

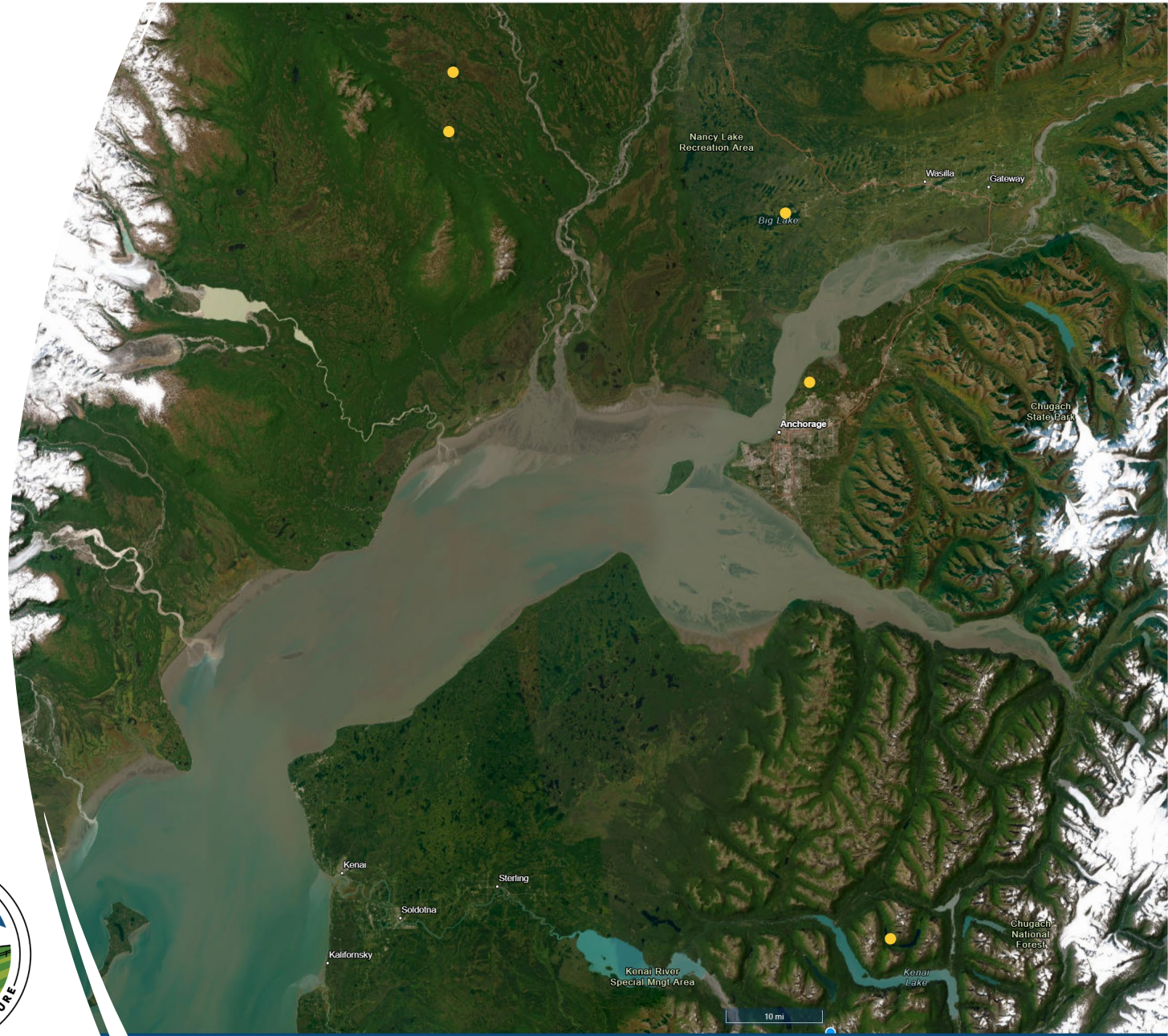
# Overview of ADNR Elodea 2024

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- Alexander Lake – Mat-Su
- Sucker Lake(s) – Mat-Su
- Big Lake (Flat & Mirror) - Mat-Su
- Lower Sixmile Lake – JBER Anc.
- Crescent Lake – USFS – Kenai



