

BIGHORN-ECHO 9
GEOLOGY

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ROCK UNITS

UNIT 1 - QUARTZ-BIOTITE GNEISS (Specimen HAB2-9-10, 9-14)

The quartz-biotite gneiss is composed mainly of quartz in the eastern part of the area prospected, with minor biotite and local muscovite defining a foliation. Disseminated pyrite and magnetite are rare. Adjacent to ~~the~~ crowded feldspar porphyry dikes, the gneiss is typically pyritic, with goethite and jarosite on weathered surfaces. In the east, the foliation is gently folded, commonly striking 160° and with variable dip. Farther west, toward the contact with the main Coast Plutonic Complex (ie on Horn 2), biotite becomes more abundant (see Specimen HAB2-9-10) and a few thin meter-thick marble bands (paralleling foliation) are present. In detail, the gneiss becomes more crumpled and contorted to the west, although on a scale of hundreds of meters it ~~is~~ appears flat-lying or only gently folded.

Quartz lenses, conformable to the gneiss foliation, are common throughout the area. They vary in thickness from one centimeter to 30 cm with rare lenses up to 1.5 m thick. These lenses are stained a rusty-yellow and some contain pyrite.

Very rare quartz veins and stringers cut across the gneiss foliation. The only significant one is that vein mined from 1932 to 1935 by the Atlin Pacific Mining Co.

UNIT 2 - GRANODIORITE (Specimen HAB2-9-7)

The granodiorite is equigranular and of moderate grain size. One specimen contained approx 15% quartz, 15% hornblende, 5% biotite, with the remainder feldspar. No sulphides are present. Pink aplite dikes are common, as are epidote stringers. Quartz stringers are rare, without sulphides, ~~and often~~ ^{but may} have K-spar envelopes. The granodiorite weathers grey, ^{forming} ~~with~~ large rounded boulders.

The granodiorite/gneiss contact is obscured by many porphyritic dikes (and a few granodiorite dikes) of a wide variety of compositions and textures. Two of these,

of rhyolitic composition have been mapped as unit 3. The remainder have not been mapped, but are common throughout the gneiss adjacent to the contact (eg. throughout Horn 2).

UNIT 3 - RHYOLITE PORPHYRYS (Specimens 73704, 73709, HAB2-9-13, 9-6)

Two distinct rhyolite porphyrys are prominent in Horn 2. The first is very fine-grained, very silicious and has sparse quartz-eyes. On fresh and weathered surfaces it is a distinct yellow green (Spec. 73704, 73709). It appears silicified; quartz threads and stringers are always present. Minor galena and chalcopyrite occur locally in quartz stringers (73704). The second rhyolite porphyry is found only on the northern side of the glacier. ^(mainly?) Abundant quartz eyes and few feldspar phenocrysts are surrounded by a hard, white matrix (Spec. HAB2-9-13). Copper and lead mineralization are associated with carbonate alteration (Spec HAB2-9-6 and 9-12).

UNIT 4 - CROWDED FELDSPAR PORPHYRY (HAB2-9-1, 9-3, 9-4)

The crowded feldspar porphyry is not prominent near the granodiorite contact (eg. Horn 2) but is the only intrusive farther away (eg. Horn 1). It is very distinct, with abundant small feldspar phenocrysts. Hornblende phenocrysts are also typically present, but locally are replaced by quartz and biotite phenocrysts. The matrix is dark. In many places, dikes of fine-grained soft, dark rock are associated with the crowded feldspar porphyry (eg. Spec HAB2-9-1); these are thought to be two related co-genetic phases. Both contain minor pyrite and magnetite.

STRUCTURE

No major faults were seen. A small shear zone occurs on the granodiorite ridge west of the glacier. This is epidotic and has some sheared milky quartz and pyrite.

MINERALIZATION

HORN 1: The only significant mineralization seen was talus or waste material from the main vein. Vein quartz contains much pyrite, minor galena and traces of chalcopyrite (and possibly gold).

