GHOST WATERSHED WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

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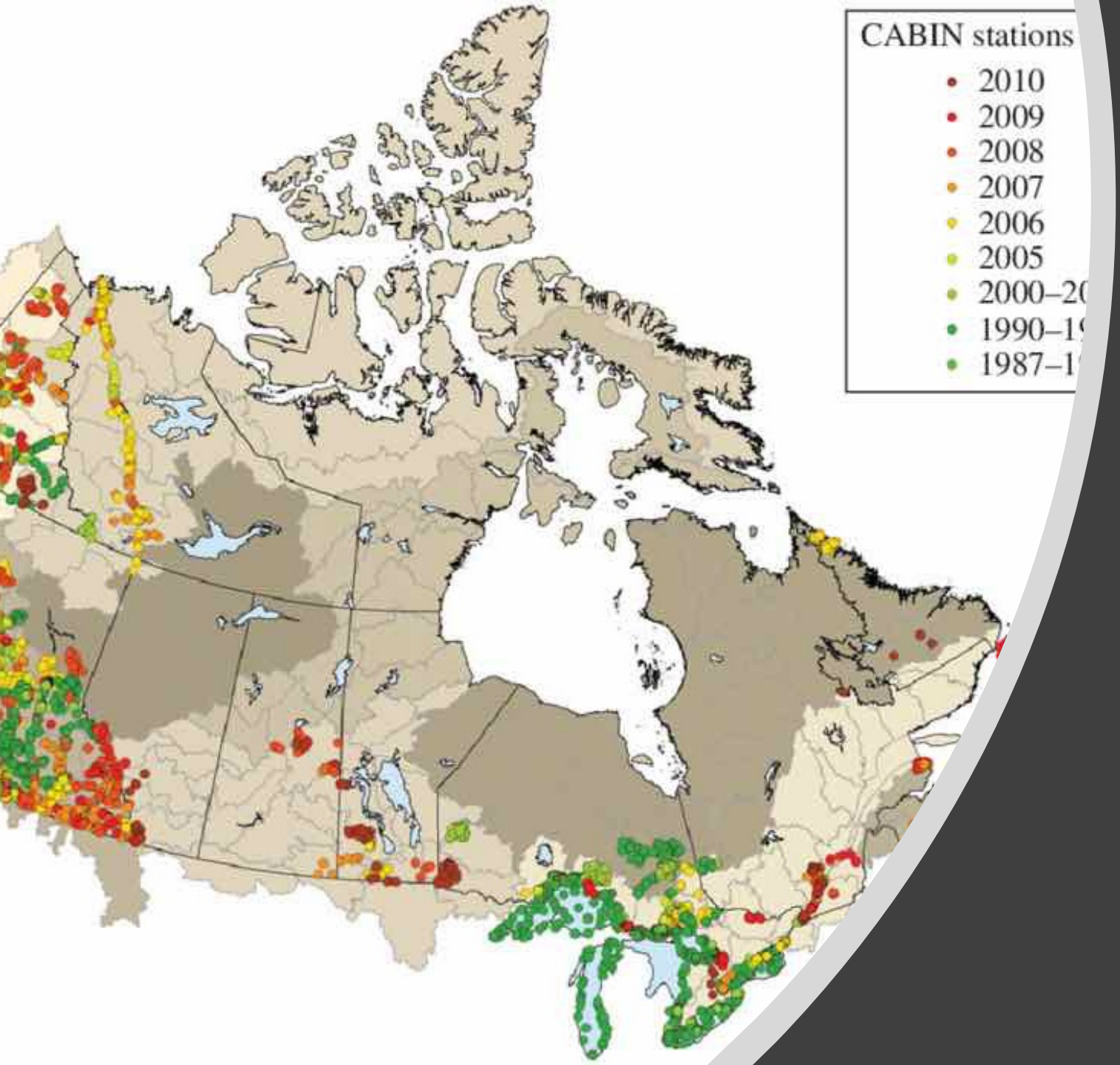

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- To provide a solid foundation upon which to design a more comprehensive, systematic, multi-year monitoring framework in the Ghost watershed
- To be part of a nation-wide method and network that contributes knowledge on the health of Canada's rivers and streams!

