

**INTRODUCTION**

New geochemical data from re-analysis of archived stream sediment samples have been assessed using weighted sums modeling and catchment basin analysis, as described in the methodology report accompanying this map (Mackie *et al.*, 2015). Both commodity and pathfinder element abundances are evaluated to highlight areas that show geochemical responses consistent with a variety of base and precious-metal mineral deposit types. The results of modeling, completed using two approaches, are presented as a series of catchment maps and associated data files. This release is part of a regional assessment of stream sediment geochemistry that covers a large part of Yukon.

**SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS**

Stream sediment and water samples from the Frances Lake map area (105H) were collected at a reconnaissance scale in 1987 as part of the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement (Hornbrook & Friske, 1988). Field descriptions and initial geochemical data for 917 sites were released in Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) Open File 1649. New geochemical data from the re-analysis of archived sample material were released in GSC Open File 6043 and Yukon Geological Survey (YGS) Open File 2009-1. The reader is referred to these open files for detailed descriptions of sampling techniques, analytical procedures and quality control measures.

**MINERAL OCCURRENCES**

A variety of types of base and precious-metal mineralization are known to occur in the Frances Lake map sheet as shown in Table 1 (YGS MINFILE, 2015). Skarn is dominant style of mineralization documented in the area and includes W (Tol, Woaah and Susan deposits), Pb-Zn (Max, Miko, Fir Tree, and Lee deposits) and Cu (Jan Prospect) types. The producing Cantung W-skarn mine, currently operated by North American Tungsten Corporation, occurs in the north-eastern corner of the map area within Northwest Territories. In addition to skarn mineralization, intrusion-related gold mineralization has also been documented within the map area (Justin Deposit). The Finlayson Lake Zn-Pb-Cu-Ag VMS district and the Tintina polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn deposit occur in the adjacent map area towards the west (105G).

**WEIGHTED SUMS MODELLING**

As described in the report accompanying this map (Mackie *et al.*, 2015), two approaches have been used to subdue effects related to changes in underlying geology. One uses data levelled by the dominant geology mapped within each catchment. The other uses residuals calculated from regression against principal components interpreted to represent geologic horizons that exhibit a strong influence on the distribution of commodity and pathfinder elements. Weighted sums models (WSM) have been generated using the processed data. Importance rankings used in Weighted Sums Models (WSM) for a variety of deposit types are summarized in Table 2. Each model is optimized for a target deposit type however other

deposit types may be represented in a given model due to similarities in elemental abundances and associations. A WSM is presented for epithermal Au-Ag mineralization, however given the lack of occurrences of this type within the map area the model could not be validated and therefore should be used with caution.

Exploratory data analysis of both raw element data and principal components indicate that the distribution of many commodity and pathfinder elements is strongly influenced by lithological variation. The first principal component shows high positive loadings for Sb, Se, Hg, Ni, Ag, Cu, As, Cd, Ba and Zn; and negative loadings for K, Ti, Na, Al, Bi and U. Respectively, these groupings form geochemical domains that match the transition from sedimentary and volcanic rocks in the west to felsic intrusive rocks in the east. The second principal component shows high negative loadings for Co, Fe, Cr, Ni, Cu and Mg which forms a spatial pattern matching the mapped distribution of the Hyland Group sedimentary rocks. Regression analysis of selected metals against the relevant principal component(s) effectively filters these 'terrane-effects' while preserving responses related to known occurrences. Leveling by the dominant mapped geology has a more subdued effect on filtering the interpreted lithological control for certain (e.g., Ba, Cd, Hg and Ag). In order to reduce the impact these elements had in the WSM they were assigned low importance rankings or were omitted for certain deposit types. Negative rankings were assigned to certain variables to help differentiate deposit types with similar metal associations. For most deposit types the WSM models generated using the two approaches are quite similar.

The effectiveness of historical sampling coverage has been assessed empirically using graphs of WSMs plotted against catchment surface area to determine the ideal maximum catchment size (10 km<sup>2</sup>). Catchments that cover larger areas are interpreted to have been under-sampled and thus require further sampling to properly evaluate geochemical anomalies. Given the likelihood that a mineralization 'signal' would be progressively diluted with increase in catchment size, marginally high WSM scores for large catchments could also be of interest.

