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**GEOLOGY AND COPPER PROSPECTS**

of

**ROYAL CANADIAN VENTURES LTD.**

**HIGHLAND VALLEY, B.C.**

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**by Norman S. Edgar and C. Warren Hunt**

and

**Reconnaissance Report, Highland Valley Area, B.C.**

**dated June, 1961**

**by Virgil R. Chamberlain**

and

**Supplemental Report, Highland Valley Area, B.C.**

**dated July, 1961**

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PERTINENT DATA

**Party:** C. Warren Hunt

**Transportation:** Personal automobile

**Dates of trip:** July 23-29; of examination: July 24-27

**Weather:** Warm, dry

**Headquarters:** With magnetometer crew at Highland Valley Lodge.

PREFATORY REMARKS

Following the geologic reconnaissance of the author and N.S. Edgar of October and November, 1960, and the more detailed work of Virgil Chamberlain in June and July, 1961, there were several areas in which further reconnaissance and detail were considered desirable. These were investigated on the ground; and the results are reported in the following summaries.

A guide map to all areas discussed and a detailed map of one area are included in the pocket of this report.



Area I, Inkikuh Creek

This region was suggested as a possible intrusive plug by Virgil Chamberlain because (a) it has a circular erosion pattern expressed on aerial photographs and (b) it is near a known contact between Bethesda quartz porphyry and Younger quartz diorite.

The area was thoroughly traversed in several directions by the author. No fresh bedrock occurs there. Some near-source weathered boulders are present on the highest ground and much float is present. All float and near-source boulders are Younger quartz diorite. No mineralization and no interest of structural nature was observed.

Area II and III, North of OK Mine

Area III also was suggested as a possible intrusive plug by Chamberlain. He had found a contact between Bethesda quartz porphyry and Younger diorite east of point III. Although the writer found and attempted to trace this in the field it is very obscure due to mixing of float.

A northwest-trending neck of Bethesda is interpreted as extending through Area III from the main Bethesda stock southeast of OK mine toward area IV.

Area II is all Younger quartz diorite. Exposures, however, are only good on

the hilltops; and allochthonous masses could be present beneath intermediate terrain.

Area IV, eastern EZZ 13 region

This is a region of altered Younger quartz diorite. A small outcrop of Bethesda porphyry near Magnetometer Station P32 is interpreted as the end of the neck of that material reported above to extend through Area III toward IV.

As seen in this vicinity there is a complete and gradual transition from unaltered Younger diorite to well defined Bethesda porphyry. The Bethesda in this locality is a recrystallized phase of the Younger diorite. Regionally this is not so, of course.

Two prominent members of the joint pattern west of IV bear N 52 W and N 30 E. Nearer IV their trends are bent to N 75 W and N 20 E. This distortion of the joint pattern suggests tectonic activity subsequent to Bethesda crystallization and, therefore, subsequent also to alteration of the Younger quartz diorite.

Bulldozer clearing at IV shows a sericitic area with malachite stains, some chalcopyrite and much mechanical brecciation. The trends of fracturing do not seem to be indicative of any single fault. Rather, the alteration seems to

be related to an area of fracturing and hydrothermal action. The general strike of the altered area seems to be northeast.

Area V, Diggings of Guthro beside road on EZZ 13

An area of altered Younger quartz diorite has been mapped (see map in pocket) in which crystal sizes are greatly increased, mafic minerals are more or less chloritized, and feldspars to some extent are sericitized. Bornite is disseminated in much of the altered area but not in all of it. A northeast trend is the general orientation of both the mineralization and the alteration. Configuration of trend and local fractures suggest a steep southeast dip of both mineral and alteration zones.

Area VI, Dacite dike

This structural feature is found to have a north-south strike, to extend from the road to VI, and to terminate close to VI. No contacts were actually observed but both contacts were determined within ten or more feet at numerous places along the trend of the dike.

