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BULKLEY COAL April 1987

The Bulkley coal showings are located 320 km. from the Port of Prince Rupert, straddling the Bulkey River and transected by the Canadian National Railway and Highway 16. The coal is a medium volatile bituminous with good coking and thermal properties. It is a type that could readily lend itself to blendings to upgrade other coals.

The coal showings are developed in a Tertiary down-faulted sedimentary basin similar in style to the Hat Creek, Princeton and Bowron River deposits of B.C. The coal bearing strata within the basin presently occupy an area of 15 sq. km and is covered by the license area. The strata are moderately deformed into an open, east-west trending syncline, with gentle (0 to 30 degree) dips in the north and 10 to 40 degrees in the south.

The coal-bearing unit comprises an interfingering of low energy fluvitile sandstones with coal-bearing carbonaceous claystone units of bog origin. Coal seams noted are to 1.6 m. in thickness from limited outcrop and to 1 m. thickness in drill core. Claystone units are to 8 m. in thickness. Possibilities for thicker seams within the basin are good as coal is correlative with the development of the claystone members.

The northern part of the basin was tested by two diamond drill holes in January 1987. The first hole intersected coal at the immediate interface of overburden and rock, and from there was below the coal-bearing stratigraphy. The second hole, collared up-section from the first intersected 400 ft. of coal-bearing formation, including five coal zones, with seams of 0.8, 0.9 and 1 m. Dips in core are 0 to 30 degrees. The rock in core was very competent, with little evidence of extensive faulting.

A 6 to 10 hole drill program is planned to test the whole of the basin for its potential. Holes are to be drilled to 500 ft. depth. Both north and south sides of the synclinal structure is to be tested.

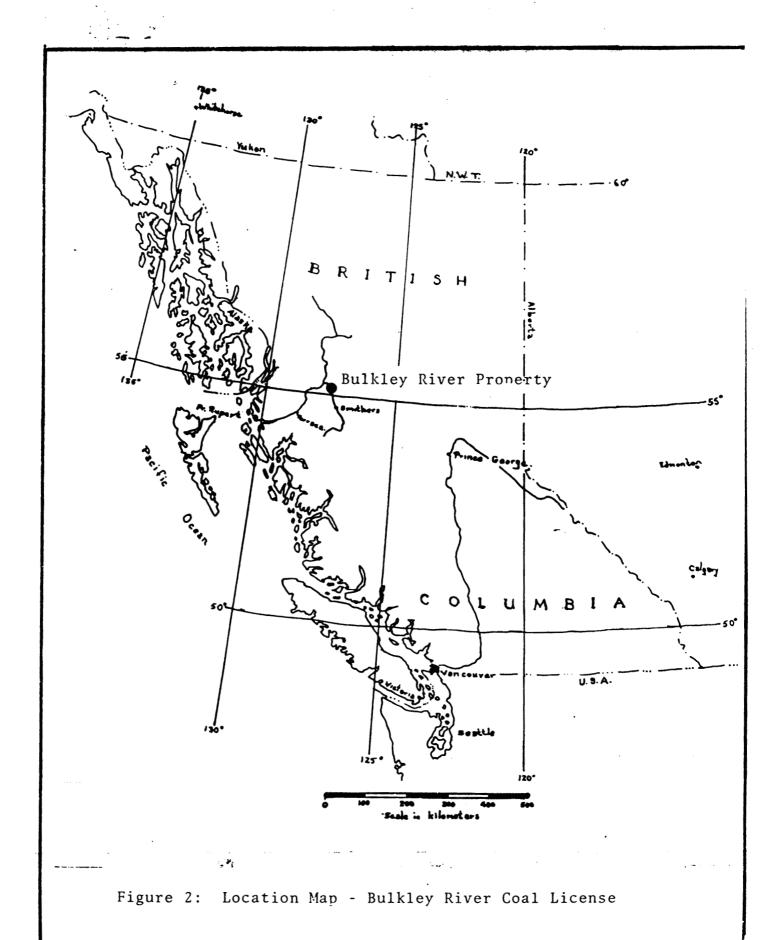
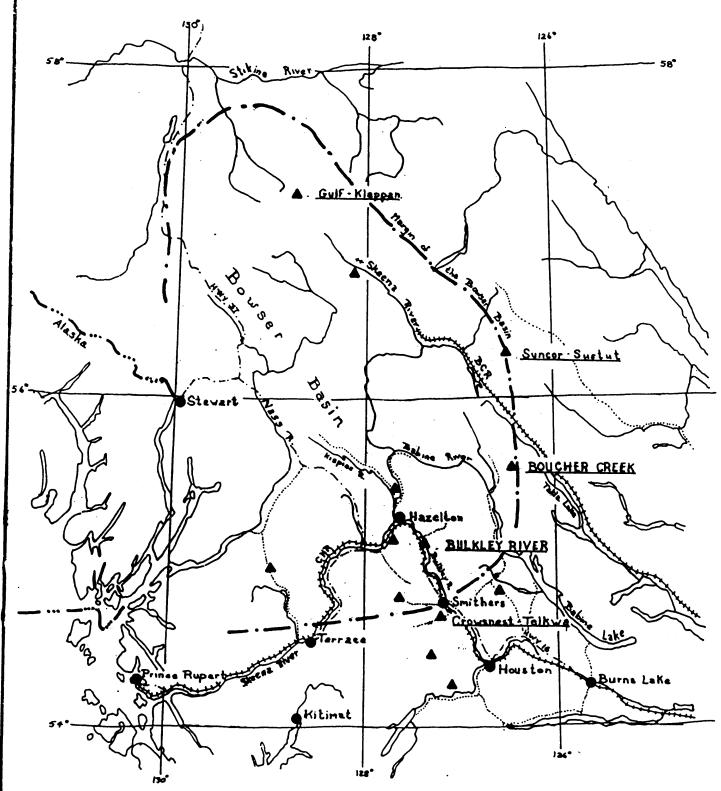
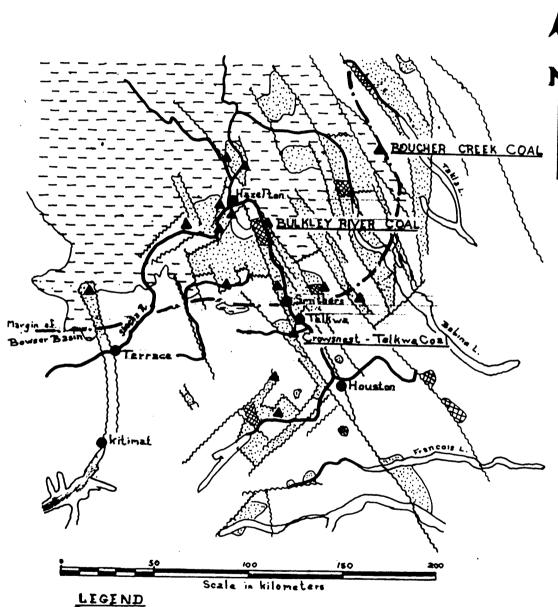


