Traditional Mountain Hunting Blind Networks of Southern Yukon, Canada.

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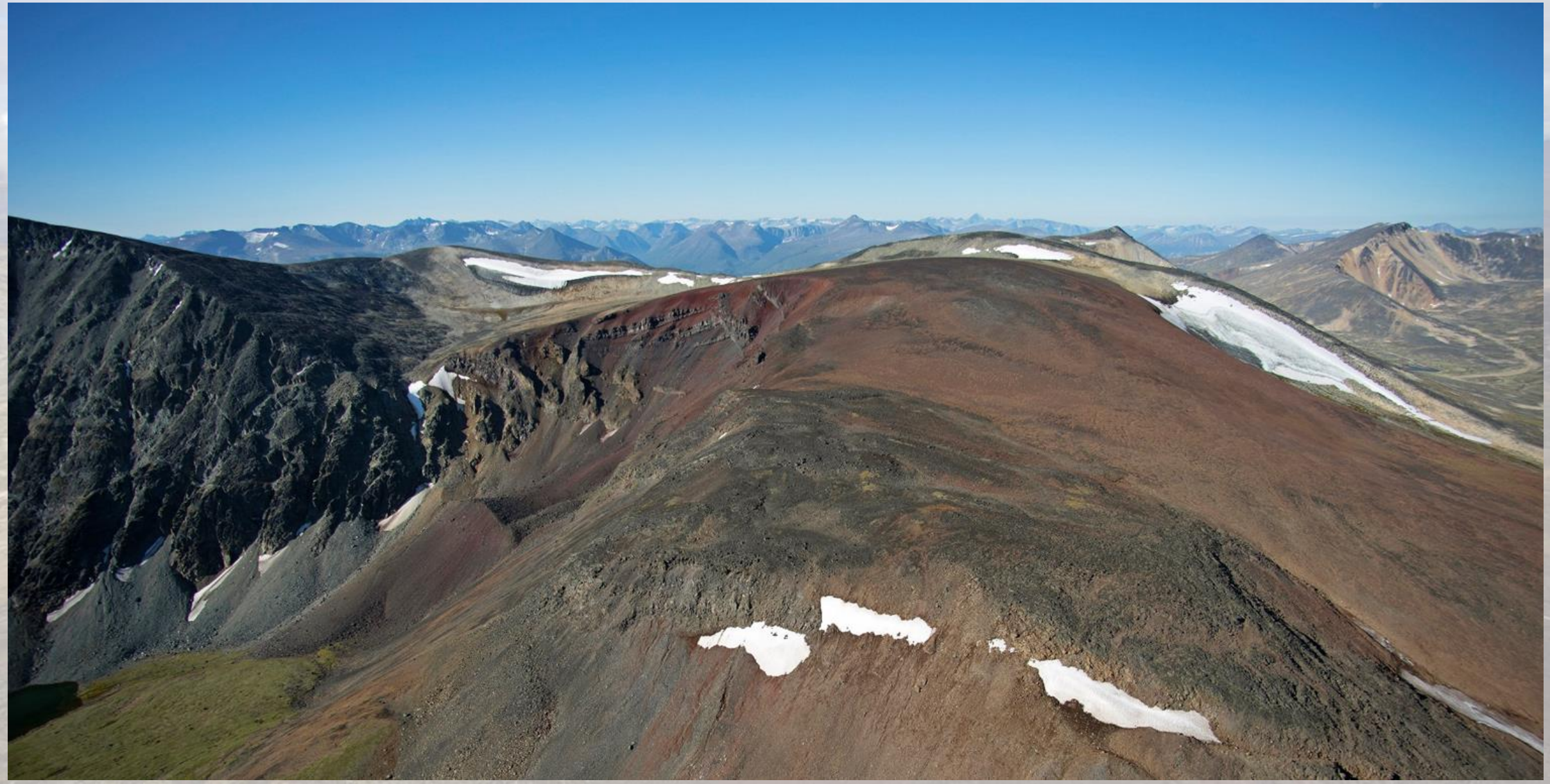
Question: What can the study of ancient uses of mountainscapes contribute to contemporary management of mountains?

