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## **ABSTRACT**

This Broad Pass electromagnetic and magnetic airborne geophysical survey is located in interior Alaska in the Bonnifield mining district, about 160 kilometers south of Fairbanks, Alaska and about 250 kilometers north of Anchorage, Alaska. Frequency domain electromagnetic and magnetic data were collected with the DIGHEM<sup>V</sup> system from July to August 2001. A total of 1970.2 line kilometers were collected covering 689.5 square kilometers. Line spacing was 400 meters (m). Data were collected 30 m above the ground surface from a helicopter towed sensor platform (“bird”) on a 30 m long line.

## **PURPOSE**

This airborne geophysical survey is part of a program to acquire data on Alaska’s most promising mineral belts and districts. The information acquired is aimed at catalyzing new private-sector exploration, discovery, and ultimate development and production. The purpose of the survey was to map the magnetic and conductive properties of the survey area. One placer gold prospect in the survey area is Windy Creek. Other gold and base-metal anomalies, altered zones, favorable lithologies, and structural zones are known to exist throughout the survey area.

## **SURVEY OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION**

This document provides an overview of the survey and includes text and figures of select primary and derivative products of this survey. A table of digital data packages available for download is provided to assist users in data selection. For reference, a catalog of the available maps is presented in reduced resolution. Please consult the metadata, project report, and digital data packages for more information and data.

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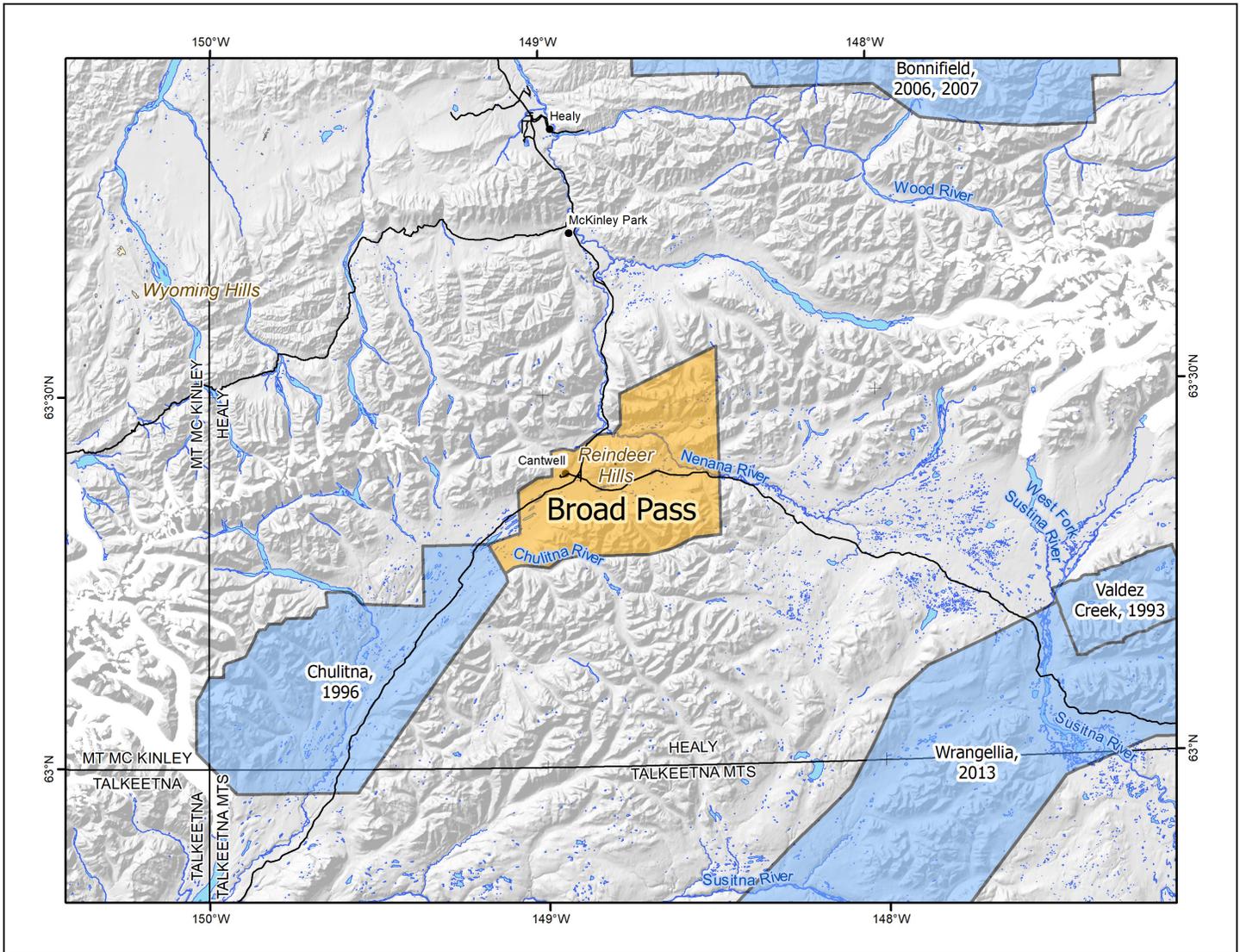
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**AVAILABLE DATA**

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documents	contractor and DGGS	Project and field reports, survey background information, gridded data explanations, other documentation
grids_ermapper	contractor and DGGS	Geographically registered gridded data, ER Mapper ERS format
grids_geosoft	contractor and DGGS	Geosoft-format grids, these grids can be viewed in ESRI ArcMap using a free plugin from Geosoft or the free viewer available from Geosoft
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kmz	DGGS	keyhole markup language (kml) kmz archive files of project data. Viewable in Google Earth and other compatible programs
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video_flightpath	contractor	Survey flight path downward facing video

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**Figure 1.** Broad Pass electromagnetic and magnetic airborne geophysical survey location shown in interior Alaska (inset). Broad Pass survey area shown with adjacent DGGs geophysical surveys, landmarks, relevant 1:250,000-scale quadrangle boundaries, mountain ranges, rivers, glaciers, and elevation hillshade.



