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#### **ABSTRACT**

The Shaw Creek and Shawnee Peak airborne magnetic and radiometric geophysical survey covers parts of the Big Delta and Eagle quadrangles northeast of Delta Junction, Alaska (fig. 1). Magnetic and radiometric data were collected with a helicopter July 4–25, 2020 by MPX Geophysics LTD. A total of 10,100 line kilometers were collected over approximately 2,600 square kilometers. The magnetometer was mounted to a forward-facing fixed boom ("stinger"). The radiometric crystals were located in the cabin of the helicopter.

Data were collected in eight named blocks. Mertie Mountains, Shaw Creek, and Volkmar River have a line spacing of 400 meters (m) and a mean ground clearance of 130 m. Stoneboy has a line spacing of 200 m and a mean ground clearance of 80 m. Eagle, Echo, Healy, and LMS-X have a line spacing of 100 m and a mean ground clearance of 80 m.

#### **PURPOSE**

The data from the Shaw Creek and Shawnee Peak airborne magnetic and radiometric geophysical survey will be used for guiding geologic mapping, promoting resource exploration, generating mineral exploration targets, and be a part of the continuous regional magnetic data coverage of the Yukon Tanana Uplands.

Portions of these blocks were collected over existing airborne geophysical data. These portions were collected to improve the magnetic data quality and resolution in these areas to support mineral exploration and targeting.

#### **SURVEY OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION**

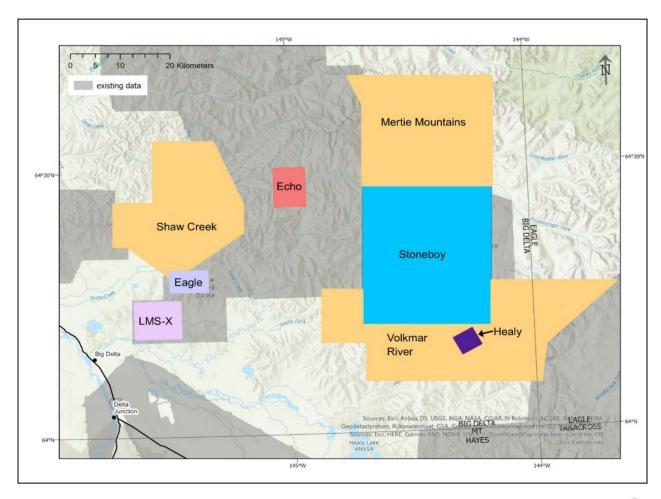
This document provides an overview of the survey and includes text and figures of select primary and derivative products of this survey. A table of digital data packages available for download is provided to assist users in data selection. For reference, a catalog of the available maps is presented in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

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**Figure 1.** Named geophysical survey blocks location map with major roads, towns, and 1:250,000-scale USGS quadrangle boundaries. Prior DGGS surveys shown in gray.



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# **AVAILABLE DATA**

Data Type	Provider	Description
ascii_data	contractor	ASCII format line data, other ASCII data
databases_geosoft	contractor	Geosoft format database of final line data, other Geosoft format databases
documents	contractor	Project report Project report
grids_ermapper	contractor	Geographically registered gridded data, ER Mapper ERS format
grids_geosoft	contractor	Geosoft-format gridded data
images_registered	contractor	RGB GeoTiff format images of gridded data
kmz	contractor	keyhole markup language (kml) kmz archive files of project data. Viewable in Google Earth and other compatible programs
maps_pdf_format	contractor	Printable and geographically registered maps in pdf format. Compatible with mobile device navigation and desktop mapping applications
maps_geosoft_ format	contractor	maps as Geosoft packed map files
maps_jpg_format	contractor	Printable maps jpg format
photos_flightpath	contractor	Survey flight path downward facing photos with GPS location in exif data
vector_data	contractor	Line path and survey boundary in ESRI shapefile (SHP) format

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#### **PROCESS STEPS**

DATE	STEP	DETAIL
2020	Data collection, processing, and delivery	The airborne geophysical data were acquired under contract with MPX Geophysics Ltd. Airborne geophysical data for the areas were acquired and processed by MPX Geophysics Ltd. The contractor's project report and other supporting documents are in the "documents" digital data package. They provide detailed documentation of the system specifications, data collection, processing, and delivery.
2020	Preliminary Data	DGGS published preliminary data 12 days after the completion of data collection
2020	Data Cataloged for Archival and Publication	All files were renamed and placed in a standardized set of folders according to the DGGS Geophysics Data Management Manual. DGGS generated additional supporting documentation, which includes readme text files, maps, figures, survey overview report, and FGDC compliant metadata. Preliminary data were removed from the DGGS website and replaced with reorganized data and more comprehensive documentation.

#### **MAPS**

Maps in PDF (georeferenced), JPG, and Geosoft format were created by the contractor. The eleven map types available for each of the eight survey blocks are listed below and shown on the following pages.

## **Location Map**

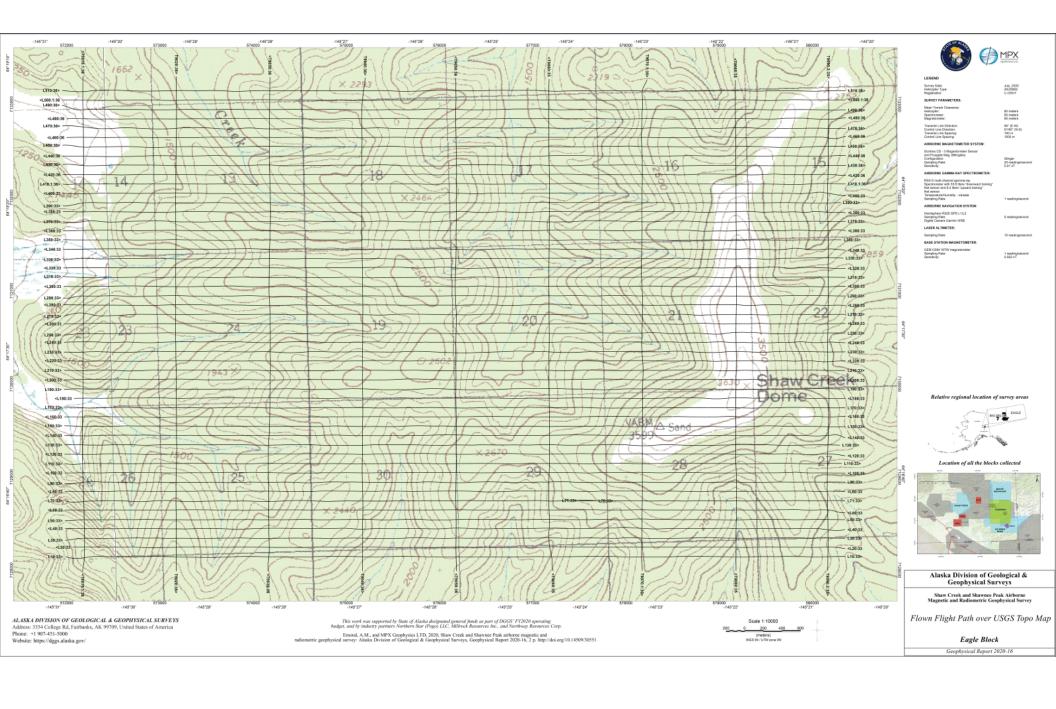
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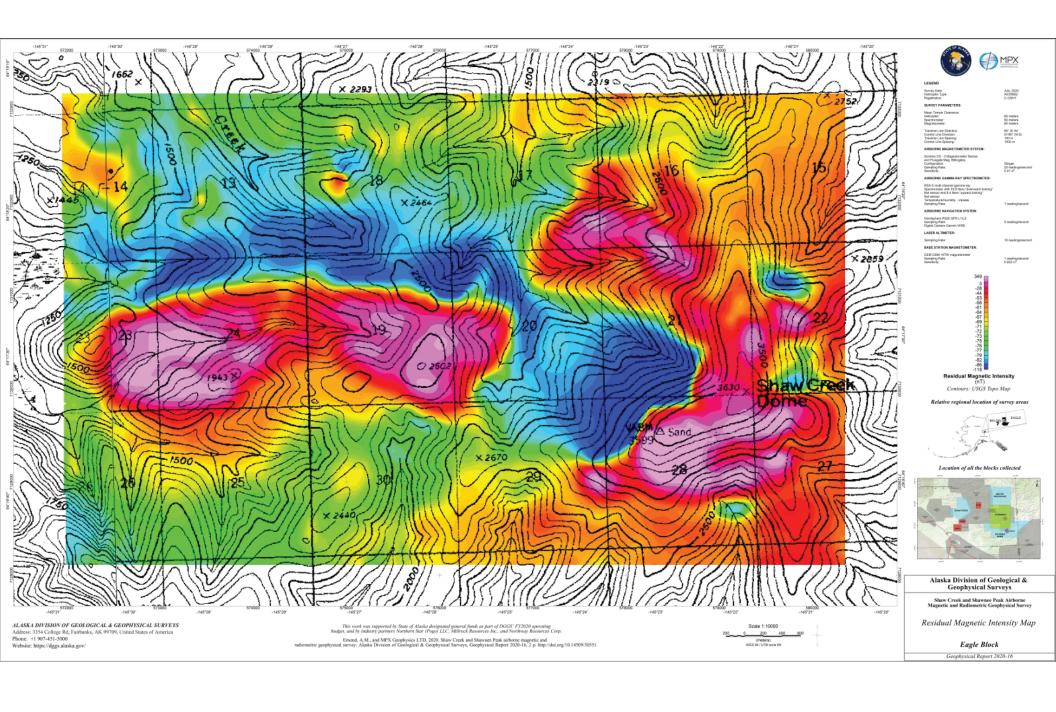
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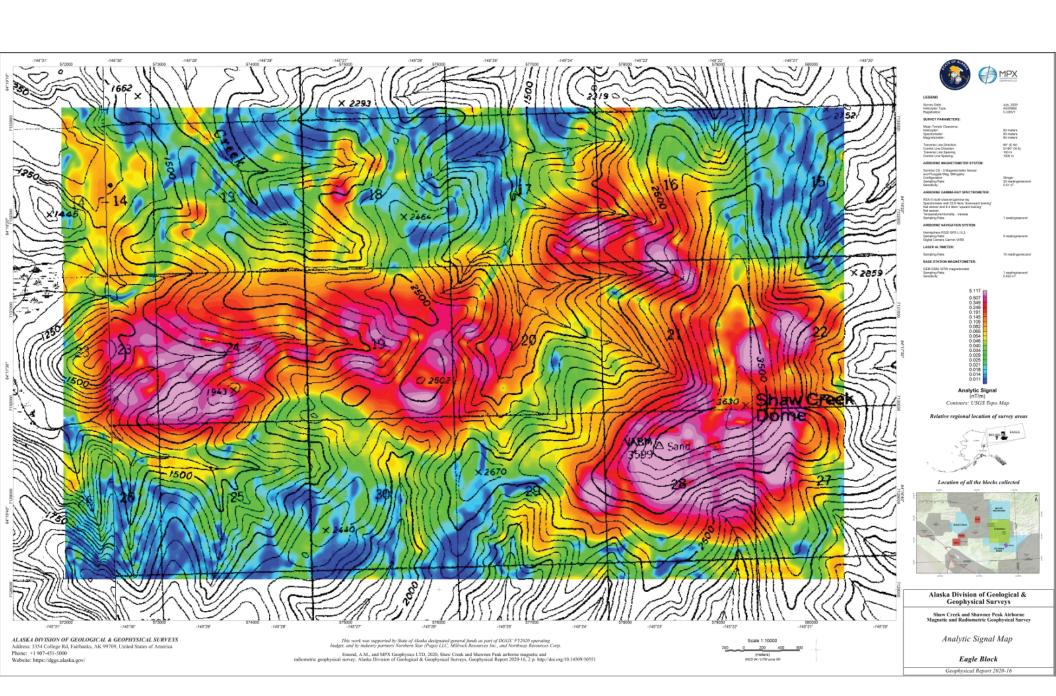
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- Computed 1st vertical derivative of the residual magnetic field in nT/m

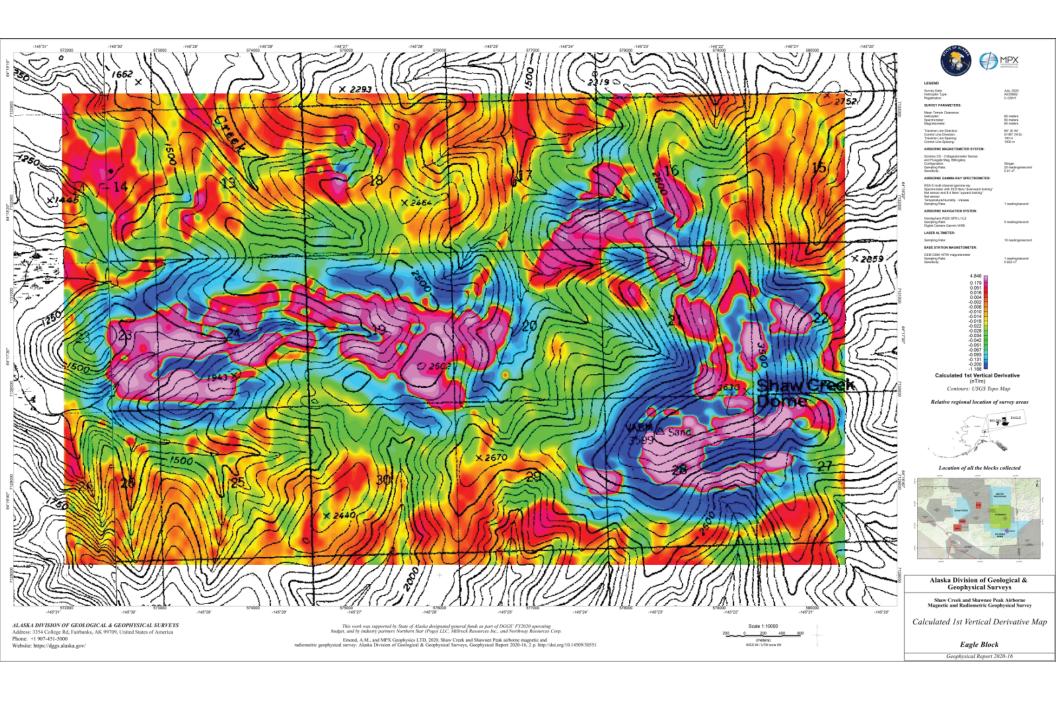
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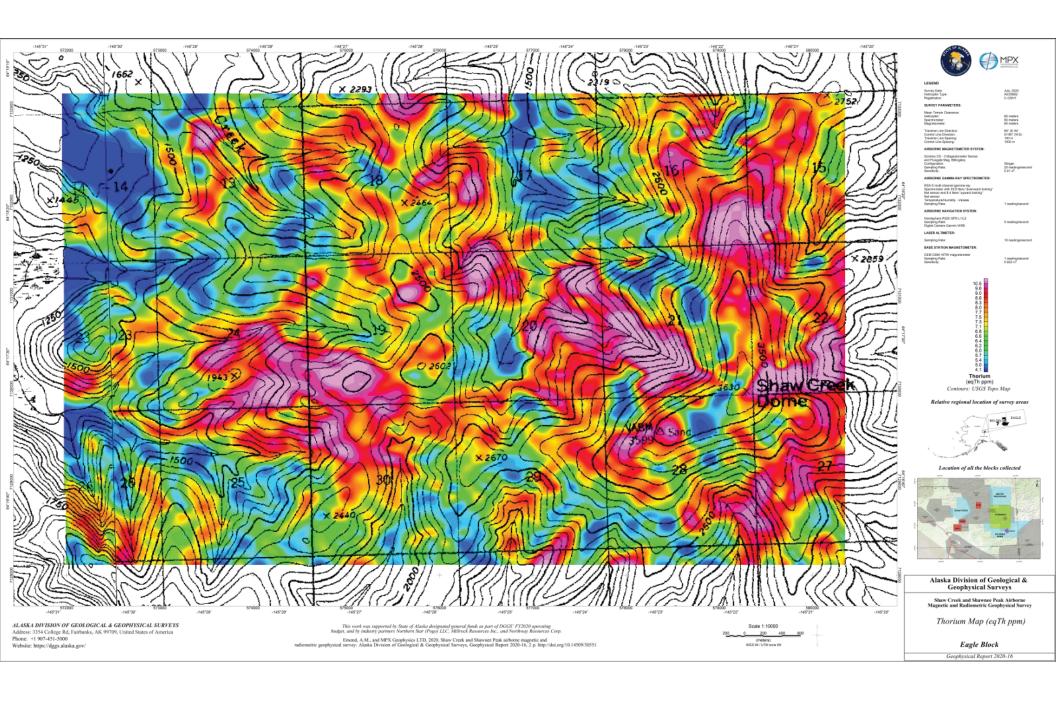
- Total Air Absorbed Dose Rate in nGy/h
- Equivalent concentration of Potassium (K) as percent K
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- Uranium Thorium Ratio
- Potassium Thorium Ratio
- Ternary Grid: percent K equivalent U equivalent Th

