

SAND AND GRAVEL RESOURCES  
OF THE PEACE RIVER AREA  
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(Tp86 TO NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF MAP SHEET 84C  
FROM R16 TO EAST BANK OF PEACE RIVER)

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## ABSTRACT

A portion of Peace River (84C) map sheet was studied in 1988 to determine the distribution and characteristics of the sand and gravel resource. The study area, approximately 3250 km<sup>2</sup> in size, is investigated at two levels of detail. Approximately 830 km<sup>2</sup> is covered at a regional mapping level and the remainder is covered at an enhanced reconnaissance level. The program consisted of compiling existing information, air photo interpretation, field evaluation of all sites and laboratory analyses of samples collected. Sand and gravel is limited in the area. Terraces along the Peace River are the major prospects for sand and gravel but there is not nearly as much gravel in the terraces as believed previously. Glaciofluvial deposits northwest of Cadotte Lake are predominantly sand.

## INTRODUCTION

This study is part of a program initiated in 1976 by the Alberta Research Council and Alberta Energy and Natural Resources to provide information on the aggregate resources of the Province of Alberta. The program continues with the support of Alberta Transportation and Utilities and Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife. The area of study (Figure 1), level of detail and emphasis of the project were determined by representatives of Alberta Transportation and Utilities (ATU) and the Land Information Division of Alberta Forest Lands and Wildlife (AFLW). The actual investigations were conducted by the Alberta Geological Survey, a department of the Alberta Research Council.

The study area is in the Peace River (84C) National Topographic System map sheet from the south boundary of Tp86 to the northern boundary of the map sheet and from the east boundary of R16 to the east bank of the Peace River. Total area is approximately 3250km<sup>2</sup>. Access in the area is limited to Secondary Road 686 in the southeastern corner of the study area.

Part of the study is completed at the regional mapping level (Category 3, Table 1). This type of mapping is designed to provide a minimum data level for local and regional planning and management of aggregate resources in the province and to form a base for resource management. The level three study covers an area from the southern boundary of Tp86 to the northern boundary of Tp90 from the eastern boundary of R19 to the east bank of the Peace River. This area is approximately 830km<sup>2</sup>. The remainder of the study area is completed at the enhanced reconnaissance level (Category 4, Table 1). This level of mapping is designed to provide a minimum data level for local and regional planning and management of aggregate resources in the province and to form a base from which further exploration can proceed.

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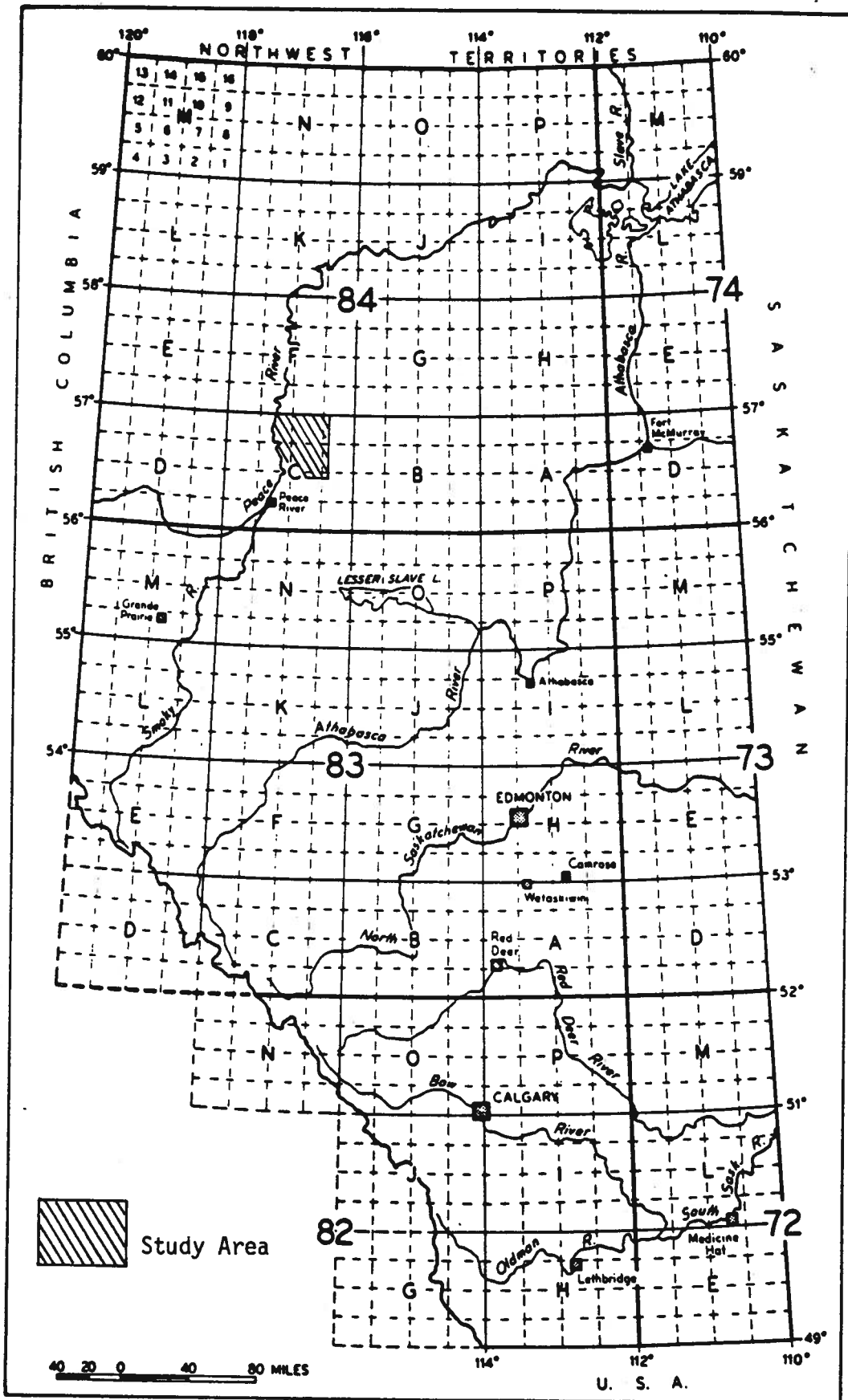


Figure 1. Location Map

Table 1. AGGREGATE INVENTORY MAPPING LEVELS

Format	Reconnaissance Study 5	Enhanced Reconnaissance Study 4	Regional Mapping 3	Detailed Mapping 2	Deposit Evaluation 1
Scale (Common)	1:250,000 (approx. 11x14 townships)	1:250,000 (approx. 11x14 townships)	1:50,000 (approx. 3x3 townships)	1:10,000	1:10,000 or larger
Mapping Methodology	Derived from existing surficial geology information. Aerial photograph interpretation.	Derived from existing surficial geology information. Aerial photograph interpretation. Some field traverses and site examination.	Aerial photograph interpretation. Field traverses. Site examinations. Selected deposit testing. Laboratory testing.	Sedimentological studies. Site examination. Deposit testing. Laboratory testing.	Test pitting on an established grid. Hole logging. Materials analysis.
Uses	Broad scale planning. Preliminary aggregate exploration.	Broad scale planning. Preliminary aggregate exploration. Preliminary resource assessment.	Land use planning. Resource management. Resource estimates.	Land management. Reserve estimates. Deposit management.	Deposit evaluation. Development plan preparation.
Comments	Only potential areas suitable for finding deposits shown.  Fairly quick and in- expensive to produce.	Potential areas suitable for finding deposits are shown. Some deposits are examined.  A map will take 6 months to a year to produce.	Estimates deposit boundaries and gives quality and quantity estimations.  A map may take 8 months to a year to produce.	Establishes deposit boundaries. Refines quantity/quality information.  Fairly expensive survey.	Precise quality and quantity estimates. Deposit variations identified.  Very expensive survey.
Output	2 map sheets per prof-year.	1 map sheet per prof-year.	2 to 3 map sheets per prof-year.	Special projects only.	Special projects only.

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## METHODS

The study was initiated with the review and compilation of data from the files of Alberta Transportation and Utilities and from water well logs filed at Alberta Environment.

This information was incorporated into the air photo interpretation of J.D. Mollard and Associates Ltd. following criteria set out by the Alberta Geological Survey. The initial air photo interpretation of the study area delineated only 43 prospects that could contain sand or gravel. Some of these prospects are very small. Because so few prospects were suggested, a field plan was developed to visit or at least fly over every prospect. This was accomplished during field work conducted in July and August, 1988. Access to some sites is possible by foot, three-wheeled all terrain vehicle or truck. Travel in this area for normal vehicular traffic is extremely limited, however, and helicopter access was required for most sites. Samples were returned to the laboratory for grain size and petrographic analyses. Geophysical traverses using a Geonics EM31 were made in an attempt to delineate the extent of buried granular material on the terraces of the Peace River.

## GEOLOGY

### Bedrock

The Lower Cretaceous Peace River Formation crops out along the Peace River in the study area (Figure 2). This formation contains the fine

grained quartzose sandstone of the Cadotte Member, the dark gray silty shale of the Harmon Member and the fine grained glauconitic sandstone with silty interbeds in the lower part of the Notikewin Member (Green, 1972).

The Upper and Lower Cretaceous Shaftesbury Formation underlies the western part of the study area. This marine, dark gray, fish scale-bearing shale, silty in the upper part, contains numerous nodules, thin beds of concretionary ironstone and bentonitic partings.

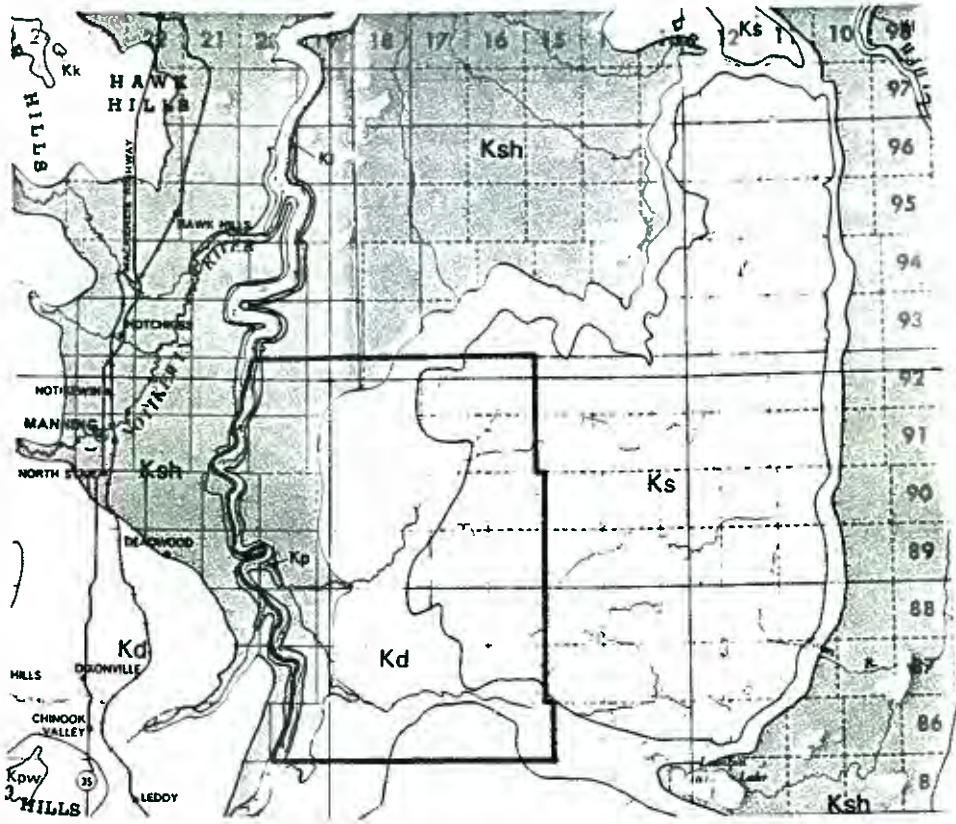
The Upper Cretaceous, deltaic Dunvegan Formation forms outliers such as Mount Watt northwest of High Level and the Rainbow Ridge Upland. The Formation also occurs towards the base of the Clear Hills, Caribou Mountains, Buffalo Head Hills and the Utikuma Upland areas, all of which are capped by the shale or silty shale of the Smoky Group sediments. The Kaskapau Formation and Lower Smoky Group are Upper Cretaceous marine shales and silty shales with concretionary ironstone beds.

#### Preglacial History

A major uplift of the region began at the end of the Cordilleran orogeny (Cretaceous-Paleocene time). The only evidence of the next 55 million years (from about 57 to 2 million years ago) are the 'preglacial' gravels left as remnant deposits by rivers flowing from the mountains and eroding away the plains. The oldest preglacial gravels in northwestern Alberta form the cap on the Swan Hills. Gravel on the Clear Hills, Caribou Mountains and Halverson ridge are somewhat younger, probably mid to late Tertiary. The youngest preglacial gravels in the region are the Grimshaw Gravels exposed in gravel pits near the town of Grimshaw. The Grimshaw Gravels are the lowest in elevation of the preglacial gravels and were deposited in a broad valley which, in part, is followed by the present Peace River. The Grimshaw Gravels are equivalent to the Saskatchewan Sands and Gravels present in many parts of Alberta (Edwards, 1988).

#### Glacial History

The study area was overridden by the Continental (Laurentide) ice



**CRETACEOUS**

**UPPER CRETACEOUS**



**SMOKY GROUP:** dark grey shale and silty shale, nodules and thin beds of concretionary ironstone, includes unnamed dark grey shale unit on Caribou Mountains and Buffalo Head Hills, marine



**DUNVEGAN FORMATION:** grey, fine-grained, feldspathic sandstone with hard calcareous beds; laminated siltstone and grey silty shale, deltaic to marine

**UPPER AND LOWER CRETACEOUS**



**SHAFESBURY FORMATION:** dark grey fish scale bearing shale, silty in upper part, numerous nodules and thin beds of concretionary ironstone; bentonite partings, lower part with thin silty and sandy intervals; marine

**LOWER CRETACEOUS**



**PEACE RIVER FORMATION:** fine-grained quartzose sandstone (Cadotte Member); dark grey silty shale (Harmon Member); fine grained glauconitic sandstone, silty interbeds in lower part (Notikewin Member); shoreline complex

Figure 2. Bedrock geology in the study area (Green, 1974)



sheet from the northeast during Late Wisconsinan time (24,000 to 10,000 years before present). The ice sheet scoured upland areas and deposited a mantle of glacial drift over the remainder of the area. MacDonald (1984) reports that the area from central Alberta to nearly half way down the Mackenzie River valley in the Northwest Territories was deglaciated by at least 10,500 yrs. B.P. Drainage, to the northeast from Alberta, blocked by retreating ice resulted in the formation of extensive glacial lakes in the major valleys. The lakes, eventually drained as the ice retreated from the study area, left extensive areas of glaciolacustrine sediments.

In the study area, higher ground to the east is covered by till (Figure 3, unit 6) and the western part, from the Peace River valley to about 2000 feet (610m) elevation, has an upper layer of glaciolacustrine silt and clay covering the till.

