B.C.'s Cariboo Region

Rich Past, Prospective Future

The Cariboo region in central British Columbia has a long and exciting mineral exploration history that began with the discovery of the first major placer gold mines in British Columbia in the 1850's, near the village of Likely. Placer mining still goes on, and gold exploration remains very active in this rich mineral terrain.

The copper boom of the 1960's brought intense,
renewed interest to the Cariboo as many major
companies explored the region for porphyry
copper-gold and copper-molybdenum
deposits. Numerous occurrences were
discovered, and the regional exploration boom
carried into the early 1970's when the price of
copper waned. A short-lived flurry of
exploration occurred in the mid-1980's, but the
area has been generally inactive for over a decade.

The geology of the area is very prospective for the discovery of alkalic copper-gold porphyry deposits, such as the Mt. Polley Mine near Horsefly, and for bulk mineable and underground gold deposits. Activity has grown considerably over the last three years in anticipation of a resurgence of metal prices.

Renewed interest in British Columbia exploration has

been spurred by rising metal prices and a change in

political climate. 2003 saw a 25% rise in spending, with

further increases expected in 2004. The demand for high

quality exploration properties has brought significant value to

those companies who have a long history of successful mineral

development in British Columbia and who managed to retain their

properties during the recent period of slow mineral exploration.

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