- I don’t know!

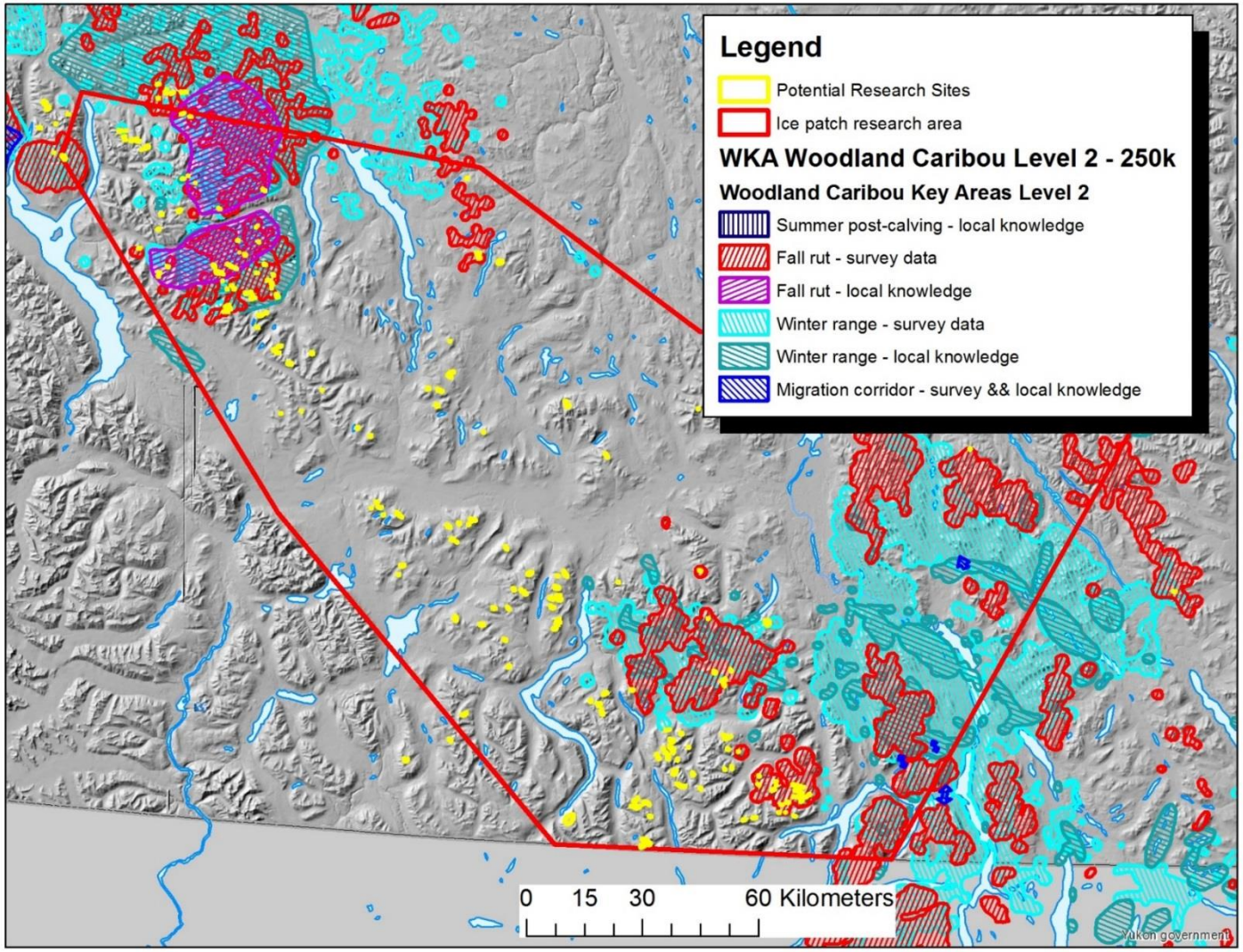
How did the indigenous people of Yukon understand mountains in the Ancient past?