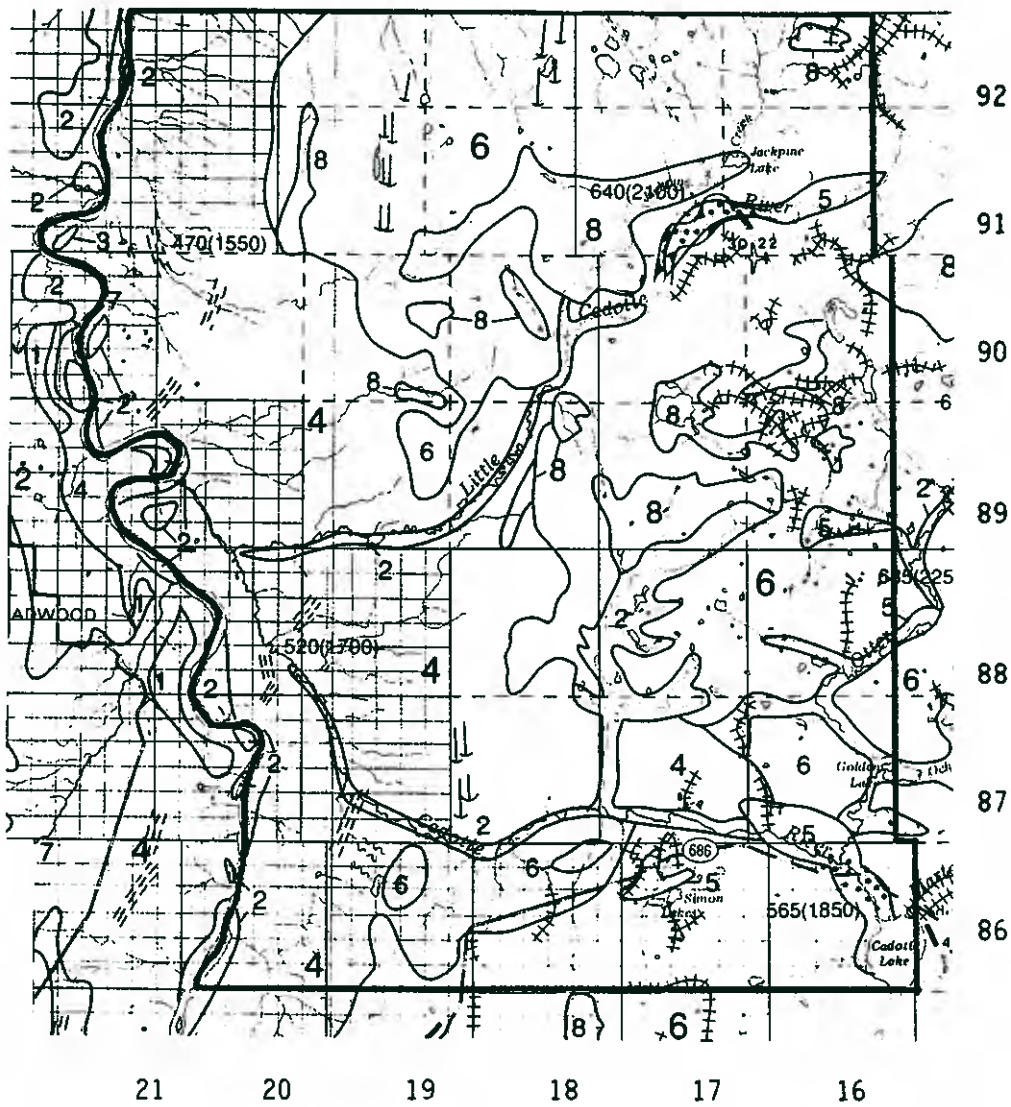
The distribution of surficial deposits in the study area shown in figure 3 is based on the surficial map of Fox, Richardson, Gowan and Sham (1987). The map units were delineated by air photo interpretation, are based on their mode of origin, and indicate the predominant materials to a depth of approximately 1m.

#### Postglacial History

After deglaciation and drainage of the glacial lakes the present drainage system was established. In the initial stages of down cutting along the Peace River, sands and gravels were deposited along what is now the rim of the valley by bank overflow. Later down cutting led to terrace development. These terraces now provide a potential source of sand and gravel.

#### SAND AND GRAVEL RESOURCES

The sand and gravel prospects in this study can be divided into two basic types and are located in three general areas. Prospects with a glaciofluvial origin are in the Cadotte and Jackpine Lake areas. Alluvial



SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

Type	Materials
1. Eolian	sand
2. Alluvium	gravel to clay
3. Recent lacustrine	silt and clay, minor sand
4. Glaciolacustrine	silt and clay, minor sand
5. Glaciofluvial	sand to gravel
6. Till	gravel to clay
7. Colluvium	gravel to clay
8. Organic	

LANDFORMS

Glacial grooves & drumlinoids	
Abandoned channel	
Outwash plain	
Ice-thrust ridges	
Abandoned shoreline	
Highlevel record of glaciation	
(approx. elevation metres (feet))	670(2200)

Figure 3. Surficial geology in the study area (Fox, Richardson, Gowan and Sham, 1987).

terrace deposits are along the Peace River valley.

The glaciofluvial prospects are predominantly sand. The lack of gravel in these deposits is due in part to the fine grained nature of the bedrock eroded during glaciation. The Smoky Group and Shaftesbury Formation shales did not provide a source of gravel size material for inclusion in the glaciofluvial deposits. Local material that was added is predominantly ironstone, a material deleterious to concrete aggregate. These prospects have relatively low economic potential.

Terrace deposits in the Peace River valley in this study area were described previously by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) as predominantly gravel. This information, gathered at level 5 (Table 1), is derived from air photo interpretation and a general understanding of the geology of the area. All deposits outlined by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) were field checked during the course of this more detailed investigation (level 3) and have been reinterpreted. Deposit 14 (Fox, Richardson and Sham, 1987), where it falls within the study area, contains no granular material and has not been shown on figure 5 (in pocket) as a prospect. Deposits 16, 25 and 27 contain no granular material and have not been shown on figure 8 (in pocket) as prospects. Deposit 18 is only a thin wedge of granular material and has not been shown on figure 8 as a prospect. Deposits 29 and 31 contain no granular material and have not been shown on figure 9 (in pocket) as prospects. Deposits 20, 22 and 24 have been verified as prospects and are shown as deposits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on figure 8. Deposit 22 now is divided into deposits 2 and 3 (Plate 1) because it consists of terraces at two different elevations. Deposit 24 now is divided into deposits 4 (Plate 2) and 5 for the same reason. The deposits are not gravel deposits, as suggested by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987), but are sand deposits. Deposits 3 and 4, figure 8 are gravelly sand.

The new information from this study contributes to a greater understanding of gravel deposition in the area and warrants a review of two of the working hypotheses that guided Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) in the development of their regional sand and gravel map.



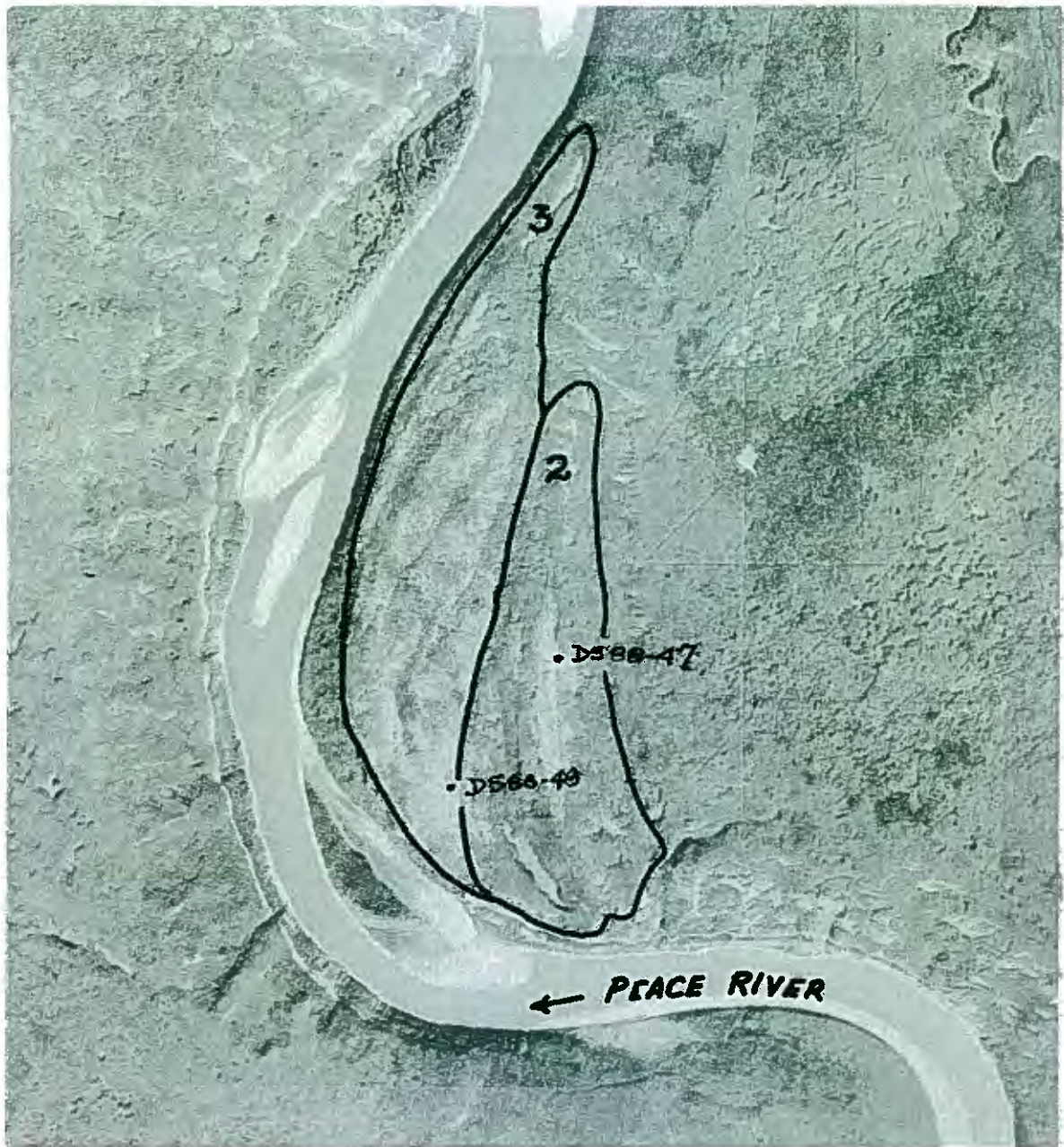


Plate 1. Alluvial terraces on the Peace River. Terrace deposit 2 (figure 8) has an elevation of 1400 feet and contains sand. Terrace deposit 3 has an elevation of 1300 feet and contains gravelly sand.





Plate 2. A terrace at 1500 feet elevation (by helicopter altimeter) along the Peace River is composed of iron stained, clean, gravelly sand with approximately 30% gravel and 5% oversize material. Granite clasts from the Canadian Shield are abundant.

Peace River terraces were believed by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) to change from gravel, to sand and gravel, to sand downstream from south of the city of Peace River to Fort Vermilion. Peace River terrace deposits are almost exclusively described as gravel by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) as far as township 92 which is at the north boundary of the present study area. Field work for this study shows that of the 10 deposits identified by Fox, Richardson and Sham (1987) only three of their deposits (Table 2) really are deposits and consist of sand or gravelly sand and not gravel. This casts their first hypothesis into doubt. The relative abundance of gravel in these terrace deposits does not seem to be due to the general deposition of the Peace River itself (ie. coarse upstream, fine downstream).

Table 2. Reevaluation of Peace River terrace deposits

Deposit (Fox, Richardson and Sham, 1987)	Description	Potential	Deposit	Description (This Study)	Potential
14	gravel	high		no prospect	
16	sand & gravel	medium		no prospect	
18	sand & gravel	medium		no prospect	
20	gravel	high	1	sand	high
22	sand & gravel	medium	2	sand	high
			3	gravelly sand	high
24	gravel	high	4	gravelly sand	high
			5	sand	high
25	gravel	high		no prospect	
27	gravel	high		no prospect	
29	sand & gravel	medium		no prospect	
31	gravel	high		no prospect	

A second hypothesis used in the earlier study was that the higher and older terraces contain more igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield (glacial transport) and lower terraces contain more quartzite from the preglacial gravels. It was believed that early stages of the Peace River development

involved erosion of till and release of rocks from the Canadian Shield. Lower terraces received more mountain quartzite as the preglacial channels were dissected. Terraces checked in the course of this study do not show this transition. Table 3 shows the elevation and relative amounts of Canadian Shield (granite, gneiss and schist), quartzite and ironstone clasts for five terraces in figure 8. Canadian Shield rocks do not show any significant decrease nor quartzite any increase from high to low terraces. The lack of abundant quartzite in the gravel at any level and the generally low gravel content in all deposits seems to indicate very little supply of preglacial clasts to the terraces in this area. The general hypothesis of highest quartzite at lowest levels may hold in parts of the Peace River region close to preglacial outcrops but does not hold in this study area.

Table 3. Elevation and rock types in five Peace River terrace deposits from map sheet 84C/11

Deposit	Elevation (ft)	Rock Types		
		Igneous	Quartzite	Ironstone
5	1160	abundant	present	abundant
1	1220	present	present	abundant
3	1300	abundant	present	very abundant
2	1400	abundant	present	abundant
4	1500	abundant	present	minor

Table 3 demonstrates the general increase in abundance of local rock types as the Peace River eroded downward. Ironstone is a common constituent of the Shaftesbury Formation which outcrops along the upper part of the Peace River valley in the study area. Ironstone is a minor part of the gravel in terrace deposit 4 which is at the top of the valley. As the river eroded through the Shaftesbury shales ironstone became an abundant and then very abundant component of the terrace material.

Preglacial gravels come close enough to the surface to be mined in the vicinity of Grimshaw, southwest of the study area. The preglacial channel which contains these gravels trends north-northeast from the Cardinal Lake area and the possibility was considered that the channel passes beneath the

eastern portion of the study area. No air photo expression or exposure of gravel was found to indicate that this is the case. Quartzite is present but not abundant in the terraces in the study area. The current level of knowledge suggests to the authors that preglacial gravels are not present on the east side of the Peace River in this area.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Terraces along the Peace River are the major prospects for sand and gravel but there is not nearly as much gravel in the study area as believed previously. Clasts of gravel size and oversize that can be crushed to gravel size seldom exceed 25% of the material in any deposit.

There is less quartzite from preglacial deposits than anticipated. Ironstone is abundant, weathered schist is present and both of these materials are detrimental to the use of these materials for concrete.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Terraces along the Peace River should be investigated by extensive geophysical and drilling programs to delineate their area, thickness and clast content. Ground access would have to be established.

