# Northern Climate ExChange Project Snapshots

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## **Northern Climate ExChange**

#### Developing and Sharing Knowledge

 We actively work to share our research results with organizations across the North – recognizing their value to the circumpolar world

#### Partnerships

 We partner with many different organizations in order to maximize the value of our research results.

#### Promoting Awareness of Climate Change

 Our researchers work with governments to normalize the notion of our changing climate.

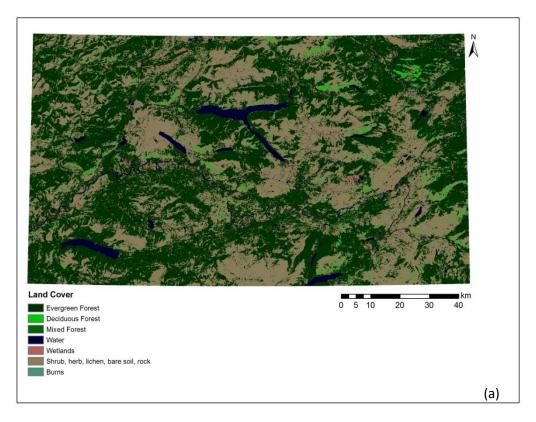


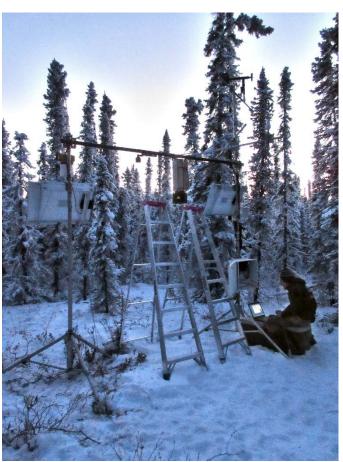
## **Northern Climate ExChange**

- Climate change adaptation expertise concentrated in three main areas:
  - Hydrologic modelling
  - Community adaptation
  - Permafrost geophysics and geomorphology
- Additional programming to help governments incorporate climate change into decision-making
- Third-party funding from a variety of government, tri-council, and private-sector sources



# Hydrologic Modelling



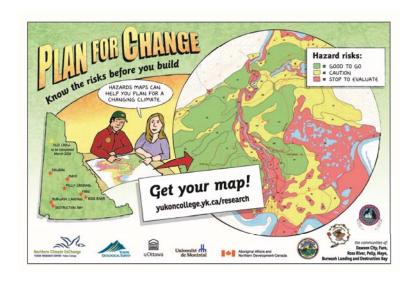


- Forecasting tools
- Improved monitoring
- Understanding climate change impacts



## **Community Adaptation**

- Enhancing the inclusion traditional knowledge and values into governance and co-management structures
- Hazard mapping tools to support decision making
- Participation in workshops and knowledge exchange







# Chu äyi ätl'et (The Water In Me) Project



## Permafrost Thaw Vulnerability Research

- Permafrost present in most Yukon communities; negatively impacting infrastructure
- It costs \$22,000-\$36,000 / km / year more to maintain highways on permafrost than nonpermafrost sections
- Permafrost thaw is impacting traditional food harvest and culture, travel on the land and cultural resilience and well-being

## Permafrost Thaw Vulnerability Research

- Geomorphologic survey
- Permafrost coring
- Ground temperature monitoring
- Geophysics



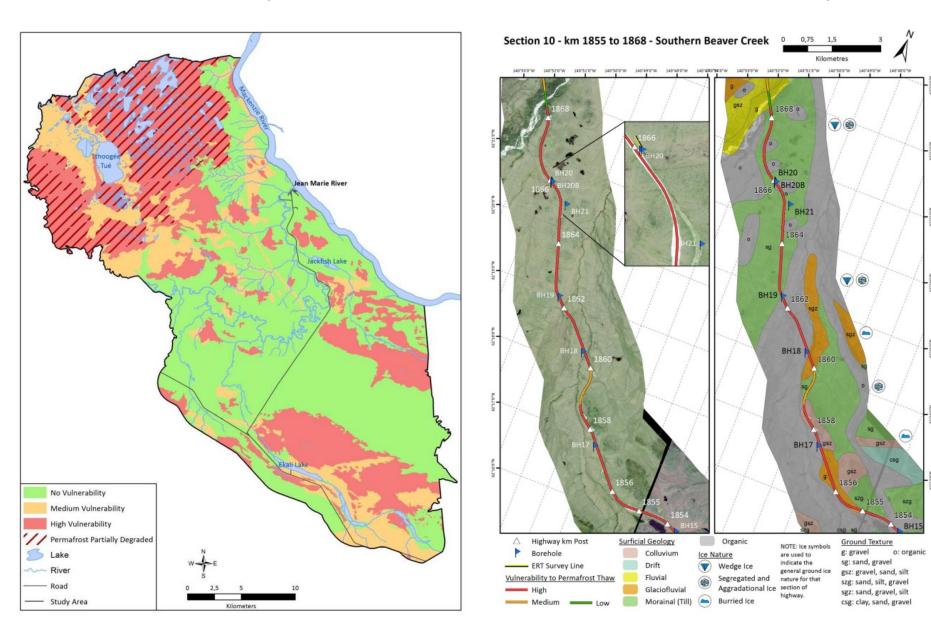








# Scale and permafrost thaw vulnerability



# Research Supporters and Partners







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