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Re: Monthly Report - May/June 1993

-Kootenay Region

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Notices of Work (Mineral & Placer) totalled 96 to the end of June compared to 128 and 98 to the same date in 1991 and 1992 respectively. If they continue to come in at the same rate in the second half of the year, it would suggest that the downward trend in activity over the past few years may be starting to level off. It is very possible, in fact, that the two busiest M.D.s, Fort Steele and Nelson, may show an increase in activity by year-end. Only the Greenwood M.D. is showing a sharp decrease in activity with a scarcity of NOW's and some anticipated drilling projects cancelled.
- The bad news however is that a higher percentage of the Notices submitted this year are for small, maintenance type programs with limited funding and for small placer operations.
  - On the <u>Ice</u> property west of Elkford (82G/15W, J/2W), Consolidated Ramrod Gold Corp. reports several strong Cr-Ni anomalies in soils along the west side of the Elk This is a diamond prospect optioned from White Knight Resources and associated companies. CRG has increased the size of the property to more than 9700 hectares by staking and is relating the soil anomalies to undiscovered kimberlite intrusions strung out in a N-S belt in the Crossing Creek and Boivin Creek areas. The property already contains the Cross kimberlite pipe and several associated kimberlite dykes, the only true kimberlites so far identified in British Columbia. Although testing of the Cross pipe in the 1970's by Cominco and others failed to find diamonds, the CRG staff (who are ex-Cominco diamond hunters) are anxious to re-test it using 1990's technology.

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