The potential exists for preglacial sands and gravels to be buried below the glaciolacustrine cover in the study area. A small drilling program in the area most likely to be the location of a preglacial channel the sands and gravels could determine whether this projection is valid. The discovery of preglacial material in the area would provide a source of high quality material.



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APPENDIX 1  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/6

Site Location: LSD8 Sec17 Tp86 R20 W5M

Site Description:

Terrace 5m thick immediately above river level composed of silt with  
clasts to 30cm fewer than 1%.

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APPENDIX 2  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/7



APPENDIX 3  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/8

## DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 21-24,26-28 Tp86 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 0

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

Flyover. Fine to medium grained sand with few clasts in scars left by fallen trees.

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## DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 25,26 Tp86 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 0

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

Flyover. Fine to medium grained sand with few clasts in scars left by fallen trees.

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## DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 25-27,34,35 Tp86 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD5 Sec35 Tp86 R16 W4M

## Site Description:

Roadcut in 3.5m of clean, fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 5cm fewer than 0.3%.

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DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 27 Tp86 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 1

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

Pit Location: LSD11 Sec27 Tp86 R16 W5M

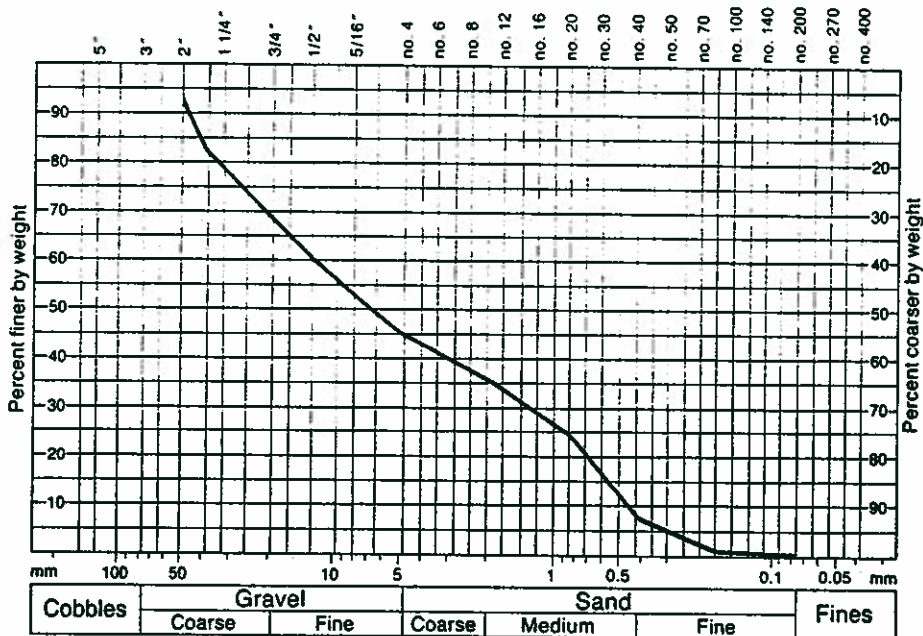
Pit Description:

Clean, fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 15cm fewer than 15% exposed in a pit of 2m maximum depth. Pit has a till floor and the water table is at 1.75m. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield with limestone, hard sandstone, quartzite and ironstone. Bedding is horizontal and calcite encrustation is common on the weathered surface of clasts.

Gradation:                   % cobbles                   48% gravel  
                                   45% sand                    % fines

Gradation curve

Canadian standard sieve series



Cobbles	Gravel		Sand			Fines
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	





APPENDIX 4  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FROM MAP AREA 84C/9

### DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 32 Tp86 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 2

**DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:**

See pit description below.

Pit Location: LSD11 Sec32 Tp86 R16 W5M

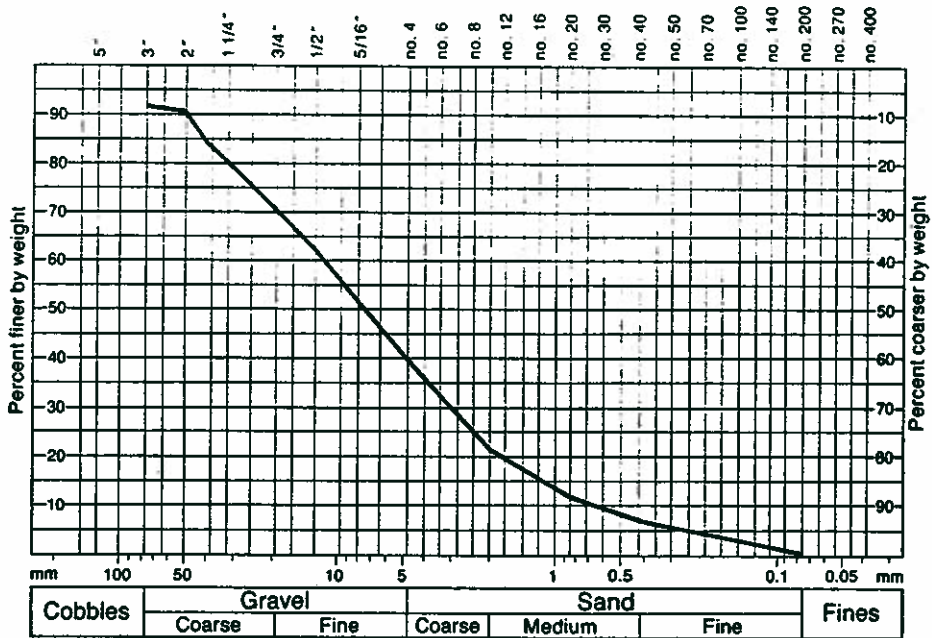
**Pit Description:**

Disused pit with sloped sides except for one highwall 5m high of grossly horizontally bedded, dirty, coarse to medium grained sand. Oversize clasts to 90cm less than 3% and gravel less than 15% consist of igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield, including abundant weathered schist clasts, hard and soft sandstone, minor quartzite and abundant ironstone. Lenses of till and what appears to be shale bedrock are common in the highwall. "Pit run" from this pit probably contained fines as high as 20%. Samples are from the cleanest areas present in the highwall.

Gradation:                    % cobbles                    53% gravel  
    40% sand                     % fines

**Gradation curve**

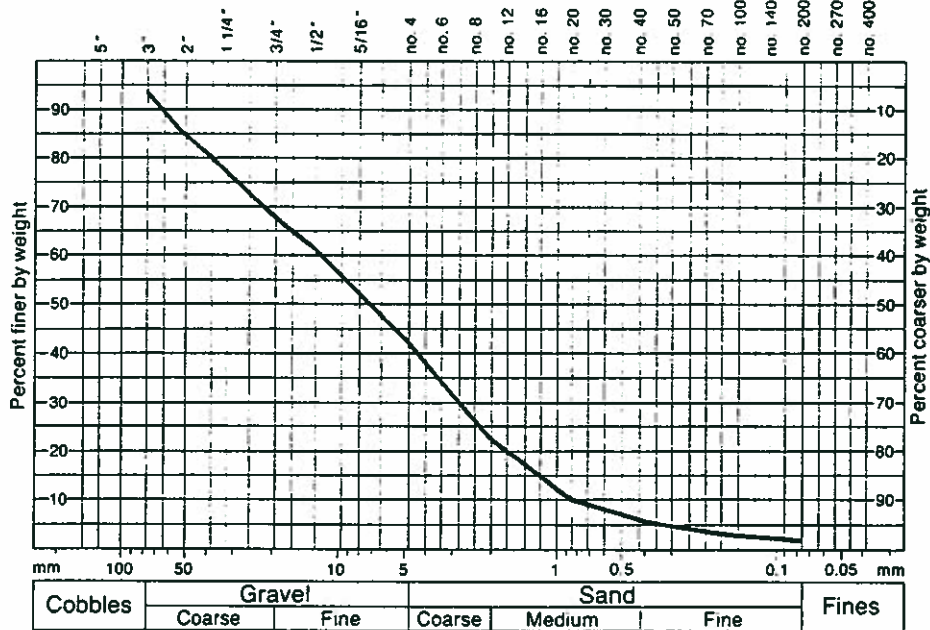
Canadian standard sieve series



Gradation:                    % cobbles                    50% gravel  
    42% sand                    3% fines

Gradation curve

Canadian standard sieve series



DEPOSIT

LOCATION: Sec 1,2,12 Tp88 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

Site Location: LSD11 Sec1 Tp88 R16 W5M

Site Description:

Clean, fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 5cm fewer than 0.5%.

APPENDIX 5  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/10

## DEPOSIT 1

LOCATION: Sec 8 Tp87 R17 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD5 Sec8 Tp87 R17 W5M

## Site Description:

Approximately 20m above the river in poplar with scattered spruce forest. Iron stained, clean, fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 10cm fewer than 0.5% in pit dug to 40cm.

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## DEPOSIT 2

LOCATION: Sec 3,4,9,10 Tp87 R17 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD1 Sec9 Tp87 R17 W5M

## Site Description:

Small clearing in poplar and spruce forest. Soil approximately 10cm thick overlies iron stained, fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 25cm fewer than 5%. Clasts are primarily larger than 5cm and are igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield and quartzite.

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## DEPOSIT 3

LOCATION: Sec 1 Tp87 R17 W5M  
          Sec 6 Tp87 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD2 Sec1 Tp87 R17 W5M

Site Description:

Large clearing in pine, poplar and scattered spruce forest in bend of Cadotte River. Approximately 15cm of clayey silt over iron stained, clayey silt to fine sand with clast to 15cm fewer than 10%. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield with quartzite. Sand coarsens slightly with depth in pit dug to 55cm.

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DEPOSIT 4

LOCATION: Sec 13,24 Tp87 R17 W5M  
Sec 17-19 Tp87 R16 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD10 Sec18 Tp87 R16 W5M

Site Description:

Hummocky topography under clearing in pine with poplar forest. Iron stained, clean, fine to medium grained sand with no clasts. Pit dug to 40cm.

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DEPOSIT 5

LOCATION: Sec 35,35 Tp87 R17 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD11 Sec36 Tp87 R17 W5M

Site Description:

Very large clearing in pine and poplar forest. Iron stained, clean, fine to medium grained sand with no clasts. Pit dug to 75cm.

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PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS OUTSIDE DEPOSITS

Site Location: LSD8 Sec2 Tp87 R17 W5M

Site Description:

Clearing in poplar forest on north bank of Cadotte River. Organic, slightly clayey silt approximately 15cm thick overlies iron stained clayey silt with clasts to 20cm fewer than 5%.

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Site Location: LSD13 Sec4 Tp87 R17 W5M

Site Description:

Large grassy clearing. Organic, clayey silt over clayey silt with no clasts.

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Site Location: LSD8 Sec2 Tp87 R19 W5M

Site Description:

Large, open, weed covered terrace. River silt below organic-rich soil to 20cm.

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Site Location: LSD6 Sec4 Tp87 R18 W5M

Site Description:

Large, grassy clearing in poplar forest 3m above the Cadotte River. Organic, slightly clayey, silty soil, over slightly clayey silt. No clasts.

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Site Location: LSD2 Sec11 Tp87 R18 W5M

Site Description:



Cut bank of Cadotte River approximately 3m high exposes clean, banded, river silt. Some bands are high in organic matter. No clasts.

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Site Location: LSD15 Sec35 Tp86 R18 W5M

Site Description:

Silt to fine grained sandy clay. No clasts.

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Pit Location: LSD16 Sec31 Tp86 R16 W5M

Pit Description:

Abandoned, depleted, reclaimed pit of iron stained sand with clasts to 35cm fewer than 15%. The pit appears to have removed a hummock of the material.

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APPENDIX 6  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/11

## DEPOSIT 1

LOCATION: Sec 14,15,23,26 Tp87 R20 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 1

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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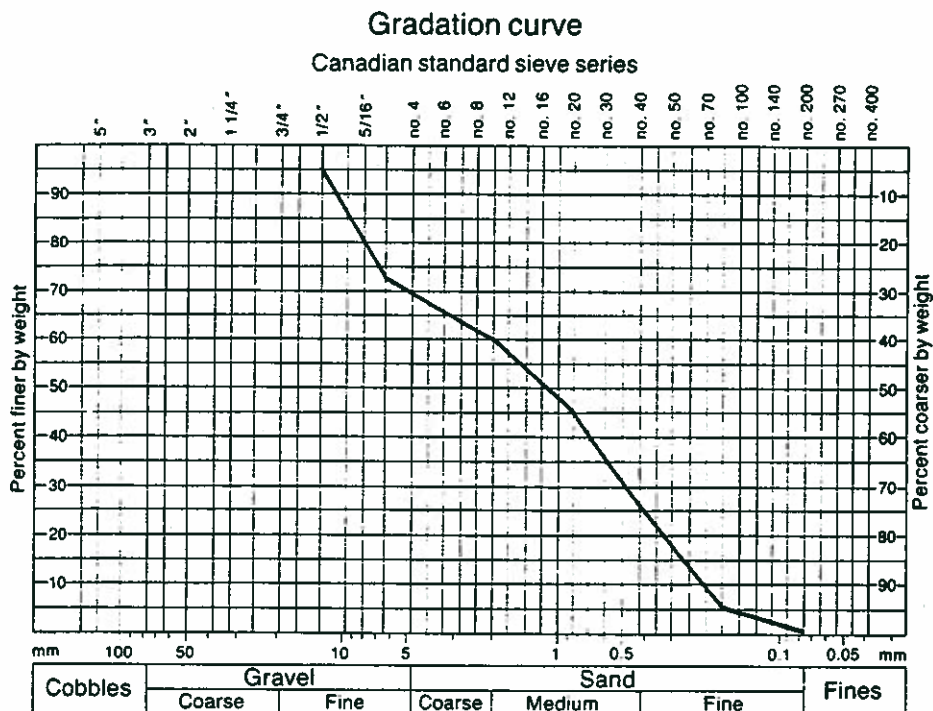
Site Location: LSD4 Sec23 Tp87 R20 W5M

## Site Description:

Clearing on a terrace in poplar forest with 30cm of clay soil over dirty, iron stained, moist sand with a layer of oversize clasts at the contact. Oversize clasts to 25cm 3%, gravel 25%, sand 62% and fines 10% in 0.8m pit. Clasts are igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield, hard and soft sandstone, quartzite and abundant ironstone. Elevation 1220' on helicopter altimeter.

Due to helicopter weight restrictions the sample collected was passed through a 16mm sieve in the field.