FIGURE 2: Coal Prospects and Occurrences within and adjacent the Bowser Basin, west-central British Columbia



Stratigraphic Relationships of Coal Occurrences along the Southern FIGURE 3: Margin of the Bowser Basin, West-central British Columbia, Smithers (93L), Hazelton (93M), Terrace (103I). and Nass River (103P) Map Sheats



Coal Occurrences and Properties.

, mmm Faults



Late Upper Cretaceous- Early Tertiary Fault-controlled Sedimentary Basins



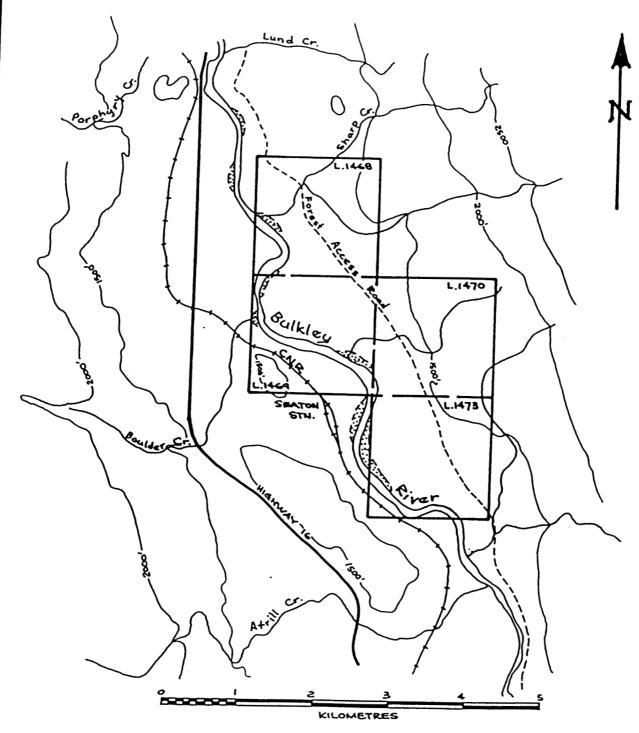
Lower Cretaceous to lower Upper Cretaceous Skeena and Sustut Groups.



Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous Ashman Formation and Bowser Lake Group.

Figure 2 COAL PROPERTY MAP

Bulklay River Property



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