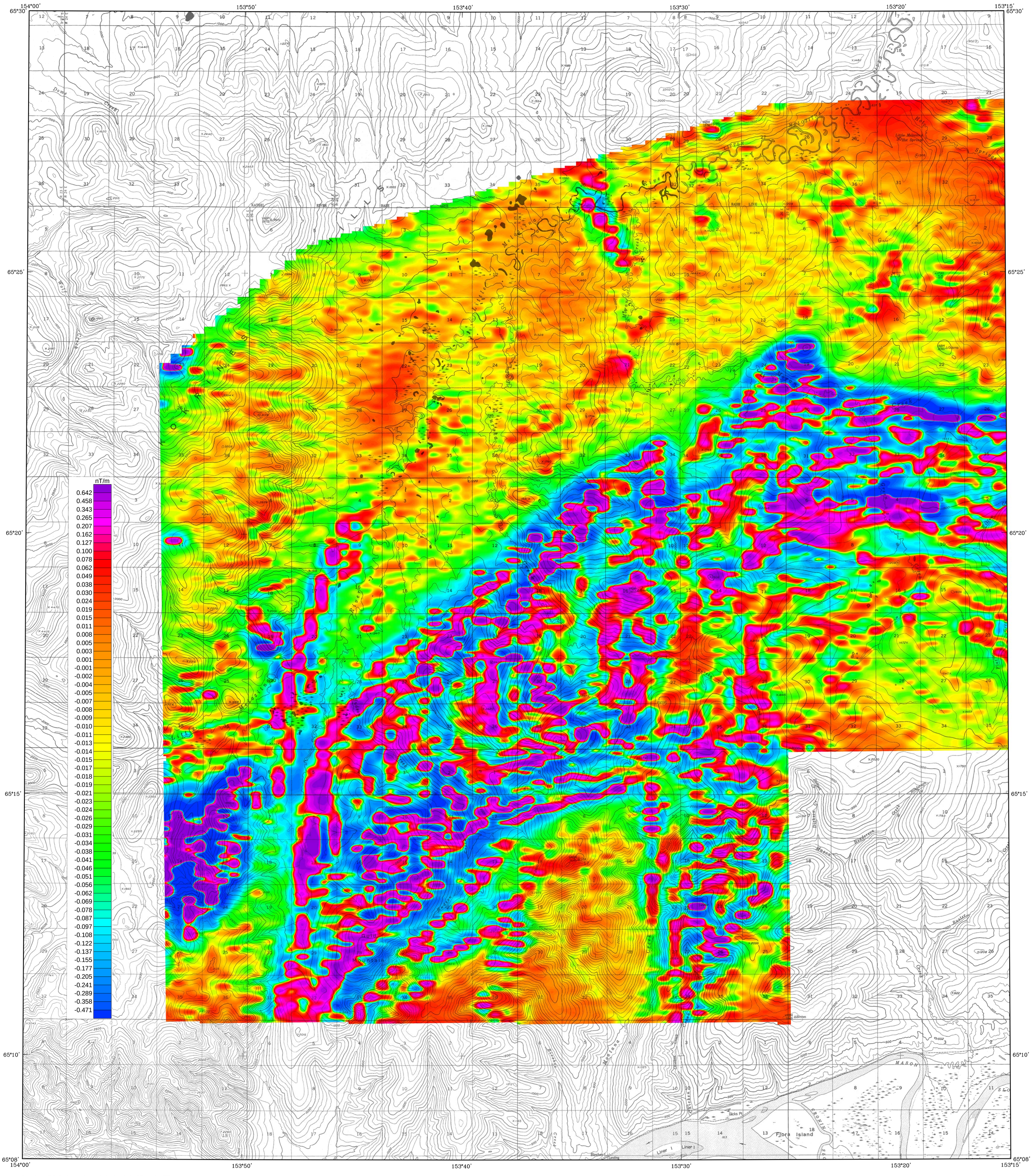

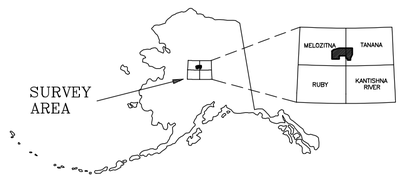

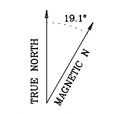

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FIRST VERTICAL DERIVATIVE OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD OF THE MORAN SURVEY AREA, SOUTH-CENTRAL MELOZITNA MINING DISTRICT, CENTRAL ALASKA

