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Location: Reindeer Creek and drainage area

Approximately:

63° 40' N, 139° 30' W NTS 115-0-11, 115-0-12

Stewart River 1:250000, Ogilve 711A

Access from Dawson City

Yukon River: Approximately 38 miles upstream

Road:

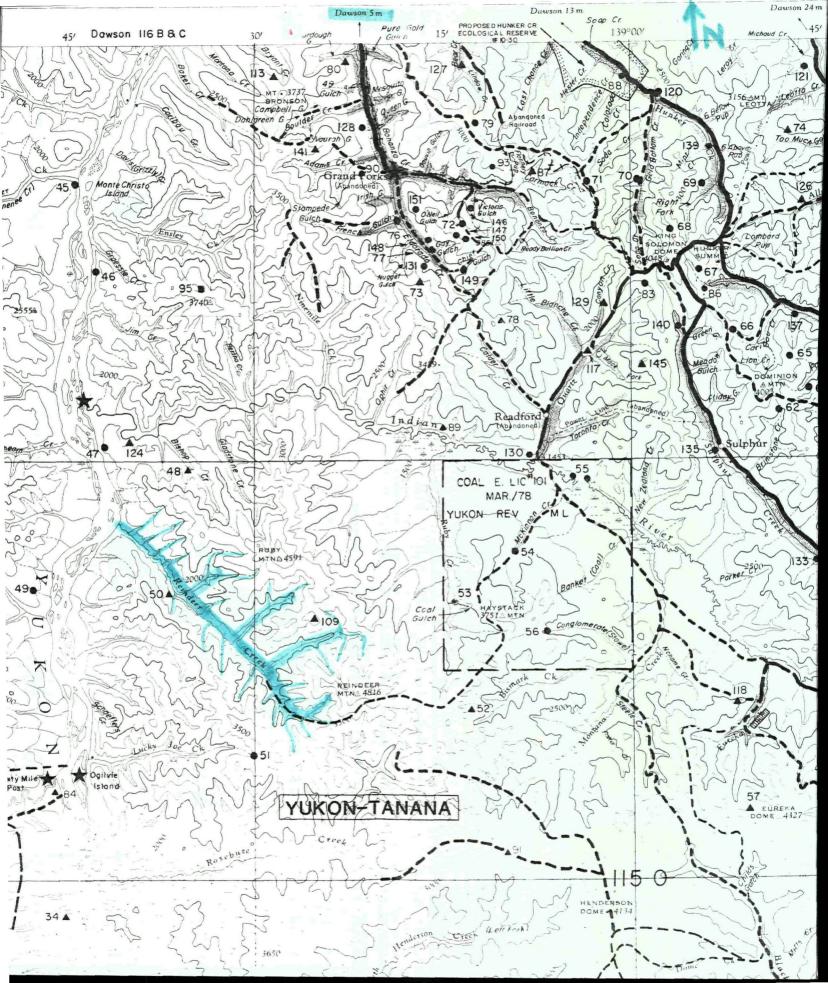
90 miles via Dominion-Black Hills to

Henderson Dome, travel from

there limited to ATV

Air:

1 hour return trip



SUMMARY

This prospecting program was undertaken in two stages. The first visit to the area was from June 8 to June 18/92. Access was gained by boat from Dawson City on the Yukon River. The river was quite high with much debris in the main channel. I was accompanied by Bill Read of Dawson City. Temperatures were above normal for this time of year. Reindeer Creek itself was also quite high with numerous log jams where the creek meandered. Prospecting was limited to the bottom reaches of Reindeer Creek. The tributaries entering from north and south were sampled by panning stream gravels and examining outcrops for mineralization. We returned to Dawson on June 18.

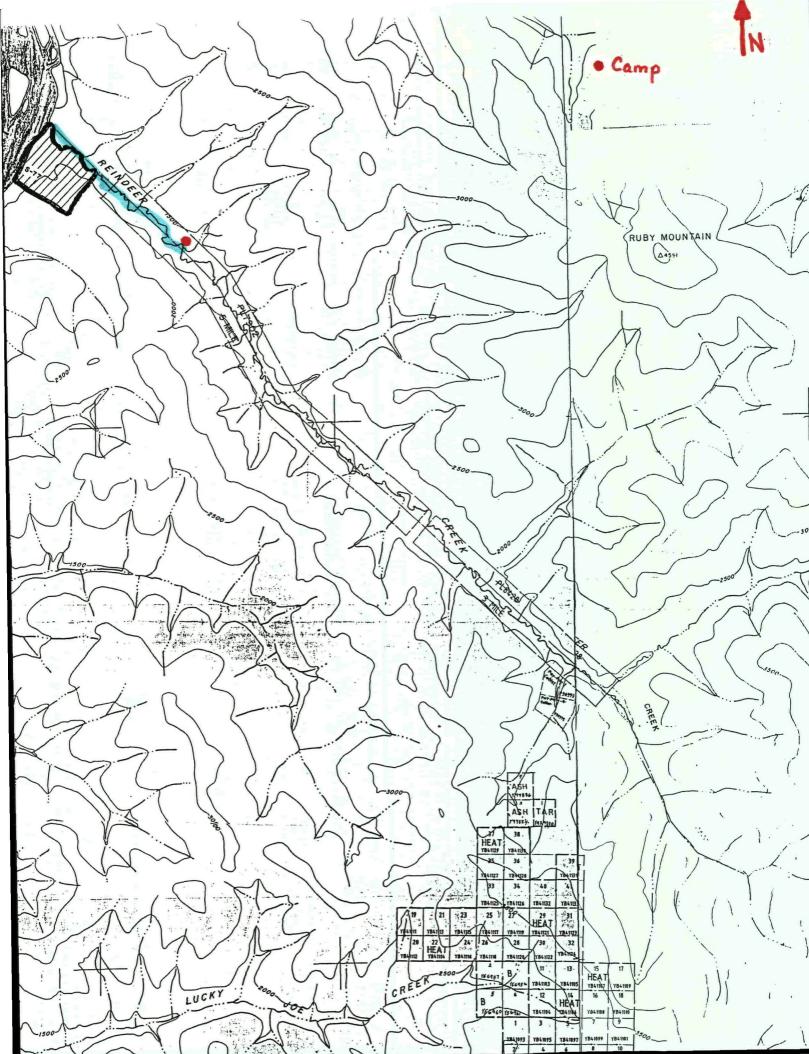
The second visit to the area was from Oct. 1-21. The conditions were less than favourable. There was approximately one foot of snow in the area and Reindeer Creek, though mostly frozen over, still had enough open water for panning. Temperatures were below normal for this time of year. The ground was still thawed adjacent to any water course and panning was accomplished on the tributaries by breaking the ice and panning the underlying stream gravels. Prospecting for mineralization on side hills and at outcroppings was not too difficult as the

snow covering accented any irregularities in the contours of the areas visited. A minimal amount of snow removal was required to inspect underlying geology. I was assisted by Mike Raible who gained access to Reindeer Creek by boat. I arrived by helicopter and was dropped approximately seven miles upstream from the mouth of Reindeer. Mike dug test pits on the lower end of Reindeer while I prospected the upper end. Mike returned to Dawson on Oct. 15 as considerable shore ice was beginning to accumulate on the Yukon River. I remained in the area until Oct. 20, then walked out to Indian River via Ruby – Reindeer Mountain ridge – Ruby Creek arriving at Indian River the evening of Oct. 21 arriving back in Dawson Oct. 22.

Panning was done from surface gravels along creek cut banks to water level and from surface gravels on exposed bars on the first visit to recover any heavy indicator minerals or gold that would encourage digging test pits later on. Checking for mineralization in outcrops was done by breaking into fresh rock and examining with 10X and 20X loupes. An altimeter was used to determine altitudes during the program.

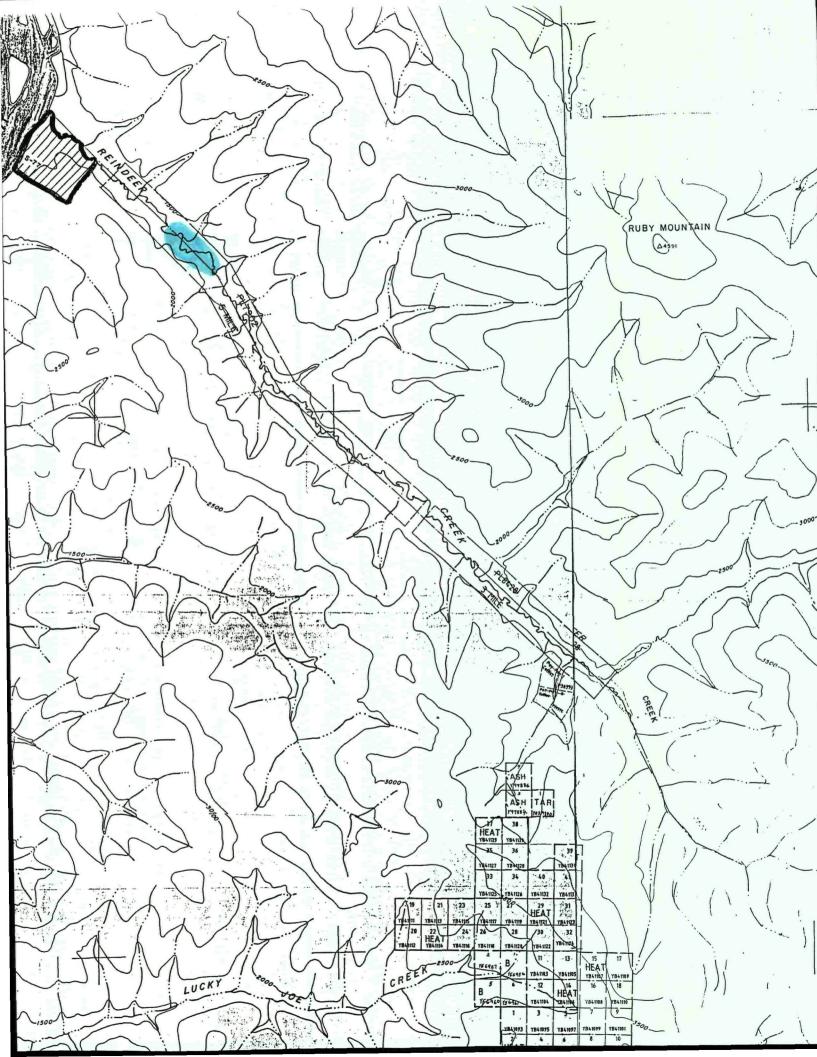
JUNE 8/'92 clear +18'

Arrived mouth of Reindeer Creek. Packed part of gear approximately 2 miles upstream from mouth and set up camp.



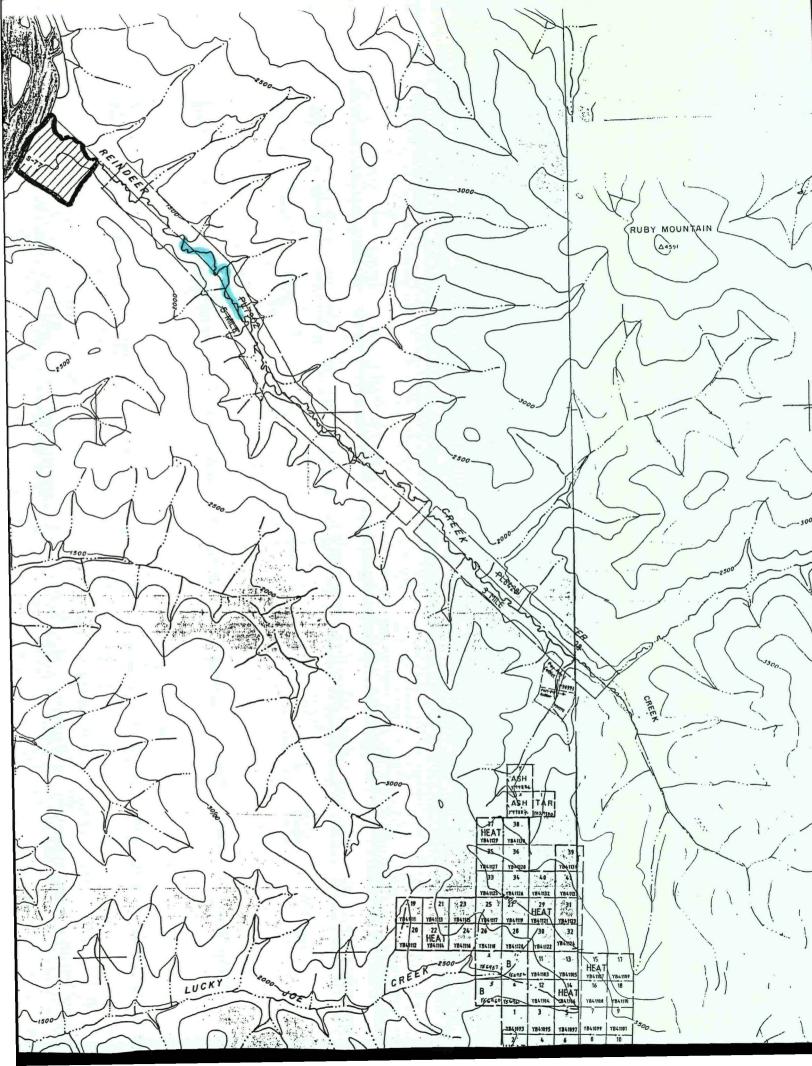
JUNE 9 +28' scattered clouds

Bill went downstream to get more gear while I examined outcropping around camp. Reindeer cuts granite gneiss that seems to have a silicious nature to it, the rock is very competent, no mineralization was observed along creek proper. Canyon starts at camp and Reindeer narrows for approximately 1 mile upstream meandering from granite outcrops intruding from both sides of the creek. Creek bank gravels consist of angular granites.