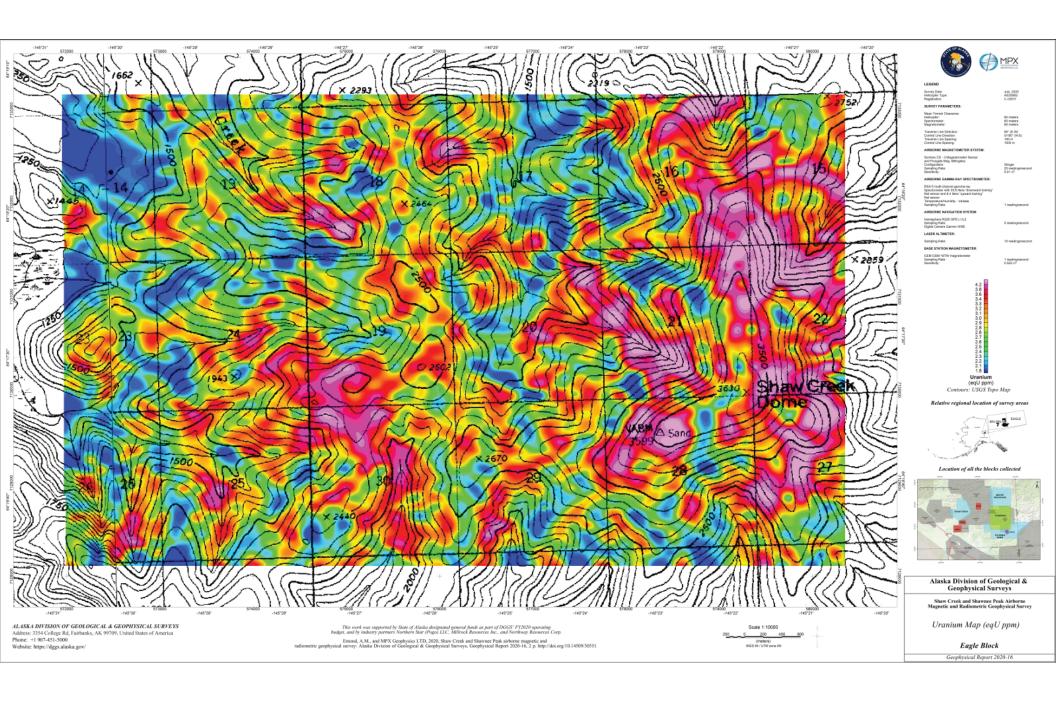


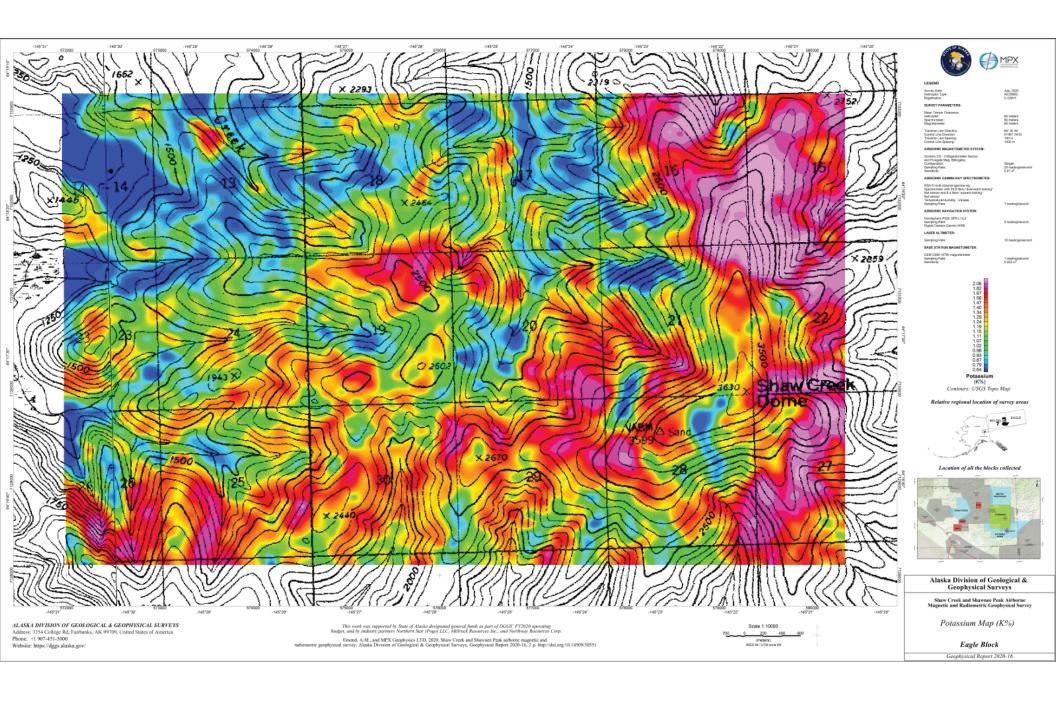


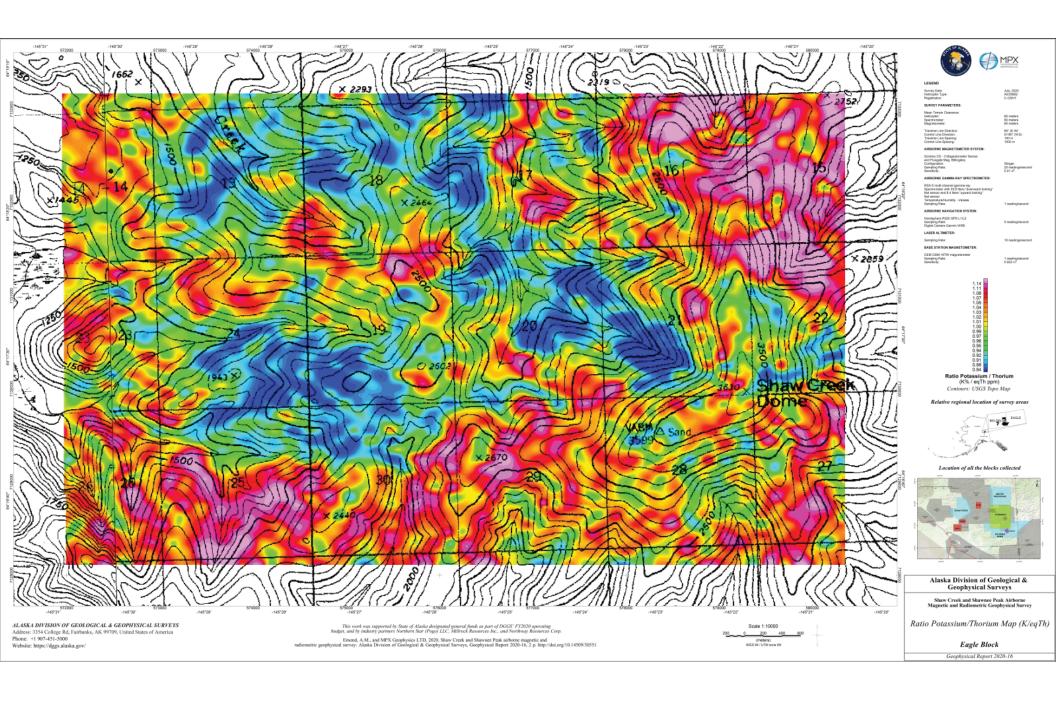


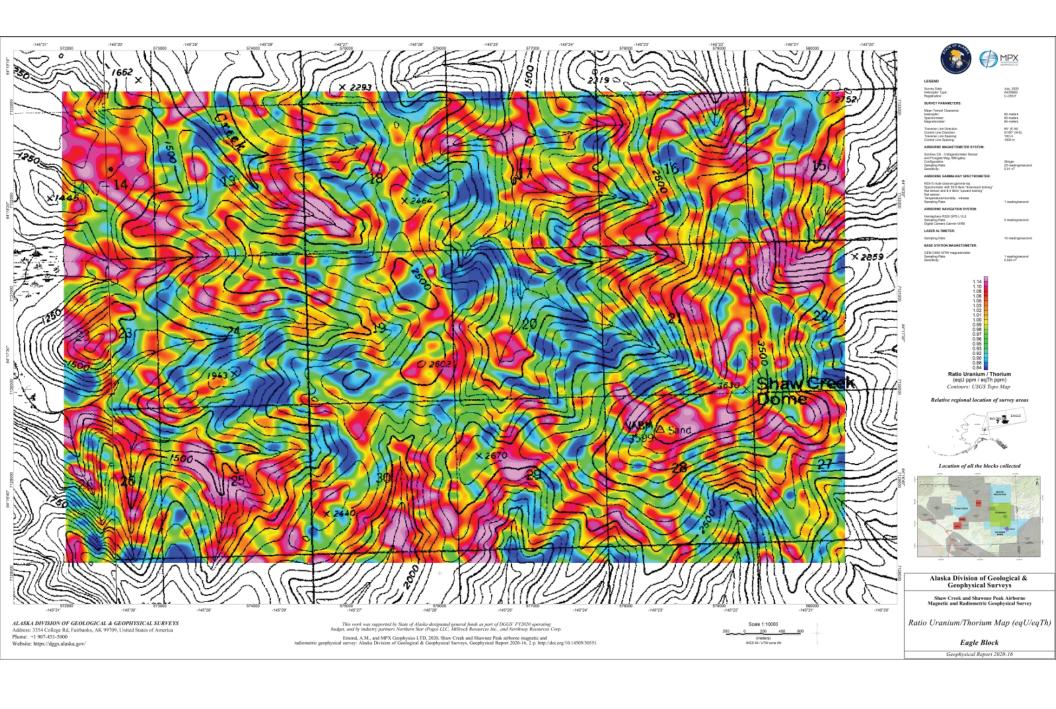


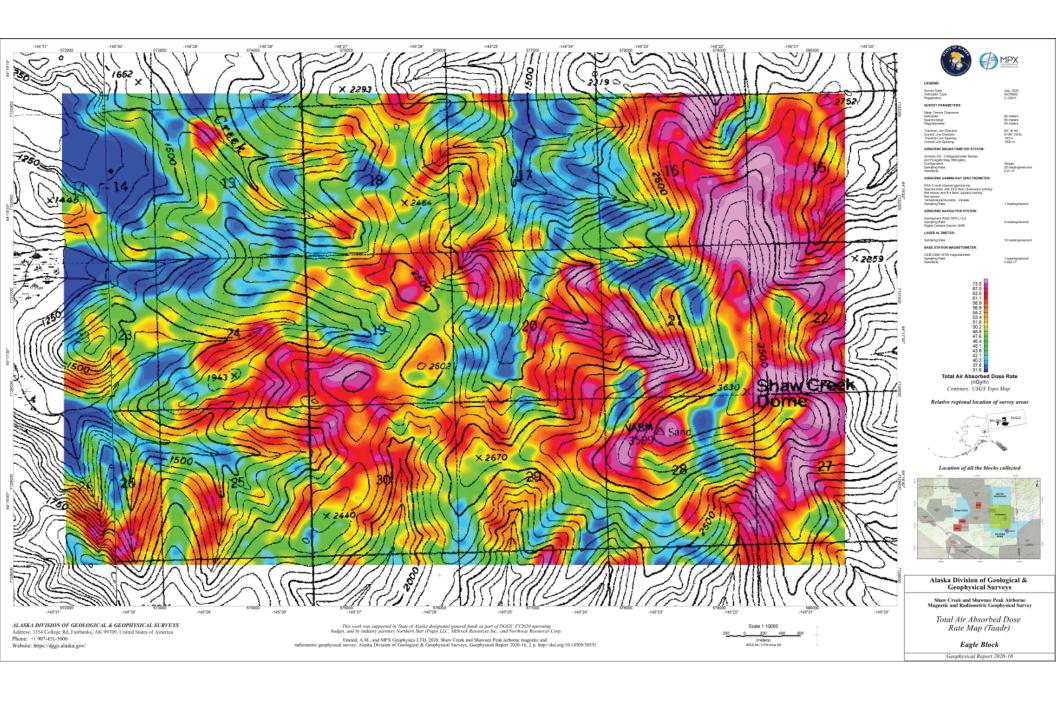


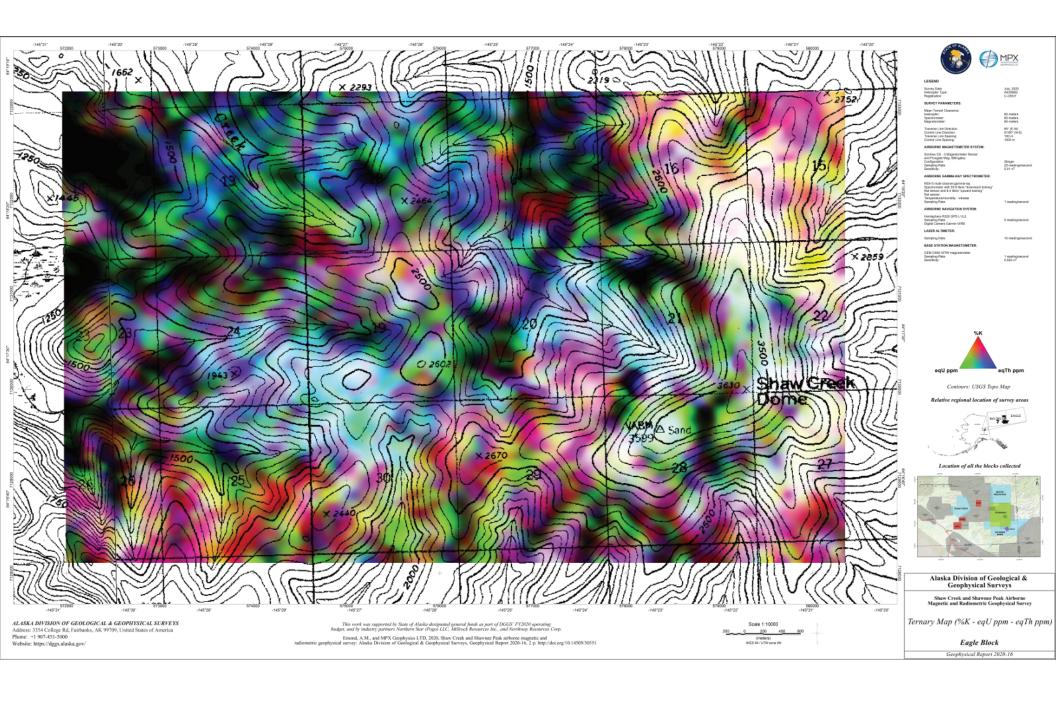


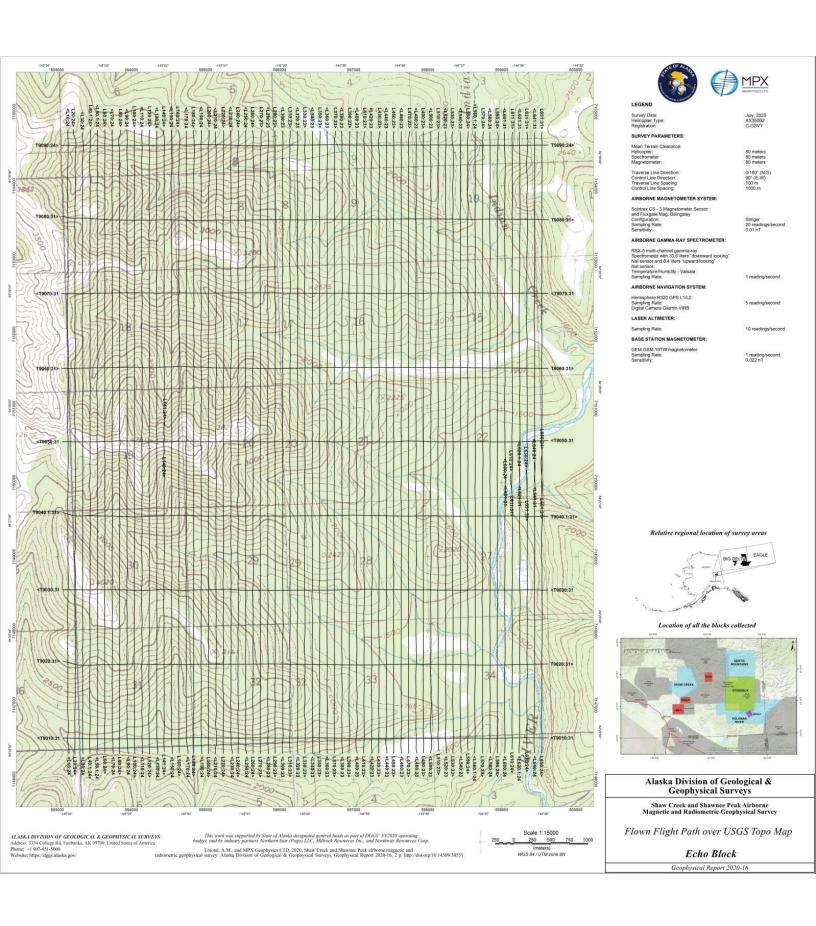


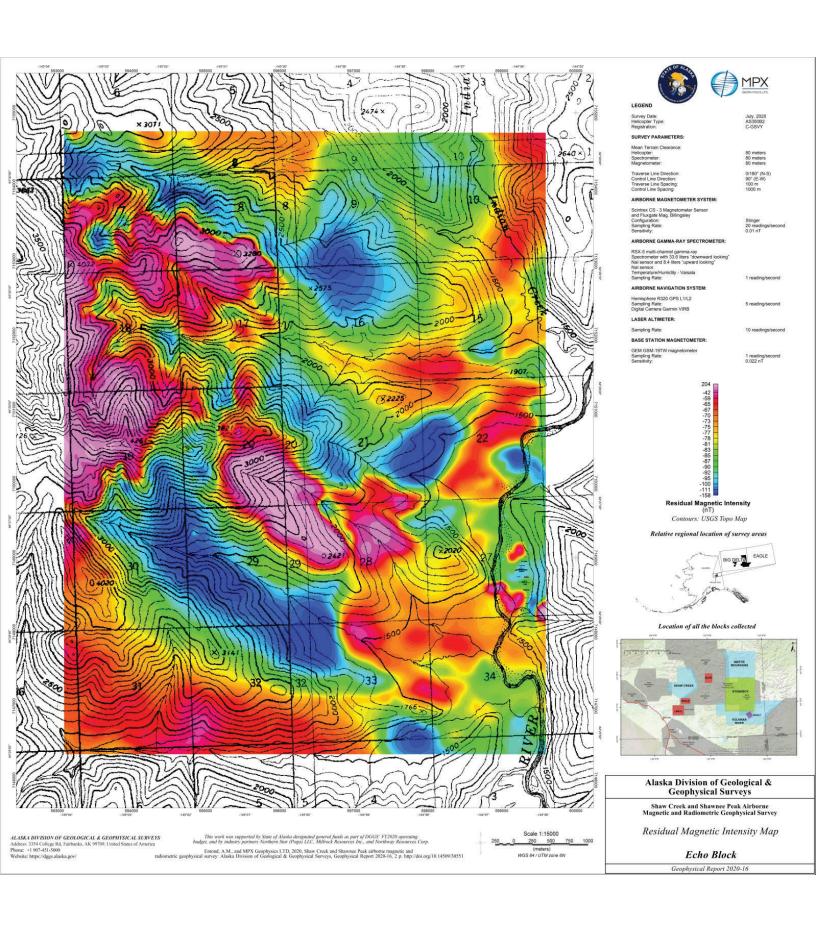


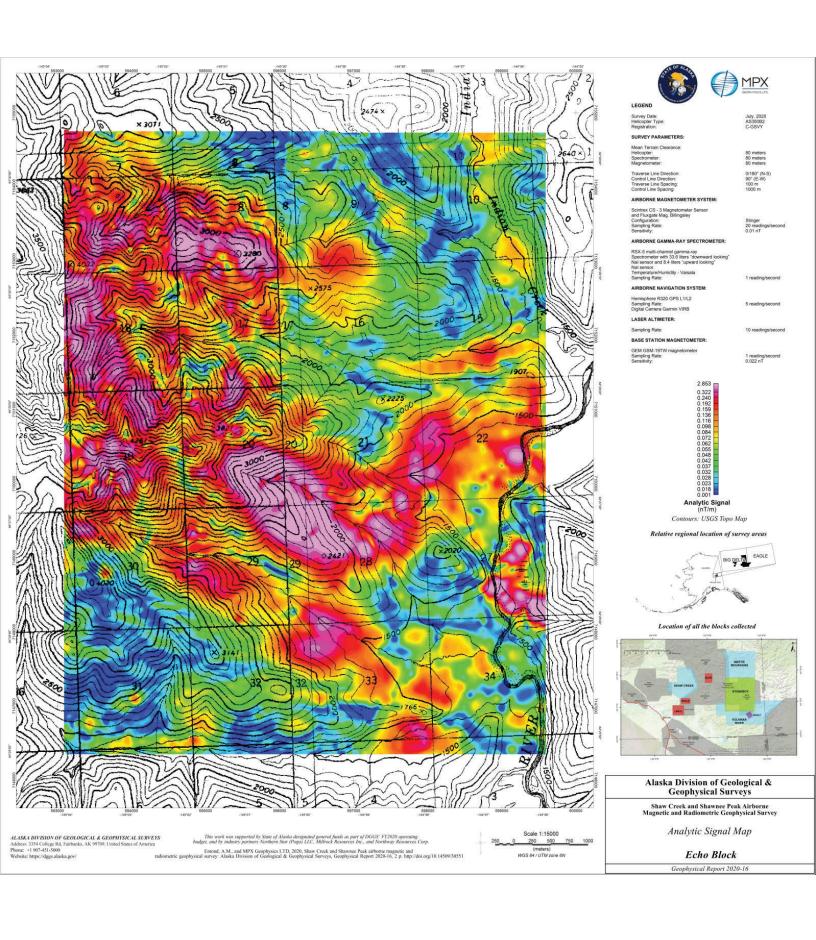


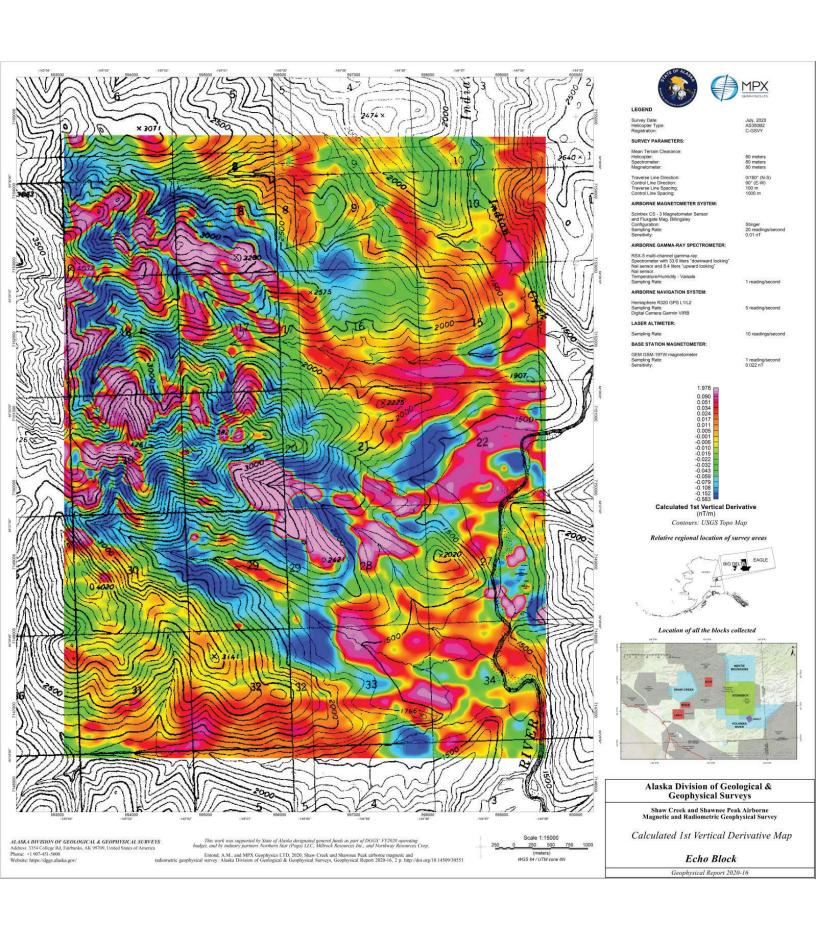


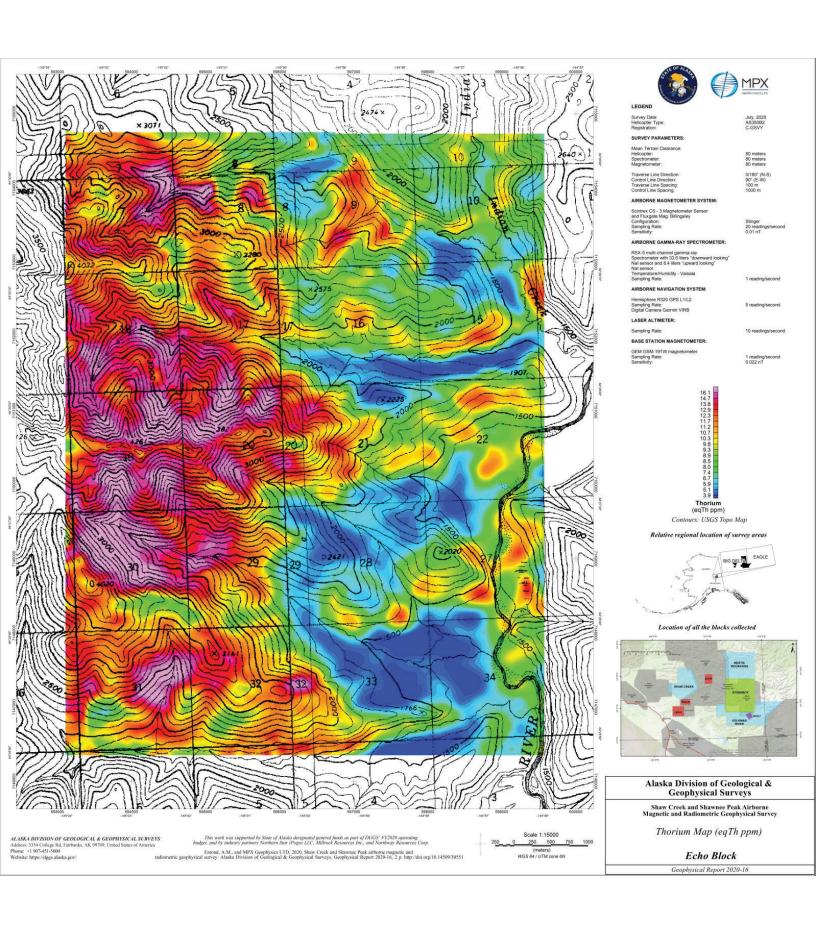


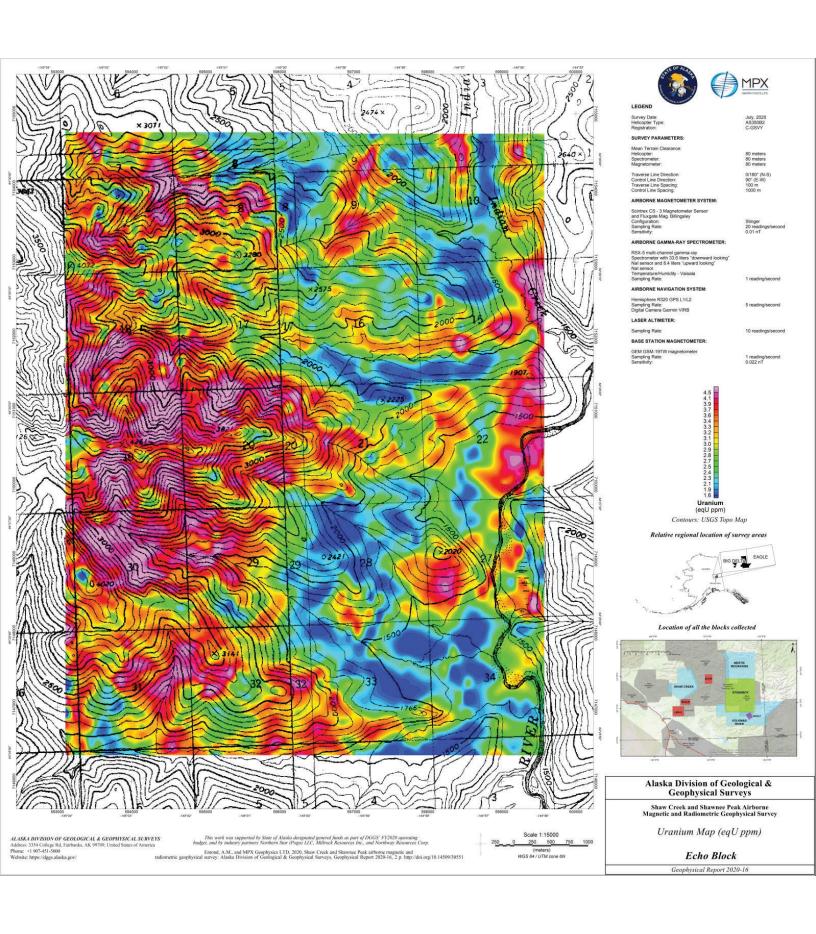


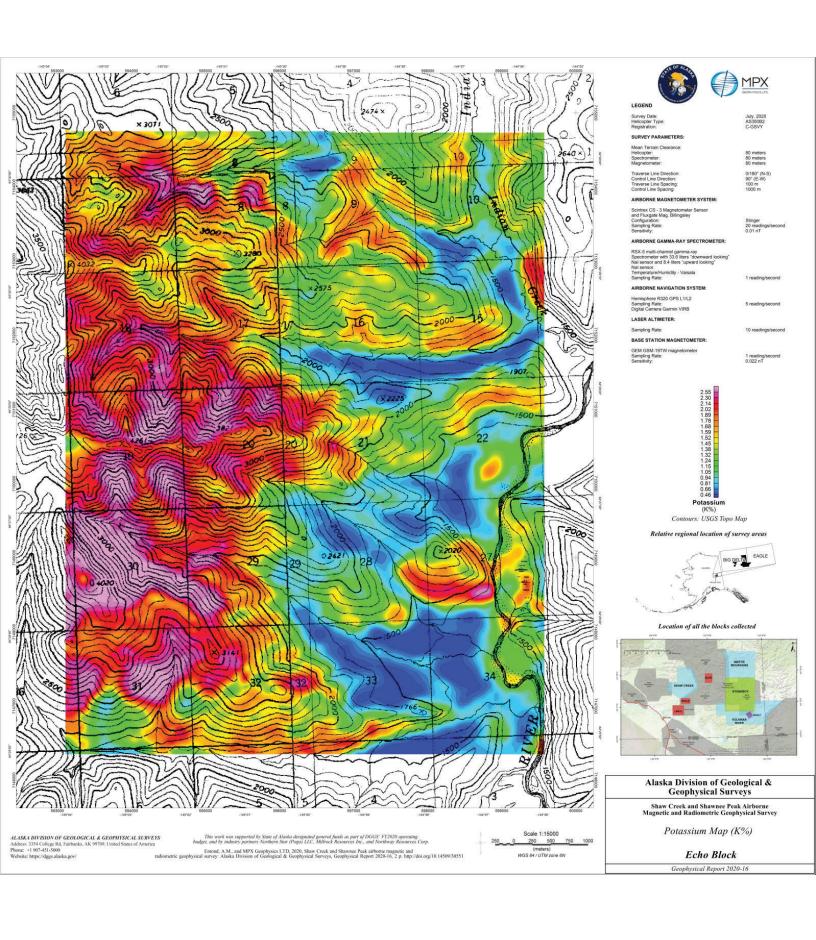


