

**FLAME & MOTH (#18)**  
**(MINFILE# 105M 14)**

**1. LOCATION AND ACCESS**

The main open pit area of the site is accessible from Keno City on the north side of Duncan Creek Road directly west of the Town and adjacent landfill (Figure 1). The north trench area of the site is accessed via a short bulldozed track stemming from the north end of the main pit area (Figure 2). The site is also directly south east of Christal Lake. Flame & Moth is at 63°54'30.4"N and 135°19'36.2"W and an approximate elevation of 900 m above sea level. UTM co ordinates are 7086852.994m N 483967.092m E.

**2. SITE PHYSIOGRAPHY**

The site is immediately west of Keno City and the main solid waste dump site. The area slopes gently towards Christal Lake approximately 750 m to the northwest (photo 18-1). Surrounding properties are heavily forested with typical subalpine features although most of the vegetation has been removed from this site. Drainage from the main pit is to the west and drainage from the trench is to the north west. Surface runoff from both areas is eventually into Christal Lake.

**3. GEOLOGY AND MINERALIZATION**

This site is underlain by Keno Hill Quartzite, medium to thick-bedded. The quartzite has minor beds of carbonaceous phyllite and lenticular bodies of greenstone. No greenstone was observed in the field. The mine is developed on a quartz-siderite vein mineralized with pyrite, pyrrhotite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, galena and chalcopyrite. The vein material is significantly oxidized near surface, producing orange, yellow, brown and white secondary minerals. There is little true outcrop at the site, but there are areas where overburden has been bulldozed away to expose a rubbly subcrop.

**4. SITE HISTORY**

The site was initially developed in 1923. In the 1950's an inclined shaft was sunk to a depth of 31m, and there was 43 m of lateral drifting on the 75' level. Percussion drilling was conducted in the 1960's. Open pit mining was initiated on site shortly before the operation was closed. A total of 1,442 tonnes of ore was produced. The outline of the open pit is not readily apparent. One diamond drill site was observed at the southeast end of the disturbed area.

Open pit development has produced four lobes of waste rock. The two northwestern lobes are dominantly barren overburden. The northeastern lobe, site of sample 02, is composed of mixed mineralized material and overburden. The southern lobe, site of sample 03, is dominated by barren quartzite (Minfile).

A small clearing, shaft and trench in overburden is present about 100 m to the north of the main site. This site appears to be a placer mine, as a small sluice and jig are present, and no bedrock is exposed. The activity here appears to be from the 1980's or 1990's.

## 5. MINE DEVELOPMENT

### 5.1 Mine Openings And Excavations

No shafts or underground workings were observed. Any developments are thought to have been destroyed by open pit mining.

Shaft (not observed)

31m inclined shaft, 43m of drifting on the 75' level.

Location: Uncertain.

Dimensions (L x W x H): Unknown.

Supports: Unknown.

Condition: Filled; stable.

Accessibility: Not accessible.

Open Pits (photo 18-2)

Open pit mining was in progress when the operation was closed, however very little ore was produced. There are no benches cut into the rock. The boundaries of the mineralized area and pit outline are not clear.

Location: See map. The disturbed area includes considerable trenching, and is thought to extend to the southwest well beyond the open pit.

Dimensions (L x W x H): Irregularly shaped with max. length 160 m x max. width 90 m x max. depth 5 m.

Condition: The site is fairly level, and appears to be stable. Some dump slopes are steep but of minimum height.

Accessibility: Easy access from Keno City via the Duncan Creek Road.

Trenches (photo 18-3)

Trench is a long thin bulldozed pit, aligned in an east-west orientation. More development has occurred at the east end of the trench where placer mining appears to have occurred in the recent past. Only a small amount of bedrock is exposed.

Location: 250 m north of the main open pit and approximately 750 m south west of Christal Lake.

Dimensions (L x W x H): 45 m x 5 m x max. 3.5 m.

Condition: The site is level and drainage slopes towards the west end of the site. Slopes appear stable.

Accessibility: The area is accessible by a bulldozed track stemming from the open pit area to the south.

