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Homestake Ridge- Teck acquired this very prospective property SE of Red Mountain, on the opposite side of the Cambria icefield. Consolidation of claims from difficult-to-deal-with owners has prevented exploration of this property for many years.

Cronin- Discovery Consultants purchased the reverted Crown Grant claims at government auction for \$4060. Copied maps, assay plans and sections for Tom Carpenter (thanks to Elaine/Esther).

Adam Milling Ltd- Researched and provided info to Dave Molloy (PAP grantee) on ore piles at this former mill site on lower Bitter Creek, near Stewart. Mill operated in 1973, processing gold-copper ore from Red Cliff and Roosevelt. Molloy was prospecting for the source of the ore in the immediate area.

Todd Creek- Drilling very unlikely, no funding. Geofine Consultants (Molloy and Kennedy) are doing helicopter supported sampling and mapping. Unable to visit property due to poor weather.

Red Mountain- Wheaton River Minerals will not purchase the Premier mill due to uncertainty over long term site liability.

Atlin Placer district- Limited mining activity this year due to high price of fuel and low gold price. Visited Daniel Johnson (Spruce Creek), Lum Zogas (planning move to Ruby Creek) and John Zogas (beginning to mine at Gold Run on Pine Creek). Assisted claim owners on Snake Creek who appear to have accidentally discovered bedrock gold while exploring for a paleochannel. The paleochannel was indicated by a seismic survey, but seems delineate altered rock possibly in a fault zone. Gold was recovered from bedrock by drilling with a churn drill. Binocular microscope examination to follow.

Tulsequah Chief- Difficult to convey depth of concern/ consternation/ outrage/ despair in mining circles (Golden Bear, Eskay Creek, Atlin, etc) regarding court decision. Met with Terry Chandler, who continues to put forward a brave face, and Terry Zanger in Atlin Aug 8. Advised of visit to Tulsequah site by Alaskan government officials (L.S. Flanders, B Kirkpatrick, K. Howard, S. Bradley) accompanied by a large entourage of "rafters" and "National Geographic photographer". Interesting note- four bears killed in course of MELP's impact assessment study.

Eskay Creek- Mine operating at 550 to 570 tonnes per day (250 tpd of mill ore and 300 tpd of smelter ore). Exploration drilling focused on north plunge trend, \$3.3 million, 22,000 metre program using 4 drills. Homestake has presented a new offer to owners of the SIB claims. Auction of Tagish claims is keenly anticipated by Homestake. Visit Aug 10.

Cassiar- up and running again after 4-week forced shutdown due to cash flow problem. Producing 68 tonnes of fibre per day. Critical time line to deliver minimum of 150,000 tonnes of screened millfeed from the Cirque dump and tram line sites by contractors Jedway Enterprises and KoKen Construction.

Thorn- (south of Atlin) Rimfire has completed airborne EM-mag survey and will follow up with mapping program. Impressive alteration and enargite mineralization in high sulfidation target, visited Aug 8 with Dave Caulfield and Tom Schroeter. Previously explored but not properly assessed. Large areas of good potential. Rimfire may attract Newmont to participate.