

CRUZ

- The largest of the many forest fires currently burning in the Cranbrook area is on the Cruz property owned by Chapleau Resources northeast of Yahk. The fire is described in media reports as being at Irishman Creek, but is actually across from Irishman Creek on the east side of Moyie River, between Stone Creek and Mt. Mahon. It appears to be centred on the Orchid hydrothermal vent, recently described in an assessment report by Doug Anderson. For next field season, there should be many new roads, trails and rock exposures available to enhance prospecting opportunities in the area, which has always been hampered by lack of good exposure. Perhaps Derek will want to come back and fine-tune that part of his map. This, of course, has nothing to do with the fact that MoF suspects the fire was not caused by lightning.

Crowsnest  
Flathead

On August 10th, Maggie and I paid a courtesy visit to Elspeth Barnes who was completing her field mapping and sampling on the Howell Creek Structure (**Howell claims**) in the Flathead Valley. She is working on an economic geology thesis supervised by Dr. Jeremy Richards at the U. of Alberta. The Howell property and the nearby Flathead Property on Trachyte Ridge contain, as you all know, bulk tonnage, low grade gold mineralization associated with Cretaceous alkaline intrusions and diatremes and are presently owned/options by Eastfield Resources. Eastfield has not done any work this year except a modest sampling program on the Howell claims. While touring with Elspeth, we encountered Glen Garrett and Jim Ryley of Eastfield who were showing the property to Dave Kuran of Homestake. Eastfield is still positive about the potential for a significant gold resource but definitely needs to attract a JV partner. Homestake would be ideal (fingers crossed).

Remac

- Redhawk Resources has released several good analytical results from its trenching program on the Remac project south of Salmo, and drilling is now well underway. The objective is to assess the zinc oxide resource available on the adjoining Reeves MacDonald and Red Bird/Annex properties. The project is JV'd with and financed by ZincOx Resources which has access to new technology for recovering zinc metal directly from zinc oxides without any smelting. The JV partners have also announced a "reconnaissance agreement" to extend the evaluation of other possible zinc oxide resources throughout the Kootenay Arc. They already have optioned the Oxide property north of Porcupine Creek from Cominco and will be trenching and possibly drilling there before year end. I hope to visit the Remac project on or about August 29th.

Pretty  
Girl  
(new)

- At their request, I made a visit on Aug. 16th to the Jay and Elk claims located between Toby and Horsethief creeks, east of Invermere, which are being explored by prospector Bill Pochylko and his partner, geophysicist, Trevor Dundas. Pochylko has been prospecting the same area for 35 years and has mineral tenure over several small former producers including Delos, Black Prince, and Pretty Girl. The various occurrences consist mainly of shear-hosted copper or lead-zinc mineralization in Horsethief Creek Group slates and grits. The most interesting to me is the Pretty Girl (isn't that always the way?) which is a unique stratiform bed of almost massive tetrahedrite, locally several metres wide and traceable for several hundred metres strike length, within a package of slates. The showings and old workings are located in nose bleed terrain at the top of the ridge between Bruce and Law creeks, but copper and silver values in the order of 28% and 40oz. respectively are common from analyses of dump material. After many years of prospecting, almost as an annual recreational venture, they are now interested in farming the property to a company. Rio Algom has already done an examination this summer and other majors are being approached.

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