Areas VII and IX, "Vent" and Kathleen Trail areas

The dike studied at Area VI is of such interest that the author considered a regional tension crack could exist on the trend it occupies. Extended south this trend would pass just west of OK mine and east of the Kathleen workings. A photo-alignment gives some encouragement to the tension fault idea.

The entire trend was walked by the author without fruitful result due to heavy overburden in most areas. However, from VII north to the road intersection (1000 feet southwest of the OK Mine) there is much exposure of Bethesda quartz porphyry and no sign of major faulting.

Results of geologic studies in these areas are inconclusive. Potentialities are still present and must be assessed by other means. The most likely place for mineral occurrence would seem to be south of VI where easterly prolongation of the EZZ 13 structural trends meet the southward prolongation of the dacite dike trend. Other possibilities are (1) the junction of the northeastward Empire mine trends with the dacite dike trend and (2) the intersection of the Island Lake fault and the dike trend.

Area VIII, East Colling Lake

Partial bornite replacement of ferro-magnesian minerals in a large area of

ubiquitous Bethesda quartz porphyry was discovered by the writer. Although bornite is present in small quantity (.03%) it is thought possible that the Island Lake fault would be found to be a controlling and localizing factor in hydrothermal migration and deposition. It is reasoned that any brecciated and altered rock of the region would be covered by muskog and lake or by float and drift.

X The Bethesda workings were briefly visited for correlative purposes. They are located east of the map area in a region of ubiquitous Bethesda quartz porphyry.

Massive and vuggy quartz veins with molybdenite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, bornite and various minor minerals and alteration products occur on easterly trends (N 80° E ±) in Bethesda porphyry. The porphyry is hydrothermally altered near the veins into sericite. Hydrothermal deposits often include and re-cement earlier-formed fault breccia. Quartz reaches 2 feet thickness. Evidently the quartz veins are a very late emplacement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This region is too heavily covered to permit direct detection of ores of the type found in the Bethlehem Mine by field geologic methods. It is, therefore, recommended that areas of interest as shown on the accompanying map be surveyed (1) with closed traverses using a plane table,

(2) with magnetometer using a 50-foot square grid, and

(3) with the Induced Polarization technique.



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# GEOLOGY

IN AREA  
OF  
MAGNETOMETER SURVEY:

## CLAIM EZZ 13 and VICINITY

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Calibration: 1 Instrmt. Unit = 21  $\gamma$