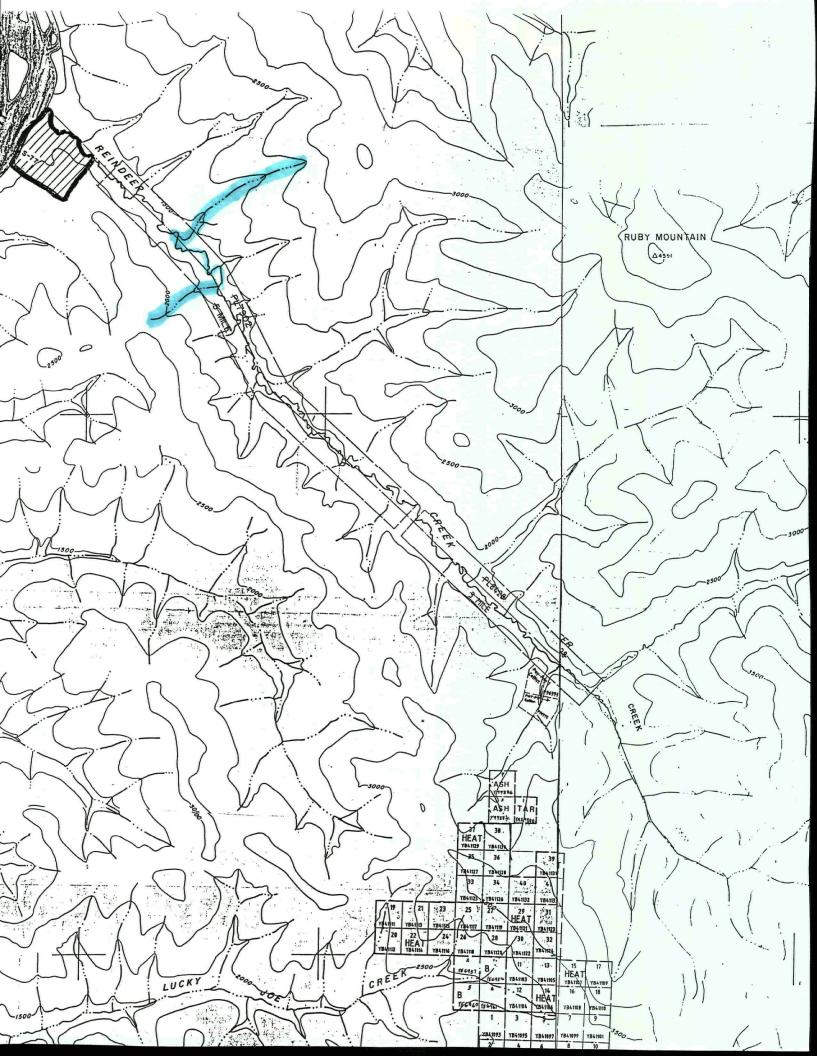
JUNE 10 cloudy 23'

Bill and I panned bank gravels and exposed bars for approximately 1 mile upstream from camp. Every pan yielded minor fine garnet and magnetite, no gold or sulphides. Pans were taken from surface to water level on creek banks and surface gravels on exposed bars. Granites at this point are gneiss and not as metamorphized as they are down at camp location. Spent the day in creek proper. No mineralization in granite exposures along the creek. Creek gravels are angular granites, none being larger than 1 foot in diameter.



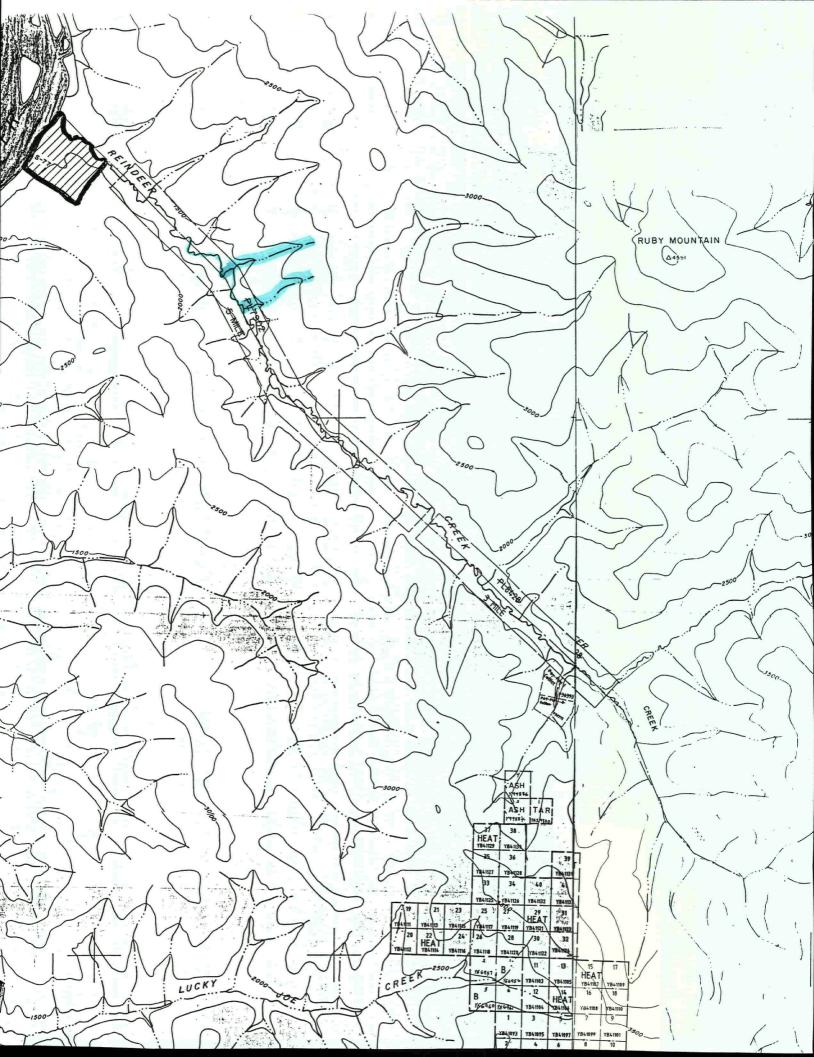
JUNE 11 cloudy 27'

I started panning and examining granites on pup north side of Reindeer adjacent to camp to approximately 2500' level. Pup gravels are angular gneissic granites. Minor fine garnets were recovered, no gold. Outcrops were granite gneiss metamorphized to same texture as outcrops at camp. No mineralization was observed. Bill panned and examined outcrops on first pup upstream from camp on south side of Reindeer to approximately 2000' level. Reported no heavy minerals in pans and exposed outcrops were granite gneiss with no mineralization.



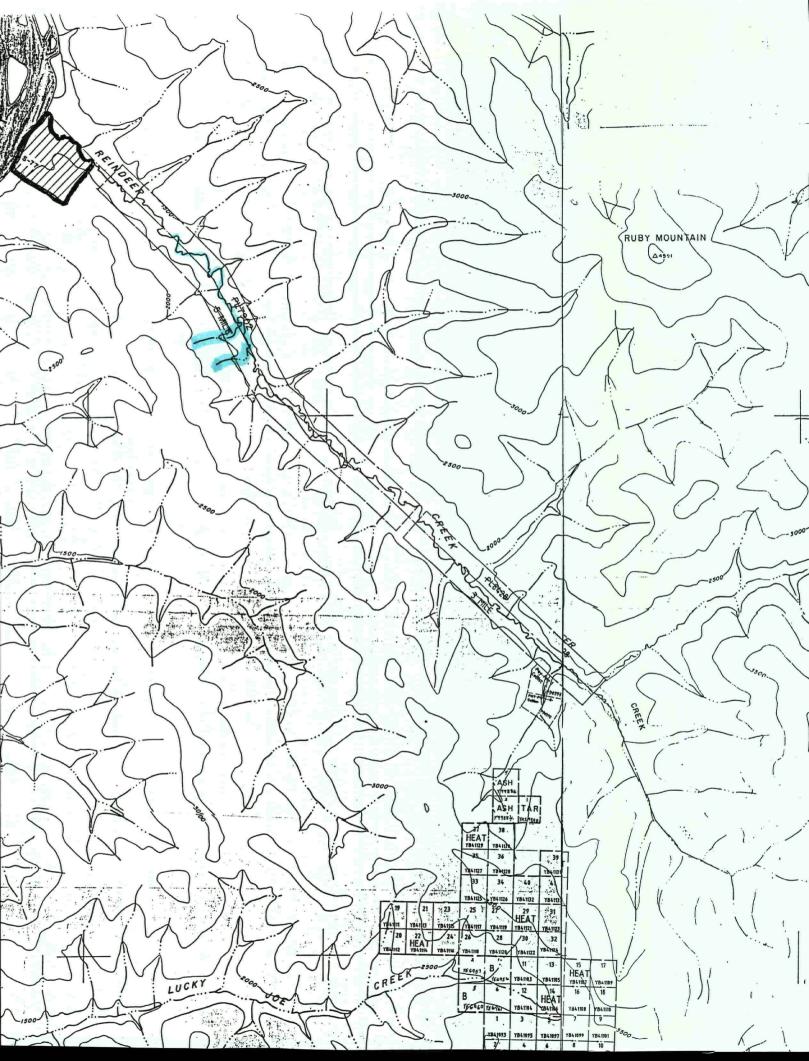
JUNE 12 clear 30'

Bill went down to the mouth of Reindeer to bring up remaining gear. I panned and checked outcrops on two pups upstream from camp on the north side of Reindeer to approximately 2000' level. Only minor fine garnets were recovered in panning both pups. Both pups cut granite gneiss with no mineralization. Panning on these small tributaries was limited to surface (1' - 2') gravels and any indications of higher concentrations of heavy minerals would have warranted the time to dig to bedrock. Otherwise draining an area to reach bedrock would have been too time consuming when there were so many areas to check out.



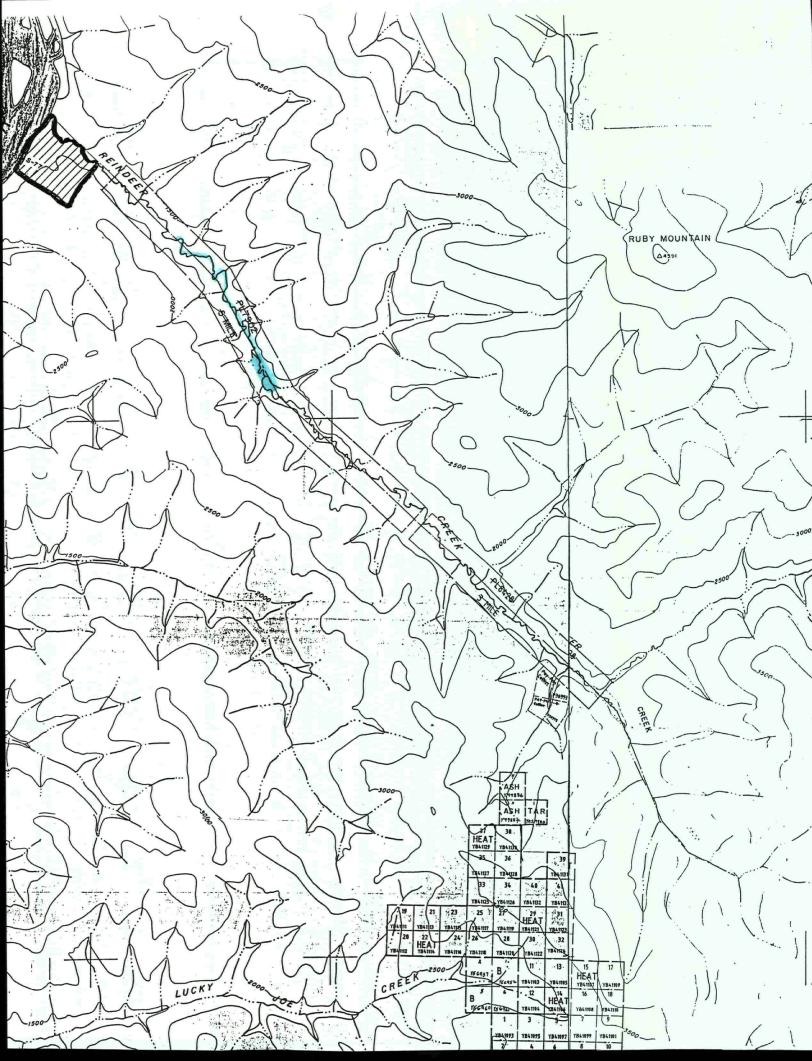
JUNE 13 partly cloudy 26'

Bill checked next two pups upstream south side of Reindeer. These pups are quite small and had very little water, gravels were angular granites, no heavy minerals were recovered from panning. Granite outcrops on both pups showed no mineralization. I stayed on Reindeer Creek examining granite outcrops on both north and south sides to the 2000' level to a point where a larger tributary enters from the north and a pup enters from the south. Reindeer widens at this point going further upstream. Granite gneiss outcrops showed no signs of mineralization. Creek gravels consist of angular granites up to 2' in diameter with the occasional rounded quartz boulders up to 2' in diameter. There is a concentration of stream gravels here and this area will be examined more closely.



