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GEOPHYSICAL REPORT  
on the  
COMBINED AIRBORNE ELECTROMAGNETIC  
and RADIOMETRIC SURVEY  
OVER THE  
COMSTOCK - SILVER CUP PROPERTY,

SILVERTON, B.C. AREA

on behalf of

CHOPPER MINES LIMITED  
Slocan Mining Division

MINERAL TECHNOLOGIES BRANCH  
ASSESSMENT REPORT  
8583  
NO.

LAT. 49° 55' N

LONG. 117° 10' W

N.T.S. 32F/14

<u>Claim Name or C.G.</u>	<u>Record or Lot.No.</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Silver Cup	1815	Aug. 25
Isabel Fr.	1877	Aug. 25
Kentucky Girl	1818	Aug. 13
Ruby Trust	1804	Aug. 13
TD9-1 & TD9-2	17609H & 17610	July 11
TD9-4 & TD9-5	17627H & 17628H	July 23
Comstock	1814	July 2
Silver Chief	1813	July 2
CSC 1	1611	Nov.
CSC 2	1612	Nov.
CSC 3	1613	Nov.

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July 25, 1980

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## INTRODUCTION

During the period May 24 - June 15, 1980, a combined helicopter-borne Magnetometer, V.L.F.E.M., and Radiometric survey was attempted and ultimately executed over the Comstock-Silver Cup Property near Silverton, B.C.

The survey was carried out on behalf of Chopper Mines Ltd. by Columbia Geophysical Services Ltd. under the supervision of P.P. Nielsen, the writer of this report.

Due to a number of delays caused by inclement weather and excessive magnetic storms throughout the above time period and the strong likelihood of these conditions continuing indefinitely, the survey was carried out without the aid of the Magnetic component of the survey.

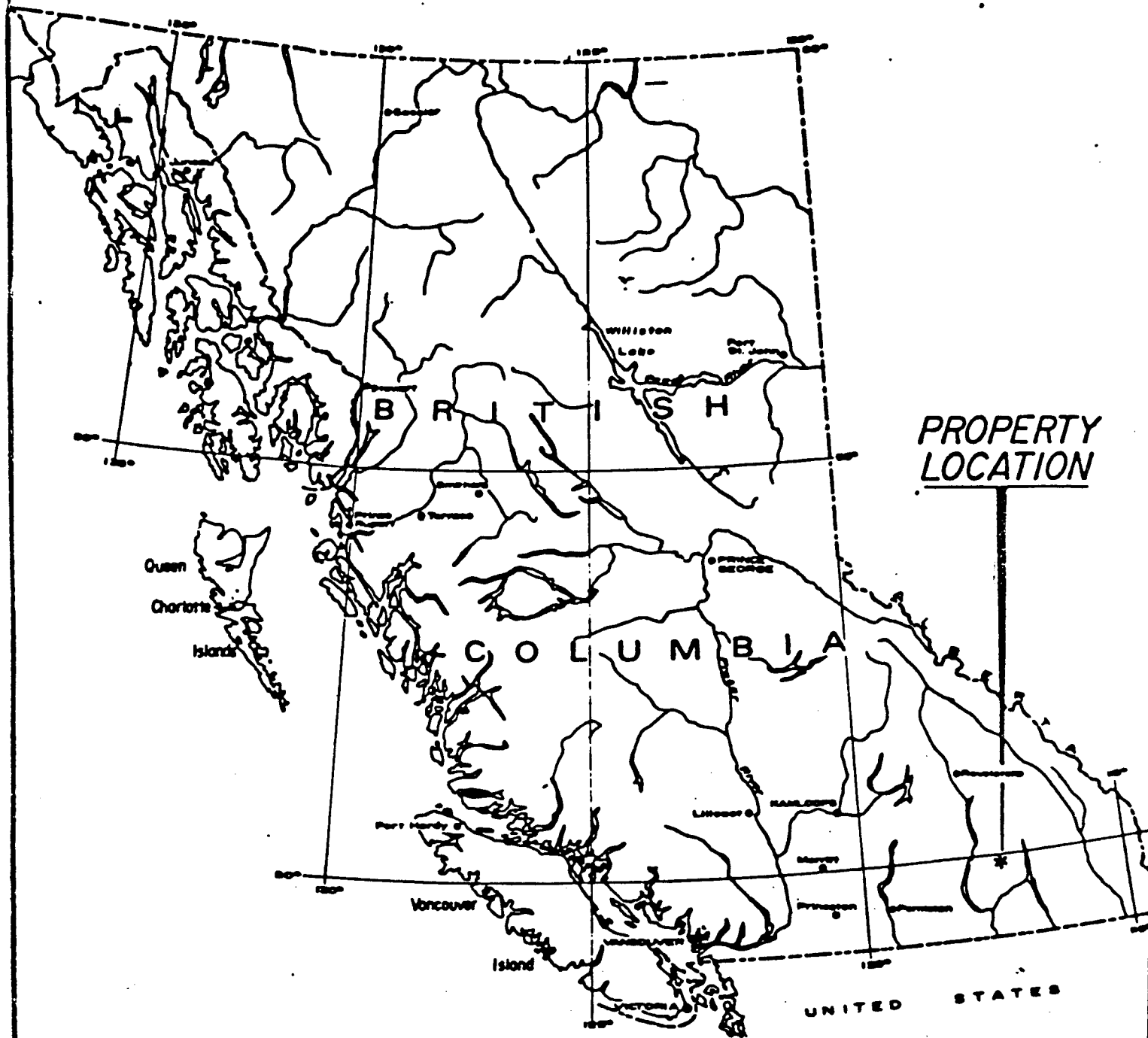
The primary purposes of the survey was to detect Pb-Zn-Ag veins and/or related structures known to exist in an area of rugged terrain and limited ground access to narrow the search to a reasonable ground survey level. The principal tool used was an airborne V.L.F. Electromagnetic instrument. Because of the small additional cost, the possibility of additional information gained and the ready availability, an airborne magnetometer and scintillometer were also installed in the helicopter.