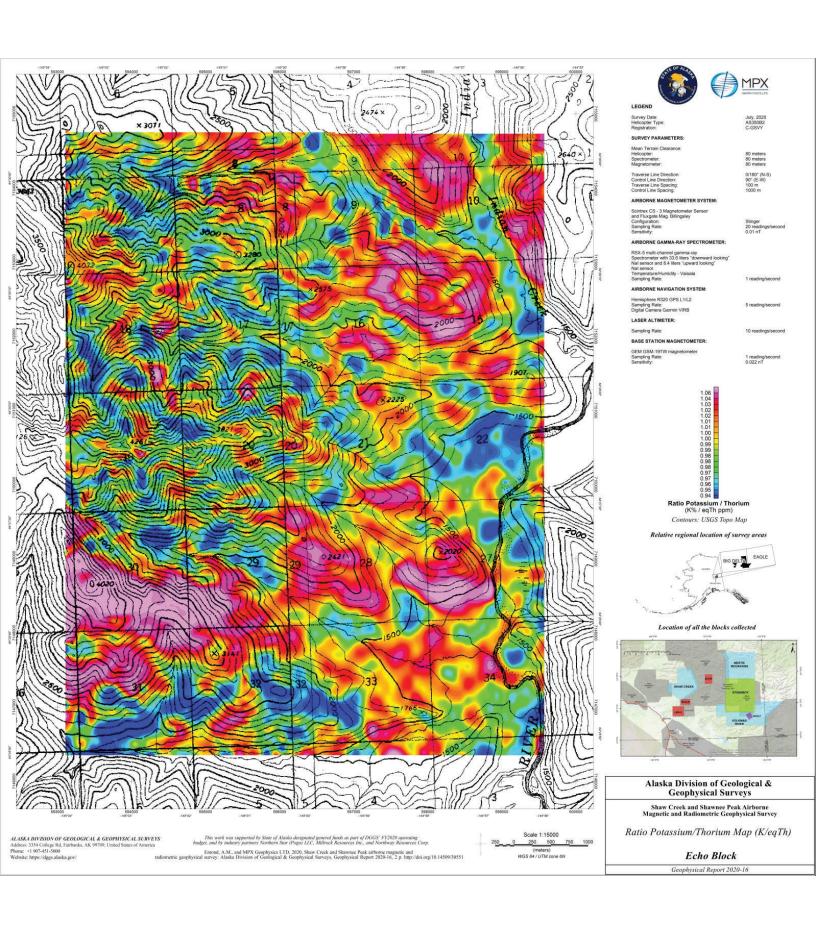


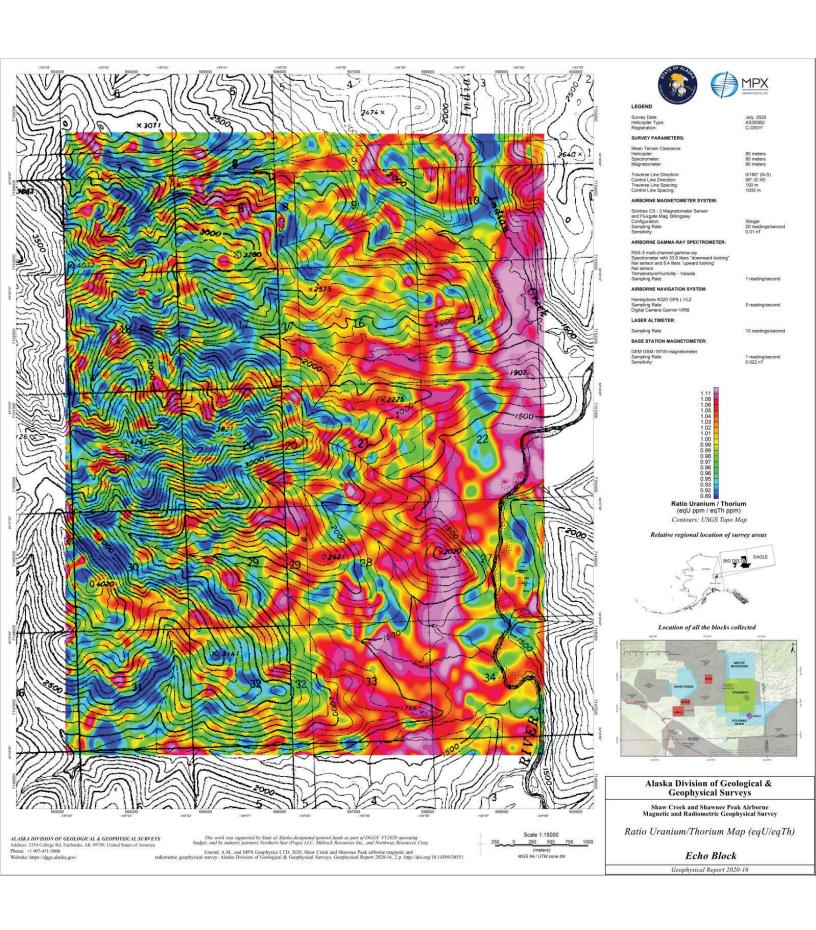


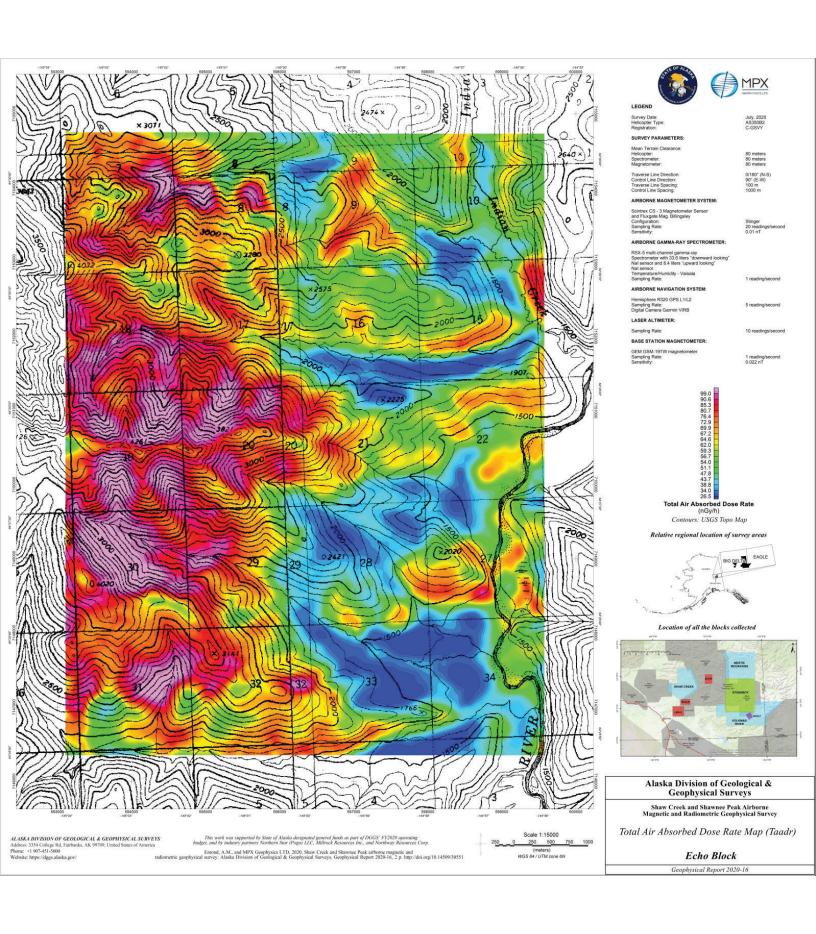


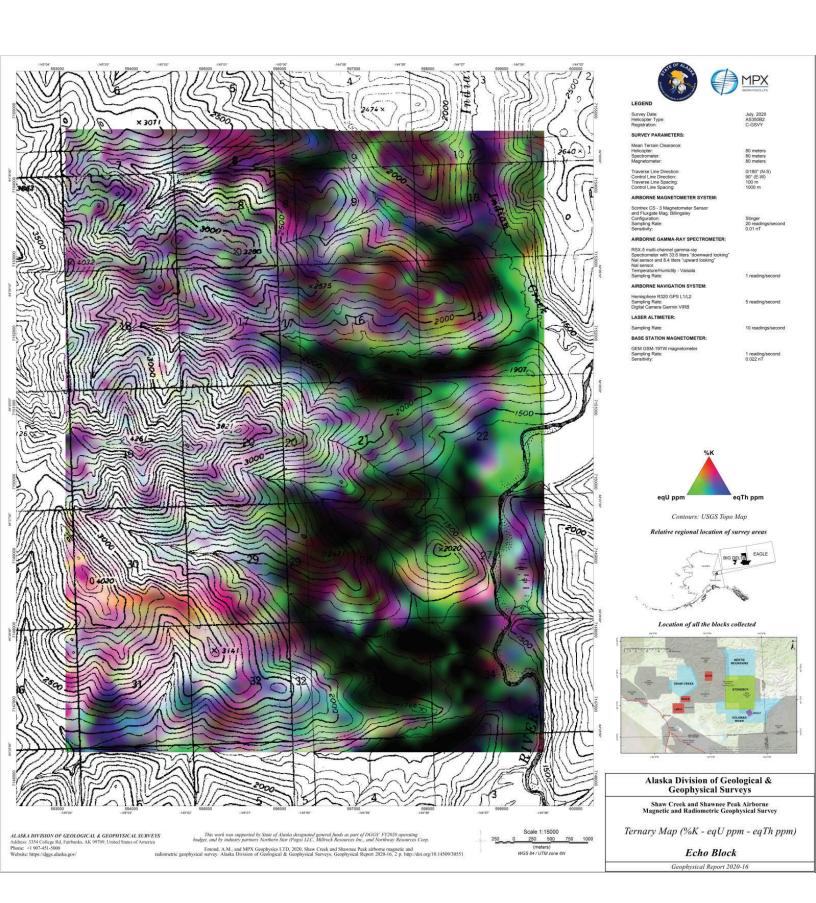


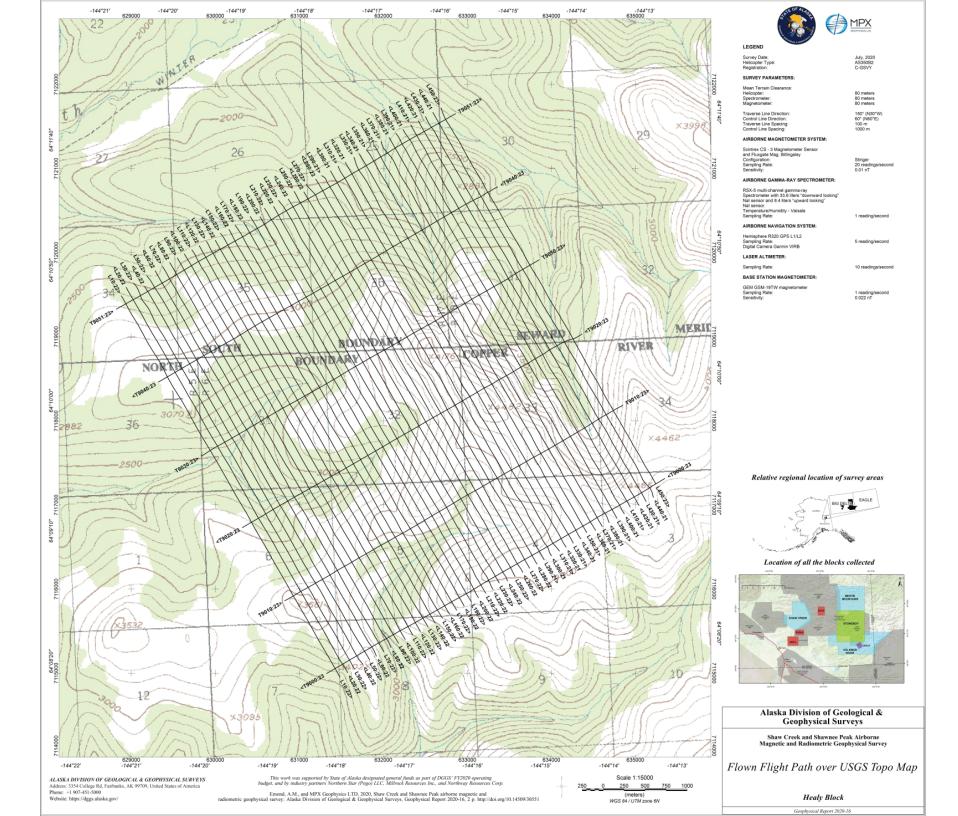


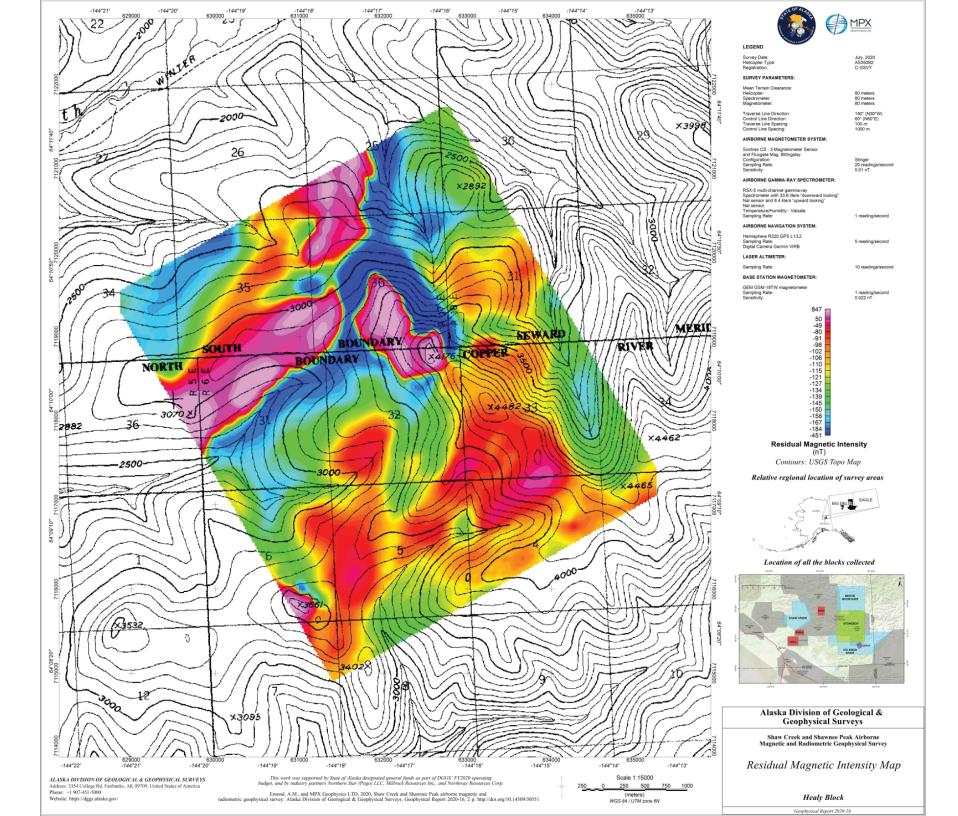


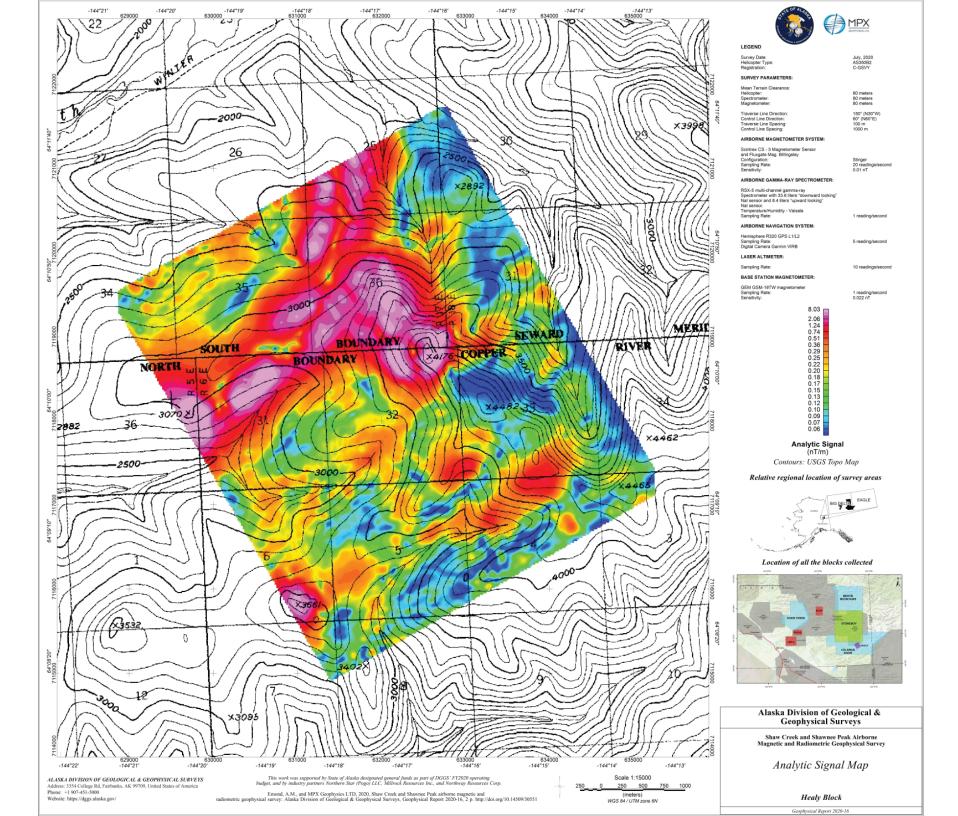


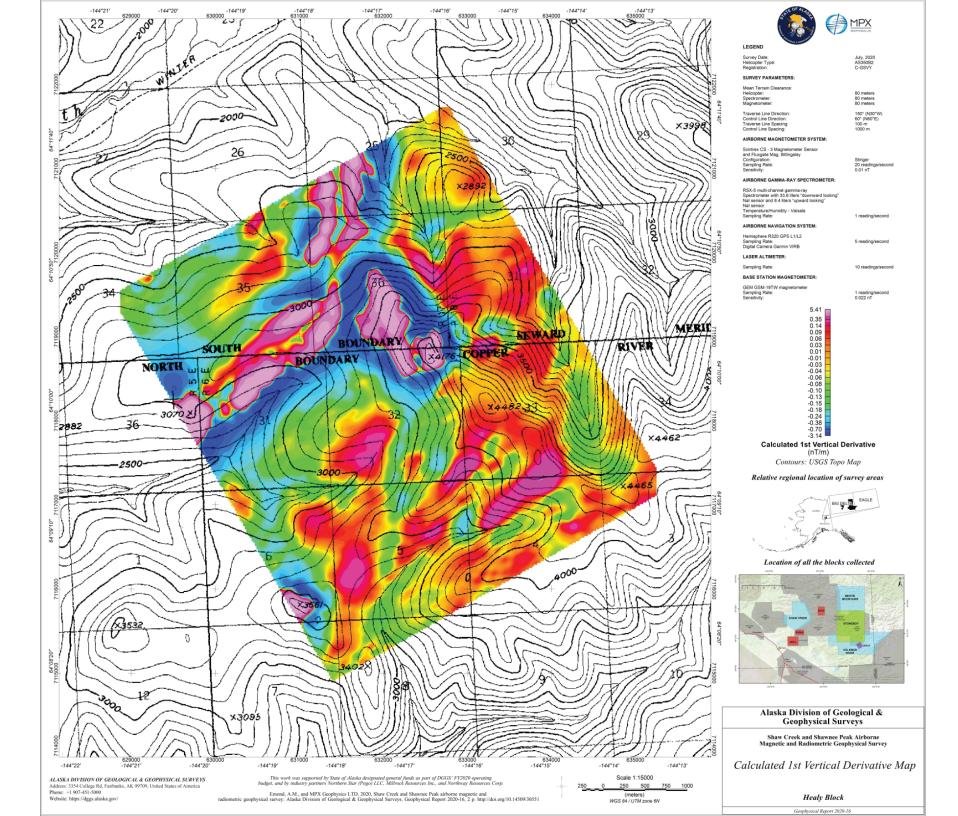


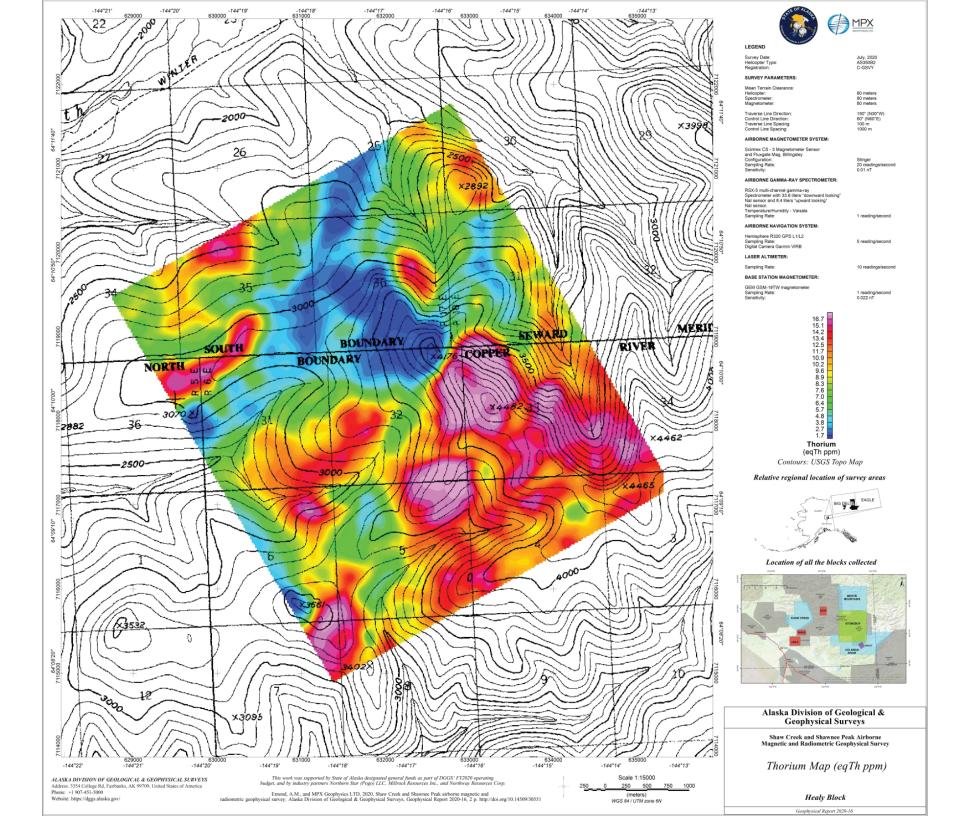


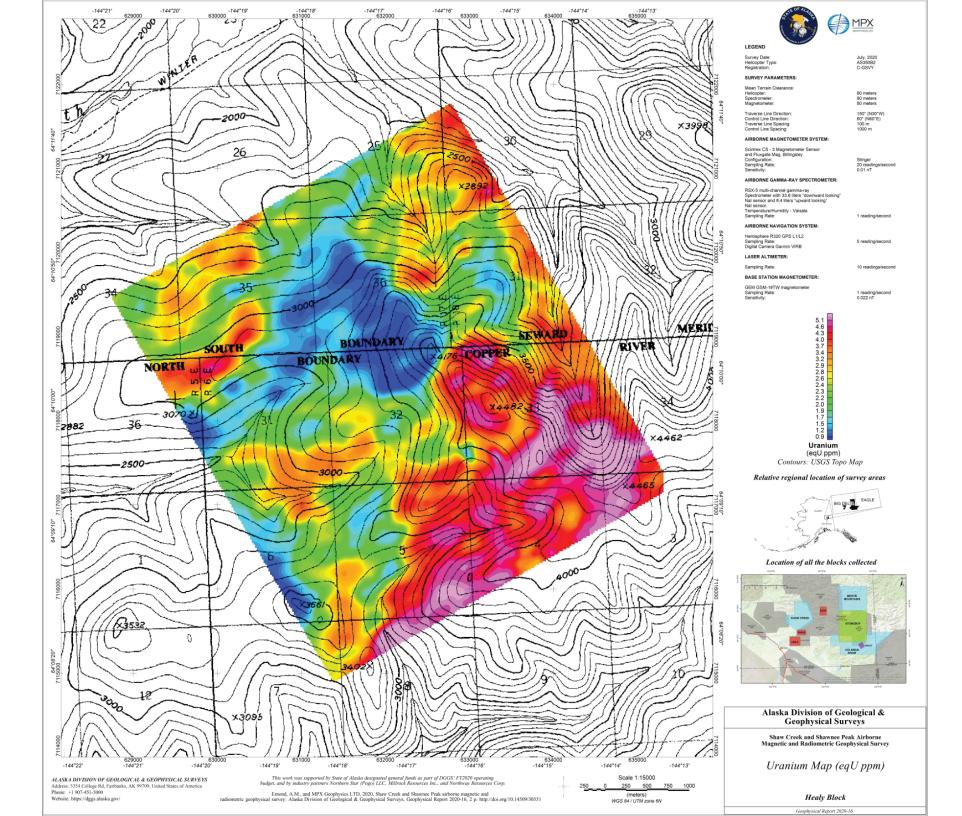


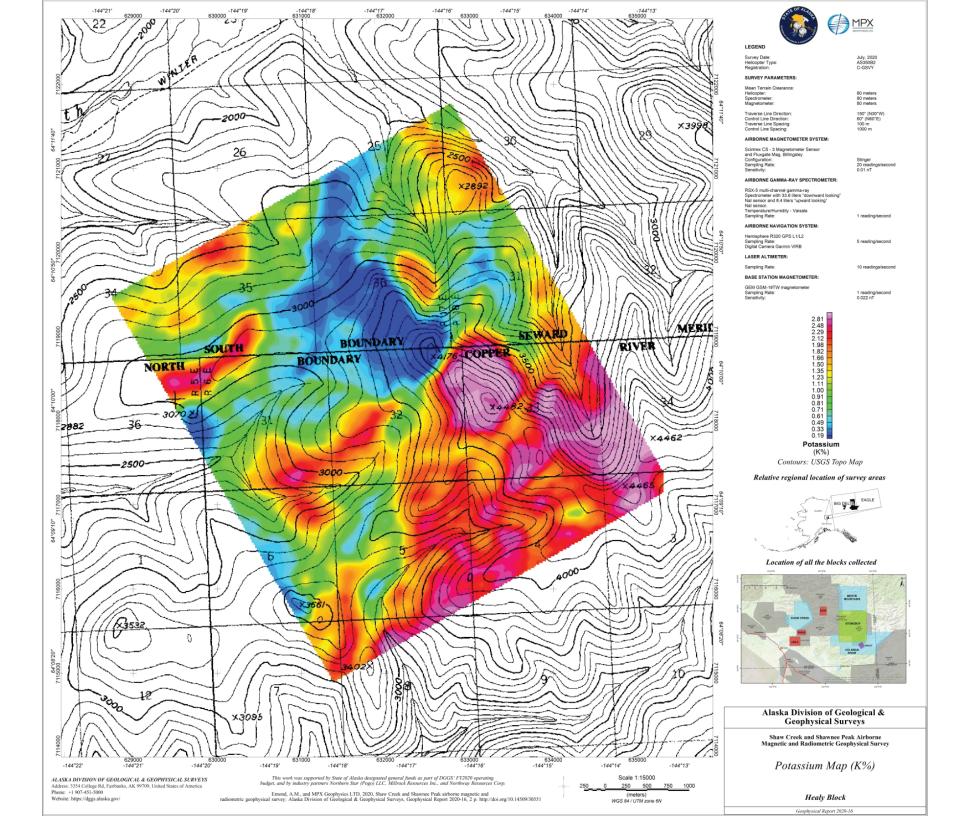


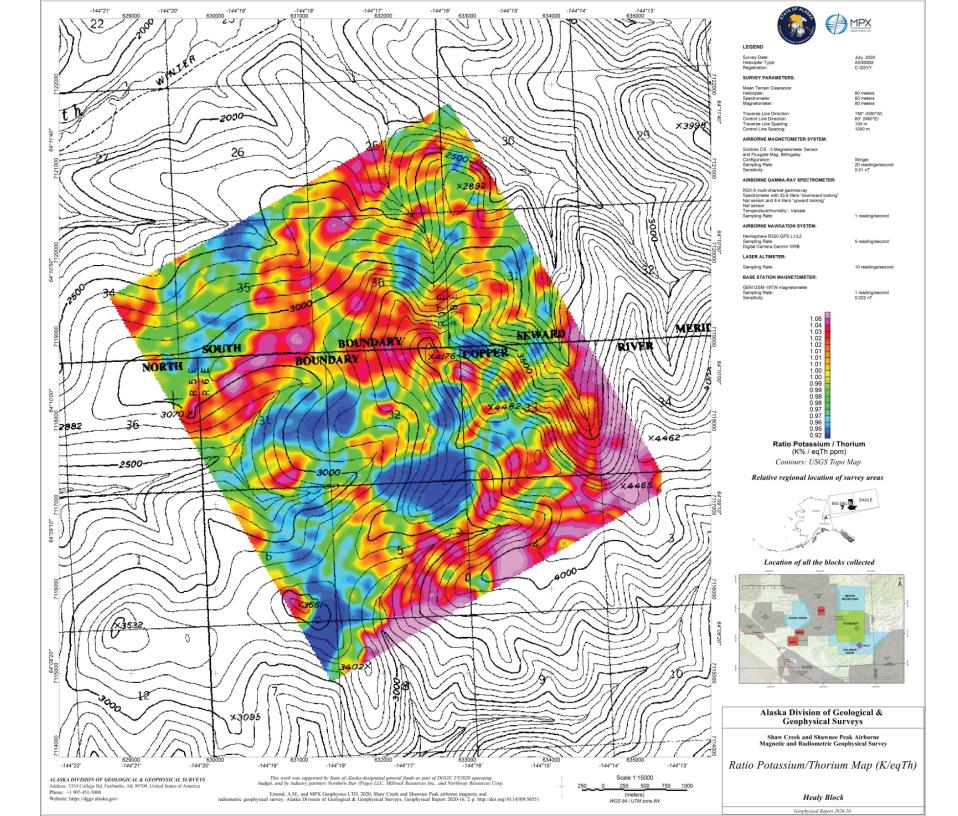


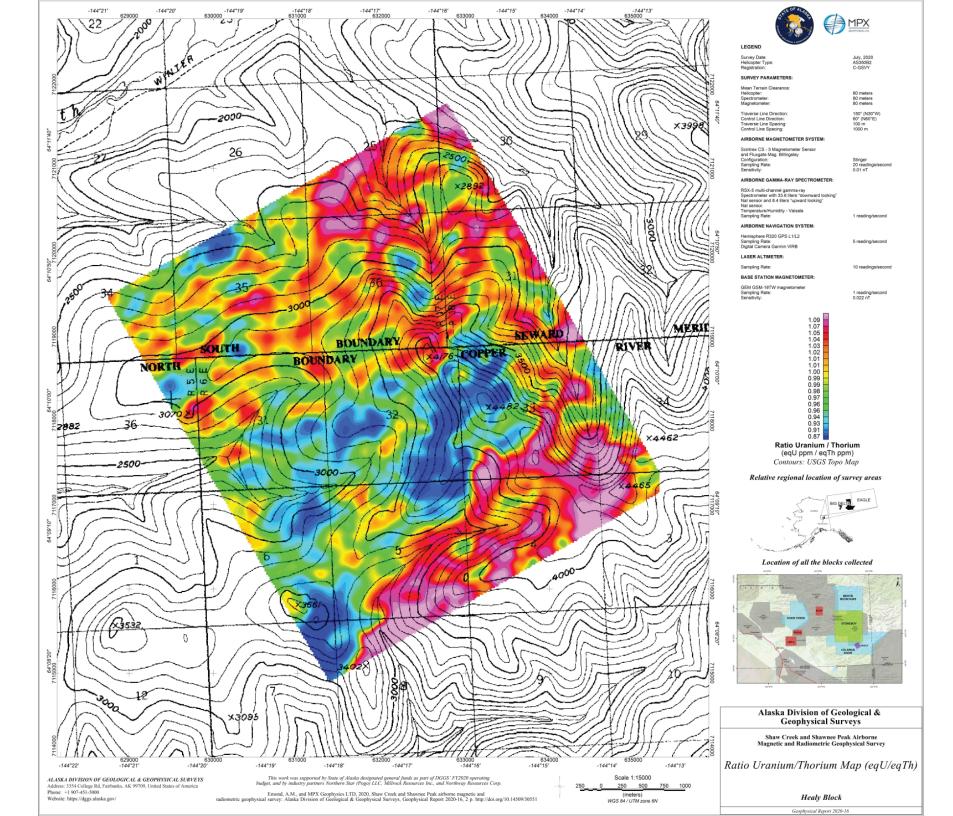


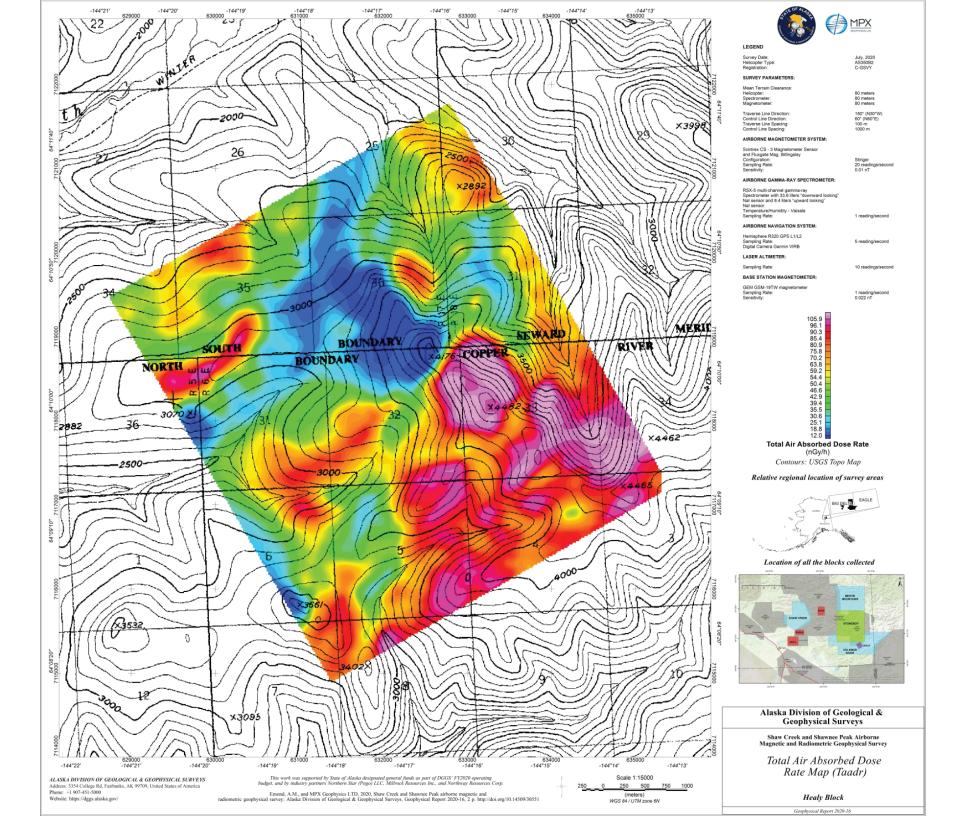