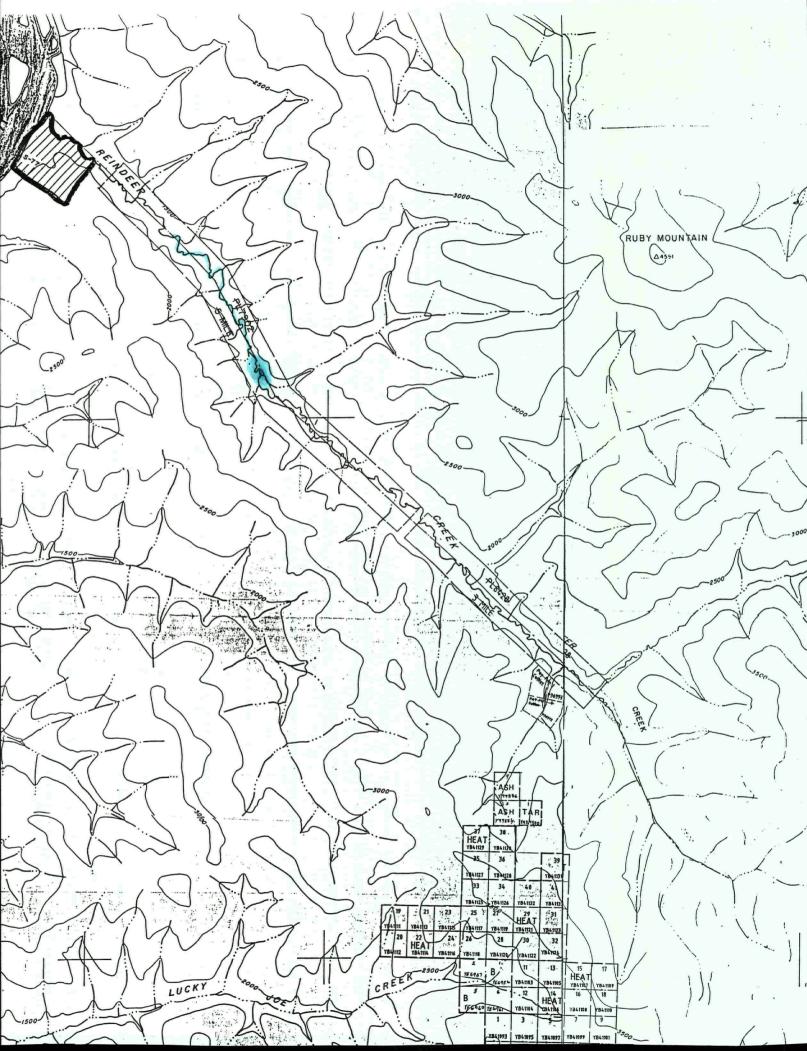
JUNE 14 partly cloudy +23'

Bill and I spent the day at the head of the area where Reindeer begins its restriction. Slumped pits were found in the center on exposed bars. Panning along exposed banks on both sides of the creek revealed considerable fine garnet and magnetite with minor fine sulphides (pyrites), no gold, in every pan. It's unknown at this time how deep bedrock is, but there is a concentration of heavy minerals in the top gravel sections (3'). Panning surface gravels on exposed bars also yielded considerable fine garnet, minor fine magnetite, no gold. We are walking back and forth from camp approximately 2 miles downstream from this area.



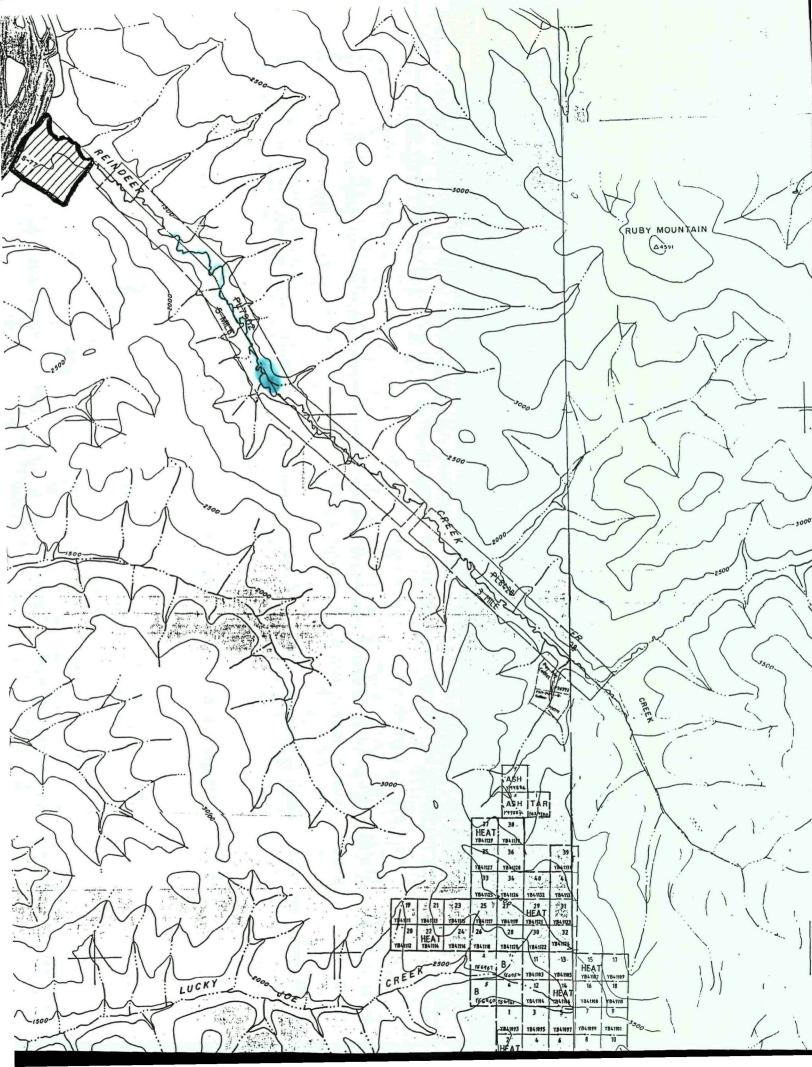
JUNE 15 cloudy, rain +15'

Bill and I spent the day in the same area as yesterday panning material adjacent to old pits. Four pits were found. They averaged 6' in depth and the sides had slumped. Very little material remained adjacent to pits that would have been the dumps. High water had leveled the material. Panning remnants yielded considerable fine garnets, magnetite and a trace of very fine gold. Pit nearest creek center contained a considerable amount of fine sulphides (pyrites). Crushing pyrites in mortar and panning them, resulted in no visible gold being recovered.



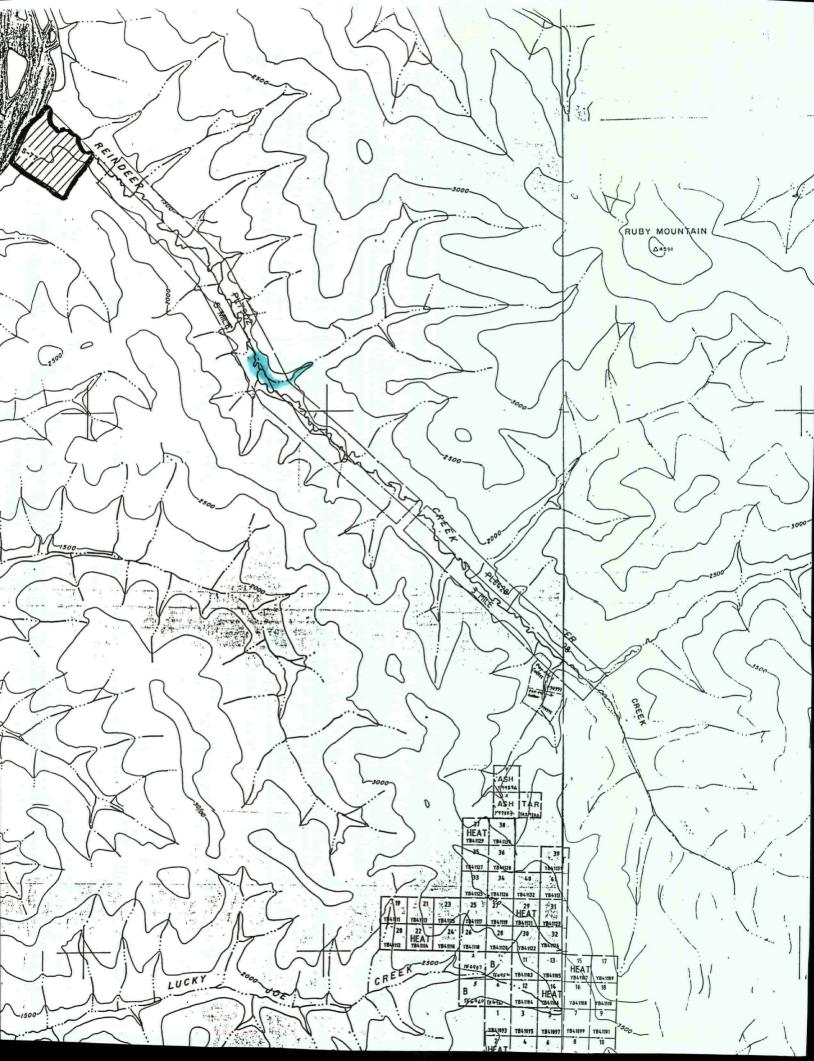
JUNE 16 cloudy 21'

Both of us spent the day panning old pits with no better results. No gold was recovered although every pan contained considerable fine garnet, magnetite, and minor fine pyrites. While Bill panned, I went up to the tributary that enters Reindeer from the north and located a narrow sulphide zone in the granite gneiss approximately 6" wide and exposed for approximately 30' trending NE pinching off to about 1". Panning this zone recovered fine pyrites that, when mortared, contained no visible gold.



JUNE 17 cloudy 18'

Bill continued panning in the same area as yesterday. He recovered minor fine gold along the rim of pit nearest creek center at a depth of 2'. Pans taken deeper than this contained no gold, just minor fine garnet. Abundant fine garnet and magnetite with minor pyrite were also panned from the top 2' of gravels. I returned to sulphide zone visited yesterday to see if zone swelled along strike or reappeared in another exposure to the SW or NE. No further exposures were found on the tributary that enters from the north, which would have cut it, nor on the SW side of Reindeer if it were trending that direction. No indication of this was found so it must have been an isolated zone which may have dipped but wasn't worth chasing anyway.

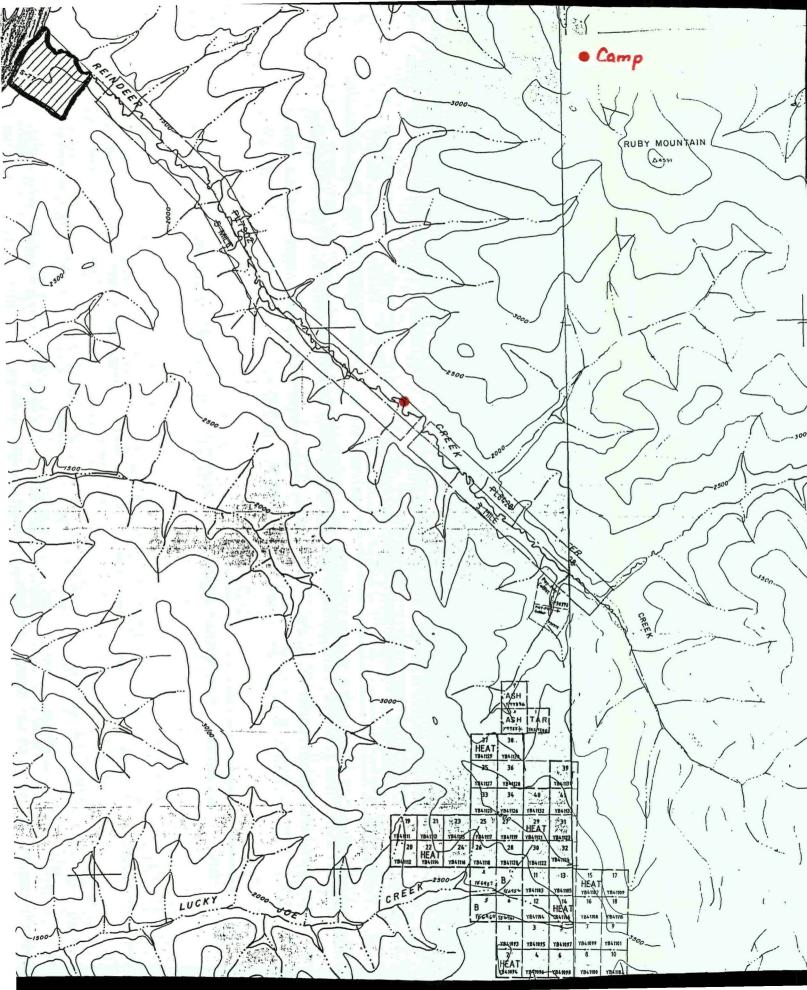


JUNE 18 cloudy 22'

Stayed in camp today as we are leaving for Dawson this afternoon. Cleaning up campsite and caching gear for future use. Yukon has receded considerably but there's still some debris floating down. Boat motor not running properly so floated down to Dawson.