Gradation:                    % cobbles                    25% gravel  
    68% sand                    2% fines



## DEPOSIT 2

LOCATION: Sec 33 Tp87 R20 W5M  
 Sec 4,9 Tp88 R20 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 1

### DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

Site Location: LSD2 Sec4 Tp88 R20 W5M

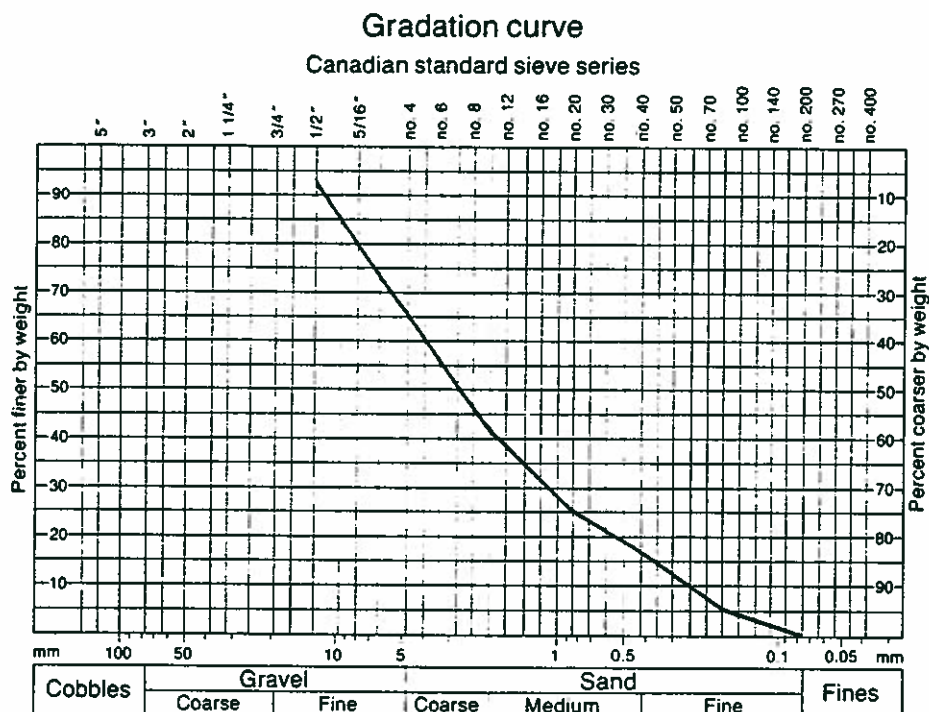
### Site Description:

Large clearing in poplar forest on a terrace at 1400' elevation by helicopter altimeter. Approximately 15cm of iron stained clay soil over dry, iron stained, fine to medium grained sand with oversize clasts 5%, gravel 15% and fines 3%. Iron stain decreases slightly

with depth in a 0.75m pit. Orientation of tabular clasts suggests horizontal bedding. Clasts are igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield, including some weathered schist. Also present are hard and soft sandstone, quartzite, a few soft shale clasts and abundant ironstone. The ironstone, shale and weathered schist clasts are deleterious components for concrete.

Due to helicopter weight restrictions the sample collected was passed through a 16mm sieve in the field.

Gradation:                   % cobbles                   28% gravel  
                                  65% sand                    % fines



### DEPOSIT 3

LOCATION: Sec 32,33 Tp87 R20 W5M  
          Sec 4,5,8,9 Tp88 R20 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 3

No. of samples analysed: 1

#### DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

Approximately 15cm soil overburden over iron stained, clean sand with variable amounts of clasts primarily from the Canadian Shield.

Site Location: LSD6 Sec9 Tp88 R20 W5M

Site Description:

Iron stained, fine to medium grained sand with clasts fewer than 1%.

Site Location: LSD12 Sec33 Tp87 R20 W5M

Site Description:

Terrace with soil overburden less than 15cm over fine to medium grained sand with clasts of granite, gneiss and ironstone. Clasts to 30cm.

Site Location: LSD11 Sec33 Tp87 R20 W5M

Site Description:

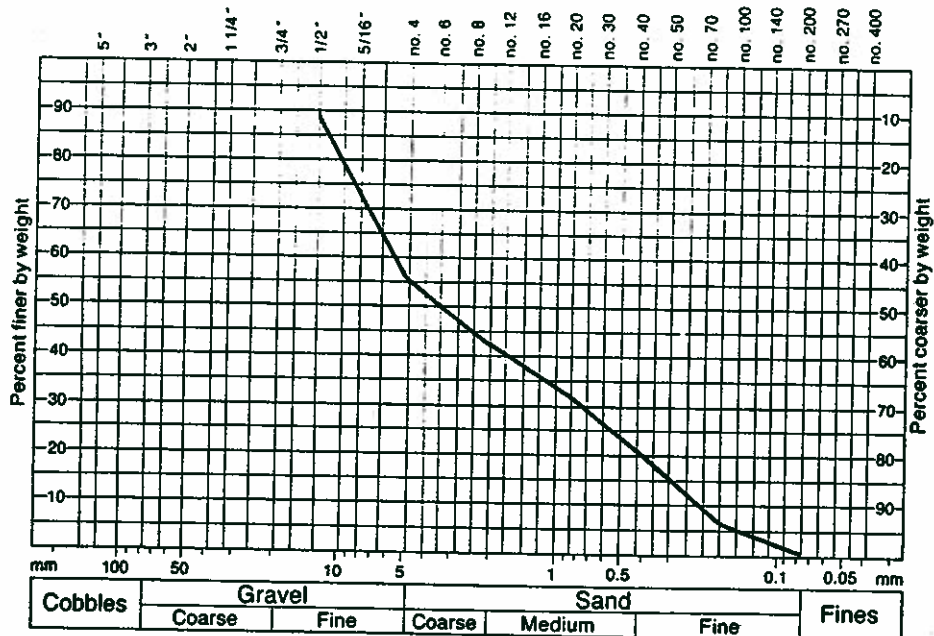
Very large opening in poplar forest on a terrace at 1300' elevation by helicopter altimeter. Approximately 15cm of soil overburden over iron stained, clean, gravelly sand. Oversize clasts to 35cm 5%, gravel 35% and fines 2%. Clasts are abundant granite and gneiss from the Canadian Shield with minor schist, limestone and clay plus very abundant ironstone. Pit dug to 0.8m.

Due to helicopter weight limitations the sample collected was passed through a 16mm sieve in the field.

Gradation:	% cobbles	33% gravel
	55% sand	% fines

Gradation curve

Canadian standard sieve series



## DEPOSIT 4

LOCATION: Sec 1,2,11,12 Tp89 R21 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 2

No. of samples analysed: 1

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

Approximately 15cm of silt and clay over iron stained, clean gravelly sand. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield.

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Site Location: LSD14 Sec1 Tp89 R21 W5M

## Site Description:

Terrace with overburden approximately 15cm thick over sand with rounded quartzite clasts.

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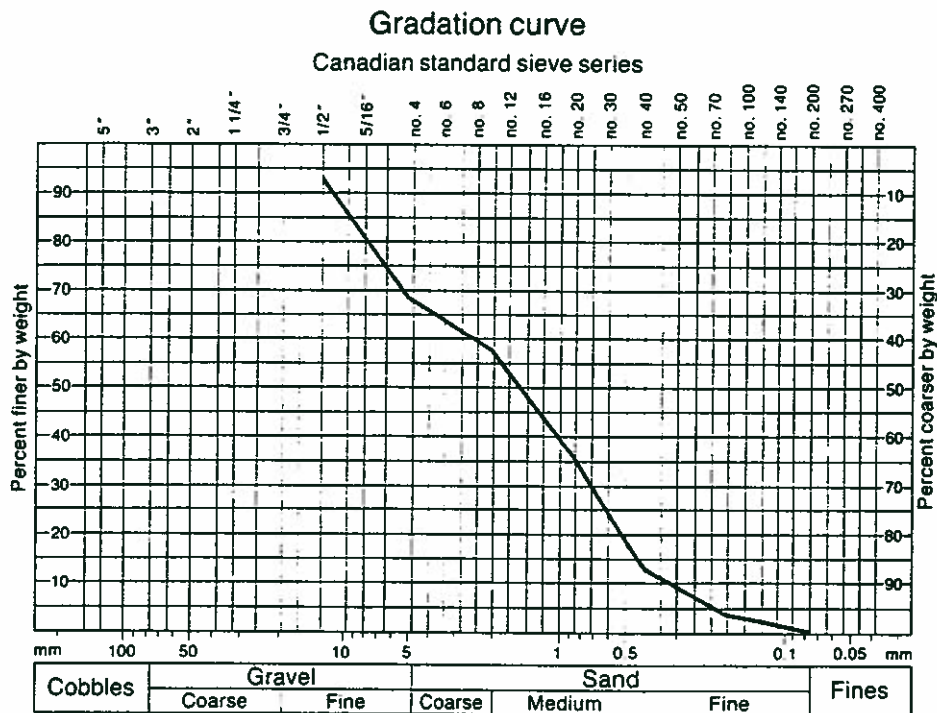
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## Site Description:

Large clearing in poplar forest on flat terrace at 1500' elevation by helicopter altimeter. Iron stained, clean, gravelly sand below 15cm of silt and clay overburden. Sand is fine to medium grained. Oversize clasts to 35cm 5%, gravel 30% and fines 5%. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield with quartzite and minor ironstone in a pit dug to 0.9m.

Because of helicopter weight limitations the sample collected was passed through a 16mm sieve in the field.

Gradation:                   % cobbles                   25% gravel  
                                  68% sand                   % fines



### DEPOSIT 5

LOCATION: Sec 11-14 Tp89 R21 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 1

#### DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

Site Location: LSD16 Sec11 Tp89 R21 W5M

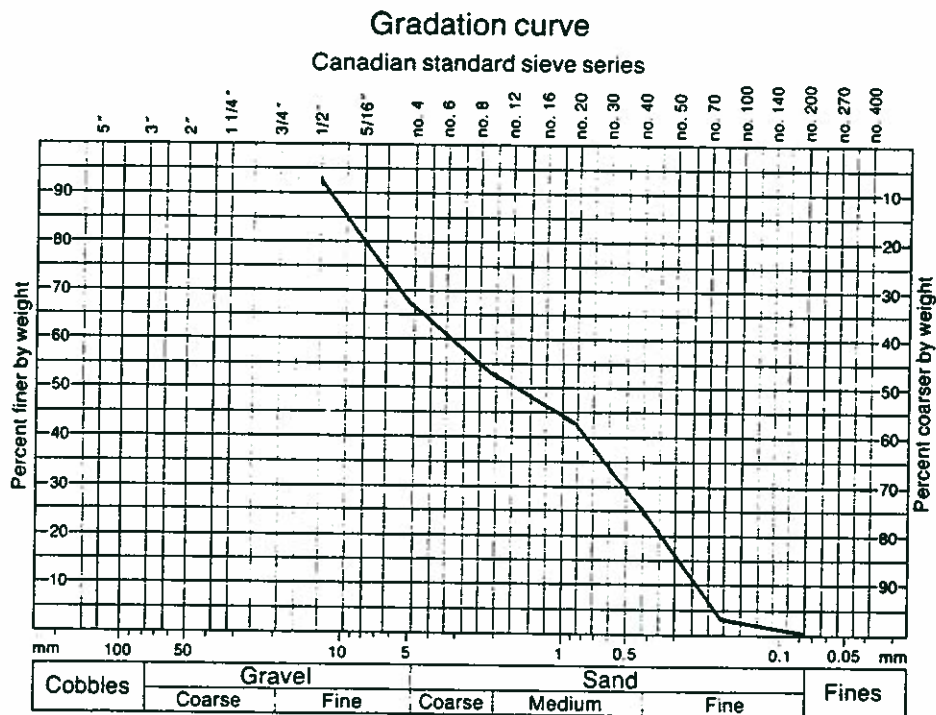
#### Site Description:

Clearing approximately 110m long by 50m wide in poplar with spruce forest on terrace at 1160' elevation by helicopter altimeter. Material is heavily iron stained, fine to medium grained sand with oversize clasts to 25cm 3%, gravel 20% and fines 2%. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield, hard sandstone, tabular quartzite, chert and abundant ironstone.



Because of helicopter weight limitations the sample collected was passed through a 16mm sieve in the field.

Gradation:                   % cobbles                   27% gravel  
                                  66% sand                   % fines



### DEPOSIT 6

LOCATION: Sec 11,12 Tp88 R20 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below

Site Location: LSD16 Sec11 Tp88 R20 W5M

Site Description:

Lens of clean, fine to medium grained sand containing lenses of gravelly sand with clasts to 30cm over shale bedrock. Maximum thickness of the gravelly sand lenses is 75cm. Silt and clay soil overburden varies from 15-35cm. Clasts are primarily igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield.

## DEPOSIT 7

LOCATION: Sec 31 Tp87 R19 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 1

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site description below.

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Site Location: LSD10 Sec31 Tp87 R19 W5M

## Site Description:

Approximately 1m of silt to fine sand with primarily oversize clasts to 35cm over shale bedrock is present in riverbank.

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## PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS OUTSIDE DEPOSITS

Site Location: LSD1 Sec10 Tp87 R20 W5M

## Site Description:

Clearing in poplar forest. Approximately 35cm of clay soil over shale bedrock. Area may be a slump block.

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Site Location: LSD16 Sec10 Tp87 R20 W5M

## Site Description:

Flyover. Wedge of gravel, approximately 5m high and probably no more than 3m thick at its widest spot, butting on to bedrock along the Peace River. Both the river side and the bedrock contact side of the wedge are very steeply dipping. This material would be very difficult to mine.

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Site Location: LSD9 Sec33 Tp86 R20 W5M

## Site Description:

Wedge of iron stained, cross bedded gravel and sand with clasts to 30cm, approximately 10m high and probably no more than 1m thick at its widest spot butting on to bedrock along the Peace River. Both the river side and the bedrock contact side of the wedge are very steeply dipping. Clasts are igneous rocks from the Canadian Shield, quartzite

and limestone.

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APPENDIX 7  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/14

Site Location: LSD13 Sec10 Tp90 R21 W5M

Site Description:

Steep SW facing clearing along Peace River. Silt and clay with clasts to 5cm fewer than 0.3%.

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Site Location: LSD16 Sec19 Tp90 R19 W5M

Site Description:

Clayey silt soil 10cm thick over silty clay with no clasts in a pit dug to 55cm.

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APPENDIX 8  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/15

## DEPOSIT 1

LOCATION: Sec 33 Tp90 R17 W5M  
Sec 2,3,10,11 Tp91 R17 W5M

No. of associated pits/sites: 2

No. of samples analysed: 0

## DEPOSIT DESCRIPTION:

See site descriptions below.

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Site Location: LSD8 Sec33 Tp90 R17 W5M

## Site Description:

Approximately 2cm of silty soil over approximately 5cm of iron stained fine to medium grained sand with clasts to 15cm fewer than 5% over clayey sand with clasts to 15cm fewer than 1%.

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Site Location: LSD6 Sec11 Tp91 R17 W5M

## Site Description:

Iron stained, clean, fine to medium grained sand with not clasts in apit dug to 50cm.

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## PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS OUTSIDE OF DEPOSITS

Site Location: LSD15 Sec11 Tp91 R17 W5M

## Site Description:

Clayey silt with clasts to 7.5cm fewer than 0.5% in a pit dug to 40cm.

