

THERMAL INFRARED IMAGERY IN RIVERS

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WHY DO I CARE ABOUT TIR IMAGERY IN RIVERS?



- Keystone Species
- Cultural & Economical importance
- Spawning/Rearing Habitat
- Facing increasing threats



CONVENTIONAL TEMPERATURE MONITORING

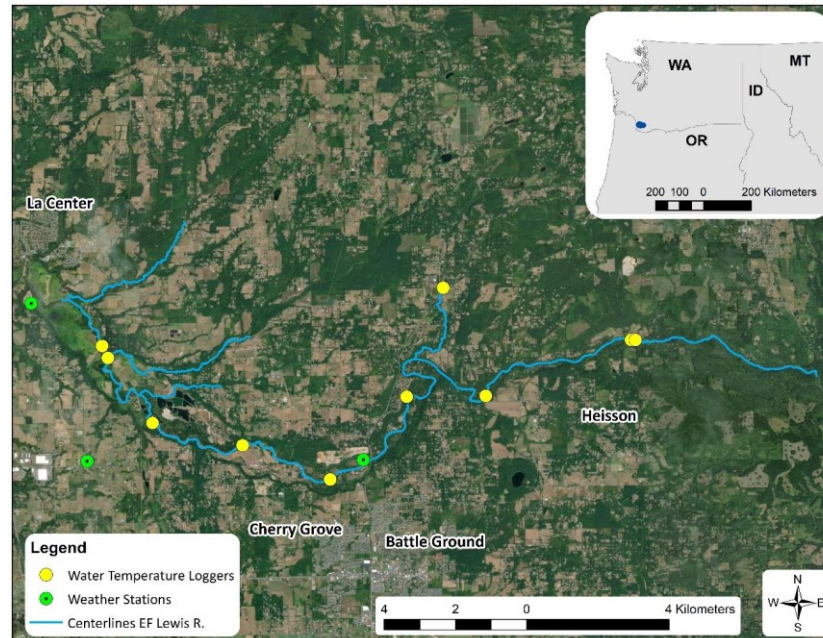
In Situ Measurements

- Temporal/diurnal trends
- Long term monitoring
- Discrete/lack resolution
- Deployment/Retrieval



Boat Surveys

- Longitudinal profile
- Misses Significant features
- Limited to boatable rivers
- Time consuming

