

REVIEW OF PROSPECTING 1993
YUKON MINING INCENTIVES PROGRAM

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Prospecting under the 1993 Yukon Mining Incentives Program focused on several areas of southern Yukon within the alkalic geologic terrane which were "open" for claim staking. Selection of areas evolved from the interrelation of the following criteria:

1.1 Tectonically Favorable Environments:

- a) Zone of extensional faulting and/or of deep seated sutures.
- b) Off-cratonic "mobile zone" where strontium initial isotopic ratios were high; thus, indicating probable presence of buried Precambrian crust.

1.2 Lithologic Units Indicative of Alkali Suite Derived from Deep Crustal/Upper Mantle Sources:

- a) Syenite
- b) Pyroxenite
- c) Carbonatite
- d) basalt
- e) Serpentinite (peridotite)
- f) Eclogite

1.3 Targeted Economic Mineral Deposits:

- a) Advanced (high-tech) materials components such as heavy rare earths (yttrium), light rare earths (lanthanum, cerium, neodymium), niobium, and zirconium.

Examples: Lancer deposit, Ketz River, Yukon
Niobec mine, Quebec
Mountain Pass mine, California
Bayan Obo mine, Inner Mongolia, China
Strange Lake deposit, Quebec-Labrador
Powderhorn deposit, Colorado

3.0 PROSPECTING MODUS OPERANDI

3.1 Pelly Mountains

Reference was to the Quiet Lake, Yukon NTS 105F
1:250,000 scale geology as compiled in 1977 by
D.J. Templman-Kluit published as GSC Open File 486.

Belt of syenitic terrane was transposed onto Yukon
quartz claim mining recorder's sheets 105F-07, 08, 09, 10
in order to display areas "open" for staking.

Within "open" areas, the sub-areas of intrusive or
volcanic syenite were identified for detailed ground
prospecting.

Several successive base camps were serviced by helicopter
from Ross River with from 7 to 15 field days prospecting
from each of 3 camps during the season. Two overnight
fly camps were included.

Prospecting involved continuous scanning of float and
bedrock with a rented handheld scintillometer model
Precision 111-B. Anomalous thorium gamma radiation is
characteristic of minerals carrying anomalous values
in the rare earths, niobium, and zirconium.

Particular attention was paid to melasyenite,
phlogopite-bearing pyroxenite, and fluorite-rich
outcrops.

The rented binocular microscope was used at base
camp to assist in lithologic identification.

3.2 Tintina Trench

Reference was to the Finlayson Lake, Yukon NTS 105G 1:250,000 scale geology as compiled in 1977 by D. J. Templman-Kluit published as GSC Open File 486.

Reference also to GSC Aeromagnetic Series Map 1391G Starr Creek, NTS 105G-12, 1961.

Time and limited vehicular access permitted only an initial investigation of the Hoole River upstream for approximately 9km from its junction with the Pelly River near the Campbell Highway 105G-12/13.

First priority was given to detailed examination of coarse stream float on shore of Hoole River although it was apparent that much was glacially derived from sources remote from Hoole River bedrock exposures.

Focus was on the recognition of lamproite or kimberlite rocks and/or their xenoliths. Evidence from geophysical surveys in Australia on these rocks from "mobile zones" indicated that the majority were found in distinct and large magnetic anomalies, and situated commonly on the low side. Tote road access west of Hoole River and possible access to some east-flowing drainage of tributaries of the Hoole (i.e. from part of the high-mag contrast area) was was reason, apart from time, for choice of initial approach to area.

4.0 RESULTS OF PROSPECTING

4.1 Pelly Mountains

a) Upper Sheep Creek to Seagull Lakes

Back-packed in 17 kilometers from South Canal Road along muddy Sheep Creek 4x4 trail to ridge overlooking Seagull Creek where leuco-syenite outcrops on the nose of last ridge into the Seagull valley. Only 2x background radiometrics was detected after several traverses within the syenite and in Cambrian dolomite nearby. No anomalous radiometric readings were observed along the access route crossing Cambrian and Ordovician clastics and carbonates.

b) Upper McConnell River

Two exposures of coarse grained, mafic sub-volcanic syenite were prospected - one of which was a phlogopite-bearing pyroxenite. Although several sites in the surrounding medium grained leuco-syenite displayed 2x background radiometrically, no further prospecting in the area for REE and related specialty metals can be recommended.

c) Upper Porcupine Creek

Prospecting was conducted in a broad area to the cirques at the heads of several upper tributaries of Porcupine creek from a base camp north of the 1992 Gamma claims. Several carbonatite dikes and a syenite autobreccia were examined. However, radiometric readings were only 2x-3x background. Nevertheless, several samples were assayed for cerium only, since Ce is normally the dominant light rare earth element in the suite (c.f. Lancer property). Several anomalous values were reported out (Chemex Certificate A9317860), but none were high enough to warrant additional assaying for other rare earths.

d) Lower McConnell River

Although numerous bedrock syenite exposures and talus boulders were seen to host purple fluorite, unfortunately (contrasted with the Lancer deposit) no radiometric readings exceeding 2x background were noted. Thus, no samples were submitted for REE analysis.

e) Ketzka and McNeil River

Prospected the area on the divide between the Ketzka and McNeil rivers which had been covered by the Pescod claims (now lapsed). Examined the several bulldozer trenches exposing Cambrian calcareous shales. One in particular exposed a 0.5meter wide vein of galena. Two samples gave high values in silver, zinc, and, of course, lead (NAL report). A third sample from a hematitic ault zone gave only very low values in all three elements.

Nevertheless, because of its 4x4 accessibility, ease of conducting a soil sampling and EM survey, plus proximity to the Lancer REE claims - a decision was made to acquire the ground; the two DIG claims were staked.

4.2 Tintina Trench

a) Lower Hoole River

Several days meticulous prospecting of cobbles and boulders along the banks of the lower (0-6km) Hoole River were rewarded by recognition of a very small percentage, but none the less significant presence, of serpentinite, coarse-grained eclogite (omphacite mostly retrograde to amphibolite),

medium-grained peridotite with olivine, tiny garnets, and clinopyroxene(?). Phlogopite observed in several pieces.

Use of binocular microscope proved to be a necessary adjunct in identification of minerals.

b) Hoole River to Starr Creek

At 5km south of the mouth of the Hoole River, and at an altitude of approximately 3300 feet, serpentinite and minor listwaenite silicocarbonate replacement (vein ?) dominate the float exposed in an old bulldozed trail on the Eldorado claims. From float this appears to be the boundary of serpentinite with the phyllonite to the north. Serpentinite float extends over 2km to the south where it is well exposed in old (1963 ?) bulldozer trenches. Southern boundary of serpentinite on the former LUG claims was not seen.

5.0 EVALUATION OF RESULTS

5.1 Rare Earths

Am now reasonably confident that no Y+Nb+Zr+REE deposit with commercial production potential is present in the "open-for-staking" areas in or adjacent to intrusives of the Pelly Mountains syenite belt in the Porcupine Creek and McConnell River drainages. This contrasts with the potential for economic development of the Lancer deposit at the head of the Ketzka River.

5.2 Silver-Lead Showing

One bold exposure of sulfide vein with good grades in silver, zinc, and lead - staked as DIG claims - offers a target for exploration by soil sampling and an EM survey.

5.3 High Pressure Rocks

Discovery of float in Hoole River containing eclogite, along with ultramafic rocks rich in olivine, with tiny garnets and/or minor phlogopite, points to probable bedrock source within the Tintina suture zone.

Isotopic signatures indicate the presence of Precambrian crust underlying the Tintina trench. On the premise that the Tintina represents locus of deep persistent faulting in the "mobile zone", it likely is a reflection of the structural framework estab-

lished in Precambrian time. Although the known eclogite rocks (in place) may have crystallized above the mantle source of diamonds, they do reinforce the belief that the Tintina suture is very deep seated.

A prospecting proposal for 1994 will concentrate on detailed search for diamond indicator minerals in south-central Yukon.



PHOTO 1 UPPER McCONNELL RIVER

Upper Devonian/Mississippian black slate (far right) flanking mela-syenite plug and surrounding pyritic rusty weathering Mississippian syenite tuffs/flows .



PHOTO 2 UPPER McCONNELL RIVER

Distant ridge comprises syenite tuff. Rusty, rounded hill far left is dolomite intruded by phlogopitic pyroxenite (dark patch left flank of hill).



PHOTO 3 UPPER PORCUPINE CREEK

Campsite north of Gamma claims covering mid-distant cliffs (partly in shadow). Binocular microscope used in identification of minerals in pyroxenite and adjacent skarn from syenite volcanics at right edge of photo.



PHOTO 4 UPPER PORCUPINE CREEK

Syenite auto(?) breccia with dark tuff clasts in leuco-tuff matrix. Radiometrics 2x background.



PHOTO 5

UPPER PORCUPINE CREEK

Carbonatite dike characterized by radiometric readings from 2x to 3x background values.



PHOTO 6

LOWER McCONNELL RIVER

Looking north from base of cirque cliffs where fluorite splotches and stringers lace blocky-weathering syenite flow. Radiometrically 2x background. McConnell River valley centre distance.



PHOTO 7 LOWER McCONNELL RIVER

Tarn at base of pyritic syenite tuff
cliffs. Mid-distant forested ridge
and peak Silurian/Devonian dolomite
with probable Cambrian/Ordovician
limestone near peak. Camp situated
on mid-distant green rounded ridge.



