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Prospecting Report for Indian River

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744740 - 742743

Claim Numbers P40905 - P40920

Dates 14th - 22nd August, 2001

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**PROSPECTING - INDIAN RIVER - AIRSTRIP
BERTHA FLAT BENCH**

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TECHNICAL REPORT

Claim Numbers P40905 - P40920, owned by T Osler

Dates of prospecting 14 - 22nd August, 2001

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Equipment used

- 1/ Hitachi EX200 excavator for digging test pits / trenches, carting bucket load sample to test plant at creek, rehabilitating pit sites
- 2/ Trailer - mounted test plant comprising 4 ft x 18 in trommel, and Knudsen bowl

Summary

Two right limit benches were prospected, using an excavator to dig test pits, or in some cases, to trench in from the terrace edge

Most test pits were approx 2m x 5m at the surface, by varying depths to bedrock where not frozen. Excavated material was stockpiled alongside the pit. Vegetation and soil / clay on one side, gravels on the other. A 0.7m³ / 1yd³ sample was removed and processed from pits that reached bedrock. This sample was of contact bedrock and gravel.

The sample was processed through a small test trommel/Knudsen bowl and concentrate panned. Gold was dried and weighed.

Pits were then backfilled with the vegetation and soil/clay stockpiles spread on the surface.

It was decided to prospect all the thawed areas first with the excavator and test plant, before following up with drilling of the frozen parts of the benches.

The results were not encouraging enough to warrant a drilling program.

Detailed description of test pits and results attached
Maps attached

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INDIAN RIVER - AIRSTRIP

1/ West end bench, 15m from road, 40m in from the edge, 100m E of SW tip of the terrace

1 0m	Soil, Clay
1 0m	Light brown sand 0 2m mud layer
1 5m	Layered fine gravel
1 0m	Brown, slightly rusty brown coarser gravel clasts to 0 3m
	Hard grey schist

Test Sample

0 7m³ (1yd³) sample, lower part coarse gravel and bedrock
Lots of fine garnets and black sand
250mg mostly small and medium flat gold

2/ 30m N of 1/

1 5m	Soil, clay
1 0m	Fine sandy gravel
2 0+m	Mud Frozen

No Sample

3/ 20m N of 2/

2 5m	Soil, clay
1 0m	Very fine gravel and sand
2 0m	Mud
0 5m	Fine gravel, Frozen, water

No Sample

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4/ 20m in from terrace edge 90m E of 1/, S side of road, 15m from road

0.5 to 2.0m Soil, clay Hole on slope/ in cutting

1.5m Layered fine gravel and sand
Loose, unconsolidated Little/ no clay

0.5m Coarse gravel rocks to 0.3m
Sandy, loose matrix

Slightly decomposed grey/brown schist

Test Sample 1

0.7m³ (1.0 yd³ sample)

270mg small coarse gold some flat and fine

Test Sample 2

1 x 20L pail from contact, hole #4, panned out

Pan 1 - 2 x 1mm flat colours a few specks

Pan 2 - 1 x 2mm colour, 3 x 1mm, few specks, all flat gold

Pan 3 - 1 x 3mm colour, 3 x 1mm, few specks, all flat gold

Pan 4 - 4 x 1mm, few specks

5/ 120m E of 4/ N, side of road 5m from road

3.5m Clay

2.0m Fine grey gravel

Frozen

No Sample

6/ 20m E of 5/ 70m S of 5/ 25m in from edge opened up small gravel pit

0.5m Soil, clay

3.0m Layered fine gravel and sand, grey and light brown

1.0m Layered coarser grey gravel and fine gravel, all very sandy matrix
Stones to 0.15m

Bedrock, blocky grey schist

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Test Sample 1

0.7m³ (1.0 yd³) 1/2 bedrock / 1/2 fine gravel
700mg small and medium coarse gold, some flat and fine

Test Sample 2

Bedrock
Pan 1 - 5 x 2mm, few fines
Pan 2 - 1 x 4mm, 1 x 3mm, 8 x 2mm, 10 x 1mm, few specks
Mix of flat and coarse gold

Test Sample 3

Sandy gravel 1 - 2 feet above contact
Pan 1 - trace
Pan 2 - trace

7/ 100m E of 6/ S side of airstrip, 20m in from edge, opened up small gravel pit

0.5m Soil, clay

3.0m Layered fine gravel and sand
All very sandy matrix

One boulder 400mm on bottom, most to 100mm max

Bedrock, flakey grey and brown schist

Test Sample 1

0.7m³ (1.0 yd³) sample, 1/2 bedrock / 1/2 sand and gravel
550mg small and medium coarse gold Lots of very fine/dust gold

Test Sample 2

Pan samples from bedrock
Pan 1 - 5 x 2mm few specks
Pan 2 - 2 x 3mm, 5 x 2mm, 8 x 1mm, lots specks
Pan 3 - 1 x 4mm, 2 x 3mm, 3 x 2mm 5 x 1mm lots specks
Mix of flat and coarse gold

Test Sample 3

Sand depression in bedrock
Pan 1 - few fines
Pan 2 - few fines

Test Sample 4

White channel layer (gravel) on sand/clay layer, 2 feet above bedrock
Pan 1 - Trace
Pan 2 - Trace / fine specks only

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Test Sample 5

More claybound white channel gravel layer 5 feet above bedrock Other gravel very loose / unconsolidated

Pan 1 and 2 - nothing

Pan 3 and 4 - 1 x 1mm each, very flat gold

Pan 5 and 6 - nothing

No fines or specks in any of the pans

8/ 100m E of 7/ S side of airstrip edge of bench Trenched in from edge

2.5m Soil, clay

1.0m Fine gravel and sand, brown and grey, layered

1.0m Coarse gravel, much coarser than previous holes,
rocks 0.2 - 0.3m grades, up to finer gravel brown and grey/brown
Bedrock Pale blue/grey small blocky schist, and rotten, crumbly
schist