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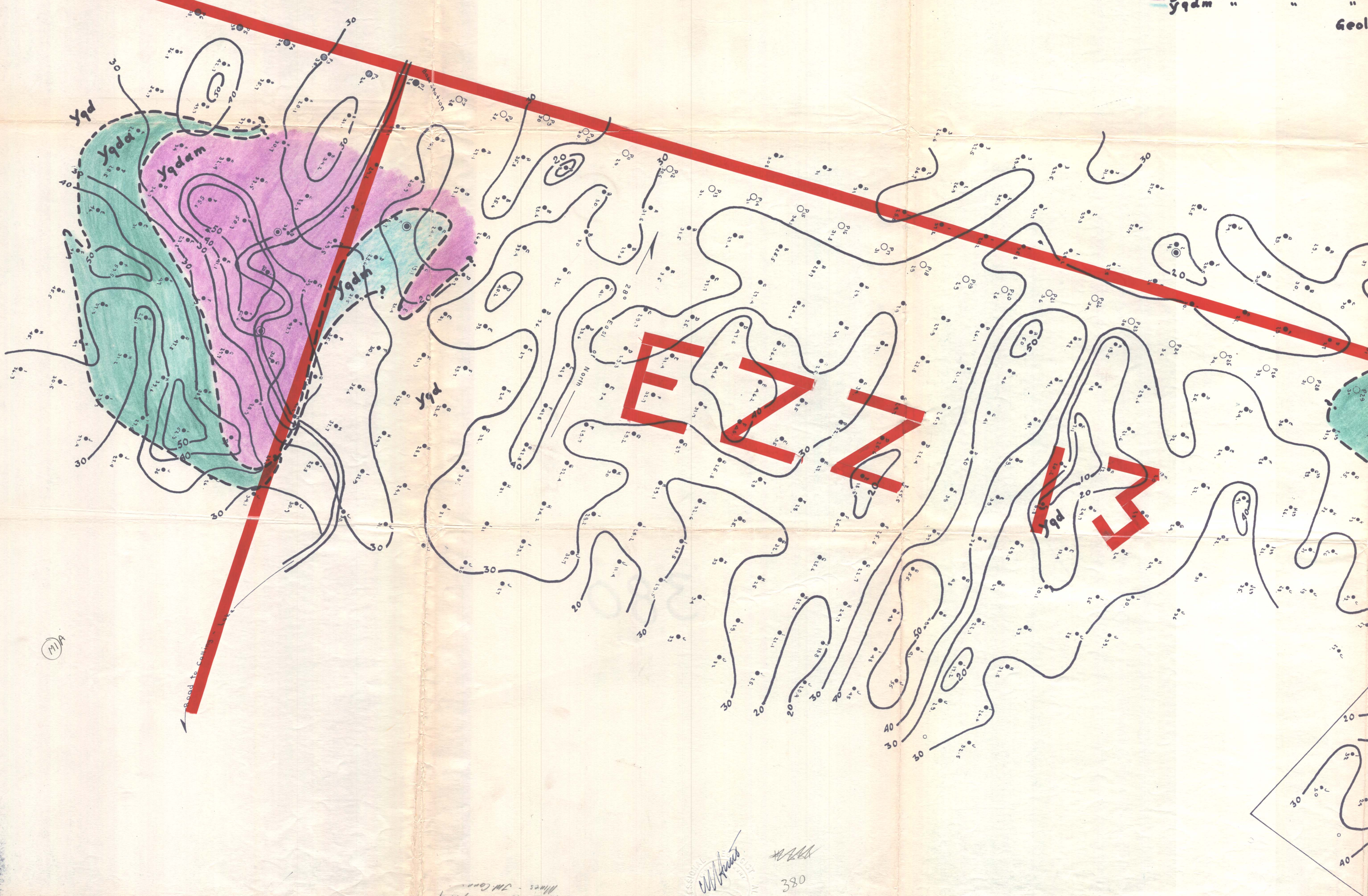
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