

felsic tuffs (Nicola Group) that host them. Several of the veins were worked during the late 1940's and early 1950's (old workings are still evident) and hand cobbled ore was shipped to the Cominco smelter in Trail. Vein sulphides consist primarily of argentiferous galena, pyrite and sphalerite. The veins are also anomalous in gold and bismuth!

Briefly toured the Willow Creek coal property of Pine Valley Coal with contract geologist Kevin James. Proposed and permitted 50,000 tonne trial cargo will not proceed until it is fully subscribed (one more client is required). The 2-3 month project is budgeted to cost approx. \$2.5 million. Current activity on the property consists of minor clean-up and reclamation.

Tas. Omni Resources is expected to begin drilling on this porphyry copper-gold prospect located near Inzana Lake, north of Fort St. James.

Activities:

Presented 1998 mining and exploration review talk for Barry Ryan's Coal Symposium in Tumbler Ridge on Monday June 21. Twenty-six were in attendance, including 6 Smoky River Coal employees who made the trip from Grand Cache, Alta. Visited Quintette (Babcock and Mesa) and Bullmoose.

Looked briefly at outcrop on lower Bearpaw Ridge—part of the ground held by 26BT Resources. Located float and then o/c of coarse-grained purple-brown syenite—quite attractive; possibly suitable for dimension stone and not too far removed from rail siding that passes through the hamlet of Sinclair Mills. Had to return to town prematurely as truck tried unsuccessfully to jettison its fuel cell. 26BT Resources plan to begin their diamond drilling program in the fall.

Bob.

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