PHOTOS 8 & 9 UPPER KETZA/McNEIL RIVERS

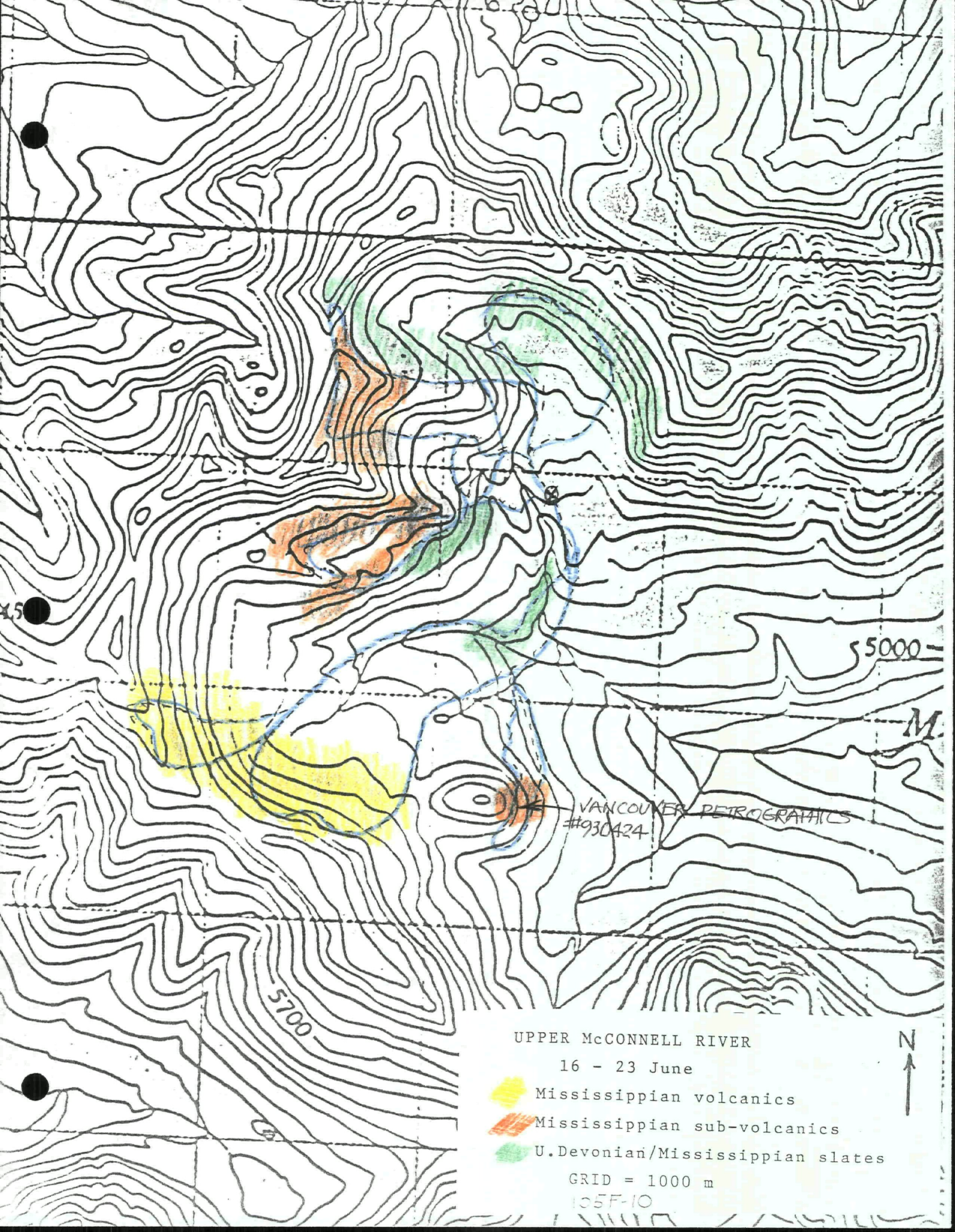
Extensively trenched Cambro-Ordovician brown shales on DIG claims. Sulfide outcrop bottom of trench: 68%Pb, 65oz.Ag, 6%Zn average.



PHOTO 10 LOWER HOOLE RIVER
Sedex-type of sulfide mineralized folded
phyllonite inclined away from viewer.






PHOTO 11 LOWER HOOLE RIVER
Sedex-type sulfide (pyrite) in phyllonite
locally tightly folded but generally $140^{\circ} \pm 40^{\circ}$ NE exposed for over 50 meters along river.



UPPER McCONNELL RIVER

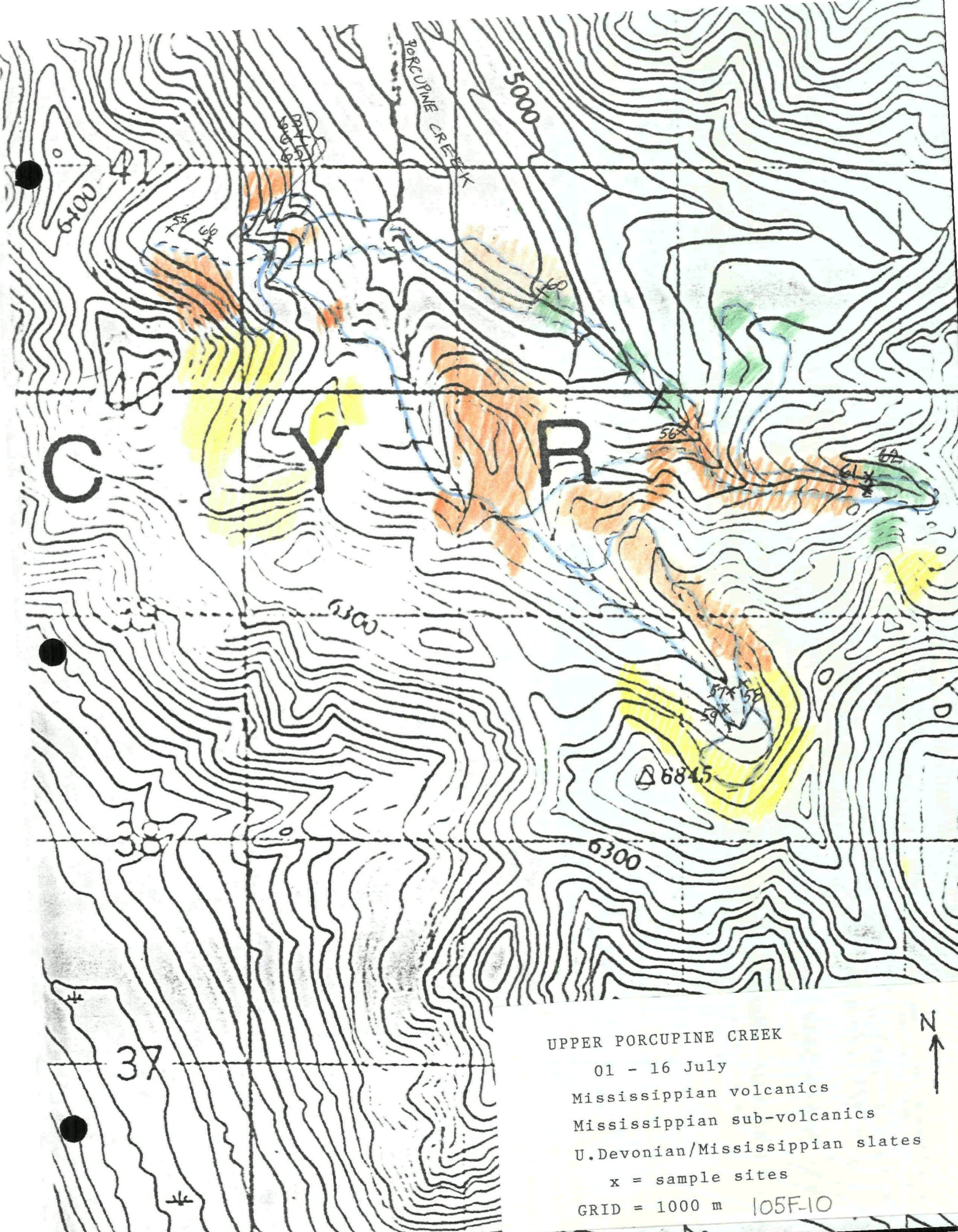
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-  Mississippian volcanics
-  Mississippian sub-volcanics
-  U. Devonian/Mississippian slates

