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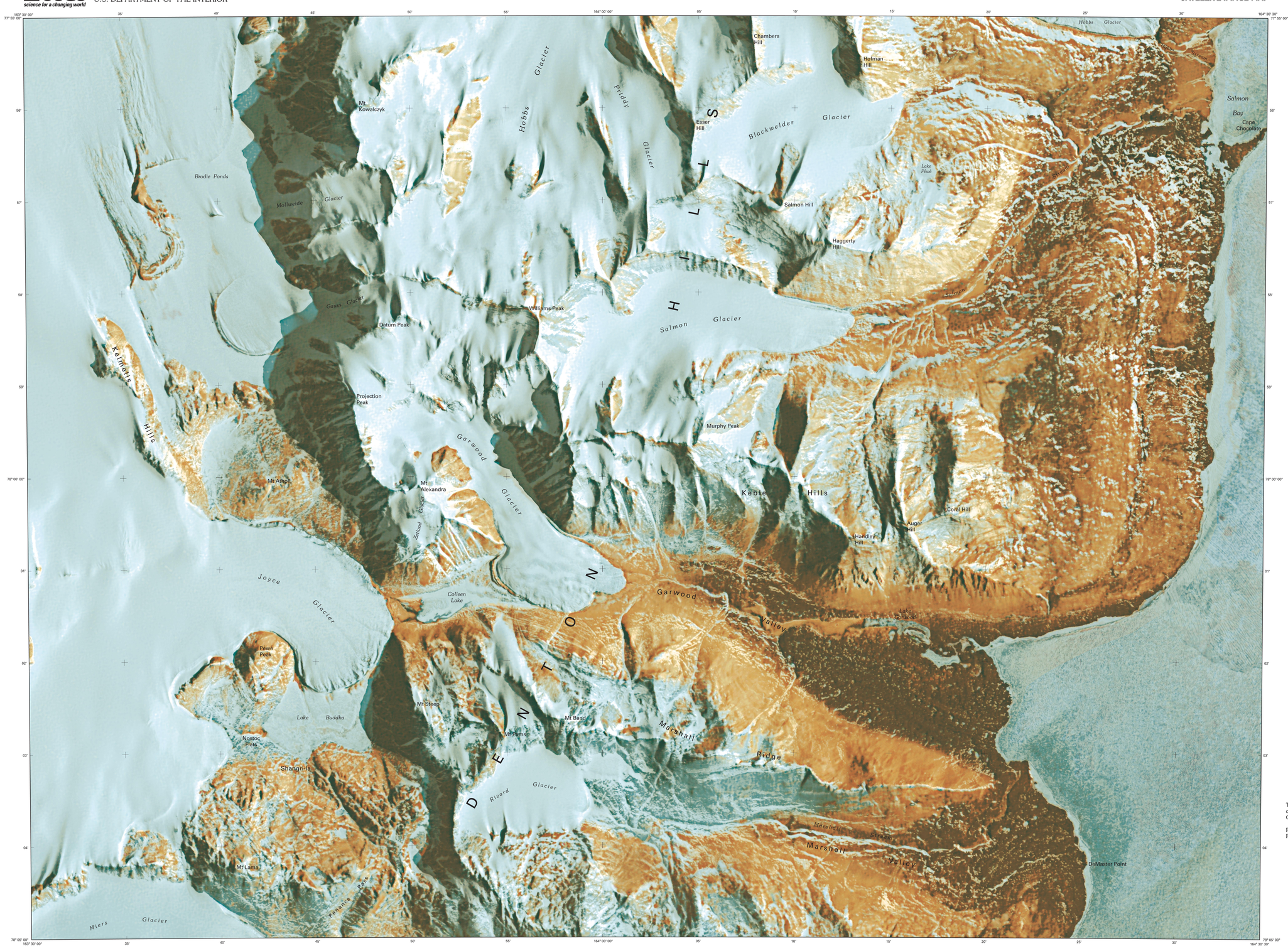
SATELLITE IMAGE MAP



DATA EXPLANATION

The satellite images were recorded by the Landsat thematic mapper in the multispectral mode and are composed of spectral bands 2 (0.52-0.60 nanometer, green-yellow), 4 (0.76-0.80 nanometer, near-infrared) and 7 (2.08-2.35 nanometers, middle - infrared) and by the SPOT high-resolution visible recorded in the panchromatic mode.

The imagery was controlled using geodetic control points identified on aerial photographs held in the U.S. Antarctic Resource Center and supplemented by the field collection of coordinates for clearly identifiable topographic or geologic features. Satellite platform modeling was used during the geocorrections of the satellites data to ensure uniform error distribution through the scenes. The Landsat thematic mapper imagery was resampled in 15-meter cells, and the scenes were mosaicked, tone matched, and filtered using a 21x21 adaptive filter to which 85 percent of the unfiltered data were added back. The SPOT panchromatic imagery was resampled in 5-meter cells, the geocorrected SPOT scenes were tone balanced, mosaicked, and filtered using a 55x55 adaptive filter to which 50 percent of the unfiltered data were added back. The geocorrected Landsat thematic mapper data were then registered to the geocorrected SPOT panchromatic data for each map quadrangle separately, both data sets were merged using the Chavez filter method, and the resulting image was tone enhanced.

Merged bands 7, 4, and 2 are shown in red, green, and blue on the map. The two merged satellite data sets were acquired at two different times and dates, and the sun had two different azimuths and (or) elevations, creating often two different shadows for the same relief.

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LOCATION DIAGRAM

Technical information related to this image map and access to the digital data can be obtained from the Antarctic Resource Center, Mail Stop 515, U.S. Geological Survey National Center, Reston, Va. 20192 or www.usarc.usgs.gov.

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SATELLITE IMAGE MAP

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1 MILE

2 KILOMETERS

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