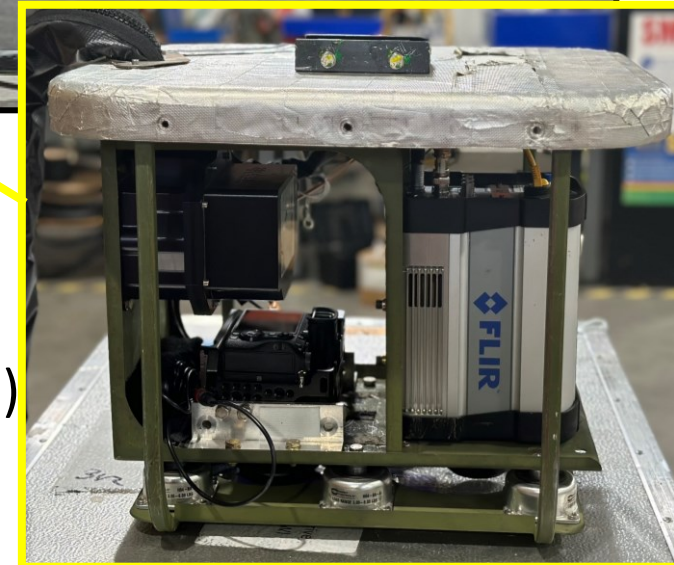


AIRBORNE TIR IMAGERY

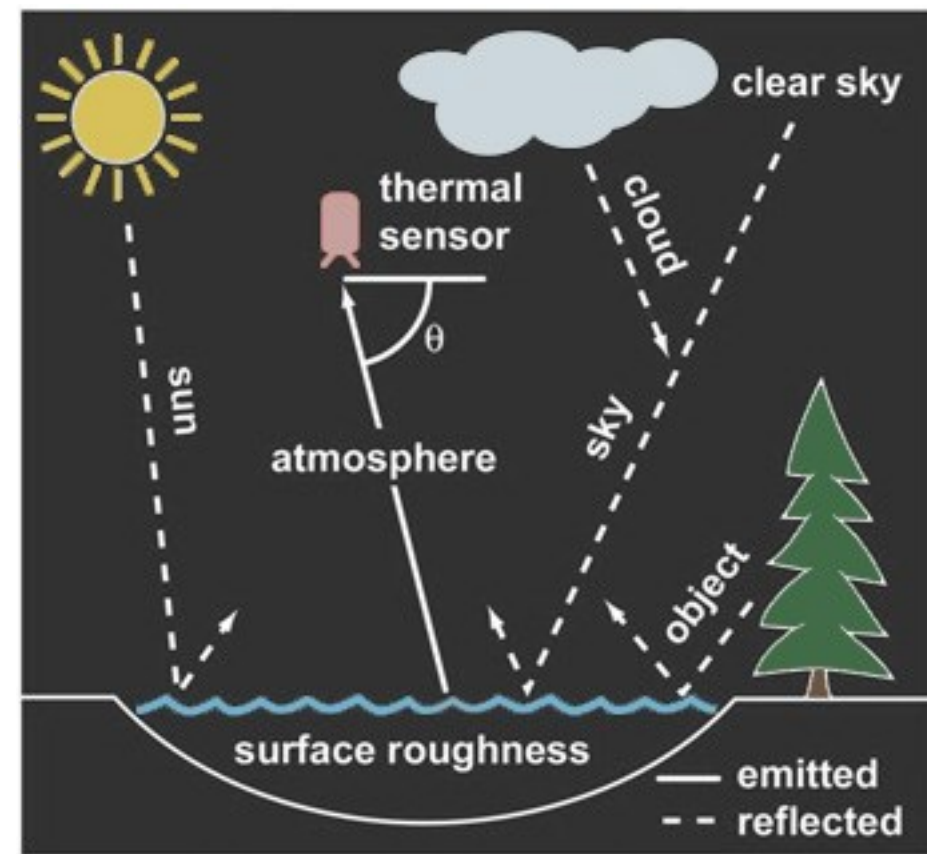
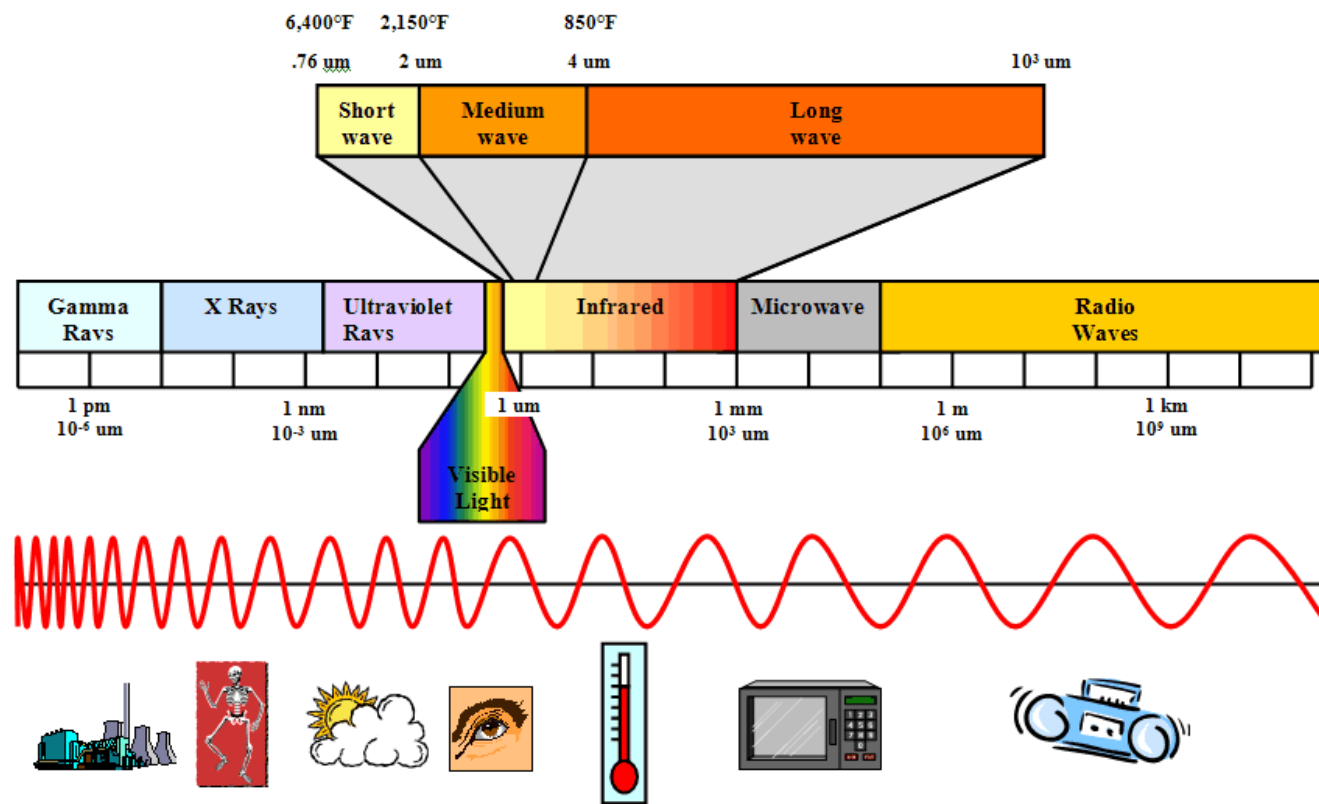
Wavelength: 8-9.2 μ m
 Measured: Emitted surface Radiation
 Spatial Resolution: 0.3 to 1.0 meters
 Thermal Sensitivity: <0.1 $^{\circ}$ C
 Thermal Accuracy: \pm 0.5 $^{\circ}$ C