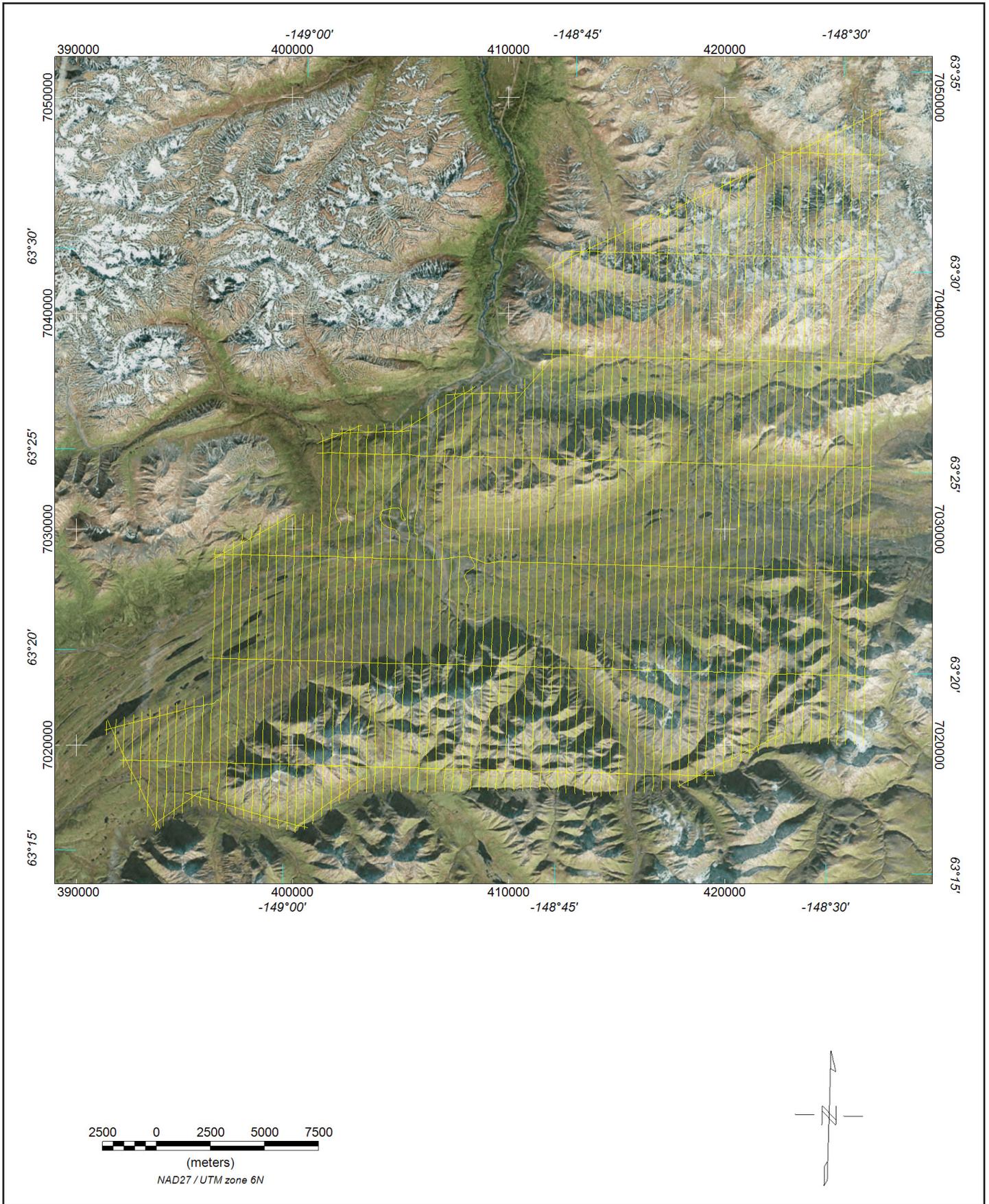
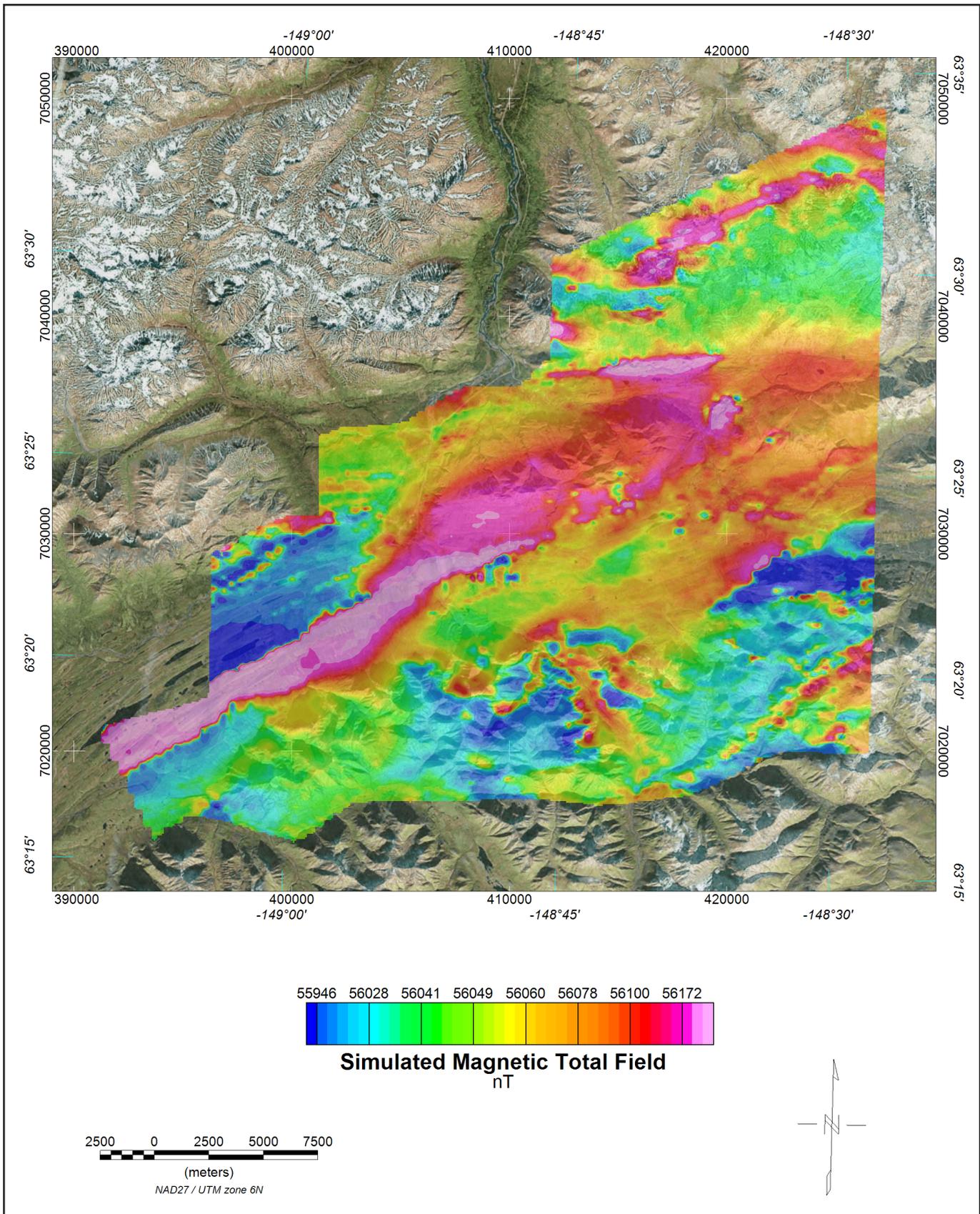
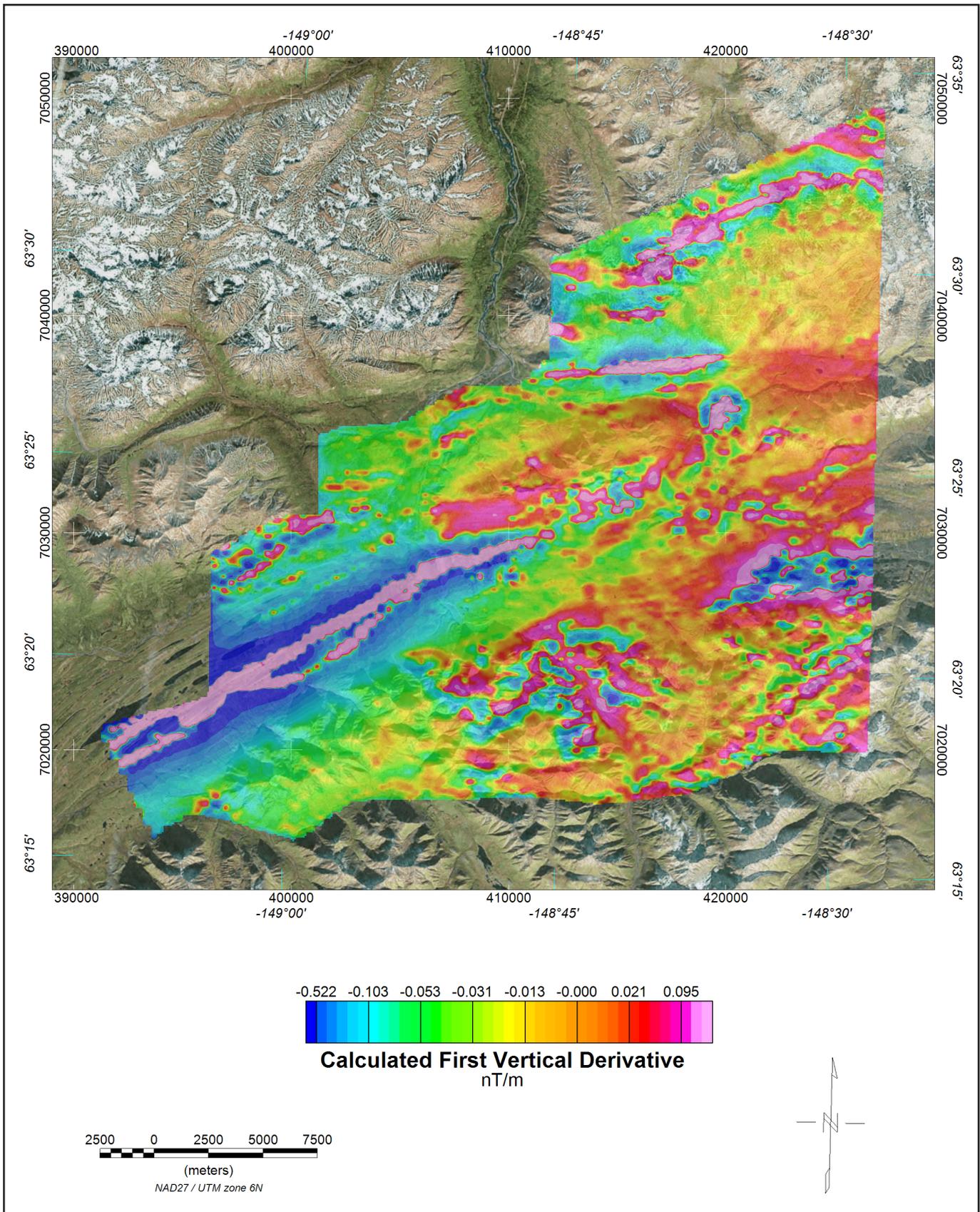


