

gabbro stocks, such as at Northwest Mountain. Hope was test-pitting the placer claims (for Trio Gold) with an excavator on July 23.

Hope has completed one of his three 2001 projects, an intriguing Ni-(Au) prospect (104J 001) in listwanite-altered and opaline-silica veined Cache Creek rocks on the Nahlin fault, in 104J/13. PGE and gold values were very low and he does not plan further work in this remote area. Continues to be of considerable interest to me as a gold target (compare setting to McLaughlin deposit in California? where young epithermal system cuts ultramafic rocks) and is very close to GSB Nakina project (104N/1,2,3).

Jim Hutter - nearly completed excavator trenching (on July 7) at the Golden Eagle (93L 015) high-grade silver vein prospect 9 km north of Topley. Flag grid for a VLF-EM survey was in progress. (Recent work by Don MacIntyre determined host strata are Saddle Hill Formation of Hazelton Group of similar age to Eskay Creek, hence mineralization warrants re-evaluation). Mixed green and maroon andesite breccia were seen in outcrops. Trenching was successful in following/exposing the vein but little tetrahedrite-jamesonite and galena were evident. Core stored on the property (Bishop Resources, 1983-86) from Golden Eagle and nearby Silver Cup is in poor condition but cursory examination suggests veins are related to felsite dikes? (rhyolite described in MINFILE?)

Peter Ross - spent a memorable day with this eccentric (but successful) prospector; to follow up an RGS anomaly in the Surprise Lake, volatile-rich, "specialty" granite, located 30 km east of Atlin. Stream silt is extremely anomalous in tantalum (76 ppm), tin (520 ppm) and tungsten (507 ppm). Unfortunately Ross had been delayed 10 days in starting his project, and was just mobilizing his camp in combination with my visit on July 20. He had deduced good prospecting targets and is well prepared (mineral reference suite that includes columbite, cassiterite, pyrochlore etc) but disorganized (helicopter dropped us and his camp gear on the wrong creek!). "Interesting" events continued after re-starting on the right creek. On a geologic note, the Surprise Lake alaskite/ granite is very coarse grained, and accessory fluorite was noted, but no evidence of quartz greisen or pegmatite was seen. The granite weathers to a coarse mineral sand, collection of suitable silt samples will be difficult. Ross was taking lots of rock samples.

Egil Livgard - visited at Kahan Lake in the Glundebery granite batholith, 130 km northwest of Dease Lake on July 23. Prospecting for Ta-pegmatite in large area of anomalous RGS (15-60 ppm Ta) and areas of miarolytic and graphic textures, pegmatite and leucocratic dikes in this fluorite-granite, described in BCGS Bulletin 19 (1944) and GSC Paper 1968-55. He and his son had covered a lot of ground with disappointing (visual) results. Mainly collecting silt samples. They had been in 20 days, moved camp 12 km east for a final 7 days.

Shawn Turford - Doublestar Resources has elected not to proceed with option of Bell claims in the Ecstall belt, after examination by Nils von Fersen. Continued prospecting in the belt by Shawn and partner Ralph Keefe led to staking of 4 Dan claims to cover base metal sulphides in quartz sericite schist near Danube Bay on Hawkesbury Island.

Bob Russell - did not visit, due to bad weather and he had just mobilized. His Ram and Mar claims cover a VMS target mapped by JoAnne Nelson (in Paleozoic Ram Creek assemblage) at head of Cottonwood River, near Yukon border.

Bernie Kreft - could not find him in Dease Lake area

Bruce Holden (and partner Randy Lord) visited the office en route to their Northern Lights precious opal and Cummins Creek quartz crystal (and epithermal gold) prospects in the Whitesail Range.

Erik Ostensoe (and partner Tom Lisle) visited the office en route to their Hat Cu-Au (epithermal, porphyry) property in the Sheslay district, 40 km northwest of Telegraph Creek.

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