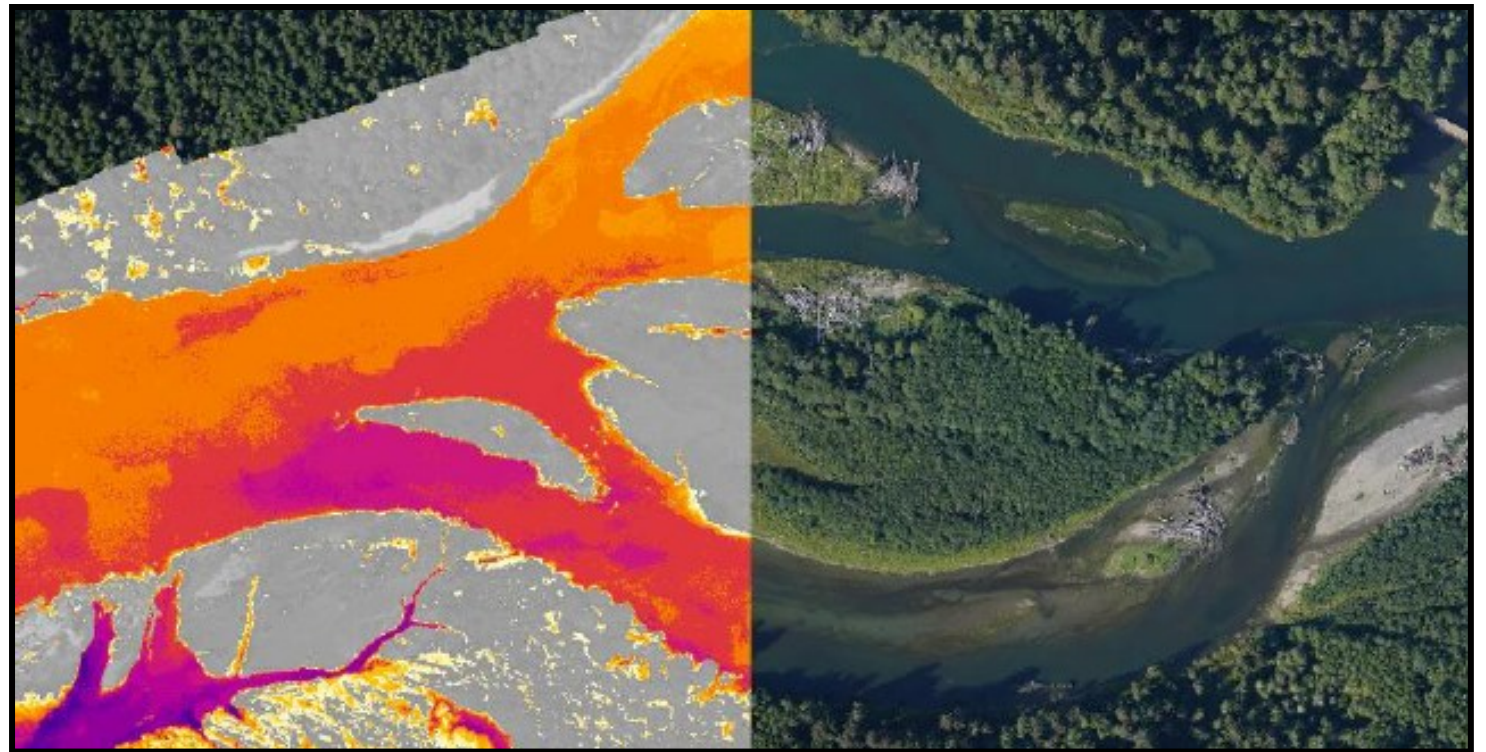
- FLIR LWIR (cooled) Camera
- Co-Acquired RGB Imagery
- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)



THERMAL INFRARED TECHNOLOGY



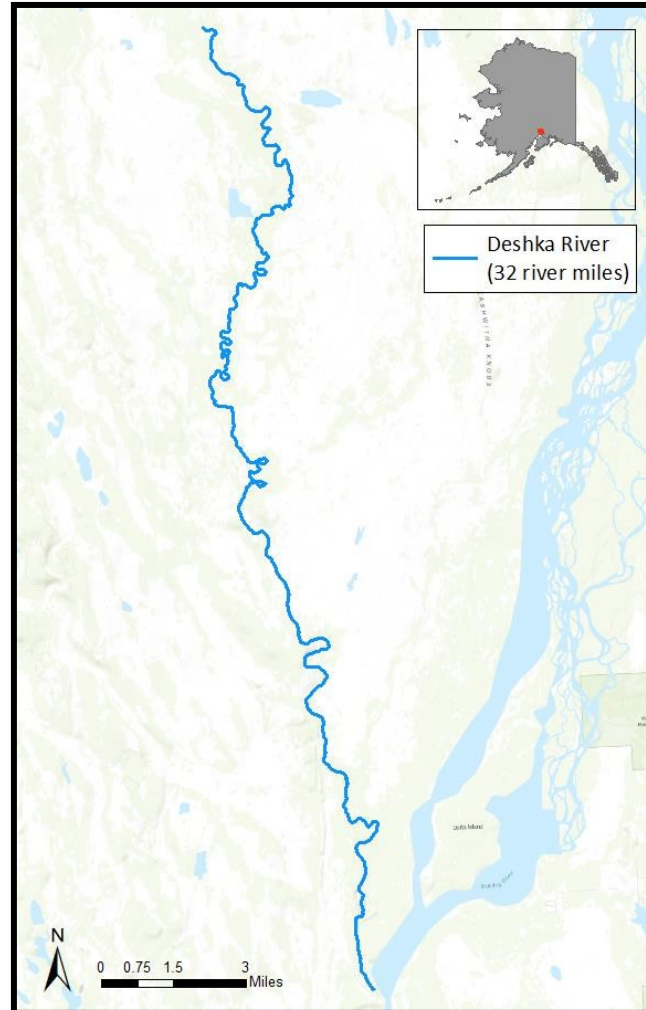
- Measure Surface Water Temperatures over large extent
- Longitudinal profile
- Stream Temperature Gradient
- Significant Features
 - Seeps/springs
 - Hyporheic flow
 - Groundwater infiltration
- Cold-water refugia
- Point source pollution
- Tributaries
- TMDL