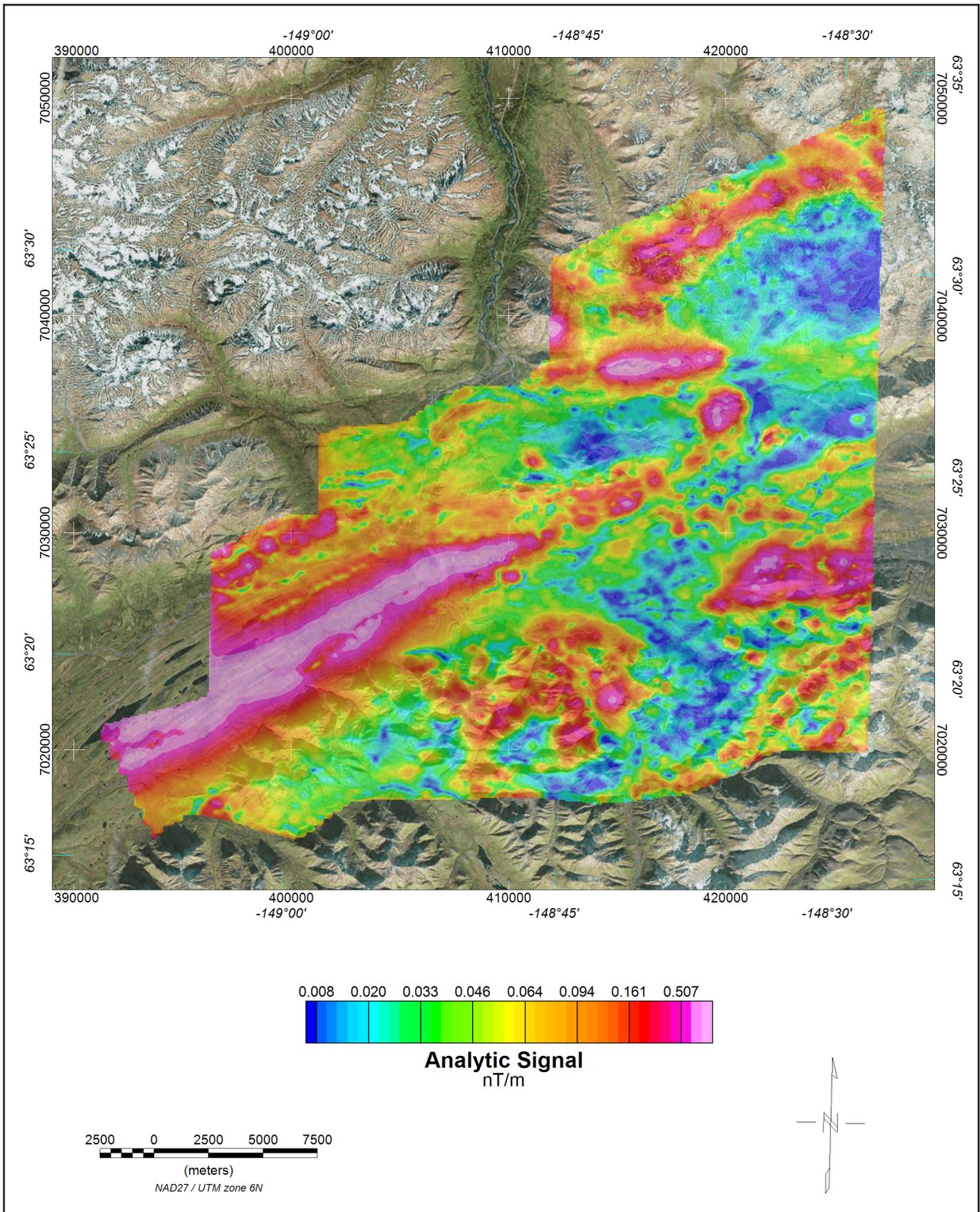
Figure 2. Flight path with orthometric image.