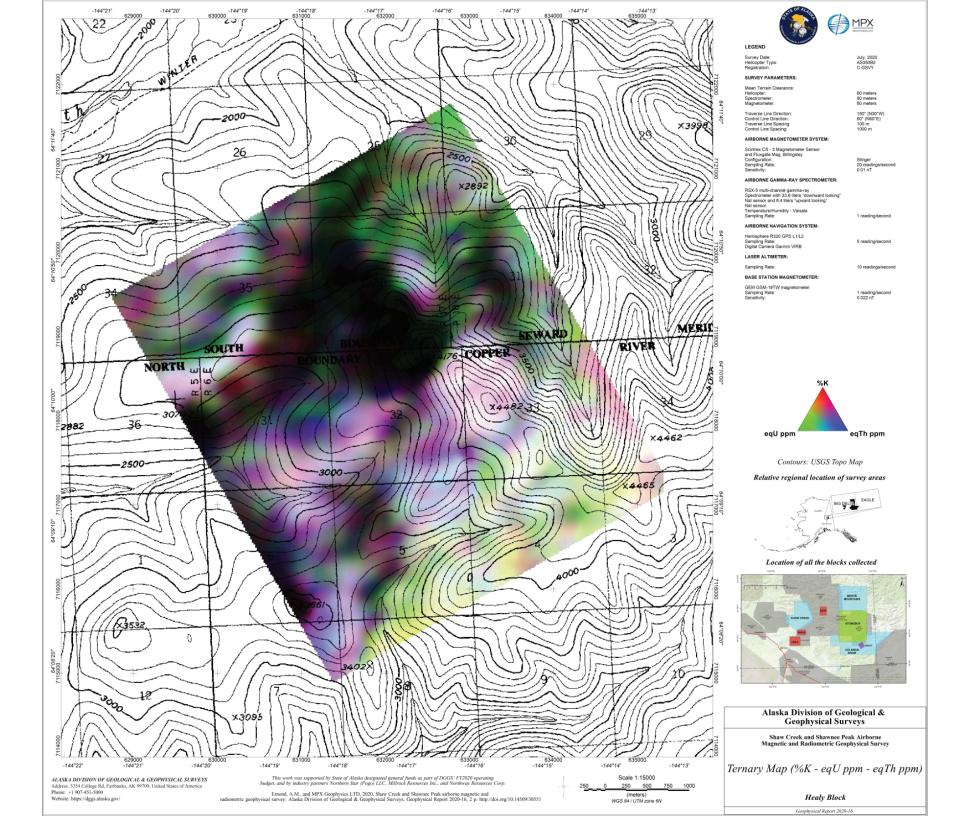


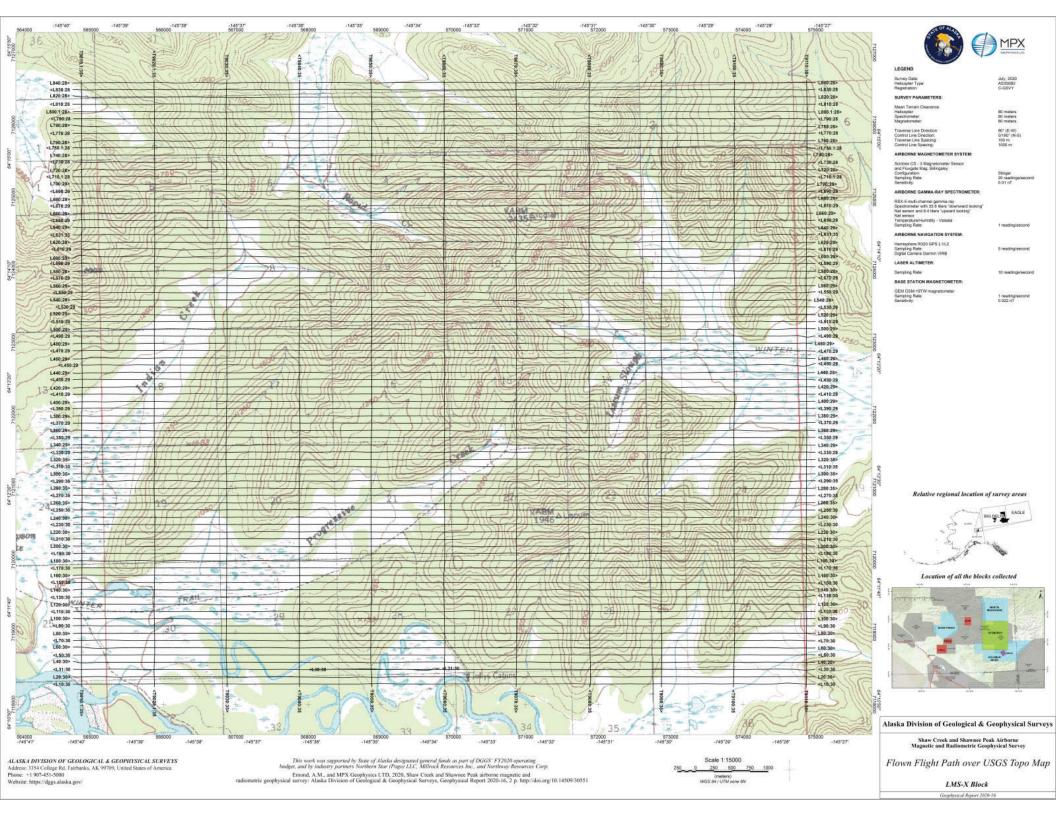


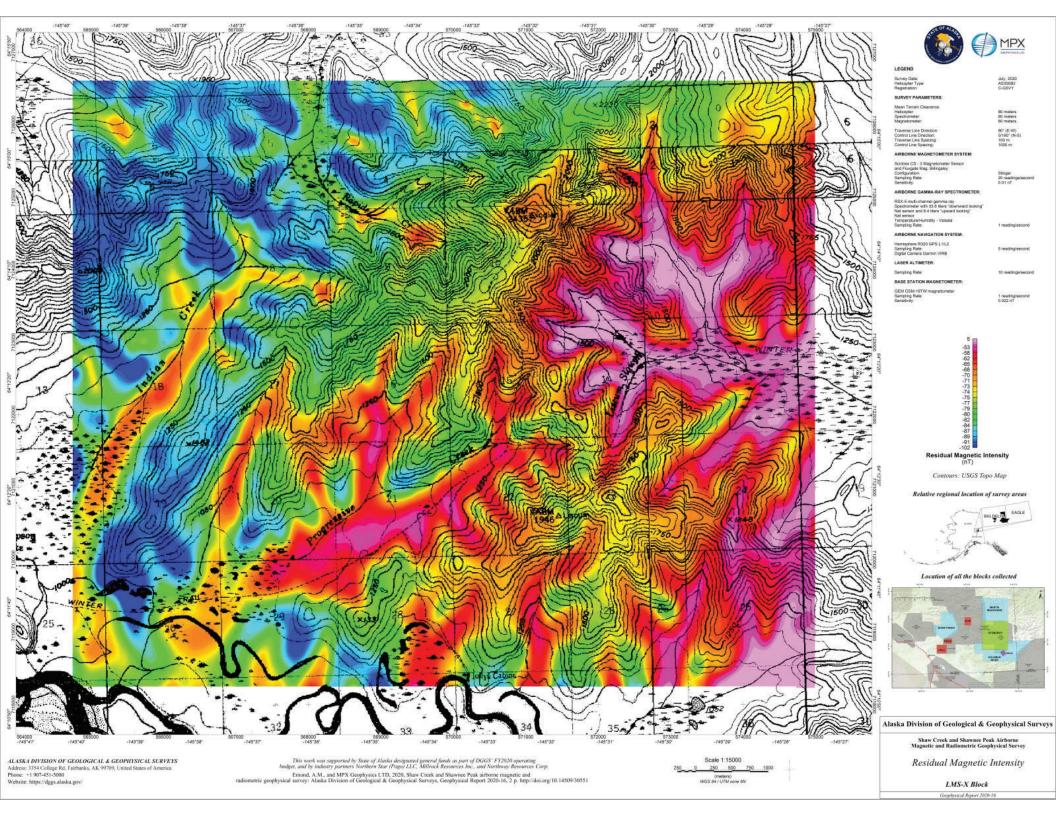


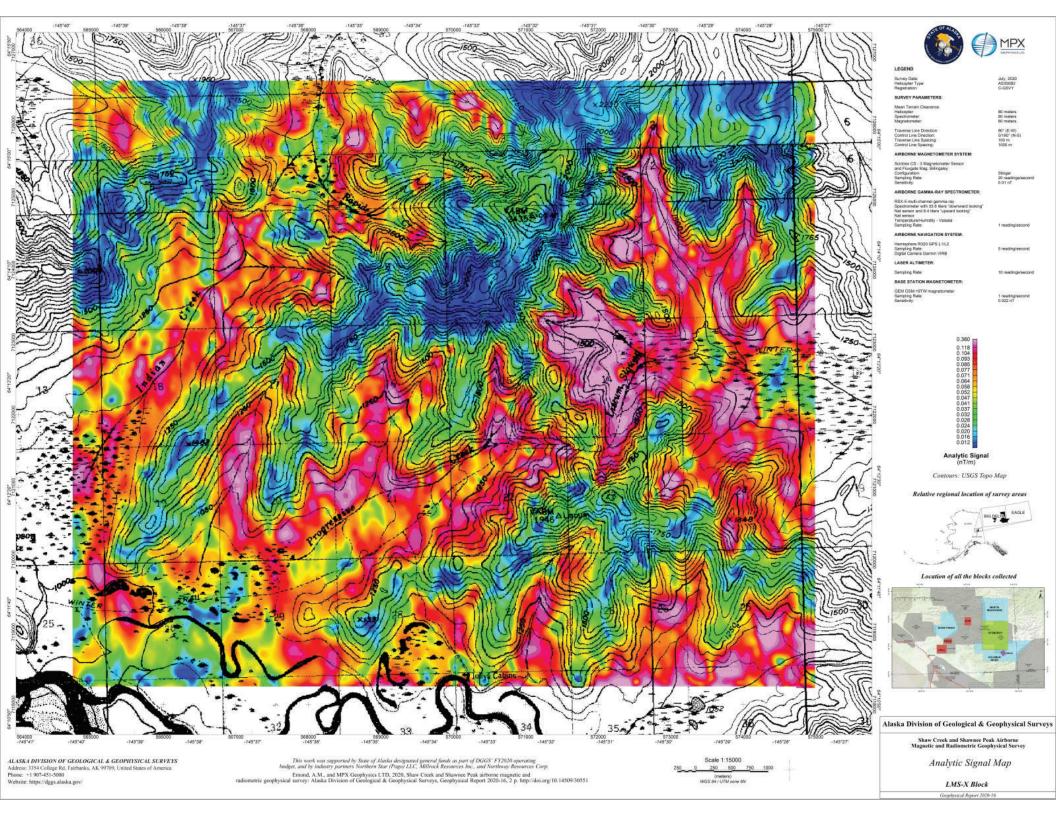


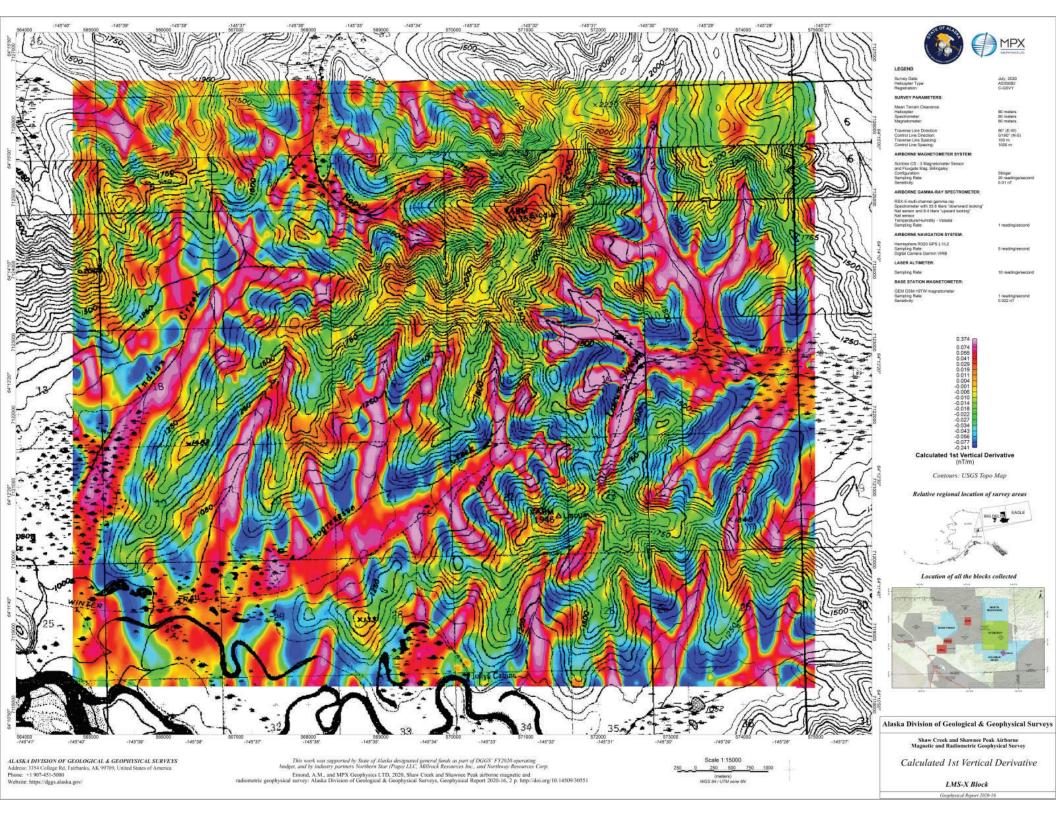


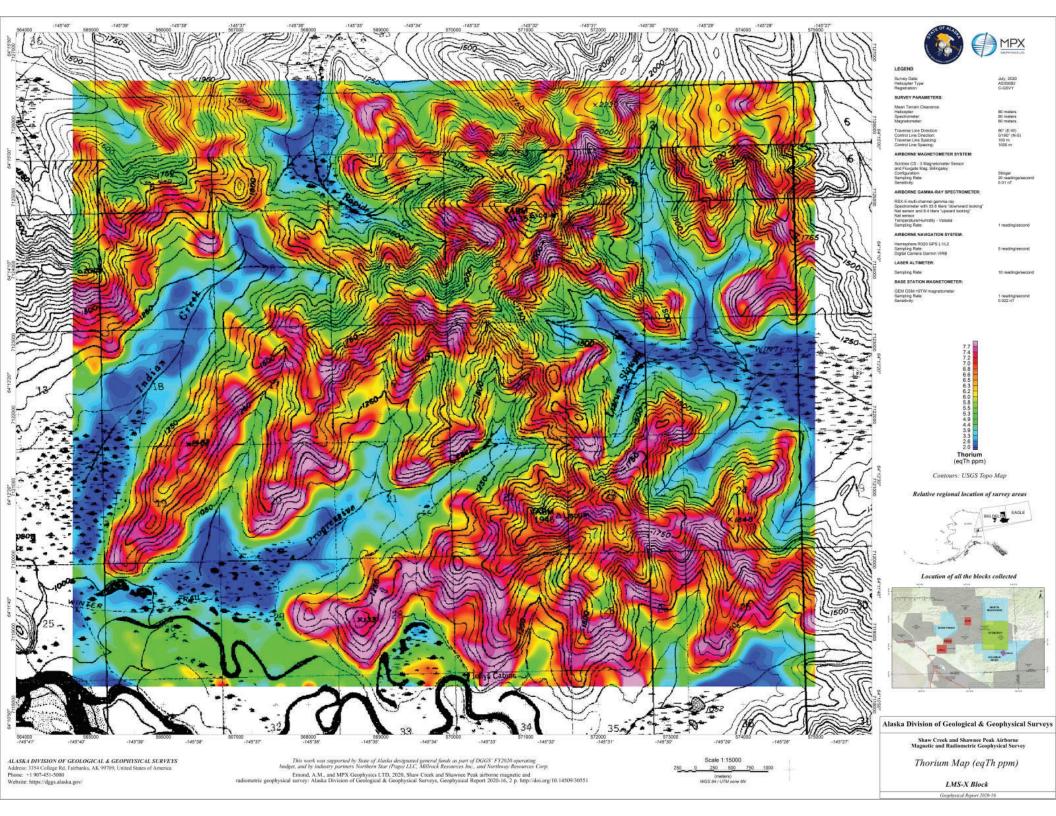


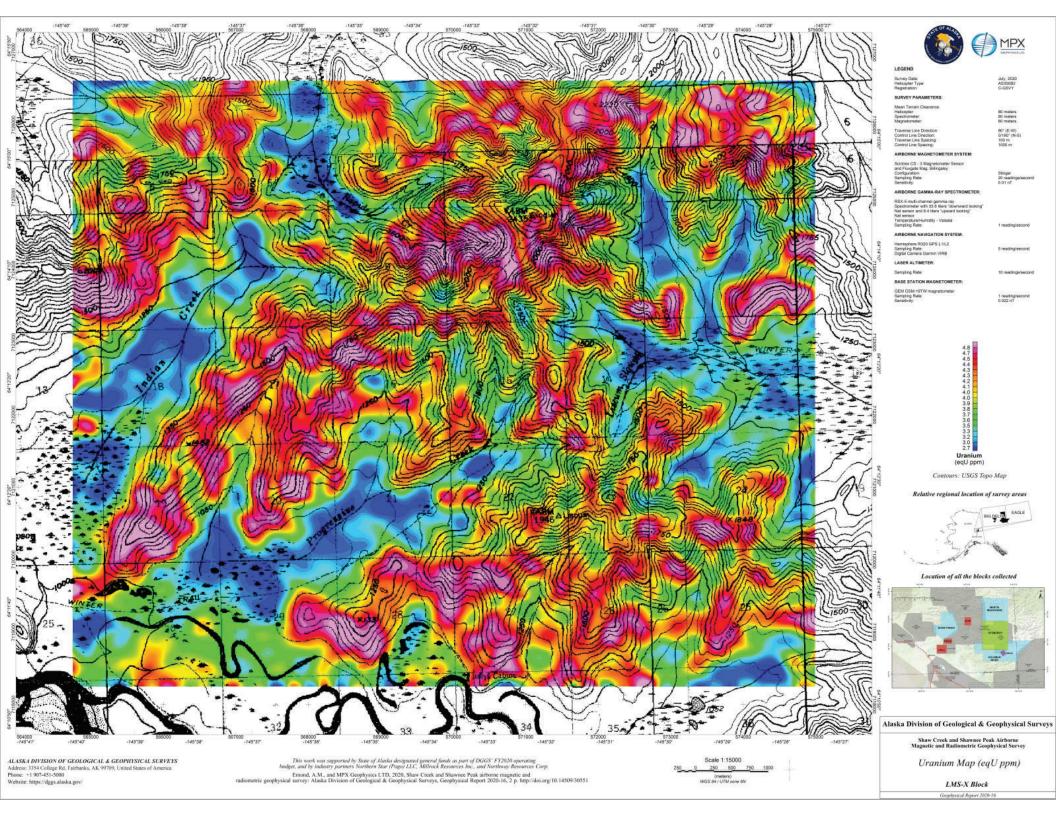


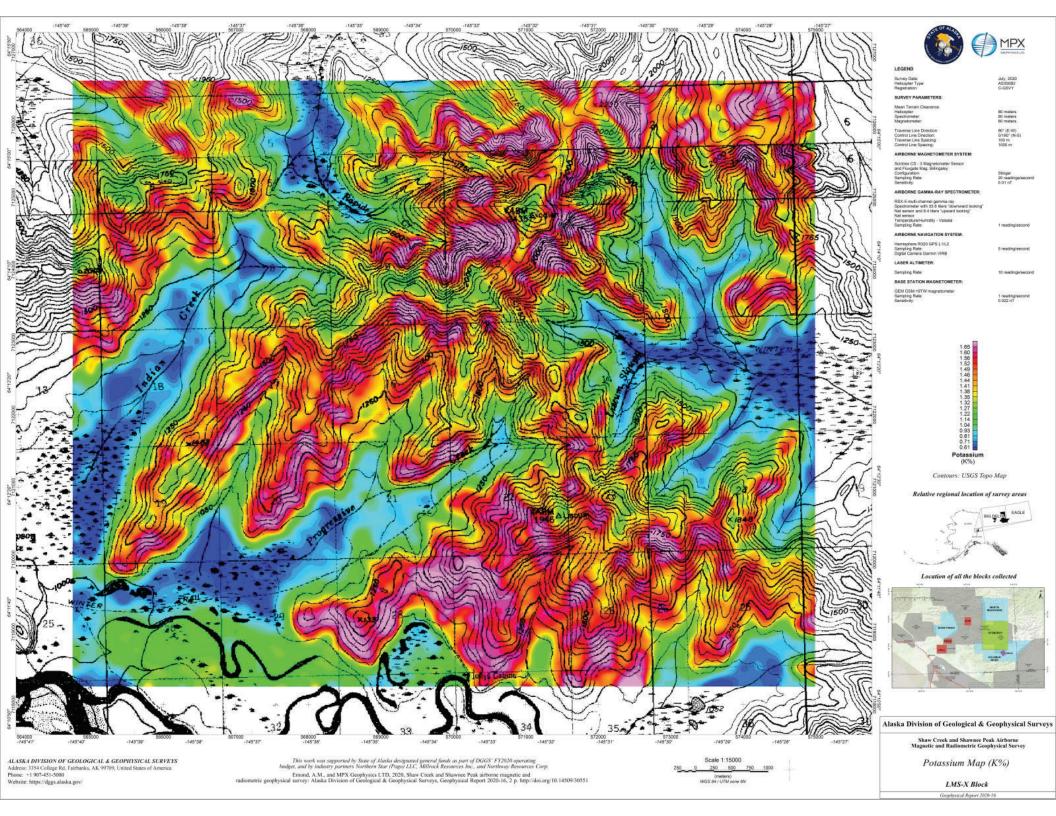


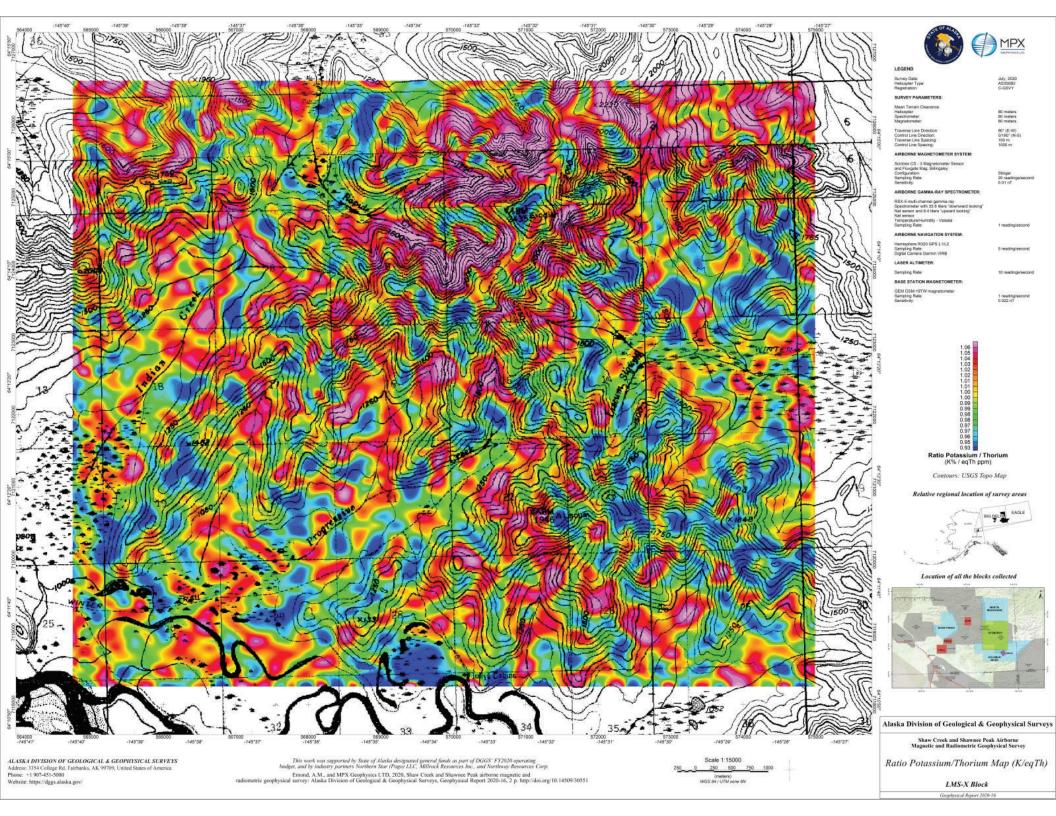


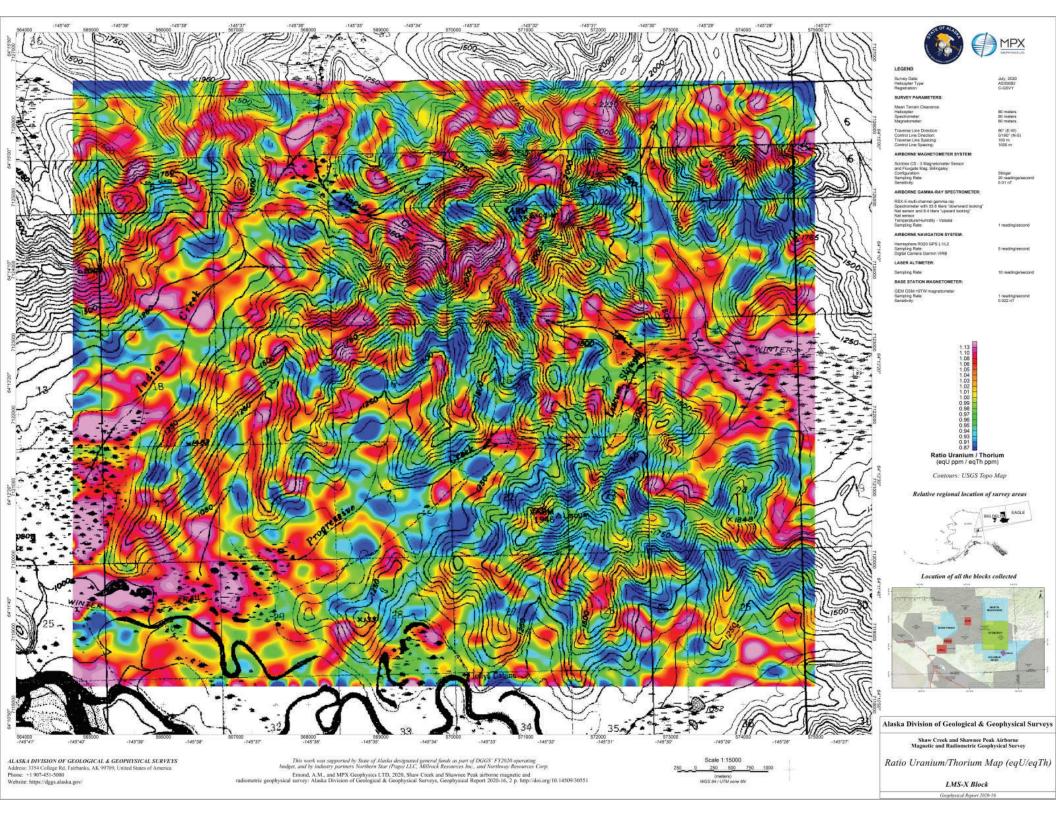


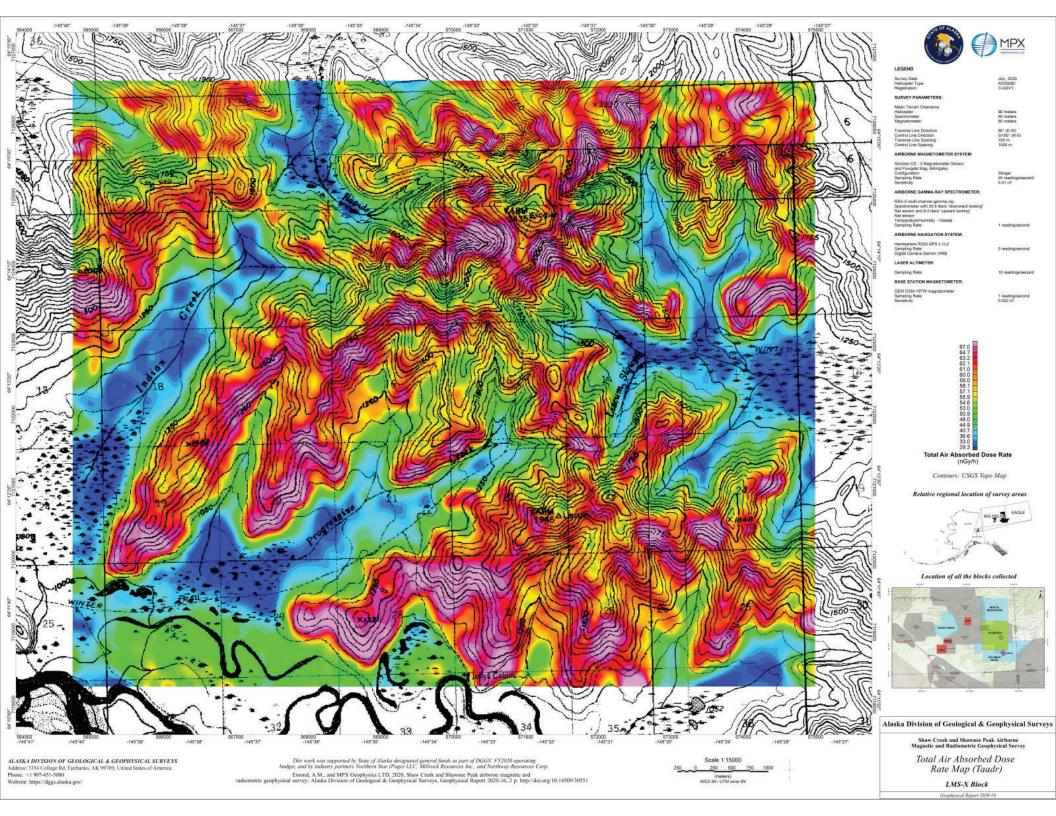


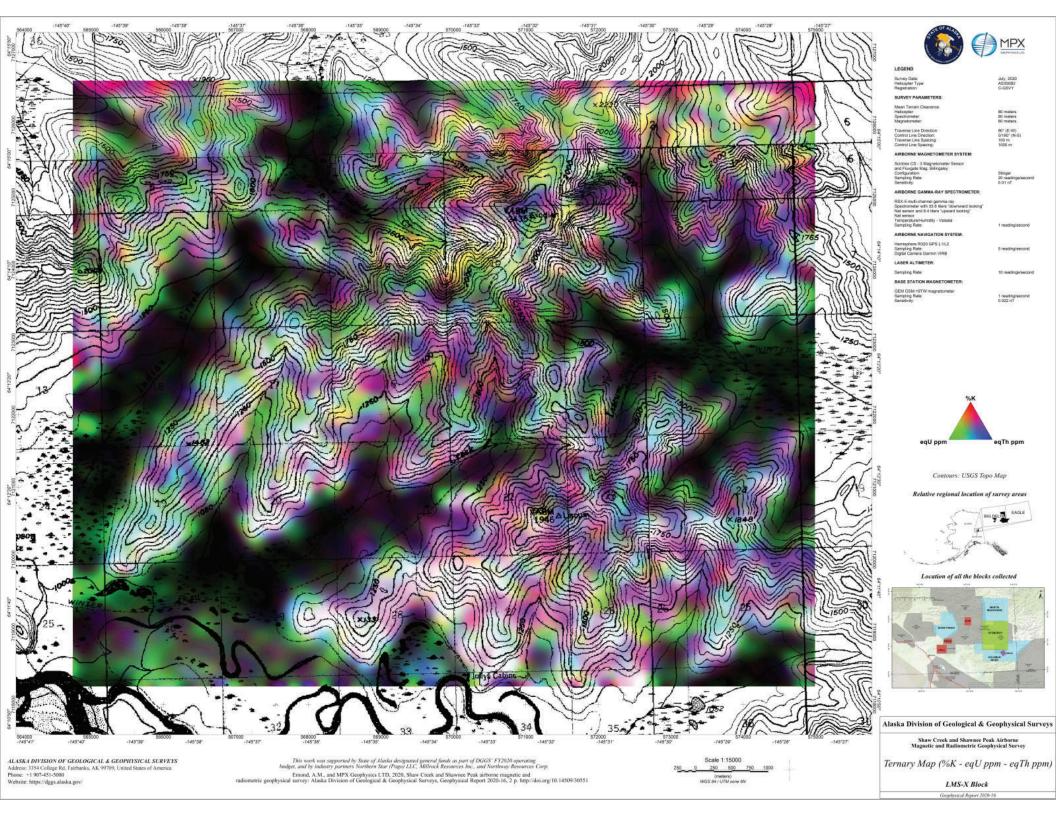


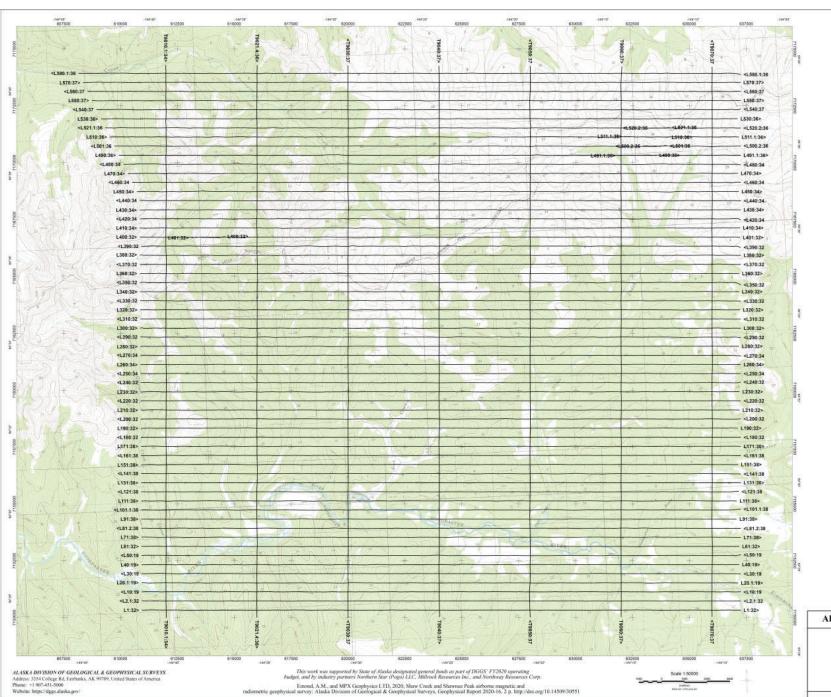
















### LEGEND

### SURVEY PARAMETERS:

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RSX-5 multi-channel gamma-ray Spectrometer with 35 filters 'downward looking' Nal sensor and 8.4 liters 'upward looking' Nal sensor. Temperatura/Humdity - Vaisala Sempling Rate:

# AIRBORNE NAVIGATION SYSTEM:

Hemisphere R320 GPS L1/L2 Sempling Rate Digital Camera Garmin VIRB

### LASER ALTIMETER:

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#### BASE STATION MAGNETOMETER:

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# Relative regional location of survey areas



