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Mesoproterozoic granite (Yag) present on the northwest side of this

Group (in blue) from higher Lawson Creek and Apple Creek formations (greens and yellows). Units are combined where scale or previous mapping makes separating them impractical. Geographic locations are in italics; those for type or reference sections have units in parentheses: AM—Allan Mountain; BC—Big Creek (Ybc); CL-Cowbone Lake; GM-Goat Mountain; GP-Gunsight Peak (Yg); HC-Hayden Creek (Yafd (Yaf+Yad), Yac); JL-Jahnke Lake (Yajl); LC—Lawson Creek (Ylc); LM—Lake Mountain (Yalm); LP—Lem Peak (Yalp); MC—Moose Creek; MM—Mogg Mountain (Ys); PM—Phelan Mountain; RM—Ramsey Mountain (Yarm); WFB—West Fork Bitterroot River; WL-Williams Lake; YC-Yearian Creek (Yayc); YL—Yellow Lake (Yyl). Modified after Burmester and others (2020) to include observations during field work in 2020 through 2022.

Figure 1. Pre-Mesozoic bedrock geology around Salmon, Idaho. The coarsest clastic unit (Ys = Yh) separates lower formations of the Lemhi

# ALTERATION AND MINERALIZATION

No lode mineral production is reported from within the quadrangle, but the area has been prospected for copper and molybdenum. Anaconda Copper Company explored the area in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and the thesis by Hillesland (1982) was one product of that work. Additional information regarding this effort is archived in the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection at the University of Wyoming. Minor production of placer gold is reported (Lorain and Metzger, 1939). Hillesland (1982) mapped a chlorite-altered zone in upper Beaver Creek in the vicinity of the BC prospect outlined on the map (see Symbols). He also noted an association of quartz-pyrite-magnetite veins. Some of the quartzite we observed in the area is light green (Figure 9), possibly reflecting chloritic alteration. More noticeable in the area, however, is iron-oxide staining, both moderate (Figure 10) and extreme (Figure 11). This zone of iron-oxide staining extends to the northwest beyond the mapped chloritic zone toward the Copper King mine 2.5 km (1.6 mi) west of this map and may also continue to the southeast toward the Arn Mo prospect discussed below. In addition to the references listed, unpublished maps and documents for a few of the individual properties below are available by examining "Property Details" through the interactive map ("Mines" web app) on the Idaho Geological Survey website (https://www.idahogeology.org/webmap).

### RED DOG PROSPECT (EC1470)

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Property codes (e.g., EC1128) are given below to assist with website

The Red Dog prospect is located north of Pine Creek near the western edge of the map. Hillesland (1982) described two small adits that follow a zone of gossan that strikes 240° and dips 30° northwest. The mineralized zone is about 30 ft (9 m) thick and 500 ft (150 m) long and is in a non-porphyritic phase of Ygr. Molybdenite is present in quartz veins and torbernite (a copper-uranium phosphate) has been found along fractures at one locality. According to Hillesland (1982) the entire mineralized zone displays anomalous counts of gamma radiation two to four times background values. TRAMWAY PROSPECT (EC1471)

The Tramway Prospect is reported by Hillesland (1982) to be 1,700 ft (520 m) south of the Red Dog prospect, but this area of his map in our collection is not legible so the location is uncertain. Apparently, a steel cable tramway about 500 ft (150 m) long connected the mine with a small mill along Pine Creek. Mineralized rock in the mine dump below the caved portal consists of altered quartzite (Ylg) cut by numerous quartz veins. The vein quartz is white, coarsely crystalline, and associated with pyrite, magnetite, and molybdenite. Hillesland (1982) also reported small amounts of malachite and chrysocolla on rock from the mine dump.