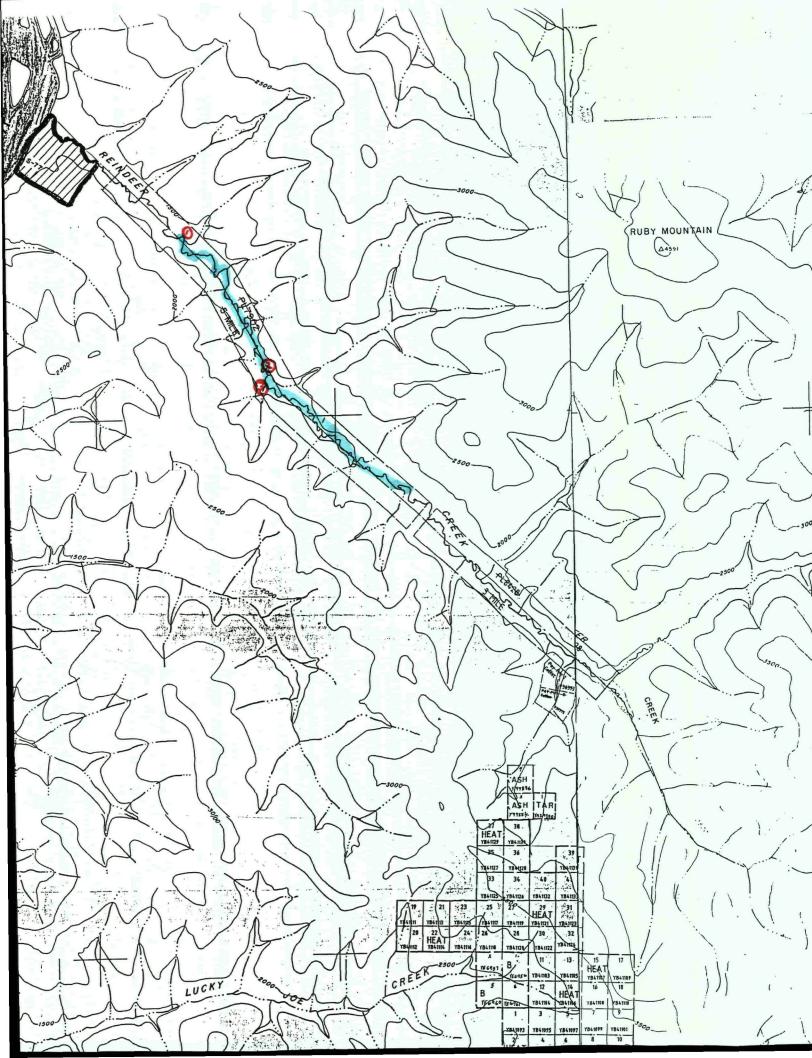
OCT. 1 clear +4, 1* snow

Flew in by helicopter (Fireweed) with gear to location approximately 7 miles upstream from mouth of Reindeer. Mike travelled up Yukon River with river boat and ATV and gear to mouth of Reindeer. I set up my camp and spent the rest of day familiarizing myself with surrounding area. Granite gneiss on north and south sides of Reindeer.



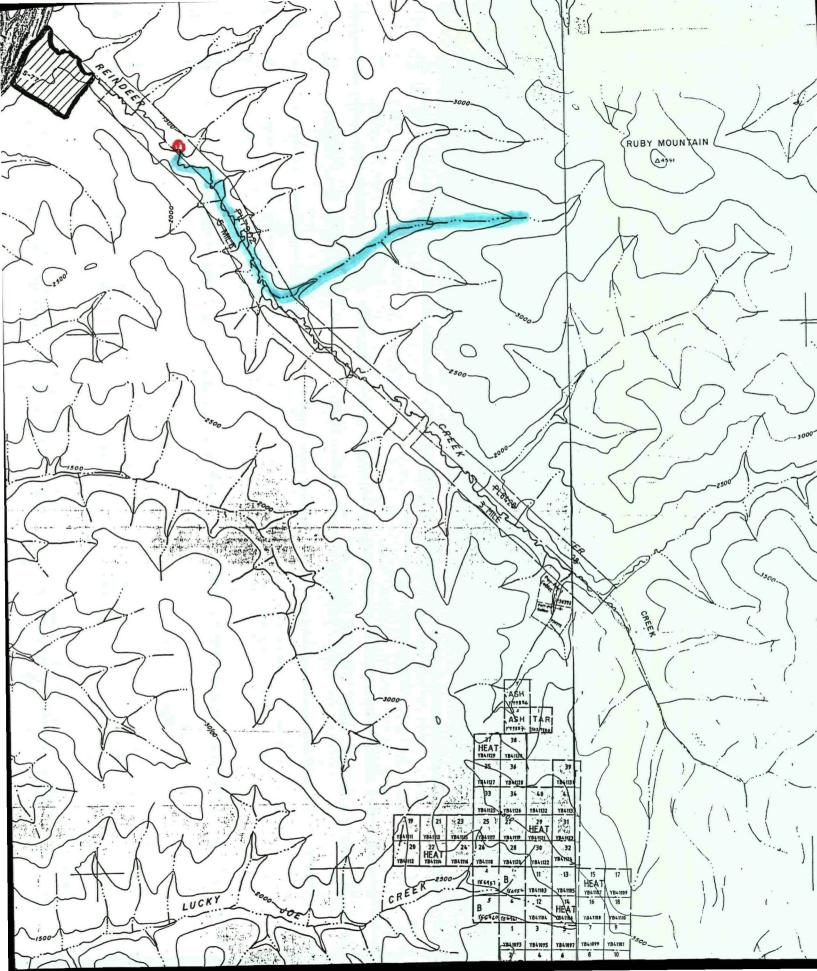
OCT. 2 raining +2'

Walked 5 miles downstream where Mike had set up his camp at old campsite used in June. Showed him where to dig pits. #1 just below canyon on north side of Reindeer, #2 above canyon on oxbow in center of the valley, and #3 on south side of valley above canyon. Steep cut banks, that weren't there in June, prevent taking ATV any further than this upstream without any major engineering. Spent the rest of the day and evening with Mike showing him the area.



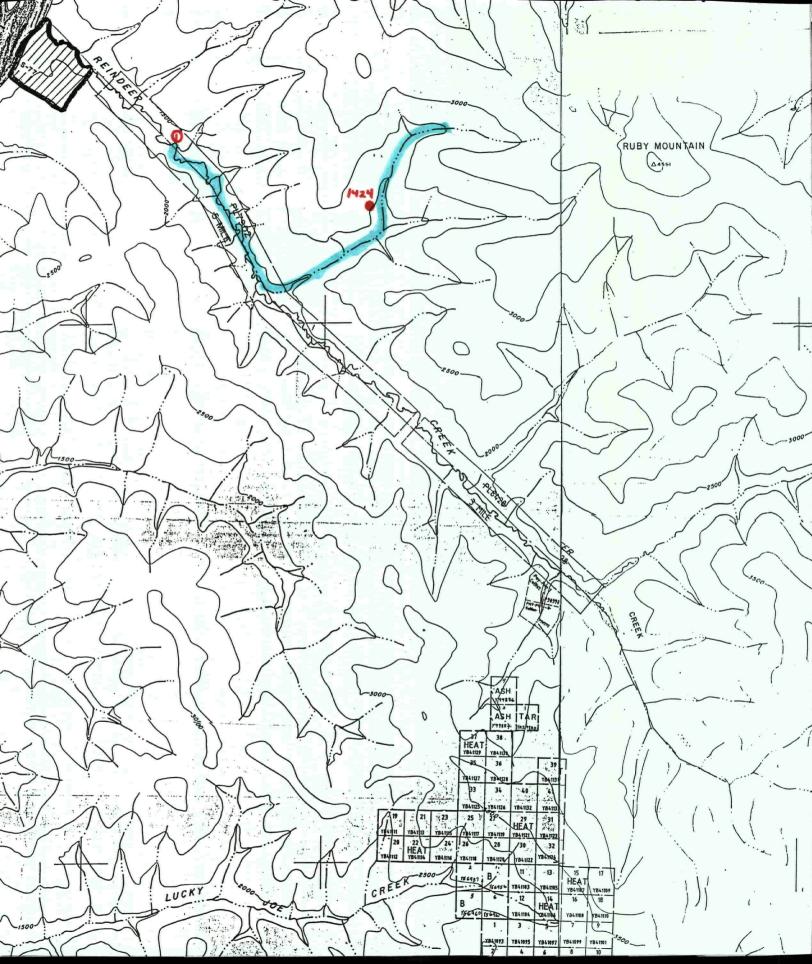
OCT. 3 freezing rain 0'

Mike started on pit below canyon. I went up first long tributary entering Reindeer from the north. Tributary cuts granite gneiss at its mouth where small sulphide zone was seen in June. Panned creek proper to approximately 2500' level staying on the right fork. Panned only minor coarse garnet, fine magnetite, no gold. Rock on both limits schisty granite gneiss with no visibile mineralization. Stream gravels angular granites. This tributary was believed to have cut a high level gravel channel but I did not see any indication of this as there were no foreign gravels and no concentration of gravels in the tributary or at its mouth which probably would have ocurred if this tributary had cut a sizeable deposit as has been suggested. The area does have a bench-like appearance though, and may deserve further examination.



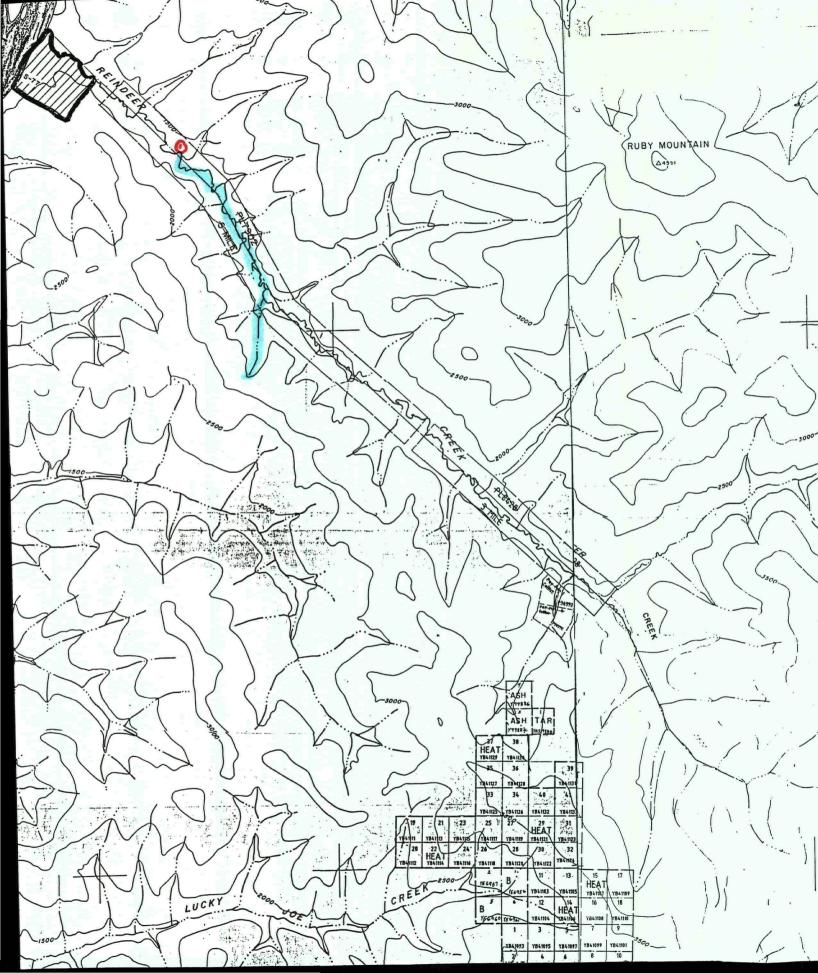
OCT. 4 cloudy -5'

Mike worked on pit #1. I went upstream to the tributary prospected yesterday, but went up the left fork, panning and checking outcrops. All pans contained considerable coarse garnet, fine magnetite, no sulphides or gold. Stream sediment survey reported 3 ppb gold. Outcrops schisty granite gneiss with no visible mineralization. Prospected to approximately 2500' level.



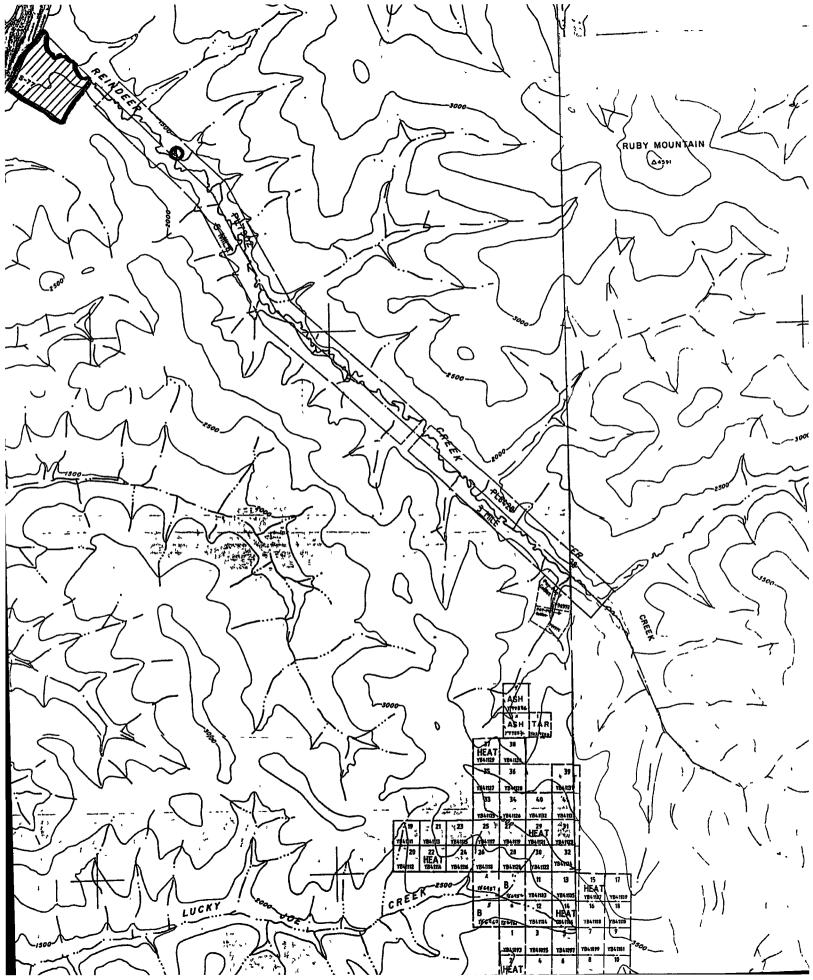
OCT. 5 cloudy -5'

Left Mike on pit #1. He's dug to a depth of 5'. Ground is thawed. Panning so far yields only minor fine garnet. All gravels angular granites, none bigger than 1' in diameter. I went upstream to the pup that enters Reindeer just above the canyon from the south. At the point where pup enters Reindeer, panning of gravels (2') yielded minor fine gold, abundant coarse garnet, no magnetite or sulphides. Went up pup to approximately 2000' level. Panning yielded only minor fine garnet.



