Geochemical maps and evaluation of stream-sediment geochemical data of the Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

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INTRODUCTION

Geochemical studies were conducted in the 1° x 3° Wiseman quadrangle in
the central Brooks Range, Alaska in 1977-1982 by the United States Geological
Survey (USGS) under the Alaska Mineral Resource Assessment Program (AMRAP) and
in cooperation with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS). Additional
investigations by other USGS and DGGS personnel consisted of mapping bedrock
and surficial deposits, and collection of gravity, aeromagnetic, and other
geophysical data. The geochemical investigation included the collection of
samples of: stream sediment, panned concentrates from stream sediments,
rocks, and pebbles from stream bedload.

GEOLOGY

The bedrock geology of the Wiseman quadrangle has been mapped by Dillon
and others (1986); their generalized map is the geologic base for plates 1 and
2 of this report. The surficial geology has been separately mapped by
Hamilton (1979). The unconsolidated deposits he mapped are shown as a single
generalized unit on plates 1 and 2. They consist mainly of glacial drift and
lake beds that fill the larger valleys and cover most of the lowlands south of
the Brooks Range. Depth to bedrock beneath some of the valley deposits is as
much as 250 ft on Glacier Creek, more than 365 ft on Wiseman Creek, and 100 to
275 ft on Rosie Creek (Reed, 1938).

Bedrock in the Wiseman quadrangle ranges in age from Proterozoic to
Cretaceous, and in degree of metamorphism from polymetamorphic gneiss of the
amphibolite facies to completely unmetamorphosed rocks (Dillon and others,
1986). However, most of the rocks in the quadrangle are Devonian or older,
and most are in the greenschist facies of metamorphism. In this report the
bedrock units are grouped into six areal subdivisions: I, Angayucham; II,
Schist belt; III, Skagit; IV, Beaucoup-Whiteface; V, Doonerak, and VI,
Endicott. The age and lithology of the rocks in each subdivision is
described
in the section on Geochemical Lithologic Subdivisions. The structural setting
for these subdivisions is described below and illustrated by the cross section
(plates 1 and 2).

The youngest and least metamorphosed rocks are those along the southern
margin of the quadrangle. In that area, volcanic rocks, graywacke, and chert
of Mississippian to Triassic age form the outlying mountains at the south edge
of the Brooks Range and are overlain in the foothills to the south by
Cretaceous sandstone, conglomerate, and shale that are partly nonmarine. The
volcanic rocks and graywacke have been thrust northward over the schists of
the southern Brooks Range along a thrust fault system of regional extent--The
Angayucham Thrust System (Jones and others, 1984)--and have been slightly
metamorphosed to prehnite-pumpellyite and greenschist facies (Dusel-Bacon and
others, in press). According to Jones and others (1984), this thrust system
is a major lithotectonic terrane boundary between the Angayucham terrane on
the south and the Arctic Alaska terrane, which comprises all of the rocks to
the north. The folded but unmetamorphosed mid-Cretaceous sediments of the
Koyukuk basin that overlie the volcanic rocks of the Angayucham terrane
evidently are younger than the thrusting and metamorphism, because they
contain abundant clasts of the Brooks Range metamorphic rocks as well as
clasts of the nearby volcanic rocks (Dillon and Smiley, 1984). Thus, the age
of thrusting and of the latest metamorphism is probably Jurassic to Early
Cretaceous, and the regional metamorphism in the Brooks Range is probably the
result of tectonic burial beneath the volcanic rocks thrust over them from the south.

North of the Angayucham Thrust Zone, the Arctic Alaska terrane (Brooks Range) consists of a series of imbricated and folded thrust plates of Paleozoic and Proterozoic rocks in which the intensity of folding and metamorphism, as well as the age of the exposed rocks, decreases northward, but the horizontal displacement remains great. Any contact may be a bedding plane fault. Thrusting and overturning seems generally to have been directed northward, but the structural trends are not continuous from south to north. At the southern edge of the range, an east-west trending belt of schist 10 to 15 mi wide is roughly parallel to the adjacent Angayucham Thrust System. This southern belt is composed of schist, marble, and metavolcanic rocks of the greenschist facies and some rocks of the amphibolite facies that have been retrograded to greenschist. Another east-west striking belt that crosses the northern quarter of the quadrangle is composed of slightly metamorphosed Upper Devonian to Triassic sedimentary rocks. This northern belt is part of the folded thrust system that forms the north front of the Brooks Range. In each of these two belts, a few key rock units can be traced completely across the quadrangle. Between the northern and southern belts, the continuity of rock units and thrust plates in the middle half of the quadrangle is disrupted by a broad arch that trends diagonally across the quadrangle from SW to NE, and by two large synforms on the flanks of the arch. Erosion of folded thrust plates has exposed a large window on the arch near Mt. Doonerak and has preserved probable klippen in the synforms near Crag Peak and Jesse Mountain.

