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MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL OF SOUTHERN ALASKA

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INTRODUCTION

This report is the culmination of a regional mineral resource appraisal of southern Alaska by the U.S. Geological Survey. It consists of two maps, designated sheets 1 and 2 of open-file 78-1-E, descriptive and documentary tables that supplement the maps, and this explanatory text. Sheet 1 pertains to that part of southern Alaska east of the 153° meridian and north of the 59° parallel and sheet 2 to the western part of southern Alaska. South of the 59° parallel the eastern boundary of sheet 2 is the 152° meridian. Elsewhere the eastern boundary is the 153° meridian. As used in this study, southern Alaska includes a large area that extends northward from the Pacific Ocean to an irregular boundary that roughly parallels the northernmost forelands of the convex northward, arcuate Alaska Range (see supplementary index maps on the accompanying maps). From its apical region in the Fairbanks quadrangle, the northern boundary extends southwestward to Bristol Bay and southeastward to near latitude 63° 30' at the Canadian border. The easternmost and westernmost extremities of southern Alaska (in our usage) are, respectively, the 138° meridian and Unimak Pass. The purpose of this report is to provide a current and thorough appraisal of the known and potential metallic mineral resources of southern Alaska that utilizes the best geologic and mineral resource data available.

The maps (sheets 1 and 2) show outlines of favorable areas for

metalliferous mineral resources that are mainly based on known deposits and favorable geology for specific deposit types. Forty-three favorable areas are outlined on sheet 1 and thirteen on sheet 2. Supplementary tables that are keyed numerically to outlined areas on the maps describe the known and speculative deposit types in each outlined area, summarize available data on geology, production, reserves, and status of geologic knowledge, and provide the resource estimates, which are the basic objectives of this study. These tables are designated tables 1 (p.33) and 2 (p.34) and, respectively, refer to sheets 1 and 2. Another table (table 4 (p.45)) summarizes the probabilistic grade and tonnage models for specific deposit types.

Background data for this report have been published separately as a folio of open-file reports (table 3 (p. 2)). Those reports, which include pertinent references and other relevant information, are components of a folio of basic data that constitutes the foundations for this report.

Table 3. Component maps of the regional mineral resource appraisal of southern Alaska

Eastern southern Alaska

| <u>U.S. Geological Survey open-file map</u> | <u>Subject</u> |
|---|--|
| OF-77-169-A (MacKevett and Holloway, 1977) | Metalliferous and selected nonmetalliferous mineral deposits |
| -B (Beikman, Holloway, and MacKevett, 1977) | Generalized geology |
| -C (Barnes, 1977) | Gravity data |
| -D (Holloway, 1977) | Coal |
| -E (Decker and Karl, 1977) | Aeromagnetic data |

Western southern Alaska

U.S. Geological Survey open-file map

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| OF-77-169-F (MacKevett and Holloway, 1977) | Metalliferous mineral deposits |
| -G (Beikman, Holloway, and MacKevett, 1977) | Generalized geology |
| -H (Barnes, 1977) | Gravity data |
| -I (Holloway, 1977) | Coal |
| -J (Decker and Karl, 1977) | Aeromagnetic data |

Fossil fuels, geothermal energy sources, and nonmetallic mineral commodities are not within the purview of this report. However, the folio of basic data includes descriptions of a few deposits of nonmetallic minerals in eastern southern Alaska, plus maps and tables that summarize coal deposits in southern Alaska.

RESPONSIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This report represents the combined and cooperative product of the authors. MacKevett and Holloway were largely responsible for geologic descriptions of deposit types and related data such as production, reserves, and status of geologic knowledge for a given area; MacKevett determined extents and configurations of the favorable areas; and Singer was mainly responsible for the resource estimates and appraisals.

The authors are indebted to many people, mainly U.S. Geological Survey colleagues, who facilitated the preparation of this report and the companion reports that provide the fundamental background materials. We are especially grateful to E. H. Cobb for his useful inventories of Alaskan mineral deposits; to B. L. Reed for sharing his extensive knowledge

of the geology and mineral deposits of the western Alaska Range; and to W. D. Menzie for his contributions in developing models for specific deposit types.

PHILOSOPHY AND LIMITATIONS

Our investigation represents a thorough attempt to use the best available and most current relevant information to derive objective mineral resource estimates for southern Alaska. Even so, some disparities exist in our basic data and, correspondingly, in the derivative resource estimates. For example, some areas are geologically poorly known and have been scantily prospected, whereas a few others are geologically well known and locally well prospected. Documentation for individual deposits ranges from a few sentences in old reports that cursorily allude to a deposit to a few modern scientific reports that provide thorough descriptions. Nevertheless, the basic geologic framework of southern Alaska and the types and geologic settings of the region's mineral deposits are reasonably well known.

In a broad sense, just about every area on earth has some resource potential, regardless of how remote or insignificant such a potential may be. In this study only the potentially significant resource areas are identified, delineated, and described; the other areas being excluded after carefully evaluating the basic data. Many of the excluded areas are mantled by thick covers of younger unfavorable rocks, glaciers, or unconsolidated surficial deposits, and even though they may contain concealed deposits at depth, the chances for discovering and exploiting such deposits are minimal.

Speculative or suspected deposit types, one of the criteria used in determining the favorable areas, are inferred from their occurrences

in similar geologic settings elsewhere. A more comprehensive use of this category might be desirable, but to be meaningful, it should be founded on more detailed geologic information than is generally available for southern Alaska. Such deposit types include some that have been known for many years in some other parts of the world and a few others, such as volcanic-type nickel deposits and various types of uranium deposits that have been recognized only recently.

Among the factors worth considering in estimating the mineral resource potential of southern Alaska are:

- (1) Southern Alaska is well endowed with a variety of mineral deposits commensurate with its diverse geology
- (2) With a few exceptions, notably for placer gold, southern Alaska is scantily prospected by modern standards, and the vast majority of known deposits are too poorly explored to permit precise evaluations
- (3) Potentially significant new discoveries have been made in the region during the past decade, notably the extensive belt of submarine volcanogenic base metal-silver deposits along the north flank of the Alaska Range and the copper-molybdenum porphyry province of the Alaska Peninsula and nearby islands; such discoveries augur the continued success of thorough modern exploration
- (4) Southern Alaska contains known deposits of several metals of current national interest, for example, chromium and tin, and it may contain significant resources of these commodities
- (5) Some of the large covered tracts, both within and beyond areas designated as favorable, may contain concealed deposits at shallow depths that are amenable to discovery and exploitation

- (6) Possibly some of the region's diverse known or undiscovered metals may be of future importance in supplying metals for new uses brought about by technologic advances
- (7) Although no assuredly significant uranium deposits are known in southern Alaska, the region contains many geologic settings that are favorable for a variety of uranium deposits, and systematic prospecting for uranium is warranted in some areas .
- (8) Extensive tracts of southern Alaska are geologically poorly known. Some contain geologic settings favorable for significant mineral deposits, and more thorough geologic knowledge of these areas would substantially increase the validity of future mineral resource estimates.

In order for this report to be useful, the purpose of the analysis had to be considered in the design of the resource appraisal (Singer, 1975). The purpose in this case is primarily to provide mineral resource information that can be used in the land classification decisions of Alaska. To achieve this, it is desirable to delineate individual tracts of land and to differentiate them on the basis of their potential for containing mineral resources. For each tract it is also desirable to indicate the quality and quantity of mineral resources with respect to the factors that affect possible economics and technologies of exploitation. Ideally, these factors include grade and tonnage estimates, the physical, chemical, and mineralogical features of the mineralized rock that could affect its treatment and recovery, and whether all of the mineralized rock has been found.

Information concerning many of these factors is probably best conveyed by using mineral deposit types as a basis for the estimates, as we have done. In many cases, deposit types have distinct physical, chemical, and mineralogical features, and some can be characterized as having restricted ranges of grades and tonnages. In addition, because deposit types tend to have certain geologic associations, the resource appraisal can be made relatively straightforward and readily explainable. Estimates of grades and tonnages of similar well explored deposits can be used as models of the incompletely explored and, in many cases, undiscovered deposits of Alaska (table 4).

METHODOLOGY

This report augments the fundamental mineral resource, geologic, and related information in the folio of basic data (table 3) by utilizing various mineral resource appraisal methods in order to fulfill its objectives. In essence, the favorable mineral resource areas are outlined on the basis of their known deposits, including principal occurrences, and their favorability for undiscovered or speculative deposits. No attempt is made to rank the outlined areas relative to their degrees of favorability, but the general potential and rank of a given area can be ascertained from descriptions in the tables. The potential for undiscovered deposits is regarded as a function of favorable geology and, in some cases, supplementary favorable geochemical or geophysical data. The outlined favorable areas and the metals for which they are noteworthy are shown on the accompanying maps. Symbols for the less significant metallic constituents that generally constitute byproducts or potential byproducts are

enclosed in parentheses. Succinct descriptions of the deposit types in the outlined areas are given in the accompanying tables (tables 1 and 2); these tables describe the contained metals, geologic settings, and other information relevant to the deposits. The tabulated descriptions are keyed numerically to the maps. Generally used nomenclature for deposit types, for example porphyry, vein, submarine volcanogenic, and contact metamorphic, are used in this report. Many of these have genetic connotations.

The mineral resource estimates, which are the crux of this report, are derived by integrating and objectively evaluating all available germane data. Mineral resource data for each favorable area outlined on the map are shown in tables 1 and 2. The mineral resource estimates supplement what is known by incorporating a variety of pertinent considerations, such as degrees of geologic, geochemical, and geophysical favorability, extent and adequacy of exploration and geologic knowledge, and, for some deposits, indications of sizes and grades extrapolated from models of better-known deposits of a specific type (table 4 (p.45)). In most cases the basic data are insufficient to justify more than qualitative resource estimates. However, in some instances the data are adequate to permit more quantitative estimates of the number of deposits of a specific type that may be present in a given area and their probable grades and sizes.

The general procedure followed in deriving the resource estimates consisted of: (1) using geology to delineate areas that either have known deposits of a particular type or areas that are favorable for containing them, (2) where possible, providing information on grades and tonnages of similar deposits based upon careful study of the geology and grades and tonnages of well explored deposits, and (3) where possible, subjectively

estimating the number of deposits of each type in each delineated area using the number of known deposits, the amount of favorable geology, the extent of exploration, and in some cases supplementary geochemical and geophysical data.

Estimates of grades and tonnages and of the number of deposits are presented in a range of probabilities. Probabilistic estimates of grades and tonnages (table 4) demonstrate the range of values observed for each deposit type; correlations among grades and tonnages are presented in order to show the degree of linear association between grades and tonnages. Significant correlations mean that probabilities of different grade and tonnage combinations must be calculated based on consideration of both variables, while non-significant correlations mean that the probability of a grade-tonnage combination can be calculated as the product of the two probabilities. Probabilistic estimates of the number of deposits show the degree of certainty that we have concerning the number of deposits that might occur in an area. Typically, estimates of the number of deposits are made only for deposits with tonnages and grades comparable to those used in the grade-tonnage model listed in table 4. Also, estimates are made for a few deposits that lack associated grade-tonnage models.

CONCLUSIONS

Southern Alaska is well endowed with a large variety of mineral deposits. Favorable areas for these deposits are outlined on the accompanying maps and individually described in the accompanying tables. Tables 1 and 2 contain the basic resource estimates and some of the supporting data used in deriving the estimates. Additional documentary data are in map components of a folio of basic data (table 3) that should be used in conjunction with this report.

The outlined areas include potentially significant deposits of many types that contain an array of metal commodities. Discrete deposit types are described in the tables. In current economic context, probably the most significant deposits in southern Alaska are the porphyry-type deposits for copper and(or) molybdenum and the submarine volcanogenic deposits mainly for copper, silver, and zinc. However, the region contains numerous examples of many different deposit types that cumulatively contain a large variety of metals. Many of the known deposits, their undiscovered counterparts, and possibly some deposit types not presently known in the region, are of potentially important economic significance.