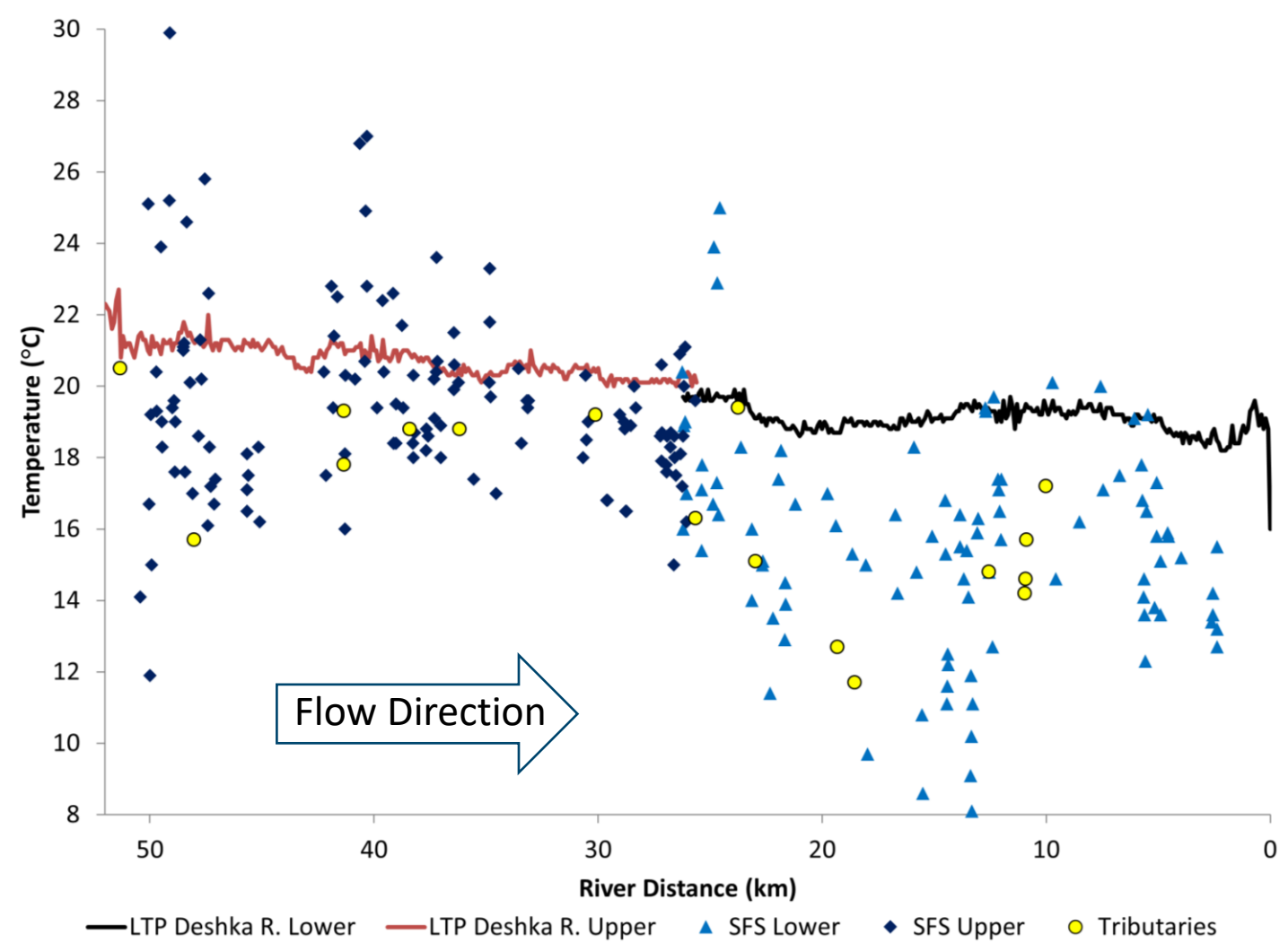
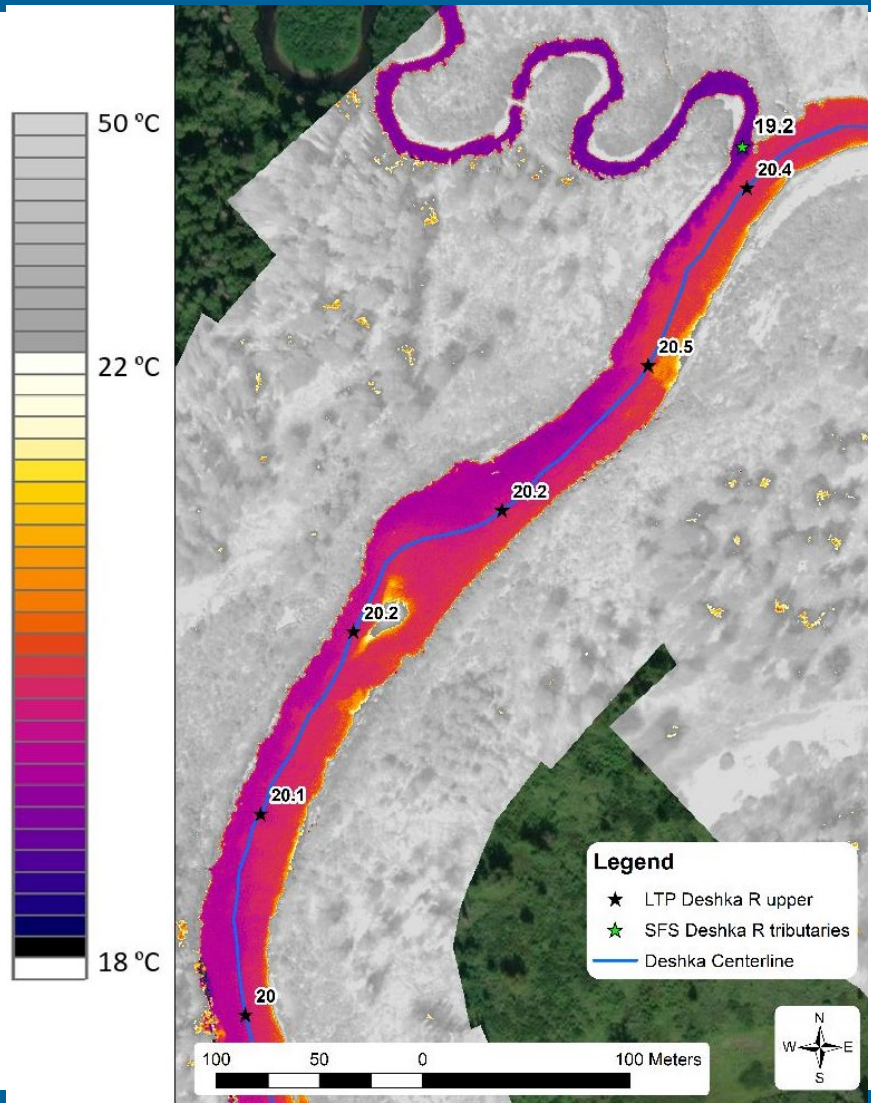
DESHKA RIVER TIR