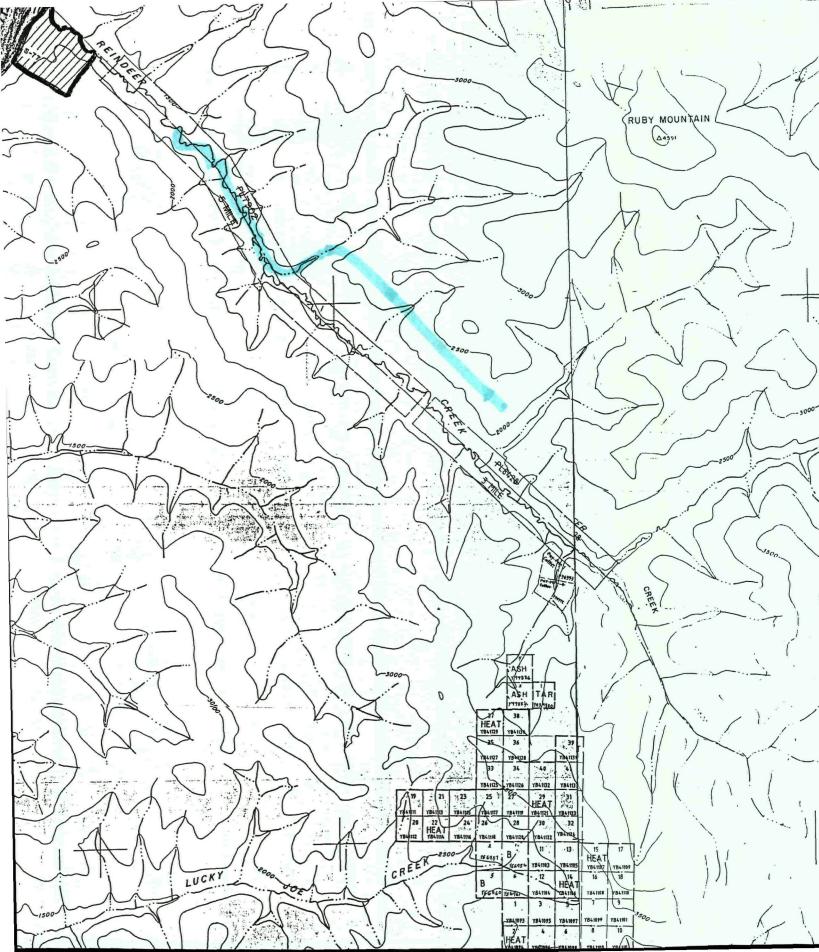
OCT. 6 partly cloudy +5'

Mike worked on pit#1 (6' deep X 3' wide X 6' long). Panning from top to bottom yielded minor very fine gold 2' from surface along with minor fine garnet. Helped him dig to 8 feet and abandoned pit due to water seepage. No heavy minerals were found at this depth. All gravels were angular granites.



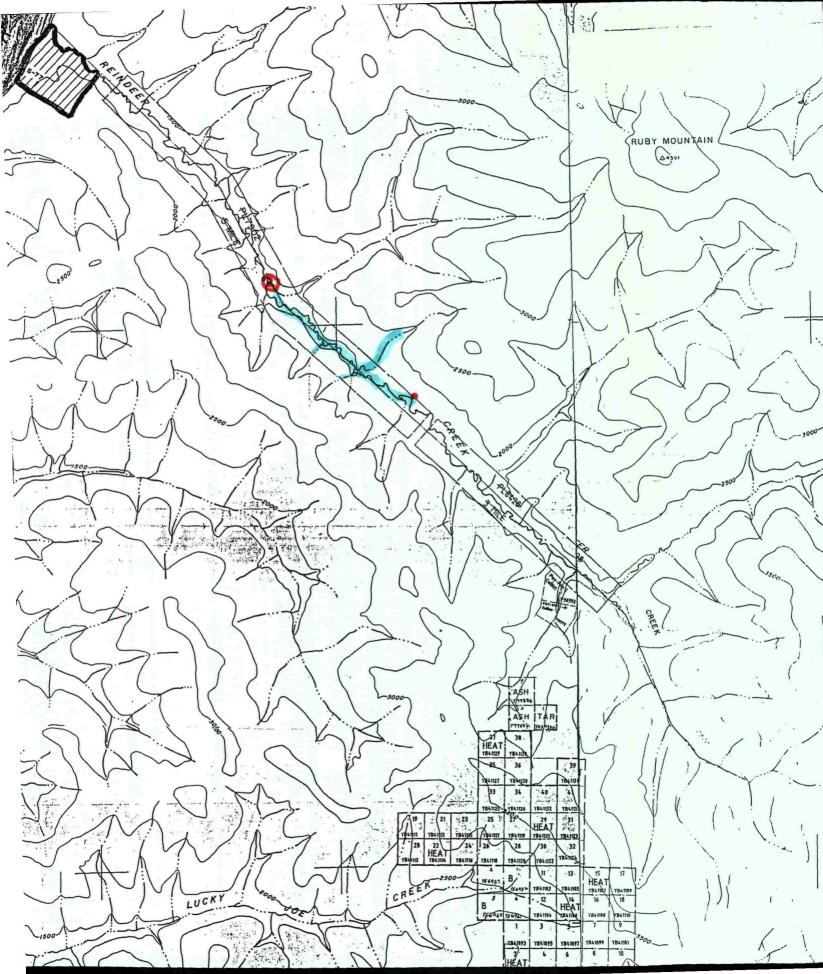
OCT. 7 cloudy 0'

Mike and I went up to check on reported high level benches on the north side of Reindeer above the canyon. It was hard to determine if an old gravel channel existed, as there were two prominent benches present, but whether or not there is a gravel channel here, could only be determined by shafting or trenching. This may be done at a later date. Tributaries cutting this area contained only angular granites.



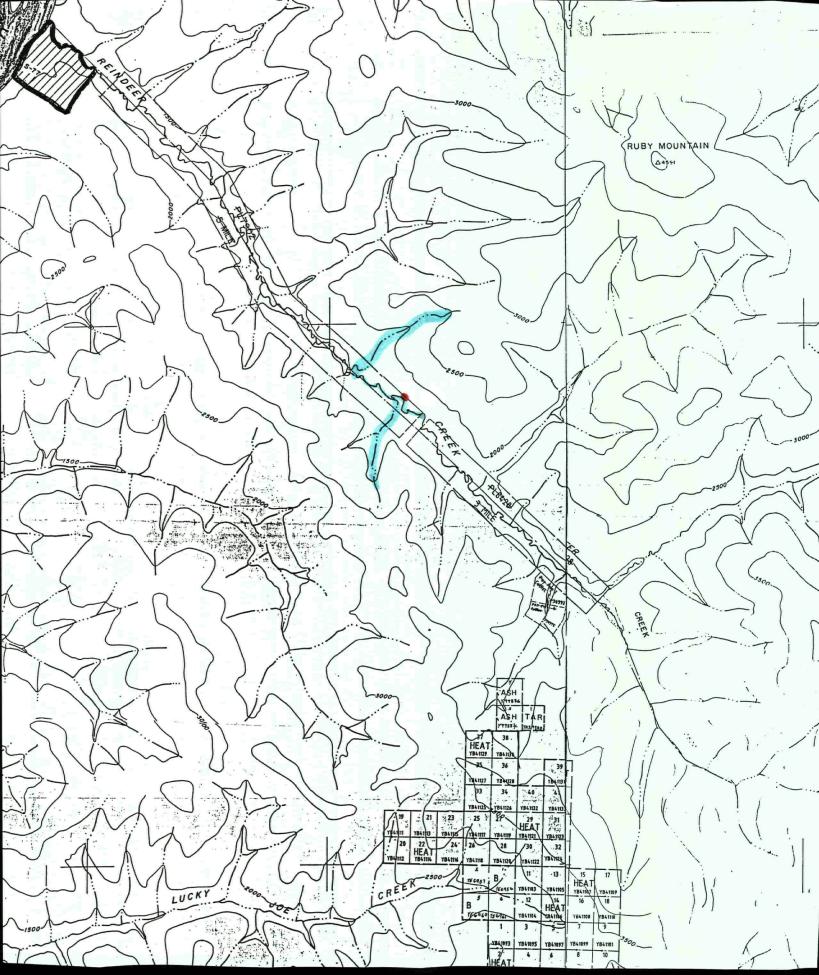
OCT. 8 cloudy -5'

Mike started on pit#2. I walked back towards my camp panning the mouths of two pups entering the south side of Reindeer recovering only minor fine garnet. Outcrops are granite gneiss. Pup entering on the north side was panned at the mouth yielding abundant fine garnet, minor fine magnetite, no gold. Granite gneiss outcrops showed no visible mineralization.



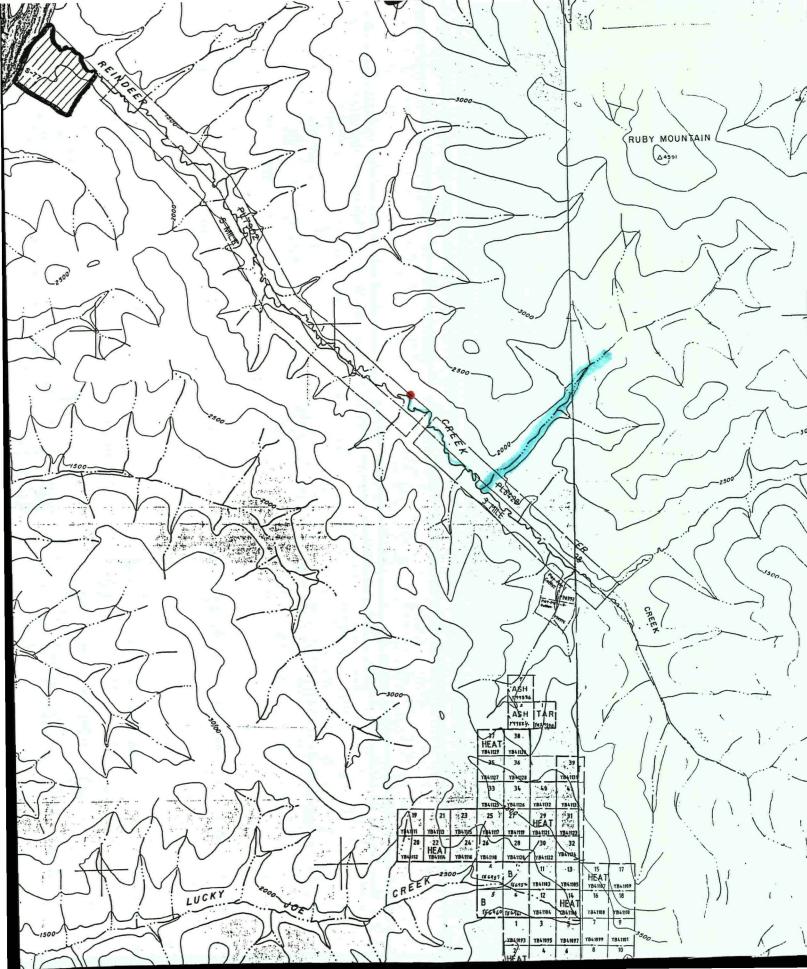
OCT. 9 cloudy -5'

Went downstream to re-examine pup that enters north side of Reindeer. Panning at mouth yielded abundant fine garnet. Prospected to approximately 2500' level with every pan showing abundant fine garnet, minor fine magnetite, no sulphides, no gold. Outcrops were granite gneiss with no visible mineralization. Went back up Reindeer to pup entering on south side directly across from camp. Panned up to 2000' level. None of the pans yielded any measurable amounts of heavy minerals. Granite gneiss outcrops contained no visible mineralization.



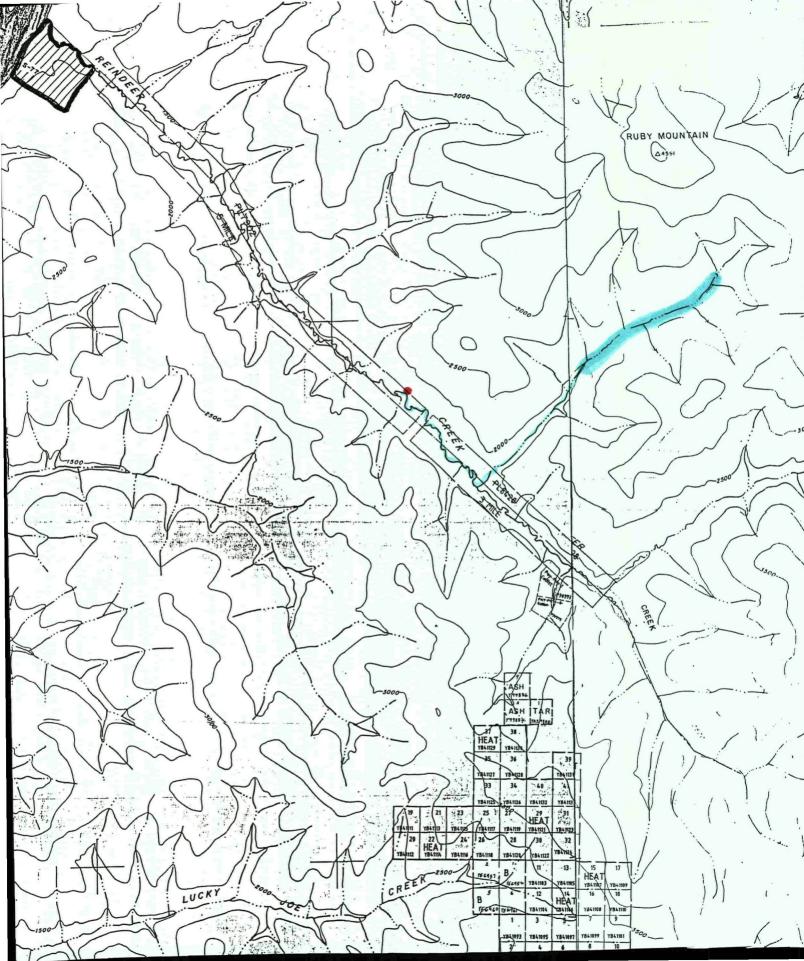
OCT. 10 cloudy -10'

Went up tributary on north side of Reindeer upstream from camp. Tributary is approximately three miles long and the day was spent on the bottom half. One pan at the mouth yielded abundant coarse garnet, minor coarse magnetite and trace of fine gold. No mineralization was found in any of the granite gneiss.