# Location of all the blocks collected



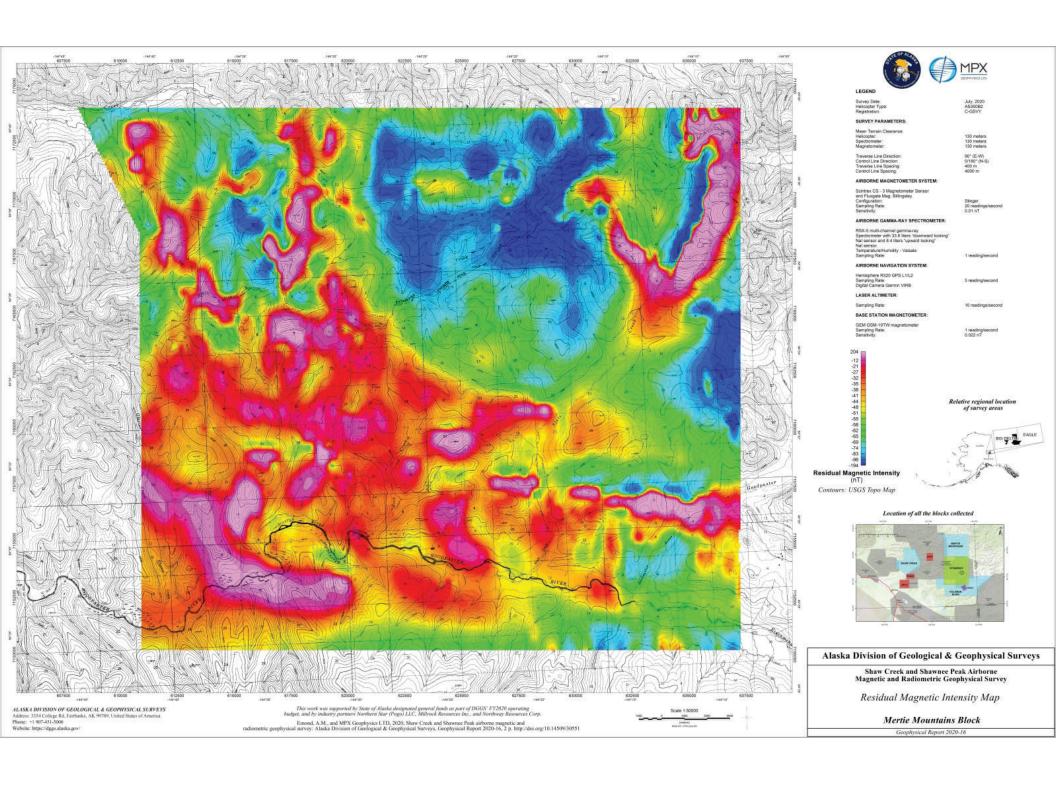
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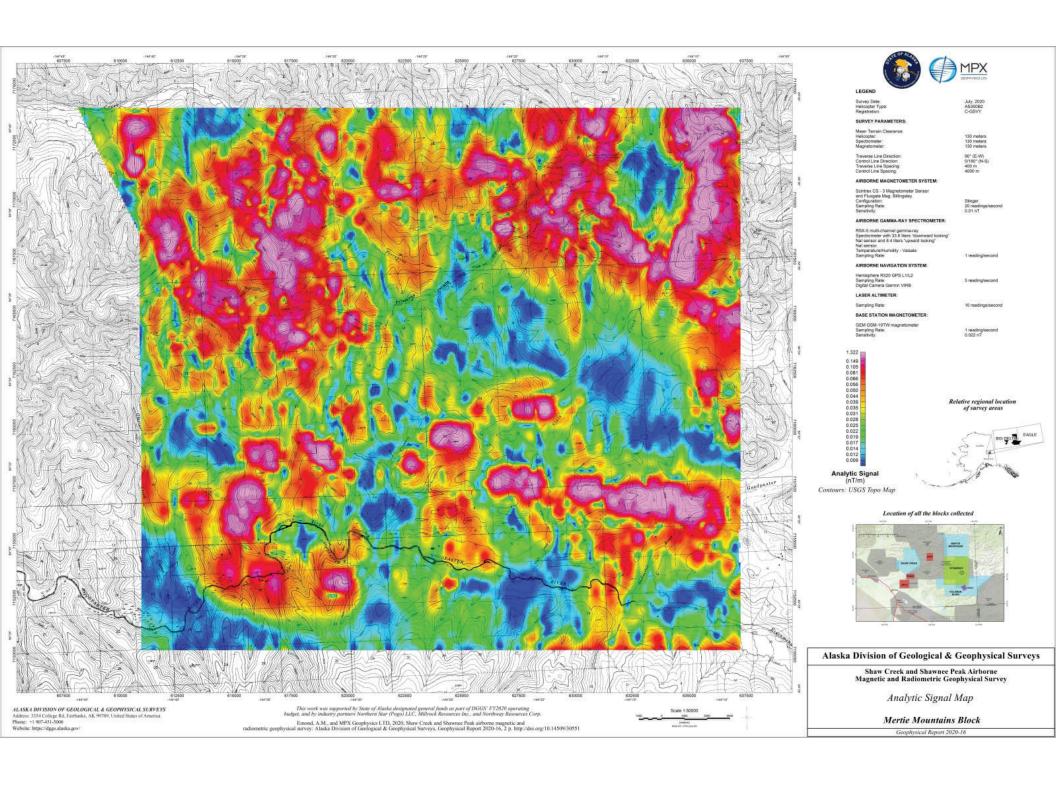
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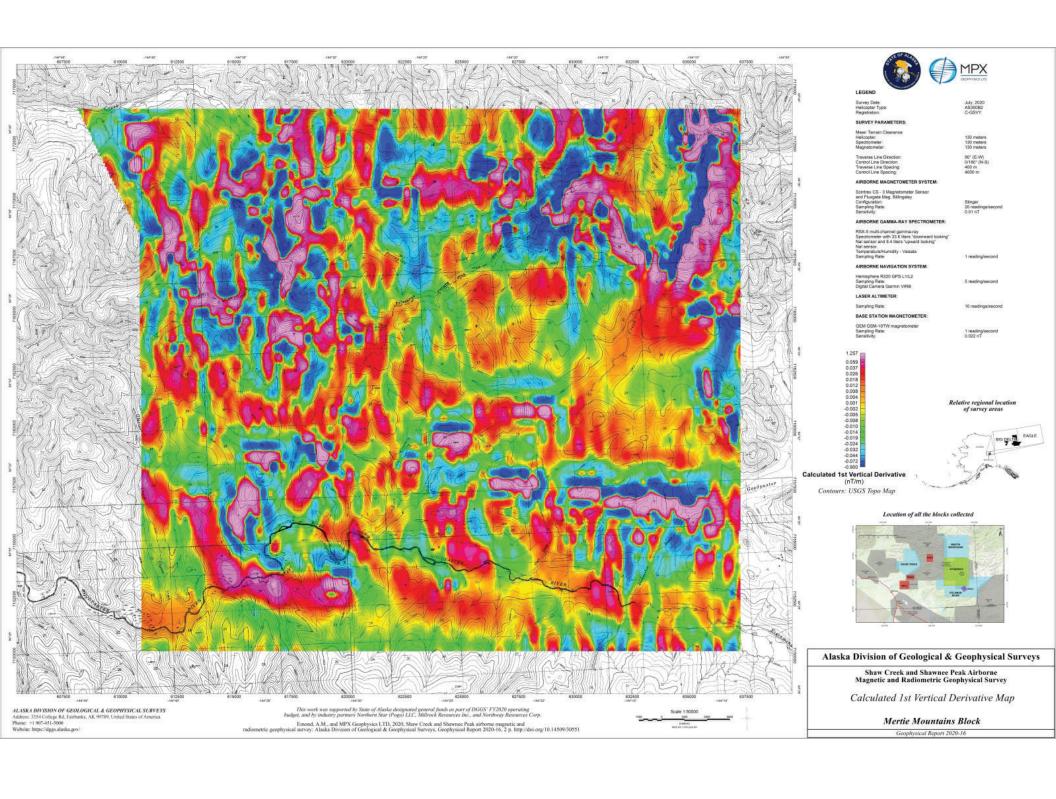
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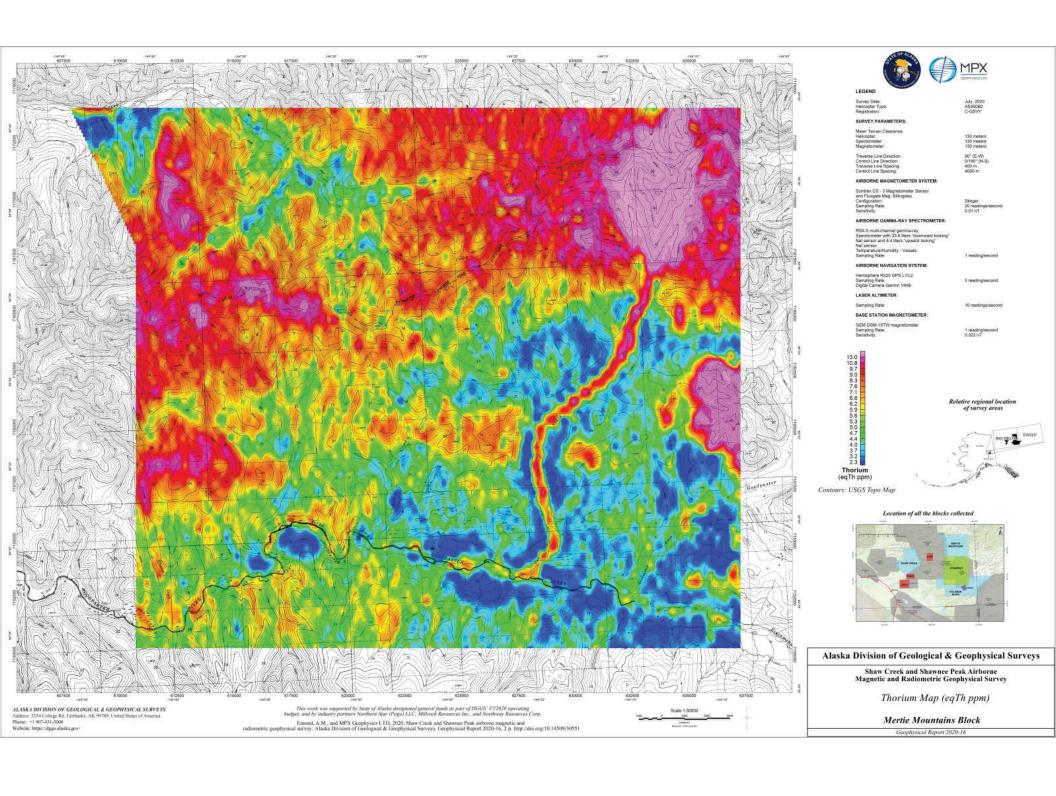
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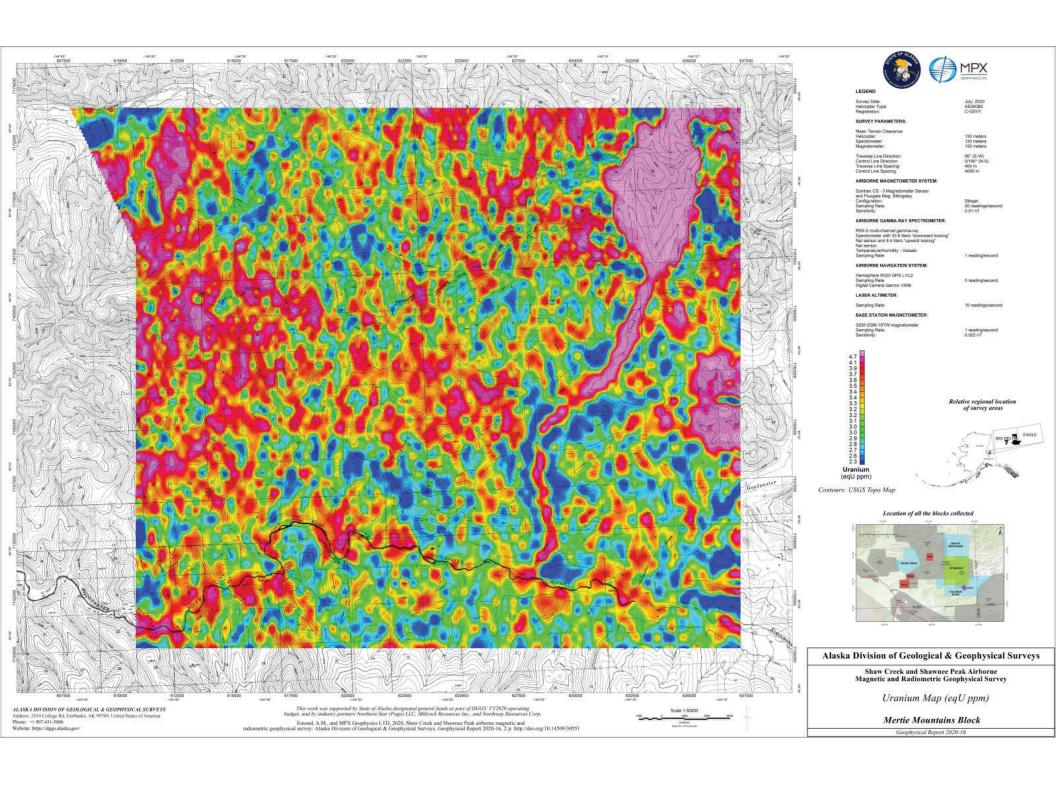
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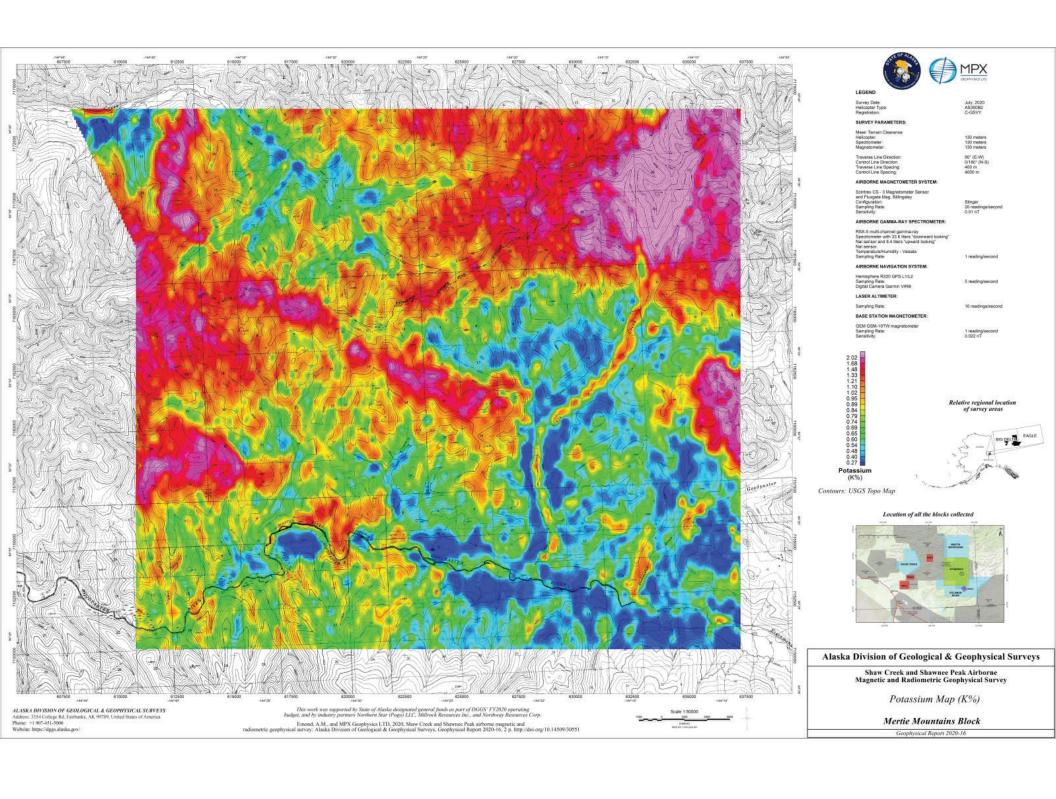


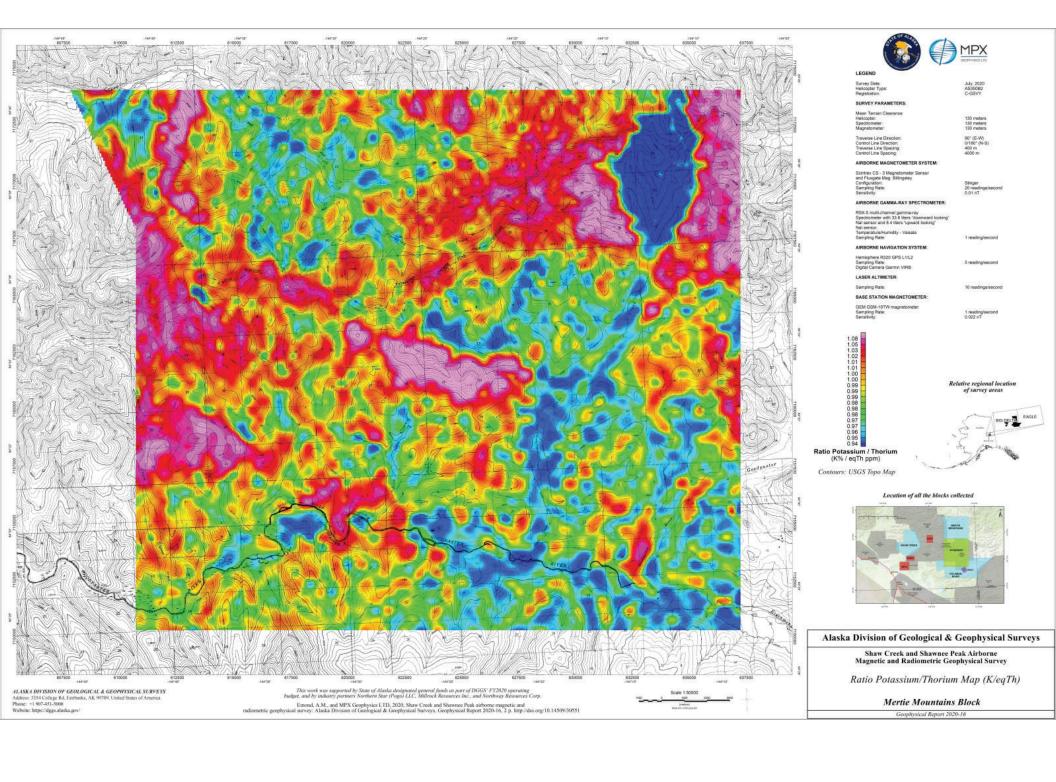


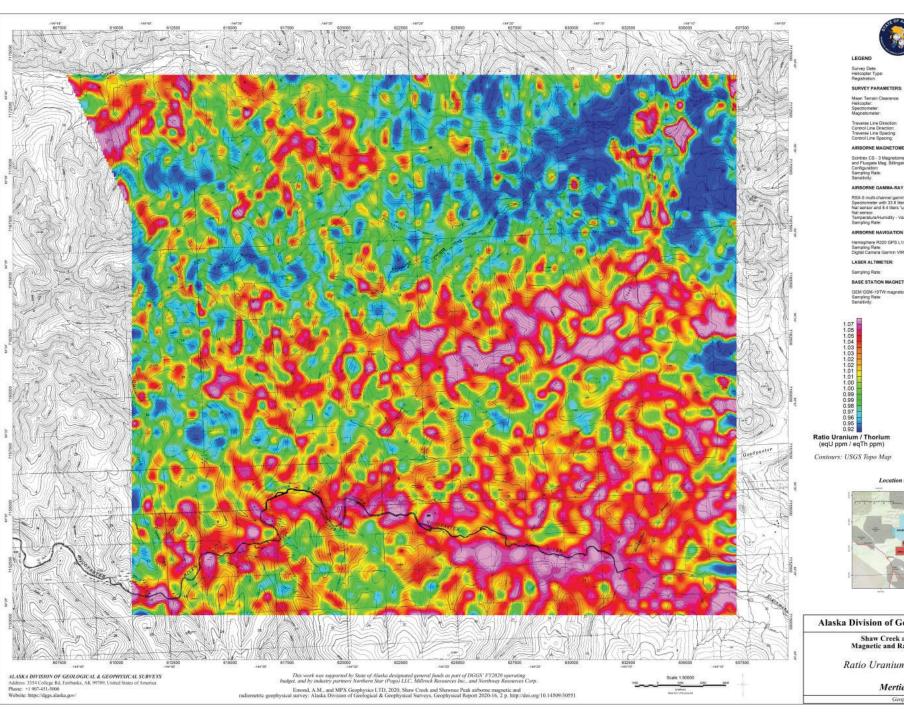
















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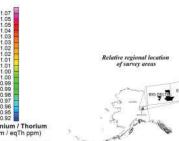
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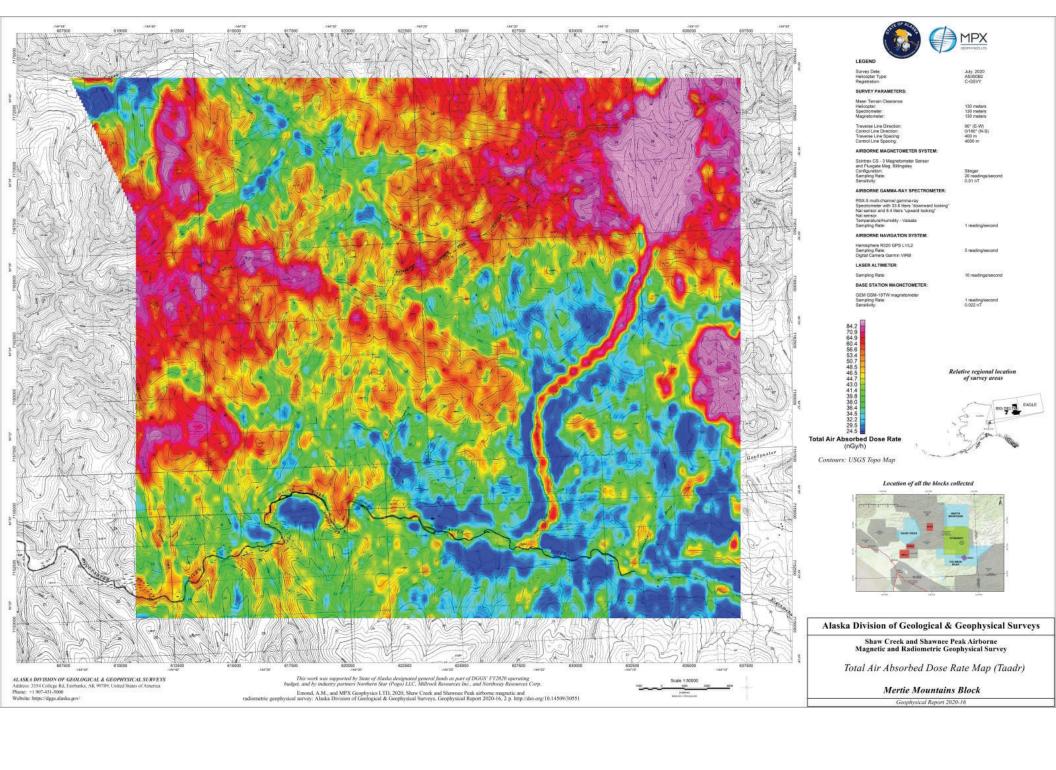
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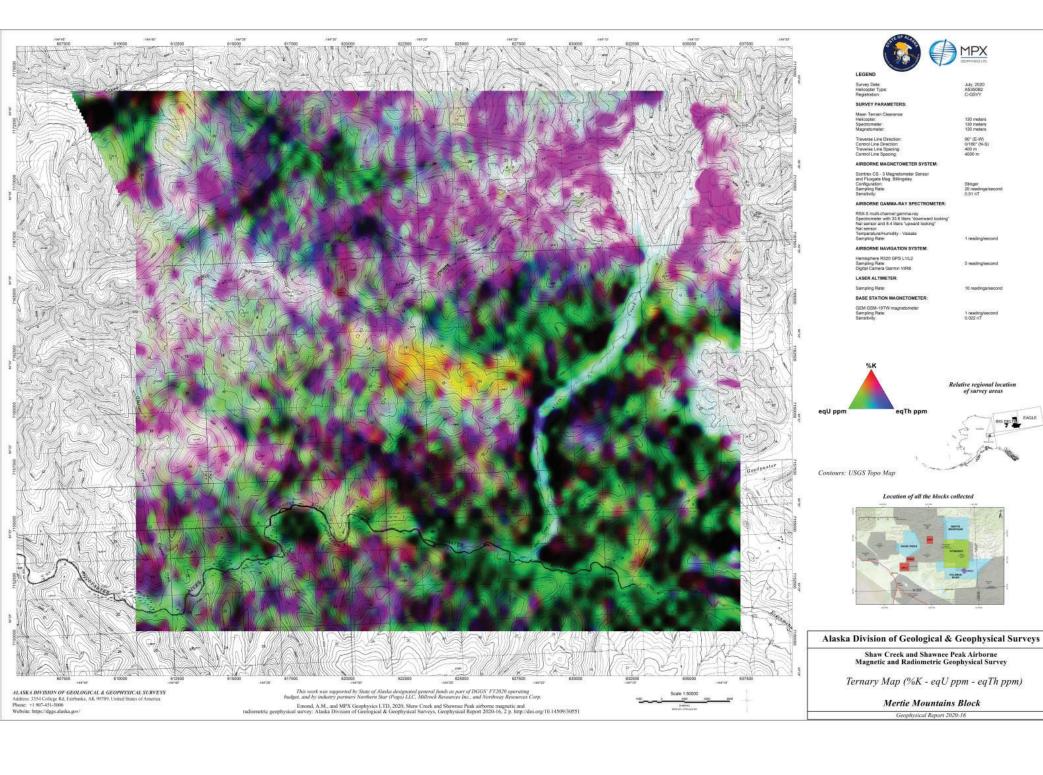
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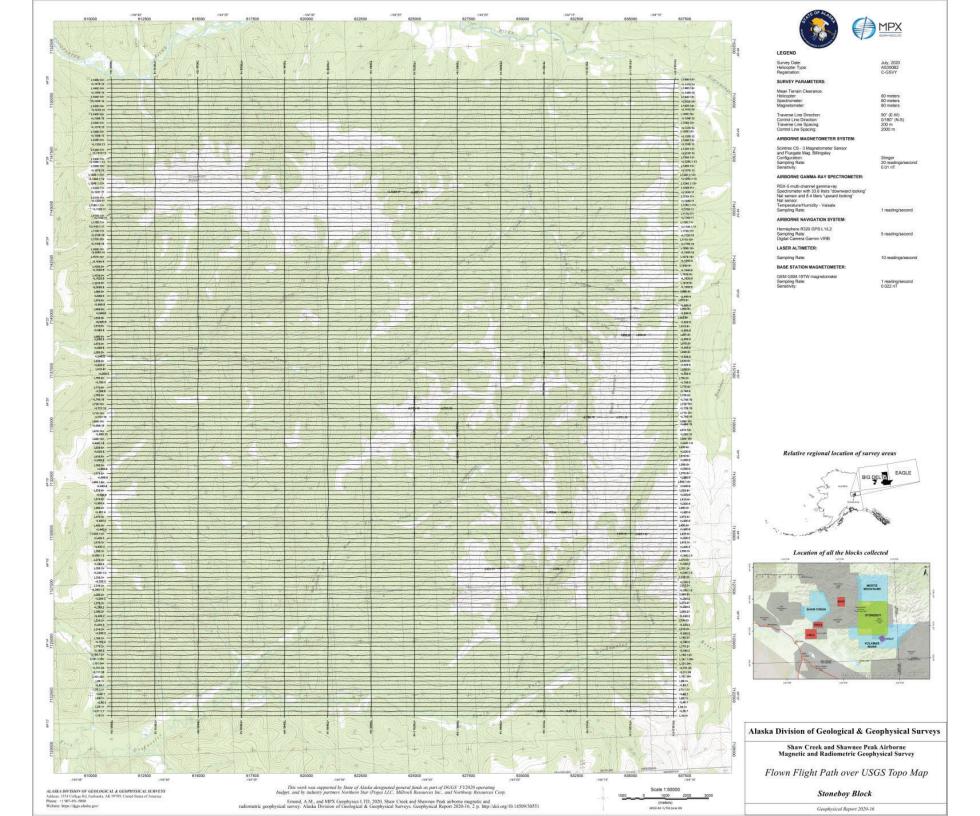
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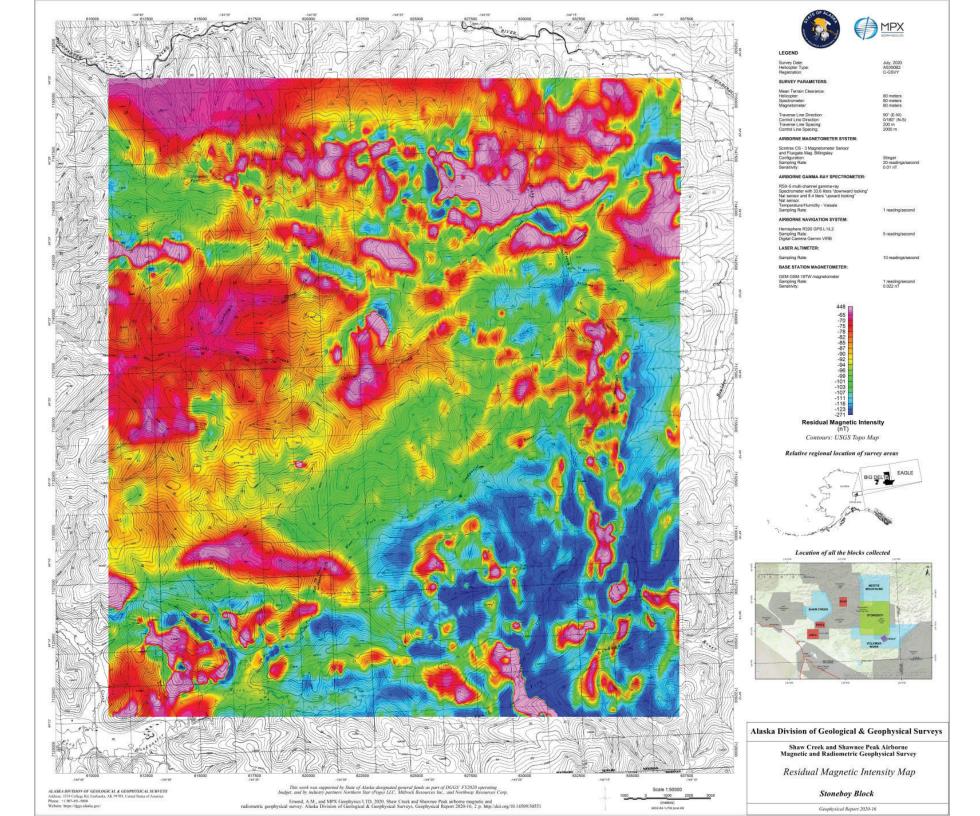
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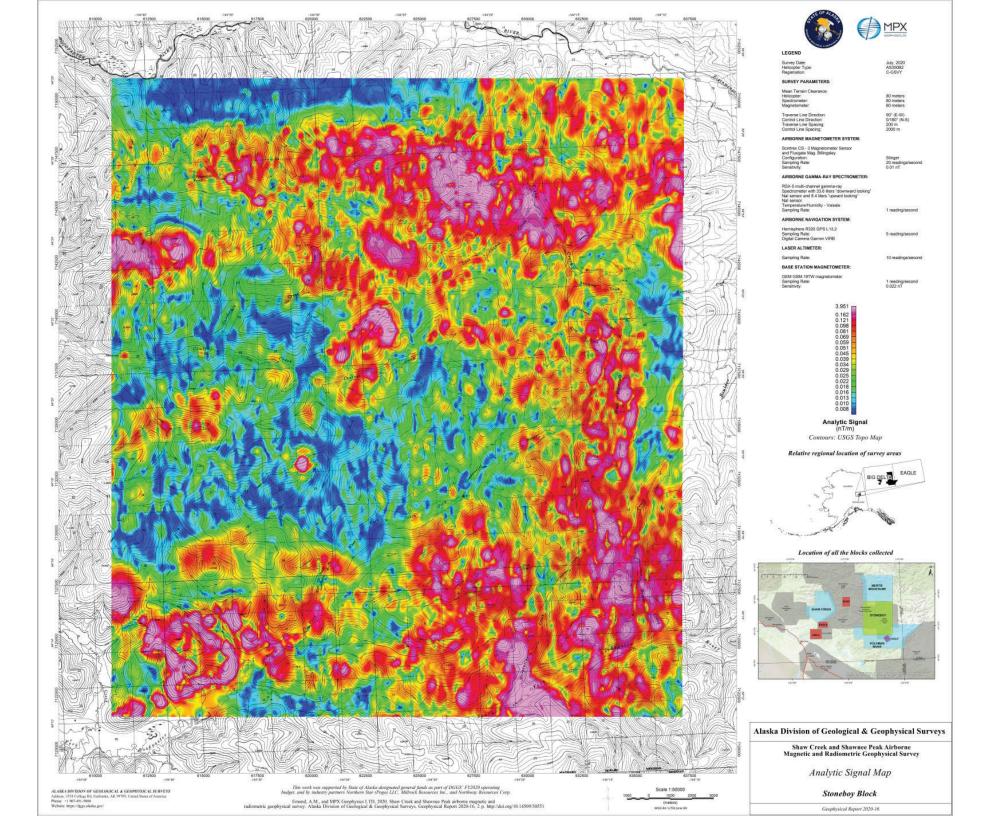
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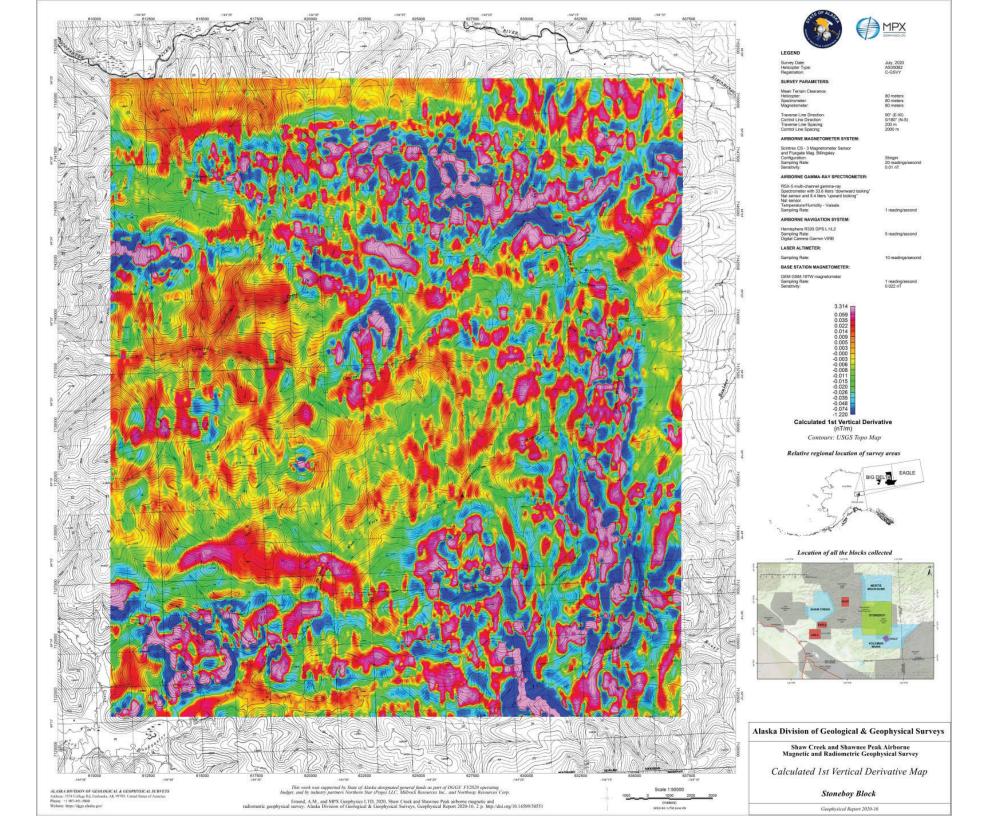