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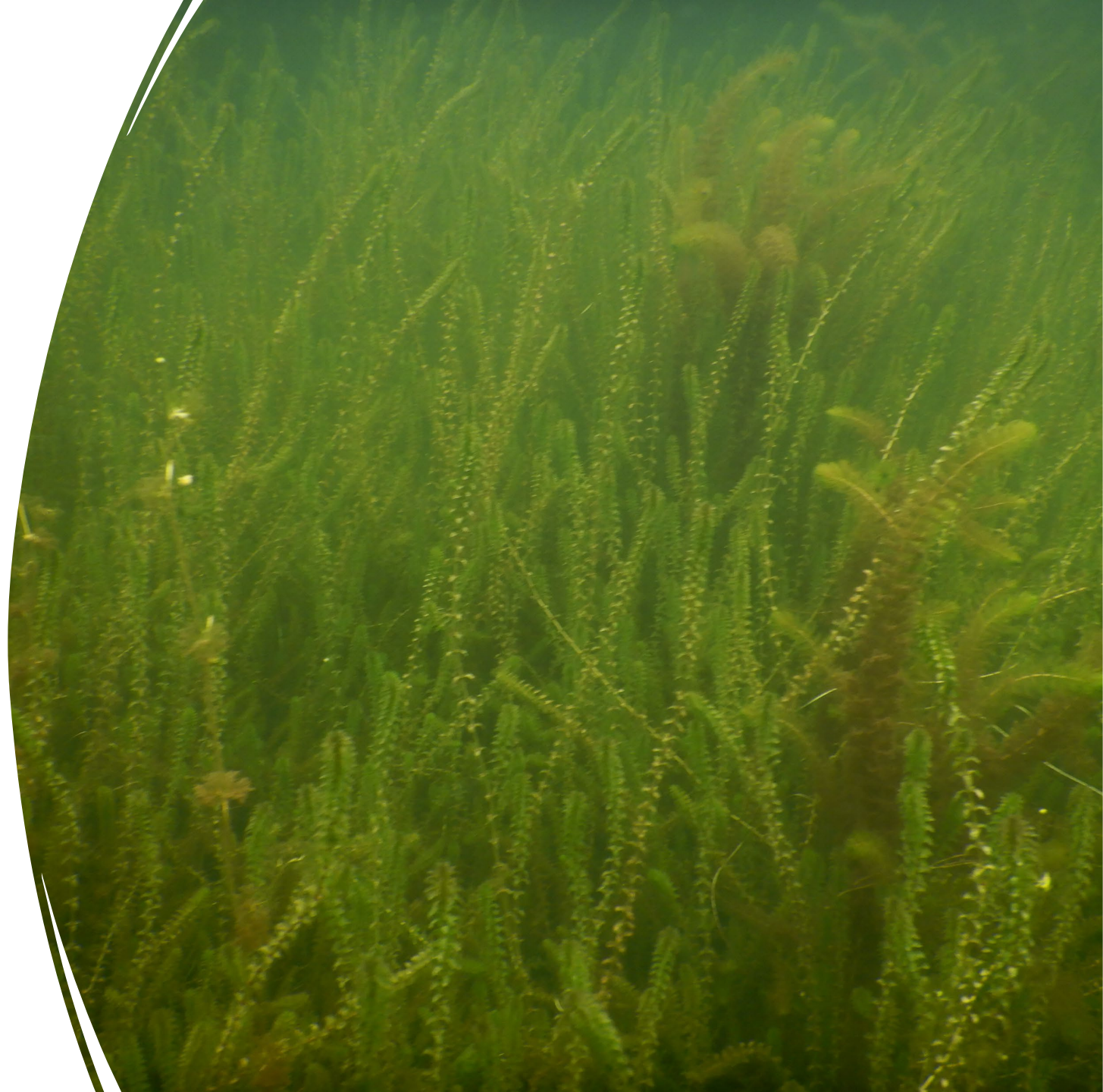




