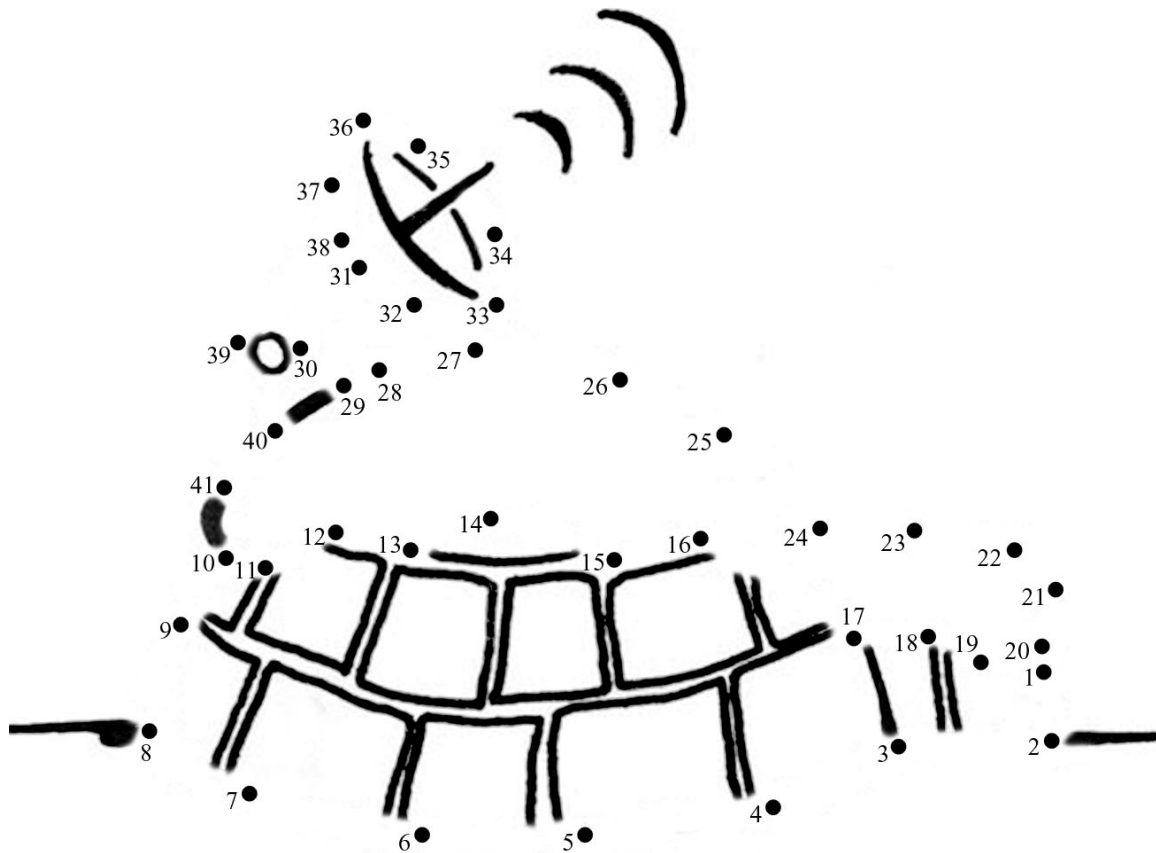


NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA



The North Slope of Alaska (NSA) is home to one of the ARM Program's outdoor research sites. The NSA site has locations in the towns of Barrow and Atkasuk. These areas are important because ice and snow take in sunlight much differently than water, and it is important for scientists to understand the differences. Also, the Arctic is the most sensitive area on earth for potential warming due to heat trapped by greenhouse gases.