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UPPER PORCUPINE CREEK

01 - 16 July

Mississippian volcanics

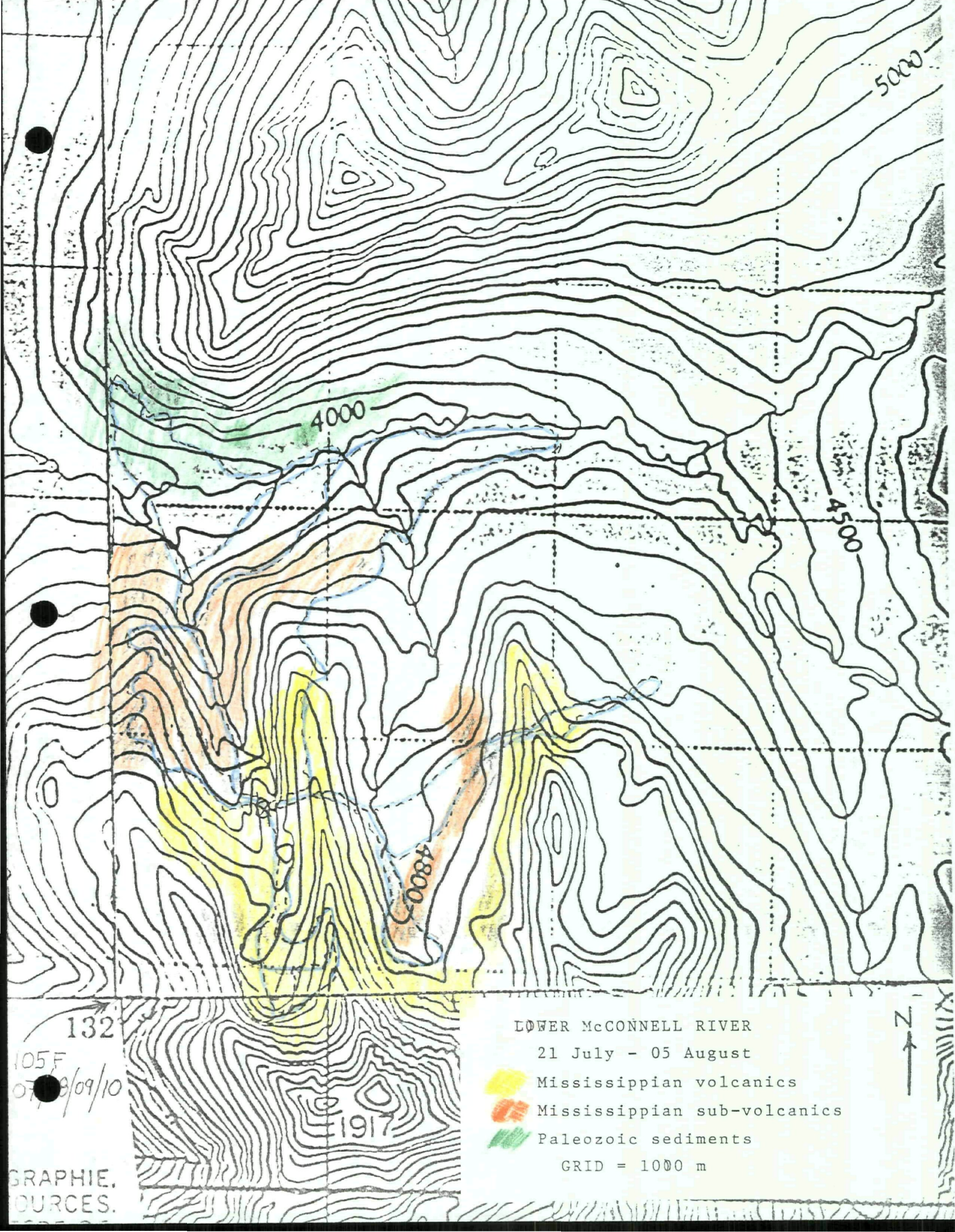
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07/08/09/10

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LOWER McCONNELL RIVER

21 July - 05 August

-  Mississippian volcanics
-  Mississippian sub-volcanics
-  Paleozoic sediments

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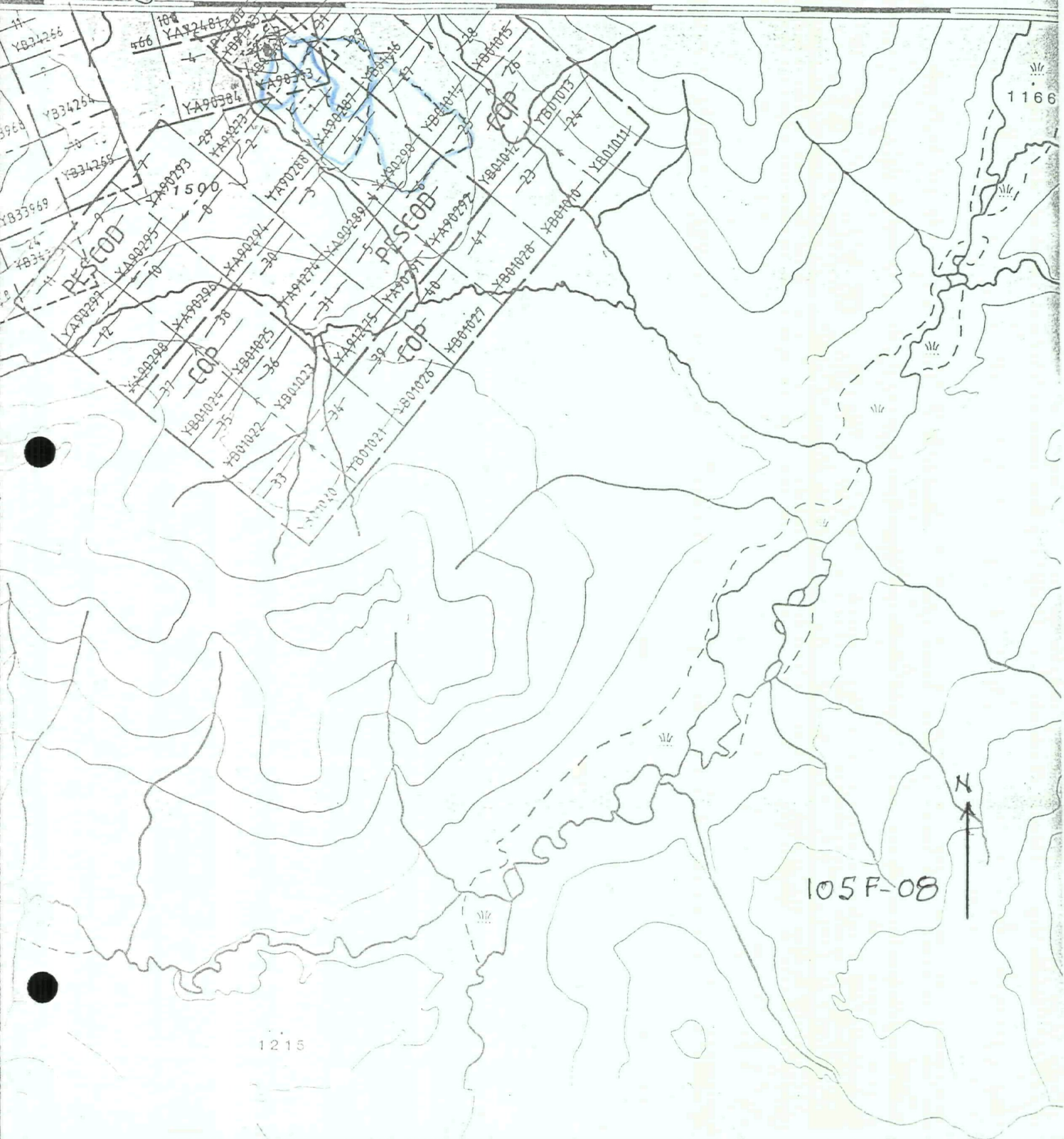
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19-22 Aug.
Camp I

2 km to Camp II
23-25 August

subside vein exposed
in trench on newly staked
DIG #1 claim

05'



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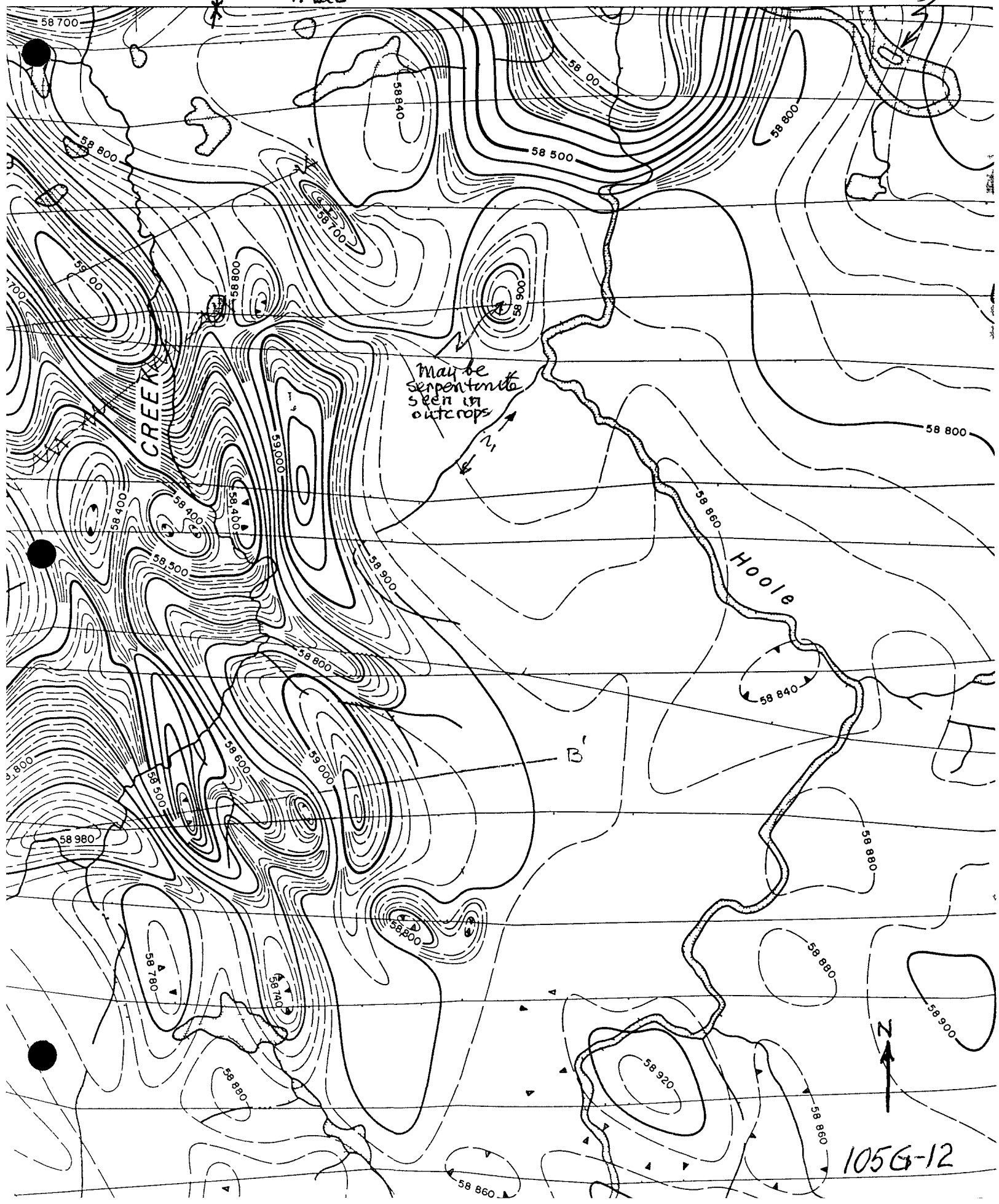
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61°45' N Lat Joins Map 1404 G, Weasel Lake