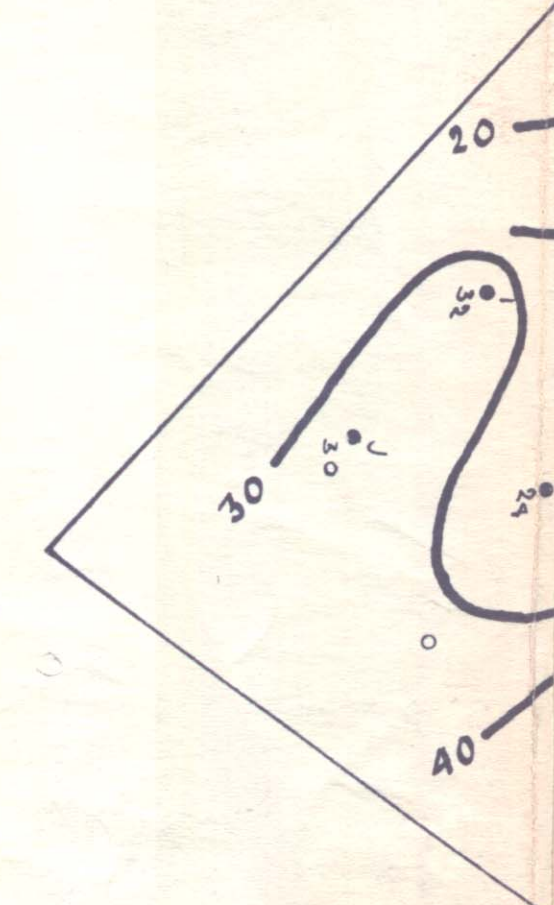
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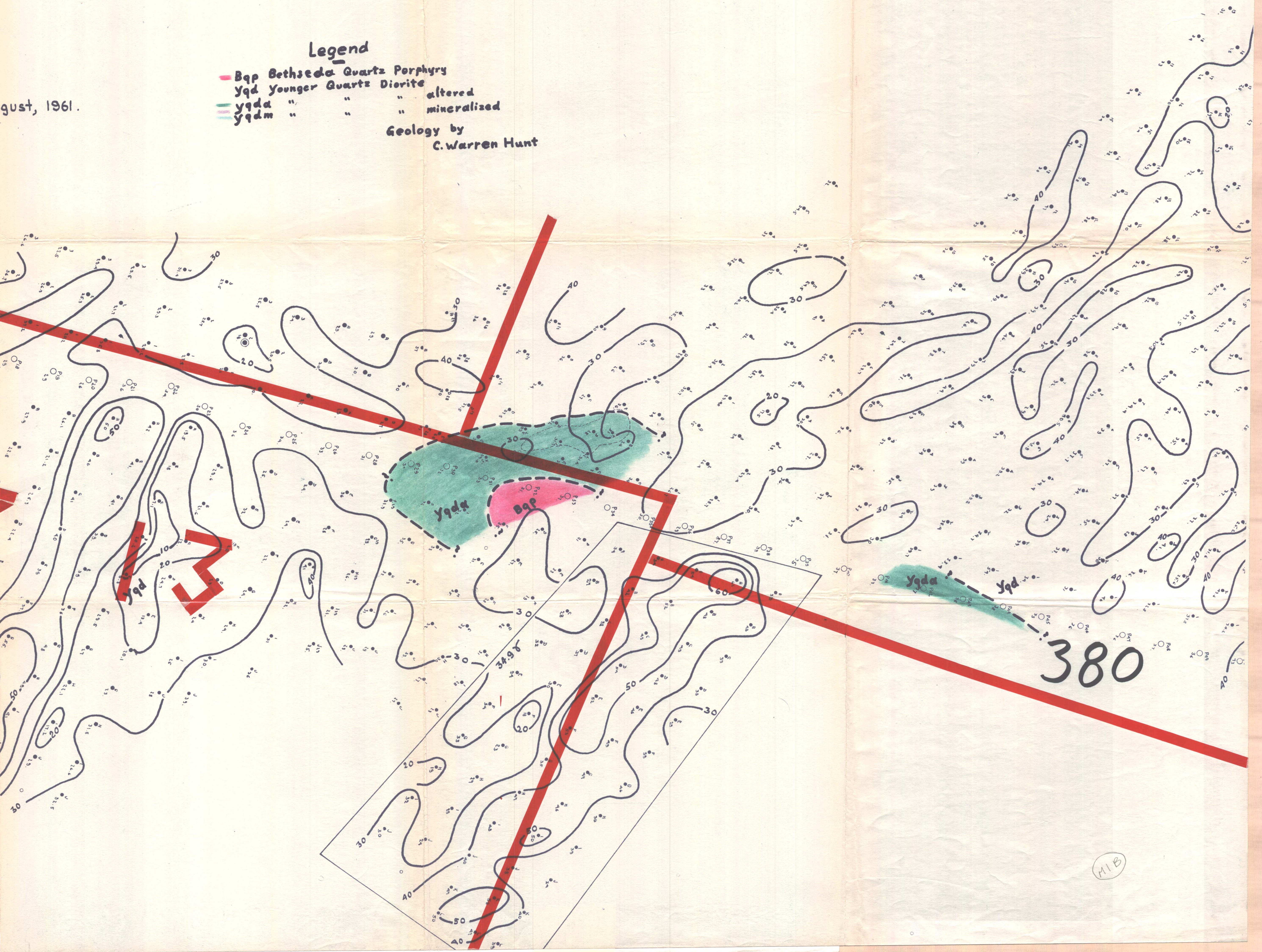