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TABLE 1. METALLIFEROUS MINERAL RESOURCE DATA FOR EASTERN SOUTHERN ALASKA
(Refers to sheet 1)

| AREA OUT- LINED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL(S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANGE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENT OR MORE DEPOSITS) 1/ | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 2) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | --- | (a)(Cu,Zn,Au)--minor oc- currences associated with disseminated py- rite in greenstone and amphibolite (b)(Mo,Cu,Ag)--minor occurrences associated with altered zones in granitic rocks; may represent porphyry type deposits | (a) Interpreted as meta- morphitic deposits whose metals were redistrib- uted and weakly con- centrated during meta- morphitic processes (b) Probably late-stage differentiates of shal- low plutons | No data | Broad reconnaissance map- ping and widely spaced geochemical sampling by U.S. Geological Survey; essentially unprospected | Area 1 is in a remote and rugged part of the St. Elias Mountains that is largely cover- ed by glaciers; no significant mineral deposits are known in the area | (a) The combination of sev- eral known minor occur- rences in the few areas not covered by glaciers sug- gest many of these small deposits might be cover- ed by glaciers. (b) Geochemical anomalies in altered granitic rocks suggest the possibility of porphyry molybde- num deposits. | | (b) porphyry molyb- denum model |
| 2. | --- | Au(Ag)--mainly quartz veins in Cretaceous metamorphosed flysch | Typically thin gold- bearing quartz veins that are localized in greenschist or lower grade metamorphosed flyschoid rocks; spa- tially and genetici- ally related to Ter- tiary plutons | No data | Reconnaissance mapping and geochemical sampling by U. S. Geological Survey; scant prospecting | The area consists of a partly glacier-covered mountainous region be- tween higher terranes of the St. Elias Moun- tains and the Yakutat Foreland; the less metamorphosed rocks southwest of the Bound- ary fault are regarded as more favorable for gold lodes than the dominantly amphibolite terrane between the Boundary and fair- weather faults | A number of gold veins probably occur in this area | | |
| 3. | Au,Fe,Ti--beach and older terrace placers | --- | Modern beach and older terrace placers; the gold placers are best developed in the vicinity of Yakutat; the iron-titanium pla- cers, which generally contain traces of gold, are best developed on beaches and forelands southeast of Yakutat | Minor gold pro- duction, probably about 6 kg (sev- eral hundred ounces), during early 1900's, from small de- posits; large, low-grade iron and titanium re- sources having a general tenor of 20.8 kg of iron per cubic meter (35 lb/yd ³) and 12.2 kg of tita- nium dioxide per cubic meter (20.6 lb/yd ³) | Reconnaissance mapping, some geochemical sampling, and local aeromagnetic coverage by U. S. Geologi- cal Survey; investigations involving auger-hole drill- ing and sampling by U. S. Bureau of Mines; scant re- cent interest by industry | The placers that are mainly for gold are small and in part ephem- eral; the iron-tita- nium placers are large and extend intermit- tently for more than 20 km along beaches fronting the Gulf of Alaska; they consist of black sands that con- tain titaniferous mag- netite and ilmenite; the deposits generally are between 1 and 3 m in thickness, and, al- though they contain lo- cal small higher-grade zones, their overall grade proximates that given in the "Produc- tion and resource in- formation" column | Large tonnage, low grade iron and titanium placers are known, low tonnage gold placers that are in part ephemeral are also present. | | |
| 4. | (a) Au--beach placers (b) Au--stream and bench placers | --- | (a) Gold-bearing black sands that are inter- mittently distributed for at least 25 km along beaches fronting the Gulf of Alaska; largely ephemeral deposits con- centrated during winter storms (b) Stream and bench placers localized by fluvial processes | (a) Worked inter- mittently since 1890's; total production be- tween 470 kg and 500 kg (15 and 16 thousand ounces) of gold (b) Mined for a few years dur- ing early 1900's; production not accurately known; probably between 30 kg and 60 kg (1 and 2 thou- sand ounces) of gold | Old and modern, largely re- connaissance, mapping by U.S. Geological Survey; short study to deter- mine potential of radioactive heavy minerals in the beach sands; sampling of beach sands by U.S. Bureau of Mines | The boundaries of area 4 are inaccurately known and the area may extend eastward to in- clude recent uncon- firmed placer opera- tions on the perimeter of Icy Bay and westward to include some beaches near Cape Suckling | (a) Gold-bearing beach placers that vary in quality yearly due to winter storms are known (b) Stream and bench gold placers that have been mined; resources remaining are unknown | | |
| 5. | --- | Cu(Ag,Au,Zn)--sub- marine volcanogenic deposits related to mafic lavas | Polymetallic copper- rich deposits genet- ically related to sub- marine basalts of the Orca Group (Tertiary) and less commonly Valdez Group (Creta- ceous) | No data | Broad reconnaissance map- ping and scant geochemical sampling by U.S. Geologi- cal Survey; essentially unprospected | Area 5 is delineated on the basis of favor- able geology--mainly submarine basalts of the Orca Group --and one known occurrence | One known occurrence plus other possible glacially covered unfound mafic volca- nogenic copper deposits. | | mafic volcanogenic model |

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deposits with tonnages and grades comparable to those used in the
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that lack associated grade-tonnage models.

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|----------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 6. | --- | (a) Cu(Ag, Au, Zn)--submarine volcanogenic deposits related to mafic lavas (b) Au--placer | (a) Same as 5 (above) (b) Beach placers and possibly stream or bench placers | No data | Reconnaissance mapping by U. S. Geological Survey; little prospecting | Area 6 contains rocks favorable for submarine volcanogenic deposits but no known deposits of this type; it contains one gold prospect on a beach placer and some permissive terrane for other placer gold deposits; the area may extend southward beneath the Gulf of Alaska to include Orca Group volcanic rocks on the northwest tip of Kayak Island | (a) Undiscovered mafic volcanogenic copper deposits may occur (b) One gold prospect on a beach placer and permissive terrane for other placer gold deposits | | (a) mafic volcanogenic model |
| 7. | Au--thin quartz veins in slate and graywacke | --- | Gold-bearing quartz veins and veinlets in Orca Group (Tertiary) slate and graywacke; near Tertiary granitic pluton | Minor production, probably about 6 kg (several hundred ounces) of gold, from one property during early 1900's | Old Federal Government reports based on brief examination; reconnaissance mapping by U. S. Geological Survey; little recent interest by industry | Contains one inactive mine and one prospect; parts of the surrounding area may contain similar deposits, but they are largely covered by glaciers or unconsolidated surficial deposits | Two known gold veins; similar undiscovered covered deposits possible | | |
| 8. | (a) Cu(Ag, Au, Zn)--submarine volcanogenic (b) Au--mainly quartz veins in Valdez Group (c) Au--placer | Cu--magmatic deposits with weakly disseminated pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite in Tertiary diorite | The area is largely underlain by the Cretaceous Valdez Group, including abundant mafic submarine volcanic rocks (a) Typically localized in shear zones in or near the volcanic rocks (b) Quartz stringers and veins, generally less than 1 m thick, genetically related to Tertiary plutons (c) Stream placers | Only production was from the Midas mine, which produced more than 450 tons (a million pounds) of copper; the main ore zone at the Midas is about 1 m wide and 300 m long and contains some reserves | Reconnaissance geologic mapping by U. S. Geological Survey; brief studies of a few deposits; recent exploration interest by industry at the Midas mine and probably nearby areas | Area 8 is outlined mainly on the basis of its potential for submarine volcanogenic deposits; in addition to the Midas mine the area has 7 prospects on submarine volcanogenic copper deposits; its potential for gold and for magmatic copper deposits is much less than for submarine volcanogenic copper deposits; about half of the area is glacier covered | (a) At least eight mafic volcanogenic deposits are known and more probably remain to be found in the exposed bedrock and under ice. Estimated number of deposits is for deposits comparable in tonnage to those used in the grade-tonnage model. (b) A few low tonnage gold-quartz veins might occur in this area (c) Two small gold-bearing stream placers are known | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 1 2 4 deposits or more | (a) mafic volcanogenic model |
| 9. | (a) Cu(Ag, Au, Zn)--submarine volcanogenic (b) Au--quartz lodes in Orca Group (c) Au--placer | --- | A near-coastal area that is underlain by the Tertiary Orca Group and by Tertiary anatectic granitic plutons (a) The submarine volcanogenic deposits are localized in or near mafic lavas of the Orca Group (b) Veins and veinlets in Orca Group flysch (c) Stream placers | No production or resource data | Reconnaissance geologic mapping by U. S. Geological Survey; little recent interest by industry | The area appears to be sparsely mineralized; its known deposits include four for copper and two for gold; it is geologically favorable for additional similar deposits | (a) At least four known mafic volcanogenic deposits; others possible (b) One gold-quartz vein deposit; other small tonnage veins possible (c) Possibility of small stream gold placers; one deposit known | | (a) mafic volcanogenic model. |

GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (TABLE 4)

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
DEPOSITS (PERCENT
CHANCE THAT THERE
WILL BE MORE THAN
ONE SUCH DEPOSIT)

90% 50% 10%
or more
chance
that
there
are
8 or more
deposits
of this
type in the
area

(a) Over 50 mafic vol-
canic deposits are
known; many have been
incompletely explored
and others probably
remain to be found.
Estimated number of
deposits is only for
those comparable to those
used in the grade-
tonnage model.
(b) Several small
tonnage gold-quartz
veins are known;
others possible.
(c) One small breccia
copper sulfides is
known.

(a) Many small tonnage
gold-quartz veins are
known; others possible
because part of the
area is ice covered.
(b) Several small con-
centrations of gold in
stream placers are
known.

The area contains
placiers with recorded
production from 20
known small gold
placers; the Valdez
district is partly
bounded by glacier-
covered mountains

Placers
of gold in stream
(b) Small
concentrations
of gold in stream
placers are
known.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN-
FORMATION
SOURCE INFORMATION
PRODUCTION AND RE-

Modern reconnaissance map-
ping accompanied by geo-
logic and geophysical
studies by U. S. Geological
Survey for that part of
area within Seward quad-
rangle; U. S. Geological
Survey sponsored mapping
and some sampling for
amounts of gold.
Two mines, the
Llanos and
Llanos, accounted
for more than 96
percent of the
production; the
few gold mines in
the area probably
produced a total
of not more than
21 kg (1,000
ounces) of gold;
research data are
scarcely but the
submarine volcanic
agentic deposits
probably repre-
sent substantial
copper resources;
one prospect (the
Cove) has est-
imated reserves of
at least 1,020,000
tons (1,125,000 st)
containing 1.25
percent copper.

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AREA
TYPE
DEPOSIT

(a) Cu-Ag, Au, Zn, Pb, Sb-
Cu-magmatic; occur-
ring in the most impor-
tant subvolcanic volcanic
deposits of the
area; some contain
small amounts of pyro-
clastic material and
chalcocopyrite

(b) Cu-Ag, Au, Zn, Pb, Sb-
Cu-magmatic; occur-
ring in the most impor-
tant subvolcanic volcanic
deposits of the
area; some contain
small amounts of pyro-
clastic material and
chalcocopyrite

(c) Cu-Ag, Au, Zn, Pb, Sb-
Cu-magmatic; occur-
ring in the most impor-
tant subvolcanic volcanic
deposits of the
area; some contain
small amounts of pyro-
clastic material and
chalcocopyrite

(d) Cu-Ag, Au, Zn, Pb, Sb-
Cu-magmatic; occur-
ring in the most impor-
tant subvolcanic volcanic
deposits of the
area; some contain
small amounts of pyro-
clastic material and
chalcocopyrite