131°40' ←

Pelly River





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SAMPLES

One sample (unnumbered) of suspected ultramafic rock was submitted for thin sectioning and petrographic examination

DESCRIPTION

PYROXENITE

Estimated mode

Clinopyroxene	87
Phlogopite	6
Tremolite	3
Chlorite	trace
Apatite	trace
Sphene	trace
Quartz	4
Carbonate	trace

This is a rock of simple mineralogy, consisting predominantly of fresh, colourless clinopyroxene - probably of diopsidic composition

The pyroxene mainly forms a blocky, anhedral aggregate of grains 0.5 - 5.0 mm or more in size. This locally grades to patches or lenses of minutely microgranular texture (grain size 10 - 50 microns)

The principal accessory is a very pale coloured (phlogopitic) variety of biotite. This occurs most prominently as sporadic, discrete pockets of coarse flakes (of similar grain size to the pyroxene). It is also sparsely developed as smaller included flecks, 0.1 - 0.2 mm in size, throughout the coarse pyroxene crystals.

Tremolite, of minutely felted form, occurs as rare localized pockets and incipient veinlets. These areas also include occasional patches of chlorite.

A few rather coarse, subhedral grains of sphene were seen in one of the tremolite segregations, and euhedral apatite is a notable minor component in the coarse phlogopite pockets.

The sectioned area is cut by a 1.5mm veinlet of microgranular quartz with traces of intergrown carbonate.

The rock is classifiable as a phlogopite-bearing pyroxenite.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. F. Harris'.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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SAMPLE	PREP CODE		Ce NAA ppm	UPPER PORCUPINE CREEK						
578251	205	274	220 0	GAMMA CLAIMS (not charged to 1993 YMIP) talus north of Gamma claims						
578252	205	274	528 0							
578253	205	274	154 0							
578254	205	274	968 0							
578255	205	274	106 0							
578256	205	274	74 0	carbonatite dike at waterfall (Photo) 2x/3x background breccia from couth cirque leuco-syenite above breccia syenite tuff above (south) of breccia carbonatite dike near pyroxenite boulder in creek						
578257	205	274	118 0							
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578259	205	274	1216 0							
578260	205	274	24 0							
578261	205	274	182 0	Pink carbonate float north cirque float Black carbonate float north cirque 3x carbonatite in canyon north of camp 5x background carbonatite in canyon north of camp 2x background carbonatite in canyon north of camp 2x background						
578262	205	274	2044							
578263	205	274	< 2 0							
578264	205	274	74 0							
578265	205	274	274 0							
578266	205	274	218 0	syenite tuff talus northwest of camp						

CERTIFICATION *Adriana Hernandez*

3 Sep 93date

Assay Certificate

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Sample	Au oz/ton	Ag oz/ton	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %
2305	0.005	65.7	0.211	68.7	6.56
2306	0.007	60.4	0.181	68.4	5.14
2309	0.002	0.46	0.010	0.012	0.669

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15 June - Travel - Porter Creek to

Ross River GMC

31333 \rightarrow 31575 = 242m

(16) June

Flew out of Ross River via
Trans North helicopter to campsite
@ headwaters McConnell River -
situated @ 5650' altitude and
coordinates $245^{\circ}389^{\circ}$

Traversed rock avalanche ridge
WNW. 500m from camp - 95%
meta-argillite (thermal meta? with
minor ^{thin} orange carbonate veinlets. One
sector displayed 0.5-1.0cm wide white
qtz veinlets.

Beneath two dark weathering cliffy
outcrops 600m due W of camp -
increasing amounts in talus of
meta-syenite - some fine grained, some
coarse (mostly pyroxene). Also lenses -

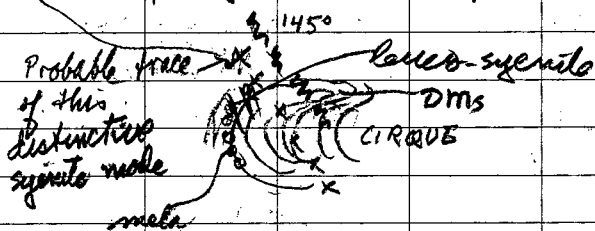
syenite fine to medium grained - with
patchy zircon. No fensite yet. Very
encouraging to locate evidence of a
mela-syenite as a 'core' sector
interior - vis-a-vis Lancaet-cls
will need to examine beds outcrops
to determine if fine grained pieces
are from chilled border or from
dikes.

17 June Thursday sunny 01°C 4pm
Cloudy - 7 pm Thunderstorm.

Radiometric traverse up through curio
W. of Camp. Only max 2x background
esp. mela-syenite float - Dun colored syenite
had qtz stringers 0.2 - 1.0 cm wide - many
ways looked similar to Lancaet vein.

Gained ridge c 6158 @ 3 pm. Main ridge
South is fine to med mela-syenite. Center

of cirque ridge is leuco-syenite light grey
 weathering, siderite splashes in feldspar
 qtz host evidently intruded into
 meta-syenite. Fracture trend & that of
 pyritic fissures is $\approx 130^\circ$ A. - near vert.
 leuco-syenite ca. 50-60m wide, and a
 narrow 10m exposure to north. Some 35m
 north of saddle - coarse grained dum-
 colored syenite with narrow qtz stringers
 exposed for 35m to its contact with
 a 10-15m wide fault zone north of which
 cherty argillite w rusty streaks.



Barometer falling

Rain began 3 am
on & off until 11 am

(18) June Fri

am

Traversed 400m east to mtn outcrops
of argillite - shaly banded light/dark
grey - cherty sediments. Close to
horizontal - no laminite streaks.

pm

Traversed south slope of ridge w of
camp which forms southern wall of
canyon of 17-06.

lowest outcrops are cherty banded grey
argillite. Next a pair of near vertical
dikes trending 120° one a 2m wide
lamprophyre the other (in contact w west
side of lamprophyre) a off-white, v. fine
grained dyke. Syenite?

Next to west for 50-60m, rusty blocky
migmatitic meta-banded argillite
partially digested by a steeping bucc-syenite.

then westerly med grained bucc and medium

Colored syenite intrusive. One lobe of
syenite on a low ridge extending south
(150m lower than cliff outcrops)
displayed epidote, calcite, ~~quartz~~ scarns

Still no anomalous radiometric readings,
no fluorite and (in contrast with 17-22)
no sun colored syenite w narrow quartz
stringers.

Barometer still falling
Temp. 4° am
Mixed rain/snow

19 June Sat

Prospected. SW-facing open cirque
1 km north of camp.

Dominantly uDMS slaty, banded
argillite - cherty - with rusty frac.
coatings and narrow (5-15 cm)
stringers of siderite + pyrite - generally
striking 160°.

Two sites of fine-grained leucosyenite
with calcite, qtz stringers - as
dikes - one 4 m wide striking
140°, the other undetected in
bedrock; seen only as float.

No anomalous radioactivity assoc
with syenite dikes - although their
presence was postulated as likely
to be found as "outiggers" from
the syenite stock 600 m to west/
southwest.

uDMS argillite avg. strike 90° - 10°N

(20) June Sunday

Partly sunny until
noon - then heavy

snow & rain until
2 pm - again

6 pm -

Prospected east
down slope - examining

driving rain

FeS₂ gossan in stream

valley walls - partly as replacement
in N dipping 40° argillites of uDMs.

Floot of skarn (epidote, calcite,
grossular) prominent.

A dum-colored, fine grained, epidote
streaked + calcite skarn uniformly
2x background radiometrically.
Working up stream bed to locate
bed's source. Original μ might
have been an argillaceous limestone -
or dolomite. 2

Blyzard conditions forced return to camp
(drenched) by 2 pm.