A total of 95 line-kilometers was surveyed using a Bell 206 Jet Ranger helicopter owned and operated by Highland Helicopters from their base at Castlegar, B.C.

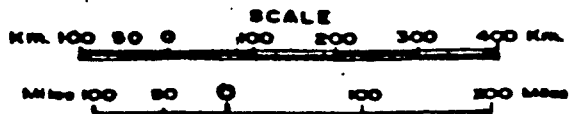
## LOCATION AND ACCESS

The property is located between Fennell and Silverton Creeks, eleven miles east of the town of Silverton, B.C. in the Slocan mining division.

The survey was initiated out of Castlegar, B.C. with one re-fueling done near the survey area.

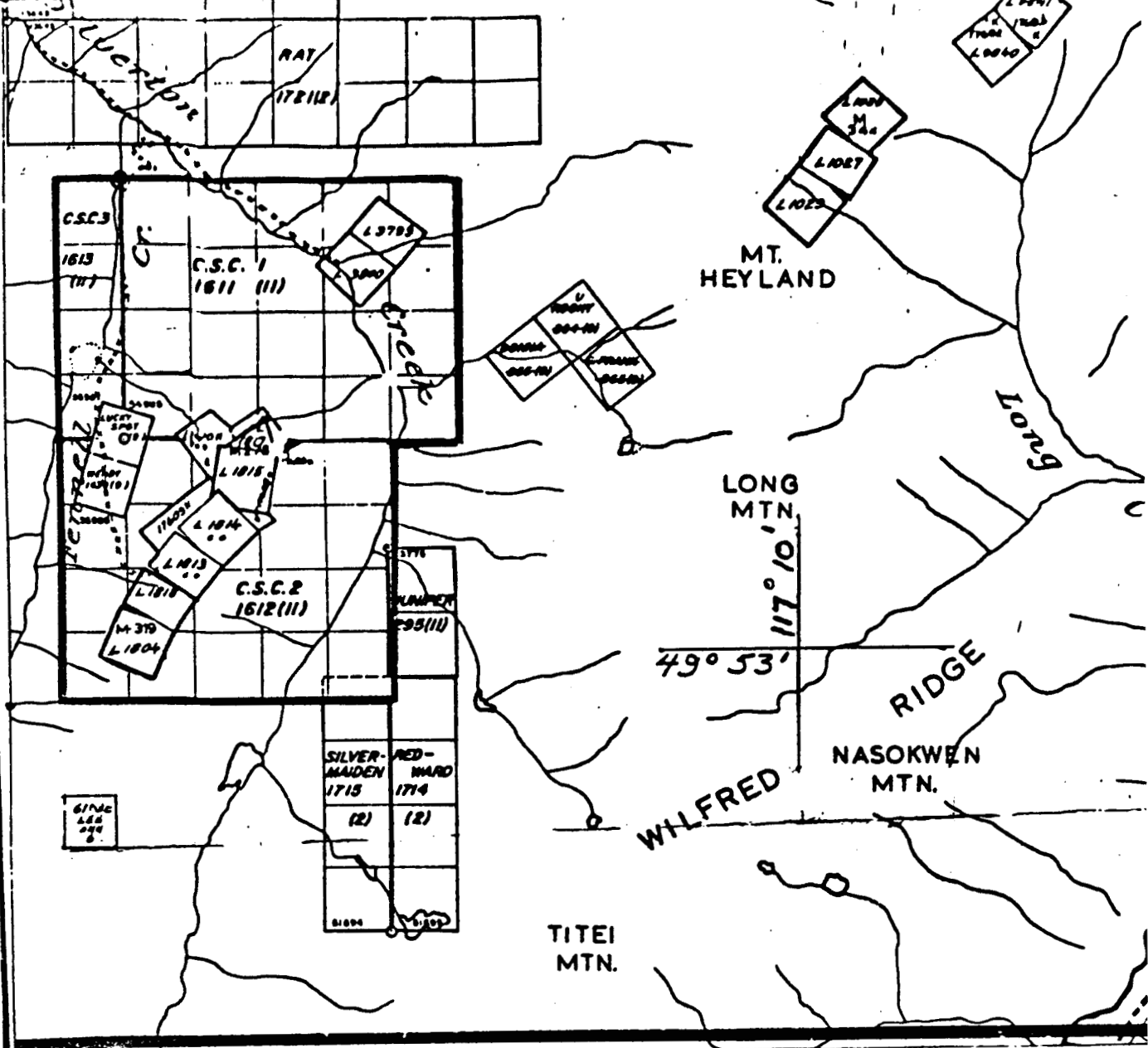


**SILVER CUP-COMSTOCK GROUP**  
**SLOCAN MINING DIVISION, B.C.**  
**LOCATION MAP**



TO WEST S.E. MAP B2F/14W

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KOKANEE PROVINCIAL PARK

MINERAL CLAIMS MAP B2F/14  
 CHOPPER MINES LIMITED  
 CLAIM LOCATION. JUNE 1980



SCALE :- 1:50,000

### PHYSIOGRAPHY and SURVEY CONDITIONS

The survey was carried out over steep to precipitous terrain varying in elevation from 4,500 feet A.S.L. along Fennell and Silverton Creeks to 7,000 feet A.S.L. along the northerly trending ridge through the centre of the survey grid for a total topographic relief of 2,500 feet (762 meters).

This steep topographic gradient coupled with the limiting transmitter direction determined the line orientation which varied from 270 degrees to 360 degrees. A mean terrain clearance of 90 meters was attempted but also varied due to the steep slopes and gusting wind conditions.

### HISTORY

(Report by D. Malcolm, Oct. 18, 1979)

The Comstock was first worked in 1897 when a concentrator was built. By 1904 the mine had produced 298 tons averaging 98 oz. per ton silver and 56% lead. Other shipments made up until 1920 totalled 92 tons, in 1970 two dump shipments were made totalling 32 tons averaging 11.4 oz. silver, 4.5% lead and 4.7% zinc per ton.

Road building, bulldozer trenching and prospecting uncovered the Silver Cup extension since that time.

