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NEW GEOPHYSICAL DATA FOR SLATE CREEK—SLANA RIVER AREA, CHISTOCHINA MINING DISTRICT, SOUTH-CENTRAL ALASKA *Parts of Mt. Hayes, Gulkana, and Nabesna quadrangles*

(Fairbanks, AK)—The Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) will release, on July 1, airborne geophysical data and maps for about 442 square miles of the Chistochina mining district, about 40 miles southwest of Tok. DGGS believes the data from this survey will provide valuable information to help decipher the complex geology of the area.

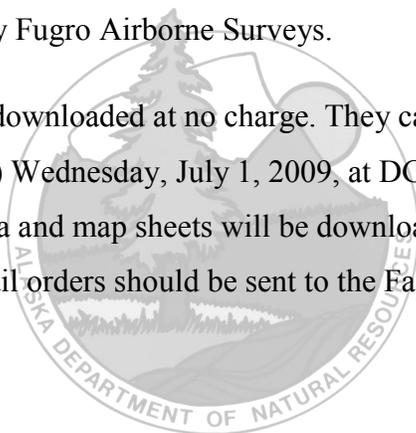
About 182,000 troy ounces of placer gold have been produced from this mining district. Many prospects are known in the area, particularly near the plutonic rocks. Potential deposit types include porphyry copper, mesothermal, epithermal, and plutonic gold, skarns, and volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits.

The electromagnetic and total-field aeromagnetic survey data will be released on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at DGGS's office in Fairbanks, and will be available in both digital form and as printed map sheets. Data will be downloadable from our website at no charge. Electromagnetic anomalies and an interpretive project report will be available at a later date.

Funding for this project was provided by the Alaska State Legislature as part of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' DGGS Airborne Geophysical/Geological Mineral Inventory (AGGMI) program. The data for the area were collected and processed in 2008 and 2009 by Fugro Airborne Surveys.

These materials are available for the cost of reproduction, or downloaded at no charge. They can be inspected and purchased beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Alaska Standard Time) Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at DGGS, 3354 College Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3707. The digital data and map sheets will be downloadable from the DGGS website. Call 907-451-5020 to place phone orders. Mail orders should be sent to the Fairbanks DGGS

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office via fax (907-451-5050) or e-mail (dggspubs@alaska.gov). Location maps and order forms will be available on the DGGGS Web Site:

<http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/pubs/pubs?reqtype=orderform&projectID=546>

These materials also will be available for inspection beginning July 15, 2009, at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS), at 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 (907-272-7547), and at the Historical Collection of the Alaska State Library in the State Office Building in Juneau from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (907-465-2927).

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