(snow squall at camp - 2 mm -)

Partly sunny - no heavy rain - only showers

(21) June - longest day of '93 -
"Summer"

Prospected north flank of south cirque - argillites then to west syenite hybrid followed by feldspar porphyry syenite - all talus. No radiometric anomalies.

Checked float in main stream - and because of $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ background in epidote skarn and in dun colored - weakly foliated, sometimes epidote bearing syenite volcanics - chose middle branch of creek to climb to east facing wall of cirque.

Much remnant snow drifts prevented complete radiometric survey, but traverse of 1 km (N to S) revealed consistently $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ background from syenite volcanics (the dun colored stuff). Much autobreccia of syenite volcanics - containing chips of

black argillite and leuco-syenite
was generally not anomalously
radioactive. No syenite cross-cutting
veins material was seen - although
it was common to find syenite
tuff with many narrow white qtz
(no fluorite) stringers. Bedrock
at west ridge-top of crige - where
not concealed by snow cornices.
exposed syenite tuff and dense ^{fine} _{grained}
dark melasyenite dikes. No
anomalous radioactivity.
Wolf tracks in snow bank.

Mostly sunny
Bar rising

(22) June Tuesday

Prospected lower slope of "orange hill"
1.5 km SSW of camp. Gully NE part
thermal meta, rusty streaky argillite
UDMs - somewhat slaty. One site
was syenite vol. with weak foliation
filling 5 m wide erosional slot in
surface of argillite.

Orange talus east slope - dolomite
perhaps Ordovician/Silurian.

Diopside

Some "flashy" pieces of coarsely x-line
biotite⁺/pyroxene⁺/orange garnet - dark
colored rx - first comment was it
was so ultramafic it could be
kimberlitic - but not able to detect
breccia mode. Spent several hours
search bedding cliffs (1/2 way up
east slope) for source of this
exotic rx. Apparently a dike-ish
phase in possibly peridotite - will need
petrographic description of dike + host rx.

much oxidation (rusty streaks) of pyrite in the fine grained "peridotite", but none in the "flashy" rx (latter so-called because of prominent books of biotite).

One has to reflect on this entire syenite belt as one of extensional tectonics, plus presence of carbonatite on GAMMA claims, as clear evidence of very deep seated - possibly upper mantle derived - hi pressure,

hi temp. rocks. Yes, this appears far west of Pre-E craton boundary - but the several unique rx imply mantle taps. Russians have found diamonds in off-craton peridotites.

Farther south around to SE-facing slope of 'orange' hill - cross from peridotite? into orange-weathering dolomite.

23 June

AM. $\frac{1}{2}$ day

As helicopter not arriving until noon - decided a quick reconnaissance to cliffs due east ($1\frac{1}{2}$ km) of camp.

In all - bedrock talus - upper Devonian - Mississippian black slate dominated (ie except for occasional pieces of syenite tuff float (mt. glacially derived)).

Chopper coming \rightarrow 11:50 am

Ross River to Whitehorn

31575 \rightarrow 31825 miles = 250 mi
250
775 = 425 km

30 June Wed.

Drove Whitehorse - Ross River
via Johnson's Crossing

230 mi

① July - Thur. noon lift off
Helicopter via TNTA from
Ross River to campsite @ 5575' alt.
west side of Porcupine Creek valley.

Prospected talus in hanging valley
WNW of camp. Several boulders
2x background radiometrically. All
identical lithology - grey, fine grained,
narrow white qtz stringers coarsened
(no silicate). Appear to be fine grained
zircon.

02

July

Fri

Heavy, prolonged
rain - noon to 4 pm

a.m. Prospected N projection of
carbonatite located in 92. Melas-
syenite (coarse) grades to leucosyenite
within 20 m of carbonatite. The
carbonatitic occurrence has an
outcrop of only 50 meters N-S and
pinches out (partly covered by talus) to
north. No unusual gamma radiation
today; no further work planned.

pm

Took scintillator to GAMMA claims
to calibrate it with level of radiation
obtained in 92 with Scintex discriminating
scintillometer.

Attached 1 Post #1 tags for GAMMA 1 & 2
claims.

Directly above camp,
Broad area of talus with 50-60%
coarse ground, pyroxenite (saussuritized
feldspar = 10-15%) with 5% magnetite.
Pouring rain!

03

July Sat.

am partly sunny
pm heavy rain showers

Returned to talus slopes west and southwest of camp - climbing to spurs of bedrock cliffs. Indeed, all outcrops (even those above slide rock w 40% skarn) were ultramafic to progressively (westerly) to melasyenite to normal syenite to leuco-fine-grained syenite in contact - chilled? - with the replacement made carbonatite \rightarrow 3x 4x background radiometrically.

Concluded from varieties of skarn in talus

Cherty

that a roof pendant of argillite,
calcareous (dolomitic - see diopside)
sediments is exposed somewhere among
unscalable crests (between 5700'-6000'
altitude - since crest of ridge comprises
Mississippian (younger) volcanoclastics.
skarn shown to be background gamma
only.

Scattered clouds @ noon - rain in 36 hrs?

(04 July Sun. - Partly sunny, a few
light showers.
Mackerel sky

5575'

Descended from camp easterly - all
med grained normal to lauco-syenite -
to 4900 @ jct of Porcupine Cr. and a
SW trib. Traversed NE-facing talus
slopes revealing entire first peak to SW
comprised syenite (normal dominantly -
lauco at NW end).

At 5000' alt began checking float in main
Porcupine creek. Entered goss ^{ortho / pyroclastic} ~~amorph~~ canyon
with bedrock a meta-argillite / chert
banded sequence strike $145^{\circ} 40^{\circ} E$.

At jct with an easterly flowing tributary
just below first cataracts of Porcupine
5050' altitude - a 4-m wide fine grained,
gray dike of carbonate was 2x background
radiometrically. Strike $N/5 80^{\circ} W$ -
parallel to pyritic fissures and (up stream)
lanprophyre dikes^⑤. This carbonatitic
style dike compares (lithologically)

closely with GAMMA claims occurrence.
Tracing this dike westerly 50 m into
small SW tributary it disappeared
into (?) leucosyenite. Overburden
conceals easterly extension.

Upstream @ 5180' alt boundary between
argillite-chert unit with underlying
leuco-syenite which shows partly
digested fragments & ghosts of argillite-
intrusive (not tectonic) contact.
Syenite not pyritized - and 70-80% of
float there-up for 50 m is leuco-to normal
syenite.

Climbed ridge to west across several talus
exposures - all 90% normal syenite - to
cross the prominent steep walled canyon
of the principal southwest fork of
Porcupine Creek - all cliffs normal syenite.

Reached saddle @ 5650 and dropped down
into a northeasterly flowing trib.
and returned to camp 7 pm. Will
return to clarify significance of skarn

boulders on some talus slides.

Conclusion: The My oval-shaped xenite intrusion shown by Dute T-R is much larger than presumed - as (so far) can be assumedly shown to underlie an area at least $5\text{ k} \times 1\text{ k}$ with a WNW trend - possibly further yet to WNW.

(05) July Mon - Rain all day

Barely light enough in tent for use of the ~~Binnick~~ microscope.

06 July Tues. cloudy - 5°C am
Heavy rain began 7pm
& all night drizzle

Prospected southeasterly into the valley floor of the southerly of the 2 main west tributaries of Porcupine Creek.

(5500' alt.)
By 11 am was noting 2-2½" x (0.03-0.04")
background radiometrics on boulders of breccia. Matrix is black weathering dark gray, fine grained carbonate (either old acid is weak, or there is a dolomitic factor) with weak to moderate effervescence. Clasts are variable in size 1-20 cm and dominantly light colored - creamy to white very fine grained - will use microscope to see if are chips / frags. of steam. on extended 1/2" right

Most clasts are rounded at edges, but range from egg-shaped to melon-shaped. Clasts vary from crowded to a distribution with matrix "gaps" of up to 5 cm.

Traced float in creek to 5850' where
bedrock of dominantly dun-colored
syenite outcropped. Continuous outcrop
on east side of creek bed extended
for 55 meters (165 feet). Breccia and
unbrecciated syenite "panels" made
up exposures - ca. $1/2$ each in
roughly 5m intervals with the
"panels" trending generally E/W.
Collected several samples - as it
began to rain (what's new?) and
would plan to return tomorrow
to map geol. and attempt to
interpret significance of the breccia.

For instance - as I recall from
last year - a breccia in syenite
volcanics was noted on a spur
of the main NW/SE ridge about 0.7 km
due south. At the time I presumed
that was an autobreccia in volcano-
clastics - now am not sure. Perhaps
we are dealing with an intrusive
breccia. Anyway - its radioactivity

is primary reason for pursuing
follow-up of the syenite breccia -
perhaps a carbonatized setting.
Even "low" radioactivity may suggest
presence of light rare earths. Clearly
the 55m-wide bedrock exposure,
containing numerous well-defined
breccia zones - and the alternating
fine-grained (hi Kspar) intrusive character
of syenite - bodes well for an
interesting search prospecting in the
vicinity for supplemental radiometric/
geologic survey.

07-07 wed.

Rain - from drizzle to downpours all day - 3 1/2-hour 'breaks'.

Too wet for use of scintillator which is not w-proof. Fresh grizzly scat 60m from tent!

08-07 Thur

Fog (dense) until 10 am - clouds remaining c 6100 alt.

Began trek southeast to the breccia site of 06-07, but heavy rain forced return to camp by 1 pm without reaching the site - necessitated by fact cannot expose scintillator to the wet (and the backpack was already leaky).