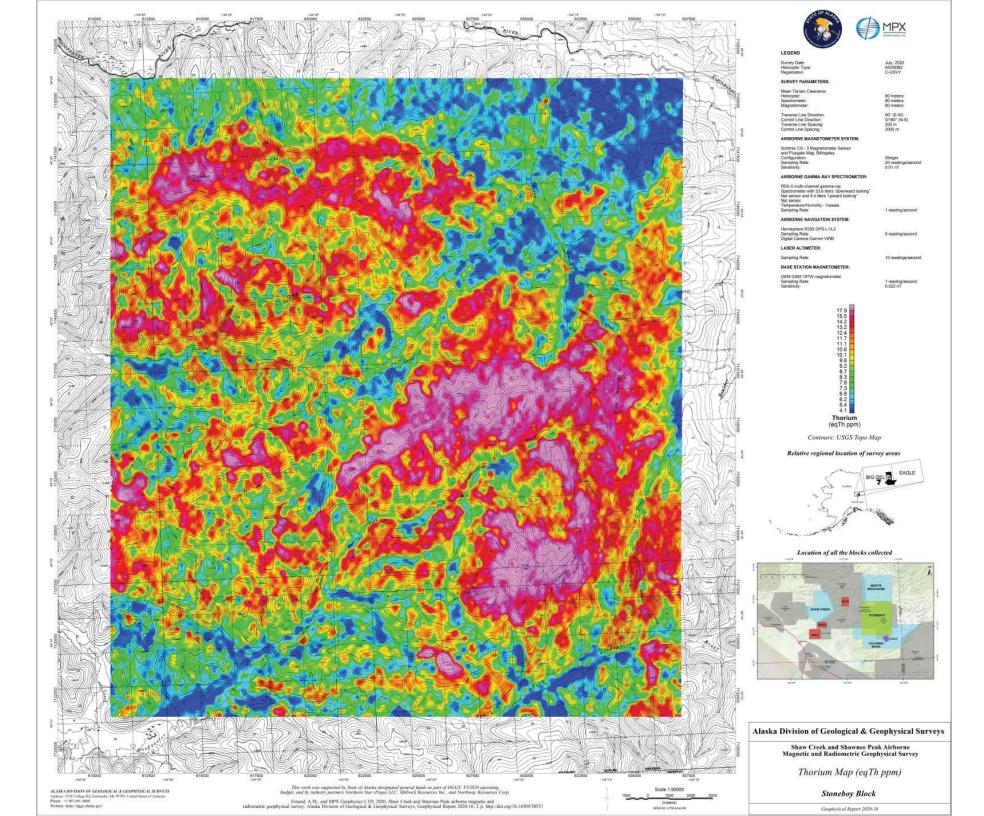


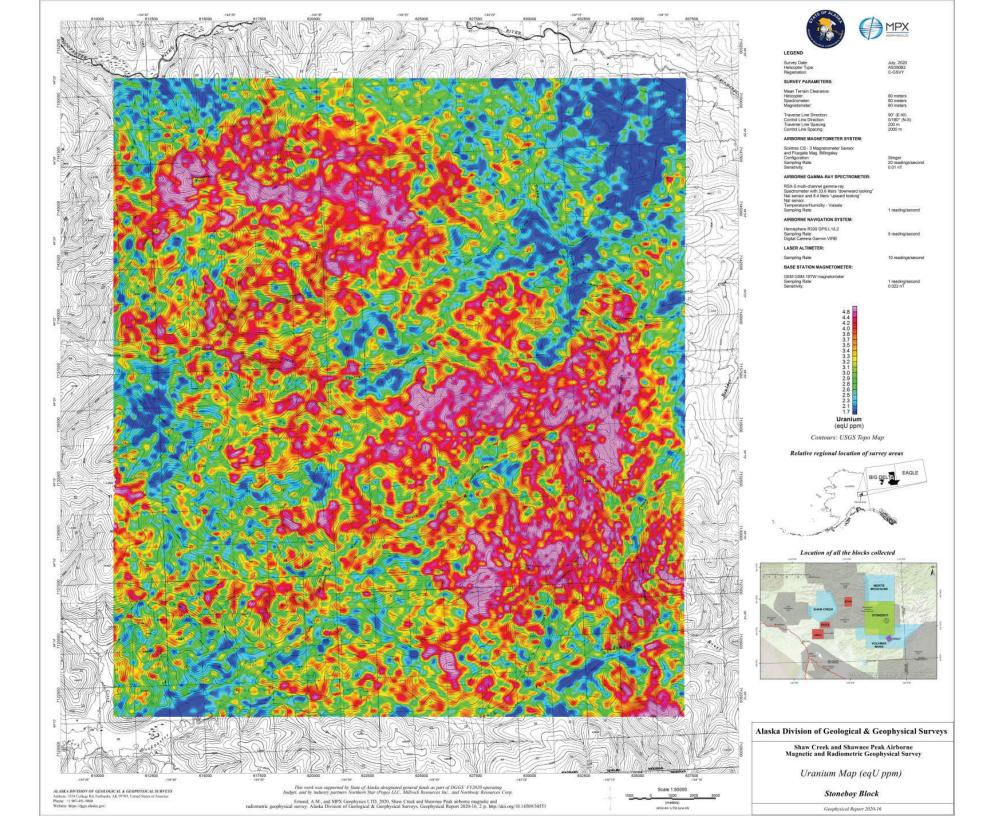


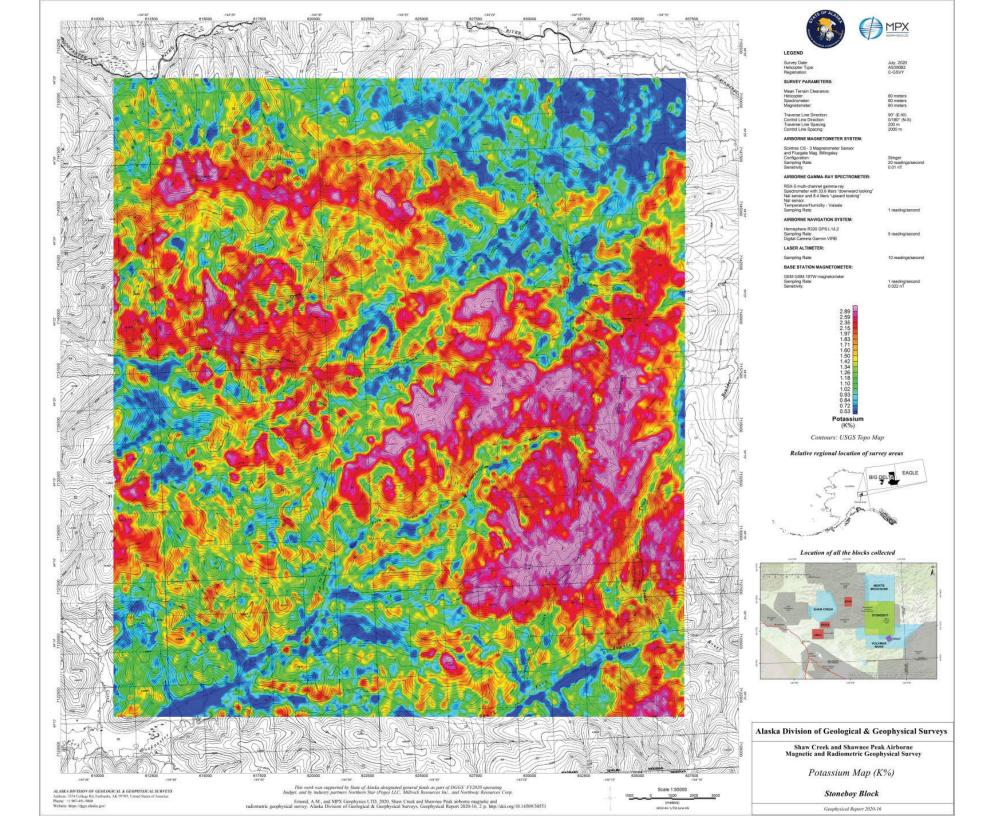


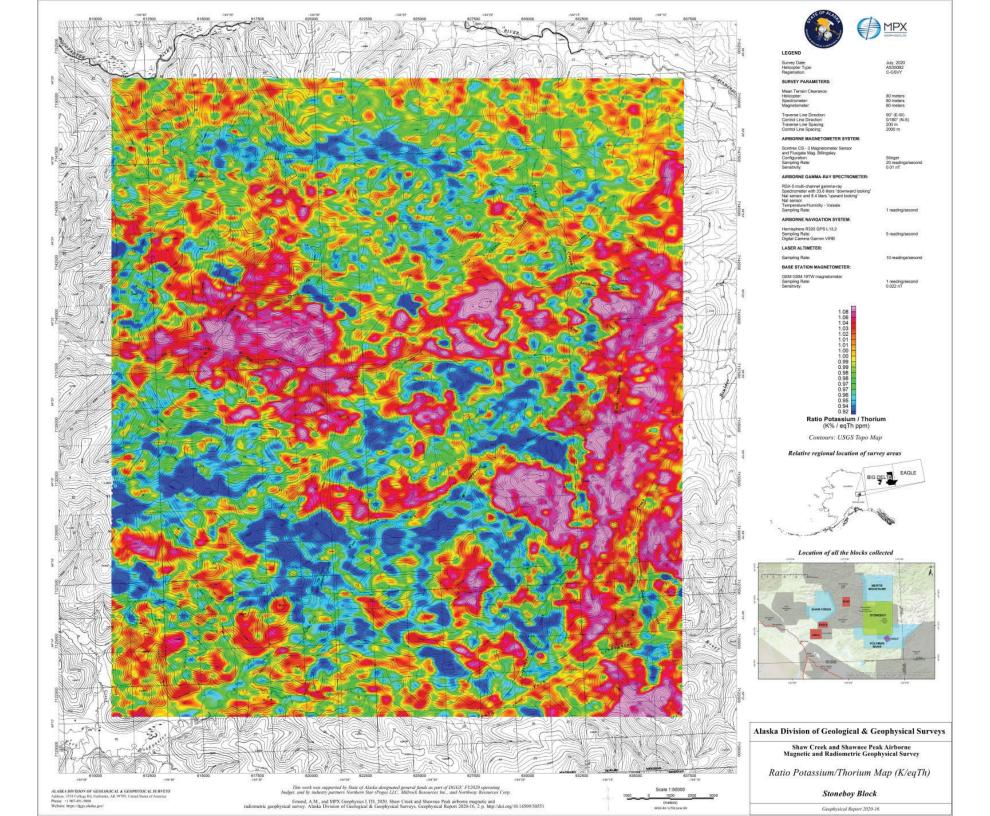


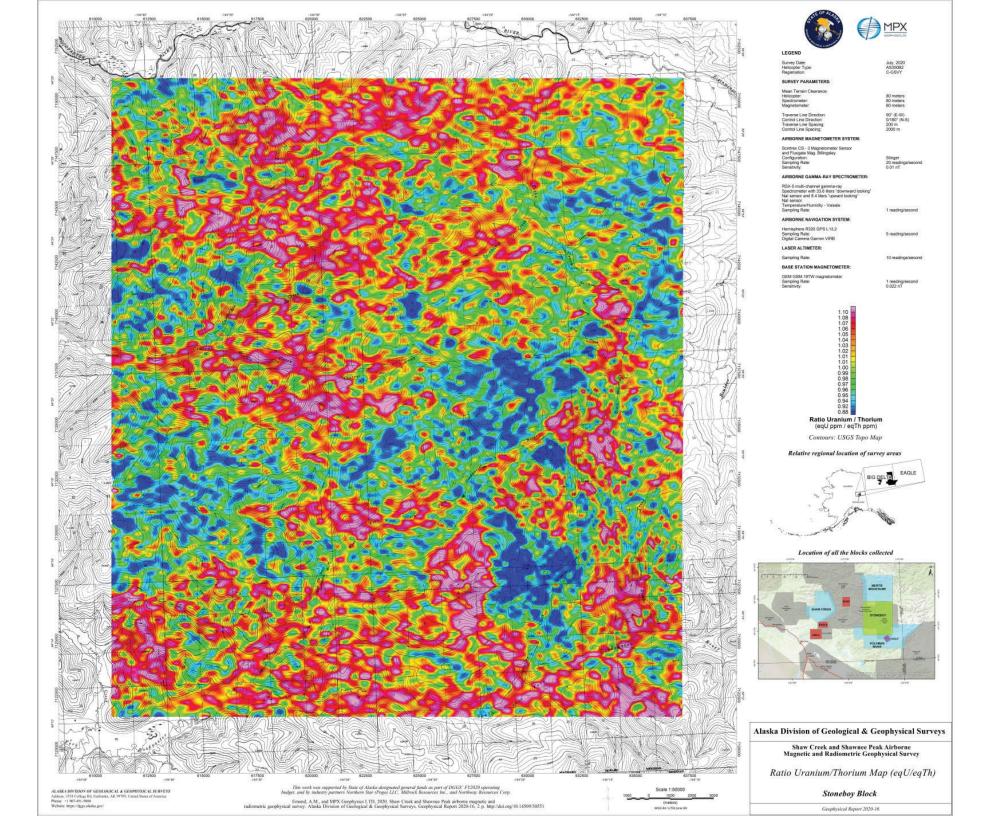


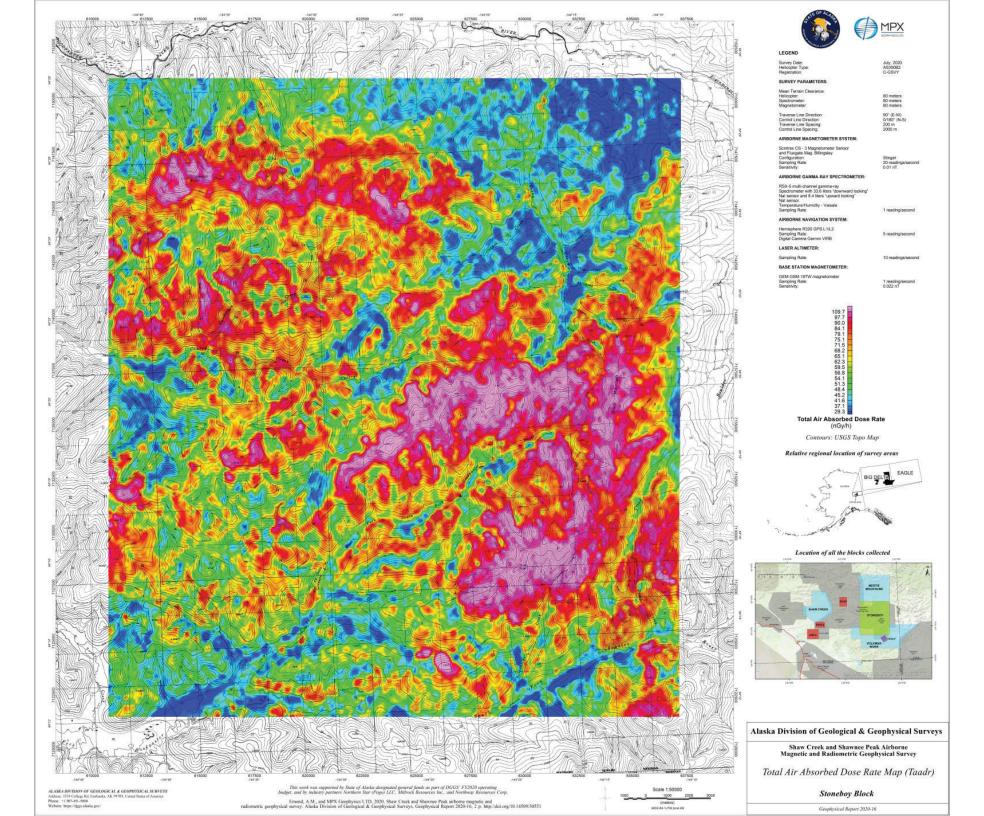


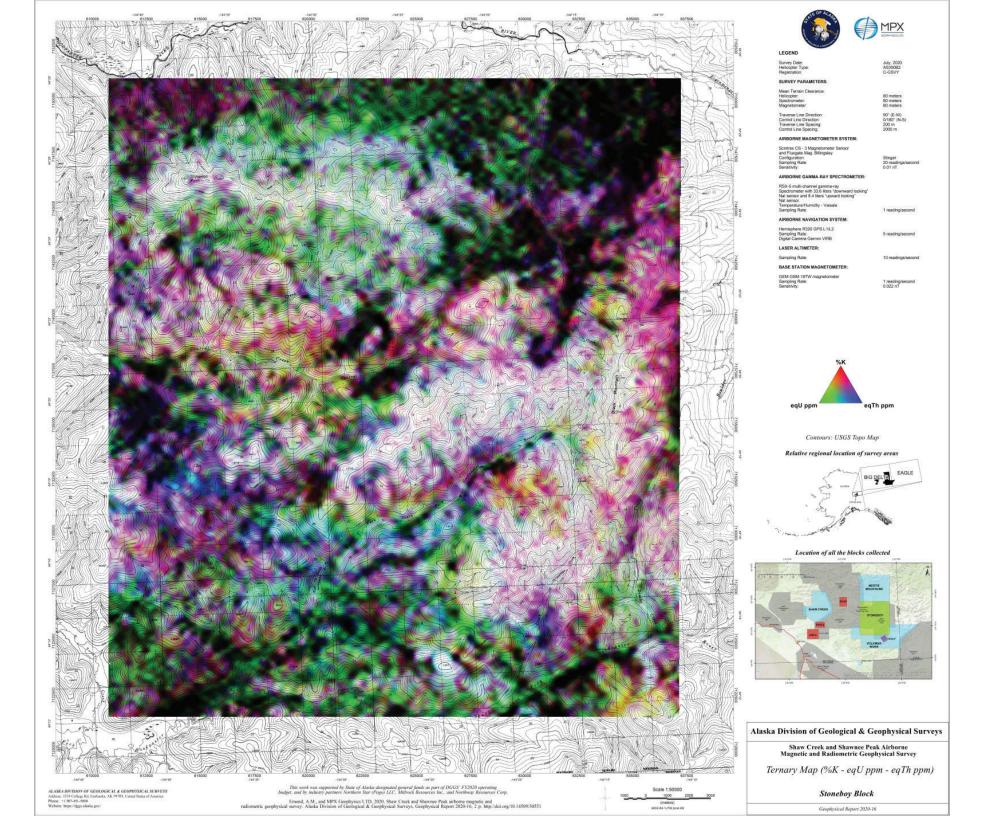


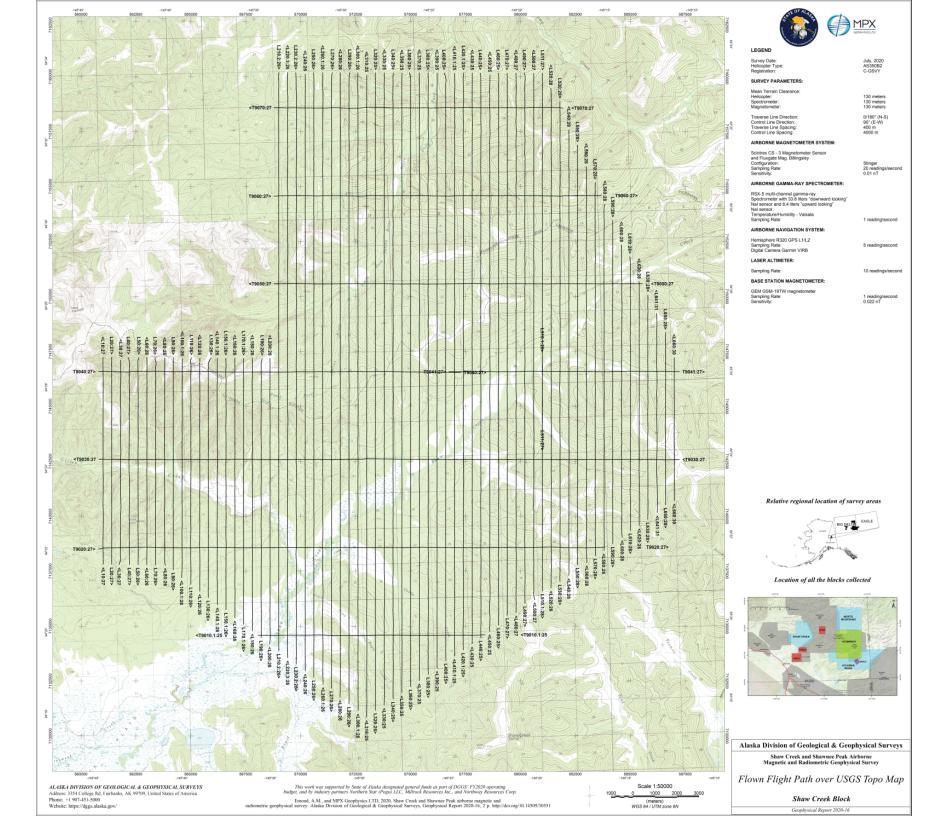


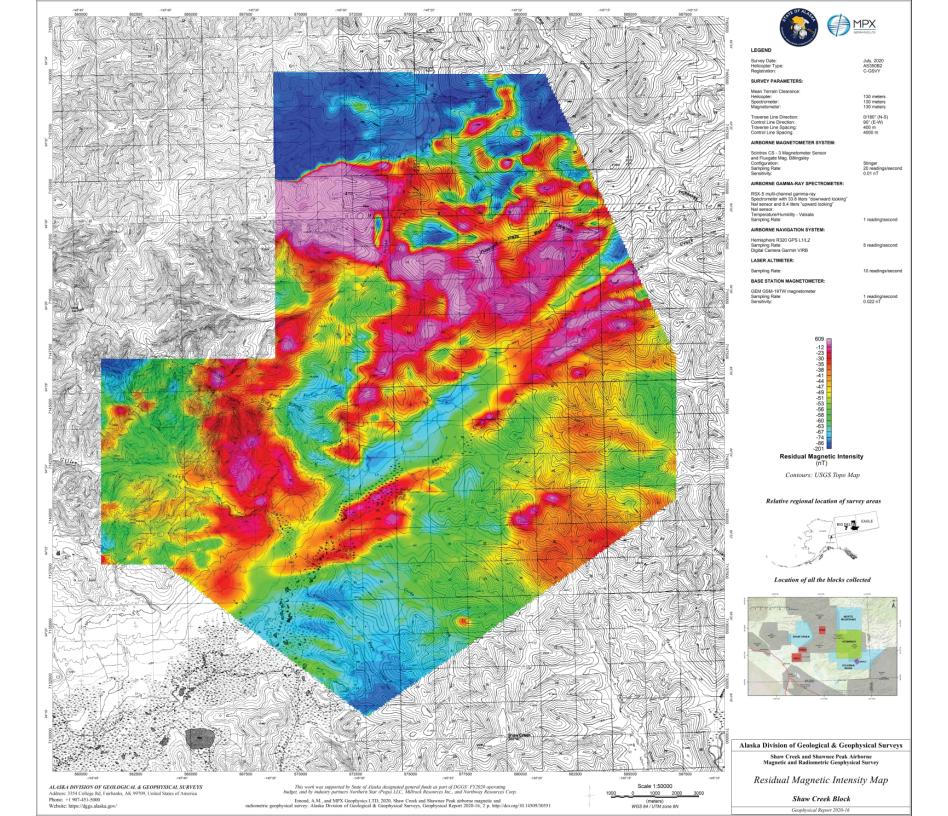


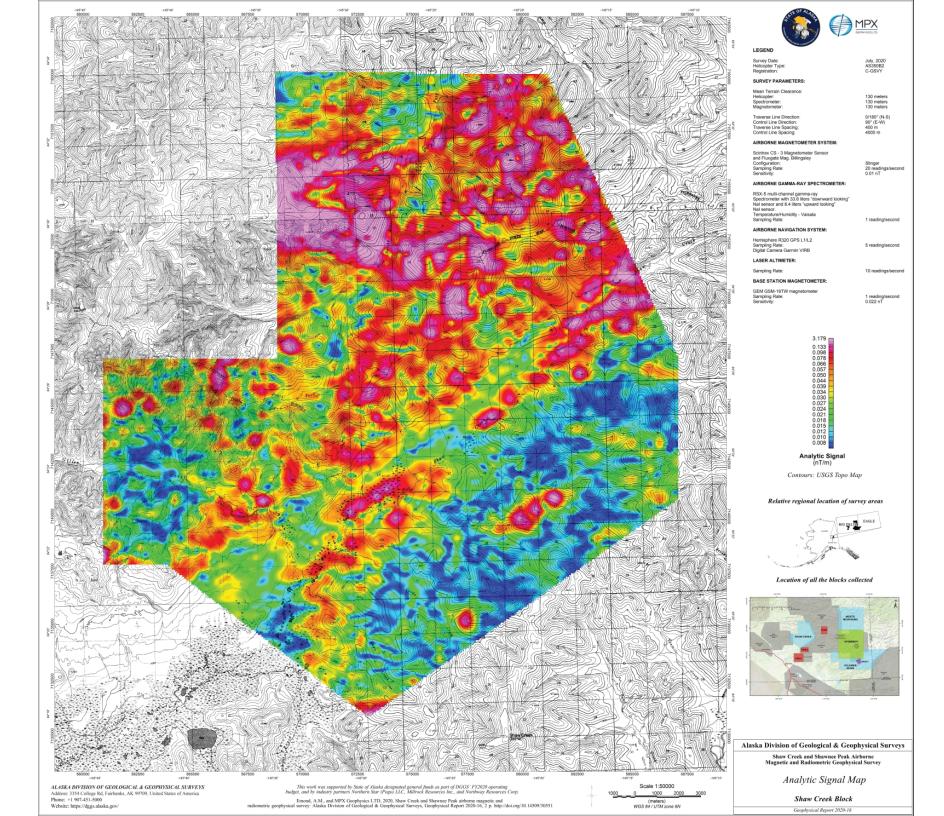