The two linear belts are bounded almost continuously by faults. The schist belt just north of the Angayucham thrust system has been thrust over the rocks to the north. The belt of Upper Devonian to Triassic rocks has been overthrust on the southwest by older Devonian rocks of the Crag Peak synform, and on the southeast has been thrust over the Upper and Lower Paleozoic rocks in the Mt. Doonerak window.

In order to interpret the geochemical data, the rocks of the quadrangle are described in the next section of this report under six areal subdivisions that correspond closely to these main structural elements. The Angayucham subdivision includes all the rocks south of the Angayucham Thrust System, the Schist Belt subdivision includes all the rocks of the southern belt except some carbonate rocks of the Skagit Limestone along its northern edge, and the Endicott subdivision includes all the rocks in the northern linear belt of Upper Devonian to Triassic rock. The three remaining subdivisions are in the central part of the quadrangle. The Doonerak subdivision includes all the Lower Paleozoic rocks within the Doonerak window at the NE end of the arch that trends across the quadrangle. The Skagit subdivision includes the Proterozoic basement gneiss and overlying Skagit Limestone above the Doonerak window at the SW end of this arch, as well as the minor amount of Skagit Limestone involved in the linear schist belt. The Beaucoup-Whiteface subdivision includes all of the Devonian or older metaclastic rocks in the two broad synforms flanking the arch, as well as those in a narrow anticline along Wiseman Creek that separates the Jesse Mountain synform from the north edge of the schist belt. The number of thrust plates within these two synforms may be greater than is shown on the geologic map. Devonian fossils have been found at several horizons, but the recent discovery of Cambrian and Ordovician fossils not far below Devonian fossils in similar rocks in the Chandalar quadrangle (Dillon, unpublished data) suggests that lower Paleozoic rocks may lie along faults between some of the Devonian rocks in the synforms.
The thrust system that dips northward and southward from the Doonerak window probably underlies all of the other subdivisions north of the schist belt (see plate 1 X section). It is most evident at the east end of the window where the Upper Devonian Hunt Fork Shale and Beaucoup Formation in the upper plate are thrust over Mississippian rocks on both flanks of the window. The thick, northerly derived Upper Devonian clastic sequence in the northern Brooks Range, of which the Hunt Fork is the lower and finer grained part, is missing between the Mississippian rocks and the Cambrian to Silurian rocks of the lower plate within the window, just as it is missing beneath the Mississippian rocks in the subsurface of the North Slope subsurface. According to Mull and others (1976) and Jones and others (1984), the Lower Paleozoic basement rocks of the North Slope, unconformably overlain by Mississippian rocks, lie at depth beneath the northern Brooks Range and rise to the surface in the window at Mt. Doonerak. The fault between these rocks and the overlying Hunt Fork Shale continues northward from Mt. Doonerak beneath all the exposed Upper Devonian to Triassic rocks in the northern Brooks Range. They have moved northward along this fault from somewhere south of Mt. Doonerak. Thus, the rocks of the Endicott subdivision, which lies on the north flank of the window, are an allochthon above this fault that has moved northward at least 60 mi.

The same fault must underlie the rocks of the Beaucoup-Whiteface subdivision south of the window. Mississippian rocks have not been found along most of the south flank of the window, so the location of the fault between Silurian or older rocks in the lower plate and Devonian or older rocks in the upper plate must be inferred. However, the Hunt Fork Shale crops out continuously in the upper plate about 2 mi south of the inferred fault. Inasmuch as the Hunt Fork Shale is the southern, distal part of the Upper Devonian clastic sequence (Brose and Tailleur, 1970), these rocks probably originated farther south than some of the coarser grained rocks in the Endicott subdivision and thus have also been transported northward. The Hunt Fork Shale is present in both the Beaucoup-Whiteface subdivision and the Skajit subdivision. In the latter, it overlies the Skajit Limestone, so the Skajit must also be part of the upper plate of the Doonerak window.

**GEOCHEMICAL LITHOLOGIC SUBDIVISIONS**

The geochemical results were found to be so variable that a better interpretation could be made if the quadrangle was subdivided into six areas, each with significantly different geochemical populations and bedrock lithologies. We have designated these areas as "geochemical lithologic subdivisions." The boundaries of these subdivisions are located at major changes in the geochemistry, and are drawn to follow important geologic contacts that coincide with those changes. The boundaries of these subdivisions are shown on plates 1 and 2 and on figures 1 and 2. The geology of each subdivision is summarized below.