Cleared from 2-4 pm when checked samples from breccia site under binocular microscope. Dark matrix mostly feldspar (very fine grained) with light clasts apparently calcified? - leucosyenite. Matrix has calcite and ankerite vesicle?? fillings - could this structure be the throat

of a volcanic source of the younger
Mississippian (M₁, M₂) volcanics.
Might the breccia be a "second pulse"
following the unbrecciated dun-colored
aphanitic syenite intrusive root of
the volcano. Perhaps volatiles
in brecciation phase carried
radioactive minerals (allanite,
thorite, etc.) - will run Cerium
analyses to test concept.

6-7 pm very heavy rain again -
what a "summer"!

09-07 Fri

Retraced route of 06-07 up to (5850'),
breccia bedrock zone - trend, from
panels of variations in mode of breccia
is 75° to N. Unable to find float
of similar rock up-slope to E or to W.
To E is med grained normal to leuco-

syenite; to west is Mv clastics
creamy colored, mostly blocky
talus with some breccia - but
matrix and clasts are generally
similar - could be auto-bx as I
had described rks on highest ridge
to west (1992).

Up-stream found similar distribution
of syenite (E) and volcanics (W).
One carbonated Mv selected for
Ce assay (typically $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2x gamma
background; likewise one specimen
of carbonated My dun-colored
fine grained syenite for Ce assay
(also $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2x gamma bkgnd).

Talus dominance of Mv at head
and left (E) side fairly well
defines boundary between My
(syenite) and Mv (syenite volcanics)
as shown on sketch.

Soaked by 20 minute thunder storm.
What else is new??

10 July Sat

Prospected down to Porcupine Creek to check on hydrothermal altered zones (of equigranular rock quartz) exposed in canyon walls of tributary issuing from 1992 base camp Hanging Valley.

Only occasional $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ radiometric (over background) response where weak Ca-metamorphic alteration noted.
No further work planned.

11 July Sun

Day off from YMIP

mapped gamma cts. for assessment.

(12) July Mon. Sunny 10° a.m.
@ noon heavy 2 hr
rain - tried to seal
scintillator.

Prospected up main Porcupine Creek valley.
Narrow (2 m); certainly via the same
dike (carbonatized) x-cutting 75° 80° N
banded argillite + chert horizons c
4850' altitude in east bank of creek.
Displayed 2x background.

Curiously noted lemon-sized pc. of
leucosynite on boulder - fluoro in
qtz vesicles. So small, uncertain if
radioactive.

Reaffirmed easterly extension of
04-07 carbonatized dike across tributary
to east - then covered by OB. Still 2x
background and 3 m wide.

Climbed into cirque to examine prominent
gossan boss - toe of talus c 5900'.
Detected 2 samples w. radioactivity
from carbonatized tan and dark gray

dike(?) material - float. Float in stream bed a mix of leuco-syenite from north hillside ^{5990'}, then skarn from north hillside (5950' alt).

Pyritic gossan on south side developed in skarn with no anomalous radioactivity. Laths still upright from 1977 staking/gaolhem on TAKU claims by Noranda.

/ @ 4800' alt noted concentration of coarse ultramafic syenite float coming into main Porcupine from N-flowing tributary. Pyroxenitic boulders closely resemble lithology of mafics in cliff outcrops above camp. This float not noted in creek above 5500' (06-07), so must be coming from inaccessible vert. canyon walls @ an intermediate altitude (between ca. 5150-5400).

Completely overcast

13. July 1965. Barometer plunged overnight.

am. Used binocular microscope to examine specimens (radiolarians) from yesterday. Also described the rod-shaped mineral distributed throughout the pyroxenite - appears to be

p.m. - really a howling driving rain all afternoon - reduced by 5 pm to fast moving squalls.

14 July - Wed

clear - best day yet
16°C

a.m.

Re-sampled replacement carbonate in narrow gulch. coarse CaCO_3 replaces feldspars (of syenite) and largely replaces pyroxenes - with pale green 'ghosts' remaining to identify parent syenite. scattered amphibolitic patches of ferro-carbonate (ankerite?).

Dense, fine-grained, gray carbonate at boundary between fine-grained equigranular pinkish leuco-syenite and the carbonate.

\approx 250-350 cps

generally - low but $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ background with one anomaly in float (creamy carbonate) near $4 \times$ background radiometrically. The III-B scintillometer is calibrated .025 R \neq 250 cps. \leftarrow background in gulch syenite = .015.

p. 11.

Carefully evaluated a talus train
in Ganguq valley N of camp
which displays a broad anomalous
gamma radiation - .020 → .025 R^{hr}

Host is syenite volcanic - some
trachyte, some volcaniclastics both
exhibiting epithermal narrow (0.5-1.5 m)
white quartz (fracture filling) stringers.
Some chocolate brown, crystalline,
ankerite in stringers. Hint of purple
in some stringers - probably fluorite.

15 July - 1/2 day

Early am. retraced traverses in
talus below cliffs & cornices
collecting specimens of melo-syenite,
more accurately botite (phlogopite)
pyroxenite.

Returned to Pass River

16. Return drive Ross River - Whitehorse

21 July - Wed

Drove - Whitehorse - Ross River

261 miles

22 July Thurs.

Early am helicopter to site east
of McConnell River $61^{\circ}30'28''/132^{\circ}29'15''$
@ 4900' altitude - just N of MATHEW
claims #77/#78.

Reconnected cirque and found mostly
fine- to medium grained syenite. Several
limonite-stained amonite-bearing
fracture zones $40^{\circ}-50^{\circ}A$. No anomalous
radiometric readings. Band near crest
of cirque $35-40^{\circ}W$ is MV - syenite tuff?

(23) July Fri

climbed cirque east wall to 5200'
still entirely in leuco-syenite
(with bull caribou hanging around
100m away). Carried on north along
spine of ridge and down steeply on
nose of ridge to 4200' alt then
traversed west to creek which flows
from camp-cirque. Came up creek bed 700'
to camp.

Noted 5% float of med. grained
mela-syenite; < 5% diopside skarn
among majority med. to fine grained
leuco-syenite. Several boulders of
marbled ls - could be glacially
dropped into this drainage.

One ^{multiple} small boulder of banded 1-2cm
wide ankarsite and hornfels - gave
1/2 x background radiometrically.

24 July - Sat.

Retraced route down stream flowing past camp to identify the skarn boulder train and try to locate source. No luck - although a few skarn boulders (< 25 cm) were spotted 500 m below camp. Searched lower timberline horizon (camp altitude) of east steep wall of canyon north of camp, but found only limonite - no skarn. Source a puzzle - so far - maybe up stream in cirque?

clear the barometer

25 July Sunday Smoky

Re-traced game trails down to ^{3800'} main west-flowing stream.

Examined float for 1500 m up stream. 70% dull-orange weathering meli-grained leucosyenite. 15% meli-syenite - often partially carbonatized giving a characteristic pockmarked & weathered appearance (non radiometric) 10% skarn, 5% limestone

One piece float (1 kg) of banded calcite /ankerite with much galena and chalcocite.

One outcrop of gray-weathering, sh. slate - 0551 ^{probably} north bank of stream.
No anomalous radiometrics.

Returned up via mouth of hanging valley east of camp - a climb of 1250' - brush + bugs. 2 Carbon.

3³⁰ pm - helicopter from north landed a party on west side of McConnell River ca 6 K north of this camp

(26) July Monday mostly sunny
temp up to 16°C

climbed east wall, crossed first-east valley - all boulders are syenite with variations in grain size and mafic content. Leuco-syenite is younger than melo-syenite - note some both.

climbed next east wall - crossing in a notch @ 5330' and down into second-east valley to 5000' - still in plutonic syenite. So far no sign of the NE "contact" with SDD1 mapped (3) on Quet Lake sheet.

Anterite vein 0.5m wide at "notch".

No radiometric anomalies.

Caribou on snowbanks to escape bugs.

(27) July - Tues. Gray - clouds lowering

climbed east wall - but by 10 am showers began and waited until 11:30 before returning with scintillator.

Pouring rain by 3 pm.

(28) July. Wed. Mostly clear
Bar. steady 16°C

Rain, at times heavy - most over
by 1 pm - however, inasmuch as
didn't want to chance wetting
scintillometer - decided to use
binocular microscope, as lighting
was good.

clear am. $\rightarrow +2^{\circ}\text{C}$

(29) July - Thur Bar fell sharply overnight.

Prospected entire ridge (down to dense timber @ 4100' alt.) west of camp. Entirely leucis-syenite (with < 10% normal syenite) in gray weathering blocky exposures.

Several orange-weathering fissure zones $60^{\circ}-70^{\circ}\text{A}$ with ribbons of ankerite and quartz - yielding a pseudo-gneissic appearance - inasmuch as host rock within fissure zone was dark gray fine grained melatic syenite - possibly a metasomatic product?

No anomalous radiometrics.

Heavy blustery thunder storm 5-6³⁰ pm.

unique fluorapatite

30 July Fri.

Sunny a.m. 17° noon
Showers in p.m. w.
high wind

Prospected talus along toe of east wall. Leuco-syenite, equigranular from campsite to SE corner of tern where talus lithology abruptly changes from sub-volcanic syenite to syenite volcanoclastics including cream to olive tuff, dark gray to black graywacke, ^{actinolite} thinly bedded dolomite.