### GEOLOGY

(After D.C. Malcolm)

#### General

The Slocan area is underlain by Kuskanax granodiorite batholith to the north and the Nelson granodiorite batholith to the south. Slocan series sediments lie between these two intrusive bodies.

Younger quartz feldspar porphyry, diorite and lamprophyre dikes, sills and plugs intrude the sediments and older intrusives. Numerous small rich silver bearing galena-sphalerite veins, breccia zones and some replacement deposits have been mined in the sediments and in the intrusives.

Local

Although most of the claims are soil covered, rock outcrops along the numerous road cuts reveal a uniform granodiorite near the north contact of the Nelson batholith.

The Comstock-Silver Cup quartz vein follows a strong fault which strikes N35°E to N55°E and dips 35 to 55 degrees to the southeast. The fault contains gouge on both walls with crushed granodiorite quartz and sometimes lamprophyre fillings. Fine grained galena-sphalerite and occasional tetrahedrite occur in crushed rocks.

Parallel veins occur on both sides of the main vein and several east striking lamprophyre dikes and quartz filled veins intersect the main vein.

CLAIMS

The property comprises the following Crown Grants, Mineral Leases and Claims held under option from the owners by Chopper Mines Limited; all are in the Slocañ Mining Division of British Columbia.

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Record Number</u>	<u>Tax or Expiry Date</u>	<u>Registered Owner</u>
Silver Cup	1815	25 August, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
Isabel Fr.	1817 (ML278)	25 August, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
Kentucky Girl	1818	13 August, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
Ruby Trust	1804	13 August, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
TD9-1	17609 H	11 July, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
TD9-2	17610 H	11 July, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
TD9-4	17627 H	23 July, 1980	Henry S. Murhphy
TD9-5	17627 H	23 July, 1980	Henry S. Murphy
Comstock	1814	2 July, 1980	Victoria Harding
Silver Chief	1813	2 July, 1980	Victoria Harding
C S C 1	1611	Nov., 1980	Chopper Mines Ltd.
C S C 2	1612	Nov., 1980	Chopper Mines Ltd.
C S C 3	1613	Nov., 1980	Chopper Mines Ltd.

## THE AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

### Instrumentation and Theory

#### 1. Electromagnetics

A VLF-EM receiver manufactured by Sabre Electronics of Burnaby, B.C. was used for the electromagnetic portion of the survey. This instrument is designed to measure the current induced in a vertical coil by the primary and secondary fields of a transmitted signal from fixed U.S. Navy transmitter stations. The station used for this particular survey, due to orientation with the suspected and known strike of favourable conductors, was Station NLK Arlington (Seattle), Washington at a frequency of 18.6 KHz.

The variation in the horizontal component of the field strength was measured by the receiver via the coil mounted in a six foot long "bird" towed by a twenty meter long cable from the helicopter.

The primary field transmitted by the U.S. Navy station propagates an alternating primary electromagnetic field which induces an alternating current through a conductive source such as a sulphide body. The current flowing through the conductor in turn sets up a secondary field which distorts the transmitter primary field. It is the degree of distortion which is measured by the receiver and is indicative of the conductivity of the rocks, overburden, and structures over which the receiver passes.

Due to relatively high transmitted frequency used, the unit is capable of detecting low conductivity sources such as clay beds, shear zones or faults containing waterfilled clays and other conductive materials, graphite, carbonaceous sediments, lithological contacts as well as sulphide bodies of economic importance. Because of this phenomenon, airborne conductors must be accurately located on the ground using ground E.M. techniques to determine, if at all possible, the cause of the airborne response in order to separate the conductors related to undesirable sources such as graphite from economically significant targets such as Pb-Zn-Ag veins or lenses.



## 2. Radiometrica

A Royal Scintillometer Model 118 manufactured by Precision Radiation Instruments Ltd. was used for the radiometric portion of the survey. The detecting element was a 2 inch sodium-iodide crystal also installed in the six foot bird. This instrument measures the total count radiation and was recorded on a 12 cm. analog strip chart recorder. The data was of such constant low intensity that it was not feasible to plot on the 1:10,000 map. As a result, the theory of this survey method will not be discussed.