Test Sample

0.7m³ sample 3/4+ bedrock

200mg - one very coarse 4mm piece, mix small coarse and small flat

9/ 100m E of 8/, terrace edge

2.0m Soil, clay

0.5m Rusty coloured fine gravel and sand

0.7m Rusty to brown unlayered coarse gravel, sandy matrix, rocks to 0.4m

1.0m Light grey coarse gravel

Bedrock, light grey schist

Test Sample

0.7m³ sample, very little bedrock (less than 1/10th)

90mg - 3 medium coarse, rest small and medium flat

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10/ 100m E of 9/, 50m N of terrace edge, trench 10m in from E terrace edge

1 0m	Soil clay
1 0m	Poorly sorted small gravel and sand, brown/grey
1 5m	Unsorted coarse gravel loose sandy and fine gravel matrix Stones to 0 3m in lower part
0 5m	Pale grey, in places rusty quartz rich gravels, stones to 0 2m Mostly rotten light grey schist, crumbly

Test Sample 1

0 7m³ sample - virtually all bedrock (9/10ths)

160mg - one coarse 5mm piece, rest medium coarse

Test Sample 2

1 x 20L pail of gravel/bedrock from contact, hole #10, panned out

2 pans nothing

1 pan 3 specks, 1 pan 1 small flat colour

11/ 150m N along terrace edge from 10/ Opened up old trench 20m in from edge

1 0	Soil, clay
4 0	Lots of quartz, lots of grey stones Boulders to 0 4m mostly unsorted Rocks larger to bottom Very hard bedrock Dark grey schist, rusty on surface

Test Sample 1

0 7m³ sample - good scrape bedrock 1/4 bedrock, 3/4 gravel

< 50mg - all small flat gold

Test Sample 2

20L pail of gravel from contact, hole #11

Pan 1 - 1 x 1mm colour

Pan 2 - few specks

Pan 3 - 1 x 1mm rusty colour, few specks

Pan 4 - nothing

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12/ 40m to hill from 8/, edge of airstrip

2 0m Soil, clay

1 0m Layered sand and fine gravel

3 0m Loose fine, mostly grey gravel, unconsolidated
One rock to 0 3m, rest to 0 1m
Hole kept collapsing

Bedrock, blue/grey schist, fairly competent

Test Sample

0 7m³ sample - 1/2 bedrock, 1/2 gravel

100mg mostly small flat gold

13/ Tried to find bedrock in gravel pit Full reach 6 5m All white channel derived gravel, as for
11/ Ground level here is around 5m higher than 11/

No sample

14/ Hole midway between 6/ and 7/, 40m in from terrace edge

0 8m Black soil

1 2m Light brown clay

3 5m Mostly fine gravel, some bands with little or no matrix
Unconsolidated, mostly light grey gravels
Rocks to 0 4m on/near bedrock

Dark grey to light blue/grey schist

Some light grey, clay matrix, fine gravel on bedrock

Test Sample 1

0 7m sample - all gravel, no bedrock

90mg - all flat, fine gold

Test Sample 2

0 7m sample - 1/4 bedrock, 3/4 gravel

270mg - mix of medium size coarse, and fine gold Some larger flat flakes to 5mm

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BERTHA FLAT

15/ Hole in edge of road turnaround, edge of intermediate bench, where road heads down to valley

0 7m Soil, clay

2 0m Unsorted gravel, though tends to coarsen down
 Boulders to 0 3m

 Bedrock - light grey decomposed

Test Sample

20L pail of bedrock / contact gravel, panned out

Pan 1 - 3 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 2 - 1 x 3mm, 6 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 3 - 9 x 1mm, lots specks

Pan 4 - 10 x 1mm, lots specks

Pan 5 - 4 x 2mm, 12 x 1mm, lots specks (extra pan)

All flat, flakey gold

Test Sample 2

0 7m³ / 1yd³ - bedrock and gravel

300mg medium and small flake gold, few small coarse

16/ 35m beyond 15/, same level

0 8m Soil, clay

2 5m Mostly unsorted gravel, grey, rocks to 0 3m, random in lower 1 5m

 Bedrock - mid-grey, hard, shattered

Test Sample

20L pail of gravel - bedrock from contact

Pan 1 - 3 x 1mm, few specks, flat gold

Pan 2 - 1 x 1mm, coarse, few specks

Pan 3 - 3 x 1mm, few specks, flat

Pan 4 - 3 x 1mm, few specks, flat

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17/ 20m beyond 16/, 0 5m higher elevation

1 5m	Soil, clay
0 8m	Layered grey and brown/rusty sand
0 0 -0 5m	Layered fine gravel, rocks to 100mm Very hard, blocky grey bedrock, uneven surface

Test Sample 1

20L pail of gravel

No gold in any of 4 pans

Test Sample 2

0 7m³ - bedrock and gravel

90mg fine and flat gold only

18/ 20m beyond 17/, 1 0m higher elevation

1 0	Soil, clay
1 2m	Small gravels, Stones to 0 3m Bedrock - dark grey shattered slate

Test Sample

20L pail from bedrock/contact gravel

Pan 1 - 1 x 3mm, 2 x 2mm, 3 x 1mm, no specks

Pan 2 - 1 x 3mm, 4 x 2mm, 5 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 3 - 3 x 2mm, 2 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 4 - 1 x 2mm, 5 x 1mm, few specks

Mostly flat gold, some rusty, few small coarse bits

19/ 25m beyond 18/, 1 5m higher elevation

1 0m	Soil, clay
1 0m	Light brown gravels, stones to 100mm, sandy matrix Frozen on sand layer

No sample

Gentle hillside, holes dug on slope

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20/ 25m on L) side of track
0 8m soil, clay on dark grey bedrock - slate, not schist
1 pan of bedrock - no gold

21/ 45m on L) side of track
0 8m soil and clay to dark grey slate
No sample

22/ 30m on L) side
0 5m soil and clay to dark grey slate
No sample

23/ 25m on L) side
0 8m soil and clay to dark grey slate
1 pan of bedrock on contact with soil No gold