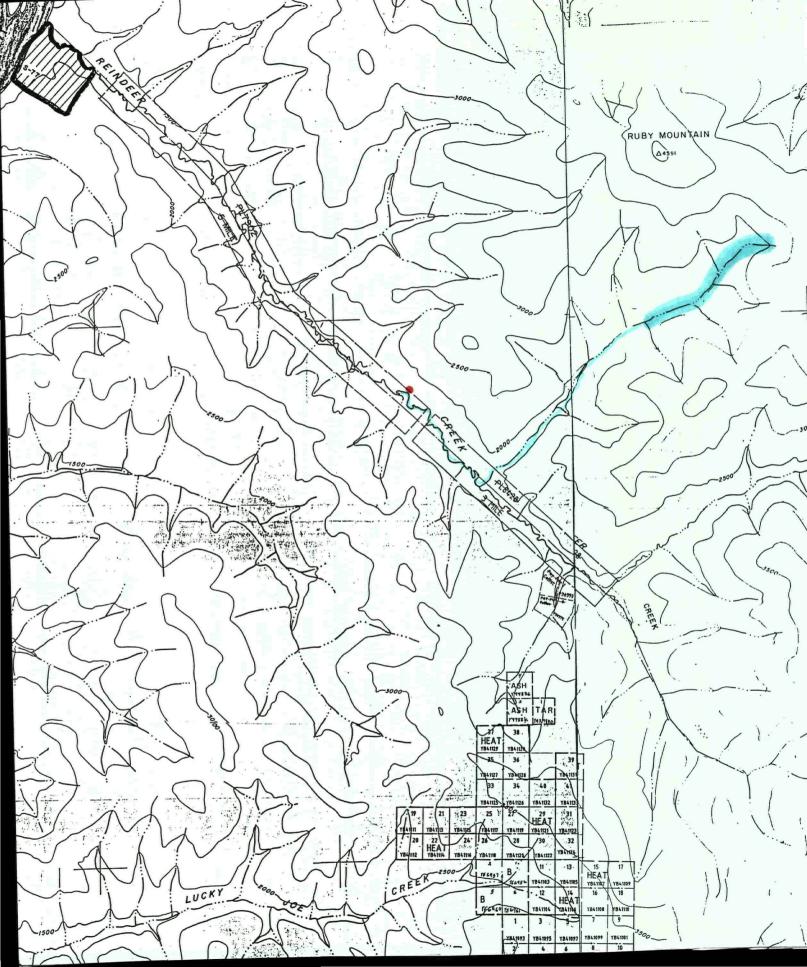
OCT. 11 light snow -5'

Returned to tributary visited yesterday. Panning top half yielded abundant coarse garnet, minor coarse magnetite, no sulphides, no gold up to the 2500' level. Granite gneiss outcrops showed no visible mineralization. Stayed on creek proper panning the pups at their confluence with this tributary with all pans yielding coarse garnet, coarse magnetite, no sulphides, no gold.



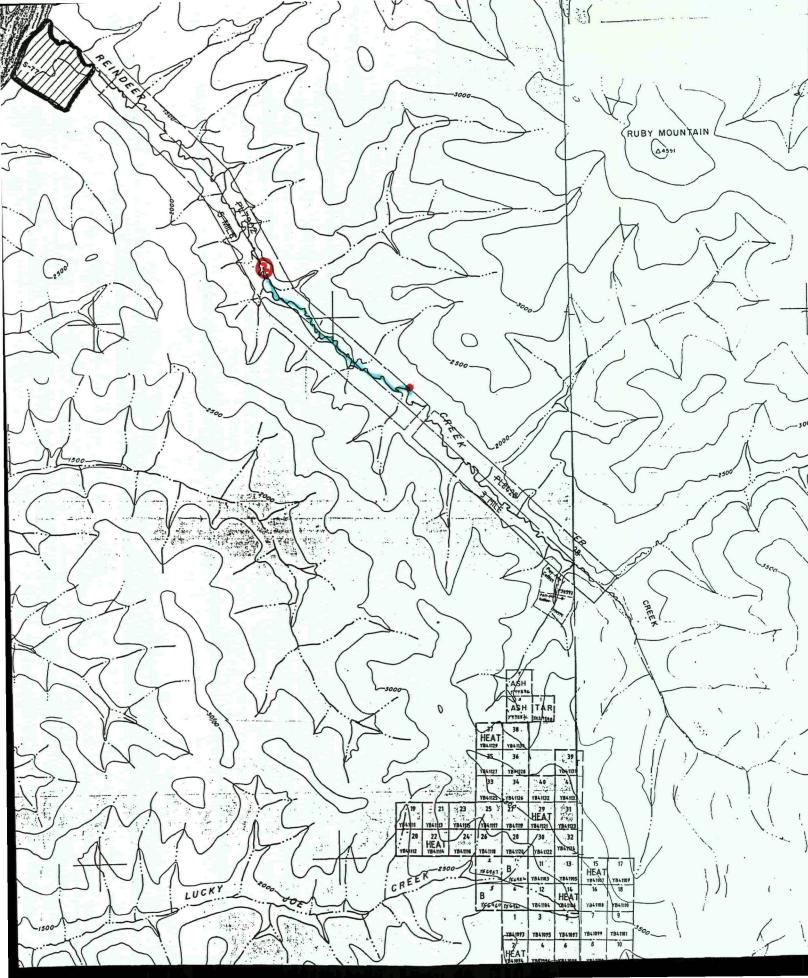
OCT. 12 cloudy -10'

Returned to tributary visited on the 10th and 11th to prospect the headwaters to the 3000' level. Snow was 1.5' deep here. Panning resulted in recovering abundant coarse garnet, minor magnetite, no sulphides, no gold. No limestones were observed, nor any rock types besides granite gneiss, that showed any alteration or mineralization.



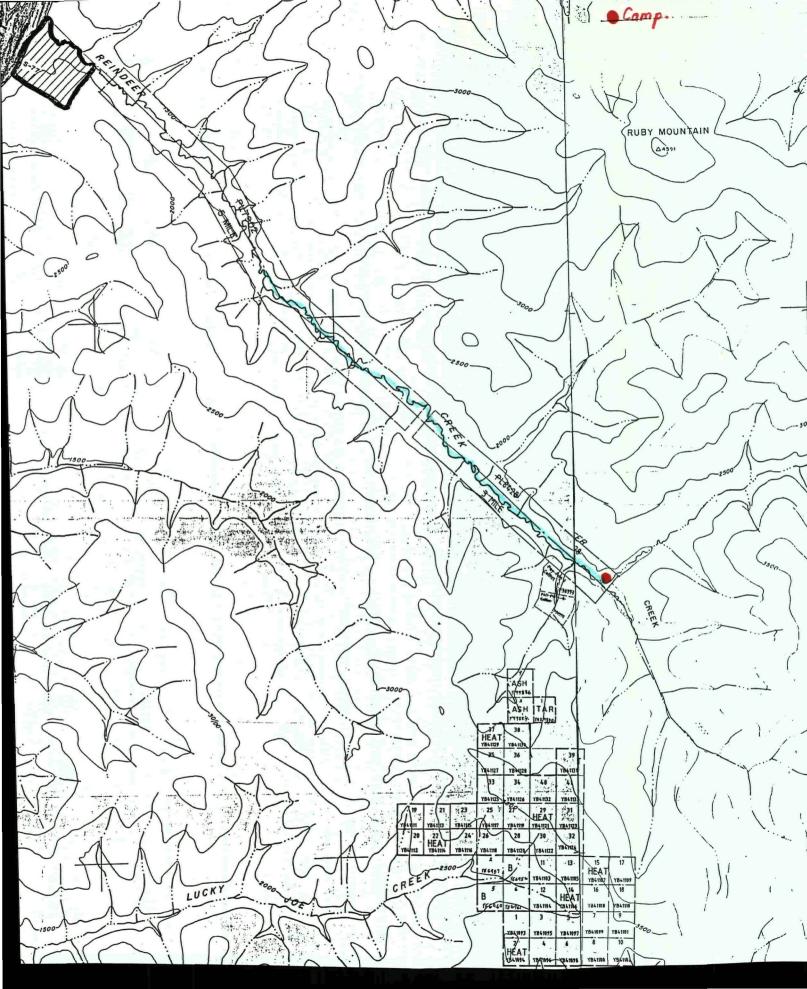
OCT. 13 cloudy -15'

Walked down to Mike's camp. Pit#2 was finished due to water seepage at 8 feet. Pit was 8' deep X 4' wide X 5' long. Mike started on pit#3. Panning the bottom of pit#2 resulted in recovering 2 pieces coarse gold, minor very fine gold, abundant coarse garnet, abundant coarse magnetite, no sulphides. All pans taken from this level to 3' resulted in no gold being recovered, but yielded minor coarse garnet, minor coarse magnetite, no sulphides. From 3' level to surface, panning yielded minor very fine gold, minor very fine garnet and magnetite. Gravels were angular granites and a few quartz boulders, none bigger than 1 1/2' in diameter. Checked on Yukon River. Shore ice building up. Told Mike to work until 15th and then return to Dawson. Stayed at his camp.



OCT. 14 cloudy -15'

Went back upstream to my camp and started moving gear to new campsite at approximately 10 miles upstream from Yukon River where Reindeer forks.

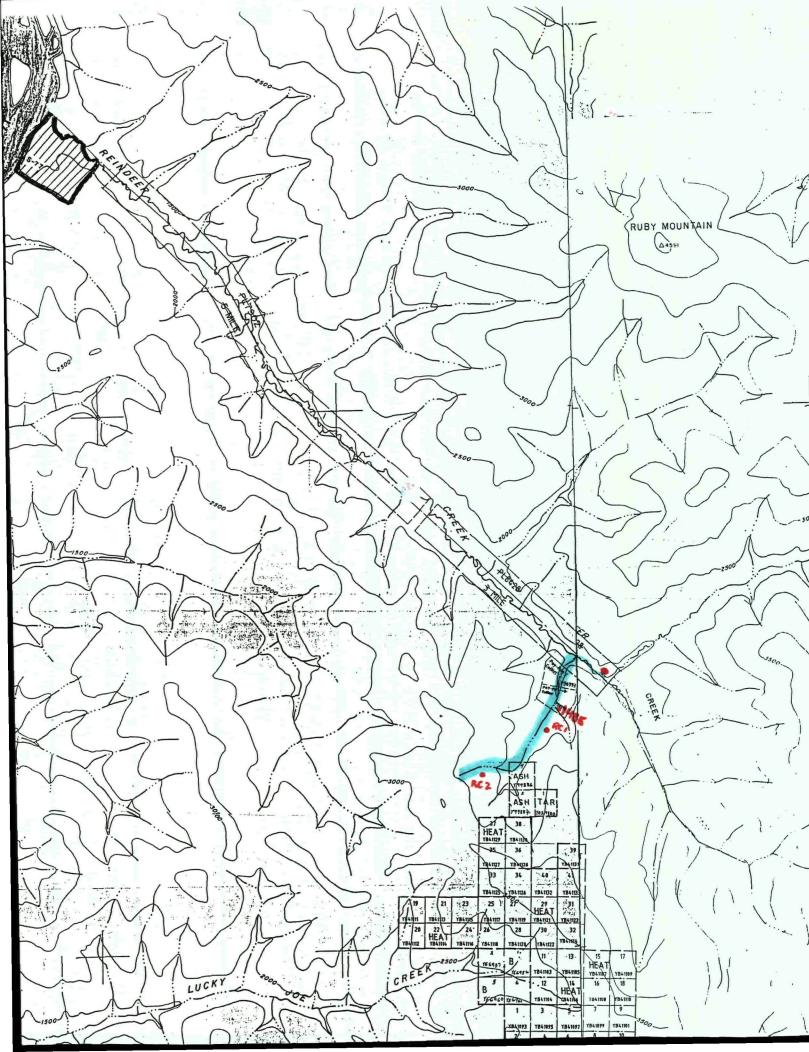


OCT. 15 cloudy -10'

Prospected pup downstream from camp on the south side of Reindeer. Panning just upstream from the mouth resulted in minor fine garnet and magnetite with no gold. Outcrops at this point showed no visible mineralization. At approximately 3/4 mile upstream from mouth of this pup sample (RC#1) was taken from granite gneiss outcrop which contained disseminated pyrites. Panning stream gravels resulted in recovering minor fine garnet, fine magnetite, no sulphides or gold. Went up tributary that enters from the west and took sample (RC#2) from granite gneiss which contained disseminated pyrites. Some samples which were mortared and panned did not yield any gold but contained abundant fine pyrites. When these pyrites were crushed, no visible gold was observed.