### Survey Procedure

The survey was executed using a Bell 206 Jet Ranger helicopter owned and operated by Highland Helicopters which was mobilized from Castlegar, B.C. The crew consisted of the pilot, navigator, and instrument operator. A mean line spacing of 150 meters was attempted but varied considerably due to rough flying conditions brought on by excessively steep terrain over portions of the claims coupled with cross-gusting wind conditions. Some survey lines had to be abandoned or cut short or approached at a different direction.

Despite these difficulties, reasonably good control was achieved as evidenced by the line-to-line correlation of conductors. Tie points were made from prominent topographic features observed on the ground and confirmed by the navigator's map and pilot's instruments.

As mentioned in the introduction, ten days were lost due to inclement weather and extreme magnetic storm activity. The magnetic activity would not abate resulting in the abandonment of this part of the survey.

The tie-points were assigned numbers (fiducial points) and were simultaneously marked on the navigator's map and instrument strip charts.

Upon completion of the survey grid lines, a cross or tie line was flown along the ridge roughly through the centre of the survey area which served as a check on the grid lines and for additional navigational control.

The radiometric readings were taken with the scintillometer set on a five second response time whereby the meter would respond to the average total count received over the interval of time. This resulted in a sample length on the ground of about 100 meters.

#### DATA COMPILATION AND PRESENTATION

The base map consisted of a government topographic map (N.T.S. 82 F/14 Scale: 1:50,000) which was enlarged to a scale of 1:10,000.

The V.L.F.-E.M. and Radiometric data on the strip charts was examined and background levels determined. In the case of the radiometric portion of the survey, it was determined that no anomalous conditions existed and therefore no compilation of the data was necessary.

Numerous broad and narrow E.M. conductors were observed in the data. With the aid of the fiducial points, the positions of the peaks (maximum amplitude) of these responses were plotted on a mylar copy of the 1:10,000 scale base map after the flight-line locations and fiducial points were transferred from the navigators map. Inter-line correlation of the conductors was then made with constant referral to the character and shape observed on the strip-chart profiles. Due to the nature of the survey (ie. varying ground speed, terrain, clearance and flight-line orientation) no attempt was made to illustrate anomaly width or to indicate conductivity amplitude on the finished map.

The E.M. Conductors are shown as heavy, dashed lines and designated a letter (A, B, C, etc.) for purposes of identification and discussion below.

## DISCUSSION OF RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1. Radiometrics

As mentioned above, constant radiation intensity believed to represent background level over the entire survey area made plotting of the results superfluous. The flat radiation response must be due to one or more of the following causes:

- (a) Overburden or soil cover could be attenuating radiation emission to a level below instrument detection level.
- (b) Terrain clearance was too great and/or scintillometer crystal volume was too small to detect anomalous conditions.
- (c) The underlying rock type(s) must be uniform or homogenous.

Reasons (a) and (b) are virtually ruled out due to the fact that readings were taken over parts of the property where rock outcrops were clearly visible on steep slopes and where the speed of the airborne platform was slower and the terrain clearance less than elsewhere yet the response was identical. Therefore, the third possibility appears to be the most likely cause of the flat constant response.

### 2. Electromagnetics

The V.L.F.-E.M. portion of the survey detected six conductors worthy of comment which are labelled A to F on the map.

- A. This conductor follows the north-south topographic ridge from the south boundary of the C.S.C. #2 claim southerly for a distance of about 1600 meters. The strong line-to-line correlation, the associated cross-conductors, and finite strike (ie. does not occur everywhere along the ridge), makes this feature a high priority target for further exploration on the ground.
- B. These two sub-parallel conductors occur along the known favourable geo-

logical structure in the immediate vicinity of old workings and are therefore most probably related to the mineralization previously found and mined.

C,D,E & F. These features are isolated one and two line conductors which should be delineated on the ground by prospecting and possibly by geochemistry and/or geophysics.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The survey appears to have been successful in detecting conductors associated with known mineralization in the vicinity of the Comstock and Silver Cup mines and has also detected four other conductors which could be of economic significance.