24/ 30m on from 23/, R) side of track

0 8m Soil, clay

1 0m Unsorted, mostly small gravel Stones to 100mm
Sandy matrix upper part, more clay/decomposed sand lower

Dark grey shattered slate

Test Sample

20l pail of bedrock and contact gravel

Pan 1 - 3 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 2 - 3 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 3 - 1 x 1mm, few specks

Pan 4 - 2 x 1mm, few specks

All very flat gold - no weight

25/ 25m on from 24/, L) side of track, 1 0m igher elevation

1 5m Soil, clay

2 0m Layered fine gravel 0 5m, then poorly sorted small gravels, grey, lots of
quartz, loose sandy matrix Stones to 0 2m, 1 at 0 4m

Bedrock - light grey blocky and flakey schist

Test sample

20L pail of bedrock and contact gravel

1 - 2 specks only in each pan

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26/ 30m E along the edge from 15/, same level

1 2m Soil, clay
2 0m Mostly unsorted gravels, though finer top 0 6m

 Bedrock - light grey, soft broken schist

Test Sample

0 7m³ sample

520mg - small medium flake gold, some small and medium coarse

27/ 30m further in from 26/, same level

1 2m Soil, clay
2 0m Mostly unsorted gravels, finer top 0 5m

 Bedrock - light grey broken schist

Test Sample

0 7m³ sample

330mg - mostly small and medium flake gold, a little coarse

28/ 25m N (toward hill) from 27/, same level

2 0m Soil, clay

1 7m Fine, slightly layered gravel top 0 5m
 Mostly medium coarse gravel, unsorted

 Frozen

No sample

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INTERPRETATION - Airstrip bench

Two test pits, 6/ and 7/, yielded good results, 700mg and 550mg respectively, from 0.7m³

Five test pits produced around 200mg, namely sites 1/, 4/, 8/, 10/, 14/

Three test pits produced 100mg or less - sites 9/, 11/, 12/

The remaining four pits did not reach bedrock because of frozen gravel, and no sample was processed

At site 14/, one sample was taken from gravel just above bedrock, yielding 90mg. A second sample of bedrock and contact gravel produced 270mg

Some detailed pan sampling from several sites indicated that gold only occurred on and within bedrock. Gravel samples contained trace gold only

With gold at \$420CDN/oz, and assuming 80% assay, which is the average for the Indian River valley gold, the gold from pit 6/ equates to \$7.56 /yd³, and from pit 7/ \$5.94 /yd³

The pits with around 200mg equates to \$2.16/yd³ approx

The minable section amounts to a maximum of 0.5m / 20in, so the volume of potentially economic gravel is quite small, even if it was assumed these values continued within the frozen part of the bench

The total length of the bench is about 700m. Assuming a mine width of 100m the total area equals 70,000m². With a depth of 0.5m, this equates to a volume of 35,000m³ - approx 50,000yd³

The average grade over all 10 sites that a sample was taken from was 264mg, which equates to \$2.85/yd³. Based on this value, the gold reserves on this bench amount to 424 raw oz, which would be uneconomic for the volume of waste overburden to be stripped, and surface area to be covered

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INTERPRETATION - Bertha Flat Bench

Fourteen test pits were dug, with eleven pits in one line up the right limit hillside

The pits indicated there was a small intermediate bench approx 50 ft above the main valley, and an upper level bench approx 150 - 200 ft higher

Pits 15/, 16/, 17/, 18/, 24/, 25/, contained a gravel section from which a 20L pail of contact gravel/bedrock was panned

The sample from pits 15, 16/, 18/, on the intermediate bench yielded reasonable colours of gold Pit 17/ was barren, pits 24/ and 25/ on the upper bench yielded trace to very small flat colours Pits 19/ and 28/ were frozen

Pits 20/, 21/, 22/, 23/, contained no gravel, but only bedrock beneath the surface organic and clay layer

Several pan samples of bedrock showed no gold

Pan sampling was followed up by a larger bulk test

From pits 15/, 17/, 26/, 27/, a 0.7m³/1.0yd³ sample of contact bedrock and gravel was taken and processed through the test plant

Pit 15/ yielded 300mg, pit 17/ yielded 90mg, pit 26/ yielded 520mg, and pit 27/ yielded 330mg These figures amount to dollar values of \$3.20/yd³, \$1.00/yd³, \$5.60/yd³, and \$3.50/yd³ respectively, based on an assay of 80% and gold at \$420CDN/oz

The intermediate bench is quite small in extent, being a max of 100m wide x 300m long, giving a volume of approx 30,000m³, assuming a 1.0m thick mine section

Taking an approx figure of \$3.00/yd³, the contained gold would probably amount to approx 300 raw oz. Although this is low grade and the total gold content small, the amount of stripping is negligible, amounting to 1 - 2m, depending how much gravel was stripped. It might therefore be a very small yet economical deposit