(e) Cu-Ag, Au, Zn, Pb, Sb-
Cu-magmatic; occur-
ring in the most impor-
tant subvolcanic volcanic
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clastic material and
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tant subvolcanic volcanic
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area; some contain
small amounts of pyro-
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| 12. | Au(Ag, Sb)--mainly thin quartz veins in Valdez Group | --- | Port Wells gold district and nearby areas; under- lain by metaflysch of the Valdez Group (Creta- ceous) and subordinately by Tertiary granitic plutons and felsic dikes; the deposits are mainly in the Valdez Group; they consist of quartz veins, rarely more than 1 m thick, and a few stringers, small lenses, pods, and breccia fillings; the lodes generally are less than a few hundred meters in strike length; besides gold and quartz they gen- erally contain calcite, pyrite, arsenopyrite, minor uneconomic amounts of base metal sulfides, and a little silver; a few deposits contain stibnite, which might constitute a minor po- tential by-or coproduct | Production was mainly prior to 1920 and consisted of 657 kg (21,125 ounces) of gold, including 648 kg (20,600 ounces) from the Granite mine, and a little byproduct silver; most ore was in sporadically dis- tributed high- grade shoots; probably many of the deposits have small reserves and resources | Excellent modern recon- naissance mapping and accompanying geochemical and geophysical data for that part of area in Seward quadrangle; older U. S. Geological Survey mapping for other parts of area; topical studies and some mapping of the mineral deposits; scant recent interest by in- dustry | 45 deposits, in- cluding 15 mines that, at least, have had minor production, are known in area 15; the potentially favorable areas are partly de- limited by glaciers and floods | Numerous small tonnage gold-quartz veins are known; others possible, particularly under ice | | |
| 13. | (a) Cu(Ag, Zn, Au)-- submarine volcano- genic (b) Ni, Cr--Magmatic | Cu--occurrence of weakly disseminat- ed copper and iron sulfides in gabbro | Resurrection Peninsula; underlain by Valdez Group (Cretaceous), mainly mafic metavol- canic rocks; minor gabbro and serpentized dunite (a) Mainly as dissemina- tions and breccia cement in sheared Valdez Group mafic volcanic rocks; lo- cal massive sulfides and thin veins; mainly pyrite with subordinate chalcopy- rite, sphalerite, pyrro- tite, and secondary copper minerals (b) Minor anomalous amounts of nickel and chromium in serpentized dunite | No production or known reserves | Modern reconnaissance geologic, geochemical, and geophysical coverage by U. S. Geological Sur- vey; little industry in- terest | Area 13 contains 11 scantily ex- plored, essentially inactive prospects, and 2 known occurrences | (a) At least 11 incom- pletely explored mafic volcanogenic copper prospects are known; a few more are possible. The grade-tonnage model may apply to some of these. (b) One small body of serpentized dunite containing anomalous values of nickel and chromium is known. A few small tonnage nickel or chromium deposits are possible. | (a) mafic volcano- genic model | |
| 14. | (a) Au(Ag, Sb)-- lodes, typically thin quartz veins in Valdez Group (b) Au(Ag)--placer | Cu--occurrence, vein in shear zone in Valdez Group | Girdwood, Hope-Gilpatrick, and Moose Pass mining dis- tricts; area underlain by Valdez Group (Cretaceous) metaflysch that locally is cut by Tertiary felsic dikes and granitic plutons (a) Gold lodes genetically and spatially related to Tertiary anatectic plutons; occur generally as quartz veins that are discontin- uous, generally less than 1.6 m thick, and less than 2,000 m long; mainly in the flysch; typically gold- bearing quartz veins with minor amounts of silver and uneconomic scattered base and ferrous metal sulfides; a few deposits have potentials for min- or by-or coproduct anti- mony (b) Stream and bench placers and one beach placer | Total estimated production from the lodes about 435 kg (14,000 ounces) of gold, a small amount of silver, and about 90 kg (a few hundred pounds) of anti- mony; grade data unknown but prob- ably the gold was erratically dis- tributed and mainly concentra- ted in shoots; small reserves at a few properties; mostly mined dur- ing early 1900's; most placer mines were operated dur- ing the early 1900's; their pro- duction isn't ac- curately known, but it probably is slightly greater than the lode pro- duction | Reconnaissance geologic mapping and some recon- naissance geophysical surveys and geochemical sampling by U.S. Geolog- ical Survey; local de- tailed or semidetalled mapping of some mines and prospects; small- scale recent activity at a few placer and lode properties | The area includes moderately access- ible parts of the Kenai Mountains, and it has been fairly well ex- plored for gold as attested by numerous mines and prospects | (a) Numerous small ton- nage gold-quartz veins are known; area fairly well explored and only a few more deposits might be expected to be found. (b) Many small stream and bench gold placers and one beach placer are known; chances for more are slight. | | |

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| 15. | (a)Au(Ag)--mainly thin quartz veins in Valdez Group (b)Au(Ag)--placer | --- | Muka Bay Area; underlain by Valdez Group (Creta- ceous) and by local fel- sic dikes and plutons (Tertiary); (a) Mainly thin gold- bearing quartz veins that cut Valdez Group metafelsic; local rich shoots (b)Stream and bench placers | Gold production between 1924 and 1942 about 171 kg (5,600 ounces) of gold and a little byproduct silver; average grade a little more than 100 g/t (3 oz/st); some reserves; no known placer pro- duction | Local geologic mapping and some sampling near known deposits, but re- gional geologic, geo- chemical, or geophys- ical coverage is skimpy or lacking; scant re- cent interest by in- dustry | Area 15 contains 5 mines and 8 prospects on gold lodes and 2 placer gold prospects; its deposits are gen- erally small but locally rich | (a) Five mines and eight prospects on gold-quartz veins are known; deposits tend to be small but lo- cally rich. A few deposits might remain undiscovered (b) Two placer gold de- posits that apparently are unmined are known; additional deposits not likely | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 2 2 3 deposits or more | |
| 16. a, b | (a)Au(Ag)--lodes, mainly thin quartz veins in Valdez Group or, less commonly in Orca Group or Ter- tiary felsic plutons (b)Au(Ag,Pt)-- placer | (c)[Cu,Ag]--Vein oc- currence (d)(U)--lode claims | Area includes most of Chugach and Kenai Moun- tains and contains exten- sive glacial cover; largely underlain by Valdez Group (Cretaceous) metafelsic; subordinately by Orca Group (Tertiary) felsic and Tertiary felsic plu- tons and dikes; (a)Thin gold-bearing quartz veins and a few small lenses mainly lo- calized in Valdez Group; genetically affiliated with Tertiary anatectic plutons. (b)Stream placers and a few small bench placers; one stream placer contains traces of platinum (c)Weakly mineralized vein occurrence in Valdez Group (d)Minor anomalous radio- activity detected at a few sites in the Valdez Group | Estimated total gold production from lodes about 46 kg (1,500 ounces); that from the placers about 120 kg (4,000 ounces); minor byproduct silver recovered; the known gold lodes and placers are small but lo- cally rich; they have scant reser- ves. | Large disparity in geo- logic data base; most of area mapped by re- connaissance methods, but extensive tracts of the mountainous hin- terland are virtually unmapped; scant local geophysical and geo- chemical coverage; small-scale recent activity at a few placer and lode gold deposits | Area delineated mainly on basis of its favorable geologic setting for small gold- bearing lodes; it contains scat- tered isolated known deposits and local clusters of small deposits; large parts of the area are remote and scantly prospected | (a) Widely scattered gold- quartz veins that have small tonnage but locally rich grades; remoteness and large amount of glacial cov- er suggest that most of the probably large number of un- found deposits will remain undiscovered; most of those that are found will proba- bly be uneconomic to mine due to their low tonnage (b)Stream gold placers, one of which contains traces of platinum and a few bench placers are known; relatively small production and few proba- bly remain to be found (c) One small tonnage copper- silver vein with low grades is known; others possible (d) Minor anomalous radio- activity detected at a few localities; slight chance of large tonnage deposits | | |
| 17. | Cr--magmatic deposits in layered ultra- mafic rocks | --- | Disseminated and locally massive chromite in lay- ered dunite and, to a small extent, in pyrox- enite and serpentinite; known deposits in two ultramafic masses; Red Mountain, about 6.4 by 3.2 km in outcrop plan, and a smaller near tide- water mass at Claim Point; on basis of re- cent studies both ultra- mafic bodies are in- terpreted as klippen that have been thrust over the McHugh complex (Cretaceous?) | Production: 1917- 18, about 2,000 tons containing 45 percent Cr ₂ O ₃ ; 1942-44, 6,619 tons averaging 42 percent Cr ₂ O ₃ ; 1954-57 about 21,000 tons, grade not known but probably about 40 percent Cr ₂ O ₃ ; Cr:Fe ratio between 2.7 and 3.1; 1942 estimated re- serves of about 150,000 tons of chro- mite including 77,000 tons that would be derived from concen- trating lower-grade material | The deposits have been studied in some detail and the surrounding areas mapped in reconnaissance; scant geophysical and geochemical investiga- tions; continuing in- terest by industry | Possibly undis- covered deposits of this type exist along the north- west flank of the Kenai and Chugach Mountains, in tec- tonic settings that are similar to the environs of Red Mountain and Claim Point; how- ever large parts of the inferred favorable areas are covered | One of two ultramafic mas- ses in this area, Red Moun- tain reportedly contains a total of about 50,000 tons of shipping ore at 41 per- cent Cr ₂ O ₃ . The other mass, Claim Point has about 260,000 tons at 17.8 percent Cr ₂ O ₃ that could be concentrated to about 75,000 tons at 45 percent; additional depos- its under younger rocks and water are likely at Claim Point. Additional deposits possibly exist under covered areas along the northwest flank of the Kenai and Chugach Mountains; nickel anomalies are known in both areas; grades and tonnages of podiform de- posits are appropriate for unmined deposits in alpine masses | podiform chromite model | |
| 18. | (a)Au(Ag)-- placer | (b)U--in Terti- ary sedimentary rocks | Placer gold deposits on beaches fronting lower Cook Inlet and possibly in nearby alluvial valleys; typically small, in part ephemeral de- posits; only a few de- posits known | Worked intermit- tently during early 1900's; production not known, probably about 30 kg (1,000 ounces) of gold and a little silver | The geology of the area has been studied in some detail during U.S. Geol- ogical Survey coal-and petroleum-oriented in- vestigations; some in- terest in the general region for uranium; geophysical investi- gations related to pe- troleum exploration; scant recent interest in the gold placers | Tertiary non- marine sediment- ary rocks that underlie the re- gion and large parts of the nearby Kenai Low- land are regarded as favorable hosts for uranium; how- ever, despite some exploration, no u- ranium deposits are known in the region | (a) A few small, in part ephemeral, gold placer deposits are known; a few others possible (b) Tertiary rocks that underlie this area and large parts of the near- by Kenai Lowland are fa- vorable for uranium; how- ever none has been found despite some exploration | | |

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

STATUS OF GEOLOGIC INFORMATION

PRODUCTION AND RE-
SOURCE INFORMATION

1A-
GEOLOGIC CONTRASTS OF
MINERAL RESOURCES

SUSPECTED OR SPECIAL-TYPE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES)

MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS

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| (a) (M, Cu, Fe, Pb, Zn) -- massive deposits | (b) (Ag, Zn) -- sub-marine volcanics | (c) (Mg, Mn, Ag, Mn) -- gneic deposits | (d) (Pb, Ag) -- porphyry | (e) (Pb, Ag) -- replacement deposits | (f) (Mg) -- lode deposits | (g) thin quartz veins | (h) (M, Cu) -- magmatic | (i) (Ag) -- placer | (j) (Ag) -- lode | (k) (Ag) -- placer | (l) (Mg) -- general | (m) thin veins |
| (1) (Mn) -- hydrothermal | Area includes northern flank of Chugach Mountain and contiguous Clinch Valley; largely unmineralized by upper Paleozoic metamorphism and locally metamorphosed and slightly by hydrothermal activity | Massive carbonate and dyke rocks | Basaltic gneissic rocks (thin layers, lenses, and disseminations of chromite in partly serpentinized matrix that forms large parts of ultramafic complex) | several km wide but much as 16 km long and steeply) has wide but commonly much smaller local shallow anastomosing | | | | | | | | |

