



TERRAIN CLASSIFICATION  
AND SENSITIVITY SERIES (PRELIMINARY)

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LEGEND

- I ORGANIC TERRAIN (including muskeg) Peat, fen; peat-fen complex; commonly occurring as a cover on Units II, IX and X; flat to moderately sloping.
- II SILT-CLAY PLAINS (marine and lake deposits) Clay and silt, commonly surfaced by sand or silty sand, with discontinuous organic cover (see Unit I). Principally forming plains bordering rivers and coastal areas. Highly unstable in eroded slopes.
- III THERMOKARST LAKE BEDS Clay, silt, peat, and local sand on low flat areas formerly occupied by tundra ponds. These materials generally less than ten feet thick over till or sand. Pings generally confined to this unit.
- IV BEACHES (marine and lake) Gravel and/or sand ridges or flat areas along present or former shorelines.
- V RIVER DEPOSITS-FINE Silt and silty sand in river channels, floodplains, low terraces adjoining rivers, and alluvial fans; includes organic silt, peat and minor gravel.
- VI RIVER DEPOSITS-COARSE Gravel and sand in river channels, floodplains, low terraces adjoining rivers and alluvial fans. Includes some silt, peat, and organic silt.
- VII GRAVEL-SAND HILLS, RIDGES AND TERRACES Gravel, sand and some silt. Includes eskers, and other glaciofluvial deposits, river terraces, sand dunes, and moraines consisting of deformed gravelly-sandy strata.
- VIII SILT-CLAY HILLS AND RIDGES Mainly silt and clay with minor sand and gravel in moraines, strata tilted and folded.
- IX TILL PLAIN Till, occurring as ground moraine with low rolling relief or parallel drumlin ridges. Large areas are clayey to silty till as a thin veneer on shale; locally forms a thin veneer on other kinds of bedrock. Includes undifferentiated areas of Unit I.
- X HUMMOCKY TILL Clayey to gravelly-sand till, local gravel, forming rolling to hilly moraine composed of individual and coalescent hummocks. Local contrasts in material and ground ice between well drained hills and poorly drained depressions. Includes small undifferentiated areas of Unit I.
- XI UPLAND AND PIEDMONT COMPLEXES Areas of moderate to low slope, in part hilly, surfaced by till, disintegrated bedrock, and local clay, silt, sand, or gravel. Unconsolidated deposits generally form a thin veneer over rock but in places they are thick (>100 feet).
- XII MOUNTAINOUS AND ROCKY AREAS Rock outcrop or rock thinly covered by rubble or drift. Moderate to steep slopes.
- XIII ERODED AND/OR ERODING RIVER BANKS, COASTAL CLIFFS, AND VALLEY WALLS (UNCONSOLIDATED MATERIAL) Various unconsolidated materials on moderate to steep slopes, generally with surface veneer of slope debris; includes unstable areas.
- XIII ERODED AND/OR ERODING RIVER BANKS, COASTAL CLIFFS, AND VALLEY WALLS (BEDROCK) Bedrock outcrops or bedrock partly covered by rock detritus or unconsolidated materials; slopes commonly steep; includes unstable areas.

Note: Detailed unit descriptions of terrain sensitivity, climatically significant zones, and the performance rating table are presented on a separate sheet which accompanies this map.

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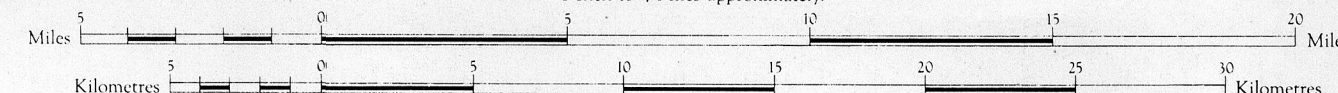
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REFERENCE

Road, Hard Surface, All Weather	More than 2 Lanes Wide
2 Lanes, Hard Surface, Less than 2 Lanes Wide or More	
Low Surface, All Weather	2 Lanes Wide or More
Less than 2 Lanes	2 Lanes Wide or More
Cart Track, Trail	Cart Track, Trail
Railway, Multiple Track	Single Track
Boundary, International	Boundary, International
Province or State	Province or State
County or District	County or District
Recreation, Indian, Military, etc.	Recreation, Indian, Military, etc.

TROUT LAKE  
DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
WEST OF THE SIXTH MERIDIAN

Scale 1:250,000  
1 Inch to 4 Miles approximately.