**Table 1: List of Mineral Occurrences for NTS map sheet 105H (Yukon MINFILE, 2015)**

Number	Name	Type	Commodities
105H 001	JAN	Skarn Cu	Prospect Copper, Lead
105H 002	IMDAS	Skarn Cu	Showing Copper, Zinc, Lead, Silver
105H 003	KEER	Unknown	Unknown
105H 004	COX	Vein Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn-Au	Unknown Lead, Silver, Zinc
105H 005	FLP	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Lead, Tungsten, Zinc, Silver, Gold
105H 006	DC	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Silver, Lead, Zinc
105H 007	VAGAS	Unknown	Anomaly Lead, Zinc
105H 008	MKO	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Silver, Zinc, Gold, Lead
105H 009	GLENA	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Lead, Zinc, Silver
105H 010	STEELE	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Copper, Silver, Zinc, Lead
105H 011	MAX	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Gold, Lead, Silver, Tungsten, Zinc
105H 012	KLATZA	Unknown	Anomaly Tungsten
105H 013	FRANCES	Vein Cu-Ag-Quartz	Showing Copper
105H 014	LND	Ultramafic Mafic Jade (Nephrite)	Producer Jade/Nephrite
105H 015	DODGE	Vein Cu-Ag-Quartz	Showing Copper
105H 016	TUCHITUA	Ultramafic Mafic Jade (Nephrite)	Past Producer Chrysotile, Gold, Lead, Silver, Zinc, Jade/Nephrite, Copper
105H 017	EAST ARM	Unknown	Showing
105H 018	GALE	Skarn Pb-Zn	Prospect Copper, Silver, Zinc, Lead
105H 019	MAY	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Cobalt, Copper, Molybdenum, Nickel, Zinc, Silver, Gold
105H 020	MAPLE	Vein Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn-Au	Showing Copper, Lead, Gold, Silver, Zinc
105H 021	MATT BERRY	Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Kuroko Cu-Pb-Zn	Deposit Gold, Lead, Zinc, Antimony, Silver
105H 022	FLIKE	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Silver, Zinc
105H 023	LUCY	Unknown	Unknown
105H 024	CANYON	Skarn Pb-Zn	Unknown Gold, Zinc, Lead, Silver
105H 025	STU	Skarn W	Showing Copper
105H 026	TEBBERY	Skarn W	Prospect Tungsten
105H 027	CORRIE	Unknown	Drilled Prospect Bismuth, Zinc, Silver, Nickel, Copper, Gold
105H 028	BLACK JACK	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Bismuth, Gold, Silver, Zinc, Lead, Cadmium
105H 029	FIR TREE	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Zinc, Silver, Gold, Lead
105H 030	WICKIASE	Skarn Mo	Showing Molybdenum
105H 031	RON	Skarn Pb-Zn	Unknown Cadmium, Lead, Silver, Zinc, Copper, Gold
105H 032	HELEN	Skarn W	Unknown Bismuth, Silver, Tungsten, Gold
105H 033	BROD	Skarn Pb-Zn	Prospect Lead, Zinc, Silver
105H 034	NEEBING	Plutonic Related Au	Showing Gold, Arsenic, Lead
105H 035	JUSTIN	Plutonic Related Au	Drilled Prospect Copper, Gold, Tungsten, Silver, Lead, Molybdenum, Zinc, Bismuth, Arsenic
105H 036	ROAD	Vein Au-Quartz	Drilled Prospect Arsenic, Silver, Gold
105H 037	TOY	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Copper, Lead, Silver, Zinc, Gold
105H 038	CRIBE	Skarn W	Showing Molybdenum
105H 039	BR	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Tungsten
105H 040	TANVA	Skarn W	Drilled Prospect Copper, Silver, Zinc, Tungsten, Lead
105H 041	GUY	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Tungsten
105H 042	RENA	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Showing Molybdenum, Tungsten