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| 22. | (a)Cu,Mo(Ag)--porphyry type deposits (b)Mo--veins and stockworks (c)Pb,Zn(Ag,Cu)--replacement deposits | (d)Au--disseminated deposits (e)Fe--skarn (f)Cu(Ag)--vein deposits (g)(U,Th)--some favorable hostrock for U-Th deposits | Extreme southeastern parts of Wrangell Mountains; underlain by metamorphosed mid-Paleozoic, mainly carbonate rocks; weakly metamorphosed upper Paleozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, an upper Paleozoic syenite-monzonite plutonic complex, gabbro, and Tertiary granitic plutons (a)Associated with altered zones in Tertiary granodiorite; two known deposits; one mainly for copper and the other mainly for molybdenum (b)Molybdenite-bearing quartz veins and small stockworks in Tertiary granitic plutons (c)Small sulfide-bearing pods and disseminations in Permian marble (d)Sparsely disseminated gold in upper Paleozoic volcanoclastic rocks; mineralized zone low in grade and probably local in extent (e)Small magnetite-and hematite-bearing contact metamorphic(skarn) deposit in marble adjacent to upper Paleozoic monzonite; contains minor amounts of copper (f)Small copper-bearing veins in fault zones (g)Some phases of the syenite-monzonite complex are geologically favorable for uranium-thorium deposits | No production; the main inferred resources of the area are in the copper and molybdenum deposits that are associated with Tertiary plutons | Reconnaissance geologic mapping and supplemental reconnaissance geochemical and geophysical investigations; very little exploration | The area is remote and rugged and, at best, has been cursorily prospected; its potentially most significant deposits are copper and molybdenum porphyries associated with Tertiary plutons; these deposits, like others in the area, have had minimal exploration; the Tertiary plutons and their environs are regarded as highly favorable for exploration; other parts of the area, including extensive tracts underlain by mid-Paleozoic rocks that lack known deposits, have diverse degrees of geologic favorability | (a) One porphyry copper and one porphyry molybdenum deposit are known but undrilled; other deposits likely (b) Molybdenite-bearing quartz veins and small stockworks exist; these deposits may be indicators of larger deposits such as the porphyries (c) Small tonnage lead-zinc replacement deposits have been found in area 22; other small deposits of this type probably occur here (d) A low grade disseminated gold deposit in volcanoclastic rocks has been found; probably local in extent | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 2 1 4 or more deposits | (a) porphyry copper model and porphyry molybdenum model |

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| 23. | (a)Cu(Ag)--Ken- necott type (b)Cu(Ag)--vein (c)Au(Ag,Sb,Mo)-- vein (d)Au(Ag,Cu)-- placer (e)Cu(Mo)--por- phyry (f)Cu(Fe)--skarn (g)Cu(Ag)--sub- serrate volcani- c (h)Ag(Cu,Zn,Pb)-- vein (i)Sb(Au,N)--vein | (j)Zn(Ag,Pb)--re- placement or vein (k)Mo--vein | South-central flank of Wrangell Mountains, a well mineralized area that contains diverse deposits; underlain by upper Paleozoic and abun- dant Mesozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, local Jurassic and Tertiary plu- tons--the latter mainly represent subvolcanic hy- pabyssal rocks-- and local Cenozoic lavas with minor sedimentary facies (a)Mainly massive copper sulfide-rich lodes local- ized in lower, chiefly dolomitic, parts of Up- per Triassic Chitstone Limestone (b)Typically quartz-cal- cite veins less than 1 m thick that are almost en- tirely confined to the Triassic Nikolai Greenstone; chief ore minerals, chalcocite, bor- nite, and chalcocite (c)Thin gold-bearing quartz veins genetically related to Tertiary plutons or, rarely, to Jurassic plutons (d)Stream and bench placers (e)Apparently weakly min- eralized porphyry-type de- posits associated with Jurassic granitic plutons (f)Small magnetite-rich con- tact-metamorphic (skarn) de- posits in Triassic carbonate rocks adjacent to Jurassic granitic plutons (g)Native copper-bearing mainly amygdaloidal de- posits in Triassic basalt (h)Small veins that con- tain silver-bearing tetra- hedralite; associated with Jurassic granitic plutons (i)Thin stibnite-rich veins in Triassic carbonate rocks (j)Untested occurrence of sulfide-rich pods in Tri- assic carbonate rocks (k)Occurrences of thin molybdenite-bearing veins | Production domi- nated by Kennecott mines, Alaska's premier producer of copper and sil- ver; during their major operations, between 1913 and 1938, these mines produced 540,000 tons (1.2 billion pounds) of copper and 280 tons (9 million ounces) of silver; minor post-1938 pro- duction from small-scale, lar- gely surficial, operations; pro- duction data for other Kennecott- type deposits less accurately known; probably about 2,300 tons (5 million pounds) of copper and 6,220 kg (200,000 ounces) of silver; Kennecott- type deposits con- tain some reserves and possibly sig- nificant resources; the copper-bearing veins (b) and the gold-bearing veins (c) have accounted for minor produc- tion; their re- sources are be- lieved to be small; prior to 1959 the gold placers (d) produced 4,463 kg (143,500 ounces) of gold and some byproduct silver; since 1959 they produced about 60 kg (a few thousand ounces) of gold and small amounts of native copper nuggets that are utilized in Alas- kan jewelry and curios; some placer mines are active, but their reserves and resources are probably small; ex- cept for the sub- aerial volcanogenic deposits (g), which have yielded a lit- tle copper and sil- ver, none of the other deposits have been mined; most of these deposits, as well as some of the others, have not been adequately explored, and they all can be regarded as having some resource poten- tial | Geologic mapping, ranging from detailed to recon- naissance, and reconnais- sance geochemical and geo- physical coverage for the entire area; local topical studies, mainly related to the mineral deposits; mod- erate localized current exploration interest | The area has been well prospected by old, traditional prospect- ing methods, but only scarcely explored by modern, sophisticated techniques, because of its diverse depos- its, favorable geology and impressive mining record, the area is regarded as having a strong potential for significant mineral resources; an approxi- mate summary of the number of known depos- its in the area fol- lows: Kennecott type, 11 mines and 3 prospects; copper-bearing veins, mainly in Nikolai Greenstone, 3 mines, 33 prospects, 9 occur- rences; gold placers, 4 mines and 4 prospects; mainly native copper in basalt, 1 mine, 7 prospects, 3 occur- rences; all other de- posit types, 1 mine, 22 prospects, 9 occur- rences; a small per- centage of the mines and prospects have been active during recent years; the occurrences were discovered during recent U. S. Geolog- ical Survey investi- gations, and some of them are worthy of ex- ploration |

| SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED ON MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADIES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 1) |
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| (a) Massive copper sul- fide deposits contain- ing silver were the largest producers of copper and silver in Alaska; average grades were about 13 percent copper and 66 g/t silver; all known deposits are exposed, at least in part on surface, and about 130 km ² of favorable geo- logic terrain is covered; approximately 7 of the large tonnage-high grade and numerous smaller de- posits are estimated to be unfound | | |
| (b) Generally small tonnage quartz-calcite veins containing copper and silver; other deposits possible | | |
| (c) Small tonnage gold-bearing quartz veins are known; others possible | | |
| (d) Gold-bearing stream and bench placers that contain some silver and copper have been mined; a few are still active; reserves and resources are probably small | | |
| (e) Three undrilled but apparently weakly min- eralized porphyry copper deposits are known; others possible | 90% 2 | 50% 3 |
| (f) Small tonnage skarn deposits containing iron and copper have been found; unfound deposits probably remain | 10% chance that there are 5 or more deposits | |
| (g) Low grade native copper-bearing deposits are known; mainly amy- gdaloidal deposits in Triassic basalt; other deposits likely | | |
| (h) Silver-bearing veins that have small tonnages are known | | |
| (i) Small high-grade antimony (stibnite)- bearing veins | | |

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| 24. | --- | (a)Cu(Mo)--porphyry (b)Au--vein | Western Wrangell Mountains; small windows that expose upper Paleozoic metamorphic rocks, Mesozoic granitic plutons, and Cretaceous sedimentary rocks; surrounded by Cenozoic Wrangell Lava; (a)The granitic rocks and their environs are favorable for porphyry-type deposits (b)One gold prospect on a quartz vein that cuts the metamorphic rocks | No data | Sketchily mapped; no known geochemical or geophysical investigations; no known recent prospecting | Area outlined on basis of favorable geology | (a) Favorable terrain for porphyry copper deposits; has not been prospected recently; possibility of one or two deposits in this area (b) One small gold-bearing quartz vein is known; others possible | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 2 deposits or more | (a) porphyry copper model |
| 25. | (a)Cu(Ag)--submarine volcanicogenic (b)Cu(Ag)--vein (c)Cu--magmatic | (d)Cu(Mo)--porphyry (e)Cu--placer | Northeastern flank of Wrangell Mountains; underlain by upper Paleozoic and Mesozoic volcanic and sedimentary rocks, Cretaceous(?) and Tertiary plutons, and Cenozoic Wrangell Lava (a)Native copper in Triassic basalt (b)Chalcocite and bornite or chalcocite and their oxidation products in veins less than 1 m thick or in swarms of veinlets on surface coatings; generally in Triassic basalt (c)Occurrence of disseminated sulfides, including chalcocite, in a thick mafic dike (d)Altered zones suggestive of porphyry-type mineralization in granitic rocks (e)Native copper nuggets in stream and bench placers | No production or reserve data but possibly significant copper resources | Reconnaissance geologic, geochemical, and geophysical coverage; scant exploration interest | Area 25 has been only scantily prospected; 7 of its 14 known deposits are occurrences that were discovered during recent U.S. Geological Survey investigations; the potential resource significance of the area's diverse copper deposits cannot be accurately determined without adequate exploration; apparently large but very low grade copper resources in Triassic basalts (Nikolai Greenstone) in this and other areas, notably (23), may constitute a resource of the future | (a) Very low grade native copper deposits are known in large volumes of basalt (b) Small tonnage veins or swarms of veinlets generally in basalt (c) One occurrence of copper-bearing disseminated sulfides in a thick mafic dike is known (d) Two altered zones suggestive of porphyry copper-type mineralization in granitic rock have been observed | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 2 deposits or more | (d) porphyry copper model |
| 26. | (a)Cu--porphyry (b)Au(Ag,Pt)--placer (c)Cu(Au)--lode deposits, mainly veins (d)Au(Ag)--vein | --- | Upper Matanuska Valley and nearby terrain; in part bounded by major faults; underlain by Mesozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, Tertiary sedimentary rocks, and Mesozoic and Tertiary intrusive rocks (a)The few known porphyry type deposits are associated with strongly altered zones in Tertiary felsic plutons and nearby rocks (b)Numerous small placer gold deposits along streams and alluvial benches (c)Poorly known; probably mostly veins related to intrusive rocks but may include submarine volcanogenic deposits (d)Thin veins probably genetically related to Mesozoic and Tertiary plutonism | Small, but inaccurately known production, probably about 30 kg (1,000 ounces) of gold, from the placers; no lode production; inadequate exploration for valid resource estimates, but resources probably are small to moderate | Reconnaissance and local semidetalled geologic mapping; scant geophysical and geochemical coverage; recent industry interest at several placer and lode deposits | The area contains about 39 known placer deposits and 15 lode deposits; extensive areas northwest of area 26 that are underlain by Cretaceous sedimentary rocks or surficial deposits of the Copper River Basin contain scattered gold placers; parts of the Copper River Basin are geologically permissive for sedimentary uranium deposits, but this area is not outlined as favorable because prospecting results have been negative; area 26 contains zeolite deposits, which although a non-metallic commodity, are of possible economic importance | Zeolite deposits that are of possible economic significance are known (a) A few porphyry copper-type deposits are known; few, if any, remain to be found (b) Many small stream and bench placer deposits containing gold with some silver and platinum (c) Small tonnage copper-bearing veins and possibly submarine volcanogenic deposits (d) Low tonnage gold veins are known; others possible | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more | (a) porphyry copper model |

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| 27. | (a)Cu(Ag)--Todes, mainly veins | (b)Cu(Mo)--porphyry (c)Au--placer | Southern Talcottina Mountains; underlain by a large Mesozoic granitic mass and by small areas of upper Paleozoic metamorphic rocks (a)Poorly known cop- per deposits gener- ally represented by thin veins, frac- ture coatings and local dissemina- tions; typically in or near apophyses of granitic rocks; may include some porphyry type and magmatic deposits (b)Geologically favorable for por- phyry type deposits, but none definitely known (c)One known stream placer | No data | Reconnaissance geologic mapping and local geo- chemical and geophysical coverage; little recent interest by industry | Area delineated mainly on basis of its geologic favor- ability for porphyry copper deposits and its lack of system- atic modern pros- pecting | (a) Generally thin cop- per-bearing veins; some known occurrences may be related to porphyry type and magmatic de- posits; lack of system- atic prospecting (b) Area favorable for porphyry copper deposits; none known | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 0 2 deposits or more | (b) porphyry copper model v |