## 5.2 Waste Rock Disposal Areas

Waste rock piles (photo 18-4 & 18-5)

General Description: Open pit development has produced four lobes of waste rock. The two northwestern lobes are dominantly barren overburden (photo 18-4). The northeastern lobe, site of sample 02, is composed of mixed mineralized material and overburden (photo 18-5). The southern lobe, site of sample 03, is dominated by barren quartzite. The waste rock dumps are partially revegetated, except near well-mineralized areas. Vegetation is well established where there is fine-grained material or moisture traps. There is no apparent drainage at the site, as it is dominated by well-drained gravel. Oxidation related staining of the waste rock is apparent at the northeastern lobe of waste.

Location: See map. Waste rock was identified throughout the site in varying sized piles.

Dimensions: Not applicable.

Samples: Six rock samples were field tested for paste pH and conductivity, and two were sent for analysis. Sample 06, considered to be representative of near-surface mineralized rock, was repeated in the field as a duplicate, sample 07. Sample 03 was considered to be representative of un-mineralized waste rock. See Attachment B for laboratory and field test results. Note that the lab renumbered samples 06 and 07 to 01 and 02, respectively.

## 5.3 Tailings Impoundments

No tailings impoundments were observed at the site.

## 5.4 Minesite Water Treatment

No wastewater treatment facilities were observed on site.

## **6. MINE SITE INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **6.1 Buildings**

No buildings are present at the site.

### **6.2 Fuel Storage**

The few drums present at the site were all empty. No fuel storage was noted at the site.

### **6.3 Rail and Trestle**

No rails or trestles were noted at the site.

### **6.4 Milling and Processing Infrastructure**

No milling or processing infrastructure was present at the site.

### **6.5 Electrical Equipment**

No electrical equipment was present at the site.

## **7. SOLID WASTE DUMPS**

No solid waste dumps were present at the site.

## **8. POTENTIAL CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN**

No potential contaminants of concern were observed at the site.

## **9. WATER QUALITY**

There was evidence that water had ponded in the north trench in the recent past, however, it was dry during the site visit. The north trench area drains northwest towards Christal Lake, a distance of approximately 750 m (photo 18-1). Surface runoff from the site enters a pond immediately north west of the site (photo 18-6), which discharges into a small creek flowing into Christal Lake. A water sample (18-WQ-Str-CD-01) and duplicate (18-WQ-Str-CD-02) were collected from the pond. Laboratory and field analyses are provided in Attachment B.

## **10. RECLAMATION**

No reclamation has been attempted at either the open pit or trench areas. Portions of the pit, particularly near the northeast and southwest corners have been re-colonized by willow saplings. The remainder of the site is essentially unvegetated.

#### **11. OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND DATA**

No other sources of information and data were identified.

#### **12. REFERENCES AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Table B1. 1999 Water Quality Results, Flaming Moth Site**