HORN 2: Galena and chalcopyrite are widespread, generally in very small amounts, and occur in a great variety of rock and alteration types. These include:

- a) Silicified rhyolite porphyry (green) (Spec. 73704)
 - b) Silicified quartz-gneiss (Spec 73705)
 - c) Carbonate-altered (and brecciated) quartz-gneiss (Spec HAB2-9-8)
 - d) " " " rhyolite porphyry^(white) (Spec HAB2-9-12)
 - e) Carbonate-altered rhyolite porphyry (white) (Spec HAB2-9-6)
 - f) Vein quartz
 - g) Fractures in granodiorite
 - h) Fractures in qtz gneiss and rhyolite porphyry.
- may be same <

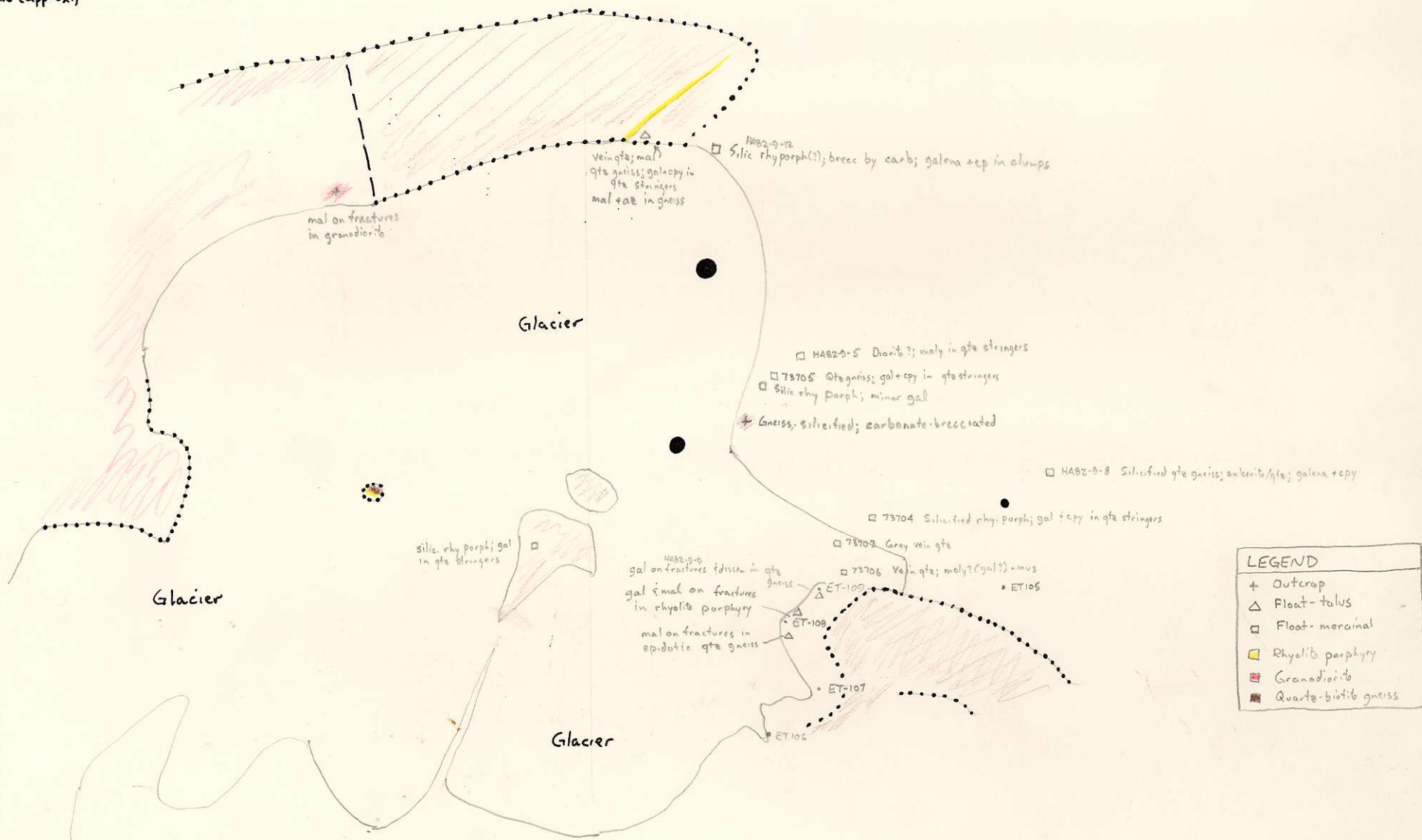
Molybdenite occurs in only one specimen (HAB2-9-5) where coarse rosettes in a quartz stringer cut an unaltered diorite. Specimen 73706 may contain molybdenite in vein quartz-muscovite (but it may be galena).

