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Circa 1950-1960 Historical Ortho Imagery

This dataset contains georeferenced, orthophoto maps consisting mainly of photography from between 1949 and 1951 and a few maps with photos from 1961 to 1963. Each of the original maps covers a 1:50,000 NTS sheet at a scale of 1:63,360. The data covers the entire province of Alberta.

The original orthophoto maps were provided by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation. In 2008 the former Alberta Research Council, current Alberta Innovates Technology Futures, scanned most of the maps in collaboration with the University of Alberta Map Library. Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) scanned last 20 missing tiles in 2015 after Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) staff located them. The scanning was done on an HP Designjet 820 mfp scanner at a resolution of 1,000 DPI. The georeferencing was implemented by ABMI using 2.5-metre panchromatic SPOT imagery for 2012. The output resolution is a 1.22 metres.

Accuracy Report

Positional accuracy of the data was implemented by AESRD staff in 2015: 206.49 m horizontal accuracy at 95% confidence level. The imagery was compared to the 2013 SPOT 6 imagery (1.5 m) as the control using Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) standards. Because of the age and quality of the imagery being tested, it was very difficult to obtain good anthropogenic control points as there was often no human development in large portions of the province at that time period.

A total of 643 control points were used and spaced out to try and obtain at least one control point per 50,000 NTS sheet. Intersections of surveyed roads were used when available. In areas where there was no human development, natural features such as lakes, rivers or stands of timber were used when it was obvious there was no change over the 50 to 60 year time span.

A few NTS sheets could not have been sampled due to the lack of control points. In particular the mountainous portions of the province were impossible to sample due to the extreme variability of the oblique views of the older photos. Another consideration is the method in which the orthophoto maps were created. The technology at the time made it very difficult to align features to their true location due to the lack of reference information. As well, due to the inherent distortions in the photos themselves, it was not always possible to align the photos properly as they did not have the “rubber-sheeting” capability available to modern digital methods.

Time Period

Ground Condition: – 1949 to 1953 and 1961 to 1963

Coordinate System

Datum: North American 1983

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator

Zone: 12 North

Well known ID: 26912; Authority: EPSG

Orthophoto Map Tile Raster Information

File Format: Geotiff

Pixel Type: Unsigned Integer

Pixel Depth: 8 Bit

Appendix A – List of Orthophoto Map Tiles

Orthophoto Map Tile number and acquisition date

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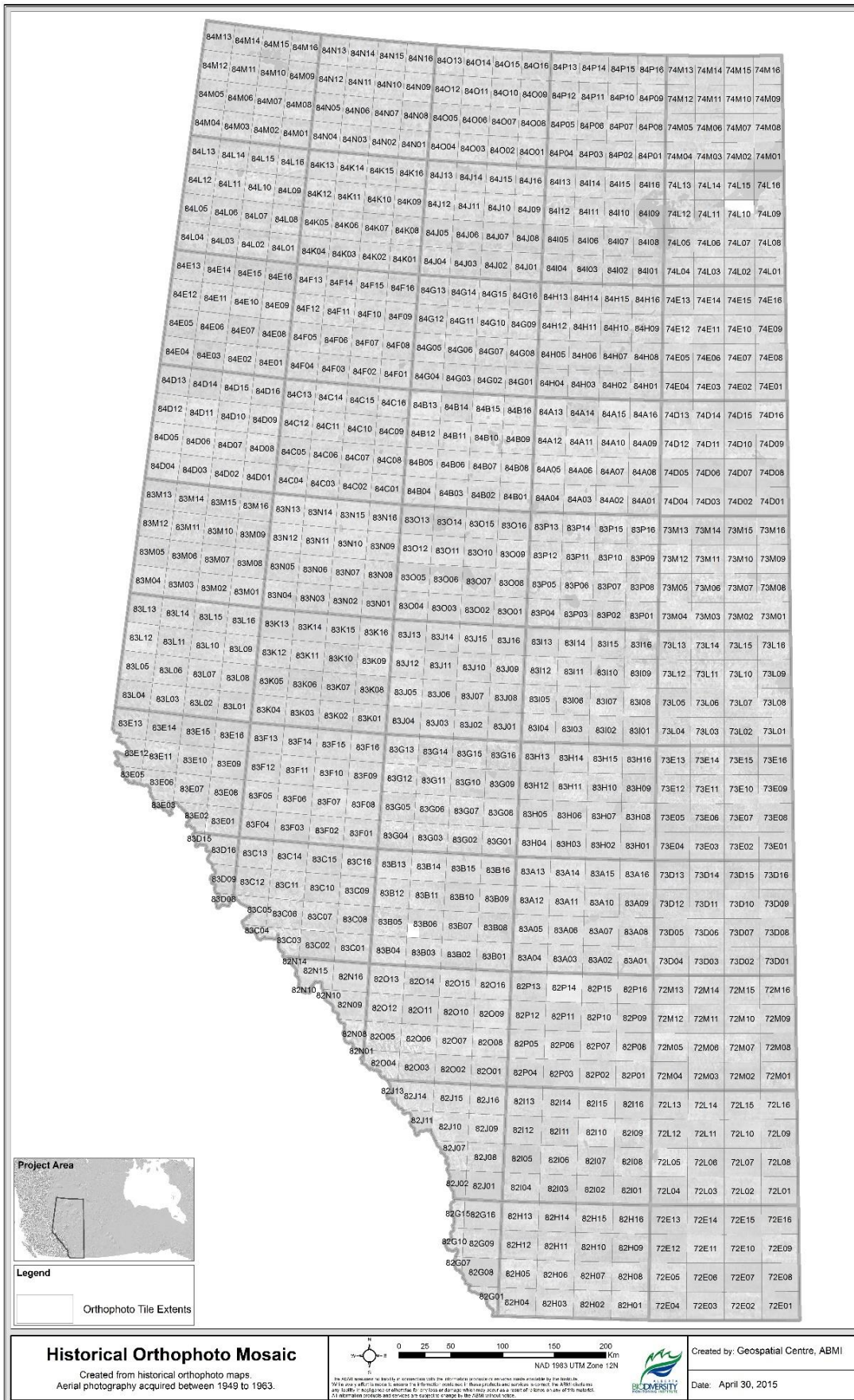
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Appendix B – Map of Orthophoto Map Tiles



Also available for download as layered and georeferenced PDF - [ABMI_Historical_Orthophoto_cca1950_Map_Tiles_Index.pdf](#).

Appendix C – Metadata

Metadata for each individual orthophoto map tile are stored in ASCII text file following this naming convention: **[TILE_NAME]_metadata.txt** (Example: 72E01_metadata.txt).

Metadata file contains following information:

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ul = coordinates of upper left corner

ur = coordinates of upper right corner

lr = coordinates of lower right corner

ll = coordinates of lower left corner

heading = rotation of orthophoto map tile in degrees

pixel_size = spatial resolution (cell size) of orthophoto map tile in meters

length = length of orthophoto map tile in x direction in meters (including NoData pixels!)

width = width of orthophoto map tile in y direction in meters (including NoData pixels!)

Example: 72E01_metadata.txt

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