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APPENDIX 9  
PIT/SITE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAP AREA 84C/16



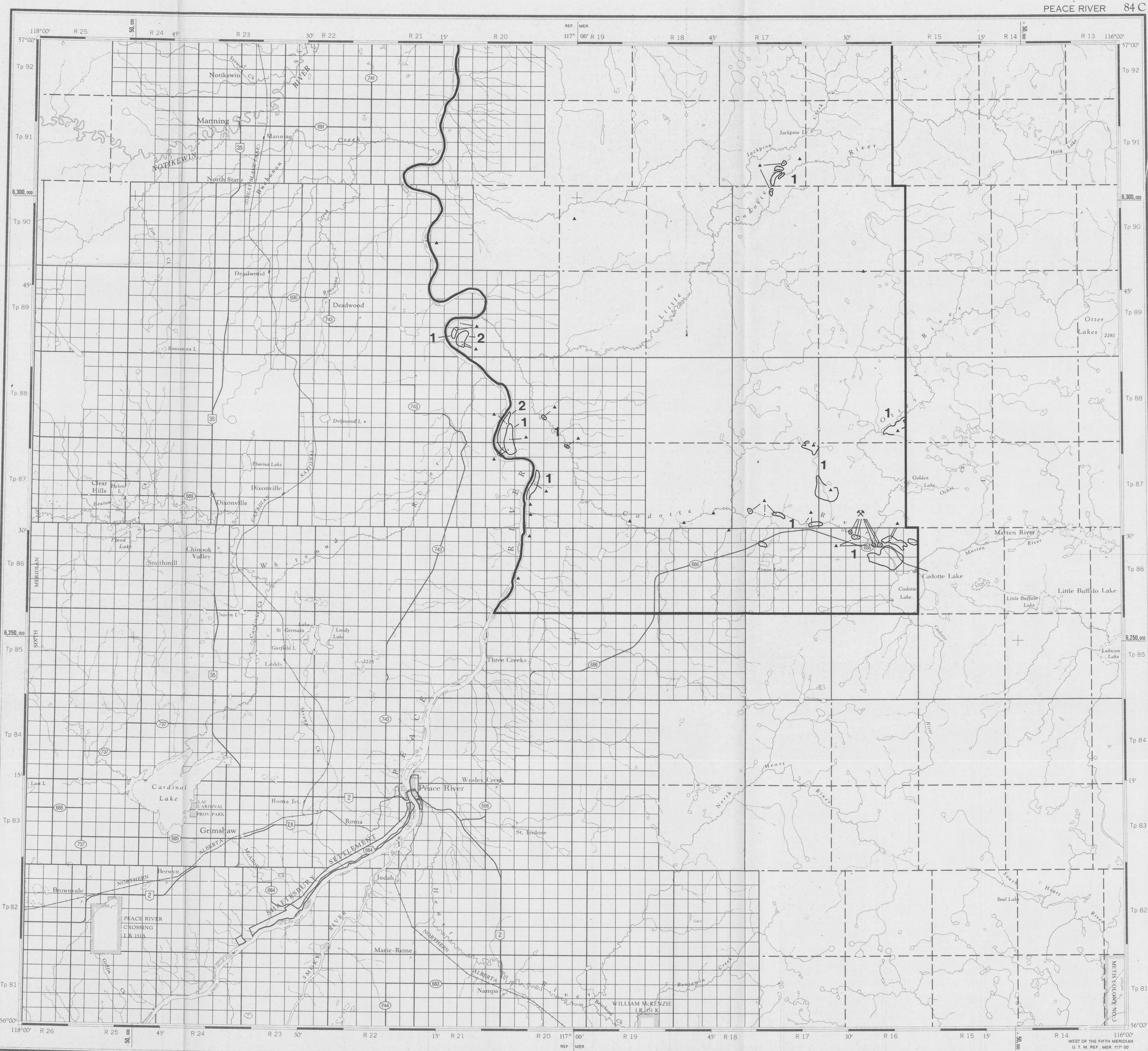
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Site Description:

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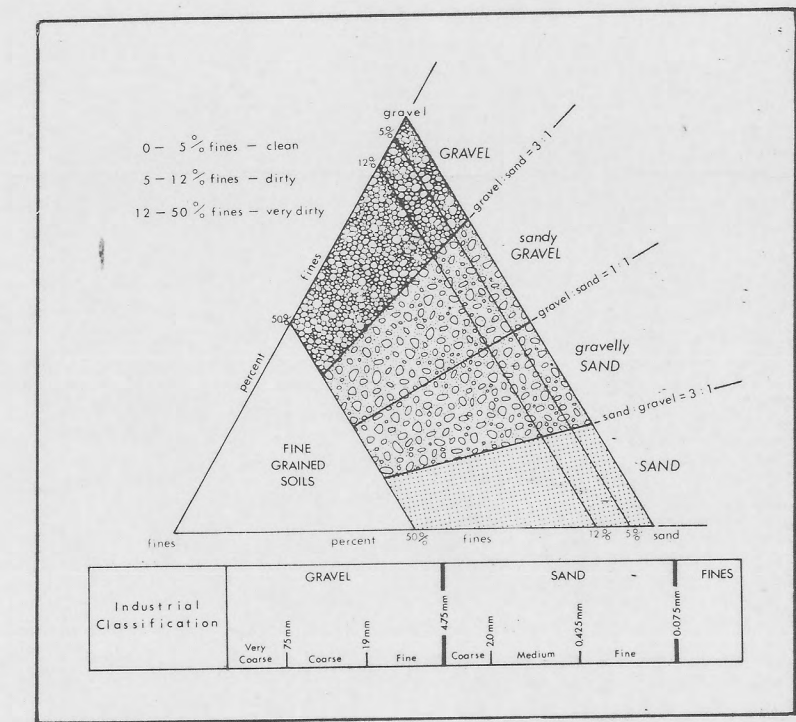
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- 1 Sand, most commonly fine to medium grained, clean
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- ⌘ Pit, active or inactive
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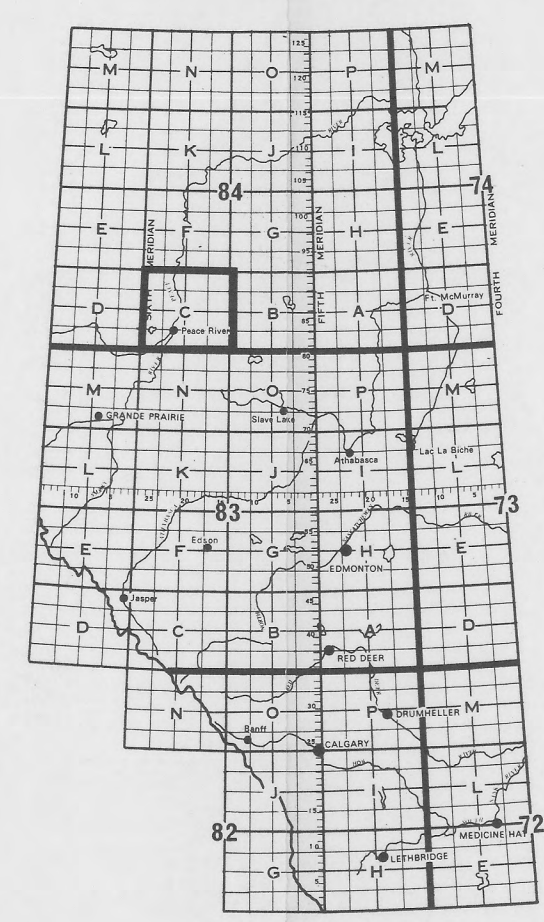
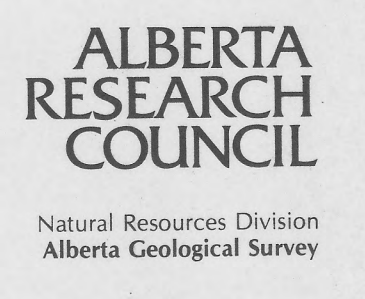
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Scale 1:50,000 Échelle

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Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m <sup>3</sup> )		Additional Comments	Texture (%)			Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments
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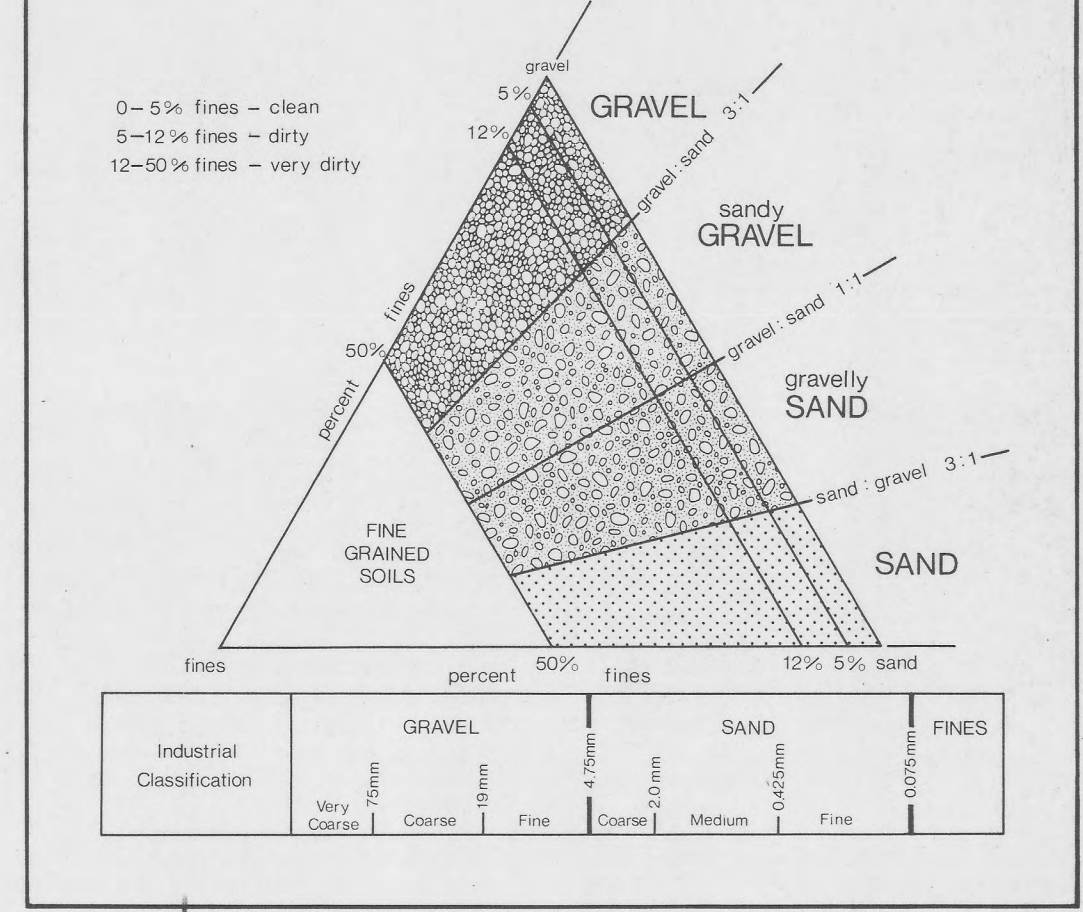
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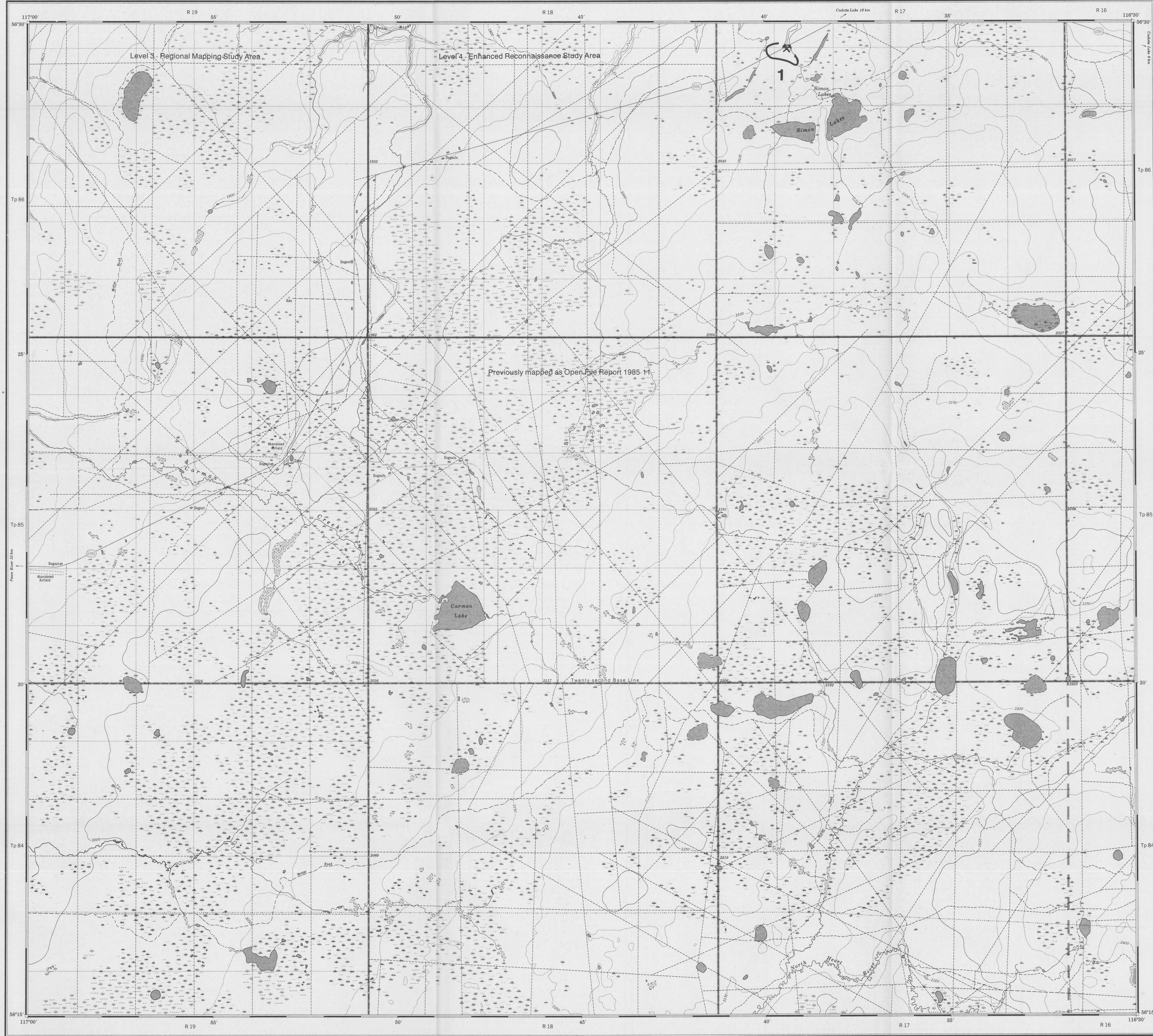
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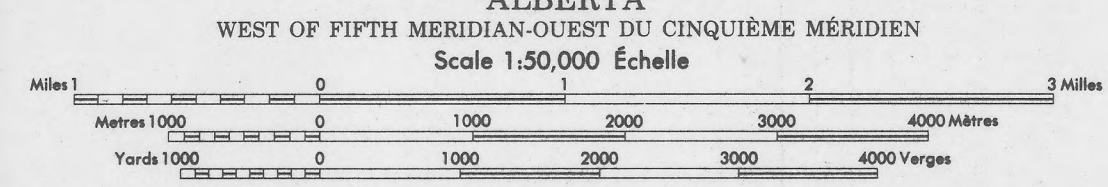
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				Gravel	Sand	Fines					
LEVEL 3 - Regional Mapping Study Area <b>NO DEPOSITS</b>											
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1	gravelly sand		clean, coarse grained				1.5	7.5	32	outwash	

