

NUCAPS in Forecast Operations in Alaska

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MIS 33
VT: 12 / 0500 UTC
TEMPS -65C OR LESS
ABV FL350
MOV E 15KT. NC.

UHPP SIGMET 10 & 11
SEV TURB FCST SFC-FL200
SEV ICE FCST SFC-160

RJJJ 1 4 101630Z
JJ 1 2 100920Z

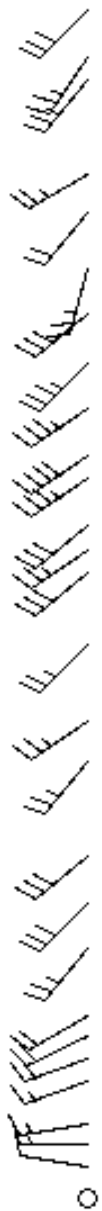
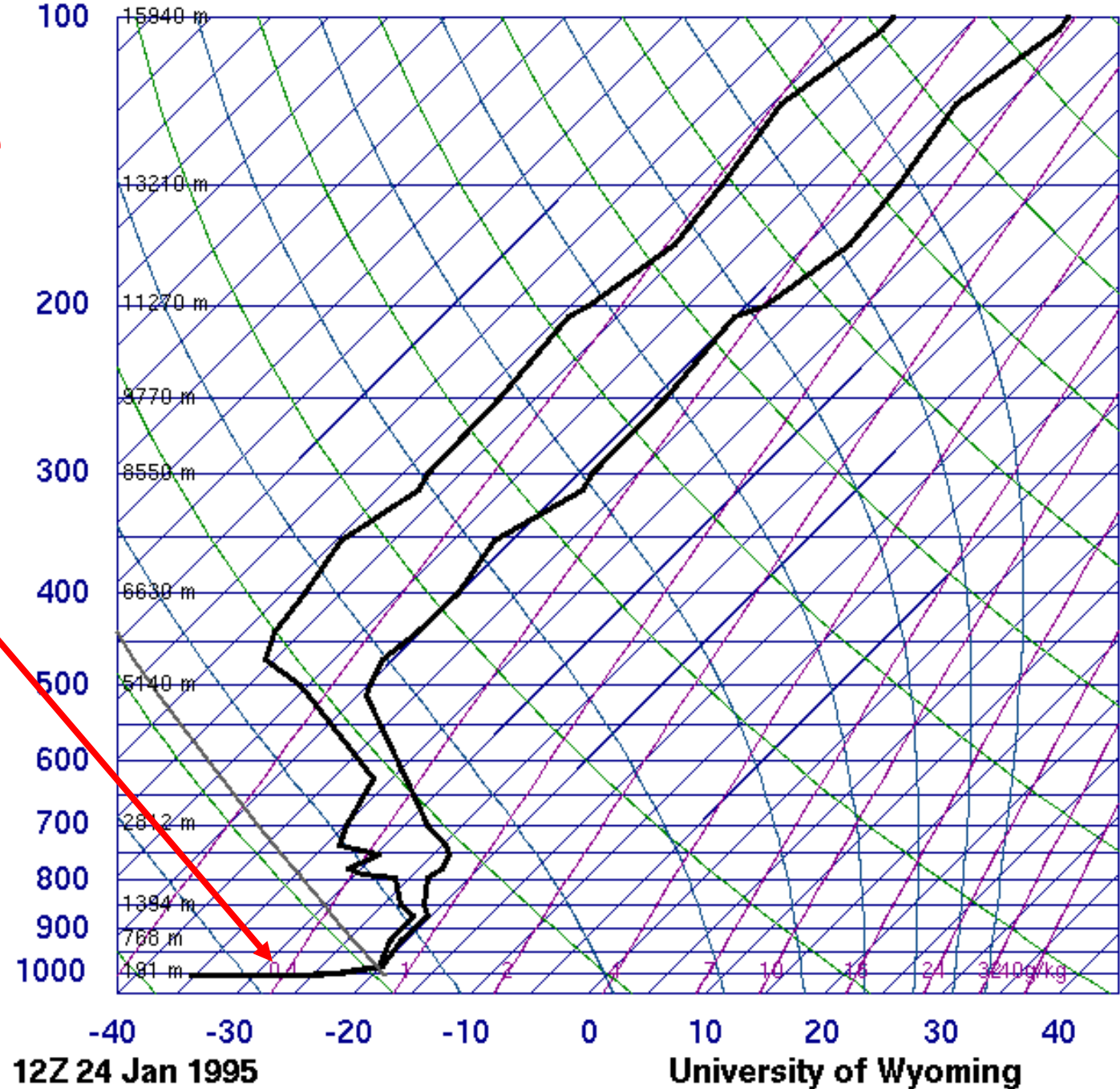
CZEG F 1 080355Z