**Subdivision I—ANGAYUCHAM**

Lithology: Bedrock is mostly covered by glacial and alluvial deposits. In and adjacent to the Brooks Range, bedrock is dark gray phyllite and graywacke, mafic volcanic rocks, and minor radiolarian chert, all of Late Paleozoic to Triassic age. In the Koyukuk basin, bedrock is Cretaceous marine and non-marine sandstone, shale, and conglomerate. The northern boundary of the subdivision is the Angayucham Thrust Zone in the east and the younger Malamute right-lateral fault in the west.
Metamorphic facies: The Cretaceous clastic rocks are unmetamorphosed; the volcanic rocks are partly in the prehnite-pumpellyite metamorphic facies; and the graywacke and phyllite are in the lower greenschist facies (Dusel-Bacon and others, in press).

Subdivision II—SCHIST BELT

Lithology: This subdivision contains most of the coarse-grained quartz schist in the quadrangle. Coarse-grained mica-quartz schist of possible Early Paleozoic to Proterozoic age is exposed in about half of the area, mainly in the eastern and southern parts. This schist is underlain in the east by interlayered mica-quartz schist, calcareous schist, and marble also of uncertain age. These schists plunge generally westward. In the western half of the subdivision, the coarse-grained schist is overlain by the Devonian Ambler metavolcanic rocks consisting of interlayered black schist and quartzite, marble, and abundant mafic and felsic volcanic rocks. The northernmost rocks of the subdivision for most of its extent are black fine-grained schists, quartzite, and some metaconglomerate in two overturned synclines that appear to be the stratigraphically highest rocks in the subdivision, although many of the contacts are faults.

In addition to the abundant volcanic rocks in the Ambler metavolcanic rocks, mafic and felsic dikes and sills are common in the coarse-grained schist, and two small granitic bodies of Devonian age intrude the calcareous schist at the Wild River and the Middle Fork of the Koyukuk.

Metamorphic facies: All of the rocks have greenschist facies mineral assemblages. About half of the rocks, mainly in the eastern and southern parts of the subdivision, also contain relict amphibolite facies mineral assemblages (Dusel-Bacon and others, in press) including biotite, garnet, hornblende, and plagioclase.

Subdivision III—SKAJIT

Lithology: The rocks are mostly marble and dolomite of the Skajit Limestone of Devonian and older (?) age. West of Sixty Mile Creek, there also are extensive exposures of interlayered schist, calcareous schist, quartzite, phyllite, marble, and metabasite of probable Proterozoic age that underlie the Skajit. These older rocks are intruded by several small plutons of granite gneiss of probable Proterozoic age. The Ernie Lake pluton at the west edge of the quadrangle is the largest. North of this pluton, at the head of Mettenpherg Creek, is one small exposure of the Ambler metavolcanic rocks. East of the John River, black phyllite of the Devonian Hunt Fork Shale along with interlayered chloritic phyllite, carbonate rocks, and chloritic calcareous metasandstone of probable Devonian age, overlie the Skajit Limestone. In this area, large metabasite sills are common in the Skajit Limestone.

Metamorphic facies: Rocks in this subdivision are in the greenschist facies. The Proterozoic (?) rocks surrounding the granite-gneiss plutons are retrograded from the epidote-amphibolite facies and contain relict garnet, biotite, hornblende, and locally, kyanite. Similar facies occur along the southeast boundary of the subdivision.
Subdivision IV—BEAUCOUP-WHITEFACE

Lithology: The rocks are almost entirely clastic metasediments of several different stratigraphic units shuffled together in broad thrust sheets. These units include the Hunt Fork Shale and the Beaucoup Formation, both of Devonian age, and the rocks of Whiteface Mountain and of several other unnamed units, of Devonian or older age. Black phyllite, slate, and black metasiltstone underlie about one third of the area, and chloritic phyllite, chloritic metasiltstone, sandstone, graywacke, and conglomerate underlie most of the rest. Volcanic clasts are common in the graywackes along the northwestern and northeastern boundaries of the subdivision. Thin beds of limestone occur in the phyllites, and most phyllites are partly calcareous. The only large outcrops of dolomite, limestone, and marble are in the Skajit Limestone along the North Fork Koyukuk and Glacier Rivers and east of Mashooshalluk Creek. Mafic volcanic rocks and mixed mafic and felsic intrusive rocks are common in and around the Skajit outcrops. Felsic volcanic rocks that are probably equivalent to those in the Ambler metavolcanic rocks occur along the northern boundary of the subdivision from Redstar Mountain northeastward through Whiteface Mountain to the quadrangle boundary.