# What is Elodea?

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- Elodea is a non-native / invasive / quarantined plant– 1<sup>st</sup> known AIS plant in Alaska.
- Elodea is an underwater perennial plant that forms tangled masses in lakes, ponds, and slow-moving flowing water.
- Elodea primarily reproduces by stem fragmentation and spreading root systems.
- A single broken plant fragments can root to form new plants.
- Typically displays whirls of 3 leaf patterns.
- Elodea prefers cool, clear, still/slow waters with silty/ soft bottoms. But very adaptive.
- It is a hardy perennial that does not fully die back and can survive harsh winters under ice.







# Alexander Lake Elodea Treatment 2024

- Alexander Lake – 700 acres (+)
- Sonar One pellets - 859 pails  
~17,000 lbs. ~\$600,000/YR
- Systemic herbicide – Fluridone
- Three applications
  - June 24, July 24, August 21
  - FastEST Results
    - 7/24/2024 4.0 to 60ppb, ~21.8ppb
    - 8/22/2024 1.3 to 40ppb, ~11.5ppb
    - 9/26/2024 1.5 to 3.4ppb, ~1.8ppb
- Mixed results, lots of Elodea, we might be at “year 1”
- Funding through AKSSF grant
  - Pending proposal for 2025 TX





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Alexander Lake

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# Sucker Lake(s) Elodea Treatment 2024

- Sucker Lake West – 74 acres ~ \$35K/YR
- Sucker Lake North – 109 acres ~ \$46k/YR
- Sucker Lake South – 172 acres ~ \$50k/YR
- Drip station on West Sucker (Nesbett)
  - Sonar A.S. & Sonar One (Fluridone)
  - SATT Drip Station ~ 60 days
  - 3 pellet applications - June 27, July 22, August 19
  - FastEST Results
    - 7/22/2024 3 to 7.5ppb, ~5.3ppb
    - 8/19/2024 1 to 1.3ppb, ~1.2ppb
- Sucker Lake North and South Surveyed
  - Reinfested, rapid response containment treatment initiated
  - Diquat dibromide – contact herbicide
  - 2 treatments - July 23, August 20
- North & South Lakes Infestation will need systemic treatment