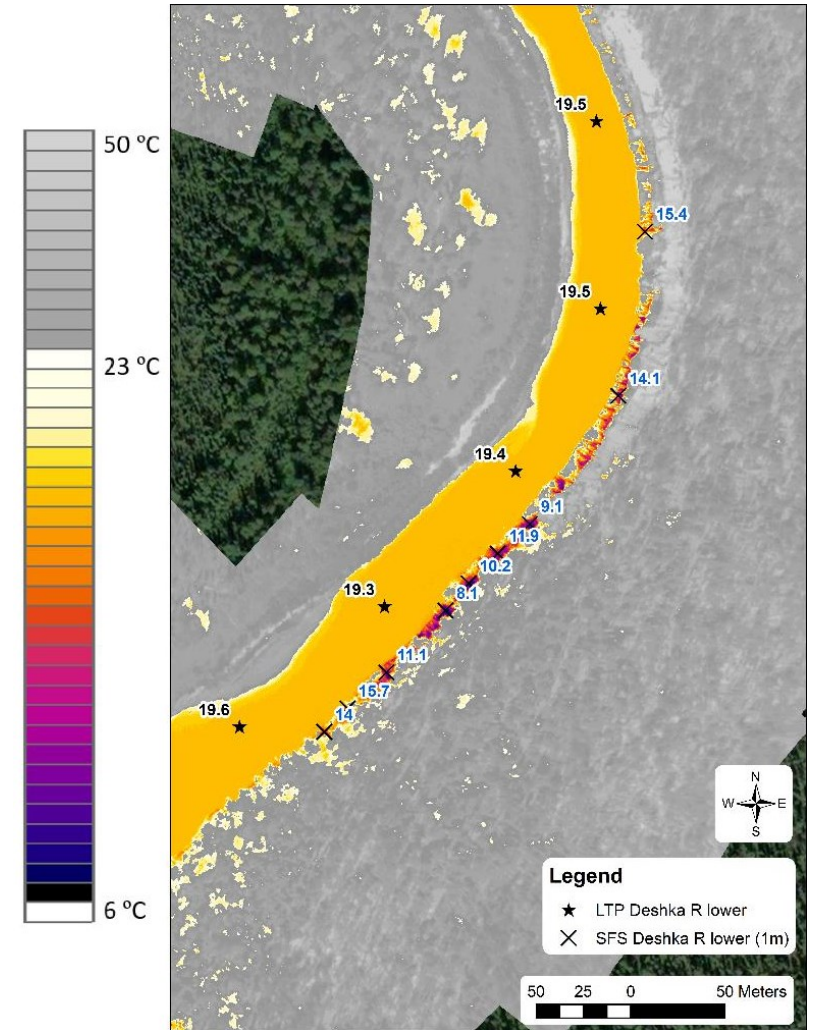
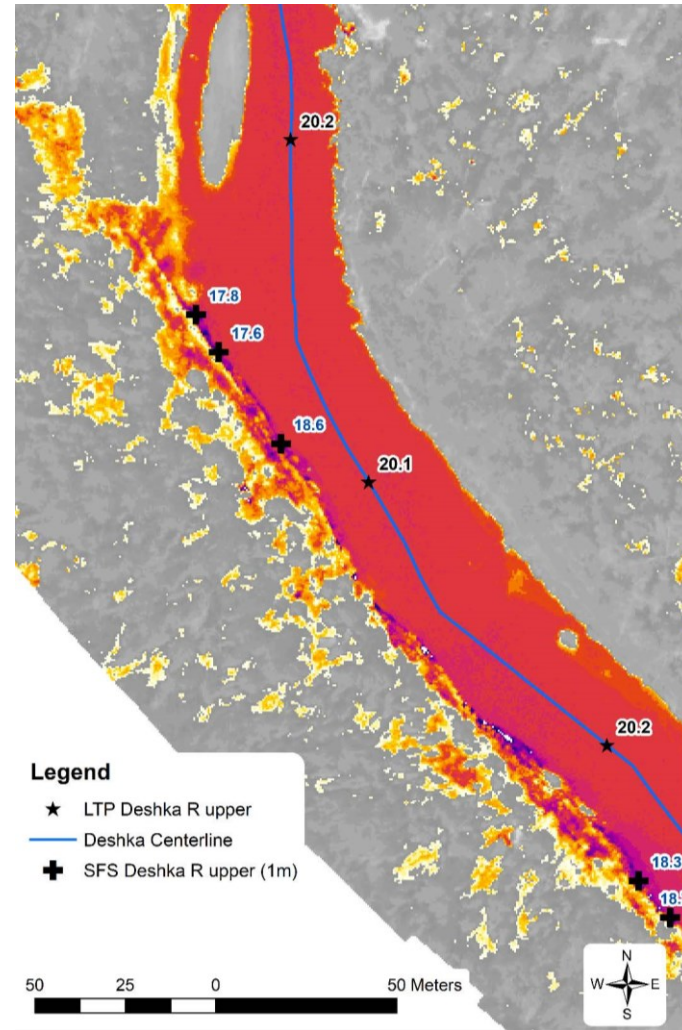
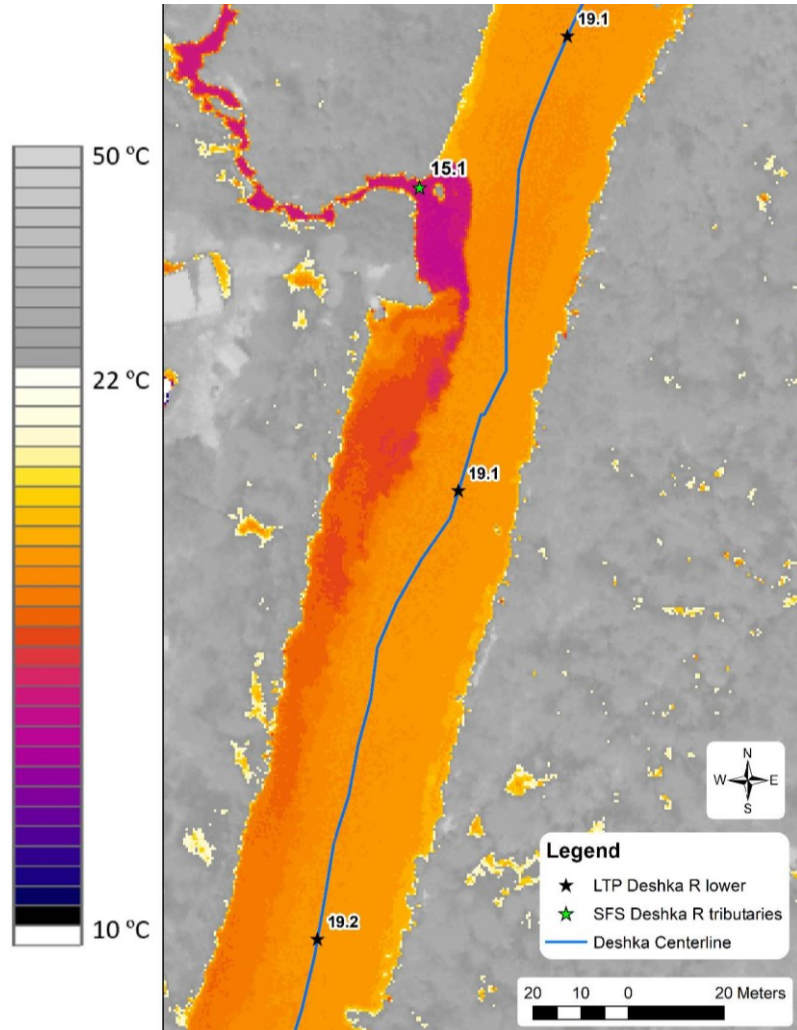
- ~32 River Miles
- Acquired July 4, 2020
- Susitna upstream to Moose Creek
- Premier Sport fishing River in AK
- Difficult to access (roadless)

