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National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) Weekly Weather and Tundra Travel Report

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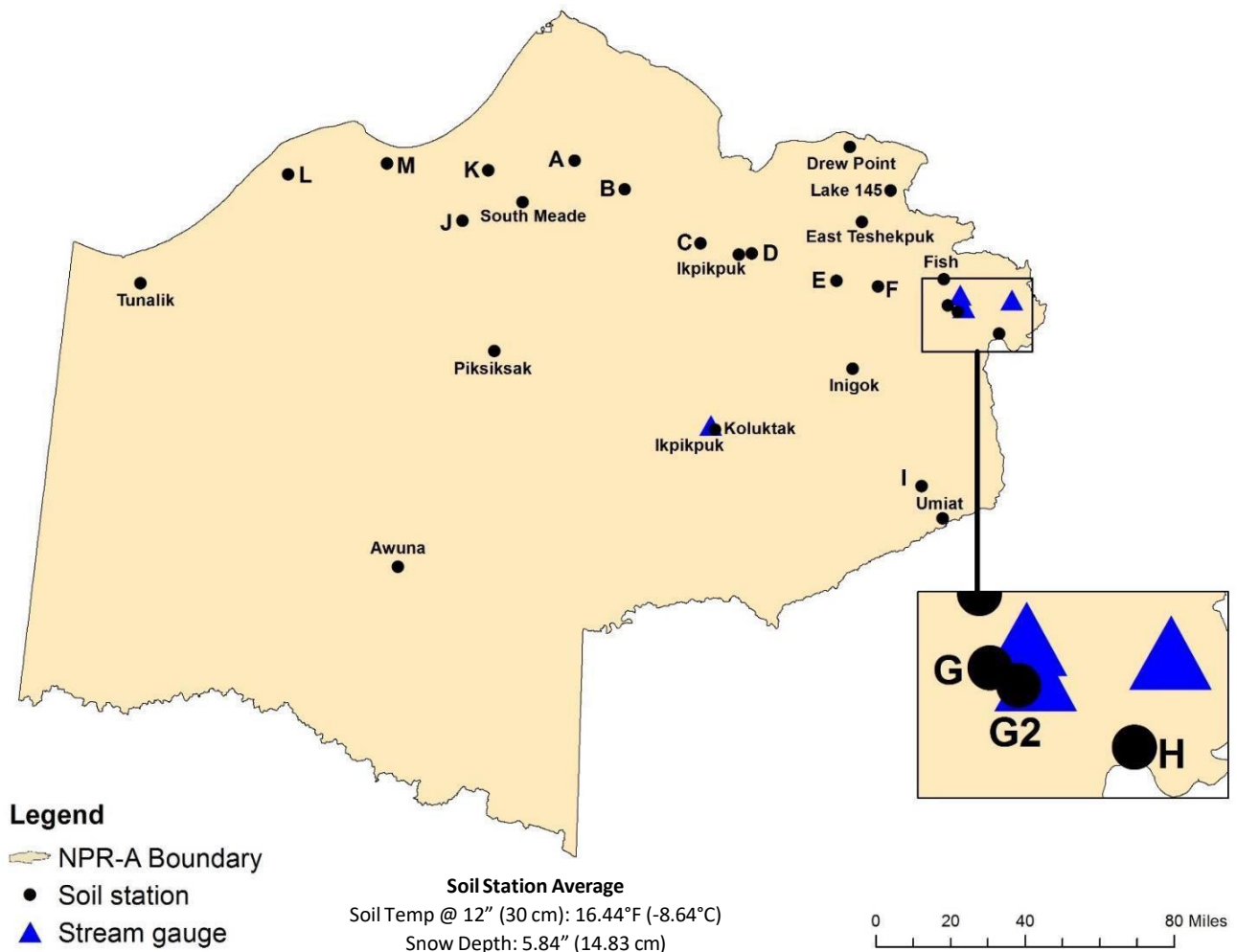
BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska and U.S. Geological Survey (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 soil temperatures reach a minimum of 23°F (-5°C) at 12 inches deep (30 cm) and snow depths average a minimum of 6 inches (15 cm). The number of stations reporting, and the dates of their last report may change throughout the winter due to transmission delays or failures. Station locations are depicted on the map below. *The data shown is considered raw data and is reported “as-is”. Weekly averages are calculated using only data from stations that have successfully transmitted for that reporting week.