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Sucker Lake

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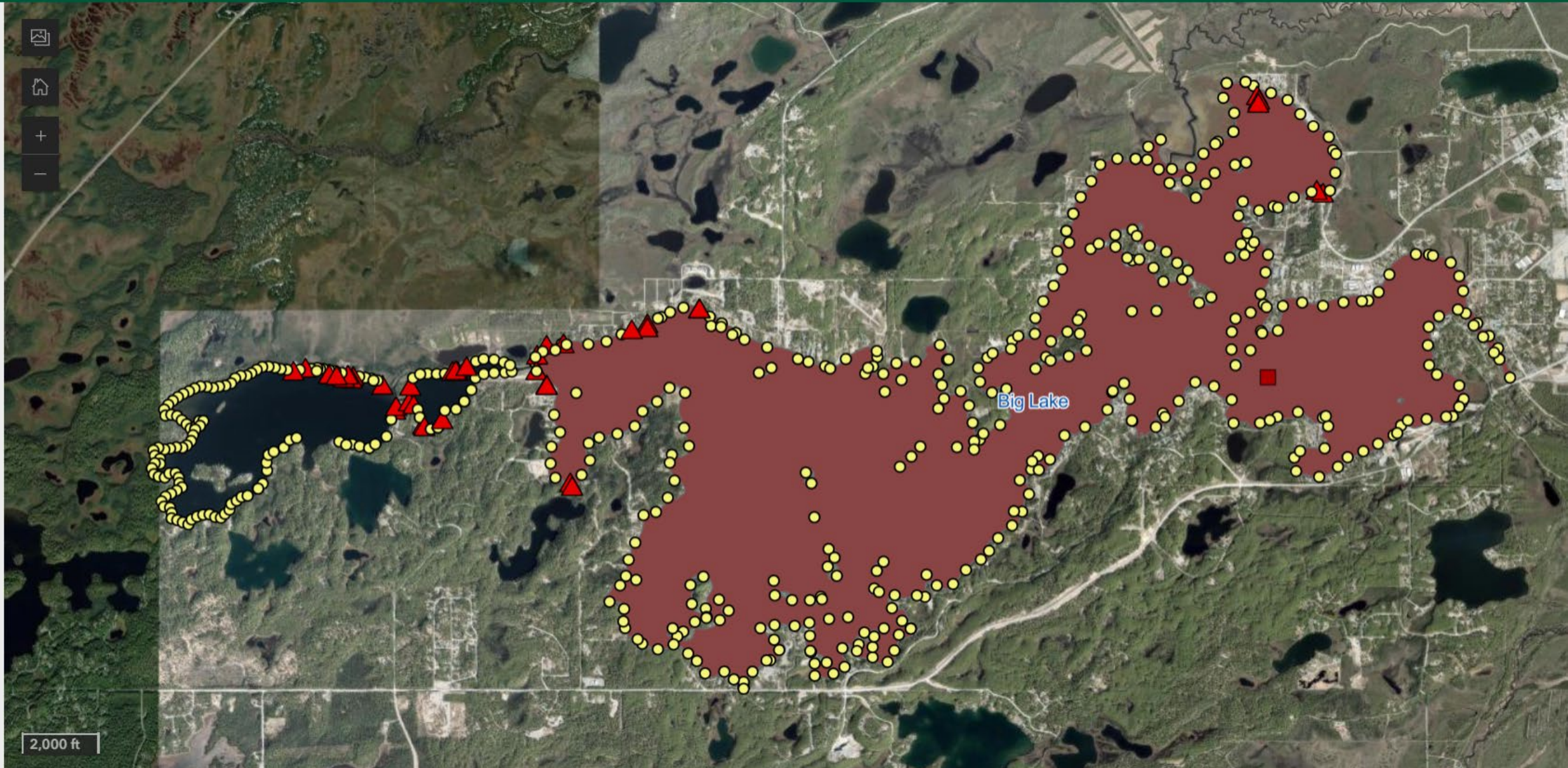


# Big Lake Elodea Treatment 2024

- Big Lake – 2495 acres
- Flat Lake – 296 acres
- Mirror Lake – 44 acres
- No Funding currently available for systemic treatments
- Diquat dibromide treatments for containment – vector control
  - Two applications
    - August 15 and 29