CZVR J 1 100502Z

CZVR B 3 072204Z

Temperature rise
of 15F in bottom
174ft of the
atmosphere

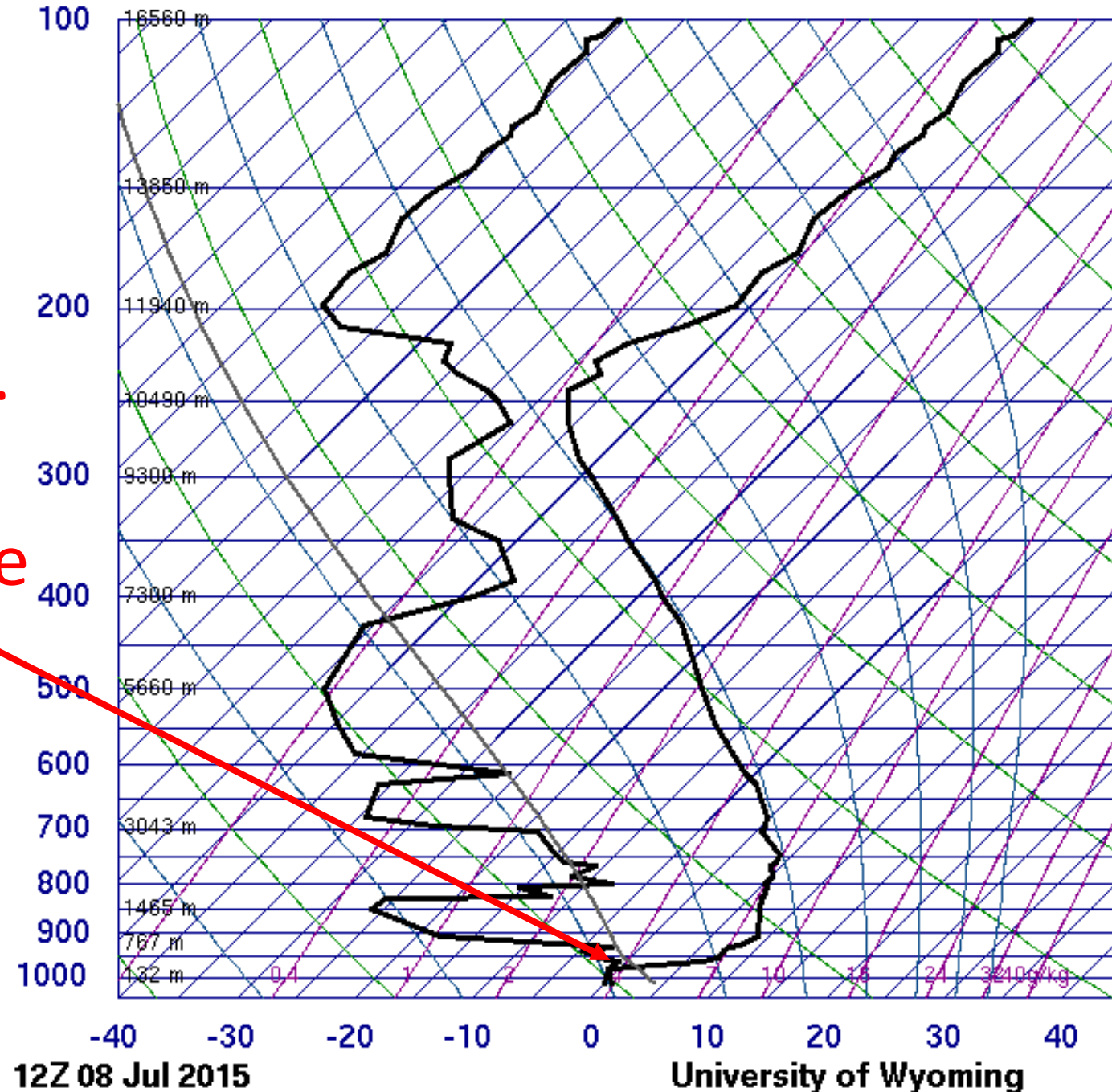
70261 PAFA Fairbanks



SLAT	64.80
SLON	-147.86
SELV	138.0
SHOW	10.68
LIFT	18.56
LFTV	18.57
SWET	59.01
KINX	-7.20
CTOT	21.30
VTOT	23.20
TOTL	44.50
CAPE	0.00
CAPV	0.00
CINS	0.00
CINV	0.00
EQLV	-9999
EQTV	-9999
LFCT	-9999
LFCV	-9999
BRCH	0.00
BRCV	0.00
LCLT	251.3
LCLP	963.8
MLTH	254.0
MLMR	0.72
THCK	4949.
PWAT	2.85