Sample Number	Detection Limit	Units	18-WQ-StrCD-01 - Sept 18/99	StrCD-02 - Sept 18/99
<b>Site Description</b>				
pH (field)	N/A	pH	7.3	-
Conductivity (field)	N/A	uS/cm	65	-
Total Alkalinity	5	mg CaCO3/L	246	246
Chloride	0.25	mg/L	0.4	<0.25
Chloride	0.5	mg/L	na	na
Electrical Conductivity	0.01	µS/cm	580	570
Hardness (CaCO3 equiv)	5	mg/L	321	319
Nitrate-N	0.05	mg/L	0.05	<0.05
Nitrate-N	0.1	mg/L	na	na
Nitrite-N	0.003	mg/L	0.003	<0.003
pH	0.01	pH	7.43	7.41
Sulphate	1	mg/L	53	53
Total Dissolved Solids	5	mg/L	369	362
<b>ICP-USN Total Metals Scan in Water</b>				
Aluminum	0.0008	mg/L	0.0118	0.0136
Antimony	0.005	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005
Arsenic	0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01
Barium	0.00004	mg/L	0.0895	0.0891
Beryllium	0.00001	mg/L	<0.00001	<0.00001
Bismuth	0.0004	mg/L	<0.0004	<0.0004
Boron	0.002	mg/L	<0.002	<0.002
Cadmium	0.00001	mg/L	0.00012	0.00009
Calcium	0.002	mg/L	84.3	83.7
Chromium	0.00006	mg/L	0.00011	0.00021
Cobalt	0.00003	mg/L	0.00017	0.00023
Copper	0.00003	mg/L	0.00269	0.00406
Iron	0.00001	mg/L	0.273	0.291
Lead	0.0003	mg/L	0.0004	0.0006
Lithium	0.001	mg/L	0.003	0.003
Magnesium	0.0005	mg/L	20.9	21
Manganese	0.00002	mg/L	0.169	0.162
Mercury	0.0001	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001
Molybdenum	0.00007	mg/L	0.0002	0.00025
Nickel	0.00001	mg/L	0.0007	0.0009
Phosphorus	0.03	mg/L	0.03	<0.03
Potassium	0.4	mg/L	1.1	1.1
Selenium	0.004	mg/L	<0.004	<0.004
Silicon	0.004	mg/L	2.1	2.08
Silver	0.00005	mg/L	<0.00005	<0.00005
Sodium	0.4	mg/L	1.2	1.2
Strontium	0.00002	mg/L	0.16	0.16
Sulphur	0.008	mg/L	18	18
Thallium	0.001	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001
Titanium	0.00002	mg/L	0.00032	0.00035
Vanadium	0.00003	mg/L	<0.00003	<0.00003
Zinc	0.0002	mg/L	0.0073	0.0093
<b>Total Arsenic by Hydride AA</b>				
Arsenic	0.0002	mg/L	0.0018	0.0021
<b>Total Selenium by Hydride AA</b>				
Selenium	0.0001	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001

**ATTACHMENT B: 1999 FLAME AND MOTH WASTE ROCK SAMPLES**

**LABORATORY RESULTS**

Site Number	Detection Limit	Units	18_WR_TPBM_01 (On bag -06)	18_WR_TPBM_01 (On bag -07)	18_WR_TPBM_03
Sample Description			Flame and Moth northwestern waste rock pile	Duplicate of Bag 6	Representative of unmineralized waste rock
Paste pH (field)	N/A	pH	-	-	-
Conductivity (field)	N/A	µS/cm	-	-	-
<b>pH in Saturated Paste</b>					
pH	0.1	pH	3.5	3.6	7
<b>pH in Soil (1:2 water)</b>					
pH	0.01	pH	3.3	3.2	7.3
<b>ICP Semi-Trace Scan</b>					
Aluminum	5	µg/g	10400	12600	25500
Antimony	2	µg/g	70	61	<2
Arsenic	2	µg/g	680	496	63
Barium	0.05	µg/g	322	370	564
Beryllium	0.1	µg/g	<0.1	<0.1	0.5
Bismuth	5	µg/g	40	38	<5
Cadmium	0.1	µg/g	0.9	0.5	0.9
Calcium	5	µg/g	320	240	12200
Chromium	0.5	µg/g	25.6	30.4	37.9
Cobalt	0.1	µg/g	0.6	<0.1	13
Copper	0.5	µg/g	59.7	47.2	59.4
Iron	1	µg/g	110000	92000	37000
Lead	1	µg/g	342	411	28
Lithium	0.5	µg/g	9.2	10.8	19.9
Magnesium	1	µg/g	646	526	6300
Manganese	0.5	µg/g	41.5	36	512
Mercury	0.01	µg/g	0.13	0.13	<0.01
Molybdenum	1	µg/g	4	3	7
Nickel	1	µg/g	2.9	1.7	40
Phosphorus	5	µg/g	599	376	688
Potassium	20	µg/g	4150	4650	5400
Selenium	2	µg/g	<2	<2	<2
Silicon	5	µg/g	346	597	213
Silver	0.5	µg/g	15.1	16.7	<0.5
Sodium	5	µg/g	927	677	1210
Strontium	1	µg/g	19	17	65
Sulphur	10	µg/g	6800	5400	670
Thorium	1	µg/g	<1	<1	<1
Tin	1	µg/g	68	58	2
Titanium	0.2	µg/g	206	141	402
Uranium	5	µg/g	<5	<5	<5
Vanadium	1	µg/g	38	34	63
Zinc	0.5	µg/g	390	338	163
Zirconium	0.1	µg/g	24.6	25	26.3