Conspicuous are white quartz stringers in > 50% of talus. Just as first heavy shower began - noted a 3x background radiometric reading from olive green + $\frac{1}{3}$ slip boulder - upon breaking found copious purple fluorapatite. Plan detailed exam of long talus slope tomorrow.

cloudy all day

31 July Sat Bar. rising strongly
11°C

Resumed examination of talus
in cirque. Sand and SN talus
exhibit only a few boulders with
anomalous radioactivity + CaF_2 .
Mostly tuff and graywacke, but
generally very sparse qtz stringers.

The SE corner talus @ 5100' displays
many boulders with $3-3\frac{1}{2} \times$ back-
ground and always considerable CaF_2 -
purple (gamma irradiated) - in
veinlets and splashes usually with
the qtz stringers.

Most of more radioactive boulders lie
in a trend about 30m wide - will
go to bedrock cliffs to sample the
source tomorrow

will definitely send samples for assay
REE, Y, Nb, Zr. Packed down of
15 Kg of samples.

Heavy smoke - ptly sunny

01 Aug Sun

14°

Returned to cirque (so. of camp) main south wall prospecting talus until reached bedrock at 5266 alt.

Rusty weathering slaty cleavage volcanoclastics $N20^{\circ}A$ $40^{\circ}S$ overlain by massive, blocky, resistant fine grained syenite sill (??) since "basal" unit 3m thick exhibits sparse streaked mafic schlieren (probably of underlying slate).

White CaF_2 stringers in "sill" often very pronounced, but pervasive as very narrow stringers. CaF_2 common. Most radioactive are cream colored tuft (above sill) and a dark gray, med to coarse grained massive dike? with quartz "eyes", i.e. replacing feldspar - often up to 5mm dia. Both display $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4x background.

Most qtz stringering is parallel with only occasional cross banding.

Generally net of stringering 20° and \pm vertical. Stringering does not show in underlying slaty volcanoclastic.

On east ridge of cirque wall @ 5760' slaty volcanoclastic ca 20m thick overlies 60m width of off-white weathering succosic quartz mass which resembles a qtz metasomatism of igneous ^{leucite} syenite with which it is in "overlying" contact.

Where does all this qtz come from in a syenitic terrane?

Sunny - warm

02 Aug - Mon

16°C

Crossed over cliff east of camp then down to valley floor carrying on south to talus slides on west side of ergue.

Immediately noted similarities and differences in lithology of yesterday in "camp" ergue. Here dominantly was skarn - diopside - even serpentinite. Also present was the black, fine to med grained "sill" with its Qtz stringers (one of the anomalously high radiometric rock types), but also present were many pyroxenite boulders with no Qtz stringing - thus evidence for thermal maturation in producing Qtz-rich pulse + skarn.

Again the dum-ton to clin - silicified separate tuff? frequently exhibited

CaF_2 in Qtz stringers + $zr_{1/2}$ radiometrics

Wonder if may have a strataform concentration of radioactive minerals - even zircon. Cliffs make prospecting difficult.

Sunny Hot 25°C

03 Aug Tues

Return to west cirque to check on
clear evidence of steam - and
finally noted that there is in fact
say 5% diopside-epidote - even
some serpentinite. but the lower
talus slopes (finer size rocks)
is dominantly dark slate with
15-20% cream to olive colored
syenite tuff - silicified from
Qtz stringers mesh (often on
very pervasive 50% white Qtz
infiltration).

collected
Several specimens of the "white spot"
black, massive, tough fine-grained
porphyry ?? many spots (± 5 mm)
appear to be feldspar - others quartz.
but most spots are round to oval
shape and weakly to strongly
elongated suggesting flow lineation.
Is this (weakly anomalous radio-
active) a sub-volcanic, sill, perhaps

04 - Aug wed.

Set up binocular microscope to identify macro-minerals in all types of rock specimens collected over past 5 days.

05 August
Helicopter out
Return from Pass River to
Whitehorse

"Rite in the Rain"®



ALL-WEATHER

FIELD

Notebook No. 351

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#3

Katza-McNeil Divide

19 Aug

105F-8

Drove west to Katza Mine road and up $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles to watershed divide head of Katza R. and south-flowing tributary of McNeil River

304 miles

20 Aug

Prospected area formerly held by Asarco claims (only 1000 m east of

Lancer REE claims which I hoed).

Discovered in bottom, north end (part sloughed) of deep (5 meter) trench a 0.5 meter wide in-place exposure of sulfides - $>90\%$ galena, $<5\%$ chalcopyrite and $>5\%$ dark grey to black splotches of uncrystallized sooty mineral. Hematitic gossan exposed near surface at north end of trench - to depth of 2 meters - where covered by sloughed overburden. Host is brown tan Cambrian shales.

20 cont'd. -

Staked 2 claims as DIG 1 + 2 covering a cluster of 6-8 bull-dozed trenches in general vicinity.

21 Aug

Returned to DIG claims for further prospecting of old trenches - all exposing (mostly of) sloughed walls for Cambrian shale. Although numerous fractures were hematite stained, no sulfides were noted. On other hand perhaps trenching wasn't deep enough - c.f. 5m to depth to sulfides in the "discovery" trench.

22 Aug.

Dense fog at ground level restricted prospecting to the two northerly-most trenched area. Again, the relatively shallow trench east of "main"

showing (2 meter depth) exposed only hematite stained fracture clusters — i.e. still in oxidized zone. Nevertheless, even close exam. did not find vuggy, porous casts as evidence of presence formerly of massive sulfide veins. Collected 3 grab samples (15 kg) of sulfide vein (2) and hematite fracture zone (1).

23 Aug.

Rain began @ 2 am and began to turn last mile of 4x4 access road into mud which, if continued (from experience @ Lancer in previous years) would have required churning up to get out. Decided to drive back (@ 3 am) to top of hill in Katza drainage (3 km). Returned to DIG claims on foot and briefly examined several more old, sloughed trenches to south — no sulfides on dumps

24 Aug

Rain and high winds all morning and until $\frac{3}{4}$ pm - leaving little time after the 2 mile hike to the upper part of the DIG ridge - i.e. formerly covered by Pescad 1 + 29. Still ten Cambrian shales.

25 Aug (Sarah's birthday)

Heavy wet snow above 5500' with driving showers & persistently moving dense fog at lower elevations.

However, made loop traverse south of DIG claims along ridge formerly held by Pescad #4 + 27 (Strathcona), but saw only first of ten Cambrian shales with verticality, no hematite.

Recommend
soft sampling
and EM
in 1994 if
always encouraging

HOOLE RIVER / STARR CREEK

1056-12

10 September

Drove out from Whitehorse to Hoole River (bridge) on Campbell Hwy at its confluence with Pelly River. 312 miles.

11, 12, 13 September - all from campsite at junction of Hoole w. Pelly 150 m N. off Hwy. Rain showers each afternoon, required that all binocular, microscopic work be undertaken usually noon to 1:30 or 2 pm.

Worked cobble/boulder strewn shores E/W of Hoole River for approx 1 km up from mouth beneath cliffs of basalt flows - at least 60 m thicknesses exposed beneath variable thicknesses of

coarse glacial till ^{latter} which probably
contributes > 50% of source of
cobbles (not boulders) of basalt obviously
found on banks of river. Found
several olivine-rich, pyroxene,
possible tiny (1.0 mm) garnets,
Several cobbles of distinct eclogite
(probably amphibole from retrograde
omphacite (pyroxene) with
rounded 1-3 mm brown/orange
garnets. Amphibole coarser (up to
10 mm) than in other eclogites
in alpine tarrane environment.
However, would need to find source
of eclogite to see if it is "C" type
as at Faro and Stewart (Cah.) -
or if it is xenolith in other
hi-P + hi-T rocks.

Other prominent stream boulders
are kfspar mega-perfoblasts
in gneiss (of course much basalt
flow boulders).

14 Sept.

Long 10 km hike up old ^(road) survey camp trail passing up section over top of basalt flows and into (from float in road cuts) phyllonite then float of weathered, sheared serpentinite on Eldorado claim group.

15. Sept.

Returned same route only continuing on overgrown trail to old (circa 1963) bulldozed trenches exposing serpentinite - probably in that period in exploration for asbestos.

North of trenching 1500m - noted considerable chunky float of silicocarbonated (vein?) cream-colored rock - so much in fact that it likely represents a sub-crop not far removed

from bedrock source. Didn't sample, as was on Eldorado claims (in good standing). Had hoped to locate easy trail route to return to shores of Hoob up-stream from basalt-walled canyon which - even in low water - was difficult negotiating at river level.

16 SEPTEMBER

On return to bulldozer trenches, found old (1963) claim posts at east end of middle trench and also found the well-cut E-W survey line. Followed cut line east 2 km to Hoob River and commenced reconnaissance of cobbles across from forested island in River - more serpentinite, no basalt, but none of ultramafics.

17.

Returned to cut levee and down to Hoole - then downstream to 50-60m wide, sulfides in phyllonite outcrop. Phyllonite $15-20^{\circ}A$ and $20^{\circ}/40^{\circ}NW$. No samples of the folded, 3m-thick sulfide outcrop, since was on Edorads escarpment. Apparently a sander-type deposit unique by tightly folded character of phyllonite only where sulfide-bearing.

Still no ultramafic cobbles. However, as of yesterday - more serpentinite than near mouth of Hoole.