PARTS OF MELOZITNA and TANANA QUADRANGLES

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DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

The geophysical data were acquired with a DIGHEM^{V} Electromagnetic (EM) system, Radiation Solutions RS-500 gamma-ray spectrometer and a Fugro D1344 magnetometer with a Scintrex CS3 cesium sensor. The EM and magnetic sensors were flown at a height of 100 feet. The gamma-ray spectrometer was flown at a height of 200 feet. In addition the survey recorded data from radar and laser altimeters, GPS navigation system, 50/60 Hz monitors and video camera. Flights were performed with an AS-350-B3 Squirrel helicopter at a mean terrain clearance of 200 feet along N-S (0°) survey flight lines with a spacing of a quarter of a mile. Tie lines were flown perpendicular to the flight lines at intervals of approximately 3 miles.

A Novatel OEM4-G2L Global Positioning System was used for navigation. The helicopter position was derived every 0.5 seconds using post-flight differential positioning to a relative accuracy of better than 5m. Flight path positions were projected onto the Clarke 1866 (UTM zone 5) spheroid, 1927 North American datum using a central meridian (CM) of 153°, a north constant of 0 and an east constant of 500,000. Positional accuracy of the presented data is better than 10m with respect to the UTM grid.

COLOR BAR HISTOGRAM

Approximately 98% of the first vertical derivative of the magnetic field for the Moran Survey Area dataset lie within the range displayed on the color bar. Data values actually range from -6.597 nT/m (dark blue) to about 11.931 nT/m (magenta).

FIRST VERTICAL DERIVATIVE OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD

The magnetic total field data were processed using digitally recorded data from a Fugro D1344 magnetometer with a Scintrex CS3 cesium sensor. Data were collected at a sampling interval of 0.1 seconds. The magnetic data were (1) corrected for diurnal variations by subtraction of the digitally recorded base station magnetic data, (2) IGRF corrected (IGRF model 2005, updated for date of flight and altimeter variations), (3) leveled to the tie line data, and (4) interpolated onto a regular 80 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique. All grids were then resampled from the 80 m cell size down to a 25 m cell size to produce the maps and final grids contained in this publication. The first vertical derivative grid was calculated from the processed total magnetic field grid using a FFT base frequency domain filtering algorithm. The resulting first veritical derivative grid provides better definition and resolution of near-surface magnetic units and helps to identify weak magnetic features that may not be evident on the total field data.

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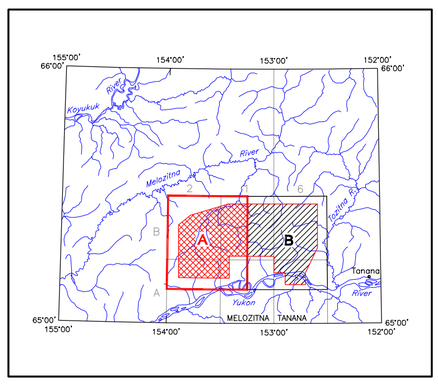

SURVEY HISTORY

This map has been compiled and drawn under contract between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS), and Stevens Exploration Management Corp. Airborne geophysical data for the area were acquired and processed by Fugro Airborne Surveys Corp. in 2009 and 2010. The project was funded by the Alaska State Legislature as part of the Alaska Airborne Geological & Geophysical Mineral Inventory Program.

All data and maps produced to date from this survey are available in digital format on DVD for a nominal fee through DGGS, 3354 College Road, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709-3707, and are downloadable for free from the DGGS website (www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/pubs). Maps are also available on paper through the DGGS office, and are viewable online at the website in Adobe Acrobat .PDF file format.