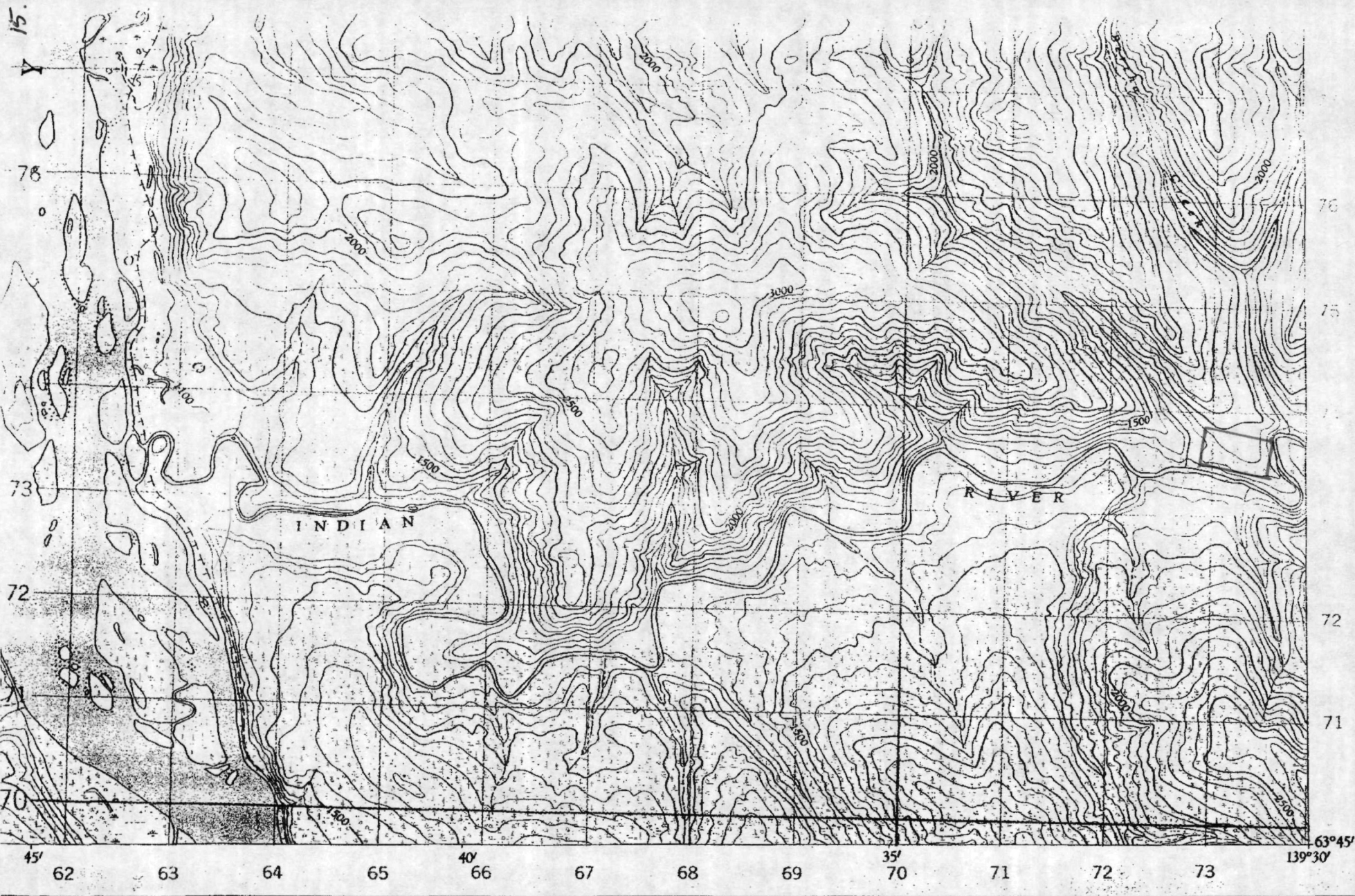
The fact that no gold was found on the bedrock slope above the intermediate bench, and the upper bench margin contained mainly trace to very fine gold, indicate that the pay zone, if it existed, of the old upper bench gravels was probably further south towards the present valley center, and has been eroded away

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V111 SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

1	Daily living allowance	$\$35.00/\text{day} \times 2 = \$70.00/\text{day} \times 8 \text{ days}$	\$560.00
2	Transport	$10\text{km}/\text{day} @ 0.42\text{c} = \$4.20 \times 8 \text{ days}$	\$33.60
		2 return trips to Dawson City $110\text{km} \times 2 = 220\text{km} \times 0.42\text{c}$	\$92.40
3	Not applicable		
4	Heavy equipment	Excavator Hitachi EX200 20 tonne 69 hrs @ \$120.00/hr	\$8280.00
		Test plant \$100/day x 6 days	\$600.00
5	Not applicable		
6	Not applicable		
7	Not applicable		
8	Not applicable		
9	See 4 above		
10	Not applicable		
11	Included in excavator rental - see 4 above		
12	Report preparation	2 days applicant @ \$350.00/day	\$700.00
		Typing, printing, binding etc 1 1/2 days @ \$200	\$300.00
13	Other expenses	Wages - applicant @ \$350.00/day x 8	\$2800.00
		Employee x 1/day @ \$200.00/day x 8	\$1200.00
		Topographic/claim maps	<u>\$10.00</u>
	TOTAL		<u>\$14,576.00</u>