Metamorphic facies: All of the rocks contain greenschist facies mineral assemblages. The only coarsely crystalline schists are in the southern part of the subdivision, where locally they contain biotite. Chloritoid is common in quartzose rocks throughout the subdivision, but the degree of metamorphic recrystallization and foliation decreases northward, so that in the northern half of the area phyllites with relict sedimentary texture, bedding, and shelly megafossils predominate.

Subdivision V--DOONERAK

Lithology: The rocks are in the core of a doubly plunging anticline which is also a structural window. They consist mostly of black phyllite and siltstone of Cambrian through Silurian age. At the southwest end of the anticline, red and green phyllite and argillite, meta-tuff, and metawacke of possible Cambrian to Devonian age are interlayered with and partly overlie the black phyllites. Meta-basite sills of probable Devonian age are common in all of these rocks. The northeastern quarter of the subdivision, around Mt. Doonerak, is underlain mainly by andesitic to basaltic volcaniclastic rocks of Ordovician and Cambrian (? age interlayered with graywacke, tuffaceous phyllite, and black phyllite, and intruded by basalt and diabase.

The boundary of the subdivision follows the faults that bound the window, except in the northeast, where Mississippian carbonate rocks within the window are excluded from this lithologic subdivision.

Metamorphic facies: The metasedimentary rocks and metabasite sills are in the lower greenschist facies, and volcanic rocks in the northeast are in the prehnite-pumpellyite facies. The metasediments contain white mica and locally contain identifiable shelly fossils and graptolites. The Devonian (?) metabasite sills within the metasediments contain stilpnomelane and actinolite.

Subdivision VI—ENDICOTT

Lithology: Fine- and coarse-clastic sedimentary rocks of the Endicott Group of Late Devonian and Mississippian age underlie almost all of this subdivision. Black slate and phyllite of the Hunt Fork Shale underlie about
half of the area, and lies along most of the southern boundary of the subdivision. Marine shale and sandstone of the Noatak Sandstone, and non-marine sandstone, conglomerate, and shale of the Kanayut Conglomerate underlie most of the remaining area. A syncline at the head of the Tinayguk River contains some black Kayak shale of the uppermost Endicott Group, but is mostly Lisburne Group limestone, dolomite, and chert of Mississippian age overlain by varicolored, slightly bituminous shale and siltstone of Permian age.

Carbonate rocks of the Lisburne Group and minor amounts of clastic rocks of Mississippian to Triassic age also occur east of the North Fork of the Koyukuk River in a narrow band within the Doonerak window. These rocks lie between the stratigraphically underlying Lower Paleozoic rocks of the Doonerak subdivision to the south and the structurally overlying Hunt Fork Shale to the north. Conglomerate of the Beaucoup Formation occurs locally along the fault beneath the Hunt Fork in this area, and a narrow band of Beaucoup Formation conglomerate and limestone lies directly along the subdivision boundary between the North Fork and the Tinayguk Rivers.

A few small mafic sills intrude the Hunt Fork Shale, and minor amounts of felsic tuff occur in both the Mississippian clastic rocks and the Beaucoup Formation east of the North Fork.

The southern boundary of the subdivision follows a series of faults. The boundary is a major south-dipping fault west of the Allen River, where rocks of the Beaucoup-Whiteface subdivision have been thrust northward over the Hunt Fork Shale. Between the Tinayguk and North Fork Koyukuk Rivers, the boundary coincides with the inferred major north-dipping fault that separates the Hunt Fork Shale and Beaucoup Formation from the underlying Lower Paleozoic rocks of the Doonerak window. East of the North Fork, the boundary lies slightly south of this fault and follows the base of the Mississippian rocks within the window.

Metamorphic facies: The less competent rocks and those lowest in the stratigraphic and structural pile show evidence of lower greenschist facies metamorphism. The Hunt Fork Shale is actually phyllite and slate, and together with the enclosed greenstone sills, contains lower greenschist facies mineral assemblages. The younger rocks structurally below the Hunt Fork have polymetamorphic fabrics. The Kanayut Conglomerate and Lisburne Group carbonates stratigraphically above the Hunt Fork do not contain metamorphic minerals although regional vitrinite reflectance data indicate temperatures reached more than 300°C (Brosge and others, 1981).

ELEMENT SELECTION

The elements selected for discussion are divided into three groups. The first group contains those elements of potential economic significance that commonly occur well above the lower limit of analytical determination and whose elemental concentration varies markedly in different lithologies. These elements are Cu, Pb, Zn, and Ba.

The elements in the second group are commonly associated with mineral deposits, but the analytical level of determination by spectrographic methods is so high that nearly all detectable values are statistically significant. These elements are Ag, Au, As, Bi, Sb, Sn, W, and Mo.