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| 28. | (a) Au/Ag, Fe--veins (b) Au/Ag--placer | (c) Cu(Mo, Ag)--porphyry | Willow Creek district and southwest part of Talcott Mountains; largely underlain by an Upper Cretaceous-Tertiary tonalitic batholith; small tracts of upper Paleozoic rocks peripheral to the batholith included in area (a) Mainly quartz veins less than 2 m thick that may extend for a few kilometers along strike; contains gold, minor amounts of sulfides, and, rarely, tellurides and scheelite (b) Chiefly stream placers (c) One poorly known deposit that may be a porphyry type reported in the tonalite; others probable | Total production from the Willow Creek gold lodes about 17,800 kg (574,000 ounces) of gold, small amounts of silver and probably a little tellurium; main mining between 1932 and 1942; placer gold production probably 60 kg (several thousand ounces), but not accurately known; lode gold was produced from 15 mines, a few of which contain small reserves; grade probably about 70 g/t (a few ounces per ton) with local higher-grade shoots | The Willow Creek district has been mapped and studied in some detail; the rest of the area in reconnaissance; reconnaissance geochemical and geophysical surveys cover parts of the area; small-scale recent activity at a few of the placer and lode deposits. | For some unknown reason the productive known gold lodes are concentrated in or near southern parts of the tonalite batholith; although no gold lodes are known in them, similar gold lodes may occur in other parts of the batholith; the Willow Creek district has been well prospected, and its inferred lode gold resources are largely in deeper parts of known deposits or in concealed, undiscovered deposits; the northern and central parts of the batholith have some potential for porphyry copper deposits as well as gold lodes; one small soapstone deposit in the area is mined intermittently | (a) Numerous gold-bearing quartz veins in southern part of this area have had significant production; a few contain small reserves; majority of resource probably in deeper parts of known deposits or in concealed, undiscovered deposits that may be near the known deposits or in other parts of area 28 that appear geologically similar (b) Small gold-bearing stream placers are known; some others possible (c) One deposit may be a porphyry copper-type; geology is favorable for more | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more | (c) porphyry copper model |
| 29. | (a) Fe--contact metamorphic | (b) Au--placer | Area includes marginal facies of Jurassic granitic batholith and nearby Lower Jurassic sedimentary and volcanic rocks (a) Apparently small contact-metamorphic (skarn) type deposits that are rich in magnetite (b) Stream placers | No data | Local brief study of known contact-metamorphic deposits and reconnaissance geologic mapping; scant known geochemical and geophysical investigations; little recent interest | The known deposits appear to be too small to constitute a significant iron resource, but the area has been only cursorily prospected and may contain larger deposits | (a) Several iron-rich (magnetite) skarn deposits; tonnages appear small but other larger deposits may exist in this largely unprospected area | | |

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| 30. | (a) Mo--veins and veinlets (b) U--veinlets and coatings (c) Au(Ag)-- vein | (d) Cu(Mo, Ag)--porphyry; one known occurrence (e) Ag, Au(Pb, Zn, Sb, Bi)-- vein; one known occur- rence (f) Cu(Au)--contact meta- morphitic; one reported occurrence (g) Sn--vein or dissem- inated; float samples (h) Au(Ag)--placer | Part of southwestern Alaska Range; under- lain largely by a Tertiary granitic batholith that forms the core of the range throughout the area; less extensive Mesozoic granitic rocks, and lo- cally metamorphosed Mesozoic and Tertiary volcanic and sediment- ary rocks; area con- tinues westward into sheet 2 (a) Molybdenite in thin quartz veins and vein- lets that cut Tertiary granitic rocks; possi- bly local stockworks (b) Sparsely distributed secondary uranium min- erals mainly localized along joints in Mesozoic tuff and tuff breccia (c) Thin gold-bearing quartz veins in Terti- ary granite or Mesozoic volcanic and sedimentary rocks (d) Mineralized altered zones in Tertiary granite (e) Apparently small poly- metallic precious metal- bearing veins that cut Tertiary granite (f) One reported occur- rence of a contact-met- amorphic (skarn)-type de- posit; probably contigu- ous to a Tertiary pluton (g) Float samples that contain small anomalous concentrations of tin (h) Occurrence of placer gold in panned concen- trates | No production or known reserves but possibly potentially significant resources | Most of area sketchily mapped, but parts are possibly potentially unmapped; local recon- naissance geochemical coverage; scant geophysical investi- gations; recent activ- ity at a few of the prospects, notably those for molybdenum or uranium | The area is in rug- ged, partly glacier- covered terrain and has not been thor- oughly prospected; most of its known deposits represent recent discoveries; the extensive, lar- gely alluviated low- land east of the area contains several pla- cer gold deposits, in- cluding a few that have had minor prod- uction; isolated out- crops throughout the lowland have some po- tential for mineral resources, particu- larly for porphyry type copper-molyb- denum deposits; area 30 contains a variety of known min- eral deposits and ex- tensive scantily ex- plored or unexplored tracts that are geot- ologically favorable; additional exploration of the known deposits or in scantily pros- pected areas may iden- tify significant min- eral resources | (a) Thin quartz veins and possible local stockworks containing molybdenite exist; others possible but tonnages low (b) Uranium in veinlets and coatings associated with volcanic rocks is known (c) Thin gold-bearing quartz veins; tonnages small (d) One porphyry type occurrence; area is largely unexplored and favorable for porphyry copper and molybdenum deposits (e) One small tonnage polymetallic vein con- taining gold and silver; others possible (f) Reported occurrence of a copper-bearing skarn; others probable (g) Anomalous concentra- tions of tin; signifi- cance not known (h) Placer gold occur- rence that has not been examined closely | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 5 deposits or more | (d) porphyry copper model porphyry molybdenum model (f) copper skarn model |

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| 31. | (a) Cu(Mo, Ag, Au)-- porphyry (b) Au/Ag--placer (c) Cu/Ag--vein (d) Cu/Ag--sub- aerial volcano- genic (e) Au(Ag, Cu)-- vein | (f) Au(Cu)--contact metamorphic? (g) Cu--magmatic, one occurrence (h) Ag(Au, Cu, Zn, Pb)-- vein | Extreme northeastern part of McCarthy quad- rangle and southeastern part of Mahesna quad- rangle; contains local upper Paleozoic and Tri- assic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, abun- dant upper Mesozoic flysch with subordin- ate volcanic facies, Cretaceous granitic plutons, Tertiary fel- sic hypabyssal plutons, and Cenozoic andesitic lavas (a) Porphyry-type de- posits associated with Cretaceous granitic rocks of the Klein Creek pluton (b) Stream and bench placers (c) Thin sulfide-bear- ing quartz or quartz- calcite veins in di- verse host rocks (d) Mainly native cop- per sparsely distrib- uted in amygdulites or leach disseminations in Triassic basalt (e) Thin gold-bearing quartz veins in a variety of host rocks (f) Massive sulfides, chiefly pyrrhotite, associated with minor amounts of gold at one old prospect (g) Sparsely dissemi- nated sulfides, includ- ing chalcocopyrite, in gabbro (h) Thin polymetallic carbonate or barite veins | Placer gold produc- tion estimated between 1,400 kg and 1,560 kg (45,000 and 50,000 ounces) of gold and minor byproduct sil- ver constitutes the only production from the area; the area's six porphyry copper prospects have re- sources estimated at 260 million tons of 0.2 percent copper and very low molyb- denum and gold con- tents; the area may contain some placer gold resources of interest, but re- sources in other de- posit types, except porphyries, are in- ferred to be minor | Covered by modern recon- naissance geologic, geo- chemical, and geophysical investigations; recent ex- ploration interest in the porphyry deposits, a few gold placers, and one gold lode | The resource po- tential of the porphyry copper deposits overshad- ows that of the other deposit types; a strong aeromagnetic anomaly near the southeastern extre- mity of the area is strongly suggestive of a concealed plut- on of the Klein Creek type, which may be an at- tractive exploration target for porphyry- type deposits | (a) Nine porphyry cop- per type deposits have been found but are in- completely explored; six deposits have been partially drilled; sev- eral undiscovered de- posits are possible in this area; between areas 31 and 32 lies a covered region favorable for por- phyry copper deposits (b) A number of placer gold deposits are known; past production about 1500 kg gold; some gold probably remains in known placers; a few placers might be left to be found (c) Small tonnage sul- fide-bearing veins occur; others possible (d) High tonnage of very low grade copper in ba- salt; smaller tonnages with locally high grades possible (e) Small tonnage gold- bearing quartz veins | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 6 8 11 or more deposits | (a) porphyry copper model |

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| 32. | (a) Cu(Mo, Ag, Au)-- porphyry (b) Mo--porphyry (c) Au, Cu(Ag, Fe)-- contact metamor- phic (d) Cu(Ag, Au)--stock- work (e) Cu(Ag, Pb, Zn)-- breccia pipe (f) Cu(Ag)--sub- aerial volcani- c (g) Cu(Ag)--vein (h) Au(Ag)--placer (i) Au(Ag)--vein | (j) Cu--magmatic? (k) Mo--pegmatite (l) (Ag, Pb, Zn)--vein | South-central and west- central parts of Nabesna quadrangle; underlain by upper Paleozoic and Meso- zoic volcanic and sedi- mentary rocks, Mesozoic and Tertiary plutons, and local Cenozoic vol- canic rocks (a) Porphyry-type deposits associated with Mesozoic granitic plutons (b) Porphyry-type deposits generally associated with Tertiary plutons (c) Contact-metamorphic de- posits adjacent to Meso- zoic granitic plutons; chiefly for gold or copper (d) Stockworks of quartz veins in or near Tertiary or Mesozoic plutons (e) Breccia pipes asso- ciated with dynamic in- trusive activity (f) Amygdaloidal and weakly disseminated cop- per deposits in Triassic basalt (g) Thin copper-bearing veins in various host- rocks, mainly Triassic basalt (h) Small placer gold de- posits in streams (i) Thin gold-bearing veins in diverse geologic settings (j, k, l) Minor occurrences with little economic po- tential | The only production from the area con- sists of a little less than 1,800 kg (57,000 ounces) of gold almost entirely from one contact- metamorphic de- posit, the Nabesna mine; large low- grade copper, molyb- denum, and gold resources are in- ferred in the por- phyry-type de- posits; the two larg- est-known and best- explored porphyry copper deposits have indicated and in- ferred resources of about 820 million (metric) tons that average between 0.30 and 0.35 percent copper, 0.02 per- cent molybdenum, and about .017 g/t (0.006 oz/st) gold, and very low amounts of silver; the other porphyry copper and porphyry molybdenum deposits are much smaller; one contact- metamorphic deposit contains 4,000 tons that averages 34 g/t (1 oz s/t) gold, and similar resources are inferred in near- by deposits; the other deposit types are inferred to have small resources, but, in general, they haven't been adequ- ately explored | Covered by modern recon- naissance geologic, geo- chemical and geophysical studies by U.S. Geological Survey; local topical studies, mainly of por- phyry type deposits, by government and other geo- logists; fairly active re- cent exploration of a few porphyry type deposits | The area is highly and diversely mi- neralized; it is be- lieved to contain significant resources, particularly in por- phyry-type deposits; despite a moderate amount of prospect- ing, the area prob- ably contains some undiscovered, con- cealed deposits that may be impor- tant | (a) Two porphyry copper deposits have been well explored; four other de- posits have been partial- ly explored and are prob- ably porphyry coppers; other concealed deposits probably remain to be found (b) Two deposits that are probably the porphy- ry molybdenum type have been discovered; one or two more are possible in this area (c) Contact metamorphic copper deposits that contain gold are known; geology favorable for more (d) Copper-bearing stockworks of quartz veins containing silver and gold; possibly re- lated to porphyry cop- per type deposits (e) Breccia pipes con- taining copper and some silver, lead and zinc; tonnages not known but probably small (f) Large tonnage of very low grade copper in basalt; low values of sil- ver; possibly local con- centrations of higher grade (g) Low tonnage vein de- posits containing copper with minor silver (h) Small placer gold deposits in streams (i) Low tonnage gold- bearing veins | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 4 6 9 or more deposits 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 2 3 4 or more deposits 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 8 10 14 deposits or more | (a) porphyry copper model (b) porphyry molybde- num model (c) skarn copper model |