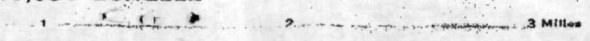


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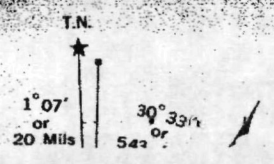
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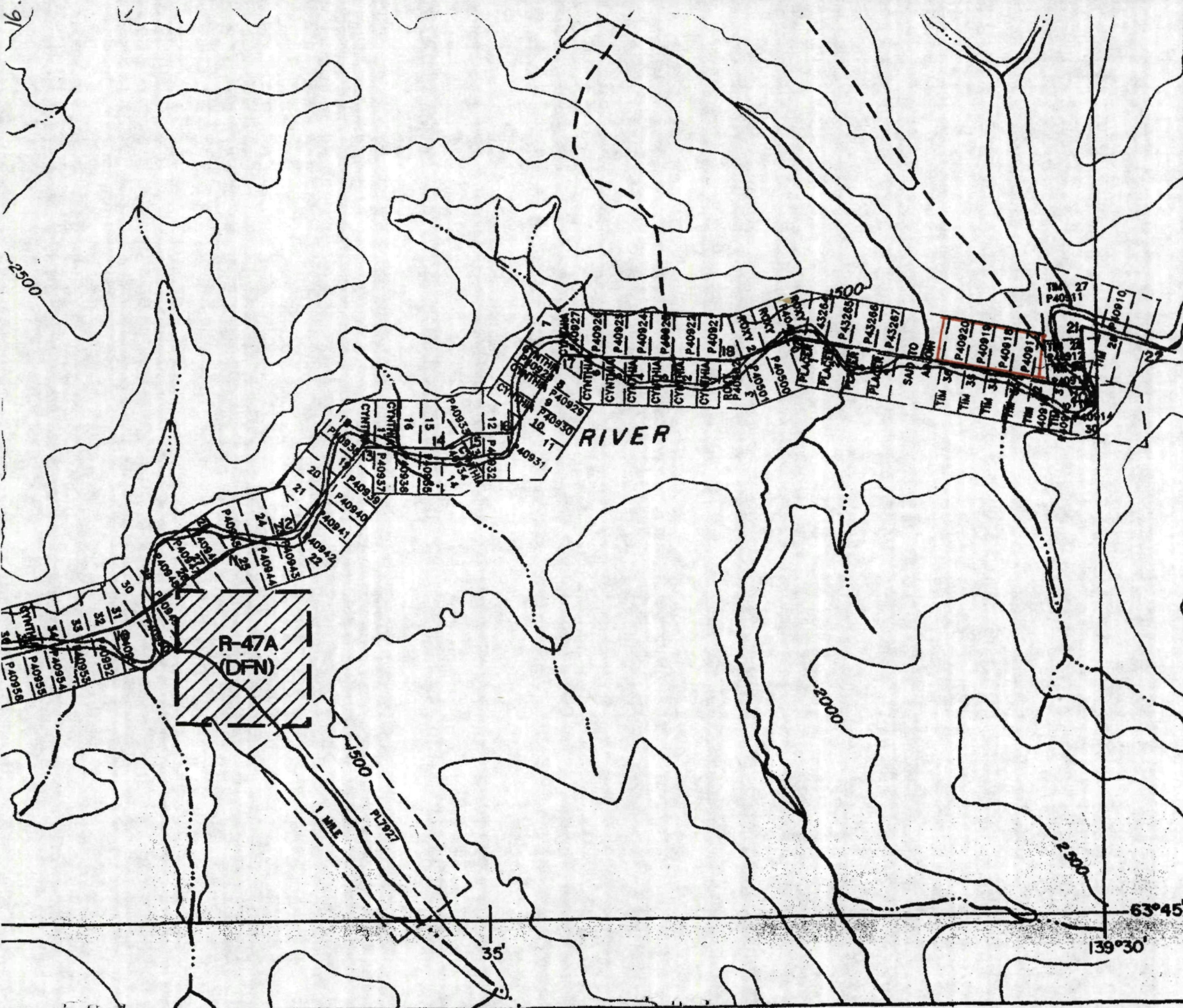