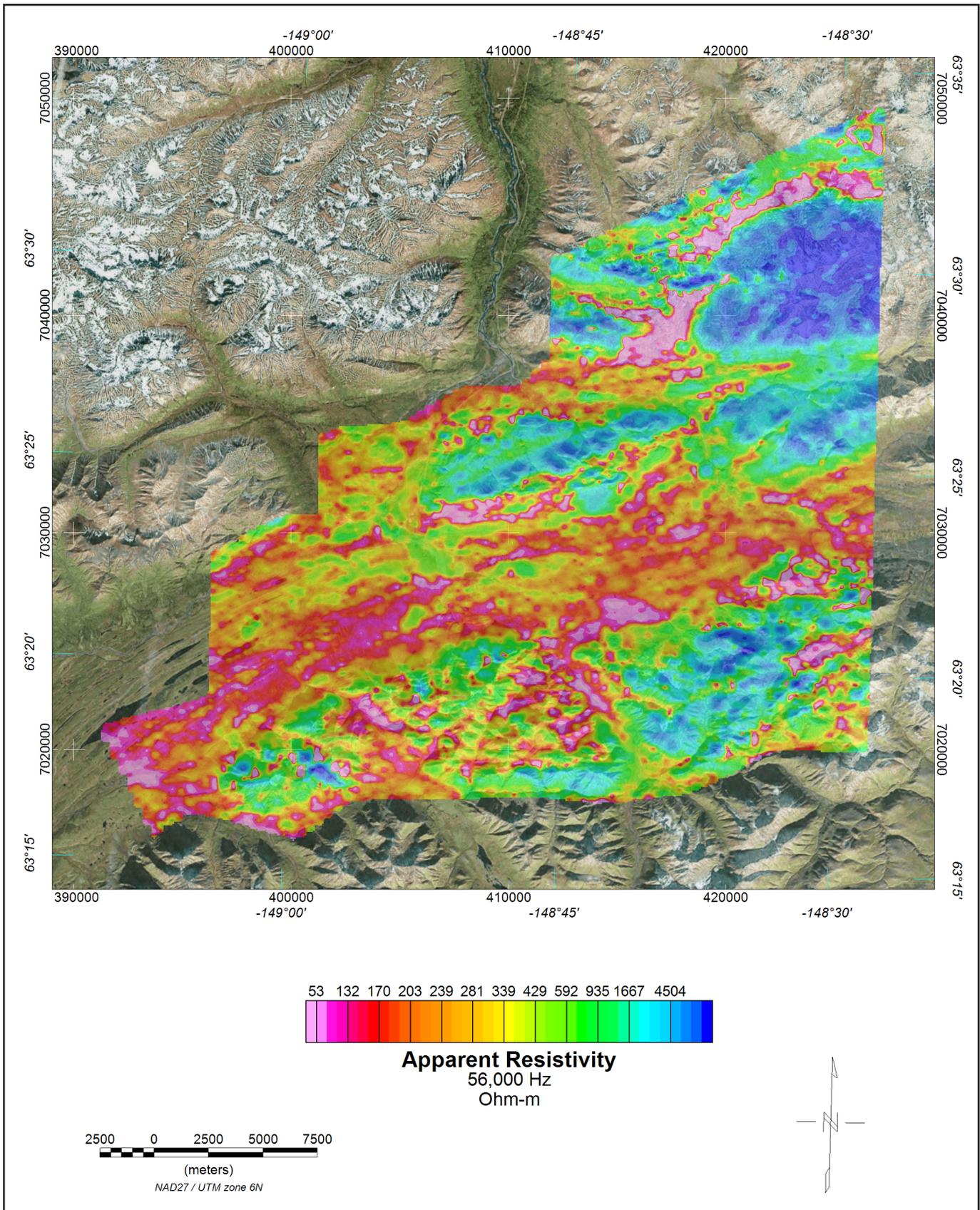
**Figure 3.** Simulated magnetic total field grid with orthometric image. The simulated magnetic total field data were created using digitally recorded data from a Picodas MEP-710 processor with Geometrics G822 sensor cesium magnetometer. Data were collected at a sampling interval of 0.1 seconds. The magnetic data were (1) corrected for diurnal variations by subtracting the digitally recorded base station magnetic data, (2) IGRF corrected (IGRF model 2000, updated to August 2001), (3) leveled to the tie line data, (4) a constant value of approximately 56,000 nT was added to all data, and (5) interpolated onto a regular 100 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique.



