



Pluvo Point

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The image shows a typical region of northern plains covered by polygons and boulders. There are dark areas in low spots that are probably due to windblown dark sand. Where the sand is most abundant, it forms the dunes. The “white smudge” appears to be a region with relatively little dark sand. It isn’t actually white, but it is brighter than other nearby regions.

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