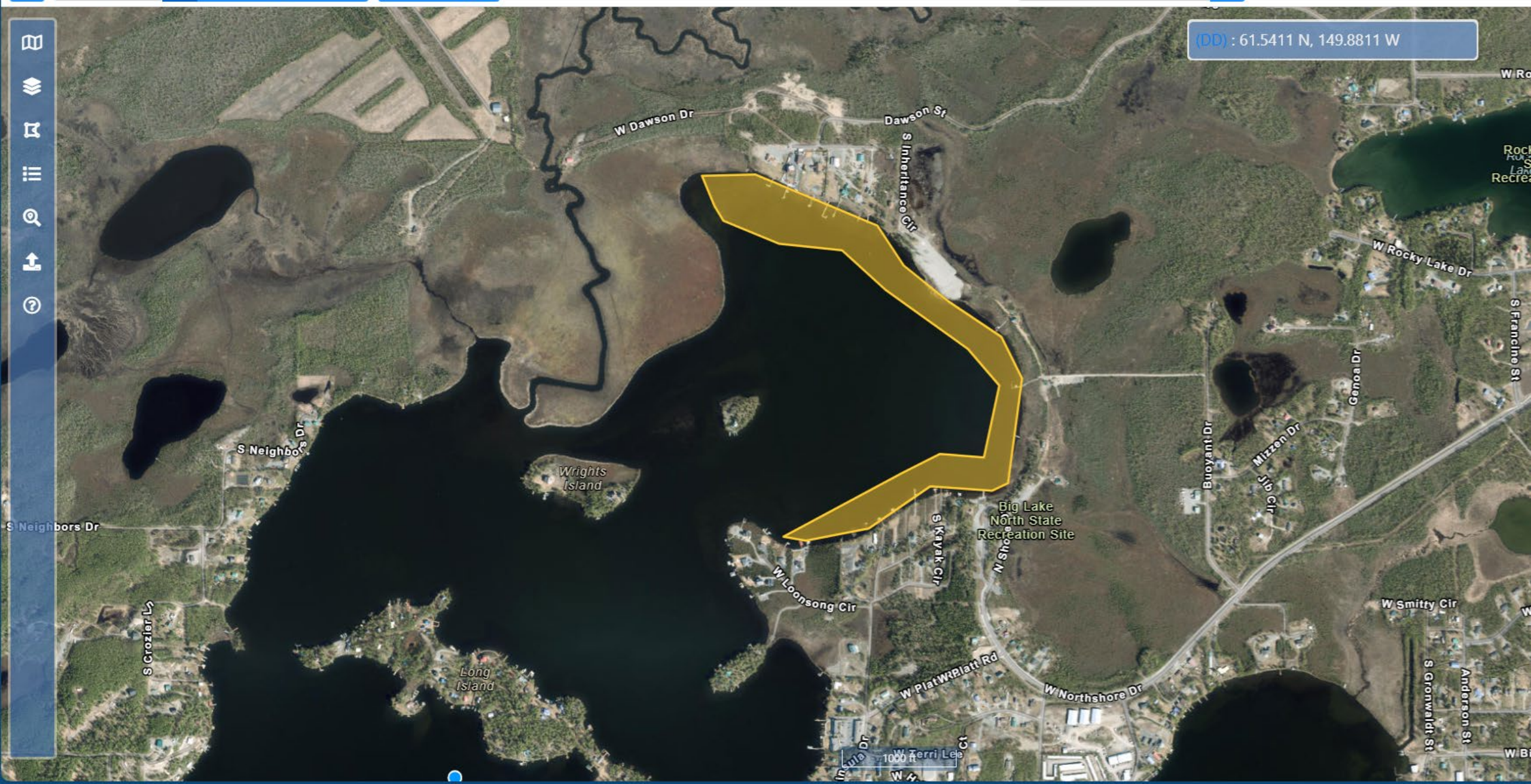


# UAA Alaska Elodea Survey Map Viewer



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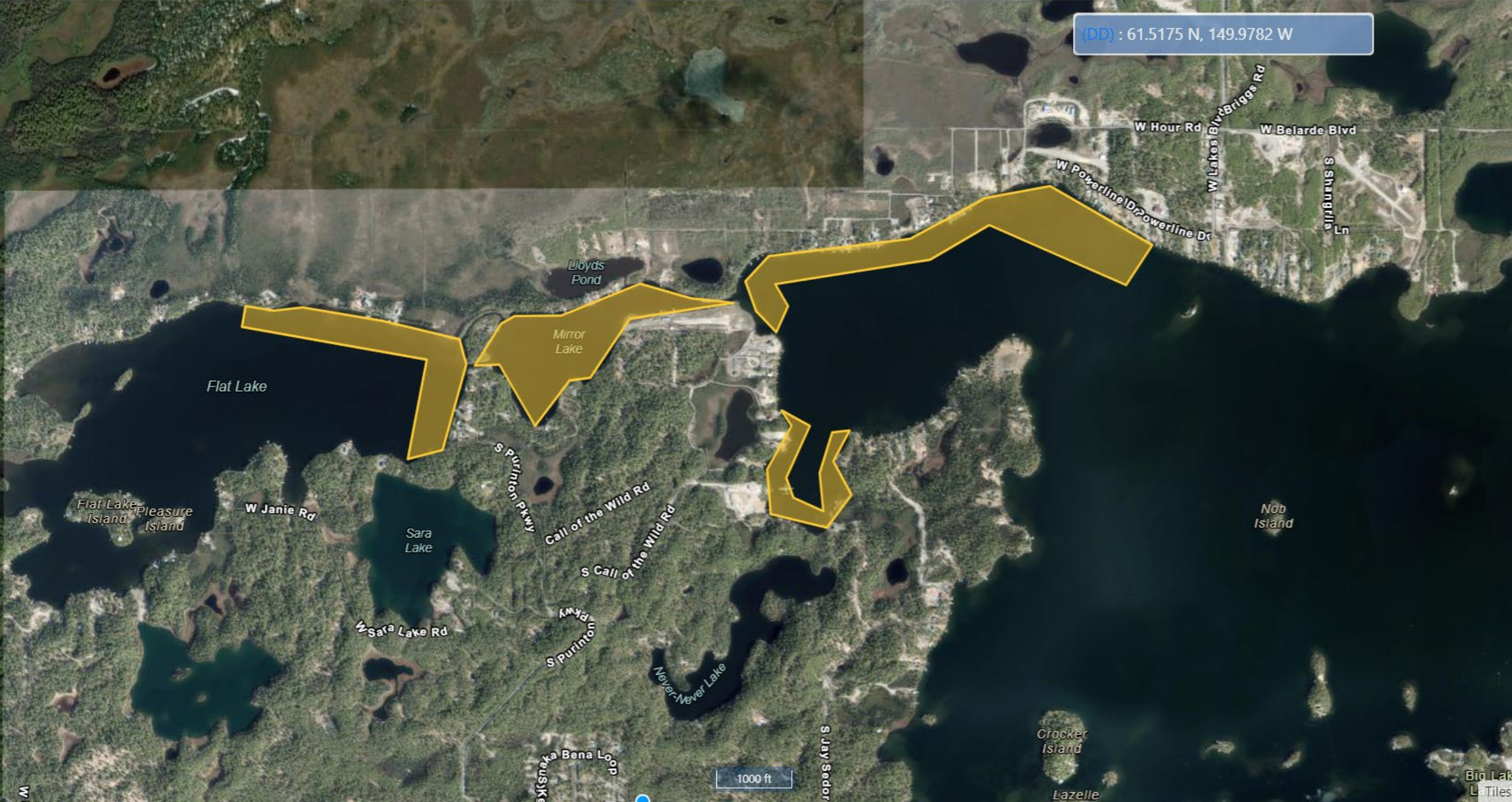


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REMOVE ALL PLANT MATERIALS**





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# Lower Sixmile Lake JBER Elodea Treatment 2024

- Lower Sixmile Lake – 122 acres
- Sonar One pellets - ~\$107k/YR
  - Funding provided by JBER/DOD
- Systemic herbicide - Fluridone
- Two applications
  - July 31(93 pails)
  - August 28<sup>th</sup> (60 pails)
- Great results – visible symptoms of fluridone uptake in plants
- FasTEST – 8/13/2024
  - 2.3-17ppb, ~12.7ppb
- FasTEST – 9/12/2024
  - 6-22ppb, ~18.8ppb