All the glacial float (except possibly HAB2-9-5) is locally derived; similar rock can be found in talus or outcrop surrounding the glacier.

HORN 2 - MINERALIZATION SKETCH-MAP



1" = 1/4 mile (approx.)



LEGEND	
+	Outcrop
△	Float-talus
□	Float-morainal
■ (yellow)	Rhyolite porphyry
■ (red)	Granodiorite
■ (hatched)	Quartz-biotite gneiss

ENLARGEMENT OF BC 5677 #080
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ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

I do not believe that prospecting alone can uncover further veins in the area of the mined vein on HORN 1. Fifty years of prospecting and much blasting of rusty zones would have uncovered anything significant and obvious. Soil sampling may indicate veins hidden under the alder bush (but I would hate to do the soil sampling). The main vein itself may be economically interesting (but even 1 oz/ton Au over five feet - about the best that could be hoped for - ~~still~~ seems marginal).

Some of the glacial float on HORN 2 looks very promising. Unfortunately, nothing that we have found as talus float is as rich in galena or chalcopyrite. More prospecting, especially south of the glacier, is probably warranted. Obviously, it would be very difficult to explore any deposit under the glacier.

There are two possible models to explain the mineralization: 1) The periphery of a Mo or Mo-Cu porphyry is exposed, giving base metal mineralization over a large area, and; 2) The mineralization is related to the Coast Plutonic Complex/gneiss contact, and more particularly to the rhyolite porphyry dikes. The distribution of mineralized float favors the second.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The campsite location is adequate, with good water, easy helicopter accessibility, and firewood. It is close to the top adit. ~~The~~ Two of the cabins at the bottom of the hill are in good shape.
2. It is difficult to locate yourself on the hillside of HORN 1; there are no landmarks, just rock and bush (thick bush).
3. Most of HORN 2 is readily accessible. The south-facing slope of the ridge south of the glacier is very rough, with innumerable steep, deep gullies. The rocks there look interesting but they would be difficult to prospect.
4. The glacier is safe to walk on, with few crevasses.
5. I believe that specimen 73705 is nearly in place. Similar, but unmineralized, rocks outcrop nearby. The glacial debris at the glacier toe is not thick; outcrop pokes through here and there. Geophysics (ver. ~~EM~~) across the toe and the lower part of the glacier might show something.

6. The positions of the LCP for HORN 1 and HORN 2 are shown on BC 5677 #082 and #080 respectively. HORN 1 extends 5 unit lengths W and 4 unit lengths S and HORN 2 extends 4 unit lengths W and 5 unit lengths S.
7. We spent:
 - 1 day staking HORN 1 and setting up camp
 - 1 day staking HORN 2
 - 3 days prospecting HORN 1
 - 4 days prospecting HORN 2
8. There are enough old claimposts on HORN 1 to open a lumberyard.
9. My apologies for my (expensive) lack of foresight in not bringing BC 5677 #080.
10. Our new camp gear is just great, with the exception of the kitchen tarp, which leaks.