105H 043	FULCHER	Unknown	Anomaly Lead, Zinc
105H 044	TUSTLES	Unknown	Anomaly Copper
105H 045	FIN	Sediment hosted Sedimentary Exhalative Zn-Pb-Ag (Sedex)	Drilled Prospect Barite, Silver, Lead, Zinc
105H 046	TED	Vein Barite	Showing Barite, Silver, Zinc, Gold, Lead
105H 047	NARCHILLA	Skarn W	Prospect Copper, Silver, Zinc, Gold, Lead
105H 048	LEE	Skarn Pb-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Zinc, Lead, Silver
105H 049	YUSEZJU	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Tungsten
105H 050	DODGE	Skarn Mo	Showing Molybdenum, Tungsten
105H 051	TILLEI	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Showing Lead, Molybdenum, Zinc, Tungsten
105H 052	HITCHHIKER	Manto Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Zinc, Copper, Silver
105H 053	ZEUS	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Silver, Tungsten, Zinc, Lead
105H 054	CARBIDE	Skarn W	Showing Molybdenum, Tungsten
105H 055	RICHARD	Unknown	Anomaly
105H 056	ALM	Skarn Pb-Zn	Unknown
105H 057	BUS	Skarn W	Prospect Copper, Molybdenum, Tungsten, Zinc
105H 058	MARHAM	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Copper, Zinc, Lead
105H 059	SKICE	Plutonic Related Au	Drilled Prospect Gold, Arsenic
105H 060	GOLDEN CULVERT	Orogenic Au	Showing Gold, Arsenic
105H 061	SUSAN	Skarn W	Drilled Prospect Copper, Silver, Tungsten, Zinc, Lead
105H 062	CAL	Skarn W	Drilled Prospect Copper, Silver, Tungsten
105H 063	WOAH	Skarn W	Drilled Prospect Tungsten
105H 064	TAI	Skarn W	Drilled Prospect Tungsten
105H 065	MAVI	Sediment hosted Sedimentary Exhalative Zn-Pb-Ag (Sedex)	Drilled Prospect Barite, Gypsum, Lead, Silver, Zinc, Copper
105H 066	ZEIT	Skarn W	Showing Tungsten
105H 067	JULIA	Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Besshi Cu-Zn	Drilled Prospect Copper, Gold, Silver, Zinc
105H 068	TINY	Unknown	Unknown
105H 069	KNEIL	Vein Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn-Au	Showing Copper, Silver, Zinc, Lead
105H 070	TYERS	Vein Cu-Ag-Quartz	Showing Antimony, Gold, Silver, Tungsten
105H 071	TUNA	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Showing Molybdenum, Copper, Arsenic, Bismuth
105H 072	CHAP	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Silver, Zinc, Lead
105H 073	BEANS	Unknown	Unknown
105H 074	CERRO	Skarn W	Showing Copper, Tungsten, Molybdenum
105H 075	MG	Unknown	Unknown Zinc
105H 076	BILLINGS	Skarn W	Showing Molybdenum, Tungsten
105H 077	IWO	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Zinc
105H 078	WE	Skarn W	Showing Lead, Zinc, Tungsten
105H 079	PINK	Skarn Cu	Showing Copper
105H 080	SHAN	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Zinc, Tungsten
105H 081	SEBASTIAN	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Tungsten, Zinc
105H 082	MT BILLINGS	Skarn Pb-Zn	Showing Lead, Tungsten, Zinc
105H 083	COME	Skarn W	Showing Zinc
105H 084	MCPHERSON	Sediment hosted Sedimentary Exhalative Zn-Pb-Ag (Sedex)	Showing Copper, Silver, Zinc, Lead
105H 085	TUS	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Showing Molybdenum, Tungsten
105H 086	ANDERSON	Skarn W	Showing Tungsten
105H 087	BROTEN	Skarn W	Showing Tungsten
105H 088	MIN	Skarn W	Showing Tungsten
105H 089	FER	Vein Au-Quartz	Showing Arsenic, Lead, Zinc, Copper, Gold
105H 090	SPROGGE	Vein Au-Quartz	Prospect Gold, Bismuth, Arsenic, Antimony