- Mountains were seasonal spaces



What do we find in the Mountains of Yukon?

Summer caribou habitat



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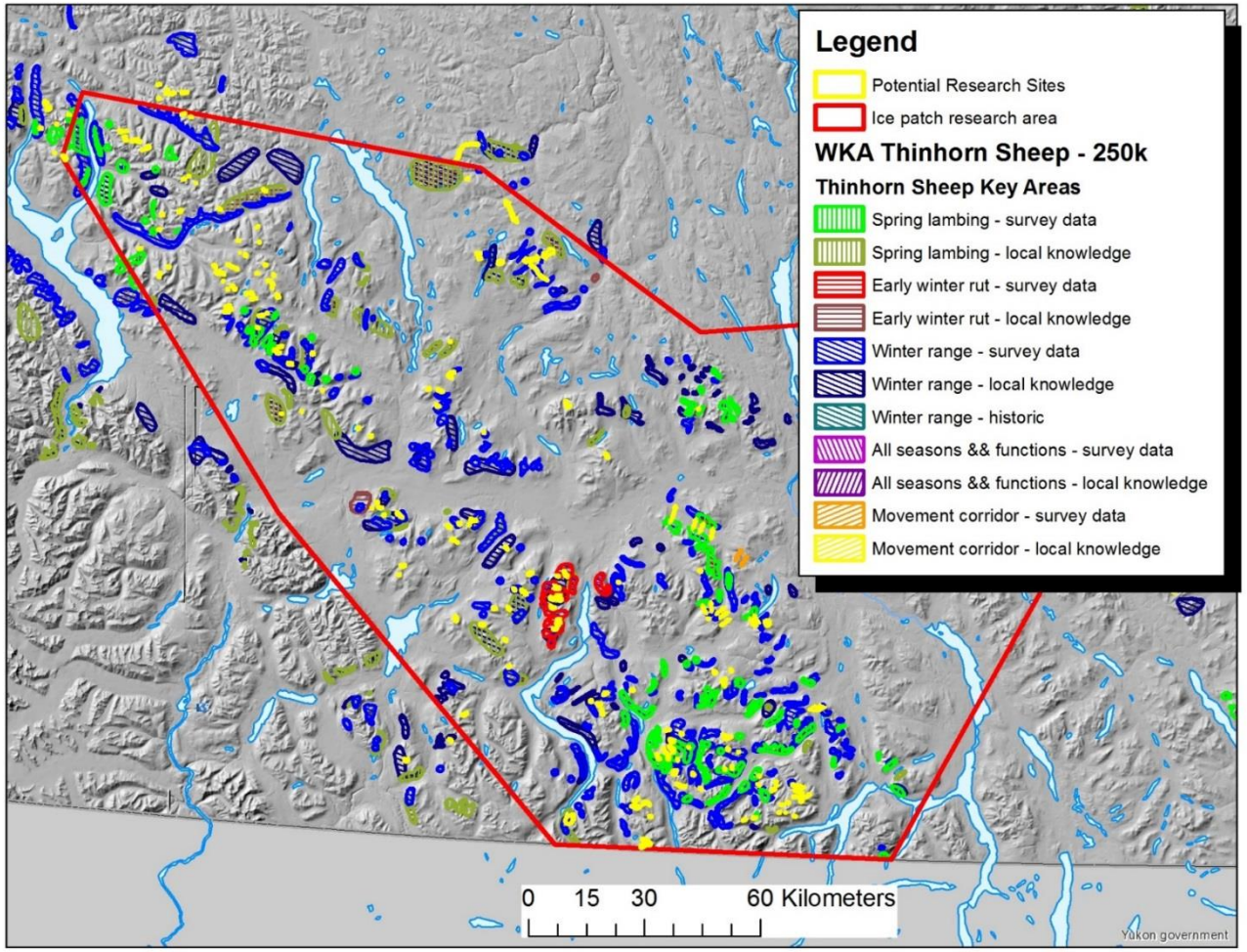
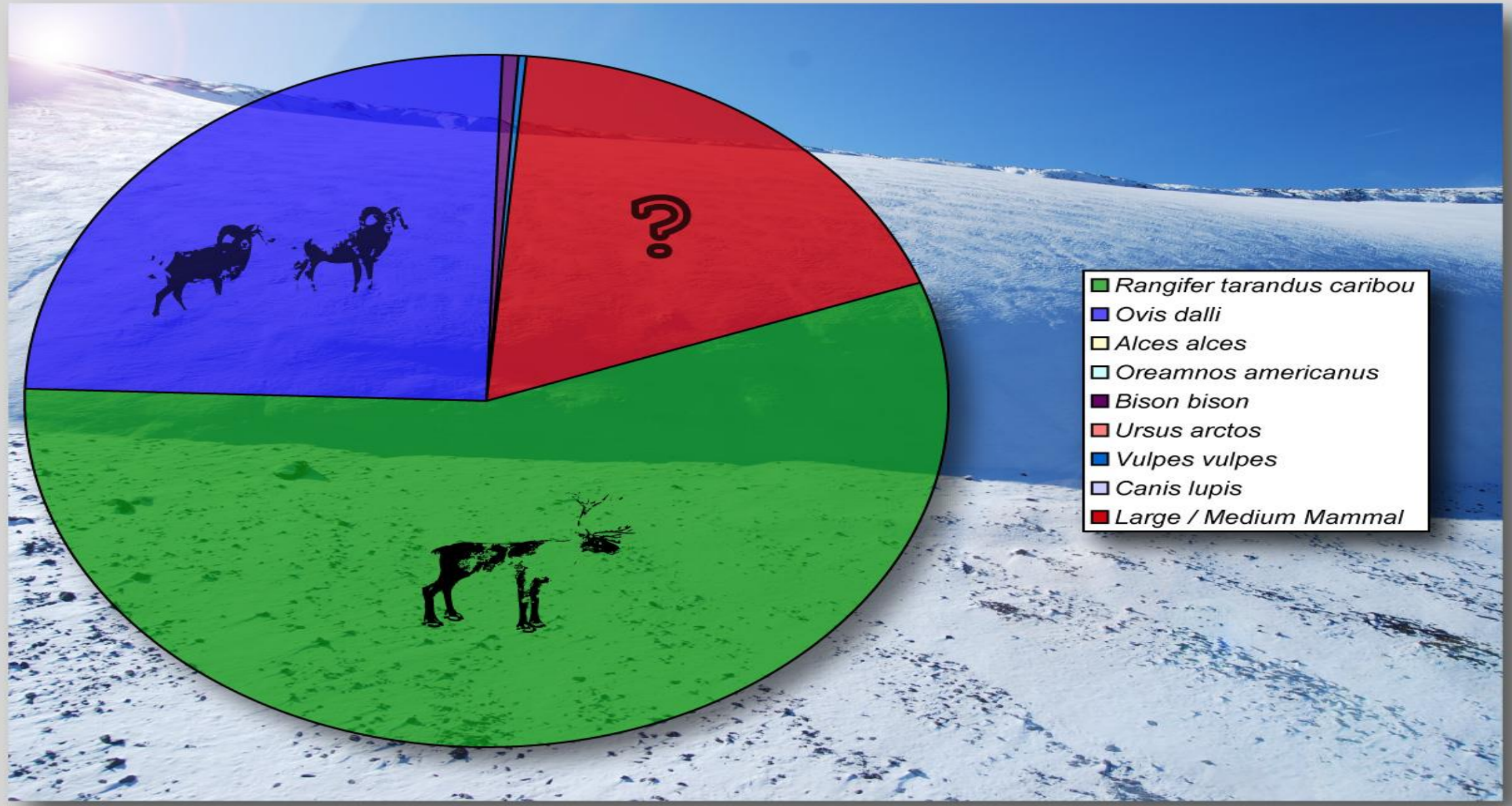
Summer sheep habitat