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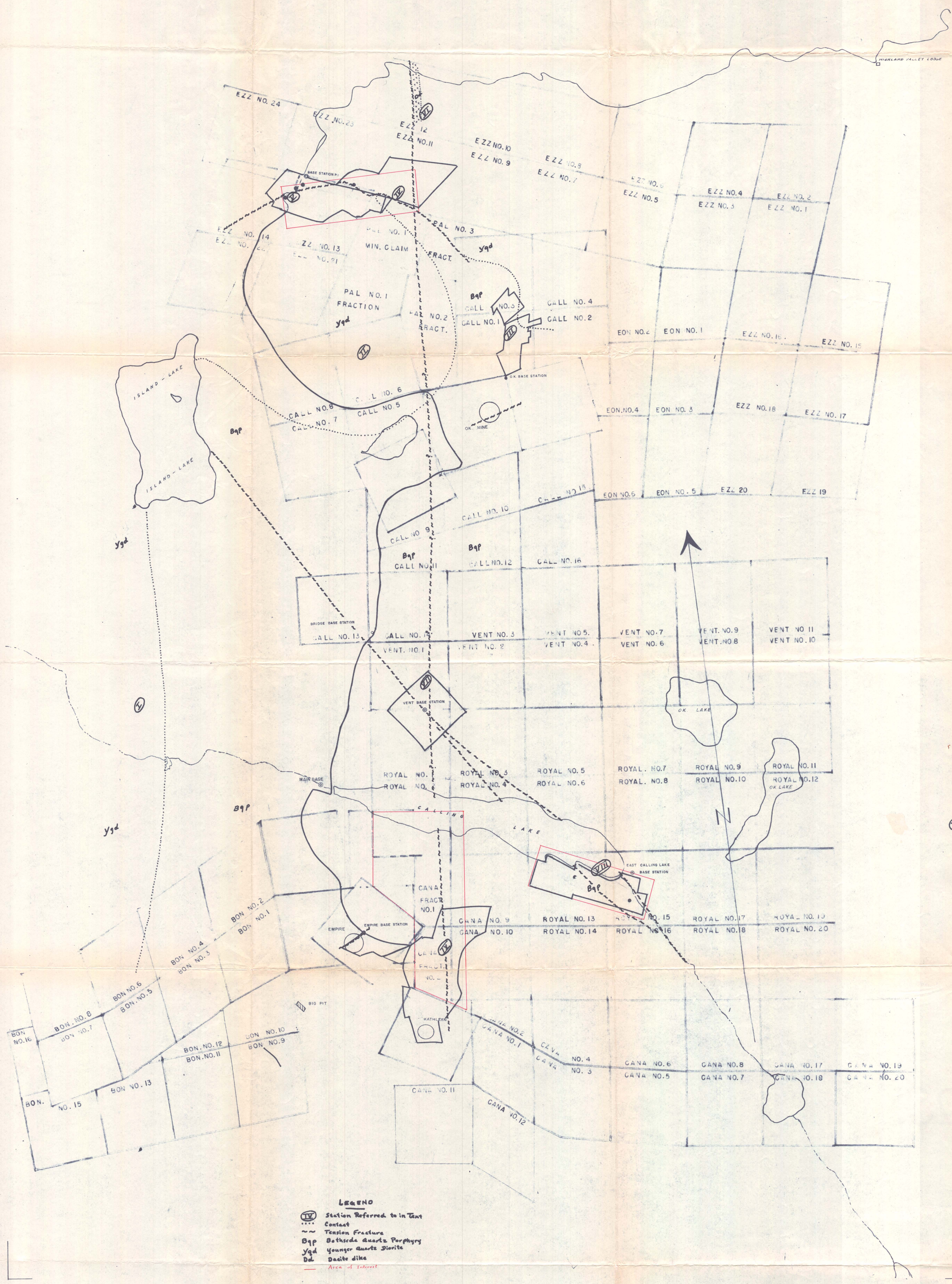
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**Legend**  
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- Yqda Younger Quartz Diorite altered  
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

