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Analytical data for stream-sediment samples collected between Windy Fork and Post River in the McGrath quadrangle are given in this report. The samples were collected in the summer of 1967 during field evaluation of the southern Alaska Range for the Heavy Metals program of the U.S. Geological Survey. These data supplement two Geological Survey Circulars that give selected data of economic interest--one on the Bowser Creek area (Reed and Elliott, 1968a), the other on several other areas between Windy Fork and Post River (Reed and Elliott, 1968b).

The analyses are given in tabular form and consist of atomic absorption analyses for gold and semiquantitative spectrographic analyses for a group of 34 elements. Locations of the 556 samples in the table are shown on figure 1. Because of the number of samples collected by this and other Heavy Metals projects, three different spectrometers of the Geological Survey were used. For most elements the limits of determination are very similar for the three spectrometers; but there are differences, and so the analyses are marked by a set of symbols keyed to the corresponding limits of detectability given at the end of the table.

Analyses for 24 elements are given for all samples. Ten other elements were either not detected or detected in so few samples that, where present, they are shown in the "Remarks Column" of the table. These elements and their limits of determination in the three laboratories are given below:

Element	Limits of determination	
	(ppm)	*
As	200	2000
Bi	10	10
Cd	20	50
Pd	---	2
Pt	---	50
Sb	100	200
Sn	10	10
Ta	---	200
Te	---	2000
W	50	100

The following values for some of the economic elements are tentatively suggested as anomalous values for stream-sediment samples in this area.

Element	Anomalous values for stream sediment samples (ppm)
Ag	1
Cu	150
Mo	10
Pb	100
Zn	300

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