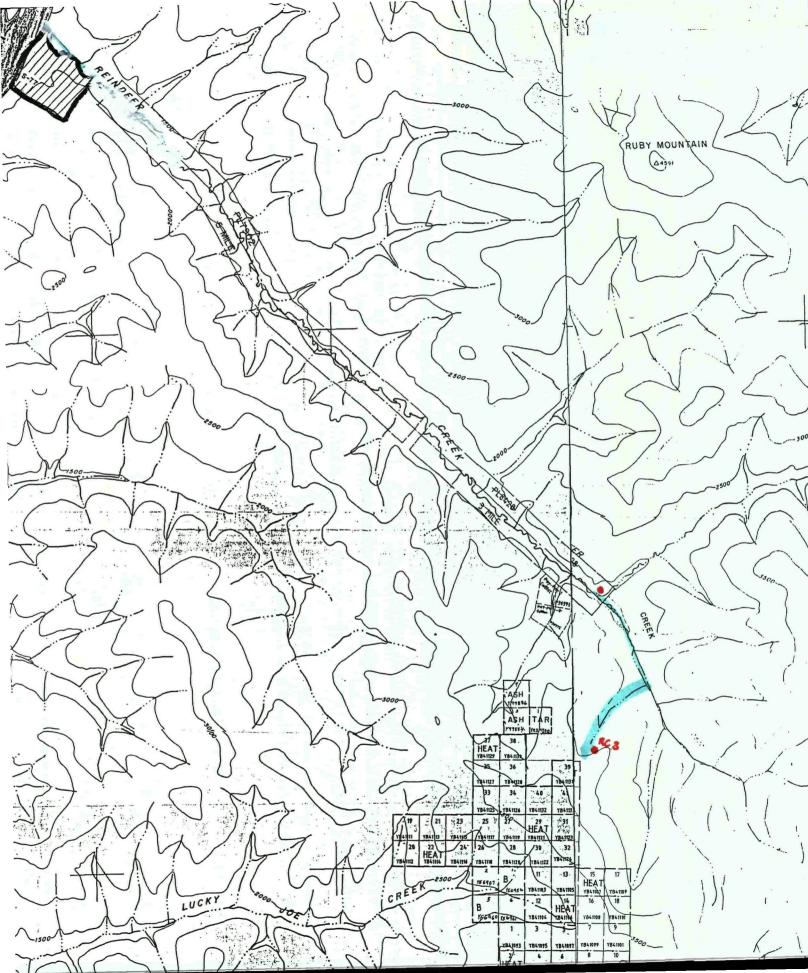
Sample site (RC#1) was in the vicinity of stream sediment survey sample location 1435:

Flouride in water	1500 ppb
Uranium in water	9 ppb
Cu	123 ppm
Au	1 ppb



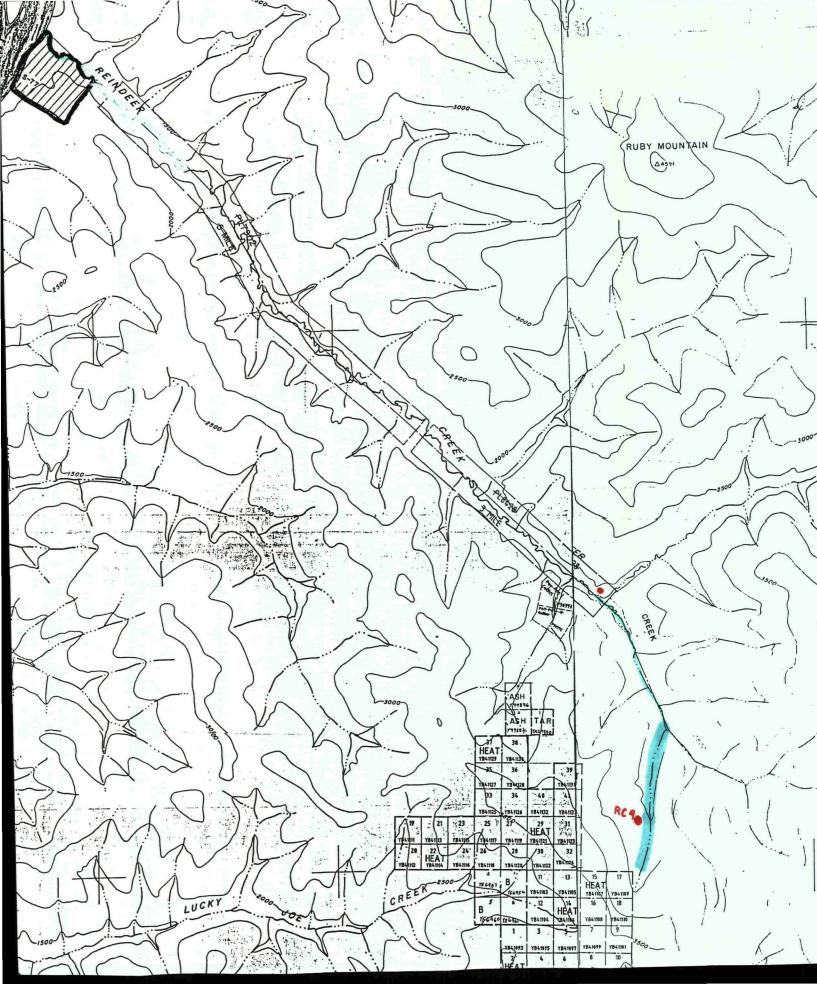
OCT. 16 cloudy -15'

Prospected first pup upstream from camp, south of Reindeer. Panning just upstream from mouth yielded minor fine garnet, magnetite, no sulphides or gold. Sample taken from granite gneiss outcrop at approximately 3000' level (RC#3) contained disseminated pyrites. This rock type was found on both sides of the valley at this level which may have slid down from the hillsides. Granite gneiss angular stream gravels also contained disseminated pyrites. Mortaring samples yielded abundant fine pyrites, when crushed further, showed no visible free gold.



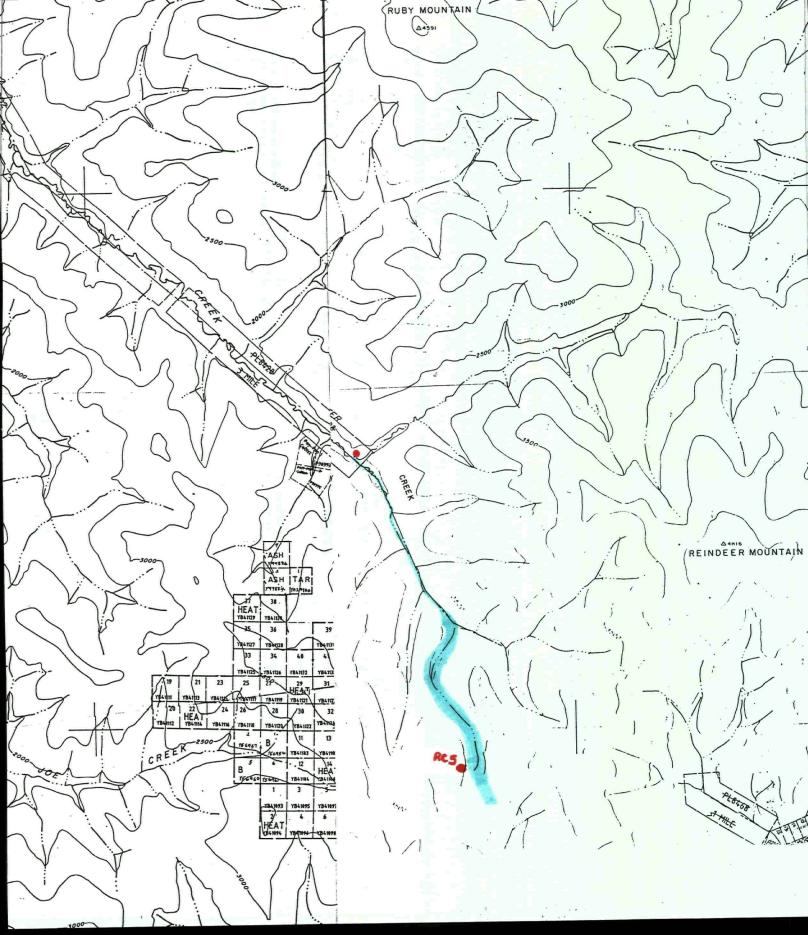
OCT. 17 cloudy +10'

Prospected second pup upstream from camp, south side of Reindeer. Panning stream gravels (angular granites) resulted in every pan containing abundant fine garnet, minor coarse magnetite, no pyrites or gold. No outcrops were observed until approximately 2500' level. Granite gneiss outcrops at this point contained disseminated pyrites. Sample (RC#4) was taken here. Stream gravels also contained disseminated pyrites. Mortaring showed no visible free gold.



OCT. 18 cloudy -15'

Prospected area approximately 2 1/2 miles upstream from camp where the creek forks. Went up tributary entering from the south. Outcroppings on the west side of tributary were granite gneiss, slide rock off of east side, gabbro (peridotite?) with no visible mineralization being found in any of the rocks examined. Panning stream gravels yielded minor fine garnet, magnetite, no sulphides, no gold. At approximately 2500' level granite gneiss on both west and east sides of this tributary showed disseminated pyrites and sample (RC*5) was taken. Mortaring some of the samples yielded no visible free gold.

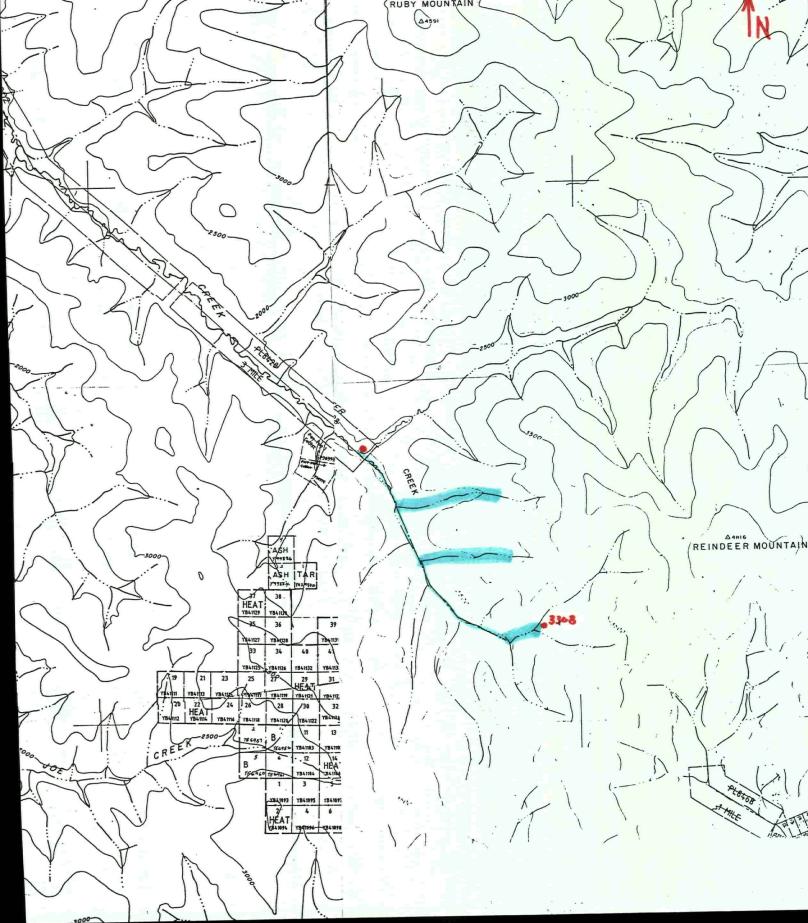


OCT. 19 cloudy -12'

Went upstream to first pup, north side of Reindeer. Panning recovered minor fine garnet, minor fine magnetite, no sulphides, no gold. Outcrops were granite gneiss. Went upstream Reindeer to next pup entering from the north. Panning yielded very minor garnet, no magnetite, no sulphides, no gold. Went approximately 1 1/2 miles upstream Reindeer to check stream sediment site location 3308. Panning resulted in recovering minor fine garnet, no other heavy minerals. No mineralization was observed in granite gneiss.

Sample Site 3308

Zn	104 ppm
Mn	460 ppm
U	53 ppm
Au	5 ppb



OCT. 20 cloudy -18

Cached gear and went up left fork Reindeer. Granite gneiss on both sides of the valley. No mineralization was observed. Panning resulted in abundant fine garnet, magnetite, no sulphides or gold. At approximately 2 1/2 miles upstream is the vicinity of stream sediment sample site 3309. Panning from mouth of tributary entering from the west showed minor fine garnet, no other heavy minerals. Outcrops were granite gneiss with no visible mineralization. Large slabby granites from talus coming off east side of valley filled creek proper, also large quartz boulders. Snow 2' deep at this site.

Stream Sediment Sample Site 3309

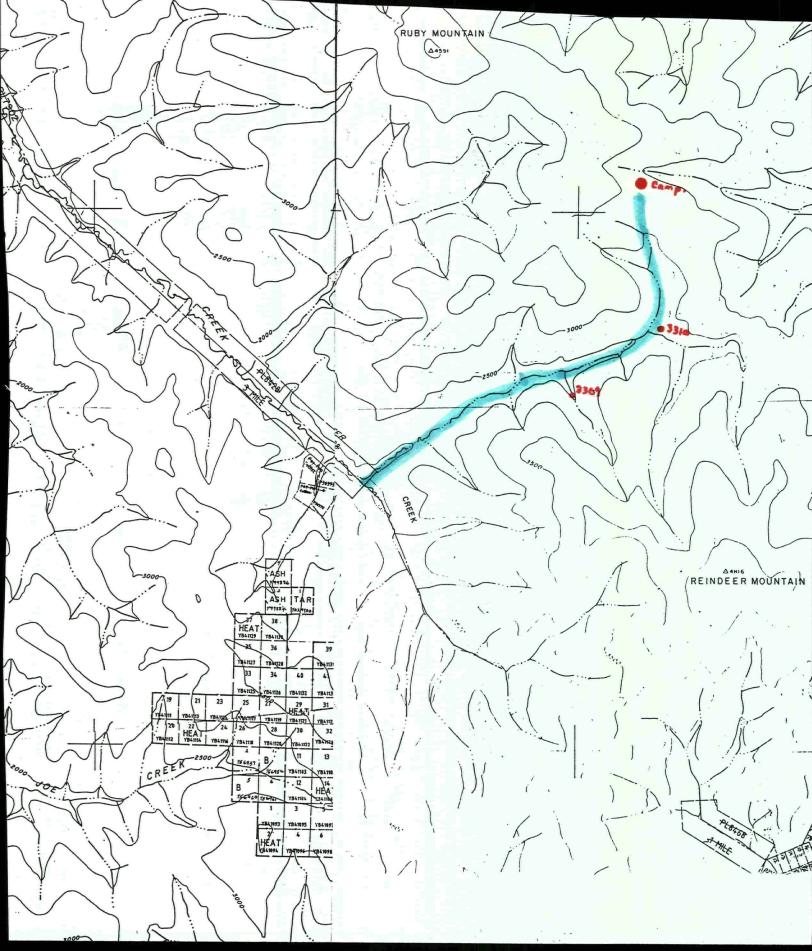
Ba 1060 ppm Cu 28 ppm Au 16 ppb

Zn

Cu

Walked up upper reaches of left fork Reindeer. Limestones evident just upstream from granite gneiss talus. No samples were taken because of weight restrictions. Will revisit the area at a later date to check gneiss limestone contacts. Stream sediment sample site 3310 is in this area. Set up camp on summit between Reindeer - Ruby Creek.