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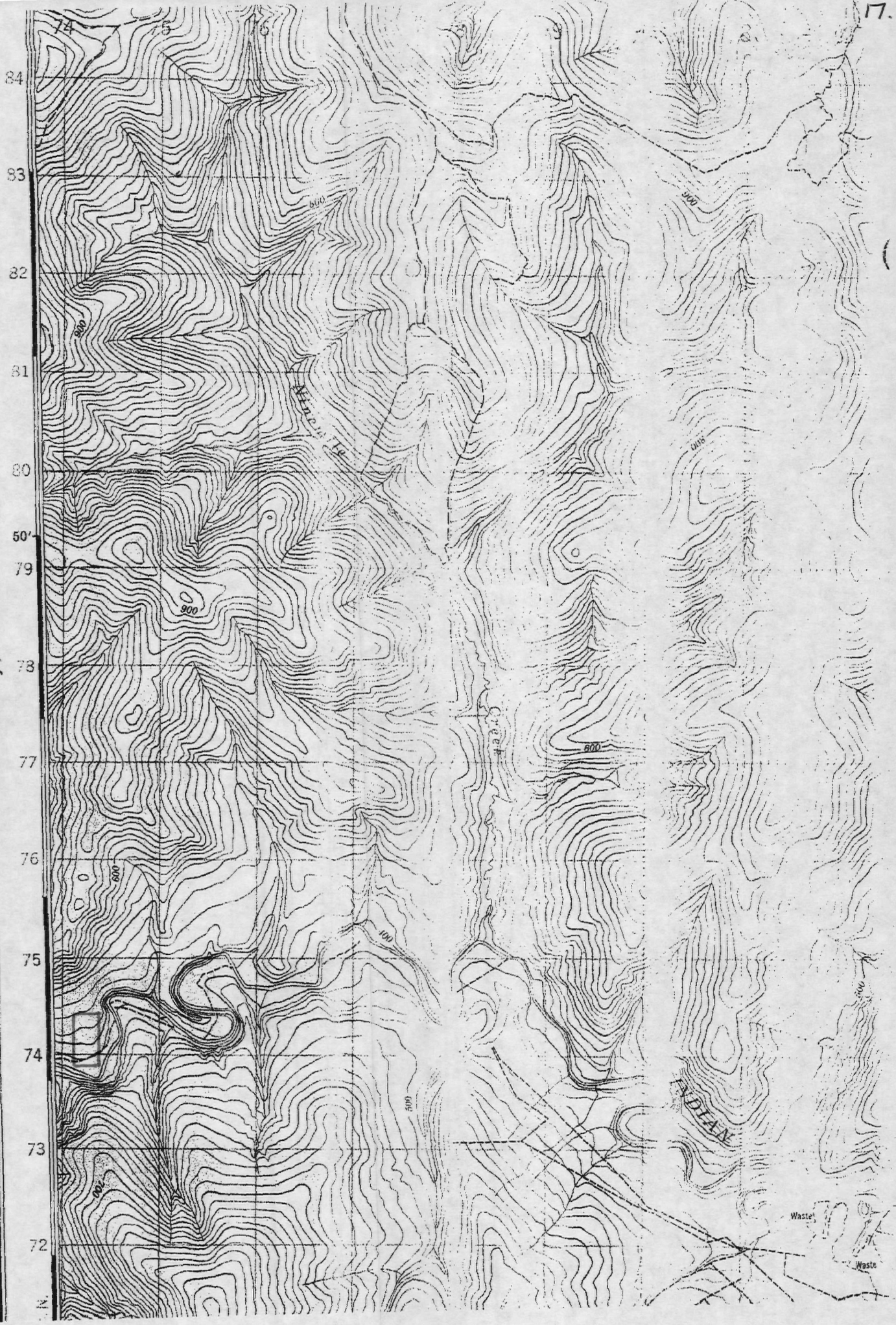
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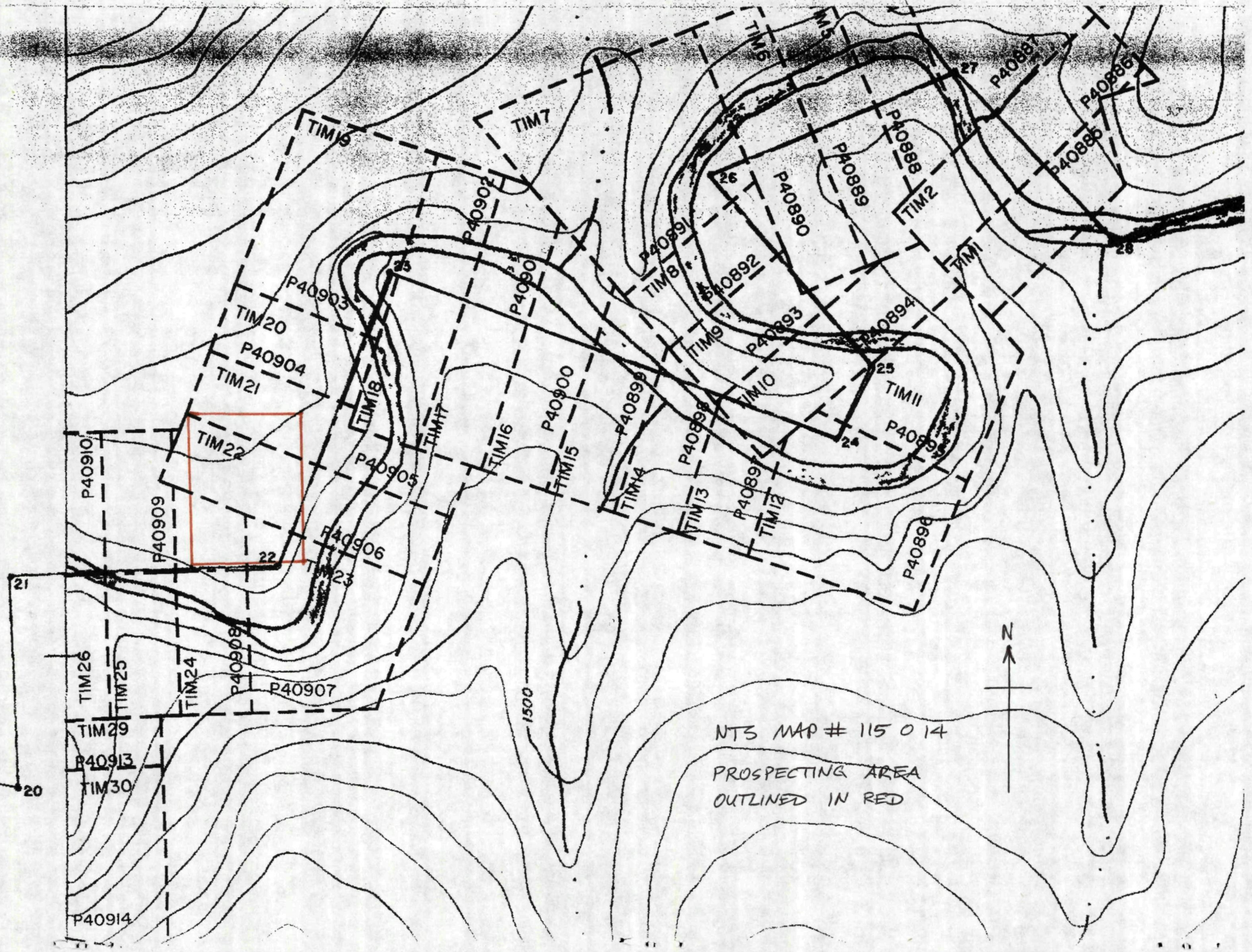
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INDIAN RIVER - AIRSTRIP BENCH