### UBC PROSPECT (EC1469)

The UBC prospect is located north of Beaver Creek in the southwest part of the quadrangle. According to Hillesland (1982) the host rock is phyllitic quartzite that is bleached and silicified and much of the biotite is altered to chlorite. The mineralized zone is as much as 20 ft (6 m) wide and strikes northerly. It consists of small subparallel quartz veins. A small dump below a collapsed adit contains oxidation products of iron and copper along with pyrite. The prospect is within a chlorite-altered zone mapped by Hillesland (1982) and shown on the map (see Symbols).

# ARN PROSPECT (EC1468)

The Arn prospect is located southwest of Haystack Mountain in the southern part of the quadrangle. Workings are limited to a few shallow pits in Ylg. The prospect area outlined by Hillesland and shown on the map (see Symbols) consists of a zone of relatively abundant guartz veins, some with selvages of muscovite and goethite pseudomorphs of pyrite and magnetite Several of the veins were determined to be strongly anomalous in molybdenum (Hillesland, 1982).

# EAST BOULDER CREEK PLACER (EC1123)

The East Boulder Creek placer is located in the northeast part of the quadrangle within a relatively low-relief area draining *Ygr*. According to Lorain and Metzger (1939), test pits have been sunk at scattered points along the creek and some of these are presumably the "prospects" noted on the USGS base map for the quadrangle. The northern workings are apparently the oldest. The site was visited by William Staley of the University of Idaho in 1948 (see IGS website). He reported monazite and zircon in addition to gold and noted a high concentration of zircon in the panned concentrates. ROOD PLACER (ALSO CALLED MAE BELLE PLACER; EC1128)

The Rood placer is located along Beaver Creek in the southwestern part of the quadrangle. According to Lorain and Metzger (1939) the first placer production by the Rood brothers was in 1938. They washed off bedrock with a 3-inch nozzle and found moderately coarse nuggets. In addition, many pieces of massive iron sulfide were discovered, indicating that an

area of lode mineralization is not far.

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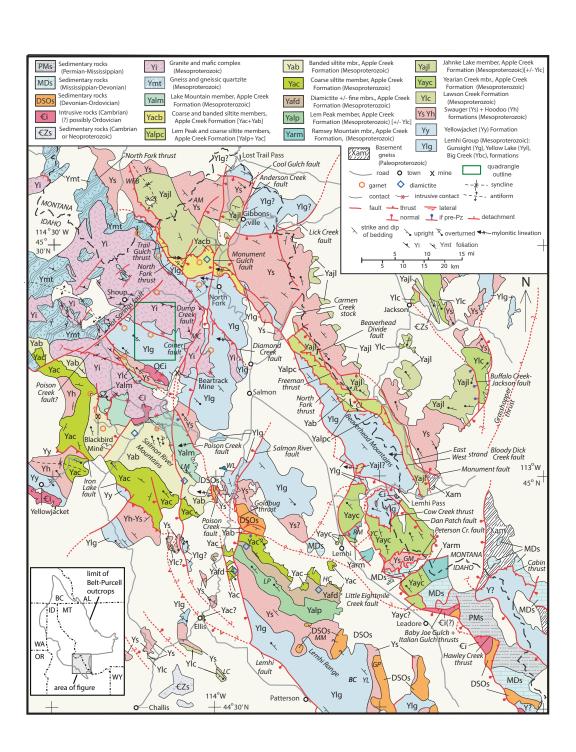
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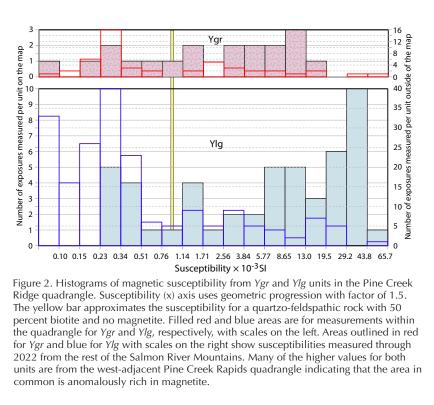
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