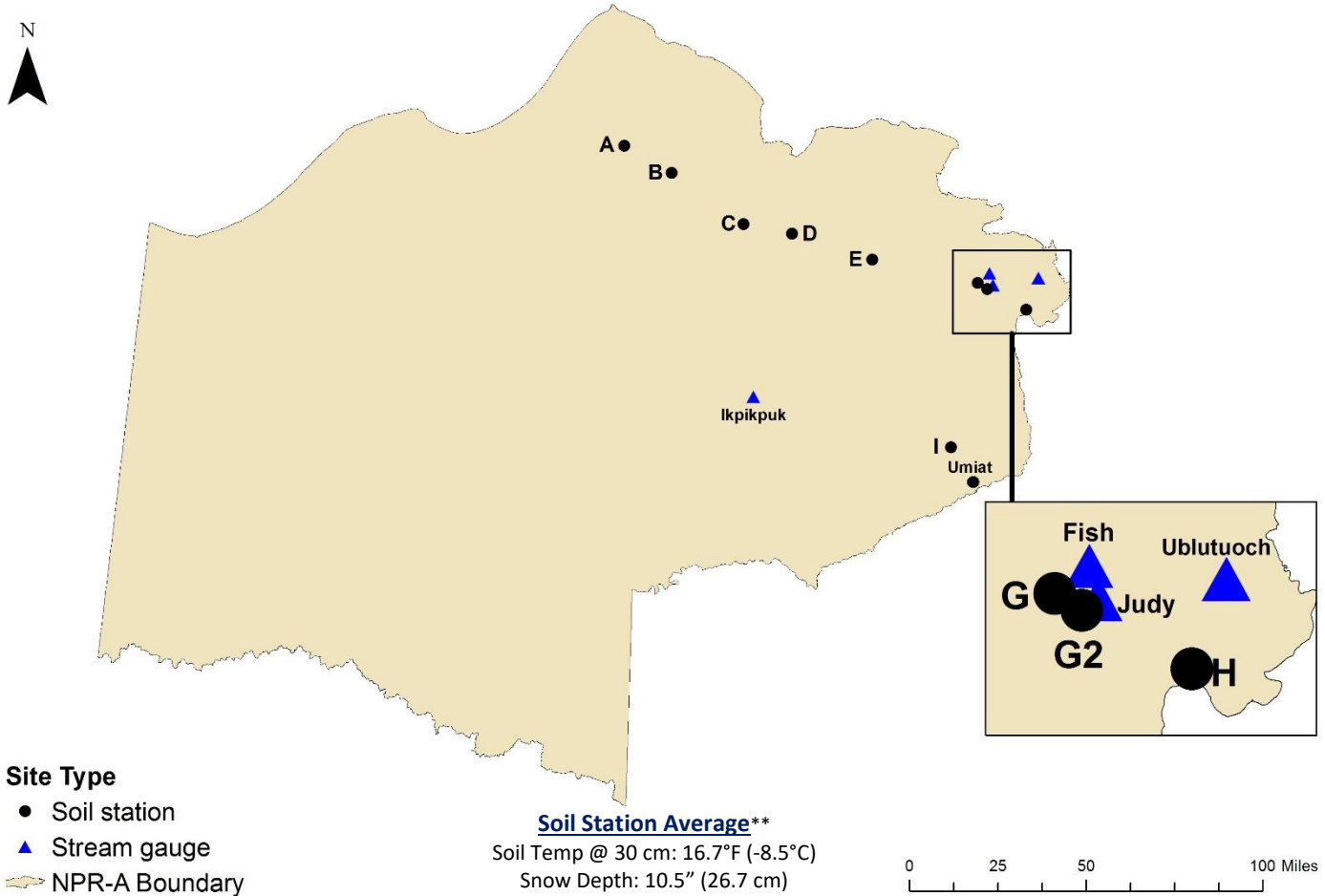




NPR-A Weekly Weather and Tundra Travel Report, week of 05/13/2022

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Conclusion: Average soil temperature at 12 inches (30 cm) depth is 16.7 °F (-8.5°C) and smaller streams and larger rivers within the NPR-A remain frozen. Soil temperatures have increased this past week, though the average soil temperature continues to meet the standard of 23°F at 12 inches depth to permit tundra travel on BLM managed surface. Snow depths are variable but remain above the 6 inches (15 cm) average depth standard among actively reporting soil station sites to allow for tundra travel. In addition, coastal areas on State of Alaska lands east of the NPR-A remain open for tundra travel. However, Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) has closed the Upper Foothills region of the Arctic Coastal Plain. BLM is closely monitoring conditions and is expecting to close the NPR-A to winter tundra travel soon.