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| 33. | (a)Au(Ag,Pt)-- placer (b)Ag,Au(Cu,Pb)-- vein (c)Cu(Ag)--sub- marine volcano- genic (d)Cu--contact metamorphic (e)Mo,Cu(Ag)-- porphyry and stockwork | (f)Fe--submarine vol- canogenic? (g)Cu(Ag)--subaerial volcanogenic (h)Au--disseminated (i)U--vein? (j)Cr--magmatic | Southern flank of east- ern Alaska Range and vicinity; area locally transected by Denali fault but mainly south of the fault; under- lain by Paleozoic meta- morphic rocks north of Denali fault; elsewhere by upper Paleozoic vol- canic, sedimentary, and plutonic rocks and by Mesozoic volcanic and plutonic rocks (a)Stream, bench, and channel placers (b)Quartz or barite- carbonate veins less than 2.5 m thick gen- erally in the Ahtell pluton (upper Paleo- zoic) or nearby rocks; mainly prospected for silver, less commonly for gold or copper (c)Mainly copper-bear- ing disseminated sul- fides in Paleozoic metamorphic rocks; includes a few depos- its that may repre- sent metamorphic re- placements (d)Localized adjacent to granitic plutons; typically contain sparsely disseminated copper minerals (e)One weakly mineral- ized molybdenum porphyry and one small stockwork that contains copper minerals; both in upper Paleozoic granitic rocks (f)One occurrence, a bedded zone about 5 m thick that is rich in magnetite and hematite; in Pennsylvanian vol- canic rocks (g)Occurrences of weakly mineralized copper-bear- ing amygdaloids and dis- seminations in Triassic basalt (h)Occurrence of sparsely disseminated gold in di- orite (i)Unde claim for uranium; no geologic data (j)Sparsely disseminated chromite in small, partly serpentinized, dunite masses along the Denali fault | The gold placers account for the only production from the area; their production is not accurately known but probably on the order of 1,900 kg (80,000 ounces) of gold with a little by- product silver and platinum; the placers are be- lieved to contain sufficient re- sources for con- tinued small- scale mining; the silver-rich veins associated with the Ahtell pluton appear to be too small to constitute more than a modest re- source; the large- ly untested submarine vol- canogenic, por- phyry, and stock- work deposits may contain signifi- cant resources; other deposit types known in the area are re- garded as having minor resource potentials | The geology of the area is mainly known from lo- cal investigations by state geologists; some geochemical sampling, but no geophysical studies, accompanied these investigations; parts of the area are well prospected and others scantily pros- pected; recent activ- ity has centered on several placer oper- ations, exploring a few silver-bearing veins, and searching for submarine volcano- genic or porphyry-type deposits | The area is well mineralized; it contains several deposit types and, possibly, signifi- cant resources | (a) Gold-bearing stream, bench, and channel pla- cers have had past pro- duction on the order of 1900 kg gold with some silver and platinum; continued small pro- duction possible (b) Small tonnage quartz or barite-carbonate veins containing silver, gold, and some copper and lead (c) Copper-bearing dis- seminated sulfides that may represent volcano- genic deposits (d) Three contact meta- morphic deposits con- taining copper known; others possible (e) One weakly miner- alized porphyry molyb- denum deposit and one small stockwork that may be a porphyry cop- per are known; area is favorable for porphyry copper or molybdenum deposits and is only partially explored (h) Occurrence of sparsely disseminated gold in diortite; may be related to porphyry copper min- eralization | (a) 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 3 5 9 deposits or more (e) 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more | (e) porphyry copper model porphyry molybdenum model |

| AREA OUT- LINED ON FIG. | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL(S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 4) |
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| 34. | (a) Au(Ag)--placer (b) Cu(Mo, Au, Ag)-- porphyry (c) Cu(Ag)--sub- marine volcano- genic (d) Cu(Fe, Au)-- contact meta- morphitic (e) Ni, Cu(Ag)-- magmatic (f) Cu(Ag)--sub- aerial volcano- genic (g) Au(Ag)--vein (h) Cu(Ag)--vein (i) Mo(Cu)--por- phyry (j) Cu(Ag)--sed- imentary? | (k) Au(Cu)--fossil placer? (l) Zn(Cu)--metamor- phic replacement (m) Cr--magmatic (n) U--type unknown | Southern flank of east central Alaska Range south of McKinley strand of Denali fault and prox- imal area to south; underlain by upper Paleo- zoic and Mesozoic vol- canic and sedimentary rocks; Mesozoic and Ter- tiary granitic plutons, and local ultramafic and mafic masses (a) Stream, bench, and channel placers (b) Porphyry-type depos- its in or near granitic plutons (c) Disseminated and lo- cally massive sulfides, including chalcocopyrite; typically associated with upper Paleozoic volcanic rocks (d) Skarn-type deposits generally with lean disseminations of chal- copyrite and local con- centrations of magnetite (e) Disseminated and lo- cally massive sulfides in ultramafic dikes or gabbro; contain some chalcocopyrite and pent- landite (f) Low-grade mineralized zones in Triassic mafic lavas (g) Thin gold-bearing quartz veins in diverse host rocks (h) Thin veins commonly localized in shear zones; most abundant in Triassic volcanic rocks (i) Local, apparently low- grade concentrations of molybdenite-bearing quartz veins in Cretaceous? gran- ite (j) Finely laminated pyrite and chalcocopyrite in Tri- assic sedimentary rocks that interfinger with Tri- assic basalt (k) Heavily mineralized gold- bearing upper Paleozoic con- glomerate (l) Occurrence of dissemin- ated zinc and copper miner- als in metasedimentary rocks (m) Sparsely disseminated chromite in small masses of serpentinized dunite (n) Reported claim; geologic setting not known | The Valdez Creek district has pro- duced about 1,700 kg (34,000 ounces) of placer gold and some byproduct sil- ver; its placer gold resources have been estimated at more than 15,000 kg (485,000 ounces) in buried channels and bench gravels; the other gold placers in the area have yielded minor production; they probably have small resources; no known lode production; po- tentially signifi- cant resources in several types of lode deposits, par- ticularly the por- phyry and subma- rine volcanogenic deposits | Geologic mapping in area mainly by State and Uni- versity geologists; lo- cal geochemical studies; seismic survey of a small part of the Valdez Creek district; parts of the area have been only cor- sarily examined; fairly active recent prospect- ing but minor physical exploration | The area is re- garded as being well mineralized and as having a good resource potential; be- sides its placer gold resources, the area contains scantily explored deposits of sev- eral types that represent poten- tially signifi- cant resources, and it is favor- able for addi- tional discover- ies | (a) Placer gold deposits with some silver; past production of about 1,700 kg gold; placer gold de- posits in buried channels and bench gravels have resources estimated at more than 15,000 kg gold (b) Five porphyry copper deposits have been found; favorable geology and un- even exploration suggest that additional unfound deposits remain (c) Volcanogenic deposits containing copper, silver and some lead; five de- posits have been discov- ered; more likely (d) Copper skarn deposits that contain iron and gold are known; additional de- posits possible (e) Six nickel and copper- bearing massive sulfide deposits have been found; others possible (f) Very low grades of copper and silver in large tonnages of mafic volcanic lavas; local concentrations of higher grades possible (g) Numerous low tonnage quartz veins containing gold and some silver (h) Small tonnage copper veins; usually in mafic volcanic rocks (i) One apparently low grade porphyry molybdenum deposit is known; others possible (j) Copper and minor sil- ver in sedimentary rocks associated with basalt; deposit type not clear (k) Low grade gold-bearing conglomerate (m) Apparently low grades of chromite in small masses of dunite; other deposits possible | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 10 deposits or more 4 6 10 deposits or more 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 9 deposits or more 2 4 9 deposits or more | (b) porphyry copper model (c) felsic and inter- mediate volcanogenic massive sulfide model (d) copper skarn model (e) nickel sulfide model (i) porphyry molybde- num model (m) podiform chromite model |

| AREA OUT- LINED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES OTHER OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROLS OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 4) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 35. | (a) Cu(Au, Ag)--vein (b) Cu(Au, Ag)--sub- marine volcanogenic (c) Cu(Mo)--porphyry (d) Au(Ag)--placer | (a) Au--vein, occur- rences (f) Mo--porphyry | Parts of the Talkeetna Mountains and nearby low-relief uplands; un- derlain by upper Paleo- zoic volcanic and sedi- mentary rocks; Lower Jurassic volcanic and sedimentary rocks, and Mesozoic and Tertiary granitic rocks (a) About 10 prospects and several occurrences on typically thin cop- per-bearing veins that are localized in shear zones, mainly in upper Paleozoic rocks (b) Disseminations and local small masses that contain copper sulfides; in upper Paleozoic vol- canic rocks (c) Lean disseminations and veinlets that con- tain chalcocite and molybdenite; in or near granitic rocks (d) Stream and bench placers (e) Thin, lean gold- bearing veins (f) The granitic plu- tons, chiefly the Tertiary ones, are favorable for por- phyry molybdenum deposits | Except for small production of gold from the placers the area has not been productive; known resources are meager, but pos- sibly significant potential resources, mainly in the sub- marine volcanogenic or porphyry type deposits | The Talkeetna Mountains quadrangle part of the area is covered by mod- ern reconnaissance geo- logic, geochemical, and geophysical studies; the eastern part of the area, in the Bulkan quadrangle, is only sketchily mapped and lacks geochemical and geophysical studies; moderate recent explora- tion interest in parts of area, particularly in the submarine vol- canogenic and porphyry deposits and a few gold placers | The area contains large tracts that have not been thor- oughly prospected and are geologi- cally favorable for porphyry and sub- marine volcanogenic deposits; although the known submarine volcanogenic depos- its are associated with upper Paleo- zoic volcanic rocks, the Lower Jurassic volcanic sequences may also contain similar deposits; isolated outcrops and concealed area mainly south of the eastern tongue-like extremity of the area also have some favorability for resources | (a) copper-bearing veins that contain some gold and silver; generally small tonnages; about 10 prospects known; more possible (b) Copper-bearing sub- marine volcanogenic de- posits that contain gold and silver; known depos- its are apparently dis- seminations and local small masses; other, possibly larger, depos- its likely (c) several low grade por- phyry copper deposits that contain molybdenum have been found; other, possibly higher grade deposits, are possible in area 35 and south of the eastern tongue- like extremity of the area (d) numerous gold-bearing stream and bench placers are known; production has been small; small quanti- ties probably remain (f) Part of the area is favorable for porphyry molybdenum deposits; none have been discovered yet | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 1 3 9 deposits or more 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 1 2 5 deposits or more 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more | (b) felsic and inter- mediate volcanogenic massive sulfide model (c) porphyry copper model (f) porphyry molybdenum model |
| 36. | (a) Mo(Cu, Au)-- porphyry and vein (b) Ag, Au, Sb--vein (c) Cu(Au)--porphyry and vein (d) Au(Ag)--placer | (e) Cu(Ag)--sub- aerial volcano- genic (f) U--one occur- rence reported; adjacent to a small granitic pluton | Includes broad, mainly mountainous regions in the upper Susitna and Chulitna River drain- age systems; largely underlain by upper Mesozoic flysch and by Tertiary and Cre- taceous granitic plutons; local Tri- assic and Cenozoic subaerial volcanic rocks (a) A few known por- phyry-type deposits and thin veins asso- ciated with Tertiary granitic rocks (b) Small precious metal and locally stibnite-rich veins in diverse host rocks; typically associated with Tertiary intru- sive rocks (c) Poorly known de- posits mainly related to granitic rocks; in- cludes at least one copper-bearing porphyry (d) Stream and bench placers (e) The Triassic vol- canic rocks are favor- able hosts for sub- aerial volcanogenic deposits | Minor placer gold production; a lit- tle silver recover- ed from the pla- cers and one local known deposit ap- parently have small resources | Parts of the Talkeetna and Talkeetna Mountains quadrangles that are within area 36 are cov- ered by modern U.S. Geo- logical Survey studies including reconnaissance geology, geochemistry, and geophysics; the re- minder of the area has scant geologic coverage and no known geochemis- try or geophysics; a little recent inter- est by industry | On the basis of its known deposits, the mineral resource po- tential of the area is low; however, the area has been scant- ily prospected, and it is geologically favorable, particu- larly for porphyry type deposits | (a) Several porphyry mo- lybdenum deposits have been found; favorable geology and scanty exploration suggest that more deposits may occur (b) A few small tonnage veins containing gold, silver, and some antimony are known; others likely (c) Several poorly known deposits that may be the porphyry copper type; others may be present (d) Gold-bearing stream and bench placers; minor gold and a little silver produced; apparently small amounts remain (e) Mafic volcanic rocks may contain local con- centrations of copper (f) One uranium-bearing occurrence adjacent to a small granitic pluton | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 1 2 4 deposits or more 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 4 deposits or more | (a) porphyry molybdenum model (c) porphyry, copper model |

