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**Homestake Ridge- Teck** acquired this very prospective property SE of Red Mountain, on the opposite side of the Cambria icefield. Consolidation of claims from difficult-to-deal-with owners has prevented exploration of this property for many years.

**Cronin-** Discovery Consultants purchased the reverted Crown Grant claims at government auction for \$4060. Copied maps, assay plans and sections for Tom Carpenter (thanks to Elaine/Esther).

**Adam Milling Ltd-** Researched and provided info to Dave Molloy (PAP grantee) on ore piles at this former mill site on Lower Bitter Creek, near Stewart. Mill operated in 1973, processing gold-copper ore from Red Cliff and Roosevelt. Molloy was prospecting for the source of the ore in the immediate area.

**Todd Creek-** Drilling very unlikely, no funding. Geofine Consultants (Molloy and Kennedy) are doing helicopter supported sampling and mapping. Unable to visit property due to poor weather.

**Red Mountain-** Wheaton River Minerals will not purchase the Premier mill due to uncertainty over long term site liability.

**Atlin Placer district-** Limited mining activity this year due to high price of fuel and low gold price. Visited Daniel Johnson (Spruce Creek), Lum Zogas (planning move to Ruby Creek) and John Zogas (beginning to mine at Gold Run on Pine Creek). Assisted claim owners on Snake Creek who appear to have accidentally discovered bedrock gold while exploring for a paleochannel. The paleochannel was indicated by a seismic survey, but seems delineate altered rock possibly in a fault zone. Gold was recovered from bedrock by drilling with a churn drill. Binocular microscope examination to follow.

**Tulsequah Chief-** Difficult to convey depth of concern/ consternation/ outrage/ despair in mining circles (Golden Bear, Eskay Creek, Atlin, etc) regarding court decision. Met with Terry Chandler, who continues to put forward a brave face, and Terry Zanger in Atlin Aug 8. Advised of visit to Tulsequah site by Alaskan government officials (L.S. Flanders, B Kirkpatrick, K. Howard, S. Bradley) accompanied by a large entourage of "rafters" and "National Geographic photographer". Interesting note- four bears killed in course of MELP's impact assessment study.

**Eskay Creek-** Mine operating at 550 to 570 tonnes per day (250 tpd of mill ore and 300 tpd of smelter ore). Exploration drilling focused on north plunge trend, \$3.3 million, 22,000 metre program using 4 drills. Homestake has presented a new offer to owners of the SIB claims. Auction of Tagish claims is keenly anticipated by Homestake. Visit Aug 10.

**Cassiar-** up and running again after 4-week forced shutdown due to cash flow problem. Producing 68 tonnes of fibre per day. Critical time line to deliver minimum of 150,000 tonnes of screened millfeed from the Cirque dump and tram line sites by contractors Jedway Enterprises and KoKen Construction.

**Thorn-** (south of Atlin) Rimfire has completed airborne EM-mag survey and will follow up with mapping program. Impressive alteration and enargite mineralization in high sulfidation target, visited Aug 8 with Dave Caulfield and Tom Schroeter. Previously explored but not properly assessed. Large areas of good potential. Rimfire may attract Newmont to participate.

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**Silvertip-** discussed summer program (or lack of one) with Pat McAndless (Imperial Metals VP-exploration). Decision in hands of funding partner Peruvian Gold, who have completed their commitment under their agreement with Imperial Metals and can now sit on the project until Sept. 2001. Peruvian got involved with Silvertip for stock market appeal but the relatively successful underground drilling program did nothing for their share price. Peruvian is contemplating a switch from mining to the technology sector, and that does not bode well for exploration at Silvertip this year. Imperial wants to carry out new underground development as part of its exploration strategy but may be lucky just to do a shallow surface drilling program of manto/chimney targets within the McDame limestone.

**Atlin placers-** 49.7 ounce gold nugget recovered!! (reported by Daryl). Confirms placer mining is still economically rewarding!

**Huckleberry-** will drill 8 percussion holes in a 1.5 km long fence, 2.5 km west of the Main zone, to test for a continuation of porphyry mineralization along the 110/290 structure, believed to be the most important structural control, in an area of deep overburden. The company will also drill 4 core holes in its nearby Whiting Creek porphyry prospect, in the fall.

**Morrison-** Pacific Booker Minerals has stepped across the fault which bisects the Morrison porphyry copper-gold deposit and begun re-drilling the eastern half of the mineralized zone.

**Prospectors-** Field visit to PAP grantee F. Yacoub in the Kitsault area. His target has evolved from volcanogenic massive sulphide to an epithermal silver-gold deposit, perhaps a Dolly Varden-type vein. His site at headwaters of Lahte Creek has been previously explored (briefly!) by Hudson Bay in 1981 and Rubicon (following the RGS gold release) in 1997.

**Land Use-** BCYCM open house and public meeting held in Smithers on June 29, conclusion of northern tour that also went to PG, Mackenzie and Fort St James. Smithers event was well attended, both afternoon open house and 35 at the evening presentation. Good discussion arose between people who have participated in LRMP's, those representing the mining industry and those representing other sectors. Strong reconciliation statements made by Telkwa mayor Sharon Hartwell and guide-outfitter Redge Collingwood, veteran of Ft St James and Iskut-Stikine LRMP's.

**RGS Release (Atlin/ Jennings River/ McDame sheets)-** None were sold in Dease Lake or Smithers on the release date, June 29.

**Cordilleran Roundup-** MEM will partner with communities and businesses in funding BC Night in 2001, organized by Smithers Exploration Group. This is a great development, thanks to Ron Smyth and Joan Hesketh.

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