**ATTACHMENT 2: 1999 FLAME AND MOTH WASTE ROCK LABORATORY RESULTS  
MODIFIED SOBEK METHOD ACID-BASE ACCOUNTING TEST**

SAMPLE	SITE DESCRIPTION	PASTE pH	S(T) %	S(SO4) %	AP	NP	NET NP	NP/AP
18_WR_TPBM_01 (On Bag - 06)	Flame and Moth northwestern waste rock pile	4.2	0.25	0.18	2.2	-1.0	-3.2	<0.1
18_WR_TPBM_02 (On Bag - 07)	Duplicate of Bag 6	4.6	0.21	0.16	1.6	-1.5	-3.1	<0.1
18_WR_TPBM_03	Representative of unmineralized waste rock	7.9	0.11	0.05	1.9	54.5	52.6	29.1

AP = ACID POTENTIAL IN TONNES CaCO<sub>3</sub> EQUIVALENT PER 1000 TONNES OF MATERIAL.

NP = NEUTRALIZATION POTENTIAL IN TONNES CaCO<sub>3</sub> EQUIVALENT PER 1000 TONNES OF MATERIAL.

NET NP = NET NEUTRALIZATION POTENTIAL = TONNES CaCO<sub>3</sub> EQUIVALENT PER 1000 TONNES OF MATERIAL.

NOTE: WHEN S(T) AND/OR S(SO<sub>4</sub>) IS REPORTED AS <0.01, IT IS ASSUMED TO BE ZERO FOR THE AP CALCULATION.

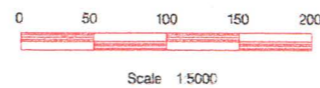
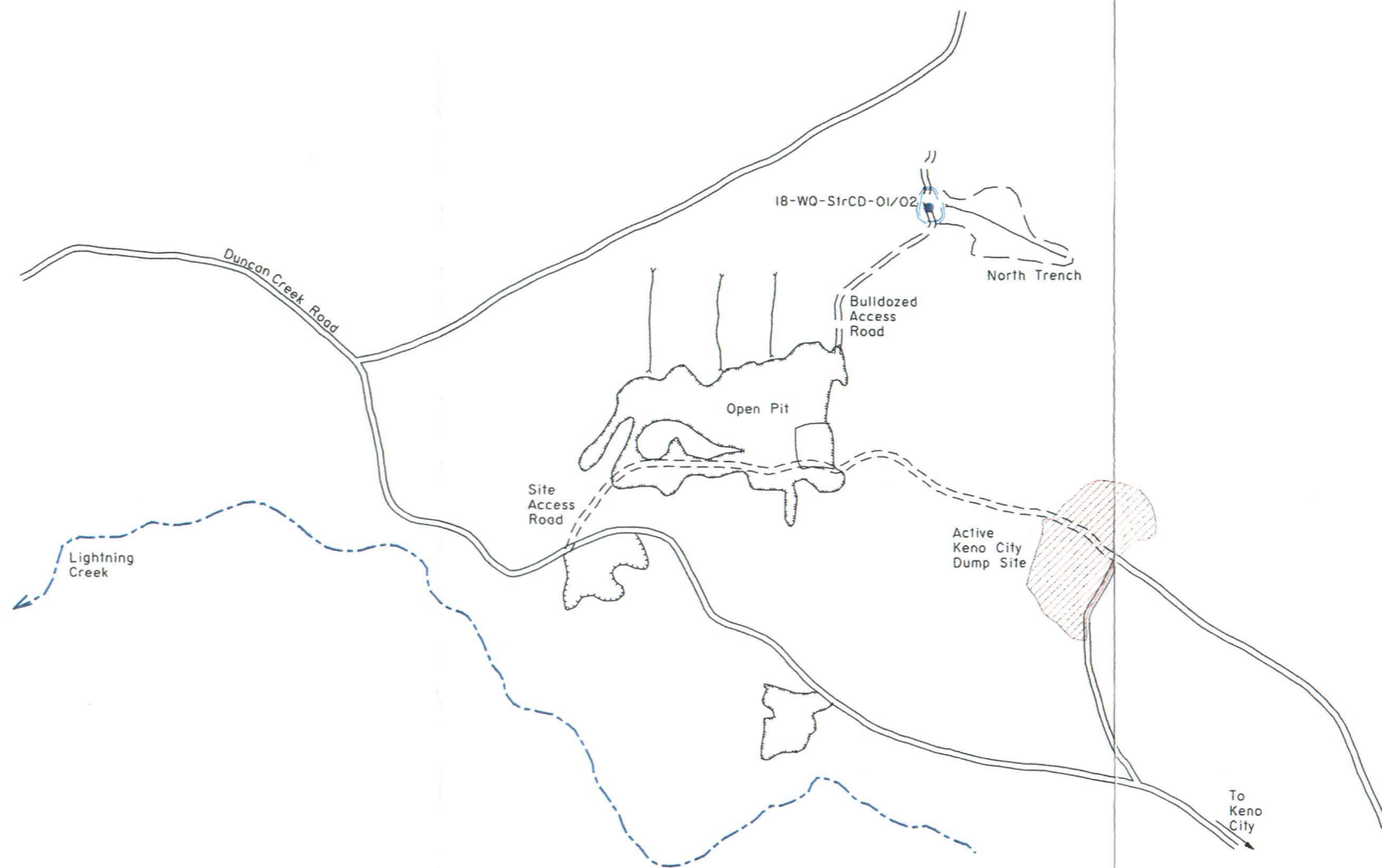
N/D = NO DUPLICATE ASSAY. CALCULATIONS ARE BASED ON ASSAY RESULTS OF THE INITIAL SAMPLE.