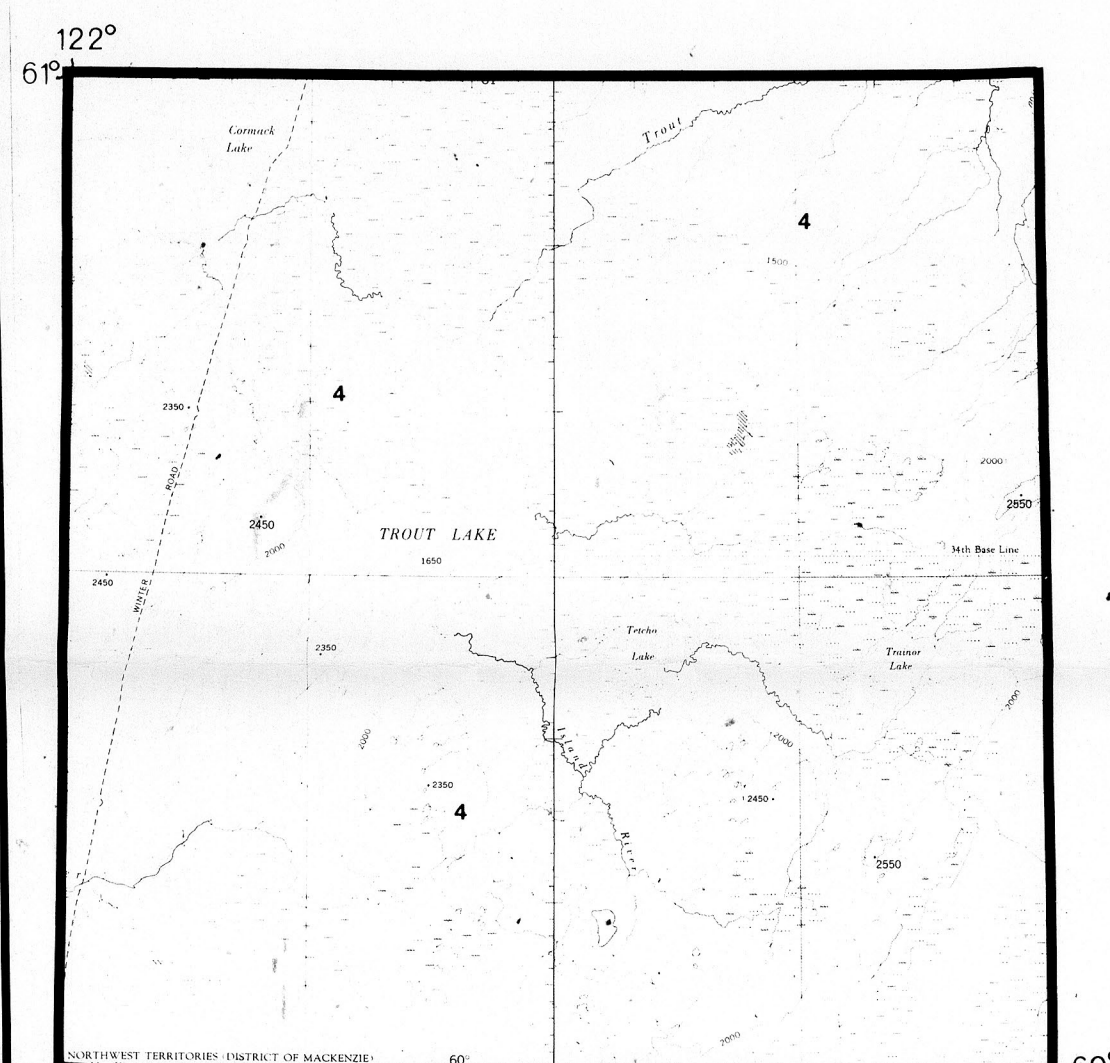


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Church, School	Horizontal Control Point
Settlement, Town	Spot Elevation, in feet
Contour, Elevation	Forest, undisturbed
Depression	Swamp or Marsh
Approximate	Swamp or Marsh
Dry River Bed	W. L. 125
Stream, Intersected	W. L. 125
Dam	W. L. 125
Falls	W. L. 125
Airfield, on Land	Water
Power Transmission Line	Landing Ground
	Anchorage

BEDROCK LEGEND

- Resistant and competent rocks; potentially suitable for use as rip-rap. Comprised of Precambrian quartzite and argillite, Ordovician and Silurian limestone and dolomite; also included are Upper Devonian carbonate reefs and beds that border the Mackenzie River on the south side between Hay River and Fort Simpson (Escarpment, Twin Falls, and Kakisa Formations).
- Coherent or moderately competent rocks; fairly resistant to erosion but not strongly cemented; probably would break down rapidly under heavy traffic (e.g., if crushed and used for road surfacing). Devonian, Carboniferous and Cambrian sandstones.
- Moderately coherent rocks; more resistant than 4 and less easily eroded; capable of maintaining a steep cliff face 150 feet high. Not represented within this mapping area.
- Incoherent rocks; soft, easily eroded, subject to slumping; mostly Devonian shale and siltstone (Tahliana, Hay River, Funeral, Fort Simpson, and Horn River Formations), but includes extensive areas of Cretaceous shale.
- Undivided Precambrian argillite, quartzite, and dolomite.
- Areas of mixed coherence; resistant competent, carbonate rocks consisting of Upper Devonian and Carboniferous (Mississippian) limestone and dolomite (rating 1); occurring with mainly incoherent and easily eroded shale and siltstone of the same ages (rating 4).
- Undivided Devonian sandstone, siltstone, and shale (unnamed) Carboniferous and Permian (mainly Pennsylvanian) sandstone, shale, limestone, and Cambrian sandstone, shale and dolomite.
- Undivided Upper and Lower Cretaceous shale, sandstone, and conglomerate (rated 4, 2, in Liard Plateau only).
- Surficial deposits (where obscuring bedrock relationships).



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