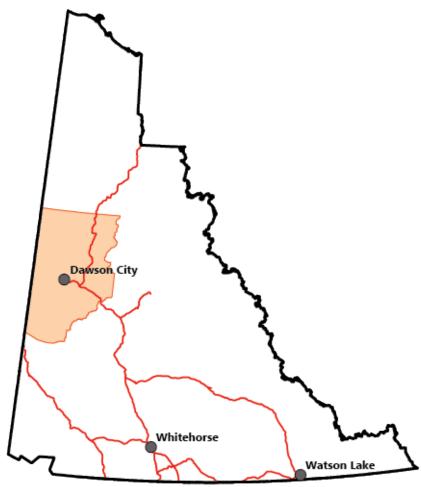
Research and monitoring activities and needs related to ABoVE and POLAR activities

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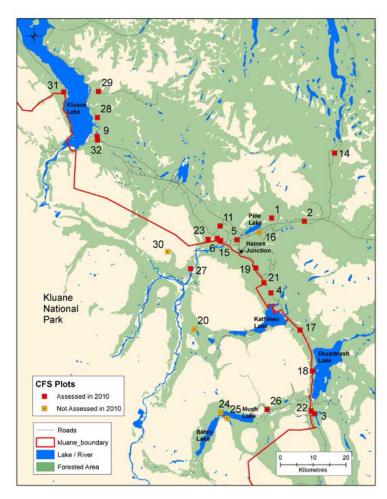
Ongoing research and monitoring *Related to ABoVe and POLAR activities*

- Dawson Forest Monitoring-expanding long-term forest monitoring utilizing permanent sample plots (planning in 2015/16)
- Monitoring Forest Health in Yukon (Dawson area in 2015) with Aerial and Ground Surveys
- Spruce bark beetle plots in the Haines Junction area (response of southwestern Yukon forests to spruce beetle)
- YG has ability to share new forest inventory in the South/ central Yukon (3 million hectares)

Map of Study Area, Dawson Forest Zone



Map of Study Area, Haines Junction Area



<u>Planned</u> research and monitoring Related to ABoVe and POLAR activities

- Dawson Forest Monitoring-expanding long-term forest monitoring utilizing permanent sample plots (establishing PSPs in 2016)
- Monitoring Forest Health in Yukon with Aerial and Ground Surveys in 2016 (north central Yukon)
- Measuring of spruce bark beetle plots in the Haines Junction area (response of southwestern Yukon forests to spruce beetle)

Management related research & monitoring <u>needs</u> Related to ABoVe and POLAR activities

- Interested in weather changes and how forests are changing and impacting forest health, silviculture practices and wood supply.
- Interested in gathering baseline vegetation data of northern communities (for example Old Crow)
- Specifically interested in southern 2/3 of Yukon (Boreal Cordillera)