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(Webb site zone) and disseminated in granite porphyry. The lack of clay and k-spar alteration and quartz veins make this a real long shot prospect. Manangement on site appears to be improving. At the time of my visit 85 holes had been drilled but no decent drill plan nor any cross sections were available yet. The best hole, #68, hit 50' grading 0.302% MoS<sub>2</sub> but was a "market hole" drilled down dip on the Webb site zone on purpose....

\*Watson Bar (Second Creek). Three days were spent on this gold prospect located north of Lillooet on the west side of the Fraser. I logged core and examined mineralization for a property description paper. 12 holes have been drilled to date on Zone 5, a high grade gold bearing quartz vein occuring in a carbonaceous thrust fault zone. Host is carbonate-altered lithic sandstone of the Cretaceous Jackass Mountain Formation. Gold is associated with arsenopyrite/pyrite and geochemically anomalous levels of Sb, Hg, Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn. Parallel stacked zones and disseminated mineralization in altered sandstone wallrock give fairly long, low-grade intersections in drilling (e.g. 27.2 m grading 1.37 g/t Au). High grade surface-enriched material in the main trench assays up to 6.82 opt Au in the best mineralized sections.

#### EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

\*Blackdome (Claimstaker Resources). Drilling underway. 20 holes and 6 trenches planned on several targets. South Rhyolite target may be most interesting as it is a relatively new, undrilled geochem target that may represent a new vein parallel to the ones mined in the past.

\*Prosperity (Fish Lake, Taseko Mines Ltd.) 2 drills working, 2 more to be added. 35,000 m angle re-drilling program plus 10,000 m in geotech holes. Taseko has about \$12 m in funds on hand.

\*Ash North (Elk, Aurizon/Fairfield). Aurizon has optioned the property and plans a large drilling program to define about 1 mt grading 0.5 opt down to 600 m depth. Overall goal is an underground mine and 500 tpd mill.

\*Brett (Huntington Resources). Tom reports that 200 tons grading 1 opt Au has been shipped and a further 300 tons grading 1.25 opt Au was to have been mined in late July.

\*Cottonbelt (Canquest). NoW for 4 deep holes to test the main Mt Grace Syncline fold nose on this stratiform Zn-Pb-Ag prospect. A gutsy proposal that could find the mother of all Shuswap deposits, or alternatively, kill the property for a few years.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

\*Truck MP09966: Several breakdowns lately. Repairs to brakes, hubs, fuel pump etc. Getting some good exercise though! Still about \$1900 to spend to get it roadworthy.