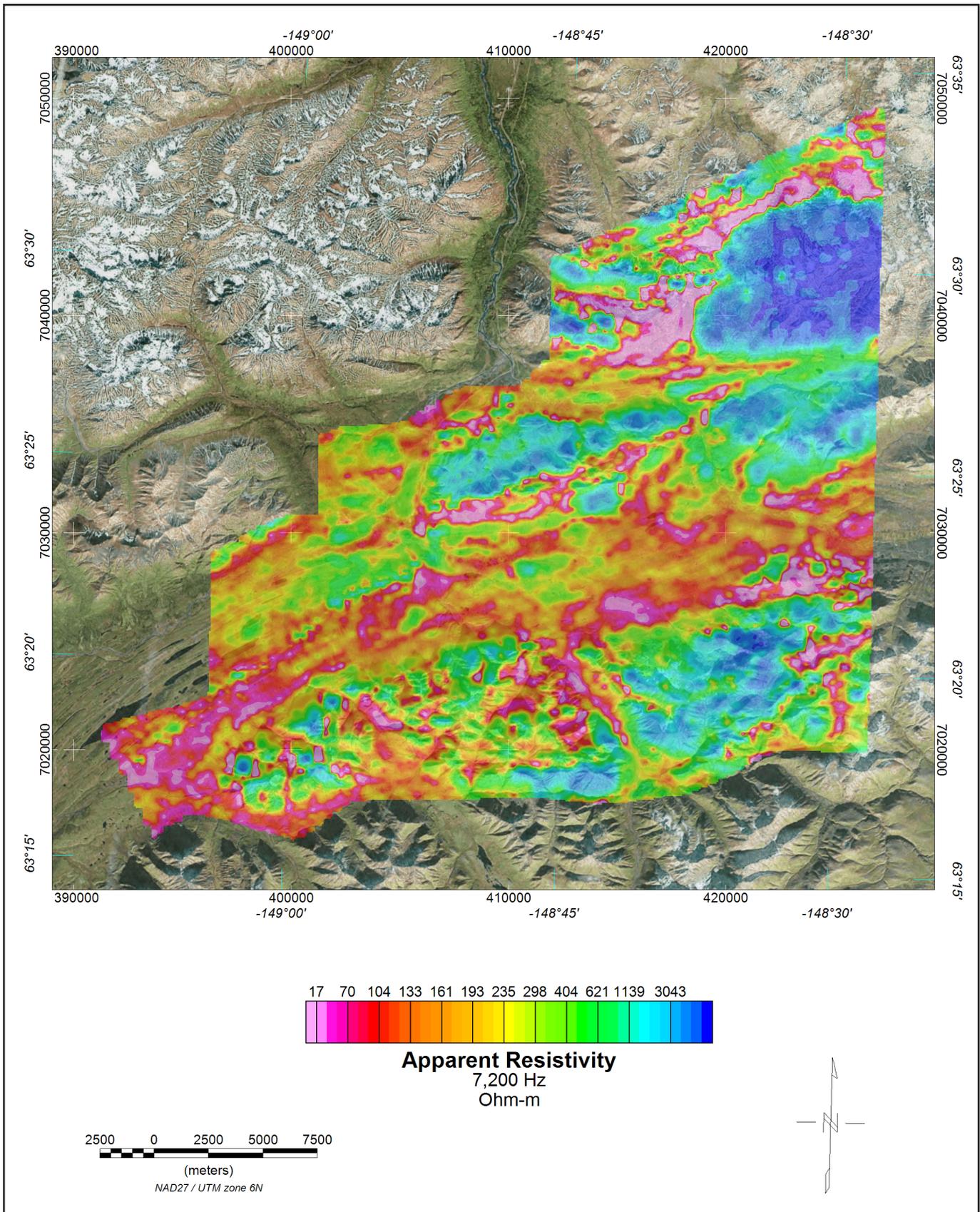
**Figure 4.** Calculated first vertical derivative grid with orthometric image. The first vertical derivative grid was calculated from the diurnally-corrected, IGRF-corrected total magnetic field grid using a FFT base frequency domain filtering algorithm. The resulting first vertical derivative grid 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.