Sample Site 3310 115 ppm Hg 60 ppb 26 ppm Mn 900 ppm



OCT. 21 light snow -12'

Went down summit to Ruby Creek, out of limestones and into schisty granite gneiss where outcrops were exposed. No mineralization was observed. Reached Indian River and was picked up by operators working for S. Schmidt. Spent evening at their camp.

OCT. 22 cloudy -15'

Caught ride into Dawson. Mike Raible had left Reindeer Creek on the 15th. He reported pit#3 frozen at 3'. Burned down to 5'. Material excavated was silty angular granites with no heavy minerals recovered from panning.



28-Oct-92 date

Assay Certificate

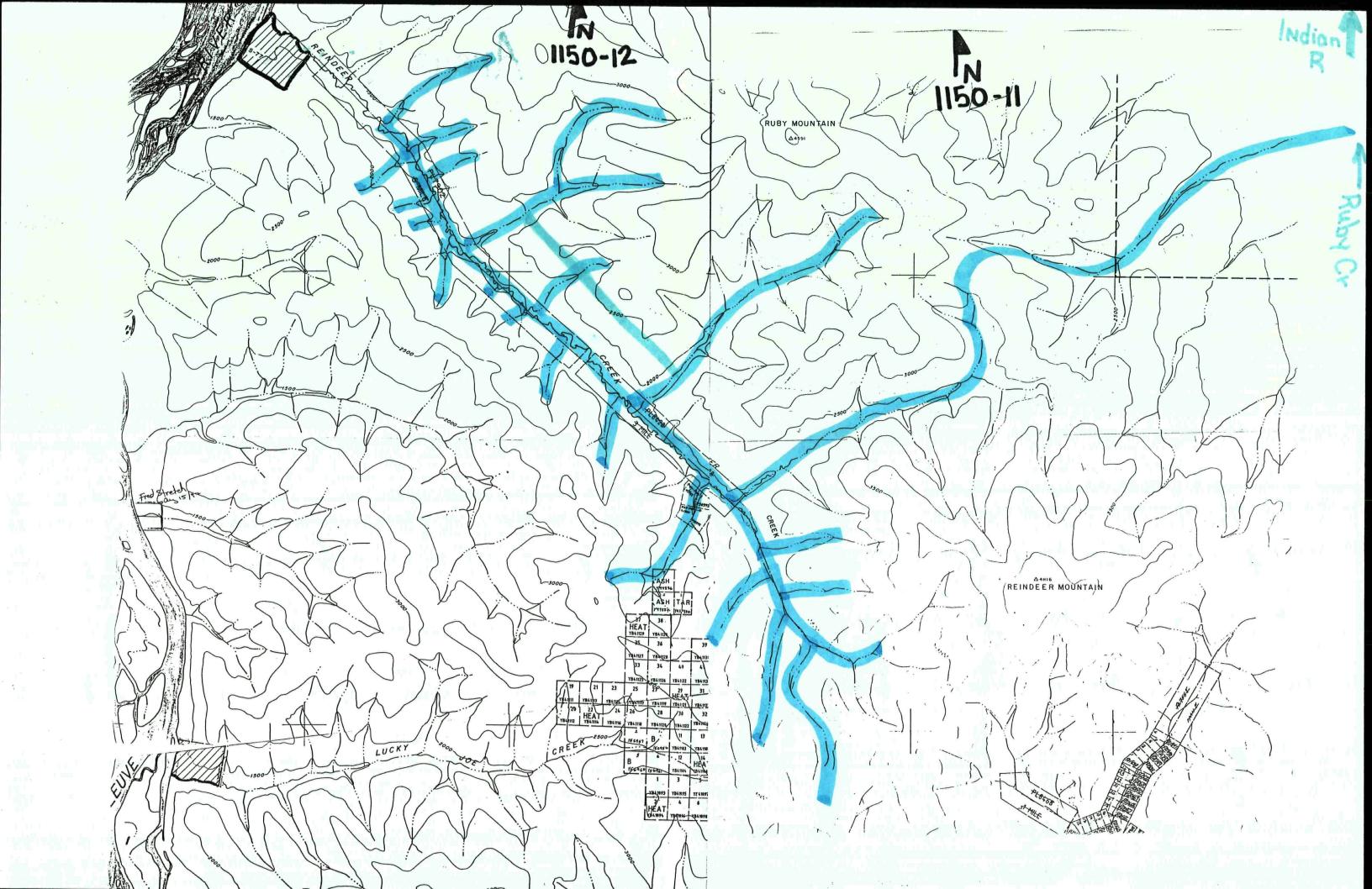
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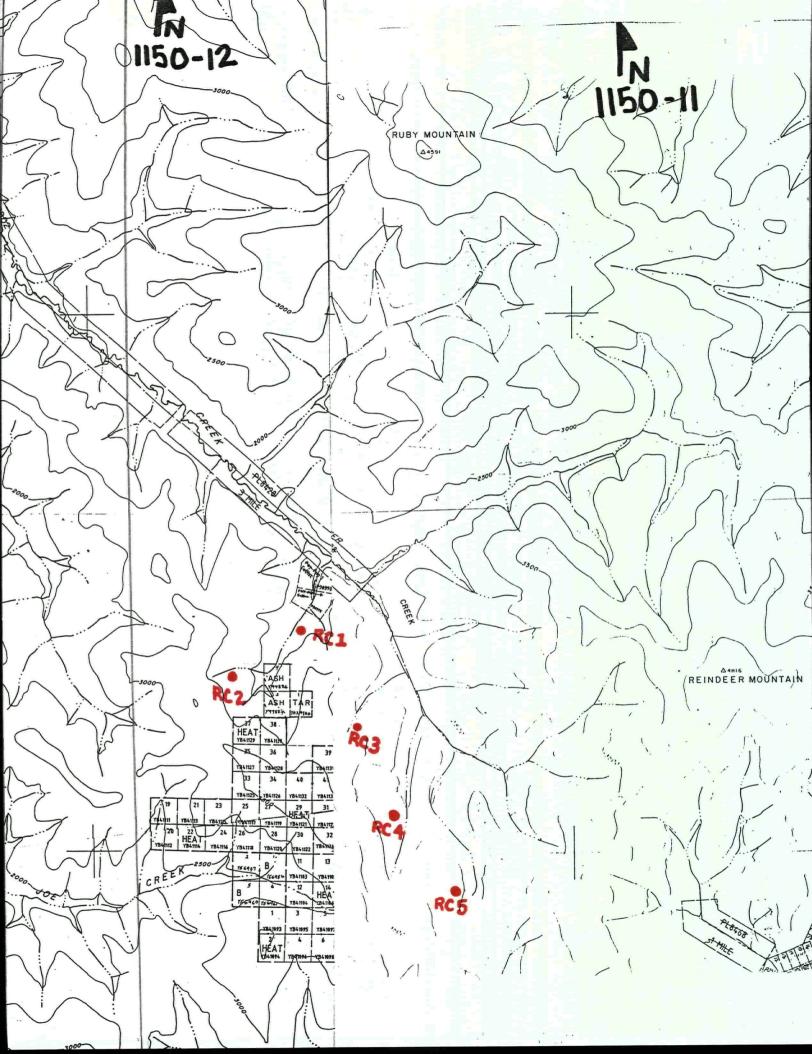
Sample #	Au ppb	Au oz/ton	Ag ppm	Cu ppm	
RC1	11	<0 002	05	513	
RC2	9	<0.002	03	343	
RC3	9	<0.002	01	37	
RC4	18	<0.002	0.1	35	
RC5	12	<0.002	02	35	

Areas Visited



EXPENDITURES

June 8/'92 - June 18/'92 (10 days)	
Bill Read labour @\$100 a day	\$1000.00
Bill Read expenses @ \$52.85 a day	528.50
Bill Read boat rental @ \$75 a day	750.00
Ron Myles emergency radio rental @ \$25 a day	250.00
Jerry Bryde expenses @ \$52.85 a day	<u> 528 50</u>
Total	
Oct. 1/'92 - Oct. 15/'92 (15 days)	
Mike Raible labour @ \$100/day	\$1500.00
Mike Raible ATV rental @\$100/day	1500.00
Mike Raible expenses @ \$52.85/day	792.75
Ron Myles emergency radio rental @ \$25/day	375.00
Bill Read boat rental @ \$75/day	1125 00
Jerry Bryde expenses @ \$52.85/day	792.75
Total	\$608550
Oct. 16/'92 - Oct.22/'92 (7 days)	
Ron Myles emergency radio rental @ \$25/day	175.00
Jerry Bryde expenses @ \$52.85/day	369.95
Total	\$ 544.95
Travel expenses Dawson-Whitehorse Oct. 26	
542 km @ 38.5/km	208.67
Assays Report preparation	47 73
Total	<u>32.17</u> \$288.57
IVIAI	\$200.J i
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9 976.02



CONCLUSIONS

Reindeer Creek carries placer gold near the bottom end, but whether or not it contains enough to be economically feasible would require further investigation. Environmental concerns (Reindeer Creek is at this time unclassified by the Yukon Territory Water Board), state of the economy, and access should be considered before any major expenditures are put into advanced prospecting or development. Bedrock was not reached in any of the test pits and an effort should be made to test for bedrock values. Gold was recovered in some of the top gravels on lower Reindeen Pit#2 yielded two pieces of coarse gold at a depth of 8', and fine gold was recovered at 2-3'. All pits and all other locations yielded garnet and magnetite in varying amounts. Sulphides in gravels were recovered in insignificant amounts all locations except lower Reindeer Creek Only one pan taken on a north tributary entering Reindeer Creek at midpoint yielded a very minor trace of fine gold. No gold was recovered from any rock samples mortared. The only consistent mineralization observed in the country rock (granite gneiss) was on the upper south side of Reindeer Creek. Although the granite gness contained disseminated pyrites, assays showed negligible amounts of gold or silver. Copper values were more prevalent. This area and the area at the headwaters of Lucky Joe Creek were staked by Noranda this summer. The original claims were held for many years by individuals and optioned to Silver Standard-Consolidated Silver Standard and Rio Algom. The granite gneiss - gabbro - limestone contacts (skarn?) were not investigated as much as they could have been due to inclement weather.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Small scale testing at the grass roots level for placer gold on lower Reindeer may show economical gold values for a small placer operation. Also, further testing upstream may show gold values warranting further investigation. Lands Use branch recommends access to Reindeer Creek via Yukon River. Water Resources does not favor multiple stream crossings, and as Reindeer Creek has a very meandering stream course, this would inhibit travelling in the valley of Reindeer Creek with heavy machinery. Further prospecting for lode occurances would be limited to the granite gneiss on the upper south side of Reindeer Creek, the gneiss - gabbro - limestone (skarn?) contacts to the east and the granite gneiss - limestone contact in the same area. Ultra-mafics reported on the upper reaches of Reindeer Creek deserve future investigation also. Further investigation into the results of previous claim holders' activities and prospecting, may lead to a continuation of any mineralization found to date, with better assay results. I hope to revisit the above areas mentioned and to do specific prospecting during the 1993 season now that target areas have been identified. The benches on the north side of lower Reindeer should also be revisited.

HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR LOOSING FROM THE OLD ANCHORAGE BEFORE GOING IN SEARCH OF A BETTER. DO NOT START ON SUCH A JOURNEY WITH THE IDEA THAT IT IS GOING TO BE SIMPLY A FINE PLAY SPELL, AND THAT WHEN YOU GET THROUGH, YOU WILL TUMBLE INTO SOME GULCH AND COME OUT FORTHWITH LADEN WITH YOUR FORTUNE IN GOLD. BE CONTENT WITH DOING WELL, AND DO NOT RUN AFTER EVERY BIG STORY THAT FLITS THROUGH CAMP. NONE WHO HAVE HOMES AND A REASONABLE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD SHOULD BE ENTICED BY STORIES, HOWEVER TRUE THEY MAY BE. NOR SHOULD ANY MAN WHO, FROM HAVING BEEN BORN TIRED OR OTHERWISE SO INDISPOSED TO LABOUR AS TO HAVE ALWAYS FAILED TO OBTAIN AN HONEST LIVING, EVER THINK OF SUCCEEDING IN A NEW TERRITORY, BE IT RICH WITH MINERALS OR OTHERWISE. THE DIGGING OF GOLD OR OTHER PRECIOUS MINERALS IS A LOTTERY IN WHICH THERE ARE MANY PRIZES, BUT VERY MANY BLANKS.

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