# Challenges....

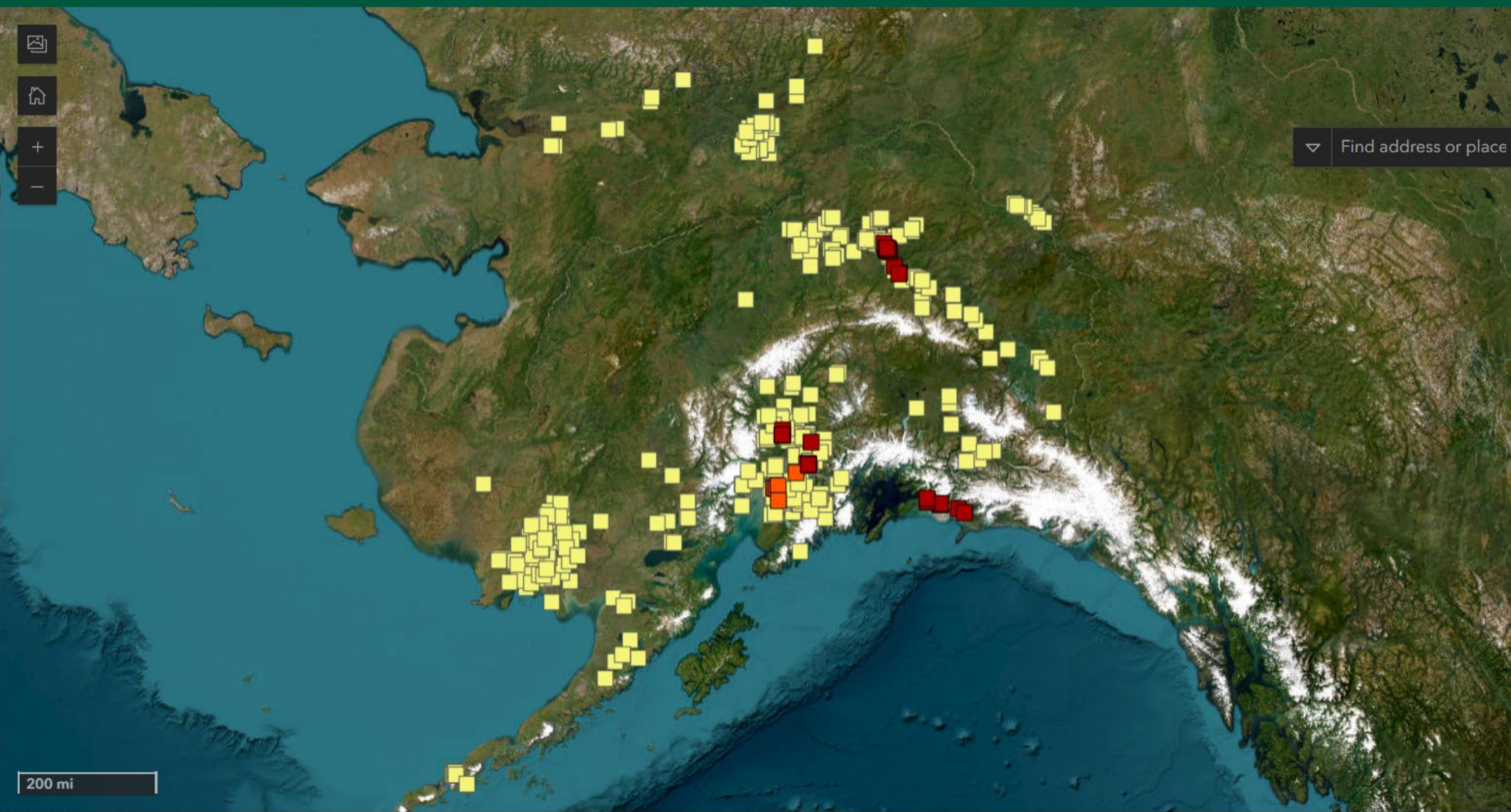
- FUNDING \$\$\$\$– (stable and consistent....)
  - Extremely high cost of Herbicide
    - Ideally a three-year treatment commitment, best case scenario...
  - Dedicated staff funding
  - Dedicated Operational costs of program
- WEATHER & LOGISTICS
  - Remote and dynamic aquatic systems; Flow, rainfall
  - Mother Nature – “wet years”
- SURVEYS – needed yearly in “popular” areas, EDRR
- Decontamination – Education - Outreach
- Big Thanks to AKSSF for funding support!
  - Big Thanks to DNR PMC Staff for all their help this summer; Sebastian, Dan, Jason, & Casey!
  - Big Thanks to local landowners for all their support; Nesbett family, Schran family, and Bob Pence!
  - Big Thanks to Susitna Air; Ron, Rowena and Casey!
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# UAA Alaska Elodea Survey Map Viewer

- Legend
- Basemap Gallery
- Details
- Layers
- Info



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