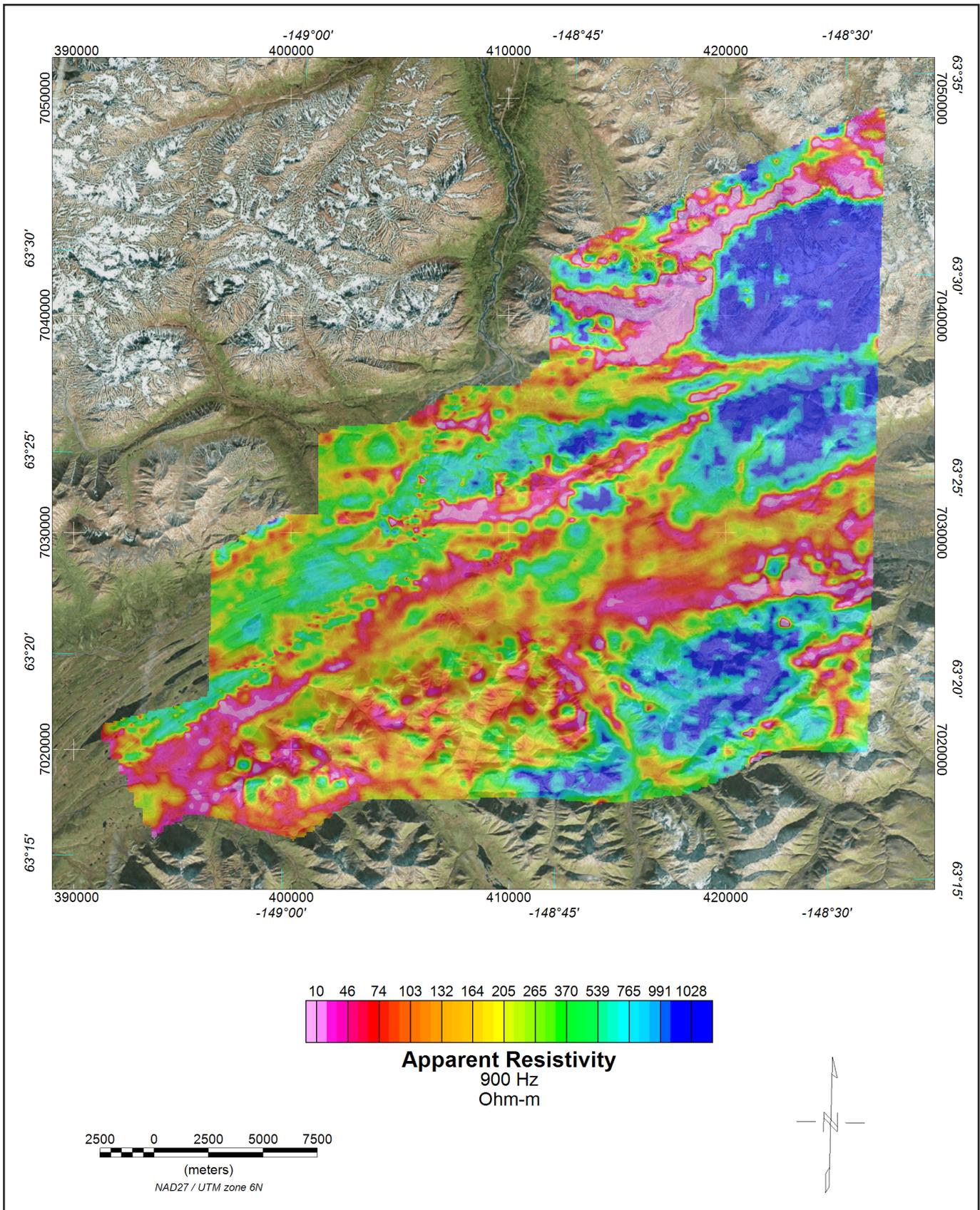
**Figure 5.** Analytic signal grid with orthometric image. Analytic signal is the total amplitude of all directions of magnetic gradient calculated from the sum of the squares of the three orthogonal gradients. Mapped highs in the calculated analytic signal of magnetic parameter locate the anomalous source body edges and corners (such as contacts, fault/shear zones, etc.). Analytic signal maxima are located directly over faults and contacts, regardless of structural dip, and independent of the direction of the induced and/or remanent magnetizations.



**Figure 6.** 56,000 Hz coplanar apparent resistivity grid with orthometric image. The DIGHEM<sup>®</sup> EM system measured inphase and quadrature components at five frequencies. Two vertical coaxial coil-pairs operated at 1,000 and 5,500 Hz while three horizontal coplanar coil-pairs operated at 900, 7,200, and 56,000 Hz. EM data were sampled at 0.1 second intervals. The EM system responds to bedrock conductors, conductive overburden, and cultural sources. Apparent resistivity is generated from the inphase and quadrature component of the coplanar 56,000 Hz using the pseudo-layer half space model (Fraser, 1978). The data were interpolated onto a regular 100 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique.



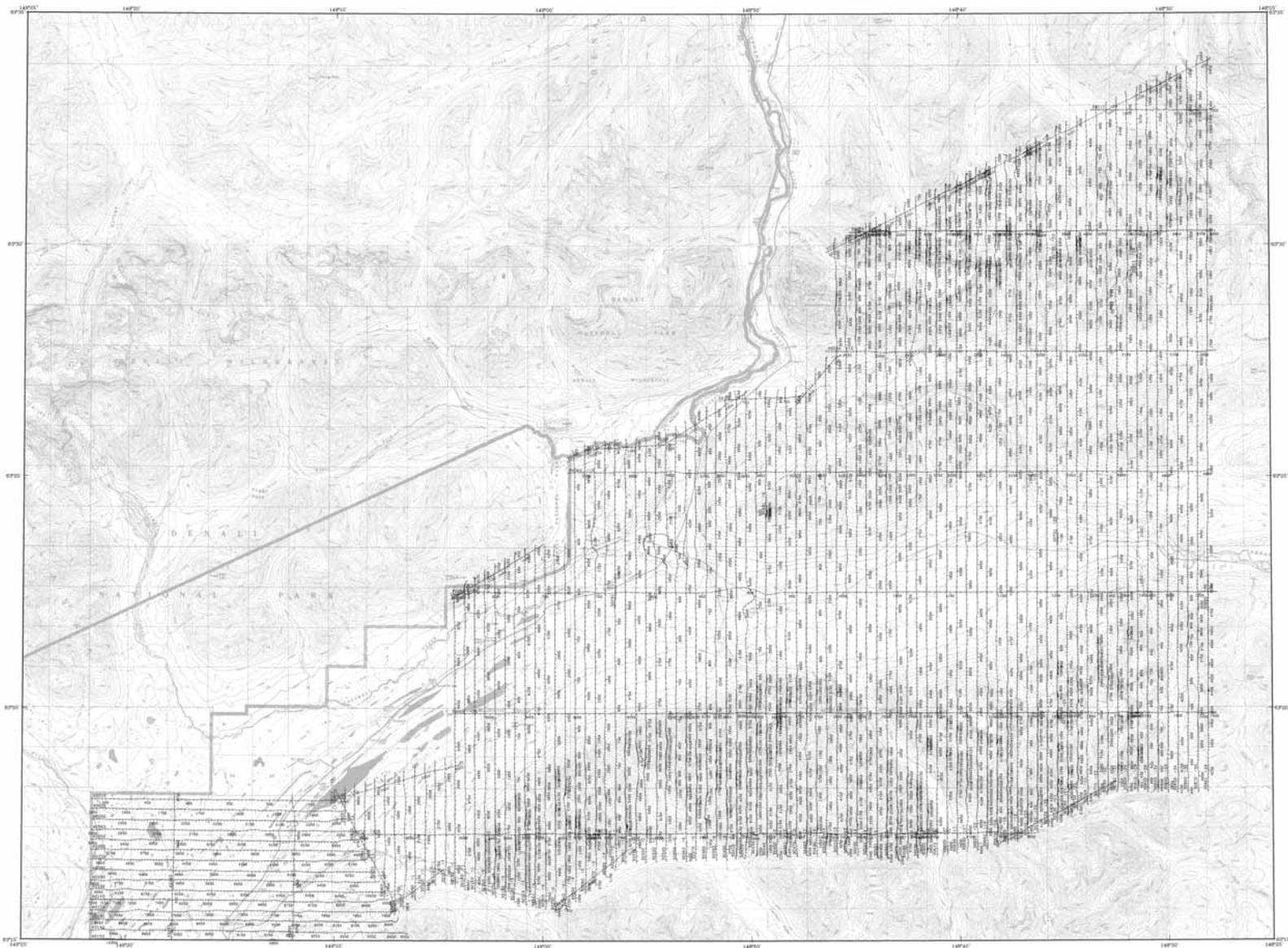
**Figure 7.** 7,200 Hz coplanar apparent resistivity grid with orthometric image. The DIGHEM<sup>®</sup> EM system measured inphase and quadrature components at five frequencies. Two vertical coaxial coil-pairs operated at 1,000 and 5,500 Hz while three horizontal coplanar coil-pairs operated at 900, 7,200, and 56,000 Hz. EM data were sampled at 0.1 second intervals. The EM system responds to bedrock conductors, conductive overburden, and cultural sources. Apparent resistivity is generated from the inphase and quadrature component of the coplanar 7,200 Hz using the pseudo-layer half space model (Fraser, 1978). The data were interpolated onto a regular 100 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique.