The third group are elements of less likely economic significance, that have values above the level of determination. The elements show relatively little variation among different lithologies, and their distribution is not directly related to possible deposits in the quadrangle in any discernible way. Their values are not anomalous in terms of the average abundance that
might be expected in the various lithologies within this quadrangle. These elements are Be, B, Co, Cr, La, Nb, Ni, Sc, Sr, V, Y, and Zr. From this group only Co, Ni, and Cr are discussed.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION**

Evaluation of the geochemical data of the Wiseman quadrangle is complicated by variation of the element concentrations reflecting the various lithologic units. The rocks contain a large percentage of black shales and fine-grained clastic rocks and the overall metamorphic grade decreases to the north. Some of these lithologic units contain unusual concentrations of elements of potential economic significance and other associated minor elements, but lack hydrothermally altered and mineralized rocks. They also lack the conspicuous sulfide minerals of Cu, Pb, and Zn, a characteristic of metal-rich black shales. Therefore, the geochemical reflections of lithology, geology, geological environments, and geophysical features require consideration of associations among the elements.

A total of 1,607 stream-sediment samples and 1,257 panned heavy-mineral-concentrate samples from stream sediments were collected and analyzed for this geochemical evaluation. Sample description, collection methods, media selection, sample preparation, analytical results, statistical data, and analytical techniques are given in Dillon and others (1981a, 1981b), O'Leary and others (1984), and Cathrall and others (1984).


The following system has been devised for figures 2 to 34, tables 1 and 2, and the related text.

Figure 2 is a master map, or template, for use in orienting figures 3 to 34. The figure shows latitude, longitude, scale, major drainages, outline of the 24 (scale 1:63,360) individual quadrangles that make up the Wiseman (1:250,000 scale, 1° x 3°) quadrangle, and the six selected geochemical lithologic subdivisions.

The six geochemical lithologic subdivisions described earlier are shown on figures 1 and 2, and plates 1 and 2, are referred to as: I - Angayucham, II - Schist Belt, III - Skagit, IV - Beaucoup-Whiteface, V - Doonerak, and VI - Endicott. Within these units, elemental concentrations from stream-sediment and the nonmagnetic fraction of heavy-mineral concentrations from stream sediments were statistically analyzed separately. The analyses show that geochemical signatures are different for each of the geochemical-lithologic subdivisions and indicate that the lower limit of anomalous concentrations of selected elements vary from subdivision to subdivision (tables 1 and 2). The threshold values for each of the subdivisions were determined by inspection of histograms and percentile tables and consideration of (1) the average crustal
The abundance of the determined elements in the different lithologic units (following Levinson, 1974; and Krauskopf, 1967), and (2) previously established threshold values in adjoining quadrangles having the same lithologies (from: Philip Smith Mountains, Reiser and others, 1983; Survey Pass, Cathrall and others, 1979 a,b; and Chandalar, Reiser and others, 1979). The histograms and percentile tables were created from analytical data retrieved from the U.S. Geological Survey computer-based file, RASS (Rock Analysis Storage System) (VanTrum and Miesch, 1977). The threshold values of the elements in the six subdivisions range from concentrations occurring at the 80th to the 99th percentile of the sample populations (tables 1 and 2). Some of the elements shown on tables 1 and 2 are not present in anomalous amounts in some subdivisions. They either show little variation within an area or their variance can be explained when compared to the average crustal abundance for the various rock units.

Figures 3A and 3B are locality maps showing the sites at which the stream-sediment samples and panned heavy-mineral-concentrate samples from stream sediments were collected.

Figures 4 to 34 are a series of computer-generated single-element geochemical maps that are the building blocks for the multi-element maps (plates 1 and 2). These single-element maps are the basis for interpreting the geochemistry of the Wiseman quadrangle. They show the observed element distribution in the entire quadrangle without correction for local geology or local geochemical background. The symbols represent the approximate percentile of the overall population of values or range of values for each element measured at the respective locality.

N, used in the concentration column on some figures, indicates the element was not detected at the value shown; L, indicates detected, but less than the value shown. Percentiles were not used on figures 11 (Bi), 13 (Au), 14 (Sn), and 28 (Au) since few detections were reported. Figures 13 (Au) and 28 (Au) show symbols only at sites where gold was detected. All other figures include symbols for all samples collected and analyzed. Figure 12 (Hg) shows symbols only in the two areas for which Hg analyses were made.

The method of analyses (S, semiquantitative direct-current arc emission spectroscopy; AA - atomic absorption spectrometry; CM - colorimetric; Inst - instrumental), element (by use of chemical symbols), and sample type (seds - stream sediment; C3 - nonmagnetic heavy-mineral concentrates from stream sediment) are listed at the bottom of each map.