70026 PABR Barrow

Ceiling 300ft.
Visibility 2 miles...
but variable
between 1 1/4 mile
and 4 miles



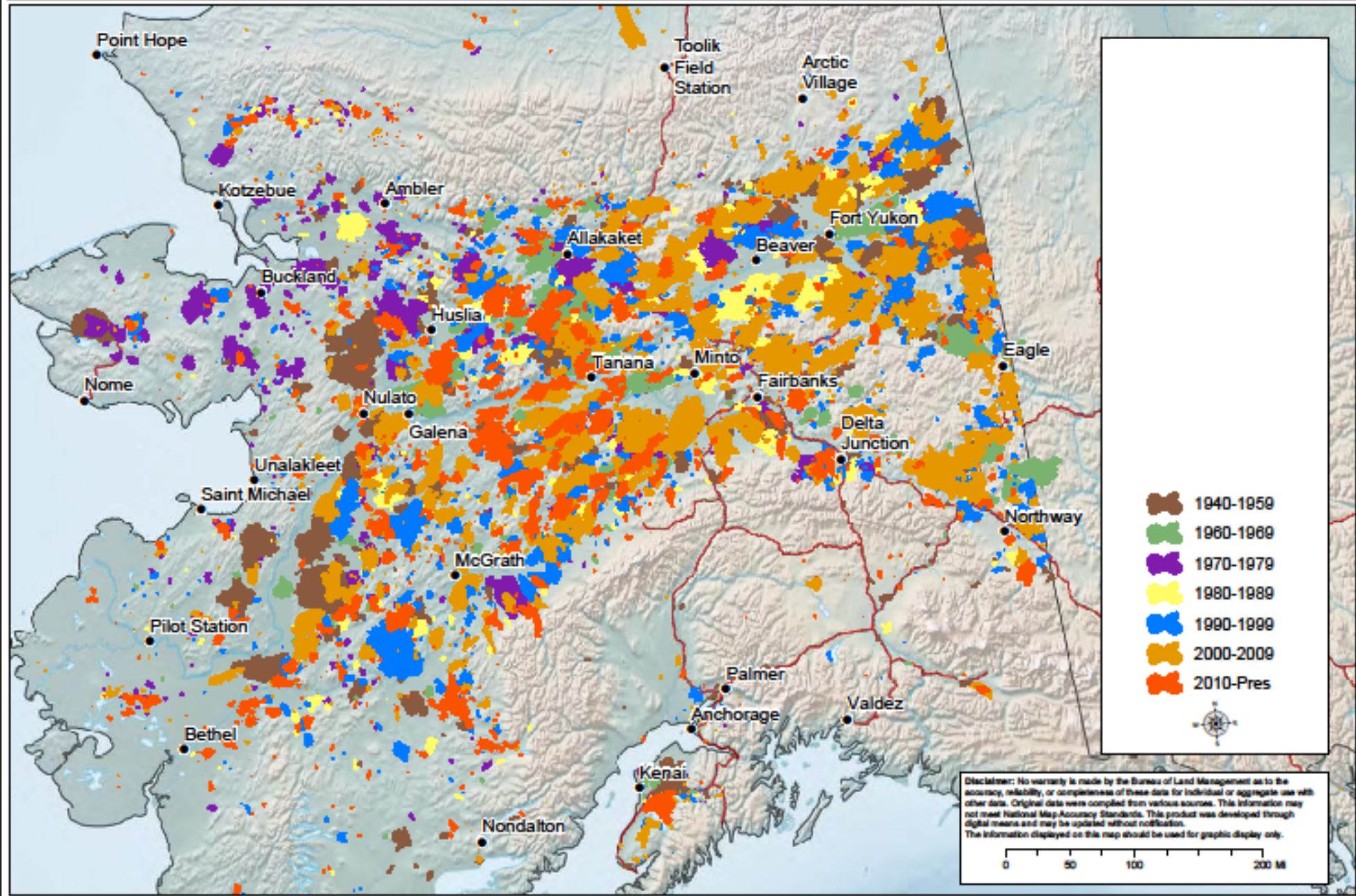
SLAT	71.28
SLON	-156.79
SELV	19.00
SHOW	15.62
LIFT	22.02
LFTV	21.99
SWET	48.99
KINX	-24.3
CTOT	-9.30
VTOT	23.70
TOTL	14.40
CAPE	0.00
CAPV	0.00
CINS	0.00
CINV	0.00
EQLV	-9999
EQTV	-9999
LFCT	-9999
LFCV	-9999
BRCH	0.00
BRCV	0.00
LCLT	271.9
LCLP	944.9
MLTH	276.3
MLMR	3.71
THCK	5528.
PWAT	7.36



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Fire History 1940 to Present



NUCAPS and Wildfires in Alaska: Challenges

- Tame wildfire seasons in 2016 and 2017
- Wildfire behavior dependent on more than just weather
 - Firstly, something has to be on fire
 - Topography
 - Fuels
 - Firefighting Efforts
- Swing for the fences: A variant of the “Haines Index” that works well for Alaska



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