Anomalies A and D should be protected firstly by staking and then be explained by ground electromagnetics such as the E.M. -16 or C.E.M. shoot-back method of reconnaissance.

Conductor C appears to occur in unstaked ground but should be examined prior to staking and ground geophysics.

Anomalies B, E and F are safely within the claim boundaries and should be examined at some future date after correlation with the known geology in that area.

Respectfully submitted,



P. P. Nielsen, B.Sc.

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I DO HEREBY STATE:

1. I am the author of this report which is compiled from data obtained from a combined airborne Radiometric and Electromagnetic survey carried out by Columbia Geophysical Services Ltd. during the first half of June, 1980.
2. I have been actively practising my profession for the past eleven years and have been involved in mineral geophysics for the past fifteen years.
3. I am a graduate of the University of British Columbia and hold a B. Sc. degree in Geophysics (1969).
4. I am the president of Nielsen Geophysics Ltd. with business address at:  
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Vernon, B. C.
5. I am a member of the S.E.G., C.I.M.M. and the B.C.G.S.

Signed

  
P.P. Nielsen, B. Sc.

Date



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## Statements of Expenses for Claim Assessments

Engineering (Pacific Survey Corporation)  
To produce scribed mapping @ 1:2500 with  
10 metre contours from existing photography.  
To compile ortho photos @ 1:2500 with 10  
metre contours.

\$ 2227.18

Airborn Geophysical Survey,  
May 25 to June 1, June 13 to 20th 1980  
(total 16 days)

Contracted date April 28 1980

\$ 5,000.00

Helicopter: 3.8 hrs. @ \$363.80/hr.

\$ 1,382.44

### 1. Survey Supervision:

(A) P. Nielsen, Geophysicist 1 day @ \$225/day

\$ 225.00

(B) Transportation

\$ 78.00

(C) Food and accomodation

\$ 90.00

(D) Reports

\$ 600.00

### Location Surveys - Rates

Two man crew plus supervision \$ 305.00/day

Equipment (transit & EDM) \$ 50.00/day

Room and board \$ 70.00/day

Vehicles \$ 40.00/day

Location Survey of access roads ( including  
azimth determination) 4 days

Location Survey of northwest corner of  
Comstock mineral claim 1/2 day

Location Survey of Legal Corner  
Posts of CSC claims 1 day

Location of existing portal 2 days

Volume determination of Portal 1/2 day

No. 8 Plotting and Calculations 4 days

### Location Survey of Access Roads

Survey Personnel D.Brownett

W. Sawada

Supervision: V. Ryback-Hardy B.C.L.S.

\$ 1,830.00

Room and board

\$ 420.00

Equipment

\$ 300.00

Vehicles

\$ 240.00

### Location Survey of Claim Posts

Survey Personnel (as above)

\$ 686.25

Room and board

\$ 157.50

Equipment

\$ 112.50

Vehicles

\$ 90.00

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## Location Survey of Existing Portals and Volume Determination

Survey Personnel ( as above)	\$1,143.75
Room and board	\$ 262.50
Equipment	\$ 187.50
Vehicles	\$ 150.00

Central Technical Services Ltd. \$ 961.56

Total \$ 16144.18

## Silverton Saleries - Paid by Chopper Mines

Supervision - Jim Szakacs	
May 1 - Nov. 15 @ \$2000.00 per month	\$13,000.00
Labour - R.Reder	
June 1 - Aug. 15 @\$800.00 per month	\$ 1,200.00
- Tom Szakacs	
- June 1 - Aug. 18 @ \$800.00 per month	\$ 2,000.00
- J.I. Szakacs	
Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 @ \$2,000.00 per month	\$ 4,000.00

TOTAL \$20,200.00

## Road Construction and Rehabilitation

-Silverton Transport	
- Renata Contractors	
- Grizzly Contractors	
- Ferr Holdings	
- Meadow Creek Contractors	\$33,460.00