LEGEND

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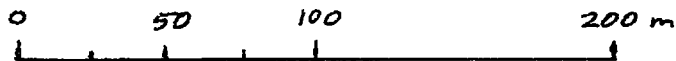
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—/— TERRACE / BENCH EDGE

== ACCESS ROAD / TRACK

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CLAIM
BOUNDARY
& NUMBER



SCALE (APPROX)
1 : 2500

TO DAWSON

GRAVEL PIT

↑ TO BERTHA CK,
BERTHA FLAT

TO CREEK &
SAMPLE PLANT

AIRSTRIP

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UPPER BENCH

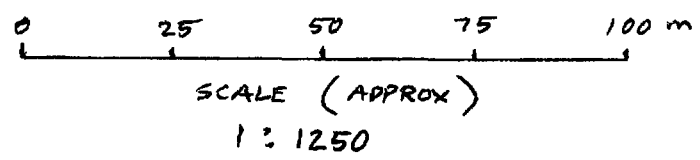
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— TERRACE / BENCH EDGE

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— CLAIM BOUNDARY & NUMBER
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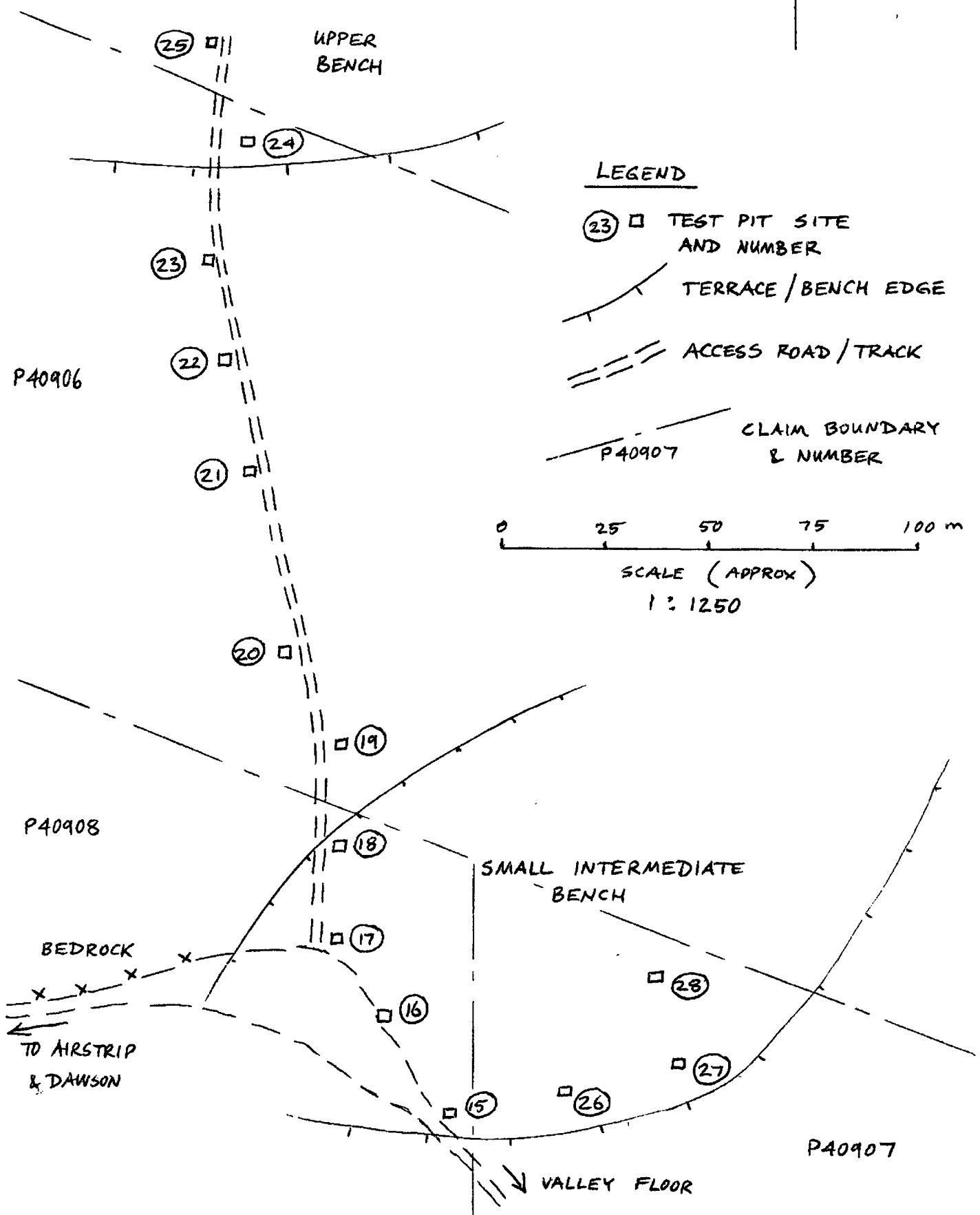
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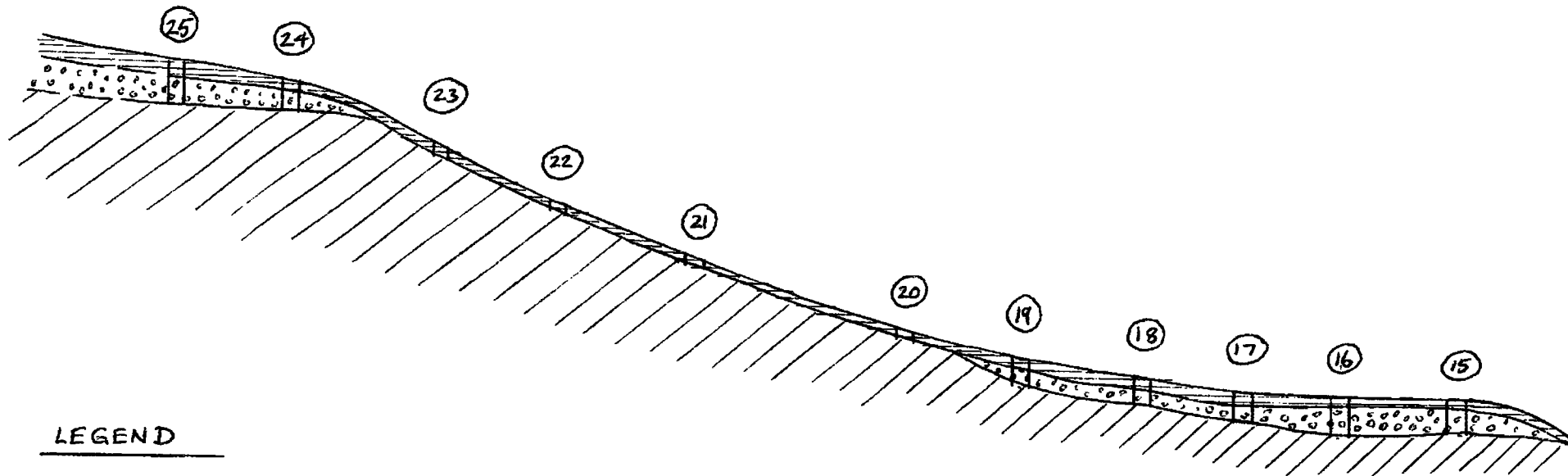
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SCHEMATIC CROSS SECTION - BERTHA BENCH