Paleontological collections: 10,000 year record



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Hunting weapons

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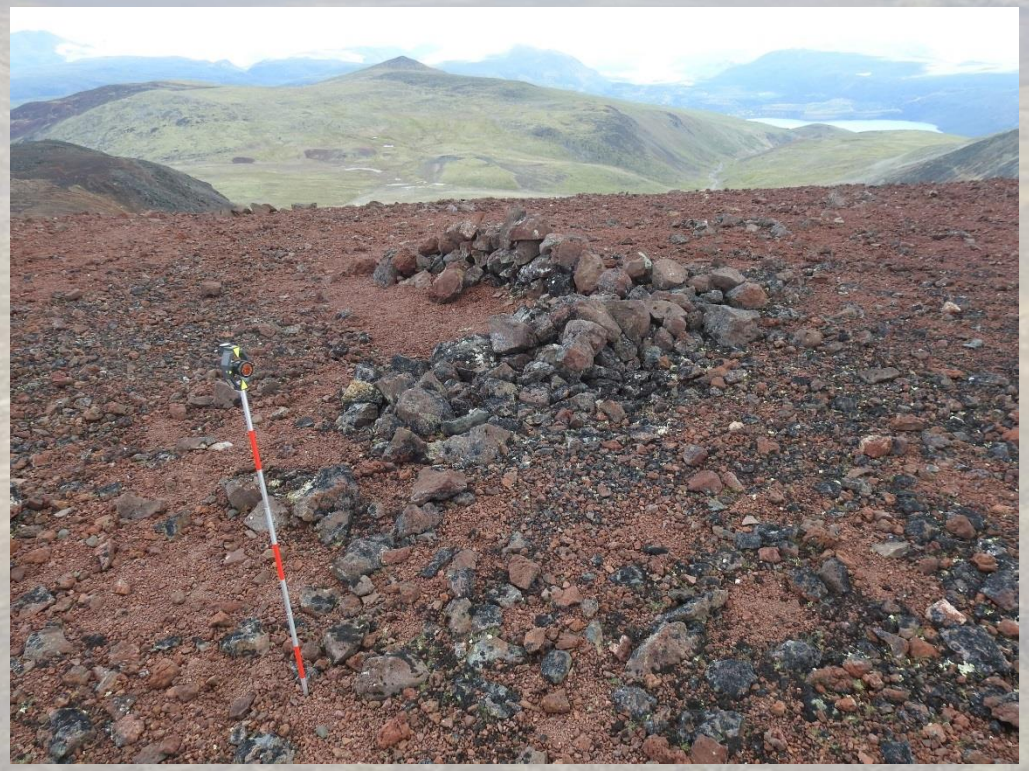
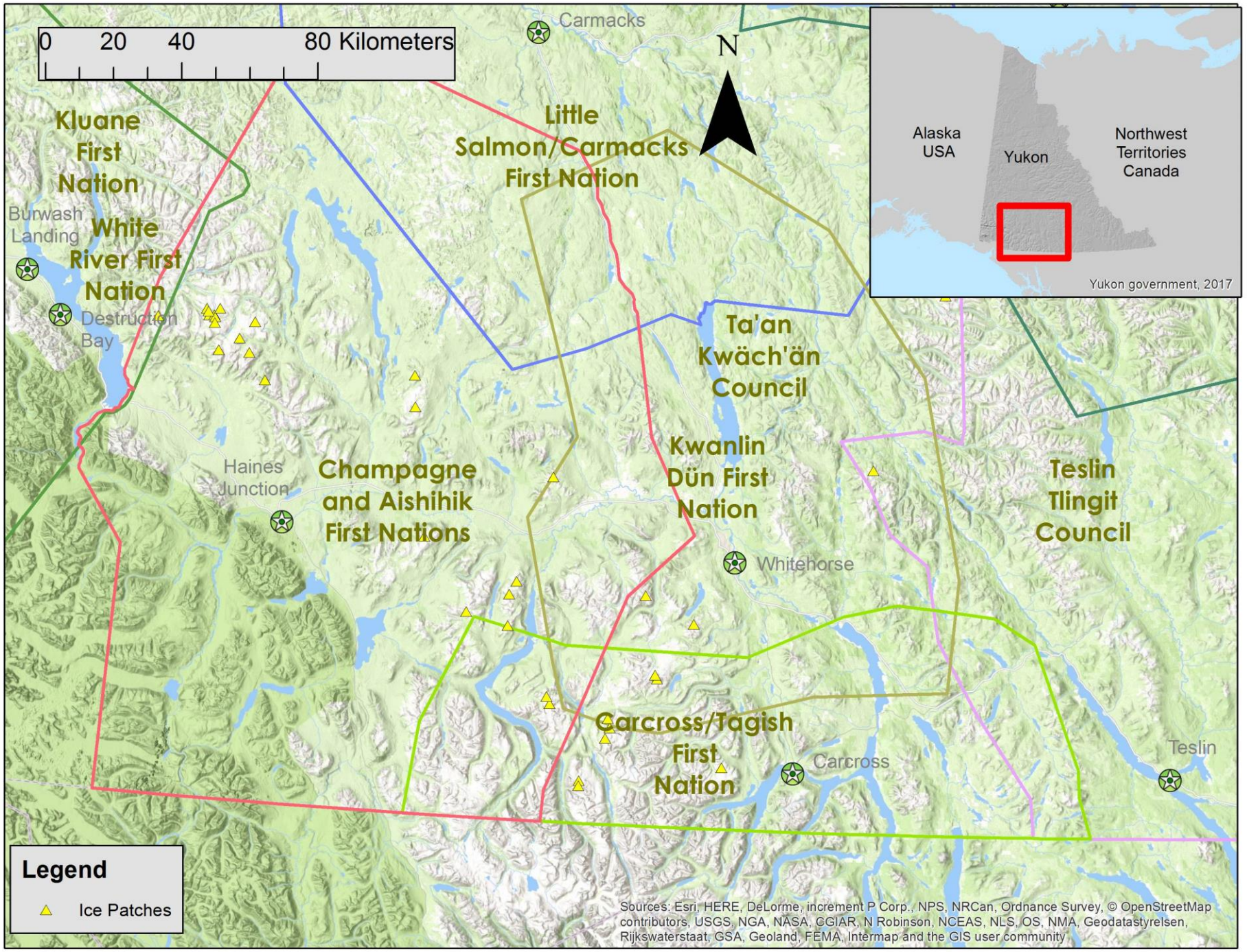
Hunting infrastructure