**Figure 8.** 900 Hz coplanar apparent resistivity grid with orthometric image. The DIGHEM<sup>®</sup> EM system measured inphase and quadrature components at five frequencies. Two vertical coaxial coil-pairs operated at 1,000 and 5,500 Hz while three horizontal coplanar coil-pairs operated at 900, 7,200, and 56,000 Hz. EM data were sampled at 0.1 second intervals. The EM system responds to bedrock conductors, conductive overburden, and cultural sources. Apparent resistivity is generated from the inphase and quadrature component of the coplanar 900 Hz using the pseudo-layer half space model (Fraser, 1978). The data were interpolated onto a regular 100 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique.

**Table 1.** Copies of the following maps are included at the end of this booklet. The low-resolution, page-size maps included in this booklet are intended to be used as a search tool and are not the final product. Large-scale, full-resolution versions of each map are available to download on this publication's citation page: <http://doi.org/10.14509/30415>.

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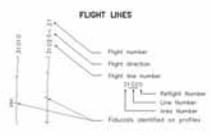


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**FLIGHT LINES  
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SOUTHWESTERN BONNIFIELD MINING DISTRICT,  
CENTRAL ALASKA  
PARTS OF HEALY QUADRANGLE  
2002**

**DESCRIPTIVE NOTES**  
The geophysical data were acquired with a DIGHEU<sup>®</sup> Chirchography (CG) system and a Sottler system magnetometer. Both data from a height of 100 feet. In addition, the hourly recorded data from a radio altimeter, GPS navigation system (GARMIN<sup>®</sup> 100/200) and other sensors. Flights were performed with an AC119B-2 Cessna helicopter at a mean terrain clearance of 200 feet along North-South (N-S) survey flight lines with a spacing of a quarter of a mile. The lines were flown perpendicular to the flight lines of intersection approximately 0.5 miles. The Broad region includes an area where the survey aircraft had to detour around populated areas.  
An earthlink 0224 HeliStar<sup>®</sup> / GUDPASS Group Positioning System was used for navigation. The receiver position was about every 200 seconds and a post-flight differential GPS solution for the positions were projected onto the Clarke 1856 (NAD 83) datum, 1957 North American datum using a control elevation (CE) of 147.6 north-south component of 0 and an axial constant of 100,000. Positional accuracy of the presented data is better than 10 m with respect to the UTM grid.