18 Sept.

Returned to serpentine trenching and followed weaker and weaker trail of bulldozer heading south onto LUG (lapsed) claims - no outcrops in brown slopes and virtually no reliable float - mostly muskeggy terrain. ~~Blch!~~ Black flies above.

19 SEPT.

Again followed cut trail to Hook and worked cobbles of W. shoreline up stream for 1 km. Found several cobbles olivine-rich ultramafic - one was phlogopitic.

20 20 Sept

Drove am W. to Start Creek and spent several hours examining cobbles both up & down stream (500m each) from Campbell River culvert. Mostly basalt boulders (as seen in cliffs bordering Start Creek). Glacially derived cobbles of quartzite, porphyroblastic gneiss, some serpentinite - few ultramafics.

Return drive to Whitehorn

Conclusion

Next systematic $< 1.0\text{mm}$ stream sand test programme to further evaluate Hoole, Start & Horton drainage areas, as to possible indicator minerals. Assuming there could be an "up ice" bedrock source in the Trench.

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UPPER SHEEP CREEK AREA

01 June (2) Day.

Drove out from Porter Creek via Johnson's Crossing and South Canal Road to the Upper Sheep Creek turnout and camped 0.5 km off Canal - 192 miles.

Because snowmelt and recent rains, road very muddy - decided to hike in for several km in afternoon to determine plan for reaching goal: an area identified on Quiet Lake 105F geology (D. Templeton - Kunt 1977 OF) just west of Seagull Creek as "My" - sub-volcanic Mississippian syenite.

Bald cliffs @ 2 km from Canal are black slate + quartzite on north side of trail w. of little pond.

02 June.

Set out to follow mud-hole 4x4 road east - found Trapper's cabin (Trapline #231) at about 10 km from Canal, and a north-flowing tributary of Upper Sheep Creek @ 12 km when trail splits. Carried on up a steepening rocky (quartzites) trail to a point (± 13 km) where a 20m-wide, sloughed bankside revealed block (magnesian) fault gouge with calcite, barite, limonite, few chips of galena. called it "poplar site", as several mature poplar trees were sliding/leaning over trail. This most likely is the lengthy curving E-dipping fault shown on Quiet Lake sheet. Immediately east of fault - bankside float is calcareous brown phyllite and several < 0.5 m wide chlorite fine grained (dacite?) sill, or dikes.

02 - cont'd

Found end of a 4x4 negotiable trail @ about 15 km from Canal - returned to campsite near Canal.

03. June

Still camped at Canal waiting for U. Sheep Cr. road to dry out more. Hiked back to end of trail and up right bulldozer trail (formerly passable to 4x4s) climbing south-facing steep slope to point above timberline overlooking pond at divide with tributary to Seagull Creek. Concluded that target area was two ridges to the

03 cont'd

east with total of over 3000'
in vertical ups and downs to
the east (about 6 km airline
distance) - so no question will
have to make camp 1 (or 2)
away from Canal to reach it,

04. June

Managed to drive pickup as far
as trapper's cabin and set about
packing for a fly camp tomorrow -
heavy showers in afternoon; doesn't
bode too well weatherwise. Oh well!

05 June

Backpacked with Tent grub + scintillator some 12 km to end of passable road on southeasterly over snow cornice down to first gully/divide @ 5600' altitude. Camping on MPR claim 23. Several bedrock exposures were Cambrian? calcareous shaly/slate phyllite.

06 June

Left fly camp and climbed next 500' high ridge, down 500' then up 500' again crossing limestone and in to near vertical orange-weathering dolomite - possibly E? Carried on down ridge to east onto lance-syrite (sub-volcanic) and after several traverses had a maximum of only 2x at a few sites.

JSD

06 cont'd

Ridge site of syenite still perhaps
900' in altitude above Seagull
Creek & did not go down to valley
floor. Returned to fly camp
(and grizzly tracks) for 2nd site -
heavy evening shower - a bit
soaked.

07 June.

Backtracked - after drying out
somewhat in morning sun -
reached trapper's hut and
toasty wood stove dry out.

08

Rain, drizzle with patches of high
grey clouds. Examined stream
float at junction of creeks 2 km
east of cabin. No "exotic"
mafic or syenite float from
either main Upper Sheep Creek or

08 (Contd.)

its principal north-flowing tributary along which a bulldozer trail had been constructed (east bank).

09. Bright-breezy morning.

While anticipating some drying of 4x4 road, used binocular microscope to re-examine syenite samples collected on 06 June. Normal syenite with 0.5 to 1.0 mmth laths of orthoclase in finer grained groundmass (pinkish tan color) of K-spar and lesser pyroxene.

Drove to Canal Road in afternoon and out to Johnson's Crossing - into Whitehorse by evening - 204 miles.

JSD

61° 35'

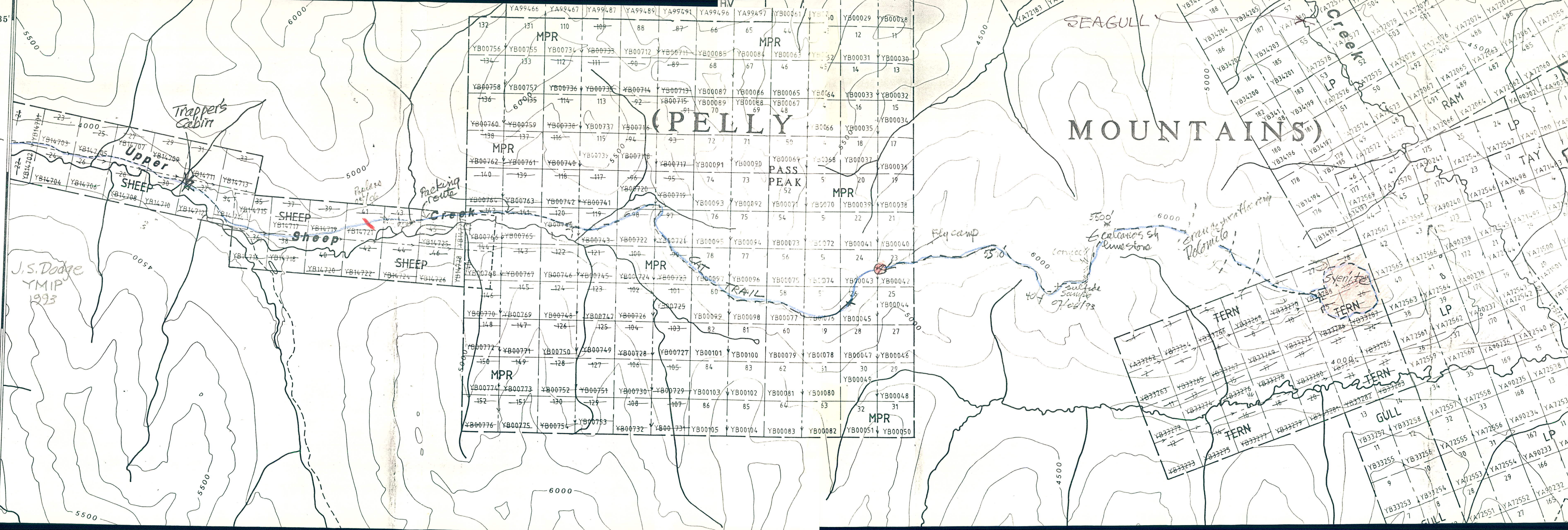
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132	131	110	109	88	87	66	65	44	12	11
YB00756	YB00755	YB00734	YB00733	YB00712	YB00671	YB00085	YB00084	YB00063	YB00032	YB00031
134	133	112	111	90	89	68	67	46	14	13
YB00758	YB00757	YB00736	YB00735	YB00714	YB00713	YB00087	YB00086	YB00065	YB00034	YB00033
136	135	114	113	92	91	70	69	48	16	15
YB00760	YB00759	YB00738	YB00737	YB00716	YB00715	YB00089	YB00088	YB00067	YB00035	YB00034
138	137	116	115	94	93	72	71	50	18	17
YB00762	YB00761	YB00740	YB00739	YB00718	YB00717	YB00091	YB00090	YB00069	YB00037	YB00036
140	139	118	117	96	95	74	73	52	20	19
YB00764	YB00763	YB00742	YB00741	YB00720	YB00719	YB00093	YB00092	YB00071	YB00039	YB00038
142	141	120	119	98	97	76	75	54	22	21
YB00766	YB00765	YB00744	YB00743	YB00722	YB00721	YB00095	YB00094	YB00073	YB00041	YB00040
144	143	122	121	100	99	78	77	56	24	23
YB00768	YB00767	YB00746	YB00745	YB00724	YB00723	YB00097	YB00096	YB00075	YB00043	YB00042
146	145	124	123	102	101	80	79	58	26	25
YB00770	YB00769	YB00748	YB00747	YB00726	YB00725	YB00099	YB00098	YB00077	YB00045	YB00044
148	147	126	125	104	103	82	81	60	28	27
YB00772	YB00771	YB00750	YB00749	YB00728	YB00727	YB00101	YB00100	YB00079	YB00047	YB00046
150	149	128	127	106	105	84	83	62	30	29
YB00774	YB00773	YB00752	YB00751	YB00730	YB00729	YB00103	YB00102	YB00081	YB00049	YB00048
152	151	130	129	108	107	86	85	64	32	31
YB00776	YB00775	YB00754	YB00753	YB00732	YB00731	YB00105	YB00104	YB00083	YB00051	YB00050