Tables 3 through 8 summarize the geochemical anomalies within the Wiseman quadrangle based on the geochemical data and geology. Each table is for one of the geochemical-lithologic subdivisions shown on plates 1 and 2. The tables list the areas of geochemical anomalies; describe the geologic units associated with each anomalous area; list the anomalous elements; and summarize the suspected and (or) permissive types of deposits that may exist and the criteria for selection. Deposit types are consistent with those found in Cox (1983a, 1983b) and Singer and Mosier (1983a, 1983b). Figure 1 and plates 1 and 2 show the location of the areas of major geochemical anomalies in their respective geochemical lithologic subdivision as listed in tables 3-8. Geochemically anomalous areas are only one part of the criteria for areas permissible for specific deposit types. The comprehensive mineral-resource assessment for the quadrangle is being prepared.
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TABLE 1.--Lower limits of anomalous concentrations for selected elements from stream sediments for six (I-VI) geochemical lithologic subdivisions in the Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

[Values are reported in ppm (parts per million); S, semiquantitative spectrographic analyses; AA, atomic absorption analyses; CM, colorimetric analyses; Inst, instrumental; NA, not applicable; Angayucham-91, geochemical lithologic unit and number of samples analyzed from the unit; %, percentile of the sample population containing the threshold concentration]

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[Values are reported in ppm (parts per million); S, semiquantitative spectrographic analyses; NA, not applicable; Angayucham-84, number of samples analyzed from the Angayucham geochemical lithologic unit; %, percentile of the lower limit of anomalous concentration within the sample population]

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Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

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<td>Metagraywacke and phyllite</td>
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<td>1. Favorable rocks: pillow basalt, diabase, fine-grained chert and phyllite.</td>
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<td>2. Aeromagnetic highs indicate favorable rock type: MzPzv units both exposed</td>
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<td>metagabbro dikes.</td>
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<td>and beneath Quaternary and Cretaceous cover often correlate with magnetic highs.</td>
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<td>MzPzv</td>
<td>MAFIC VOLCANIC ROCKS (Devonian to Lower Jurassic)--Pillow basalt, diabase, radiolarian chert, and minor limestone of the Angayucham Terrane.</td>
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<td>3. Favorable tectonic setting--Angayucham Thrust System--a major oceanic lithotectonic terrane may include oceanic plateau or island arc setting (Jones and others, 1984).</td>
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<td>Ks</td>
<td>NONMARINE AND MARINE SANDSTONE AND CONglomerate--(Cretaceous, Albian and (?) Cenomanian)</td>
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<td><strong>A. Placer gold</strong></td>
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<td>1. Historical production and active placer operations.</td>
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<td>carbonaceous shale and coal,</td>
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<td>2. Source appears to be from Quaternary surficial deposits and Cretaceous (Ks) rocks.</td>
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<td>sandstone, siltstone, shale,</td>
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<td>3. The gold is partly derived from reconstitution of detrital gold, reprecipitated gold from glacial meltwater, and from paleoplacers in the Cretaceous (Ks) rocks eroded from gold-rich Paleozoic rocks of the Schist Belt to the north.</td>
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<td>1. See Area 1 (A1 and A3).</td>
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<td>2. An anomalous aeromagnetic low occurs over mafic volcanic rocks (MzPzv) rather than an aeromagnetic high as in areas 1, 3, and 5. Hydrothermal alteration from Quartz Monzonite (Kg) may have destroyed magnetite.</td>
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TABLE 4. Summary of the geochemical anomalous areas within the Schist Belt geochemical lithologic subdivision (II), Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

