Bird Checklist for Fort Wainwright, Alaska: Yukon Training Area

The Yukon Training Area occupies 257,281 acres of the Middle Tanana Valley. The Yukon Training Area (YTA) lies within the Yukon-Tanana Uplands, which consists of rounded, even-topped ridges with gentle side slopes, broad divides, flat-topped spurs, and gently sloping plains. Ridges occupy nearly 10% of the area, oriented in a northeast-southwest direction. Elevations range from 192 to 3,285 feet. The YTA is comprised of a variety of habitats, such as forests of white spruce, paper birch, and quaking aspen; black spruce bogs; thickets of willow and alder; meadows, and Alpine Scrub. These habitats are important to a variety of songbirds, shorebirds, and upland game birds. Some of the more significant species known to utilize the area are: ruffed grouse, red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, American kestrels, great horned owls, northern hawk owls, boreal owls, goldeneyes and numerous small passerine species including warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, and sparrows.

This document lists all species which could be observed on Fort Wainwright, Alaska: Yukon Training Lands at some time during the year. The abundance of each species is disseminated by season:

Sp - Spring - March to May
F - Fall - August to October
S - Summer - June to July
W - Winter - November to February

Habitat Most Likely Found
A general habitat description for individual species during the breeding season if a migratory species, or year-round if a resident species.

Seasonal abundance on Fort Wainwright, Alaska: Yukon Training Area is described as follows:

C = Common (certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat). Widely distributed, and relatively easy to detect.
U = Uncommon (present but not certain to be seen; or locally distributed). Usually present in relatively low numbers, unevenly distributed. Not observed regularly.
R = Rare. Present annually in very low numbers or locally distributed. Infrequently encountered, or seen only a few times annually.
O = Occasional (seen only a few times in a five-year period).
X = Accidental (has been seen only once or twice) Does not occur annually. Species beyond normal range. May not occur again.
***** - birds known to nest in the region (Interior Alaska)

Status
Y = Year-round resident.
B = Breeding species (migratory).
***** = Breeding on YTA has been documented for this species through observation of eggs, nests, or dependent (unfledged or recently fledged) young.
M = Migrant non-breeder traveling between summer and winter range.
V = Visitor from outside its normal range.

LOONS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Gaviidae*						
___ Common Loon*	U	U	U	-	B	Ponds & Lakes
___ Arctic Loon*	O	O	O	-	B	Ponds & Lakes
___ Red-throated Loon*	O	O	U	-	B	Ponds & Lakes
___ Pacific Loon*	R	R	R	-	B	Ponds & Lakes

GREBES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Podicipedidae*						
___ Red-necked Grebe*	U	U	U	-	B*	Marshes & Ponds
___ Horned Grebe*	U	U	U	-	B*	Marshes & Ponds

WADING BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Ardeidae*						
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X	-	-	V	Marshes, Lakes & Rivers

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Anatidae*						
___ Tundra Swan	U	O	U	-	M	Tundra Lakes & Ponds
___ Trumpeter Swan*	U	U	U	-	B	Lakes, Oxbows & Slow Moving Streams
___ Canada Goose*	U	U	U	-	B*	Marshes, meadows & Slow Moving Water
___ Brant	R	R	-	-	V	Small lakes, Ponds & Sloughs
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	U	O	U	-	M	Arctic Tundra Deltas & Water Pocked Areas
___ Snow Goose	O	-	O	-	M	Tundra Lakes & Ponds
___ Mallard*	C	C	C	-	B*	Shallow Lakes, Ponds & Marshes
___ Gadwall	O	O	O	-	M	Marshes & Small Lakes
___ Northern Pintail*	C	C	C	-	B*	Shallow Lakes, Ponds & Marshes
___ Green-winged Teal*	C	C	C	-	B*	Shallow Ponds, Sloughs & Marshes
___ Blue-winged Teal*	U	U	U	-	B	Shallow Ponds, Sloughs & Marshes
___ Northern Shoveler*	C	C	C	-	B*	Shallow Ponds & Sluggish Marshes
___ American Wigeon*	C	C	C	-	B*	Shallow Lakes, Ponds & Marshes
___ Canvasback*	U	U	U	-	B	Shallow Lakes, Ponds & Marshes
___ Redhead*	O	O	O	-	B	Ponds, Marshes, Sloughs & Pothole Lakes
___ Ring-necked Duck*	U	U	U	-	B	Marshes, Sloughs, Bogs & Lakes
___ Greater Scaup*	U	U	U	-	B	Ponds & Lakes
___ Lesser Scaup*	U	U	U	-	B	Ponds, Marshes, Small Lakes
___ Common Goldeneye*	U	U	U	-	B*	Ponds, Rivers, Marshes & Lakes
___ Barrow's Goldeneye*	U	U	U	-	B*	Ponds & Lakes
___ Bufflehead*	U	U	U	-	B*	Ponds & Lakes
___ Long-tailed Duck	U	O	O	-	B	Shallow Lakes
___ Harlequin Duck*	U	O	O	-	B	Fast-flowing Streams
___ White-winged Scoter*	U	U	U	-	B	Ponds, Lakes, Sluggish Streams
___ Black Scoter	U	U	U	-	B	Lakes & Pools
___ Surf Scoter*	U	U	U	-	B	Bogs, Ponds & Sluggish Streams
___ Ruddy Duck	O	R	R	-	M	Marshes, Lakes & Ponds
___ Common Merganser*	U	U	U	-	B	Lakes & Rivers
___ Red-breasted Merganser*	U	U	U	-	B	Rivers, Lakes & Ponds