The area includes a covered by modern B.S. geological survey re-
the poorly explored
mountainous northern
part of the area are
favourable for tin de-
posits
Tertiary plutons in
the area contains
many types of min-
eral deposits in-
cluding some that
have been only scan-
dally explored;
among these, the tin,
magnetite, and porphyry
type deposits, in par-
ticular, may have good
resource potential
and are worthy of ex-
ploration
been sketched
mapped; some re-
cent exploration
interest

Upper Chivina dis-
trict and nearby
regions a highly
mineralized, struc-
turally complicated
area underlain by
locally metamor-
phosed Palaeozoic and
Mesozoic sedimentary
and volcanic rocks,
little lead, m-
or placer gold
production with
some byproduct
silver; some iden-
tified resources
in the Golden
Zone; more spec-
ulative resources
in many of the
other deposits,
which are largely
poorly explored

(a) Au, Ag, Pt, Sb, U, Th
(b) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(c) Sn--vein or
granite

(a) Au, Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn
(b) Au, Ag, Sb, Pb, Zn
(c) Sn--vein
(d) Ni, Cr, Cu, Pt, U
(e) Cu, Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(f) Cu, Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(g) Cu, Au, Ag, Sb, Pb, Zn
(h) Cu, Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(i) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(j) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(k) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
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(p) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(q) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(r) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(s) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(t) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(u) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(v) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(w) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(x) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(y) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn
(z) Au, Ag, Pb, Zn

(d) podiform chromite
model, nickel sulfide
model
(e) porphyry copper
model
(f) A few, probably small
bit of other deposits
its known; a slight possi-
bility of other deposits
1 2 4 deposits
are
there
that
model
(g) Porphyry-type deposits
that apparently are weakly
mineralized; three depos-
its known; a slight possi-
bility of other deposits
90% 50% 10% chance
or more
(h) Generally small gold
bearing stream and beach
placers
and zinc
ver, antimony, molybdenum,
that have some gold, sil-
ver, antimony, molybdenum,
and zinc

placers
(h) Stream and beach
placer
(i) Stream and beach
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(j) Stream and beach
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(k) Stream and beach
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(l) Stream and beach
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(w) Stream and beach
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(x) Stream and beach
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(y) Stream and beach
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(z) Stream and beach
placer

| AREA NOTED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECIALLY TYPED TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL (S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADE S AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE A) |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| 41. | (a) Cu(Au, Ag, Zn, Pb)-- submarine volcano- genic (b) Au(Ag)--placer (c) Cu(Mo, Ag)--por- phyry (d) Cu(Fe)--con- tact metamorphic (e) Zn(Ag, Pb, Cu)-- replacement (f) Au, Ag--vein (g) Sb(Au)--vein (h) U--sedimen- tary | (i) Mo(Au)--vein and porphyry? (j) Cu--magmatic (k) Au, Ag(Cu, Pb)-- breccia pipes | Central Alaska Range and its northern flanks; area underlain by Precambrian and Paleozoic metamor- phosed volcanic and sedi- mentary rocks, Mesozoic and Tertiary sediment- ary and volcanic rocks, Mesozoic and Tertiary intrusive rocks (a) Massive and dissemi- nated sulfide deposits in or near metavolcanic rocks, chiefly metachy- olite (b) Stream, bench, and flood plain placers (c) Disseminated sulfides and sulfide-bearing vein- lets, in or near altered granitic rocks (d) Massive and dissemi- nated sulfides and magnet- ite in metamorphic rocks, chiefly marble, near gra- nitic or gabbroic intru- sives (e) Sphalerite-rich dissem- inations and masses in carbonate rocks (f) Mainly thin, polymet- allic precious metal--bear- ing veins; generally lo- calized in schist (g) Thin stibnite-bearing veins and small lenses, mainly in schist; both (f) and (g) are probably genetically related to shallow Tertiary plutons (h) Mainly secondary uran- ium minerals localized in near-basal parts of Ter- tiary subaerial sedimen- tary rocks (i) One prospect on molyb- denite-bearing quartz veins in granitic rocks; speculative molybdenum porphyry deposits (j) Prospect on mafic in- trusive rock that con- tains disseminated sul- fides, including sparse- ly distributed chalcopy- rite (k) Speculative base and precious metal-bearing breccia pipes associated with Tertiary intrusive centers | The main production from the area con- sists of between 1,000 kg and 1,600 kg (45,000 and 1,600 ounces) of 50,000 ounces of gold and some by- product silver re- covered from pla- cer operations pri- or to 1960; since 1960 about 10 of the placer mines have been worked on intermittent small scales; small amounts of gold and silver have been recov- ered from a few lode deposits; the mineral re- source potential of the area is large; in partic- ular, the sub- marine volcano- genic deposits, which are the fo- cus of much cur- rent exploration, probably contain significant re- sources of sev- eral metals; re- sources in zinc- rich replacement deposits in the Mount Eielson district prob- ably are fairly large; poten- tially significant resources may be in several other deposit types, such as the por- phyries and con- tact-metamorphic deposits, both of which are scan- tily explored; resources in the precious metal- bearing veins are probably small, but some of these depos- its may support small-scale min- ing; identified placer gold re- sources are suf- ficient to sus- tain continued small mining op- erations; poten- tial placer gold resources may be large; the uran- ium resource po- tential of the area is unknown and is based on favorable geol- ogy and small- scale explora- tion | Geologic knowledge of area based on local studies by State and Federal geolo- gists that range from semi- detailed to reconnaissance; some geochemical and geo- physical studies; no sys- tematic investigations of entire area; strong recent exploration activity re- lated to submarine vol- canogenic deposits; less intense recent exploration of gold placers and a few other deposit types, in- cluding sedimentary uran- ium deposits | Submarine volcano- genic deposits mainly associated with metachyolite of the mid-Paleo- zoic Taitania Schist are the fo- cus of much recent exploration inter- est; several of these deposits have been drilled or are being drilled, re- sults are not yet available; there is a strong likelihood that these deposits contain large re- sources of several metals including copper, zinc, gold, and silver; Terti- ary and Cretaceous subaerial sedimen- tary rocks with as- sociated volcanic rocks mantle large parts of the area; favorable host rocks are locally exposed throughout this cover as windows and under- lie the Cretaceous and Tertiary cover at shallow depths at many places; the Cre- taceous and Tertiary sedimentary rocks are geologically favorable for uranium deposits. but, to date, the small-scale uranium prospecting in them has not disclosed significant deposits | (a) Several submarine volcanogenic deposits are known but not com- pletely drilled; depos- its contain copper, lead, and zinc and lo- cally economic grades of gold and silver; large favorable area and re- cent incomplete explora- tion suggest that many deposits could be in area 41 (b) Stream, bench, and flood plain placers con- taining gold and some silver are numerous; past production of about 1500 kg gold; future production from known deposits likely and un- discovered deposits possible (c) Three possible por- phyry copper deposits; area might contain a few porphyry deposits (d) Contact metamorphic deposits containing copper, iron, and possibly gold (e) Several replacement deposits containing zinc and lead with some silver and copper (f) Small tonnage veins that have gold and minor silver contents (g) Many small tonnage veins that contain anti- mony and gold (h) Favorable geology for sandstone uranium deposits; recent exploration activity has been encouraging; possi- bly a number of unfound deposits (i) Molybdenum-bearing quartz veins at one pros- pect; small tonnage; may be indicative of porphyry molybdenum deposits in area | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 4 9 24 deposits or more | (a) felsic and inter- mediate volcanogenic massive sulfide model |

| AREA DOT- CYED ON 1982 | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL (S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 4) |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| 42. | (a)Au(Ag)--placer (b)Au,Ag(Pb,Zn,Cu)-- vein (c)Sb(Au)--vein (d)Zn,Cu,Ag(Pb)-- submarine volcano- genic | (e)Cu(Ag,Zn)--con- tact metamorphic (f)Cu--magnetic | Kantishna district and nearby area; contains Paleozoic and Precam- brian metamorphic rocks, including metavolcanic rocks; local, mainly Tertiary, intrusive rocks; and small areas of Cretaceous and Ter- tiary subaerial sedi- mentary and volcanic rocks (a)Mainly stream and bench placers (b)Generally thin poly- metallic precious me- tal-bearing veins that cut metamorphic rocks; typically high grade but small; probably genetically related to Tertiary igneous activ- ity (c)Stibnite-rich veins and lenses, as much as 1 m thick; commonly lo- calized in metamorphic rocks (d)Massive and dissem- inated sulfides mainly in or near metarhyolite of the Totatlanika Schist (mid Paleozoic) (e)One skarn-type deposit known in area; probably small (f)Occurrence of dissem- inated sulfides, includ- ing chalcopyrite, in gab- bro | Before 1960 the placer deposits had an estimated production be- tween 1,400 kg and 1,600 kg (45,000 and 50,000 ounces) of gold and subordinate byprod- uct silver; small post-1960 placer production from in- termittent opera- tions; small amounts of gold and silver have been recovered from the veins; more than 1,800 t (2,000 st) of antimony have been mined from the area, mainly from the Stampede mine, which is Alaska's foremost antimony producer; both the gold-silver lodes and the placers have some identi- fied resources and probably signifi- cant potential re- sources; identified resources at the Stampede mine are more than 6,300 t (7,000 st) mainly containing between 10 and 15 percent antimony; potential antimony resources of the area are much larger; the untested recently discovered sub- marine volcano- genic deposits in the northern part of the area may contain significant resources | The area is covered by reconnaissance and lo- cal detailed mapping by State and Federal agen- cies; some geochemical, but very meager geo- physical coverage; mod- erate recent exploration interest by industry | The area is well mineralized and probably contains significant re- sources; although most of its major deposit types have been known for many years, many have not been adequately ex- plored; the sub- marine volcanogenic deposits in the nor- thern part of the area represent re- cent discoveries that merit explora- tion | (a) Numerous gold-bearing placers; past production about 1500 kg gold and subordinate byproduct silver; probably signifi- cant amounts of gold remain in known deposits (b) Generally small ton- nage but high grade poly- metallic veins; one of the vein systems produced about 200 kg gold and slightly more silver; possible future produc- tion primarily of gold and silver (c) Antimony-bearing veins some of which are as much as 6 m thick; Alaska's foremost antimony produc- er with past recorded pro- duction more than 1,800 t; identified resources at largest mine are more than 6,300 t mainly containing between 10 and 15 percent antimony; potentially higher tonnages at known deposits and some undis- covered deposits (d) Several recently dis- covered submarine volcano- genic deposits that are incompletely explored are known; deposits contain zinc, copper, and silver with some lead and possi- ble gold; known deposits are in northern part of area 42; lack of system- atic exploration and ex- tent of favorable geology suggest that area could contain more deposits | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 5 7 12 deposits or more | (d) felsic and inter- mediate volcanogenic massive sulfide model |