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<td>Cu, Pb, Zn, (Ba) Au, Ag, As, (Sb) (Mo, Sn, W)</td>
<td>[Area 1] A. Copper and tungsten skarn 1. Favorable host rocks. 2. Favorable environment and depositional setting. Miogeosynclinal sequence with mixed shale and carbonate protoliths intruded by quartz monzonite gneiss (Dg). 3. Magnetic low; the exposed quartz monzonite gneiss (Dg) may be part of a larger hidden pluton with buried cupolas. B. Sediment-hosted, submarine exhalative Zn-Pb 1. Favorable host rocks: black, graphitic schist. C. Placer gold 1. Historical production and active placer operations.</td>
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<td>Cu, Zn, Ba, (Ni) As, Sb, (Ag) Mo, W, (Sn)</td>
<td>[Area 2] A. Sedimentary-hosted submarine exhalative Zn-Pb 1. Favorable host rocks of the Hunt Fork Schist (Dhs): euxinic rocks, black, organic-rich shale, siltstone and sandstone. 2. Favorable geologic depositional environment. 3. Metamorphism adequate to increase grain size of metallic minerals.</td>
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<td>B. Copper and tungsten skarn-&lt;br&gt; 1. Geochemical signatures similar to area 1. 2. Favorable host rocks, environment and depositional setting similar to area 1. The eastern edge of this area abuts the northwest edge of area 1 where intrusions have been found. C. Placer gold 1. Historical production.</td>
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<td>[Area 4] A. Massive sulfides in intermediate felsic rocks 1. Favorable host-source rocks: Devonian bimodal intrusive and extrusive rocks with interlayers of metasedimentary phyllite and schist.</td>
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<td>METAMORPHOSED BIMODAL IGNEOUS ROCKS (Devonian and Devonian?) -- Complexly interlayered felsic and mafic extrusive and intrusive rocks undivided of Ambler volcanics in southern portion of quadrangle; mixed with clastic rocks at head of Michigan Creek.</td>
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2. Known deposits of this type occur in this subdivision in the Survey Pass and Ambler River quadrangles to the west where Devonian bimodal volcanics and intrusive rocks of the Ambler sequence contain economic base-metal massive sulfide deposits. The Devonian bimodal volcanics are surrounded by extensive terranes of quartz schist (PzPs) in all three quadrangles.

3. The aeromagnetic signature of this area is similar to that in the Ambler sequence west of the Reed River in the Survey Pass quadrangle (Cady and Hackett, 1982). The axes of aeromagnetic highs wrap around the massive sulfide deposits, which are within aeromagnetic lows (Cathrall and others, 1981).

B. Copper skarn

1. Favorable host rocks: marble limestone and calcareous phyllitic schist.

2. Favorable environment and depositional setting. Miogeosynclinal sequence with mixed shale and carbonate protoliths intruded by quartz monzonite gneiss (Dg).

3. Low amplitude magnetic high often associated with known hornfels and skarn in the Chandalar and Wiseman quadrangles are around the quartz monzonite gneiss (Dg) near the Wild River-Michigan Creek junctions.
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<td>Pg GRANITE GNEISS (Proterozoic?)-- Blastoporphyritic, foliated, coarse-grained, biotite granite orthogneiss.</td>
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<td>Pb BANDED SCHIST (Proterozoic?)-- Interlayered coarse quartz-mica schist, quartzite, calcareous schist, graphic marble phyllite, and metabasite. Locally gneissic.</td>
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B. Polymetallic vein  
1. See area 1 (B1).  
C. Stratabound carbonate-hosted Pb-Zn  
1. See area 1 (C1 and C2). |
|      | Pg, Pb, Dsk, Dbc  | See area 1.                                                                                  |                    |                                                                                  |
|      | Dc                | CHLORITIC AND CARBONATE ROCKS (Middle or Upper Devonian?) -- Green and gray phyllite and dolomite; chloritic, calcareous metasedimentary and marble; and carbonate-clast conglomerate. | W, Sn              |                                                                                  |
| 2    | Pg, Pb, Dsk, Dbc  | See area 1.                                                                                  | Cu, Pb, Zn, (Ba, Co) | [Area 3] A. Copper skarn  
B. Polymetallic vein  
1. See area 1 (B1).  
C. Stratabound carbonate-hosted Pb-Zn  
1. See area 1 (C1 and C2). |
<p>|      | Dhf               | HUNT FORK SHALE (Upper Devonian) -- Black slate and phyllite, minor fossiliferous limestone; lithic wacke locally in upper part; basal quartz-chert clast conglomerate and sandstone. |                    |                                                                                  |</p>
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1. Favorable host rocks - mainly organic-rich, black, rusty, fine-grained siliceous clastic rocks and local sandstone and conglomerate interbedded with black limonitic marine limestone.  
2. Favorable depositional environment: shallow marine with euxinic sapropellic facies.  
3. Favorable tectonic environment: rapid facies changes, syndepositional conglomerates, and distribution of basement rocks suggest extensional tectonics and basement-controlled high-angle faults. |
<p>|      | Dbcw               | CALCAREOUS CHLORITIC WACKE (Middle or Upper Devonian?)--Upper part; calcarceous wacke with common plagioclase clasts. Lower part; interbedded calcarceous, limonitic quartz sandstone and conglomerate, limestone, and gray, red, and green phyllite. Local basal conglomerate. Correlates with Dw. |                    |                                                                                  |
|      | Dbs                | BLACK SLATE, PHYLLITE, AND LIMESTONE (Middle or Upper Devonian or older?)--Black calcareous, phyllitic siltstone, slate, and quartzite with lenses of brown dolomite; black, calcarceous phyllite and schist with thin limestone interbeds. No faunal control. In part resembles fossiliferous Ordovician rocks of Chandalar quadrangle (Dillon, pers. comm.). |                    |                                                                                  |</p>
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<td>surrounding lows over the nonmagnetic granite plutons in the Chandalar quadrangle could be followed down plunge beneath the placer deposits in this area. If so, then there is permissive evidence for skarn mineralization at depth. The regional metamorphic grade increases southward to upper greenschist facies in this area. Crystallization of magnetite during metamorphism could account for the highs. Metamorphic dewatering, remobilization and concentration of labile elements such as Au, Sb, As, B1, and Hg during this prograde event may account for the abundance of veins. D. Sedimentary-hosted submarine exhalative Cu-Pb 1. See area 1 (A1-A3).</td>
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TABLE 7.--Summary of the geochemical anomalous areas within the Doonerak geochemical lithologic subdivision (V), Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

