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PROPERTY VISITS:

- Taseko*
1. **Taseko (Westpine Metals/Asarco J.V.) (Au, Cu)** We made the trek into the upper Taseko property. The area has several old properties and MINFILE occurrences, including the Empress, Buzzer, Rowbottom and Spokane. Westpine's ground includes most of these, and Asarco has staked extensive claims to the north. Ellen Lambert showed us over the property and brought us up to date. An east trending, north dipping contact separates quartz diorites of the Coast Range Batholith to the south from Kingsvale clastic volcanics to the north. A zone of intense, pervasive, advanced argillic alteration several 100m thick marks the contact zone and obscures the protoliths completely. From the contact north, quartz-magnetite, quartz rock or quartzite, and quartz-andalusite-sericite rock units can be distinguished. The best mineralization, consisting of disseminated and minor veinlets of gold-bearing chalcopyrite occurs in the quartz magnetite unit, with several good intersections assaying up to 1 per cent copper equivalent.

These intersections appear to line up on two shallow northeast plunging zones. While the grades are good in places and the tonnage potential is encouraging, the best ore-grade material is more than 100m deep. A number of sample were taken for mineral ID, whole rock analyses and thin sections.

- Taylor Windfall*
2. **Taylor Windfall (Au)** The dumps and workings of this old property were examined and specimens taken.

3. **Ospika Cones Ecological Reserve Proposal.** E.L. Faulkner visited the area with Mike Murtha and Dave Kaegi, Parks. The area is on the east side of the Ospika River, on strike with the Sedex-Devonian shale belt. Cold spring deposits have built up a cluster of travertine-walled pools on a swampy hillside. The largest pool is 5m diameter and 3m or more deep. There are no outcrops in the area, and no small scale geological maps. A ridge to the west of the cones is composed of steeply dipping quartzites (Cambrian?) and the Ospika River appears to follow a thrust fault, with the Devonian shales confined to the west side of the river, at this locality. The cones are unique, certainly in the central district, and an Ecological Reserve is appropriate.

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