RE = REPLICATE.

NOTE - A HIGH LEVEL OF SOLUBLE METALS (ESPECIALLY IRON) WERE OBSERVED IN MANY SAMPLES DURING THE ABA TITRATIONS.

SAMPLES WITH A NEGATIVE NET NP SHOULD BE TESTED FOR MOBILE METALS USING STANDARD SHAKE FLASK EXTRACTION TESTS.

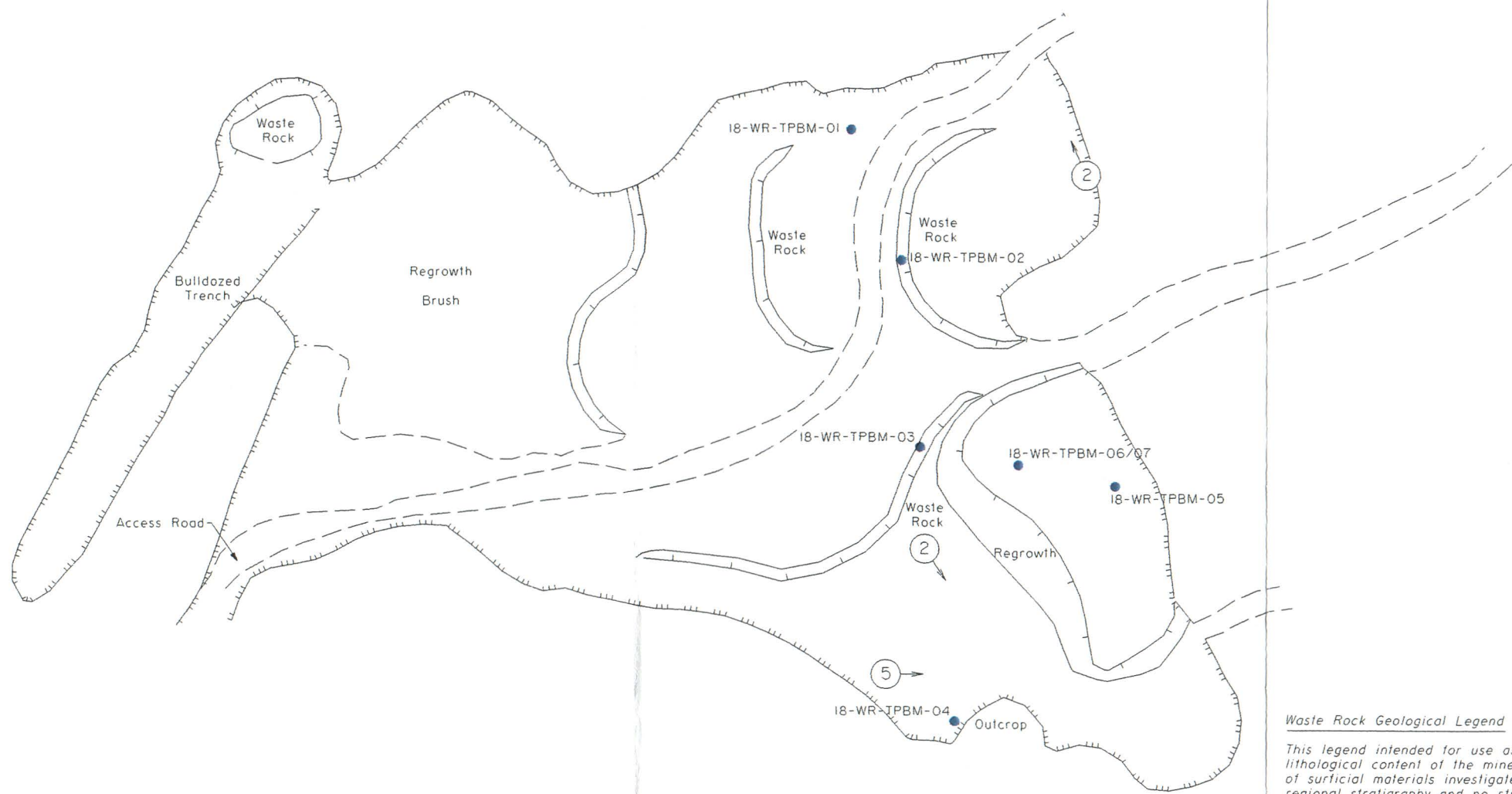
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- ⊖ Collapsed Trestle
- ⊖ Solid Waste Disposal Site
- ⊖ Area of Soil Contamination
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- ⊖ Power Line
- ⊖ Power Line Collapsed
- ⊖ Aerial Transmission Towers
- ⊖ Photo Site (arrow shows view direction)
- ⊖ GPS Survey Location
- ⊖ Former Building Site (Elsa)



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**Waste Rock Geological Legend**

This legend intended for use as a key to the observed lithological content of the mine dumps and stockpiles of surficial materials investigated. It does not represent regional stratigraphy and no stratigraphic sequence is implied.

Pyrite content as percent; eg. Py 2%. Occurs as an alteration halo adjacent to vein fault structure.

Oxidation: Weak (wOx), moderate (mOx) and intense (iOx).