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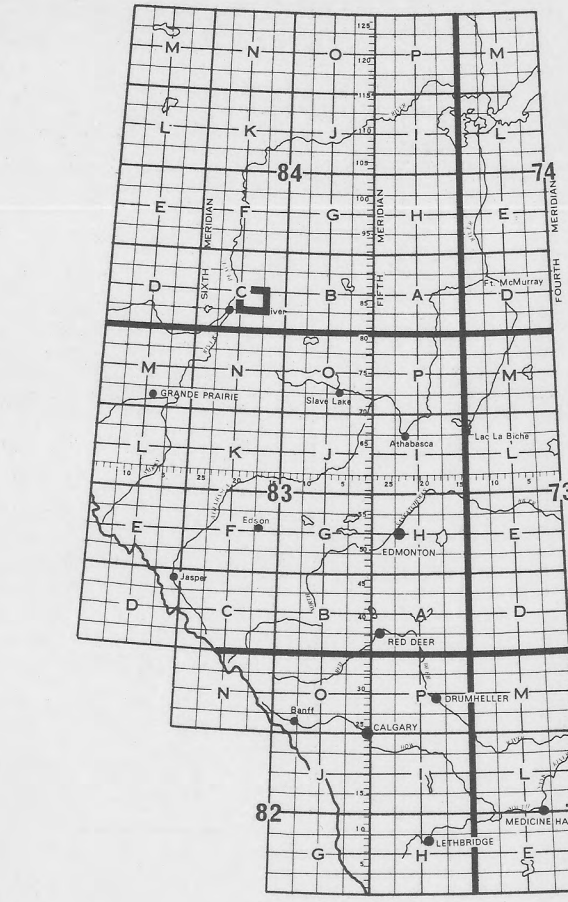
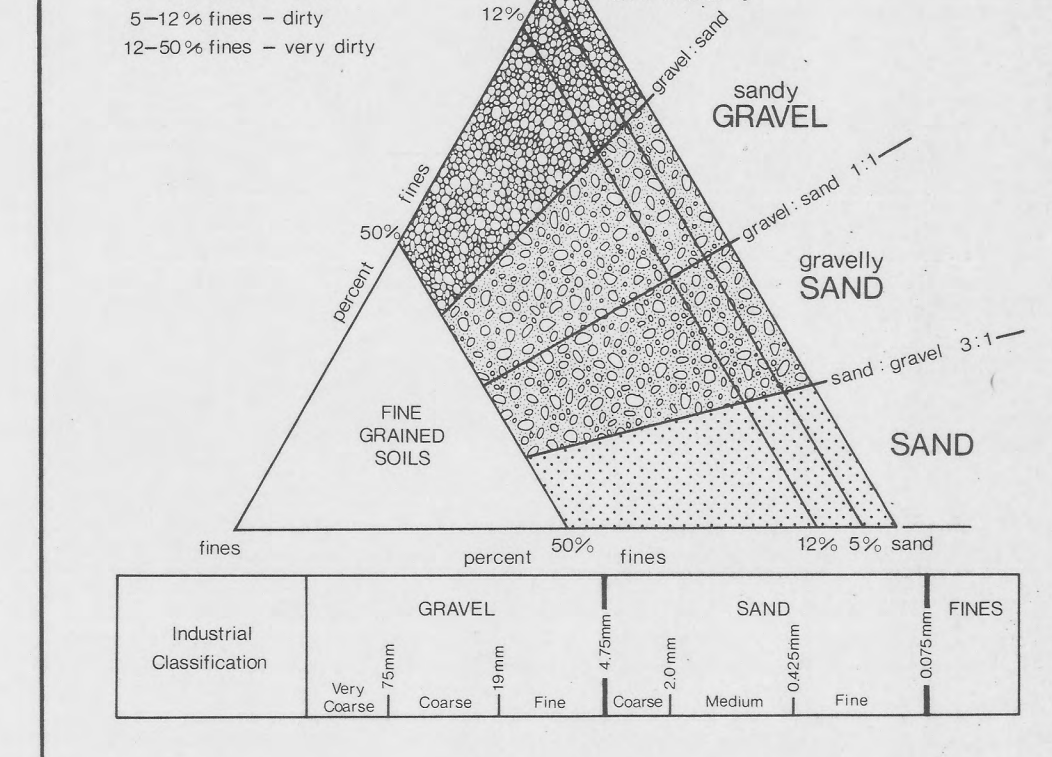
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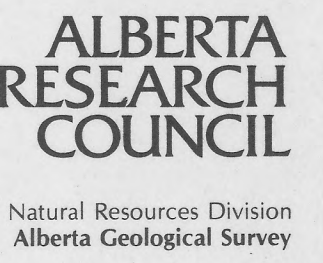
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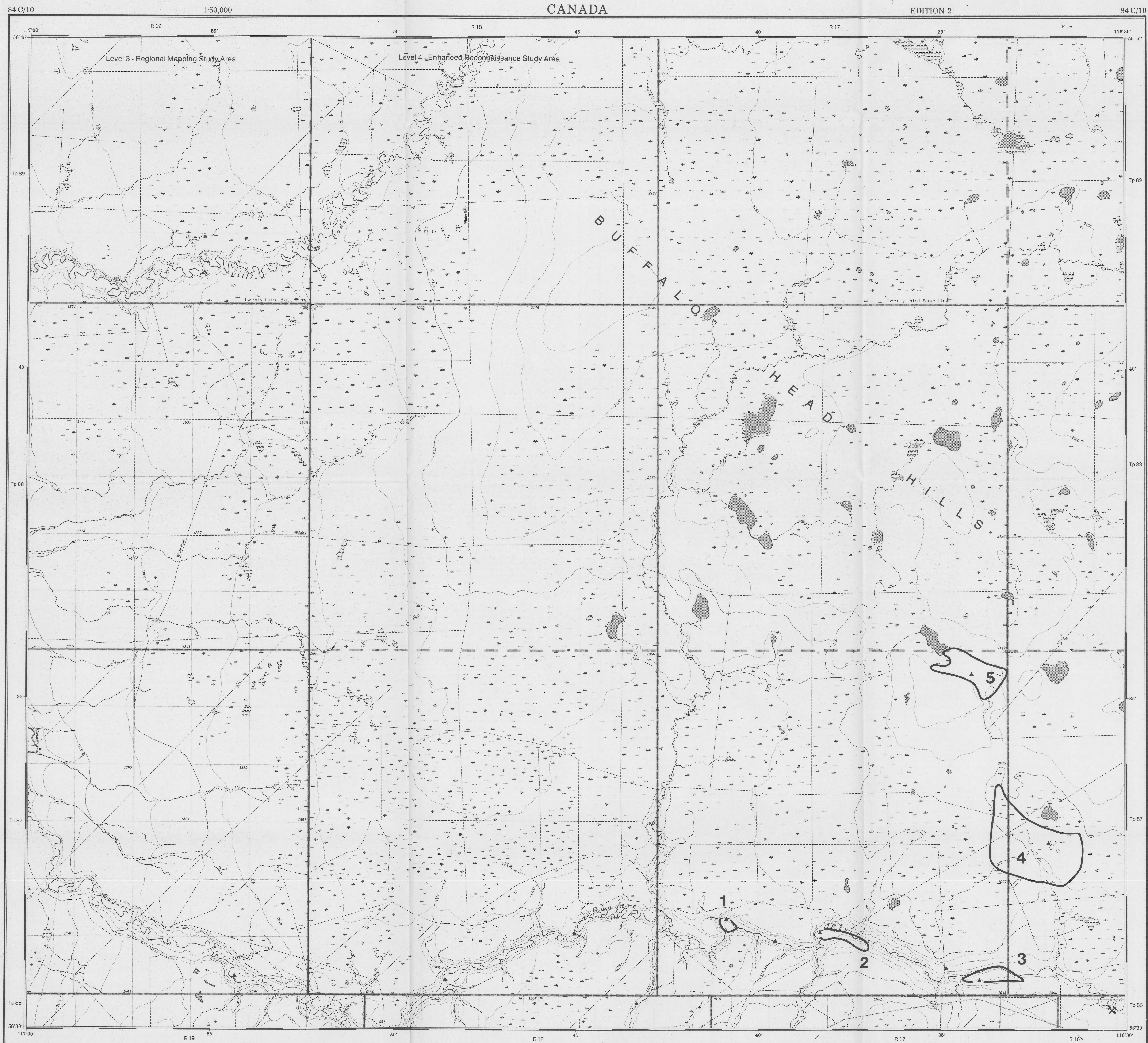
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GENERAL COMMENTS				DEPOSIT CHARACTERISTICS						
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<b>NO DEPOSITS</b>										
<b>LEVEL 4 - Enhanced Reconnaissance Study Area</b>										
1	sand		iron stained, fine to medium grained					15	fluvial	clasts fewer than 0.5%
2	sand		iron stained, fine to medium grained			0.1		42	fluvial	clasts fewer than 0.5%
3	sand		iron stained, fine grained			0.15		84	fluvial	clasts fewer than 10%
4	sand		clean, fine to medium grained					431	ice contact	no clasts
5	sand		clean, fine to medium grained					133	outwash	no clasts

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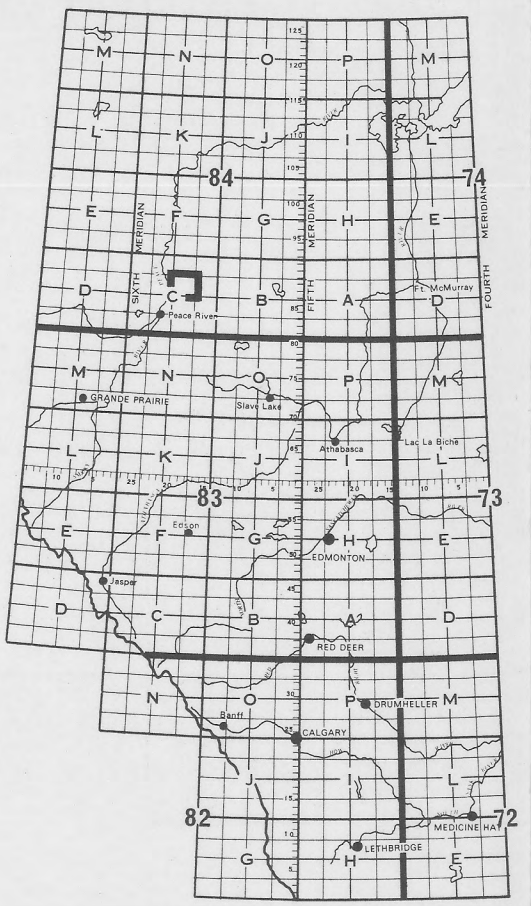
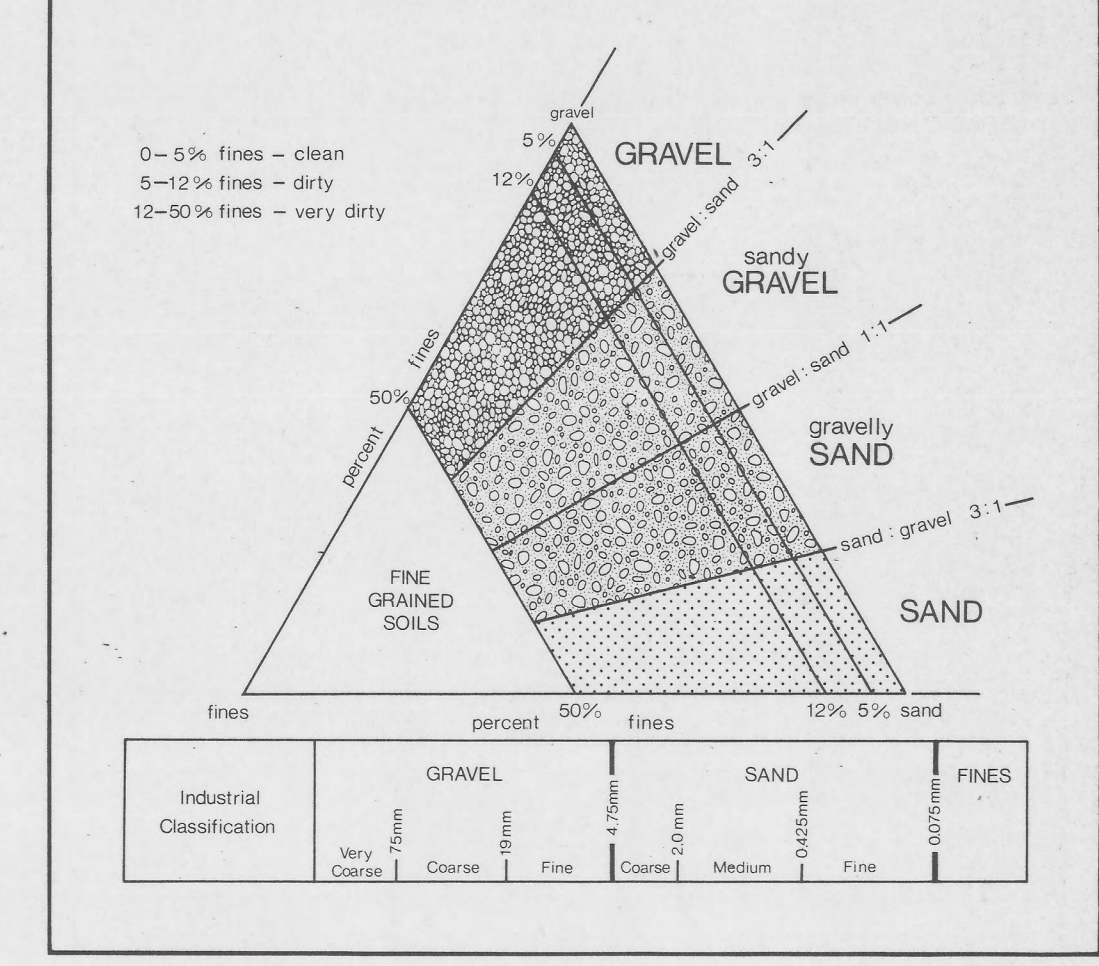
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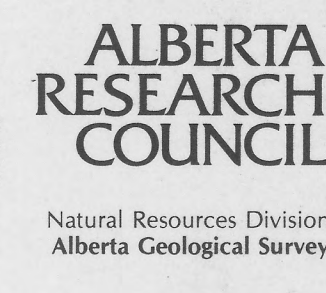
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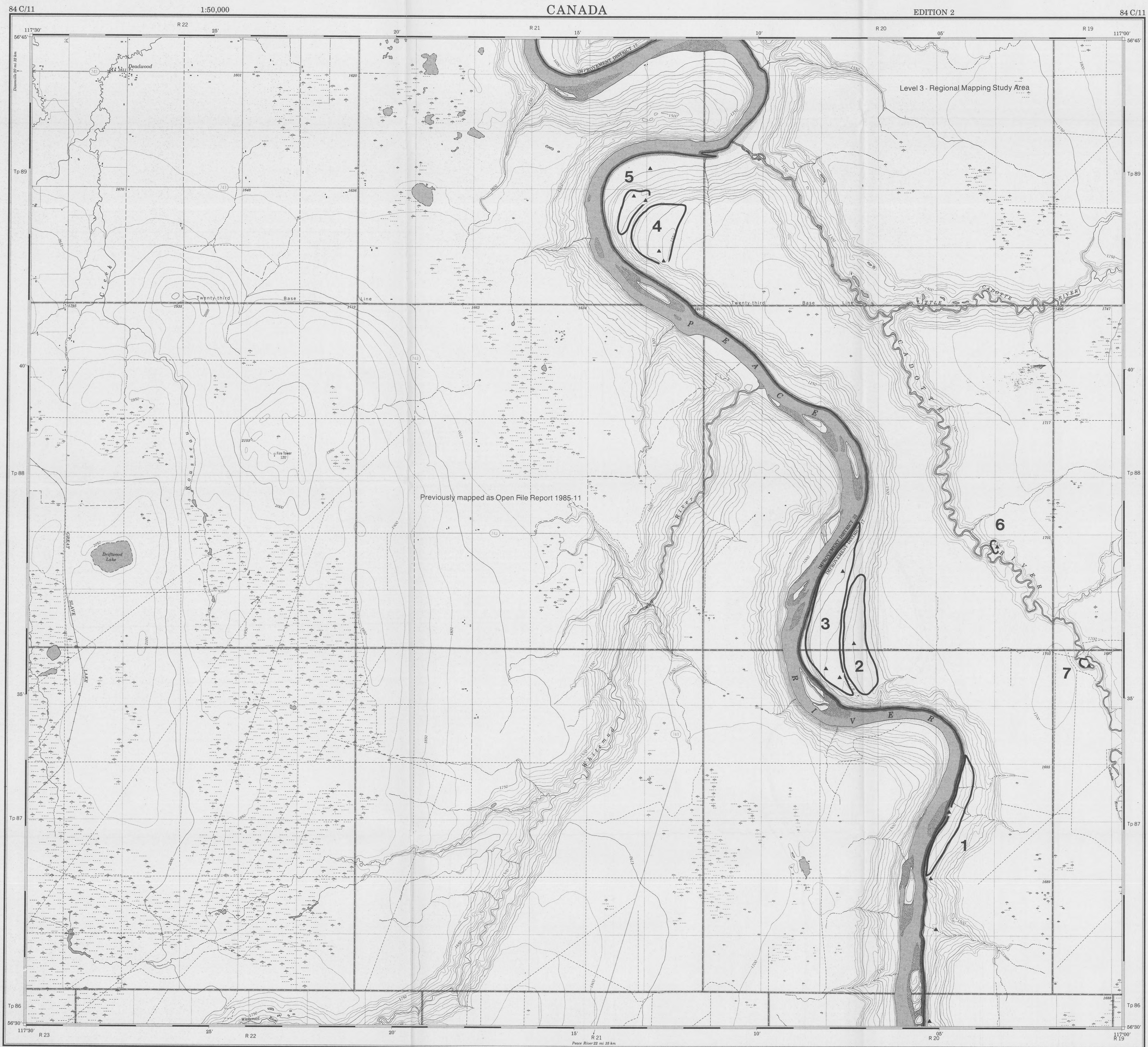
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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17  
ALBERTA  
WEST OF FIFTH MERIDIAN-WEST DU CINQUIEME MERIDIEN  
Scale 1:50,000 Echelle