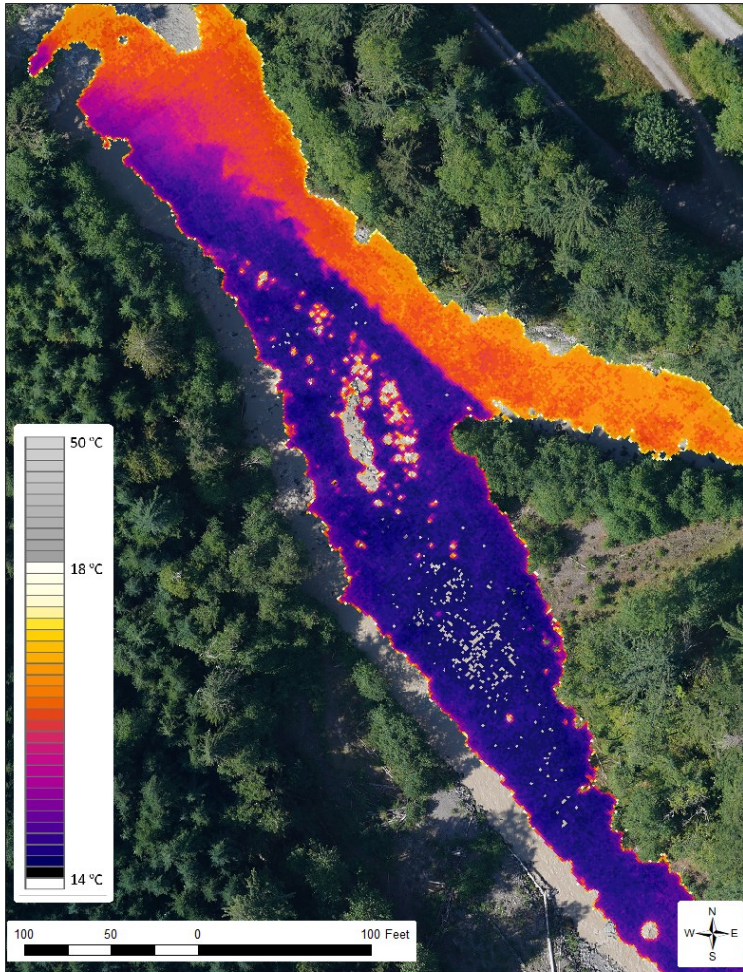


DESHKA RIVER RESULTS



DESHKA RIVER





- Target cold water inputs for enhancement
 - Log jams to slow and pool cold water
 - Prioritize reconnection of cold-water wetlands and tributaries where disconnection has occurred
- Riparian plantings to increase shading
- Enhance spawning and/or rearing habitat
- Floodplain reconnection and enhancement of groundwater/surface-water exchange
- Increased protections to prevent future degradation

