

## Visit via Chopper to Red Bird - March 30/79

On Fri. March 30th Jim Hutter and myself accompanied Nels Vollo of Craigmont (Kamloops) on a chopper tour of the Red Bird prospect and possible access routes to the southwest and northwest (i.e. out of Park). We flew over the hand car portage from Chikamin Bay to St. Thomas Bay and down Eutsuk Lk. to the outlet of Bone Ck. We flew over the existing airstrip which didn't look overgrown (still buried in snow) but it didn't look all that long (supposed to be 3500 ft.). We circled the Red Bird prospect several times. There had been no active avalanches + I wouldn't expect any.

Then we flew down <sup>the</sup> Salabagen Ck valley to the Kimsquit R. This route ~~is~~ looks terrible! I wouldn't consider it at all — abundant avalanches and very steep rugged canyons into which the snow simply avalanches into and builds up in the creek. We flew up the Kimsquit and back up Smaby Ck and up over the "pass" between Mt. Coyne and Thumb Pk. This route didn't look all that hell either but it would be better.

On the way back we flew up over the "pass" between Red Bird Mtn. and Mt. Haven and looked at a route along Eutsuk to the west — abundant avalanches!!

- Flying time Smithers to Red Bird ~ 1 hr.  
via chopper.