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 50 FEET  
ELEVATION IN METERS (FEET) FROM SEA LEVEL  
NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1987  
Projection: Transverse Mercator

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GENERAL COMMENTS

DEPOSIT CHARACTERISTICS

Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m <sup>3</sup> )		Additional Comments	Texture (%)			Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments
		Gravel	Sand		Gravel	Sand	Fines					
<b>LEVEL 3 - Regional Mapping Study Area</b>												
1	sand	360	910	iron stained, fine to medium grained	25	62	10	0.3	1	146	fluvial	1220' on helicopter altimeter
2	sand	242	1242	iron stained, fine to medium grained	15	77	3	0.15	0.75	215	fluvial	1400' on helicopter altimeter
3	gravelly sand	2254	3735	iron stained, fine to medium grained	35	58	2	0.15	2	322	fluvial	1300' on helicopter altimeter
4	gravelly sand	1066	2112	iron stained, fine to medium grained	30	60	5	0.15	2	176	fluvial	1500' on helicopter altimeter
5	sand	128	480	heavily iron stained, fine to coarse grained	20	75	2	0.15	1	64	fluvial	1160' on helicopter altimeter
6	sand			fine to medium grained				0.15-0.35	0.75	5	fluvial	gravelly sand lenses
7	sand			fine grained					1	7	fluvial	clasts primarily oversize

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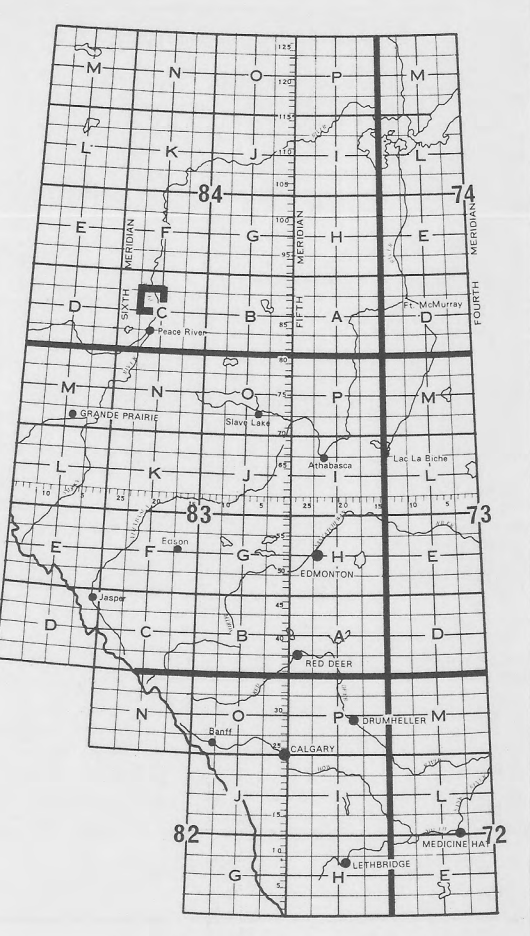
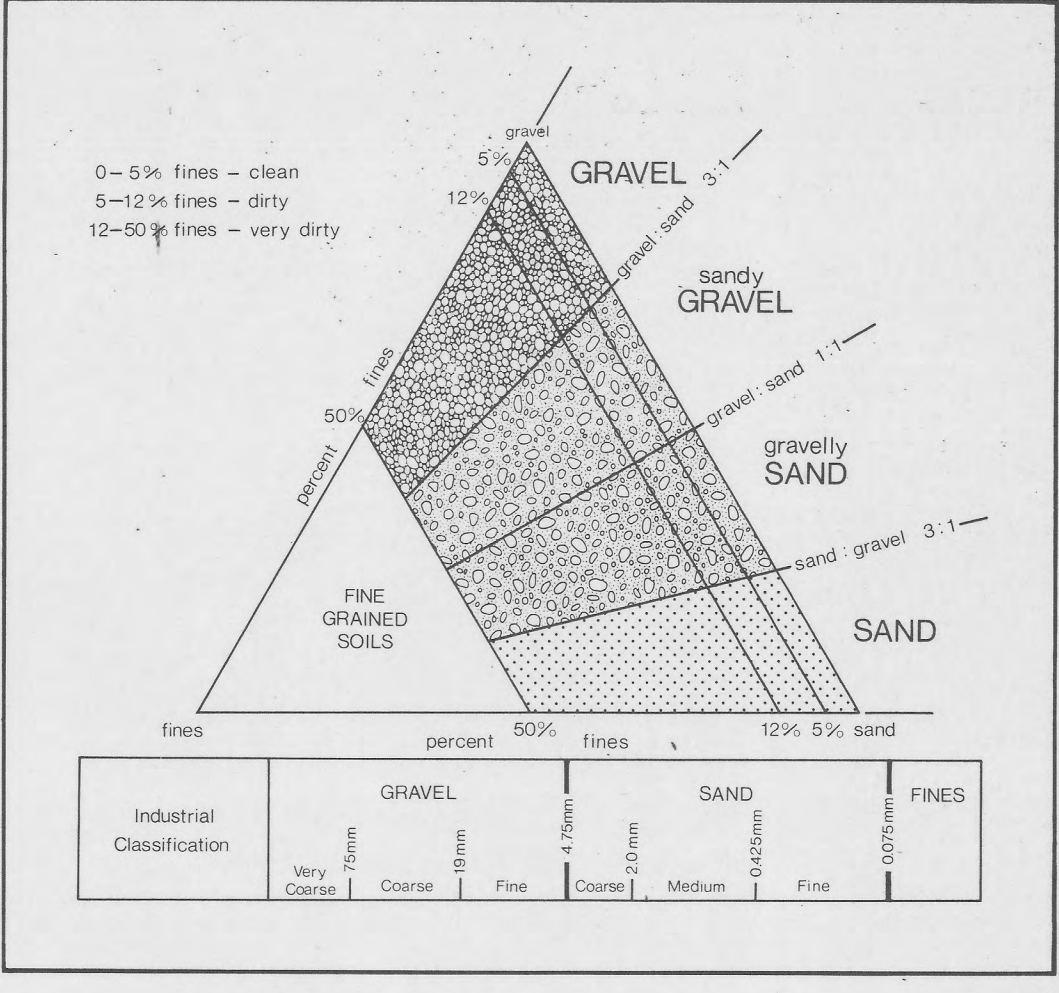
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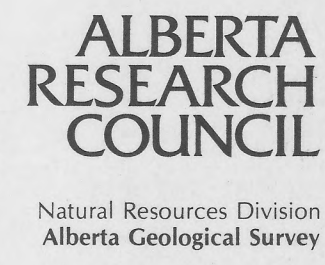
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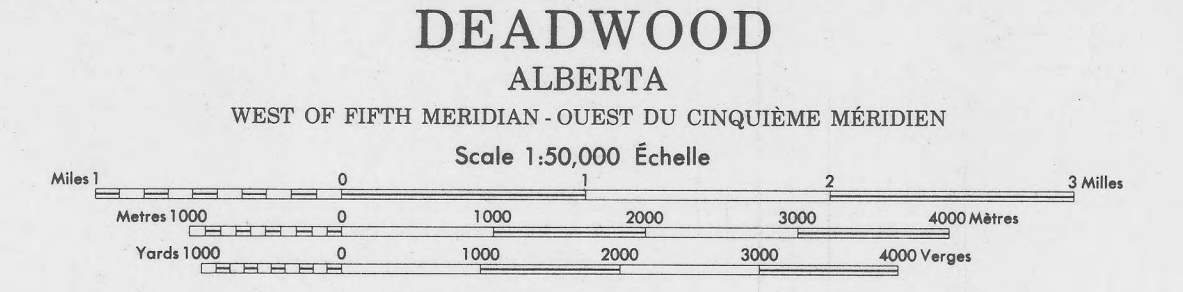
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 FEET  
Elevation in Feet Above Mean Sea Level  
North American Datum 1922  
Projections Transverse Mercator



Scale 1:50,000 Échelle

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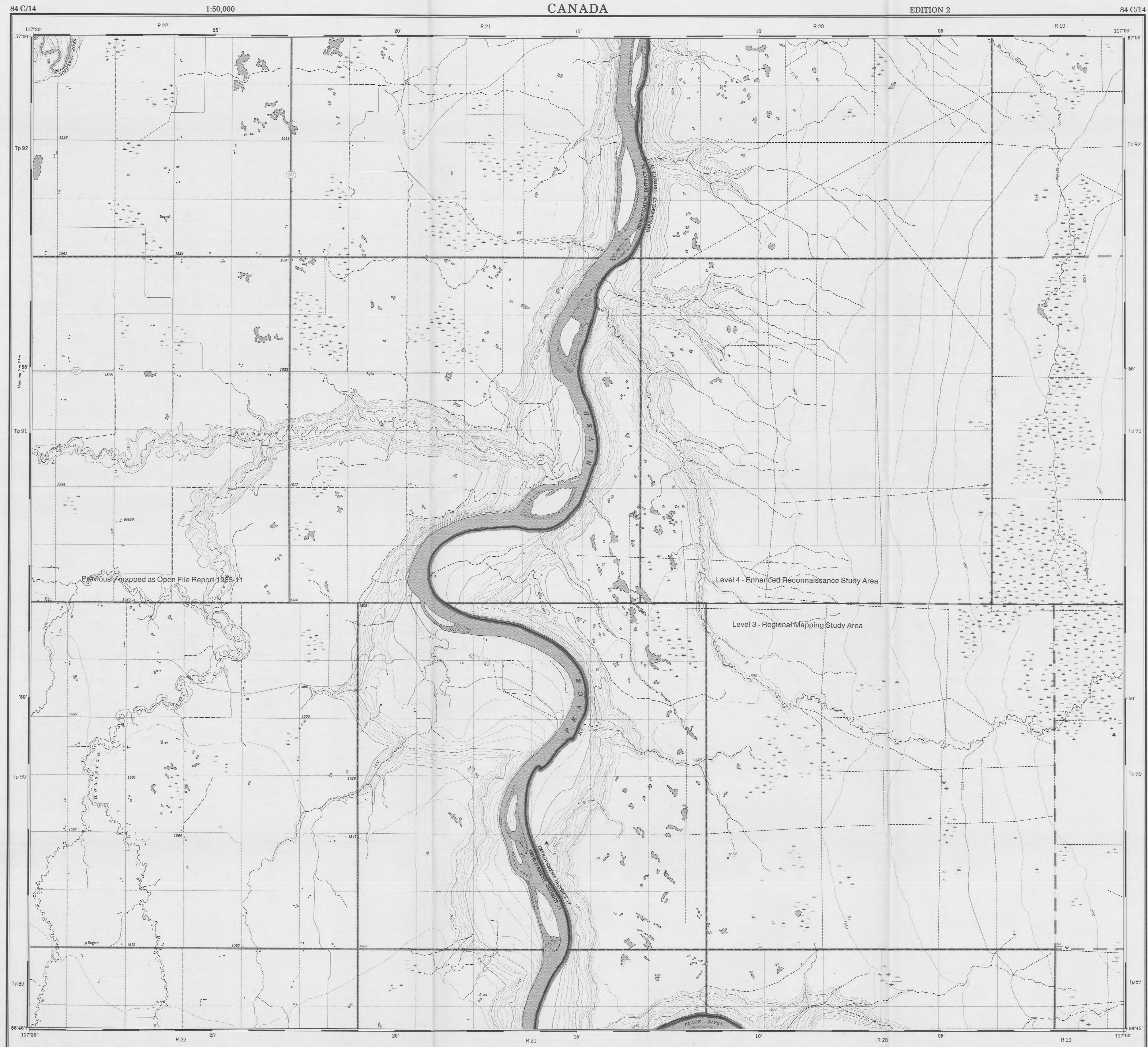
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84C/14 Buchanan Creek