TABLE 2. METALLIFEROUS MINERAL RESOURCE DATA FOR WESTERN SOUTHERN ALASKA
(Refers to sheet 2)

| AREA OUT- LINED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL(S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 4) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| 1. | (a)Au(Ag)--vein (b)Au(Ag,Pt)-- placer | (c)M--disseminated? | Central parts of Kodiak and Afognak Islands; un- derlain by upper Meso- zoic flysch and local Tertiary granitic plu- tons (a)Gold-bearing quartz veins, mainly less than 1 m thick, that gener- ally are localized in upper Mesozoic flysch (b)Beach placers and a few stream and dune placers (c)Tungsten prospects in upper Mesozoic gray- wackes | Production data sketchy; the lode deposits probably produced less than 32 kg (1,000 ounces) of gold and a little byproduct silver; placer gold produc- tion probably a little larger and includes minor amounts of byproduct silver and platinum; some resources in the gold lodes and placers, but they probably are small | Recent reconnaissance mapping by U.S. Geolog- ical Survey and Univer- sity geologists; scant recent exploration in- terest by industry; little geochemical or geophysical data | Much of area 1 is covered by dense vegetation and is difficult to pros- pect; on the basis of known geology and known deposits, the area's main re- source potential is for gold, but this is regarded as only of moderate signifi- cance | (a) Gold-bearing quartz veins; generally small tonnage; total production probably less than 32 kg gold; probably more de- posits in this difficult to prospect area (b) Beach, a few stream, and dune placers that contain gold and some silver and platinum; some past production; probably small amounts remain | | |
| 2. | (a)Cu(Au,Zn,Pb)-- submarine volcano- genic (b)Au(Ag)--placer | (c)Cu--magmatic; one occurrence (d)Au(Ag)--vein | Southeastern part of Kodiak Island and some nearby islands; area contains Tertiary, mainly flyschoid, rocks and scattered Tertiary plutons (a)Disseminated sulfides, including chalcocopyrite, in Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic rocks (b>Mainly beach placers (c)Weakly disseminated sulfides in a gabbro sill (d)Areas near Tertiary plutons are favorable for thin, gold-bearing quartz veins | Possibly a little placer gold produced; otherwise no produc- tion; known resources are scant; resource potential rests on significant new dis- coveries, particu- larly of submarine volcanogenic deposits | Recent reconnaissance mapping by Government and University geolo- gists, but very little geochemical or geo- physical data; scant recent interest by industry | The resource potential of area 2 is regarded as low; however the area is geologically favorable for sub- marine volcanogenic deposits associated with mafic lavas, and possibly, it contains significant, undis- covered deposits of this type | (a) Several submarine volcanogenic deposits associated with mafic lavas are known; depos- its usually contain cop- per, zinc, and gold; sev- eral other deposits possibly exist (b) Gold-bearing beach placers; generally small tonnage | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more | (a) mafic volcano- genic model |
| 3. | (a)Au(Ag)--placer (b)Au(Ag)--vein | (c)Cu(Ag)--vein (d)Cu(Ag,Zn)--sub- marine volcano- genic (e)Cu(Mo)--porphyry (f)Cr--magmatic | Northwestern parts of Kodiak and Afognak Islands, northwest of Border Ranges fault; underlain by upper Paleozoic and Tri- assic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, Cre- taceous and Terti- ary granitic rocks, and local ultramafic rocks and gabbro (a>Mainly beach placers (b)Thin quartz veins in or near granitic rocks (c)One prospect on a thin copper-bearing vein in a fault zone (d)Suspected deposits associated with mafic volcanic rocks (e)Suspected deposits associated with gran- itic rocks (f)Some of the ultra- mafic rocks are fa- vorable for chromite deposits | Small, but unknown amounts of gold re- covered from the beach placers; other- wise no known produc- tion; known resources are small but area may contain impor- tant undiscovered resources | Covered by recent re- connaissance geologic mapping but little available geochemical or geophysical data; little recent explora- tion interest by industry | The area is geology- cally favorable for several types of min- eral deposits, and it hasn't been thoroughly prospected; for these reasons it is infer- red to have at least a moderate resource potential; the Barran Islands, to the north, are geologically sim- ilar to parts of area 3 and are regarded as having some favora- bility | (a) Mainly beach placers that contain gold and some silver; probably small tonnage (b) Small tonnage gold- bearing quartz veins; several are known, others possible (c) Submarine volcano- genic deposits with copper, zinc and gold are possible; area is not well prospected and is geologically favorable (d) Possible copper-bearing porphyry type deposits; part of area is favorable and incompletely explored (e) Portion of area is favorable for podiform chromite deposits; none known but area has not been thoroughly prospected | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 3 deposits or more 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 0 1 2 deposits or more | (d) mafic volcano- genic model (e) porphyry copper model (f) podiform chromite model |

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| AREA OUT- LINED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES ANY OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROLS(S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRAMS AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (SEE TABLE 4) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| B. (Ad- joins area 5 on central Alaska map) | (a)Fe(Ti)--magnetic (b)Au--vein (c)Au--placer | (d)Hg--vein | Mainly lowlands in central part of Of- lingham quadrangle; largely mantled by Quaternary surficial deposits; Mesozoic sedimentary rocks and Cretaceous and Terti- ary granitic rocks crop out on isolated low hills throughout the area (a)Large buried titani- ferous magnetite de- posit in pyroxenite; discovered by diamond drilling in magnetic area detected during an industry-sponsored aeromagnetic survey in 1958 (b)Thin quartz veins near margins of a granitic stock (c)Stream placers; one prospect and one occur- rence (d)Suspected clauddar- bearing veins related to young granitic rocks | The one known gold lode in the area re- portedly yielded a small amount of gold; the dominant and probably only signi- ficant resources in the area are the mag- netic iron-titanium deposits; these de- posits, which have been explored by 16 diamond drill holes, are believed to con- tain about 2.4 billion tons of hypothetical resources averaging 15 to 17 percent to- tal iron and 10.5 to 12 percent magnetic iron | The area is poorly known geologically and geochem- ically; industry-sponsored aeromagnetic survey, but otherwise, scant geophys- ical coverage; with the exception of diamond drill- ing the pyroxenite body during the 1960's, there has been scant industry interest in the region | The titaniferous mag- netite deposits are the predominant po- tential resource of the area; the area may contain sig- nificant concealed de- posits of other types, but, in general, these would be ex- tremely difficult to discover | (a) One buried iron-rich (titaniferous magnetite) magnetic deposit has been discovered; it is believed to contain about 2.4 bil- lion tons averaging 15 to 17 percent total iron and 10.5 to 12 percent magne- tic iron; other concealed deposits of other types are possible (b) Several low tonnage gold-bearing veins have been found (c) Gold-bearing stream placers; one prospect and one occurrence known (d) Mercury vein deposits are suspected | (d) Mercury model | |

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| AREA OUT- LINED ON MAP | MAJOR TYPES OF KNOWN DEPOSITS | SUSPECTED OR SPECULA- TIVE TYPES OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (INCLUDES MINOR OCCURRENCES) | GEOLOGIC CONTROL(S) OF MINERAL RESOURCES | PRODUCTION AND RE- SOURCE INFORMATION | STATUS OF GEOLOGIC IN- FORMATION | ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | SURETY OF MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DEPOSITS (PERCENT CHANCE THAT THERE ARE THE NUMBER PRE- SENTED OR MORE DEPOSITS) | GRADES AND TONNAGES FOR THIS DEPOSIT TYPE (IN TABLE 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| 10, 11, 12. | ----- | (a)Au(Ag)--vein | Area 10 includes the Semidi Islands; area 11, parts of the Shumagin Islands; and area 12, the Sanak Islands; all three areas are underlain by Ter- tiary granitic rocks and upper Mesozoic sedimen- tary rocks (a)Suspected thin gold- bearing quartz veins genetically related to the Tertiary gran- itic rocks | No known mineral de- posits in any of the three areas; the sus- pected gold-bearing vein deposits are analogous to those found in upper Mes- ozoic flysch terranes in southern Alaska and are genetically related to Tertiary plutons; the mineral resource potential of areas 10, 11, and 12 is regarded as low | Some reconnaissance geologic mapping but no available geochem- ical or geophysical information; little or no exploration in- terest for metalli- ferous deposits | Chirikof Island, southeast of area 10, contains one known gold-bear- ing beach placer, but the resource potential of the island is regarded as minimal | (a) Gold-bearing quartz veins are suspected; ton- nages generally low; no deposits known, but areas 10, 11 and 12 have favor- able geology | | |
| 13. | (a)Cu(Mo,Au,Ag)-- porphyry | ----- | Southwestern part of Alaska Peninsula; geol- ogy dominated by Ceno- zoic volcanic rocks re- lated to the Aleutian volcanic arc; local Ter- tiary subvolcanic plu- tons, Tertiary subaerial sedimentary rocks, and possibly some Cretaceous sedimentary rocks (a)Porphyry copper de- posits related to the Aleutian volcanic arc; localized in Tertiary volcanic, intrusive, or sedimentary rocks; more than 20 known occur- rences | No mines or prospects; this scantily explored area contains numerous porphyry copper occur- rences and is favor- able for significant copper resources and lesser resources of byproduct gold, molyb- denum, and silver | Broad reconnaissance mapping; no available geochemical or geo- physical data, al- though some geochem- ical exploration was conducted by mining companies; moderate recent interest by industry | Area 13 is part of a potentially major porphyry copper province that mainly is in area 9; it is poorly explored and is regarded as hav- ing a good resource potential | (a) Porphyry copper depos- its associated with sub- volcanic plutons; possible byproducts of gold, molyb- denum, and silver; more than 20 altered areas that may be porphyry copper de- posits are known; area is poorly explored and may contain many deposits | 90% 50% 10% chance that there are 10 20 35 deposits or more | (a) Island arc porphyry copper model |

TABLE 1. GRADE AND TONNAGE MODELS

(Metric units)

NS, not significant; *, significant at 5-percent level; **, significant at 1 percent level

| Deposit Type | Variable (units) | Number of deposits used | Correlation coefficients | 90 percent of deposits have at least | 50 percent of deposits have at least | 10 percent of deposits have at least |
|--|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Porphyry Copper | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 41 | | 20 | 100 | 430 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 41 | with tonnage = -0.07 NS | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.55 |
| | Average molybdenum grade (percent Mo) | 41 | | 0.0 | 0.008 | 0.031 |
| Island Arc Porphyry Copper | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 41 | | 20 | 100 | 430 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 41 | with tonnage = -0.07 NS | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.55 |
| | Average molybdenum grade (percent Mo) | 41 | | 0.0 | 0.008 | 0.031 |
| | Average gold grade—locally significant but not determined | | | | | |
| Porphyry Molybdenum | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 31 | | 1.5 | 24 | 340 |
| | Average molybdenum grade (percent Mo) | 31 | with tonnage = -0.05 NS | 0.065 | 0.11 | 0.25 |
| Podiform Chromite | Tonnage of Cr_2O_3 (tons) | 268 | | 15 | 200 | 2,700 |
| Copper Skarn | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 35 | | 0.08 | 1.4 | 24 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 35 | with tonnage = -0.44** | 0.86 | 1.7 | 3.5 |
| | Average gold grade—locally significant, but not determined | | | | | |
| 45 Pefic Volcanogenic | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 37 | | 0.24 | 2.3 | 22.0 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 37 | with tonnage = -0.13 NS | 1.1 | 2.2 | 4.1 |
| | Average zinc grade excluding deposits without reported grades (percent) | 19 | with tonnage = 0.03 NS | 0.3 | 1.3 | 5.5 |
| | Average gold grade—locally significant but not determined | | | | | |
| Felsic and Intermediate Volcanogenic Massive Sulfide | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 89 | | 0.19 | 1.9 | 16.0 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 89 | with tonnage = -0.11** | 0.54 | 1.70 | 5.40 |
| | Average zinc grade excluding deposits without reported grades (percent) | 41 | with tonnage = 0.25 NS | 1.40 | 3.80 | 16.00 |
| | Average lead grade excluding deposits without reported grades (percent) | 14 | with tonnage = -0.02 NS | 0.20 | 0.95 | 4.80 |
| | Tonnage contained gold excluding deposits without reported gold (tons) | 30 | with tonnage = 0.78** | 0.27 | 2.90 | 32.00 |
| | Tonnage contained silver excluding deposits without reported silver (tons) | 46 | with tonnage = 0.82** | 5.00 | 80.00 | 1,000.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| Nickel Sulfide | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 48 | | 0.23 | 1.20 | 5.30 |
| | Average nickel grade (percent) | 48 | with tonnage = -0.03 NS | 0.32 | 0.61 | 1.20 |
| | Average copper grade (percent) | 48 | with tonnage = 0.03 NS with nickel grade = 0.04 NS | 0.18 | 0.47 | 1.70 |
| Mercury | Tonnage of contained mercury (tons) | 165 | | 0.08 | 3.10 | 120.00 |
| Vein Gold | Tonnage of contained gold (tons) | 43 | | 0.29 | 3.30 | 38.00 |
| Skarn/Tactite Tungsten | Tonnage (millions of tons) | 31 | | 0.024 | 0.63 | 17 |
| | Average tungsten grade (percent W) | 31 | with tonnage = -0.34 NS | 0.24 | 0.91 | 1.10 |