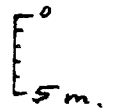
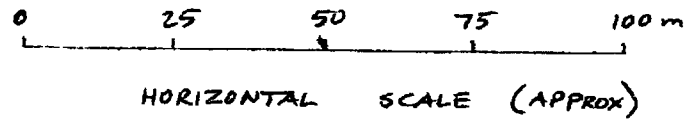
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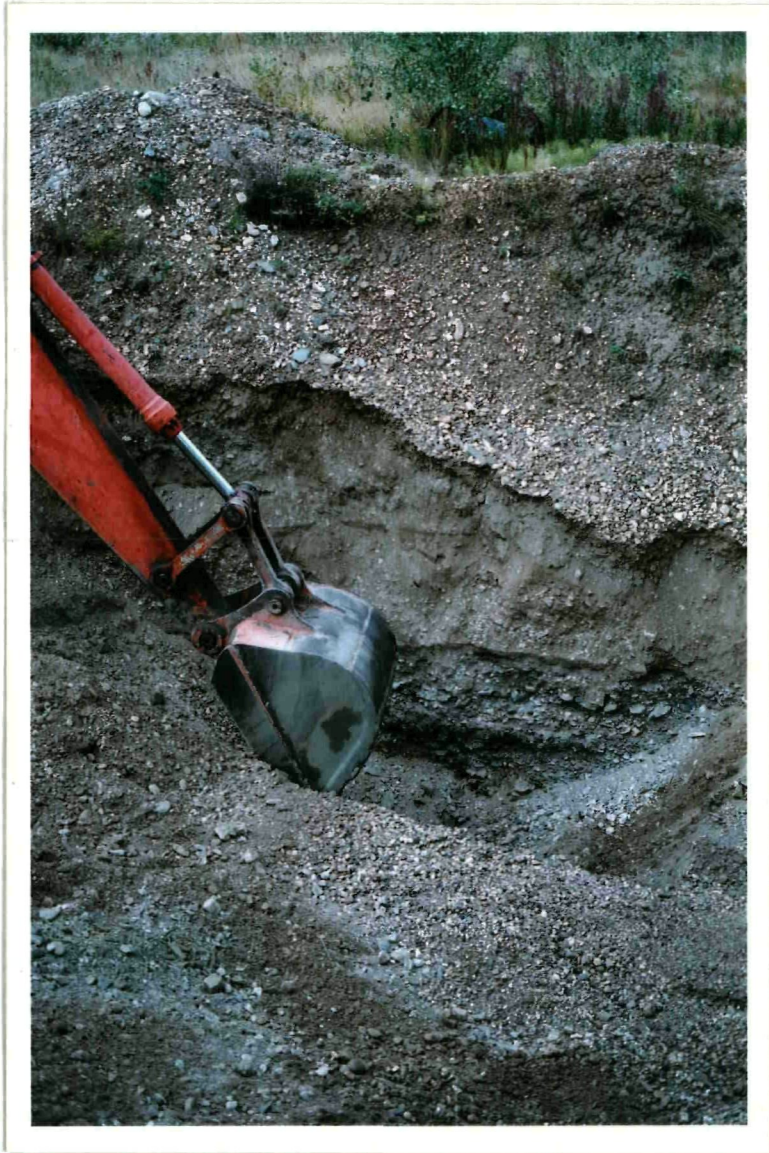
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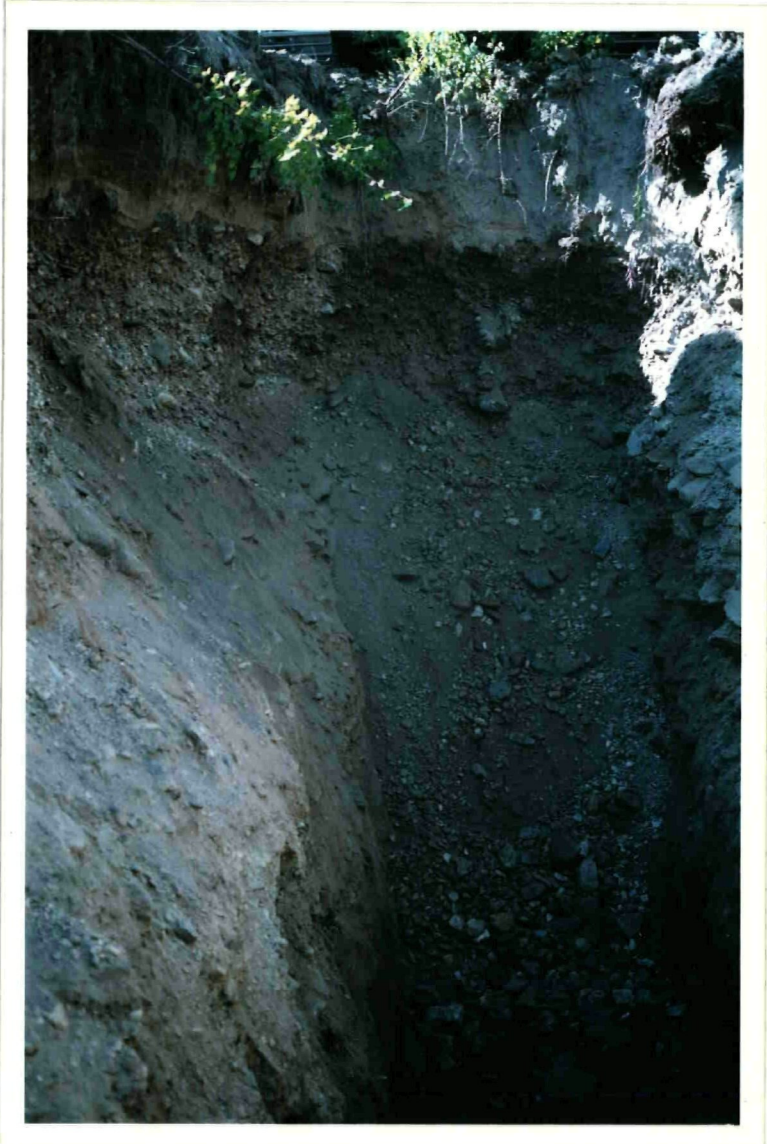
⊡²¹ TEST PIT & NUMBER



VERTICAL SCALE (APPROX)



TEST PIT # 6 , AIRSTRIP BENCH.



TEST PIT #10 , AIRSTRIP BENCH



TEST PIT #12, AIRSTRIP BENCH.



TEST PIT #12, SHOWING SITE REHABILITATION.



TEST PIT # 11, AIRSTRIP BENCH.



PROCESSING 1 yd³ SAMPLE WITH
SMALL TROMMEL / KNUDSEN BOWL.