



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 that accompanies 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 Carmacks area (NTS 1151) were collected at a reconnaissance scale in 1985 under the direction of the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) in conjunction with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the government of Yukon (Geological Survey of Canada, 1986). Geochemical data for 951 sample sites were first released in GSC Open File 1220 (Geological Survey of Canada, 1986). As part of an ongoing database upgrade project by the Yukon Geological Survey (YGS), archived sample material has been re-analyzed by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry following an aqua-regia digestion as described in YGS Open File 2015-14 (Jackman, 2015). The reader is referred to these reports for detailed descriptions of sampling techniques, analytical procedures and quality control measures.

MINERAL OCCURRENCES

The Carmacks area contains several significant base and precious-metal deposits of various types (Table 1). These include the Minto Cu-Au-Ag mine, past producing Mt. Nansen epithermal Au-Ag and Caribou Creek Au mines, Klaza and Tintina polymetallic Ag-Au-Pb-Zn deposits and the Nucleus and Revenue Cu-Mo-Au porphyry deposits. The Casino Cu-Mo porphyry deposit occurs in the adjacent map area to the west supporting the prospectivity of the region for this deposit type.

WEIGHTED SUMS MODELING

As described in the methodology report (Mackie et al., 2015), two approaches have been used to subdue the influence of background lithological variation on the composition of stream sediments. One uses data levelled by the dominant geology mapped within each catchment, while the other uses residuals calculated from regression against principal components interpreted to represent geologic horizons that exhibit strong influence on the distribution of commodity and pathfinder elements of interest.

Weighted sums models (WSM) have been generated using the processed data. The importance rankings used in WSMs are summarized in Table 2 for a variety of deposit types. 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.

Exploratory data analysis of both raw element data and principal components shows that the much of the variability can be related to mineralization and the influence of lithological variation is of lesser importance for certain elements. This differs from some of the other map areas evaluated in this project where the lithological control was of particular importance. The first principal component, accounting for ~28% of the total variation, shows high positive loadings for Mg, Co, Cr and Sc; and high negative loadings for Ag, Cd, Sb, Pb, Bi, Ti, Mo and As. Respectively, these element groupings form spatial patterns matching distribution of Carmacks group mafic-intermediate volcanic rocks and occurrences of Cu porphyry and Ag-Pb-Zn vein/manto-style mineralization. The second principal component shows high negative loadings for Cu, loss-on-ignition and Cd, and is interpreted to reflect scavenging by organic material. This interpretation is supported by the fact that most inverse PC2 responses correspond to samples collected in areas of subdue topography adjacent to rivers and lakes. Principal components 5 and 6, with high loadings of Al, LOI, Mn, Fe, As, Zn, Pb and Co, are also related to possible scavenging by clay minerals and Fe-Mn oxides/hydroxides. Regression analysis using the relevant principal component(s) effectively filters these effects resulting in enhanced responses related to known mineral occurrences. Leveling by dominant mapped geology has a more subdued effect on filtering the interpreted lithological control however given the strong mineralization signal on the map

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

Target Deposit Type <sup>a</sup>	Other Deposit Types <sup>a</sup>	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Mo	Zn	Pb	Ag <sup>1</sup>	Au <sup>1</sup>	As <sup>1</sup>	Ba	Cd	Sb	Sn	Te <sup>1</sup>	Hg <sup>1</sup>	Tl	Bi	W	
Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn	VMS (Zn-rich); SEDEX; Pb-Zn skarn							2	3	4	1											
Porphyry Cu-Mo	Cu skarn; Porphyry Mo; VMS (Cu-rich)					5	3	-2	2	2	1						1					
Porphyry Cu-Au	Cu skarn; Porphyry Mo; VMS (Cu-rich)					5		-2	1	1								2				
Epithermal Au-Ag	Intrusion-related and orogenic Au; Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn									3	3	1					2	1				
VMS (Zn-rich)	Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn; SEDEX; Pb-Zn skarn					1		5	3	1			1	1						1		
Orogenic Au	Intrusion-related Au; Epithermal Au-Ag							-2					3	3				1				1
Hydromorphic Anomaly		4	4	2									2	2								

<sup>a</sup> Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn type includes vein and manto styles; SEDEX = sedimentary exhalative; VMS = volcanic-hosted/associated massive sulphide deposits

<sup>1</sup> For heavily censored elements and those not strongly controlled by geology, raw data are used following a log<sub>10</sub> transformation.

LEGEND

**Weighted sums model (Geology Levelled)**  
**Porphyry Cu-Au deposits**

- incomplete element suite
- 0-50th percentile
- 50-75th percentile
- 75-90th percentile
- 90-95th percentile
- 95-98th percentile
- 98-100th percentile

**Other Symbols:**

- Town
- Mineral Occurrence
- Road
- Contour
- River
- Water Body
- Wetland
- Sample Location
- Catchment > 14km<sup>2</sup>
- Catchment

RECOMMENDED CITATION

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Catchment basin polygons generated by the Yukon Geological Survey (J. O. Bruce).

Any revisions or additional geological information known to the user would be welcomed by the Yukon Geological Survey.

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STEWART RIVER	MCQUESTEN	MAYO
115J	115I	105L
STEVENSON RIDGE	<b>THIS MAP</b>	GLENLYON
115G	115H	105E
KUJANE LAKE	AISHIRIK LAKE	LAKE LABERGE