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Water Monitoring Program Plan

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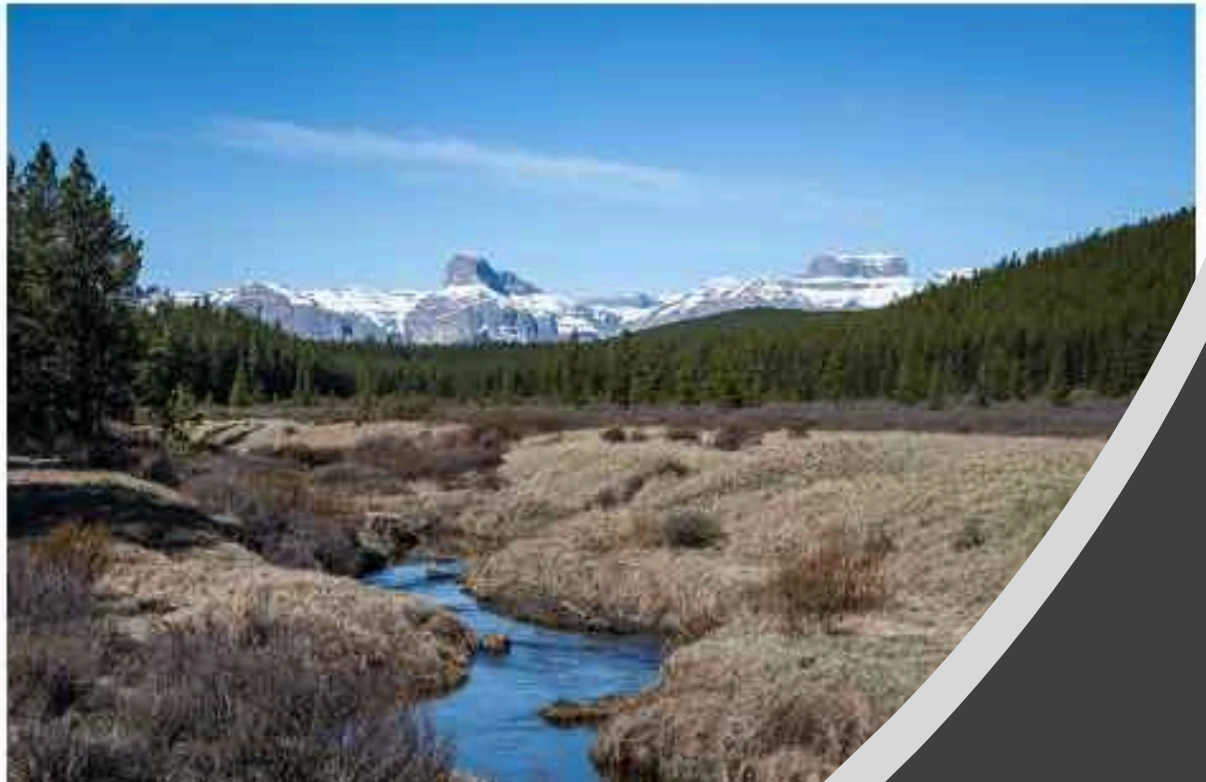

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- Participated in the CABiN Eastern Slopes Collaborative with other Alberta watershed groups, NGOs and government personnel interested in STREAM/CABiN programs

STREAM / CABiN – What happens next summer? (Year 2)

- Sample 8 more sites (along the Ghost River – North and South) to continue acquiring baseline data on water quality
- Train more volunteers if possible
- Continue participating in the CABiN Eastern Slopes Collaborative

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