**MAP SHOWING R.C.V. CLAIM GROUPS**  
AND  
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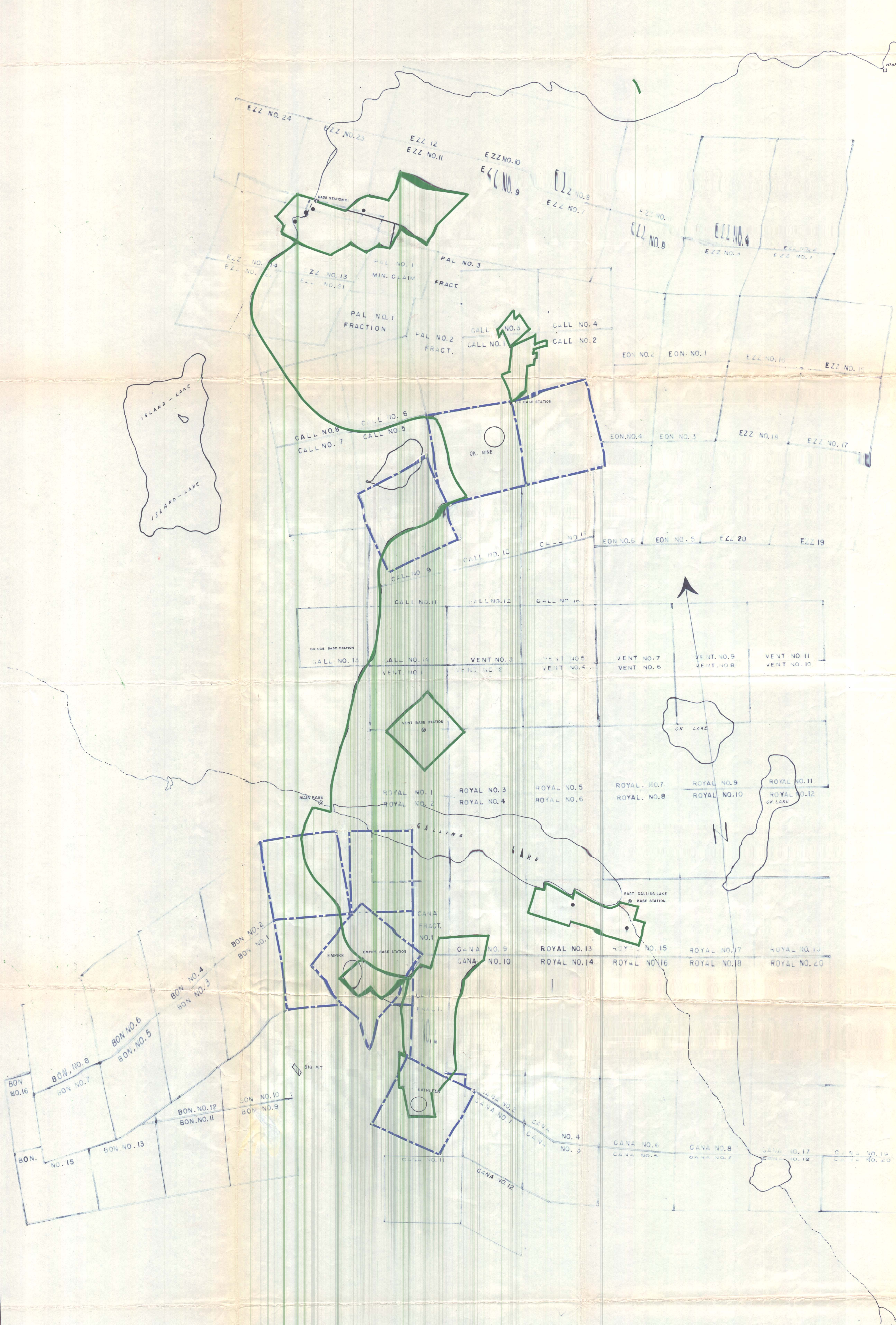
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