**SURVEY HISTORY**  
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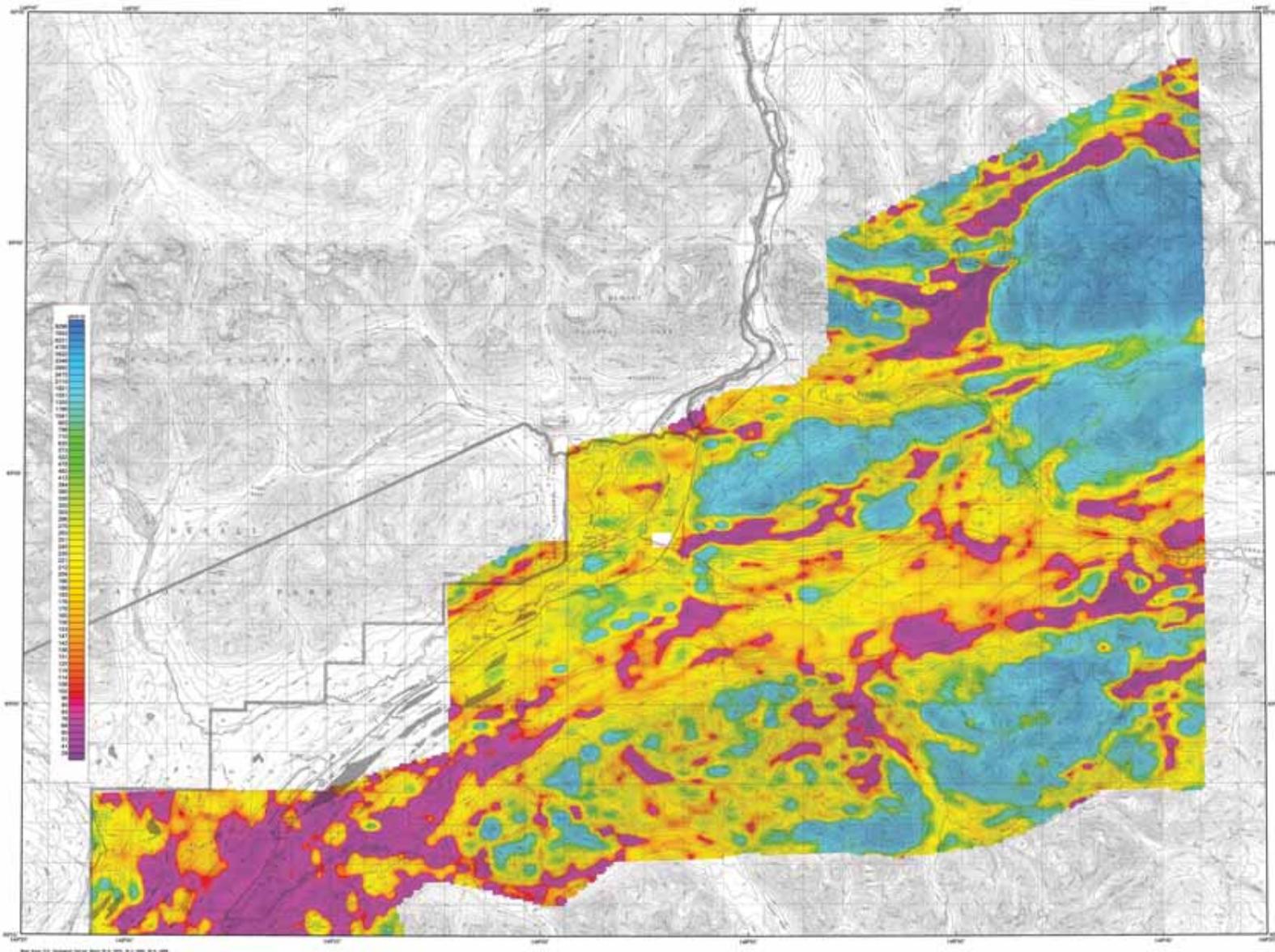












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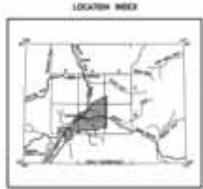
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**7200 Hz COPLANAR RESISTIVITY  
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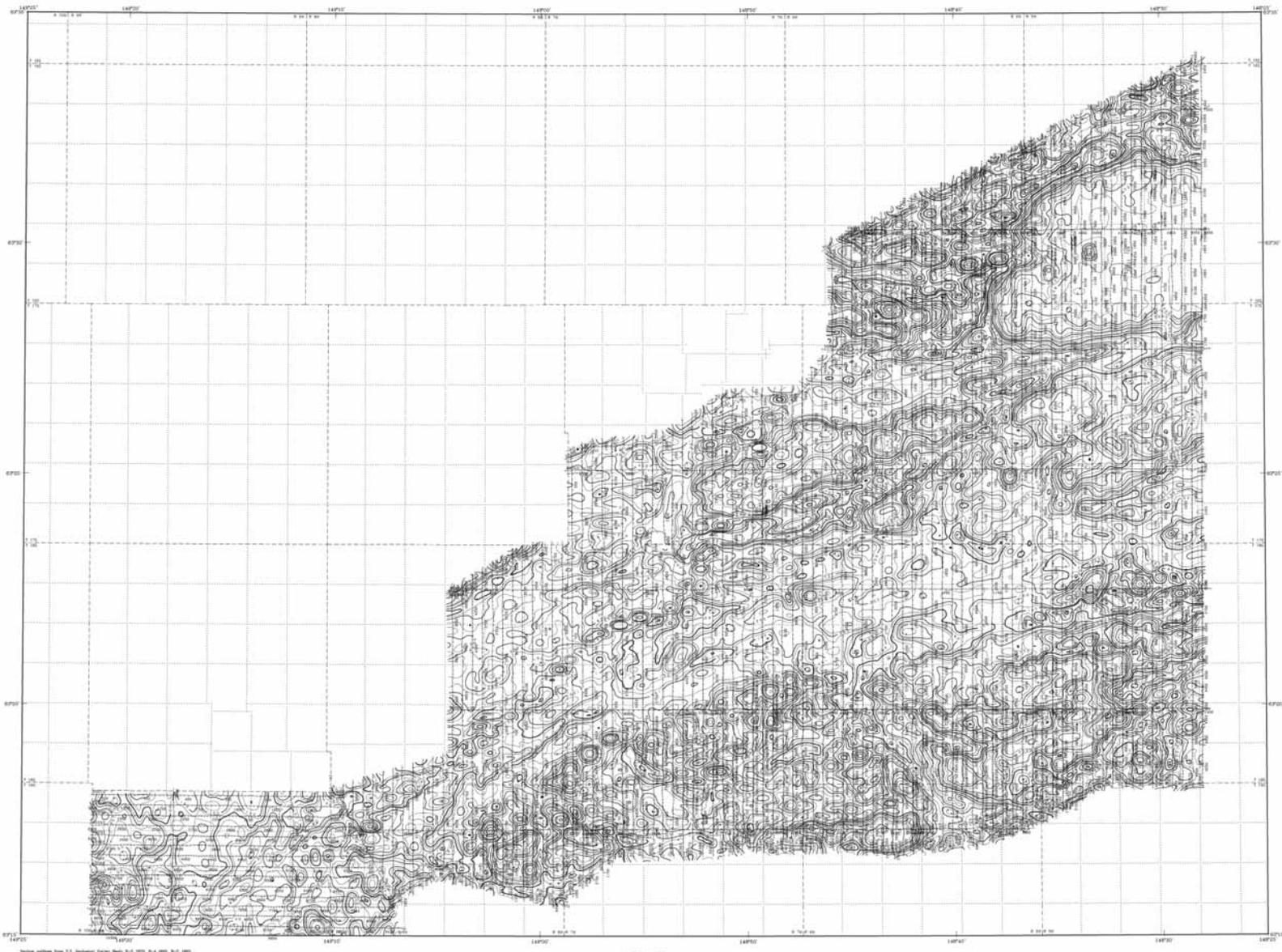
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**DESCRIPTIVE NOTES**  
The geophysical data were acquired with a DINGEL Electromagnetic (EM) system and a Schlumberger system. Both data from a height of 100 feet. In addition, the hourly recorded data from a resistivity control station located near the survey area were used. Flight data were performed with an EG&G Reticon-2 Coplanar Resistor of a mean terrain clearance of 200 feet along North-South (N-S) survey flight lines with a spacing of 0.5 square of a mile. The lines were flown perpendicular to the flight lines of approximately 0.5 miles. The Broad Pass region includes an area where the survey aircraft had to detour around populated areas. An Alaskan Geologic Helicopter (AGH) GULFSTREAM IV (GULFSTREAM) Helicopter System was used for acquisition. The helicopter system was flown with a height of 100 feet above the terrain. The flight lines were projected onto the Clarke 1890 (NAD 83) zone 43 UTM grid. Flight lines were flown using a constant altitude (CA) of 140' to north constant of 0 and an aspect constant of 000/000. Positional accuracy of the presented data is better than 10 m with respect to the UTM grid.

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**INTERPRETATION MAP  
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The interpretation is based on the geophysical parameters with reference to geological maps, which were supplied by the State of Alaska.

**LEGEND**

-  F1 Fault
-  A1 Conductor Axis
-  M1 Magnetic Zone
-  M2 Magnetic Line
-  R21 Residual Zone
-  R1 Highly Conductive Zone