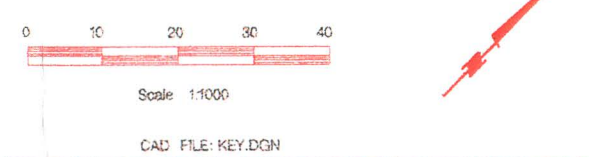
Quaternary: (5) Undifferentiated, unconsolidated colluvium, glacial till.

Veins: (4a) Quartz veins;  
(4b) Quartz-pyrite veins;  
(4c) Quartz-siderite \*trace galena-sphalerite veins;  
(4d) Siderite-quartz \*trace galena-sphalerite veins;  
(4e) Sphide (galena-sphalerite) \*quartz\*siderite veins.

Greenstone: (3) Amphibole-chlorite-plagioclase metadiorite or melagabbro.

Quartzite: (2a) Thick bedded, blocky gray quartzite;  
(2b) Thin banded, broken, quartzite with carbonaceous phyllite interbeds;  
(2c) Calcareous quartzite.

Phyllite: (1a) Broken sericite-chlorite phyllite;  
(1b) Carbonaceous phyllite.



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Photo 18-1: Forested area and Christal Lake in background north west of site.



Photo 18-2: Waste rock area near north end of main site.



Photo 18-3: Bulldozed trench at second site.



Photo 18-4: Large waste rock pile slope at north end of main site.



Photo 18-5: Leveled area at main site. Note rock outcrop on right side of photo.



Photo 18-6: Creek runoff to north west of trench site.