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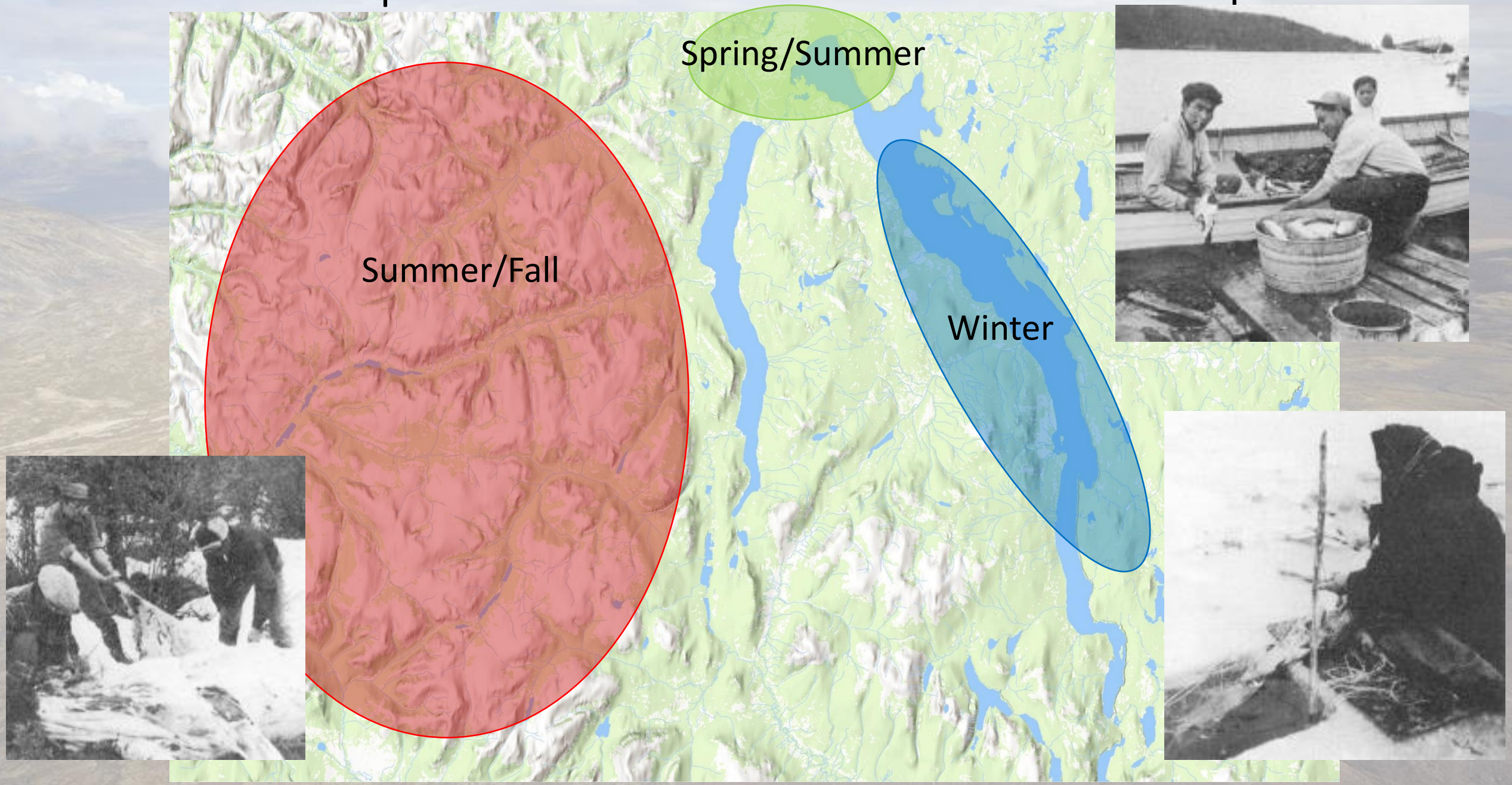
Seasonal spaces: Times are associated with places