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AIR PHOTO NO. BC5671 #082 #080

SAMPLE NO.	LOCATION	Depth cm	Horiz	DESCRIPTION				SLOPE	VEG.	ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS OR REMARKS	ASSAYS				
				Colour	Part Size	% ORG.	Ph				Cu	Hg	Pb	Ag	Au
B2NXE-204	2000 m NE of camp	15	A ₂	Yel Br	sand	5		Mod	Fir	²⁰⁴⁻²⁰⁸ Samples taken to check whether Pb	13	2	4	0.2	40
205	camp	50	B	Rd Br	sand	5		Mod	Fir	geochemistry could find veins.	28	2	2	0.1	20
206	#082	30	B	Yel Br	sand	5		Mod	Juniper	10m above top adit on strike with vein	24	9	3	0.4	400
207	#082	20	A+C	Br	sand	5		Mod	Fir/Juniper		19	1	3	0.1	<10
208	#082	20	B	Yel Br	sand	5		Gentle	scrub		21	1	3	0.1	<10
209	#080	20	A+C	Br	silt/sand	5		Mod	Bare	Talus: gneiss + rhy. porph	47	1	16	0.1	<10
210	↑	20	A+C	Br	silt/gr/silt	<1		Mod	Bare	gneiss + porph	46	2	23	0.1	10
211	↑	20	A+C	Br	silt	10		Mod	Grass	gneiss	49	2	12	0.1	<10
212	↓	25	A+C	Br	silt/gr/sand	5		Mod	Grass	gneiss	77	1	8	0.3	10
213	#080	25	B	Br	silt	5		Mod	Grass	gneiss (on claim line ~700m S of LCP)	55	1	7	0.2	10.

Pb
Ag
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				Colour	Part Size	% ORG.	Ph				Cu	Mo	Pb	Ag	Au.
B2NXET-105	Ridge South of glacier			Br						Quartz-biotite gneiss	84	1	13	0.1	10
106				Br						"	126	1	9	0.4	10
107				Br						"	135	1	46	0.3	10
108				Br						" + porph (Gal + malachite float near)	107	1	27	0.2	40
109				Br						" + vein quartz (Gal float near)	72	1	26	0.2	20
110	North side of glacier.	5cm		Br	sand	2		mod	-	COAST INTRUSIVE - GRANODIORITE /1	158	2	34	0.5	20
111		5cm		br	gravel → sand	5		Mod	-	GRANODIORITE - MAL. ALONG FRACTURE. /2	630	1	19	0.2	<10
112		5cm		br	gravel → sand	<1		Mod	-	porphyritic Dykes - vicinity of intr/gneiss contact /2	136	1	29	0.3	50
113		5cm		br	gravel → sand	<1		mod	-	Gneiss - rusty intervals. /2	129	2	31	0.3	20
114		5cm		br	gravel → sand	<1		mod	-	Gneiss /2	92	1	32	0.2	10
115		5cm		Br	gravel	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss /2	79	1	37	0.3	10
116		5cm		Br	gravel → sand	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss /2	89	1	15	0.7	10
117		5cm		Br	gravel → sand	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss /2	86	1	34	0.3	<10
118		5cm		Br	gravel	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss. Rusty float w med. gr. granitic dykes /2	89	1	21	0.4	10
119		5cm		Br	gravel → sand	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss /2	95	1	68	0.3	80
120		5cm		Gr Br	gravel	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss & rhyolite dyke /2	141	1	45	0.7	20
121		5cm		Br	gravel	<1		Mod	-	Gneiss + rhyolite dyke float. /2	88	1	11	0.3	<10
122	V	5cm		Br	gravel → silt	<1		mod	-	Gneiss + rhyolite dyke float /2	108	1	16	0.1	<10
123	2100m S of HORNZ LCP			Br		<1				Quartz-biotite gneiss (Gully)	82	1	9	0.3	30
124	370m W of HORNZ SS			Br		<1				Quartz-bi gneiss + porph + vein qtz (Gully)	77	3	25	0.1	<10

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