OTHER TIR APPLICATIONS

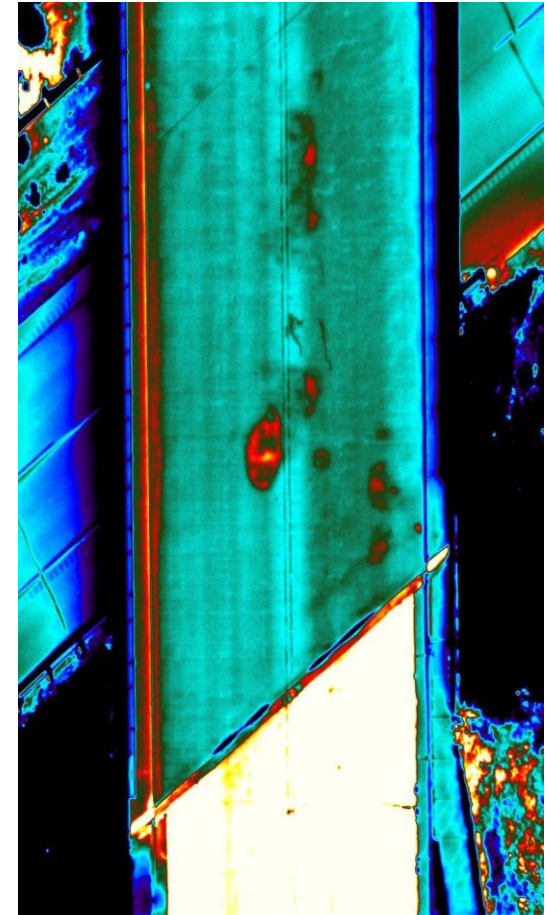
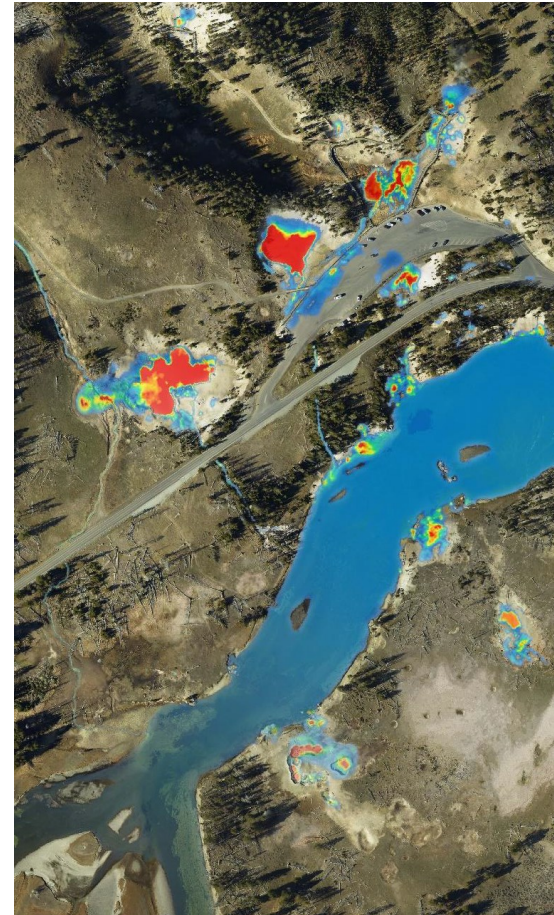
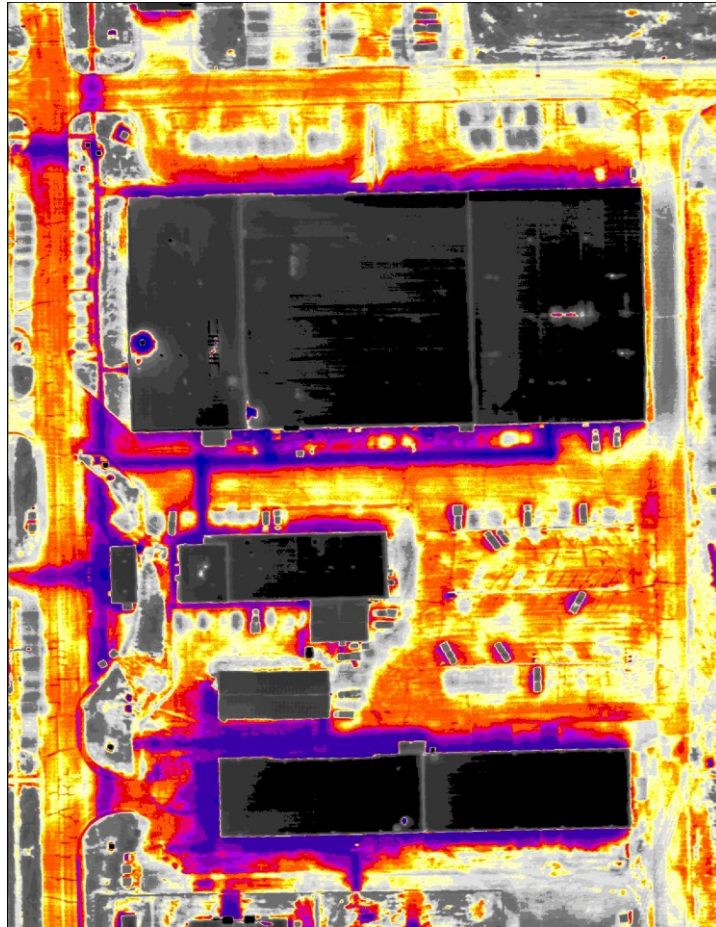
Heat Loss/Energy Efficiency

Geothermal Exploration

Bridge Inspection

Pipeline Inspection

Fire Mapping



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SPECIES GROUP	FIR
HEIGHT	36.63 M
CROWN DIAMETER	11.32 M
DBH	0.85 M
CONDITION	HEALTHY

DEPTH	0.32 M
TEMPERATURE	14.7°C
GEOMORPHIC CLASS	RIFLE
SOLAR EXPOSURE	HIGH

DEGREES
CELSIUS