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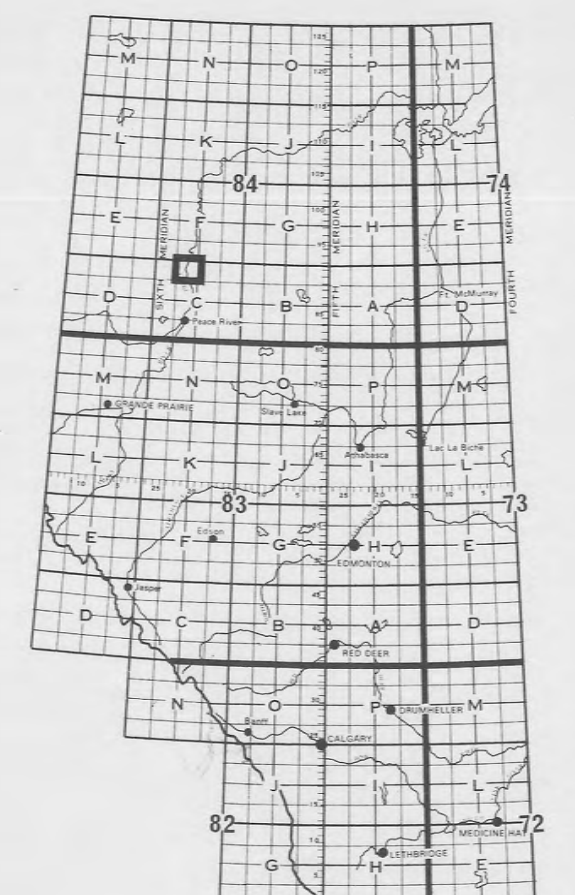
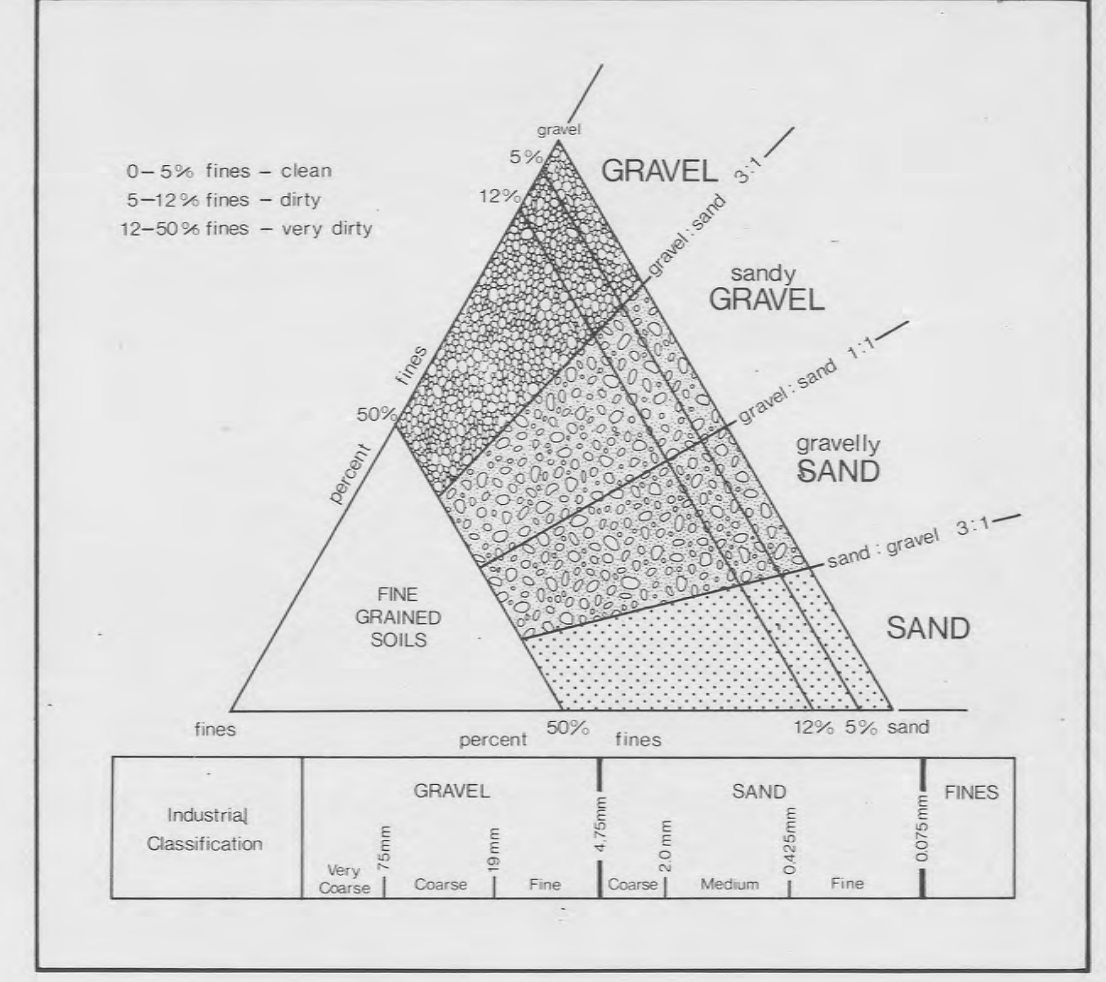
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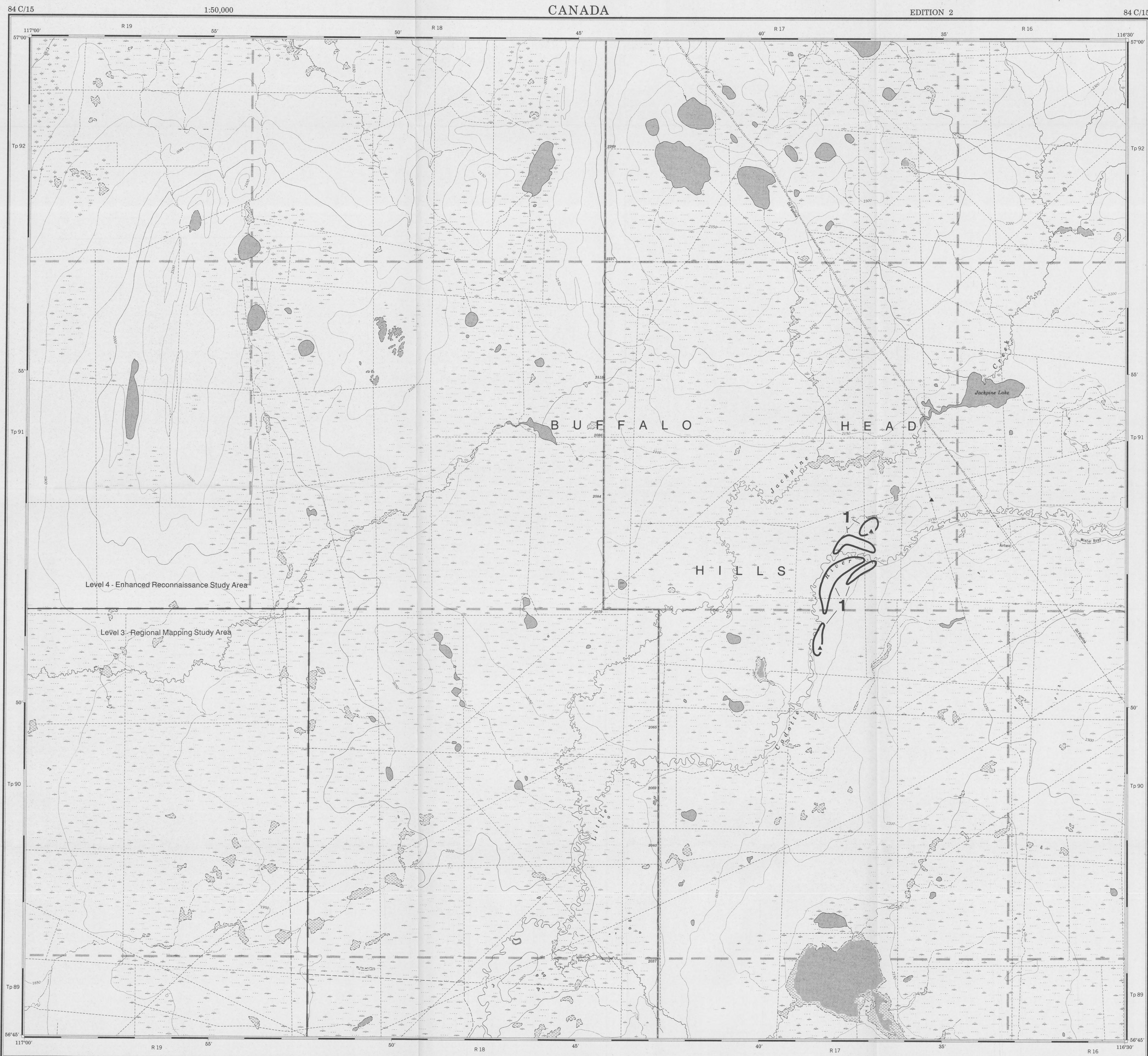
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84C/15 Jackpine Creek



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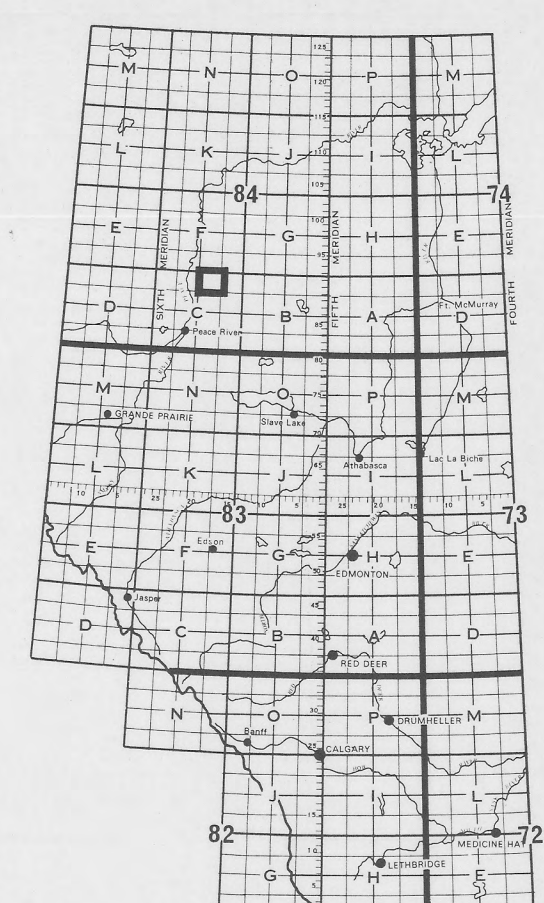
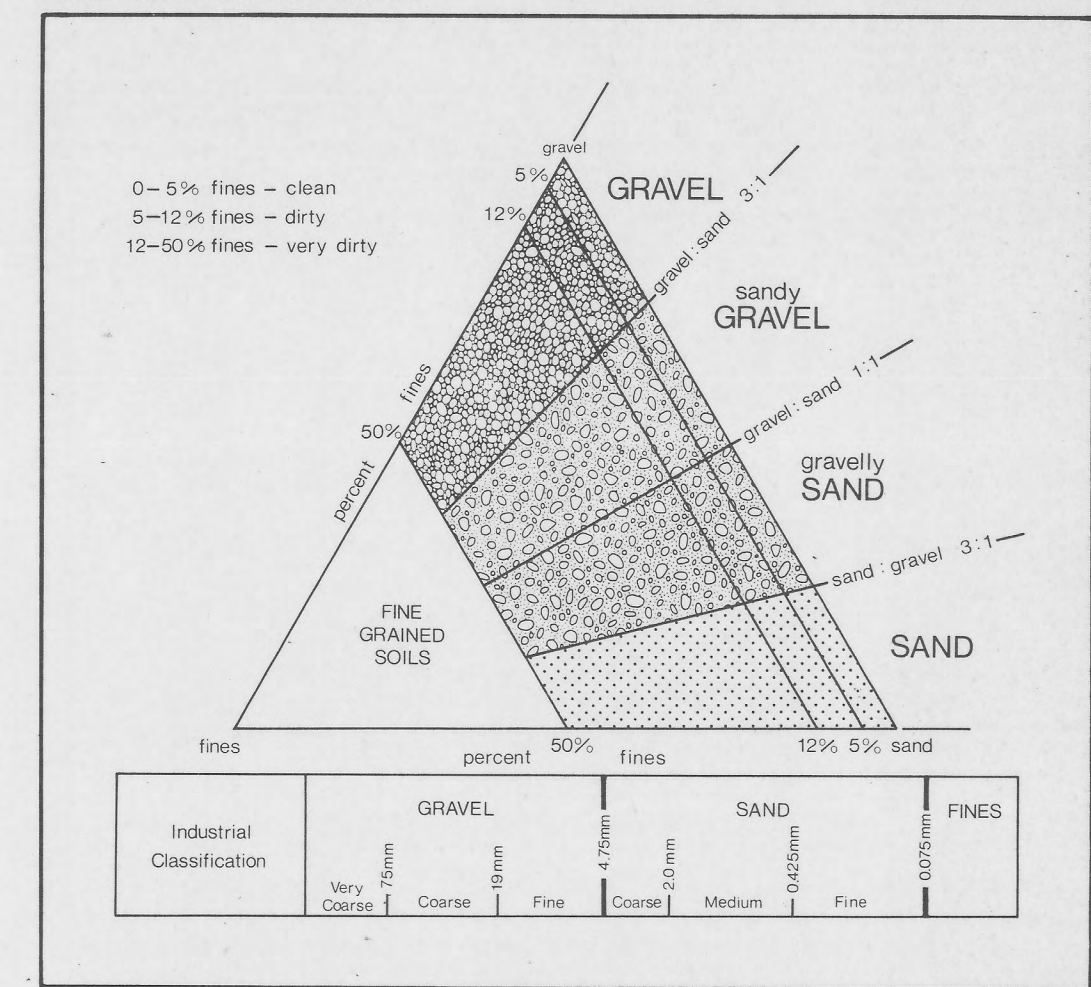
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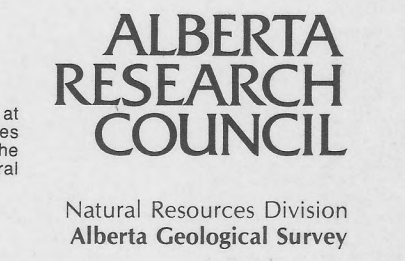
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