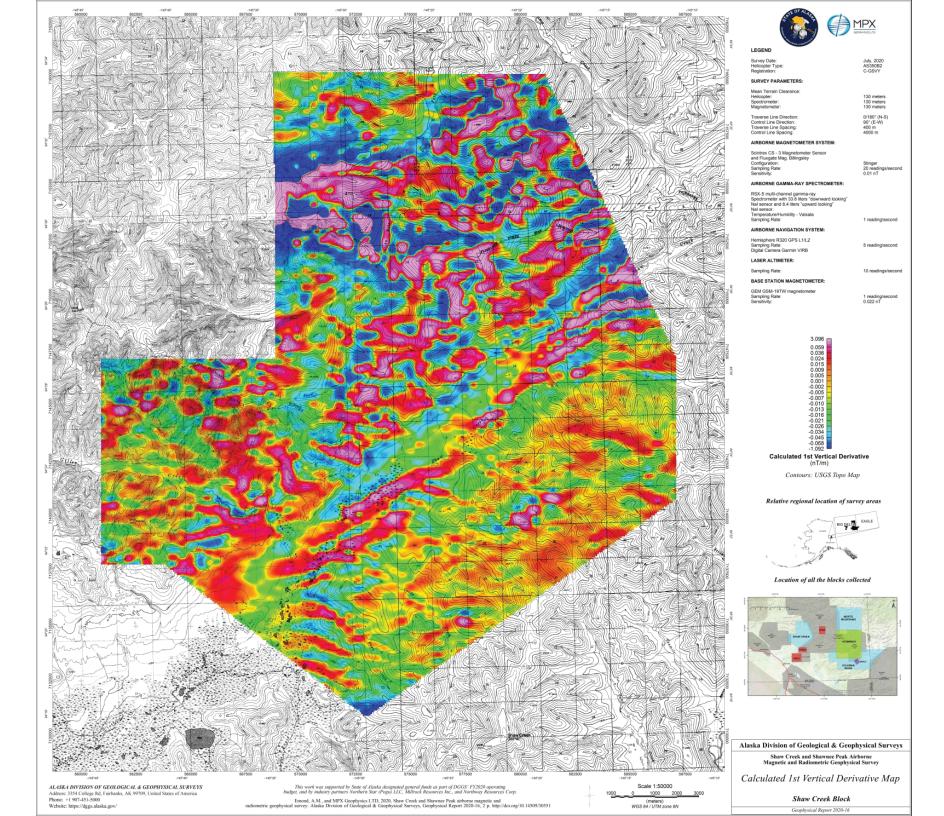


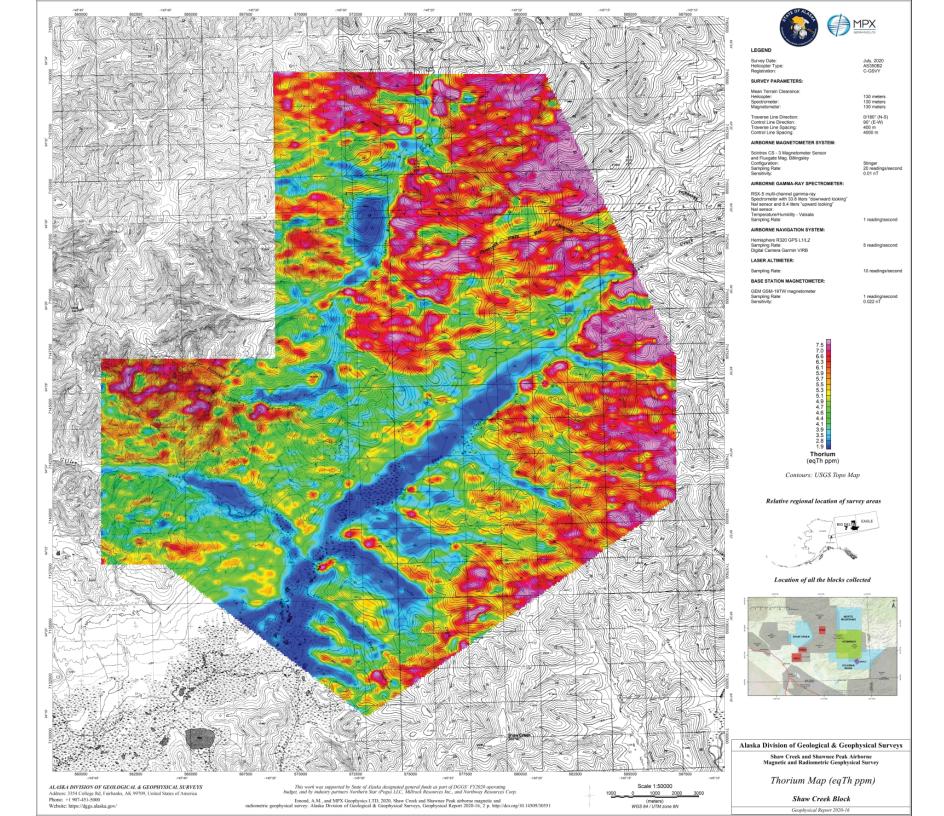


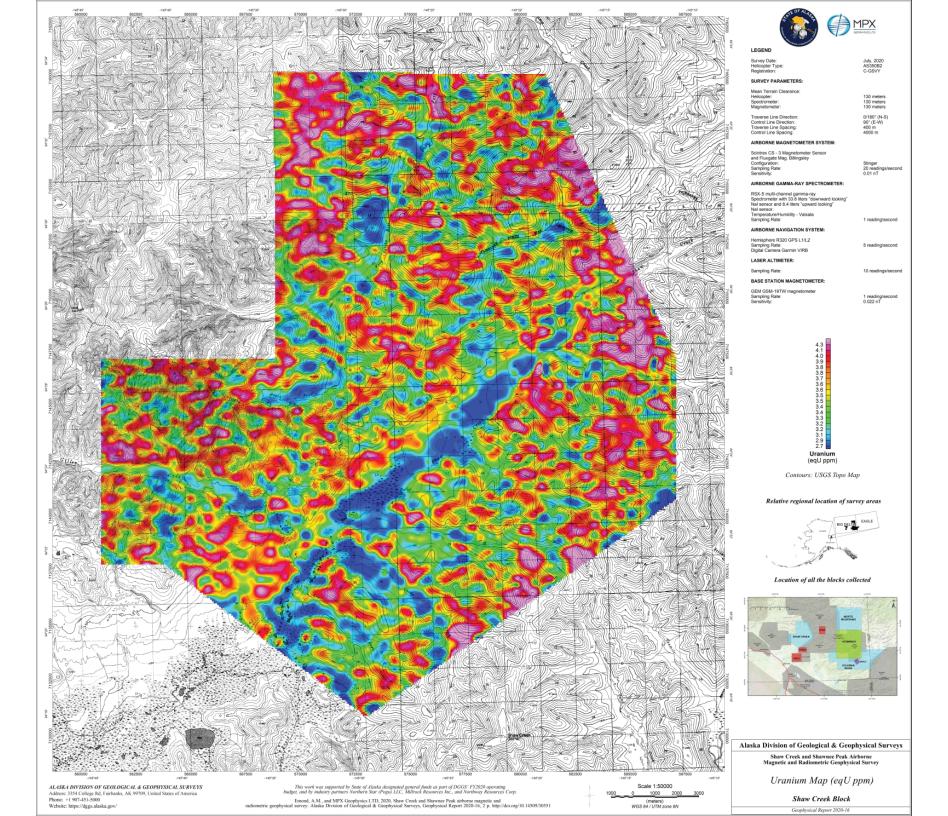


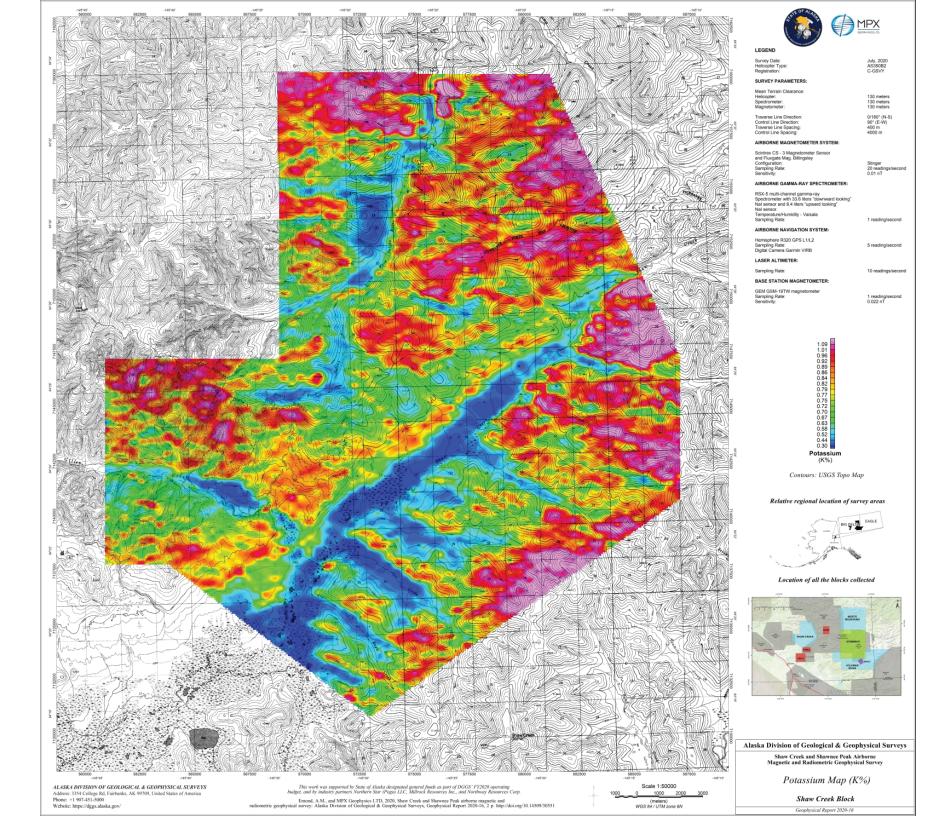


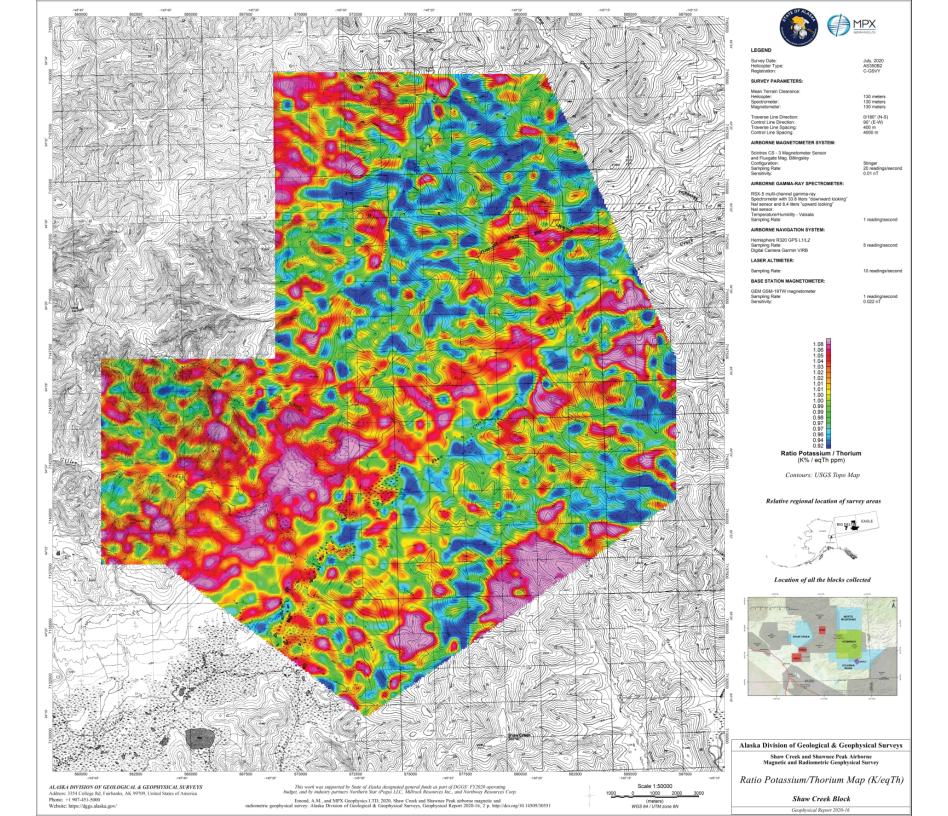


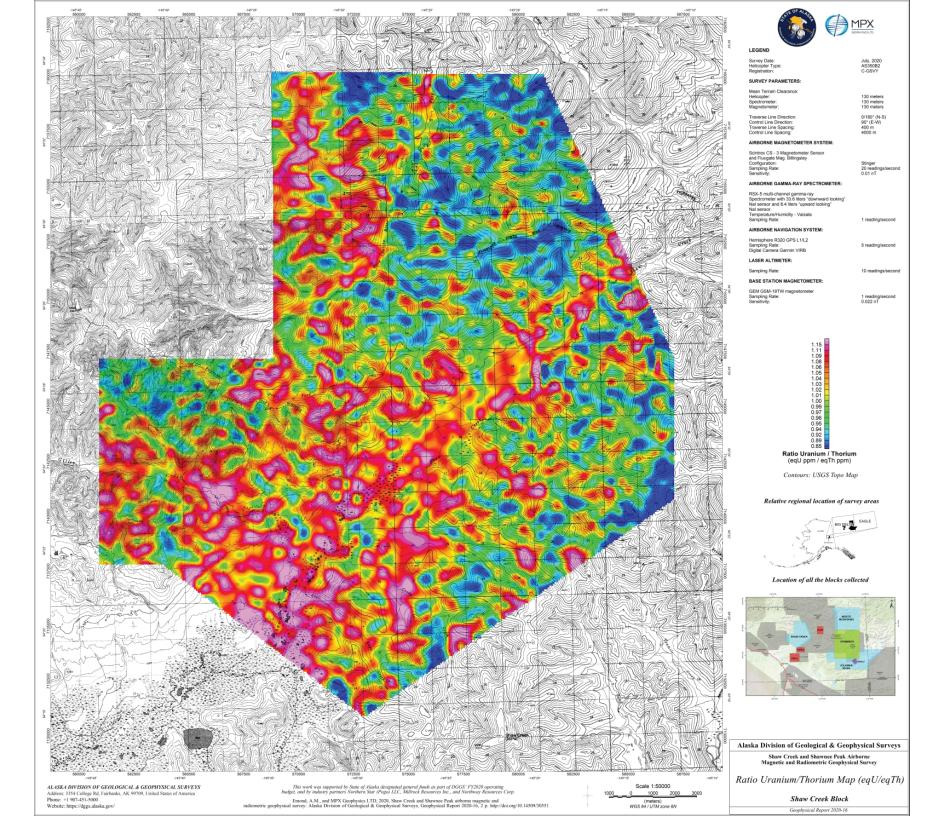


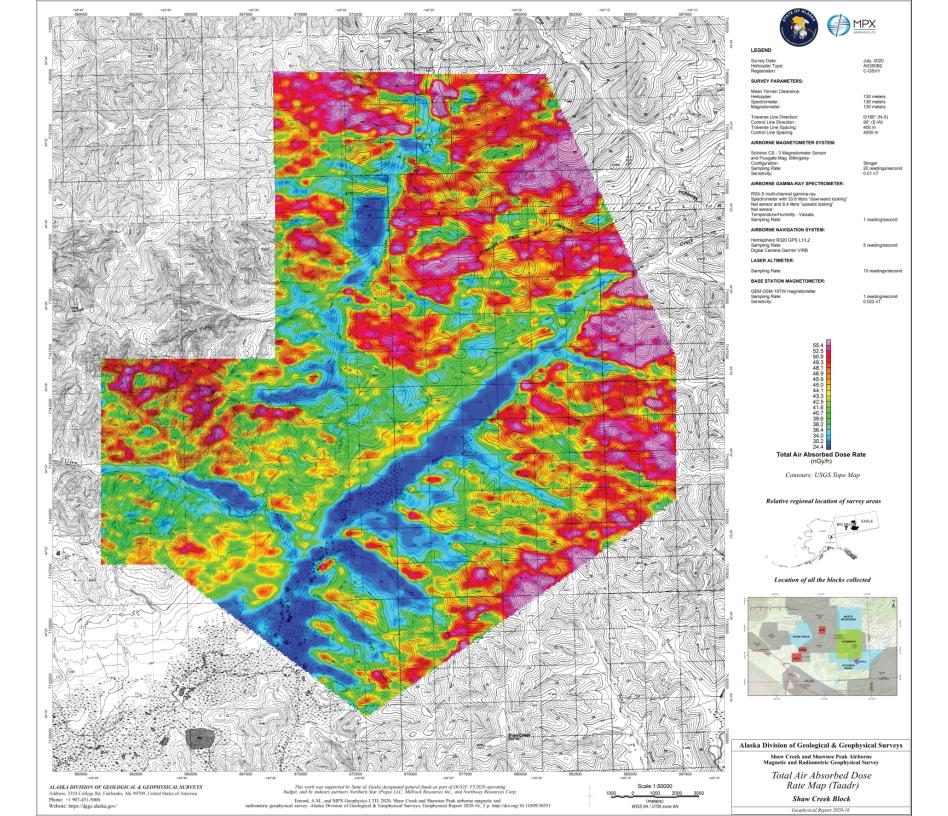


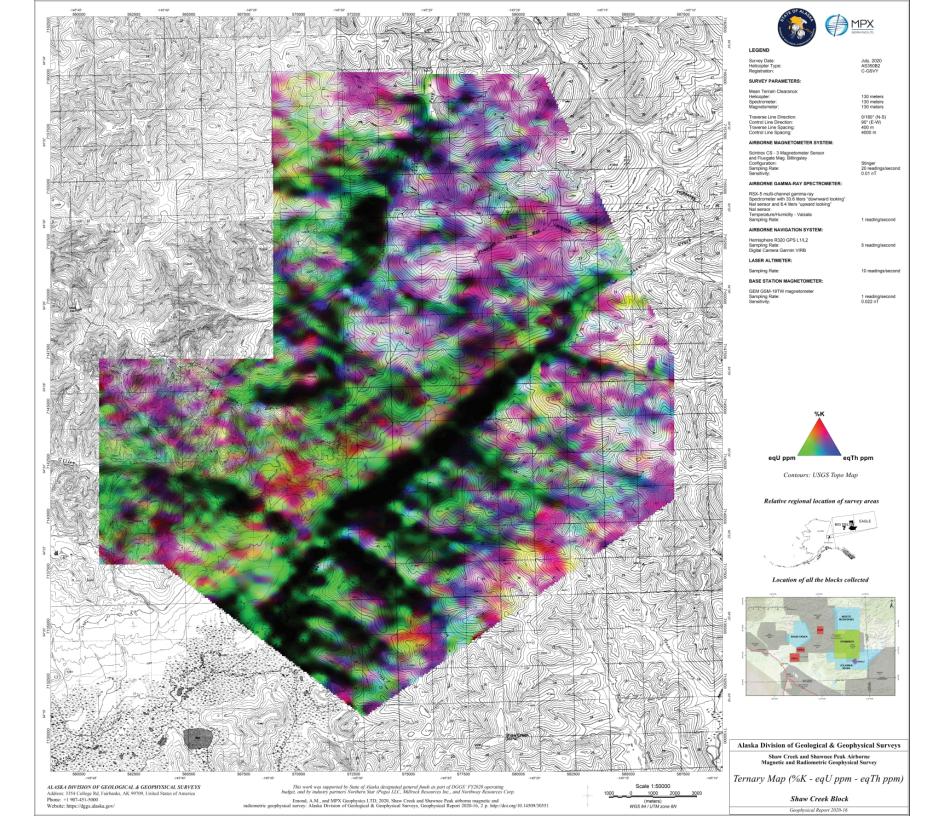


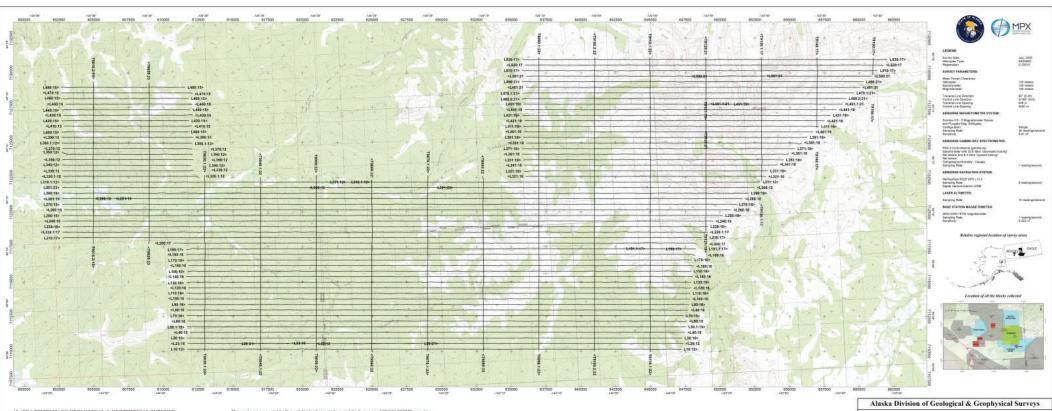












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