Annual Thaw Depths and Water Depths in Tanana Flats, Alaska, Version 1

USER GUIDE

How to Cite These Data

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1 DATA DESCRIPTION

Thaw depths and water depths were monitored at 1 m to 2 m intervals along a 255-m transect across an area of discontinuous and degrading permafrost on the Tanana Flats south of Fairbanks, Alaska. Measurements were taken once a year in late August from 1995 to 2002 to show effects of winter snow depths, climate warming, and vegetation and wetland creation-surface subsidence. Data are in a single tab-delimited ASCII text file, available via FTP.

1.1 Parameters

Thaw depth (cm) was measured each August in 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2002. Water depth (cm) was measured in August 2000 and 2002.

1.2 File Information

1.2.1 Format

The file ggd623_thawdepth_tanana.txt is in tab-delimited ASCII text format. Columns represent distance along the transect (m) from a reference rebar and thaw depth (cm) each August in 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2002. Water depth (cm) was measured in August 2000 and 2002.

Following image shows a series of records from ggd623_thawdepth_tanana.txt:

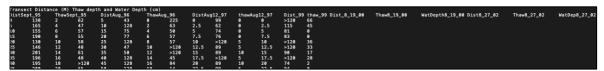


Figure 1. Image of Data

thaw depth was greater than the length of the probe (120 cm), then that record is assigned a value of >120 cm.

The file "ggd623_thawdepth_tanana.txt" is 2.67 KB.

1.2.2 Naming Convention

ggd623_thawdepth_tanana.txt

1.3 Spatial Information

1.3.1 Coverage

Data were collected in an area of discontinuous and degrading permafrost on the Tanana Flats south of Fairbanks, Alaska. Coordinates are 64.7°N, 147.9°W.

1.4 Temporal Information

1.4.1 Coverage

Data were collected once a year in August of 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2002.

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