HAWKS, EAGLES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Accipitridae*						
___ Northern Goshawk*	U	U	U	O	B	Mixed Forrest & Open Woodlands
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	U	U	-	B	Coniferous / Deciduous Woodlands
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	U	U	U	O	B	Woodlands & Open Country
___ Swainson's Hawk	O	-	-	-	M	Woodlands near Streams & Open Areas
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U	O	U	-	B	Open Coniferous Forests & Tundra
___ Golden Eagle	U	O	U	-	M	Open Areas, Mountains & Hills
___ Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	U	B	Open Areas Along Rivers & Lakes
___ Northern Harrier*	U	U	U	O	B	Wet Meadows, Marshes, Sloughs & Fields
___ Osprey*	U	U	U	-	B	Along Streams, Rivers and Lakes

FALCONS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Falconidae*						
___ Gyrfalcon*	R	O	R	-	M	Arctic Tundra, Rocky Outcrops & Cliffs
___ Peregrine Falcon*	O	O	O	-	B	Mountainous, Rocky Areas Near Rivers
___ Merlin*	U	U	U	-	B	Open Woodland
___ American Kestrel*	U	U	U	-	B*	Open or Partly Open Habitats

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Phasianidae*						
___ Spruce Grouse*	U	U	U	U	Y	Mature, Old Growth Coniferous
___ Ruffed Grouse*	U	U	U	U	Y	Aspen, Mixed Forests & Dense Understory
___ Willow Ptarmigan*	U	U	U	U	Y	Low Tundra, Especially Shrubby Areas
___ Rock Ptarmigan*	U	U	U	U	Y	High, Rocky Alpine Tundra
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan*	O	O	O	O	Y	Alpine Tundra
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse*	U	U	U	U	Y	Partially Cleared Boreal Forest

CRANES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Gruidae*						
___ Sandhill Crane*	U	U	U	-	B	Wet Meadows & Grasslands

RAILS, COOTS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Rallidae*						
___ Sora	R	R	-	-	V	Marshes
___ American Coot	O	O	-	-	V	Ponds, Marshes, Rivers & Lakes

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Laridae*						
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	R	R	-	-	M	Flats in Open Alpine Tundra
___ Glaucous Gull	R	R	-	-	M	Margins of Tundra Lakes
___ Herring Gull*	U	U	U	-	B	Marshes, Rocky Terraces & Tundra
___ Mew Gull*	C	C	U	-	B	Margins of Lakes & Rivers
___ Bonaparte's Gull*	U	U	O	-	B	Ponds & Lakes in Coniferous Woodlands
___ Arctic Tern*	U	U	O	-	B	Margins of Lakes & Rivers

PLOVERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Charadriidae*						
___ Semipalmated Plover*	U	U	U	-	B	Sandy / Gravely Areas, or Tundra
___ Killdeer	O	O	-	-	V	Fields, Meadows & Freshwater Margins
___ American Golden Plover*	R	R	-	-		Grassy Tundra
___ Black-bellied Plover	O	O	-	-	M	Tundra

SANDPIPERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Scolopacidae*						
___ Hudsonian Godwit	R	-	-	-	M	Sedge, Moss & Lichen Tundra
___ Whimbrel	U	O	-	-	M	Sedge Meadows, Bogs, Tundra & Heath
___ Upland Sandpiper*	U	U	U	-	B	Grasslands, Dry Meadows & Fields
___ Greater Yellowlegs	R	R	-	-	M	Muskeg & Tundra
___ Lesser Yellowlegs*	U	U	U	-	B*	Muskeg, Tundra, & Woodlands Clearings
___ Solitary Sandpiper*	U	U	U	-	B*	Muskeg Bogs in Spruce Forests
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	U	U	U	-	B	Rivers, Sloughs, Streams & Lakes
___ Wandering Tattler	U	U	O	-	M	Mountainous Streams, Lakes & Meadows
___ Ruddy Turnstone	R	-	-	-	M	Dry Dwarf-shrub Tundra
___ Wilson's Snipe*	U	C	U	-	B	Sedge Meadows & Marshes
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	-	-	M	Grass Tundra & Wet Meadows
___ Surfbird	O	O	-	-	M	Rocky Mountainous Tundra
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	O	-	-	M	Open Tundra
___ Western Sandpiper	R	R	-	-	M	Sedge-dwarf Shrub Tundra
___ Least Sandpiper*	R	R	-	-	M	Mossy or Wet Grassy Tundra
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	R	-	-	-	M	Mossy or Grassy Tundra
___ Baird's Sandpiper*	R	R	-	-	M	Dry Coastal & Alpine Tundra
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R	O	-	-	M	Wet Coastal or Drier Upland Tundra
___ Dunlin	R	-	-	-	M	Wet Coastal Tundra
___ Stilt Sandpiper	R	-	-	-	M	Sedge Tundra
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	R	-	-	-	M	Dry Grassy Tundra
___ Red-necked Phalarope*	U	U	-	-	M	Grass-Sedge Borders of Ponds & Lakes

DOVES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Columbidae*						
___ Rock Pigeon*	R	R	R	R	Y	Urban Areas
___ Mourning Dove	R	R	-	-	V	Edge Habitats

OWLS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Strigidae*						
___ Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous or Deciduous Woodlands
___ Snowy Owl	-	-	O	O	V	Rock Outcrops & Mounds on Tundra
___ Northern Hawk Owl*	U	U	U	U	Y	Edges, Open Areas & Sparse Woodlands
___ Great Gray Owl*	R	R	R	R	Y	Boreal & Dense Coniferous Forests & Bogs
___ Short-eared Owl*	U	U	O	-	B	Marshes, Tundra & Meadows
___ Boreal Owl*	U	U	U	U	Y	Mixed Forests, Bogs & Muskeg

HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Trochilidae*						
___ Rufous Hummingbird	R	-	-	-	V	Coniferous Forest Edges & Sub-alpine Shrub

KINGFISHERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Alcedinidae*						
___ Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	-	B	Rivers & Streams

WOODPECKERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Picidae*						
___ Northern Flicker*	U	U	U	O	B	Most Wooded Habitats
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O	R	-	-	V	Mixed Forest
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous, Deciduous & Mixed Forests
___ Downy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U	Y	Deciduous & Mixed Forests
___ Black-backed Woodpecker*	R	R	R	R	Y	Coniferous Forests & Standing Dead Trees
___ American Three-toed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous Forests & Standing Dead Trees

FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Tyrannidae*						
___ Say's Phoebe*	U	U	-	-	B	Open Woodland & treeless Areas With Cliffs
___ Alder Flycatcher*	C	C	U	-	B	Wet Lowland Areas With Alder and Willow
___ Hammond's Flycatcher*	U	U	U	-	B	Mixed & Aspen Forests
___ Western Wood-Pewee*	R	R	O	-	B	Edges, Meadows, in Boreal Mixed Forests
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher*	U	U	O	-	B	Edges, Meadows, in Boreal Mixed Forests

SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Laniidae*						
___ Northern Shrike*	U	U	U	-	B	Semi-open Areas Near Streams or Edges

CORVIDS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Corvidae*						
___ Gray Jay*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous & Mixed Forests & Open Habitats
___ Black-billed Magpie*	U	U	U	U	Y	Open, Brushy Habitats With Scattered Trees
___ Common Raven*	C	C	C	C	Y	Widespread

LARKS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Alaudidae*						
___ Horned Lark	R	O	O	-	V	Open Tundra

SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Hirundinidae*						
___ Violet-green Swallow*	C	C	O	-	B	Coniferous / Deciduous Open Forests
___ Tree Swallow*	C	C	O	-	B	Edges of Woodlands Near Water
___ Bank Swallow*	U	U	O	-	B	Sandy, Vertical Banks Along Rivers & Lakes
___ Cliff Swallow*	C	C	-	-	B	*Man-made Structures Near Mud Sources

CHICKADEES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Paridae*						
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C	Y	Deciduous or Mixed Forests & Riparian Areas
___ Gray-headed Chickadee	O	O	R	R	V	Coniferous Forests, Riparian Willow & Aspen
___ Boreal Chickadee*	C	C	C	C	Y	Coniferous and Mixed Forests

NUTHATCHES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Sittidae*						
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	R	R	R	R	V	Coniferous, Mixed Forests & Aspen Stands

CREEPERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Certhiidae*						
___ Brown Creeper	R	R	R	R	V	Coniferous & Mixed Forests

DIPPERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Cinclidae*						
___ American Dipper*	U	U	U	U	Y	Clear, Swift Water Streams & Rivers

THRUSHES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Turdidae*						
___ American Robin*	C	C	U	R	B	Widespread, Variety of Habitats
___ Varied Thrush*	C	C	U	-	B*	Damp Coniferous Forests & Thick Understory
___ Hermit Thrush*	C	C	U	-	B	Boreal Forest Edges
___ Swainson's Thrush*	C	C	U	-	B	Woodlands, Coniferous & Mixed Forest Edge
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush*	U	U	U	-	B	Coniferous Forest Edges & Riparian Areas
___ Mountain Bluebird*	O	O	-	-	M	Varied Open Habitats, Clearings & Burns
___ Townsend's Solitaire*	R	R	R	-	B*	Open Forests With Steep Banks & Tall Trees
___ Northern Wheatear	R	R	R	-	M	Rocky Slopes on Tundra & Mountains

OLD WORLD WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Sylviidae*						
___ Arctic Warbler	O	O	-	-	M	Coniferous, Mixed Woodlands & Shrublands

KINGLETS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Regulidae*						
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	R	-	-	V	Open Coniferous Forests
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	U	U	R	-	B	Coniferous, Mixed Forests

STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Sturnidae*						
___ European Starling	R	R	-	-	V	Urban & Anthropogenic Disturbed Areas

PIPITS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Motacillidae*						
___ Eastern Yellow Wagtail	-	R	-	-	M	Low Tundra
___ American Pipit	U	U	R	-	M	Alpine Tundra

WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Bombycillidae*						
___ Bohemian Waxwing*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous and Mixed Woodlands

WOOD WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Parulidae*						
___ Tennessee Warbler	R	R	-	-	M	Bogs, Coniferous & Mixed Forest Edges
___ Orange-crowned Warbler*	C	C	U	-	B	Deciduous, Mixed & Riparian Woodland
___ Yellow Warbler*	C	C	U	-	B	Riparian Shrub Habitats & Forest Edges
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler*	C	C	U	-	B	Coniferous & Mixed Forests
___ Townsend's Warbler*	U	U	U	-	B	Coniferous Forests
___ Blackpoll Warbler*	U	U	-	-	B	Boreal Forests
___ Northern Waterthrush*	C	C	U	-	B	Forested Wetlands, Along Ponds & Streams
___ Wilson's Warbler*	C	C	U	-	B	Riparian & Shrub Willow & Alder Habitats

SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Emberizidae*						
___ Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	U	-	B	Grasslands, Meadows, Tundra & Wetlands
___ Dark-eyed Junco*	C	C	C	O	B*	Open Mixed Forests & Woodlands & Edges
___ American Tree Sparrow*	U	U	U	O	B	Open Brushy Areas Along Tundra Edge
___ Chipping Sparrow*	R	O	O	-	M	Open Coniferous Forests & Edges
___ White-crowned Sparrow*	C	C	U	-	B	Patchy Mosaic of Bare Ground & Shrubs
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow*	U	U	O	-	M	Sub-alpine, Willow & Alder Shrub Tundra
___ White-throated Sparrow*	O	O	-	-	B	Mixed Forests & Open Woodlands & Edges
___ Fox Sparrow*	C	C	U	-	B	Forest Shrubby Undergrowth, Edges & Scrub
___ Lincoln's Sparrow*	C	C	U	-	B	Wet Meadows, Riparian Thickets & Marshes
___ Lapland Longspur*	C	U	U	-	M	Arctic Tundra in Wet Meadows & Scrub
___ Smith's Longspur	R	R	R	-	M	Arctic Tundra in Dry, Hummocky Areas
___ Snow Bunting	U	R	R	-	M	Arctic Rocky Areas & Tundra

BLACKBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Icteridae*						
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	O	O	R	-	B	Wetlands With Emergent Vegetation
___ Rusty Blackbird*	U	U	U	-	B	Spruce Bogs & Wet Forested Woodlands

FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W	Status	Habitat Most Likely Found
Family: *Fringillidae*						
___ Pine Grosbeak*	U	U	U	U	Y	Open Coniferous Forests & Edges
___ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	R	-	R	-	M	Barren High Alpine Tundra
___ Hoary Redpoll*	C	C	C	C	Y	Shrubby Areas of Tundra
___ Common Redpoll*	C	C	C	C	Y	Boreal Forests, & Shrubby Open Tundra
___ Pine Siskin*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous & Mixed Forests & Woodlands
___ White-winged Crossbill*	U	U	U	U	Y	Coniferous & Mixed Forests

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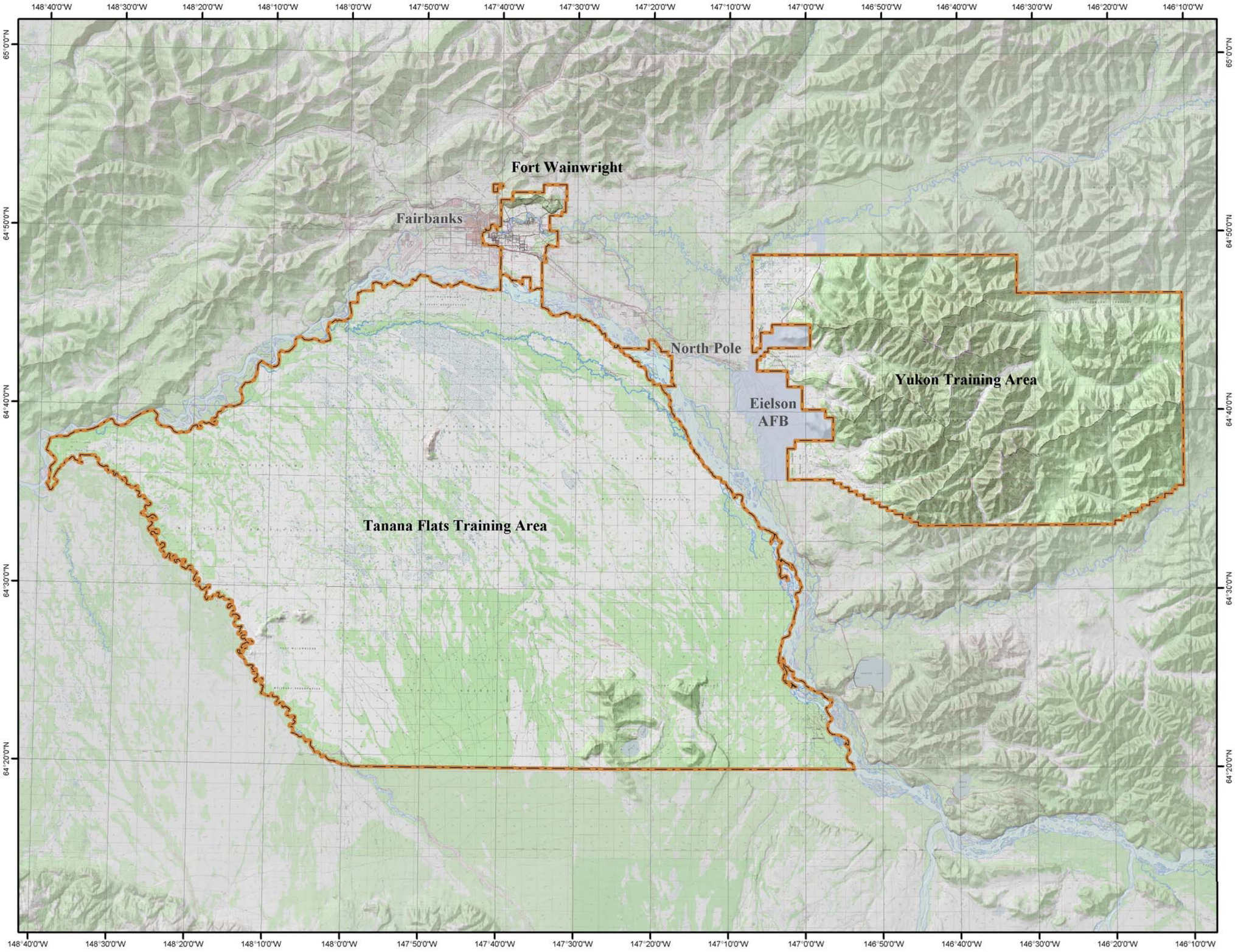
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