(Anomalous elements shown in parentheses occur less frequently than those in parentheses; (IV) geochemical lithologic subdivision code; geochemical anomalous areas and geochemical lithologic subdivisions are shown on figure 1 and plates 1 and 2)

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<td>Cu, Zn, (Pb, Co, Hg) Au, Ag, As, Sb, (Bi, Hg) Mo, W, (Sn)</td>
<td>[Area 1] A. Massive volcanogenic sulfide 1. Favorable host rocks: chert, phyllite, and andesitic volcanic rocks. 2. Favorable depositional environment. B. Sedimentary-hosted submarine exhalative Cu-Zn 1. Favorable host rocks: organic-rich, black shale and silt. 2. Favorable sedimentary and tectonic environment: marine euxinic sapropelic facies, possibly controlled by basement uplift. A north-south magnetic high suggests fault-bounded uplift of magnetic basement rocks. The faults could be conduits for hydrothermal solutions (Cady and Dillon, 1986). C. Epithermal precious-metal deposit 1. A geochemical anomalous suite of La, Nb, Y, and Th may reflect a buried felsic pluton (O'Leary and others, 1984; Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1983). 2. The geochemical suite of Au, Ag, As, Sb, (Bi, Hg), Mo, W, and (Sn) are commonly associated with felsic mesothermal to epithermal precious-metal deposits. 3. An aeromagnetic high coincident with this area allows a felsic pluton within the area.</td>
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<td>[Area 2] A. Massive sulfide in felsic and intermediate rocks 1. Favorable permissive host rocks: basaltic volcanoclastic rocks, tuffaceous phyllite, gabbro, and diabase. 2. Favorable depositional environment. 3. Heavy-mineral concentrates from stream sediments contain sphalerite, arsenopyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, barite, and pyrite.</td>
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TABLE 8.--Summary of the geochemical anomalous areas within the Endicott geochemical lithologic subdivision (VI), Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska

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| 1    | Dhf                | HUNT FORK SHALE (Upper Devonian)--Black slate and phyllite, minor fossiliferous limestone; lithic wacke locally in upper part; basal quartz-chert clast conglomerate and sandstone. | Zn, (Cu, Pb, Co) | [Area 1] A. Sediment-hosted exhalative Zn-Pb  
1. Favorable host rocks: euxinic black shales, silt, sandstone, phyllite, conglomerate, and wacke.  
2. Favorable depositional environment: thick epicratonic or continental borderland marine basin with euxinic sapropelic facies, rapid facies change, and syndepositional conglomerates.  
3. Favorable ore control: paleotopographic lows.  
B. Polymetallic vein  
1. Exposed Pb-Zn veins and numerous quartz veins. |
|      | MDkn               | KANAYUT CONGLOMERATE AND NOATAK SANDSTONE (Upper Devonian and Mississippian?)  
KANAYUT CONGLOMERATE (Upper Devonian and Lower Mississippian?)--Nonmarine sandstone, conglomerate, and shale with minor marine tongues.  
NOATAK SANDSTONE (Upper Devonian)--Marine, partly calcareous, sandstone and shale. | Ag, Bi (W) | |
| 2    | Cs                 | SEDIMENTARY ROCKS (Mississippian through Upper Triassic)--unconformably overlie basement rocks of the Doonerak fenster; elsewhere rest on Kanayut Conglomerate. In this area includes only:  
UPPER ENDICOTT GROUP  
KAYAK SHALE (Lower Mississippian fossils)--Black shale and minor limestone. | | |
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Figure 1.--Location of the areas of geochemical anomalies in their respective geochemical lithologic subdivision as illustrated in tables 3-8, Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska.
Figure 2.--Master template for use in orienting illustrations 3-34, Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska.
Figure 3A. Locality map showing sites at which stream sediments (-80 mesh) were sampled, Wiseman 1° x 3° quadrangle, Brooks Range, Alaska.
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Figure 31. S-Mo C3.
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