The BLM and USGS maintain a network of monitoring stations across the NPR-A. These stations report real-time data* on snow and soil conditions that may be used to help support the planning of tundra travel within NPR-A. For reference, the tundra may be considered open for off-road travel when snow depths average a minimum of 6 inches (15 cm) and the ground is frozen to a minimum of 23° F (-5° C) at 12 inches (30 cm).

For questions, please contact Matthew Ferderbar: mferderbar@blm.gov or Katie Drew: ksdrew@blm.gov. The number of stations reporting, and the dates of their last report may vary throughout the winter due to telemetry delays or failures. Station locations are depicted on the map above. The data shown is considered raw data and is reported "as-is". * The number of stations reporting, and dates of their last report may vary throughout the winter due to telemetry delays or failures. Station locations are depicted on map above. **The weekly soil station average is calculated using only data from stations that have successfully transmitted for that reporting week.



Photo taken 11/23/21 at Station H (Ocean Point) showing variability in snow depth cover:

- Left gauge is set on the top of a small tussock (3.6")
- Middle gauge is set on a low spot between two small tussocks (9.6")
- Right gauge is set at midway point between tussock and trough (7.2")

[Soil Station A](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 16.2°F (-8.8°C)
Snow Depth: 4.3" (11 cm)

[Soil Station B](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @30 cm: 15.1°F (-9.4°C)
Snow Depth: 7.9" (20.0 cm)

[Soil Station C](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @30 cm: 15.3°F (-9.3°C)
Snow Depth: 18.5" (47.0 cm)

[Soil Station D](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 16.3°F (-8.7°C)
Snow Depth: 7.9" (20.0 cm)

[Soil Station E](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 15.6°F (-9.1°C)
Snow Depth: 5.3" (13.5 cm)

[Soil Station G](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 15.6°F (-9.1°C)
Snow Depth: 16.7" (42.5 cm)

[Soil Station G2](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 17.1°F (-8.3°C)
Snow Depth: 4.3" (11.0 cm)

[Soil Station H](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 16.2°F (-8.8°C)
Snow Depth: NA

[Soil Station I](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 17.4°F (-8.1°C)
Snow Depth: 15.7" (40.0 cm)

[Soil Station Umiat](#) (05/13/22)

Soil Temp @ 30 cm: 23.0°F (-5.0°C)
Snow Depth: 14.0" (35.6 cm)

[Stream Gauge Fish Creek](#) (05/13/22)

Water Stage Height: 18.7' (above MSL)
Water Temp: 31.8°F (-0.1°C)
Air Temp (1-week high): *
Air Temp (1-week low): *
Air Temp (1-week avg): *
Max Wind Speed (1-week high): 22.9 MPH

[Stream Gauge Ikpikpuk River](#) (05/13/22)

Water Stage Height: 13.4' (above MSL)
Water Temp: 32.0°F (0.0°C)
Air Temp (1-week high): 36.1°F (2.3 °C) 05/08/22
Air Temp (1-week low): 8.8°F (-12.9°C) 05/07/22
Air Temp (1-week avg): 22.5°F (-5.3°C)
Max Wind Speed (1-week high): 26.4 MPH

[Stream Gauge Judy Creek](#) (05/13/22)

Water Stage Height: 22.1' (above MSL)
Water Temp: 31.8°F (-0.1°C)
Air Temp (1-week high): 45.5°F (7.5°C) 05/08/22
Air Temp (1-week low): 13.46°F (-10.3°C) 05/08/22
Air Temp (1-week avg): 29.5°F (-1.4°C)

[Stream Gauge Ublutuoch River](#) (05/13/22)

Water Stage Height: 7.8' (above MSL)
Water Temp: 30.2°F (-1.0°C)
Air Temp (1-week high): 38.8°F (3.8°C) 05/07/22
Air Temp (1-week low): 13.1°F (-10.5°C) 05/08/22
Air Temp (1-week avg): 25.9°F (-3.4°C)