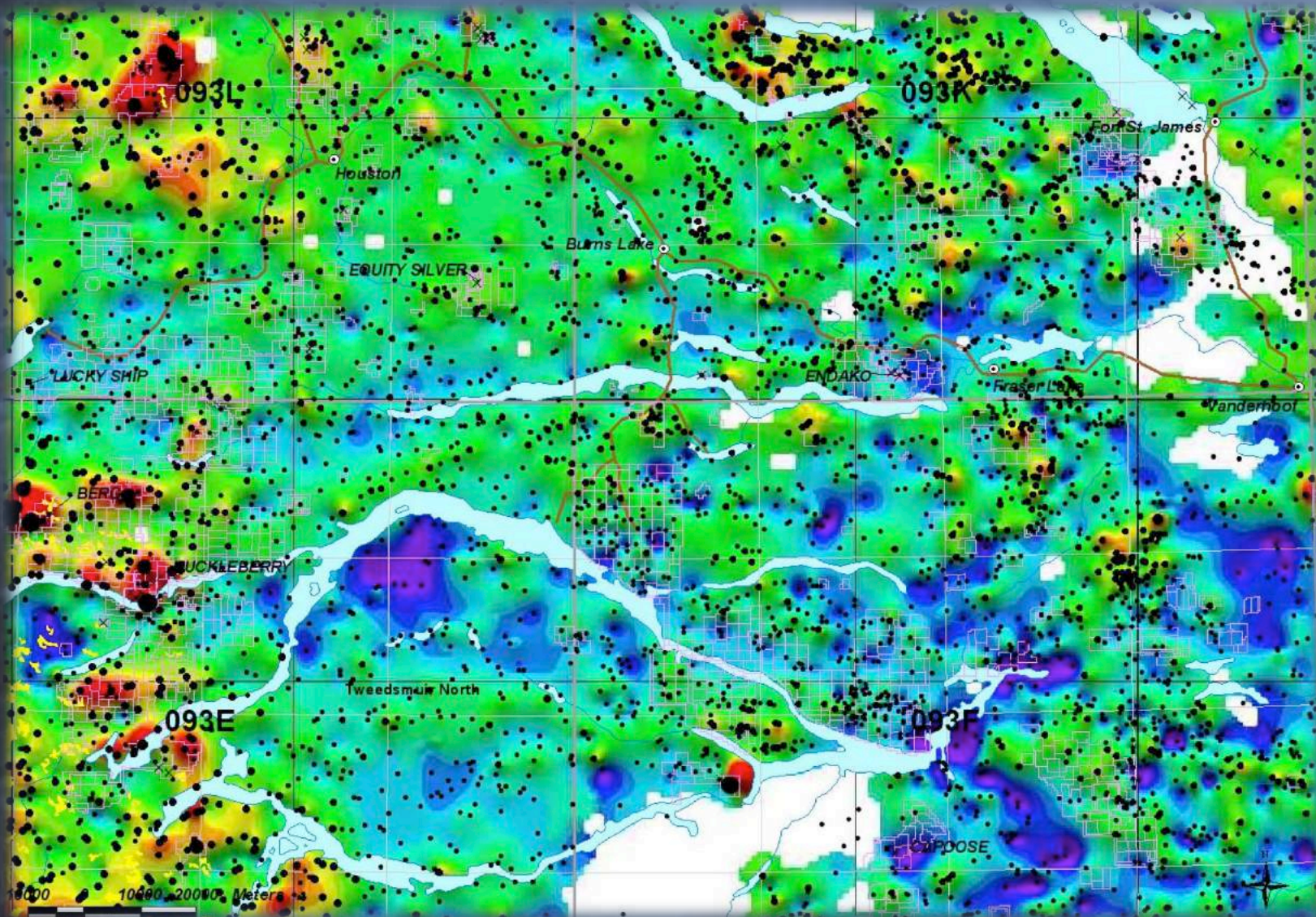


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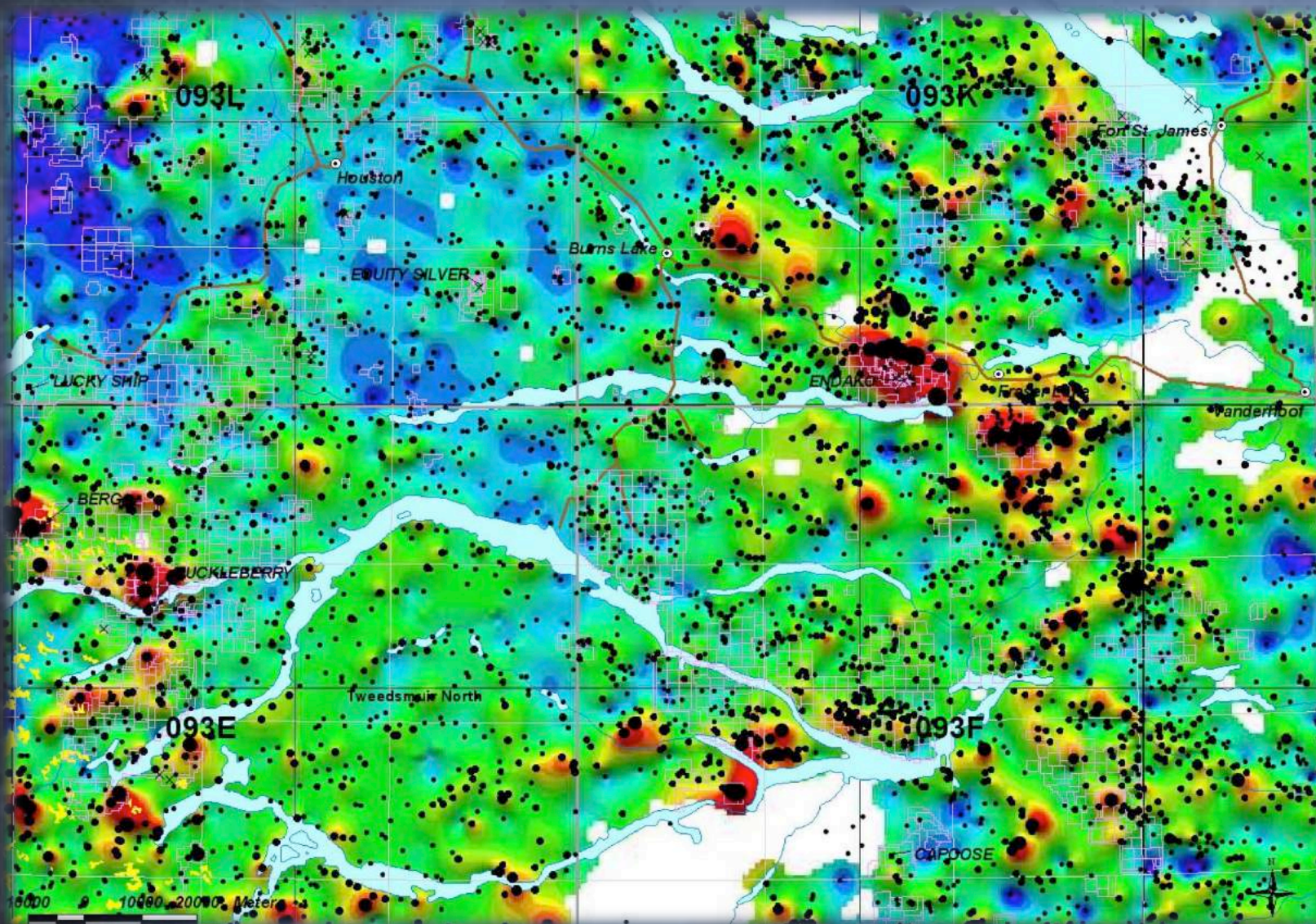


# QUEST RGS- CU





# QUEST RGS- MO





# RGS OBJECTIVES



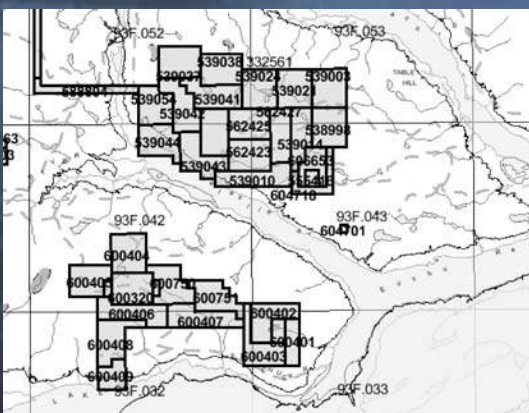
**PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY RECONNAISSANCE DATA THAT ASSISTS IN THE SEARCH AND DISCOVERY OF METALS IN BC**

**ENSURE THAT THE RGS DATABASE IS BUILT AND MAINTAINED USING NATIONAL STANDARDS AND QC/QA MEASURES**

**MAINTAIN THE DATABASE AS AN UP-TO-DATE AND COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF GEOCHEMICAL INFORMATION THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE RELEVANT AND USEFUL TO MORE DETAILED GEOSCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS**



# RGS MEASURES OF SUCCESS



**SURVEYS ARE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED  
TO NATIONAL STANDARDS AND RESULTS  
ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC**

## WORK STIMULATES CLAIM ACQUISITION

## FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATIONS ENCOURAGE FURTHER EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES

## DISCOVERY OF MINERALIZED SOURCES AND DEPOSITS

## FOCUSED EXPLORATION IN TARGET AREAS GENERATES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

# SUMMARY



**THE COMPILATION OF RGS RESULTS, INCLUDING DATA GENERATED BY SEVERAL GEOSCIENCE BC INITIATIVES, HAS GENERATED A WEALTH OF HIGH-QUALITY GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT CURRENT AND FUTURE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES**