

Pan Orvana Resources has begun geochemical/geophysical surveys on the Thimble Mountain project northwest of Grand Forks (82E/1W,2E). The \$110,000 program is financed by Placer Dome and the target is Au/Cu skarn mineralization.

*Gold Drop*  
At Jewel Lake, 10 km. northeast of Greenwood (82E/2E), Trojan Ventures Inc. is re-examining the past-producing Gold Drop mine with geophysical/geochemical surveys and trenching between the Gold Drop and North Star workings. Mineralization consists of gold and silver tellurides in mesothermal quartz veins associated with alkaline syenite/andesite intrusions and the company believes there is strong potential for a large tonnage of high-grade ore at depth on the Gold Drop vein.

Lucky 7 Exploration Ltd. has completed a small drill program (5 holes totalling 100 metres) at the Old England claim on Jolly Creek northwest of Rock Creek (82E/3E). They were testing narrow quartz veins containing erratic Au-Ag mineralization similar to the nearby Camp McKinney veins. The reported vein intersections were narrow and generally low-grade with evidence that the veins are severely disrupted by faulting.

At the end of June, Yellowjack Resources Ltd. had almost completed a 4500 metre drilling program at the Katie Joint Venture southwest of Salmo (82F/3W). This Cu/Au porphyry prospect in the Rossland Group volcanics continues to look very promising and will likely see continued drilling in the fall.

On the Iron Colt claim at Rossland (82F/4W), Vangold Resources Inc. drilled three surface holes to test the Iron Colt vein, currently also being explored with an underground raise. Visible gold is reported in two of the surface holes but no assays have yet been announced. Meanwhile high-grade Au assays are being reported from drilling ahead of the underground raise (e.g. 40.25 gms./tonne over 1.2 metres). Vangold is attempting to prove up a mineable tonnage of Au ore on the Iron Colt claim which is located on the main LeRoi vein structure in the Rossland camp. Mineralization consists of massive pyrrhotite replacement bodies in shear zones.

*Snow Ck.*  
On its Snow Creek project, 30 km. south of Nakusp (82F/13E), Jopec Resources has reported low to moderate Au-Ag grades (with some local highs) from chip sampling along a 7 km. belt of skarn alteration on its large claim group adjoining the Tillicum gold skarn property of Columbia Gold Mines (recently reported reserve of 485,000 tonnes grading 12.7 gms./tonne Au). This previously unexplored mineralization has been exposed in a system of new logging road; Pec Santos is excited and positive.

At the Shasta Property (82F/10W) on Kootenay Lake about 3 km. south of the former Bluebell Pb/Zn mine, Barkhor Resources and Chapleau Resources completed a small drilling program consisting of 289 metres in 4 holes. Previous operators had mined 433 tonnes of high-grade Pb/Zn/Ag ore by literally hollowing out the inside of a huge massive sulphide boulder suspended in well-compacted glacial till. (MI082FNE041-Berengeria). The present search is for the bedrock source of the boulder. Contrary to indications in recent press releases, the massive sulphide intersections reported in the current drilling are from the remains of the boulder; no significant mineralization has yet been found in bedrock. Kokanee Explorations Ltd. the operator, is continuing with detailed mapping and geophysics.

The same companies are continuing detailed mapping and geophysical/geochemical surveys on the Arc claims (82F/10W) on Pilot Peninsula near Crawford Bay. Over 100 massive sulphide boulders rich in Ag/Pb/Zn/Cu have been located on the peninsula to date and the search continues for a bedrock source. Again, recent press releases announcing the discovery of a "high-grade massive sulphide showing" are exaggerated. I