**Table 2: Importance rankings for weighted sums models using data levelled by dominant mapped geology.**

Target Deposit Type*	Other Deposit Types*	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Mo	Cu	Zn	Pb	Ag	Au	As	Ba	Cd	Sb	To	Hg	Ti	Bi	F	W
Pb-Zn skarn	VMS, SEDEX MVT, Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn							3	4	1					1					1	
VMS (Zn-rich)	SEDEX, Pb-Zn skarn, MVT, Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn					2		4	2	1											-2
Cu skarn	Porphyry Cu, Cu-Ag (22 vein)				4					2							1			1	
W skarn	Porphyry Mo					2														1	3
Porphyry Mo	Porphyry Cu, W skarn					1	4													1	2
Intrusion-related Au	Epithermal Au-Ag										3	2					1			1	
Epithermal Au-Ag	Intrusion-related Au, Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn										3	2	3								

\*VMS = volcanic hosted/associated massive sulphide; SEDEX = sedimentary exhalative; MVT = Mississippi Valley Type; Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn type includes both vein and manto styles.  
\*Raw data following a log<sub>10</sub> transformation.

**LEGEND**

- Town
- ▲ Mineral Occurrence
- Road
- Contour
- River
- Water Body
- Wetland
- Sample Location
- Catchment
- Catchment > 10km<sup>2</sup>

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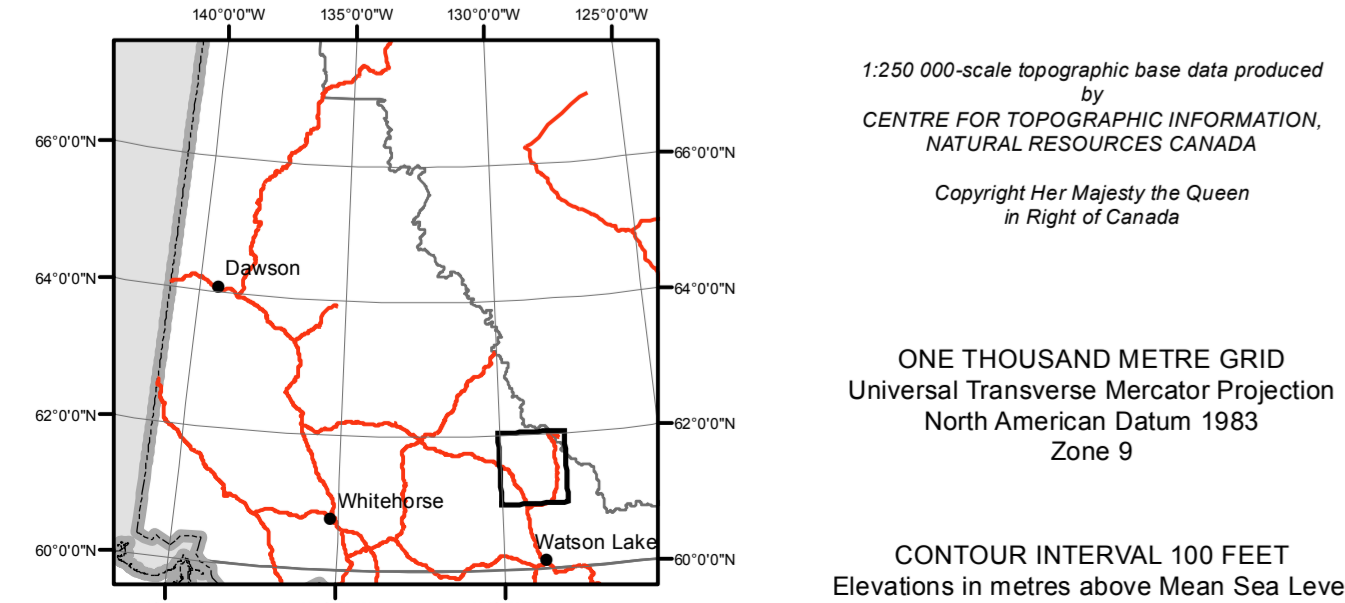
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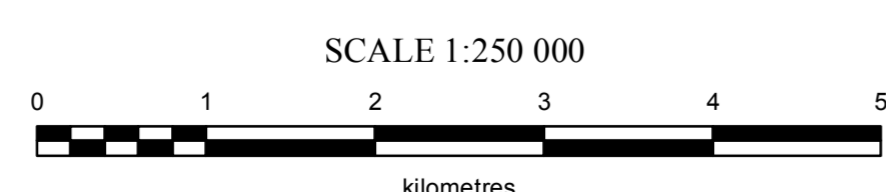
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105J SHELDON LAKE	105I LITTLE MAHANNI RIVER	095L GLACIER LAKE
105O FINLAYSON LAKE	<b>THIS MAP</b> 105H	095E FLAT RIVER
105B WOLF LAKE	105A WATSON LAKE	095D COAL RIVER