CONCLUSION

Soil temperature at 12 inches (30 cm) depth now averages 16.44°F (-8.64°C), which is down 3.04°F from last week and has reached sufficient freezing temperatures for overland travel. Among actively reporting soil station sites, snow depths now average 5.84” (14.83cm), an increase of 0.41” from last week. Average snow depth has not yet reached the 6” minimum for off-road travel. Smaller streams and larger rivers within the NPR-A are continuing to freeze.

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Soil Station A (70cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 10.33°F

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station D (70cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 20.43°F

Snow Depth: 3.94"

Soil Station G2 (270cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 13.03°F

Snow Depth: 1.57"

Soil Station J

Soil Temp @ 12": 13.2°F

Snow Depth: 2.36"

Soil Station M

Soil Temp @ 12": 13.5°F

Snow Depth: 2.76"

Soil Station Awuna

Soil Temp @ 12": *

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station Fish Creek

Soil Temp @ 12": *

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station Koluktak

Soil Temp @ 12": 17.96°F

Snow Depth: 6.06"

Soil Station B (70cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 14.79°F

Snow Depth: 4.72"

Soil Station E (240cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 15.51°F

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station H (270cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 15.75°F

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station K

Soil Temp @ 12": 19.63°F

Snow Depth: 11.42"

Soil Station Drew Point

Soil Temp @ 12": 12.02°F

Snow Depth: 6.38"

Soil Station Ikpikpuk

Soil Temp @ 12": *

Snow Depth: 6.85"

Soil Station Lake 145

Soil Temp @ 12": 14.72°F

Snow Depth: *

Inigok RAWs

Soil Temp @ 12": *

Snow Depth: 2.0"

Soil Station C (70cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 24.42°F

Snow Depth: 11.81"

Soil Station G (310cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 21.92°F

Snow Depth: 9.84"

Soil Station I (350cm cable)

Soil Temp @ 12": 14.49°F

Snow Depth: 5.51"

Soil Station L

Soil Temp @ 12": 14.92°F

Snow Depth: 5.51"

Soil Station E Teshekpuk

Soil Temp @ 12": 16.5°F

Snow Depth: 3.27"

Soil Station Inigok

Soil Temp @ 12": 20.48°F

Snow Depth: 9.06"

Soil Station Piksiksak

Soil Temp @ 12": *

Snow Depth: *

Soil Station Umiat

Soil Temp @ 12": 18.86°F

Snow Depth: 6.18"

Stream Gauge Fish Creek

Water Stage Height (Stage 2): 14.8' (above MSL)

Water Temp (Temp 1): 32.0°F

Air Temp (1-week high): 4.82°F

Air Temp (1-week low): -35.32°F

Air Temp (1-week avg): -15.25°F

Max Wind Speed (1-week high): 25.9 MPH

Stream Gauge Ikpikpuk River

Water Stage Height: (Stage 2) 13.4' (above MSL)

Water Temp (Temp 1): 32°F

Air Temp (1-week high): 3.92°F

Air Temp (1-week low): -14.26°F

Air Temp (1-week avg): -3.21°F

Max Wind Speed (1-week high): 16.7 MPH

Stream Gauge Judy Creek

Water Stage Height (Stage 2): 22.1' (above MSL)

Water Temp (Temp 1): 25.52°F

Air Temp (1-week high): 10.22°F

Air Temp (1-week low): -8.14°F

Air Temp (1-week avg): 2.08°F

Stream Gauge Ublutuoch River

Water Stage Height (Stage 2): 7.82' (above MSL)

Water Temp (Temp 1): 31.8°

Air Temp (1-week high): *

Air Temp (1-week low): *

Air Temp (1-week avg): *