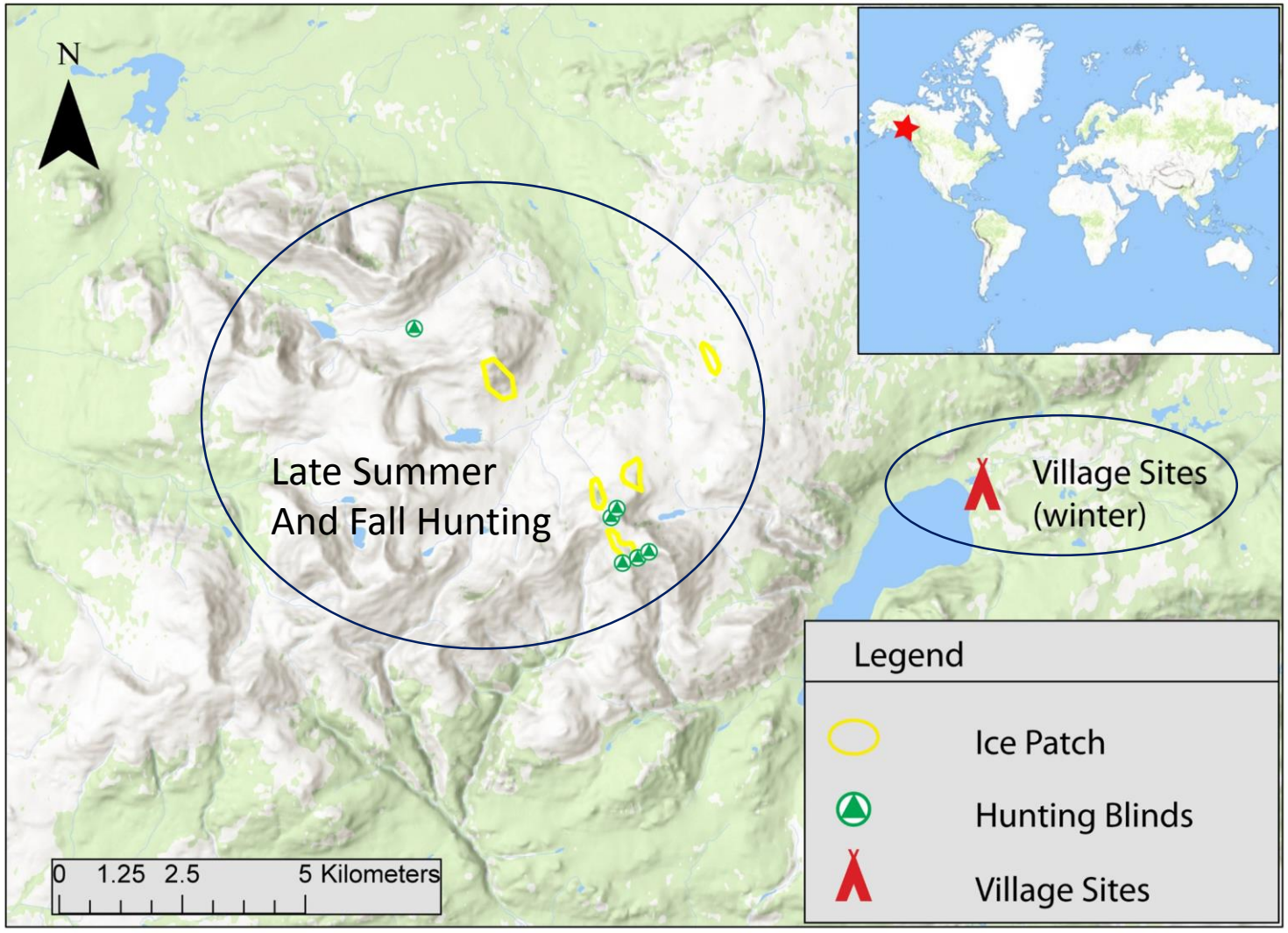


The Tagish and Dän people

- First Nations have lived in Yukon since end of last ice age
- For this entire period they have been a hunting and gathering people
- Extreme fluctuations in seasonal resources availability
- In winter large game species retreat to winter ranges in forested valley bottoms
- Ice patches reveal that people have used these mountains in this way for 9500 years
- Mountains were seasonal spaces

What do we find in the Mountains of Yukon?

Separation of seasonal spaces



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