Feild Supplies	\$ 2,270.00
Fuel	\$ 1,880.00
Travel	\$ 7,900.00

TOTAL \$45,510.00

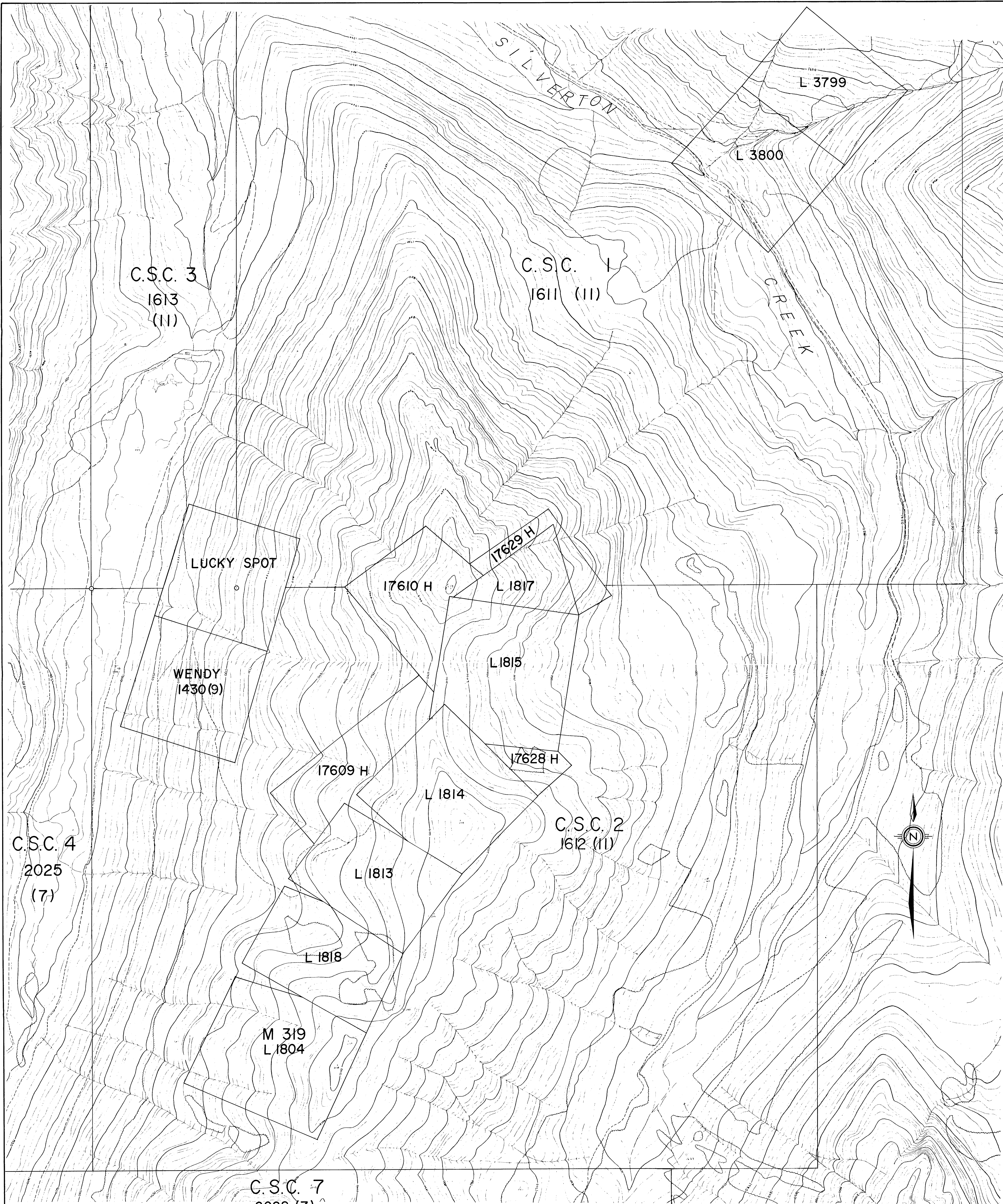
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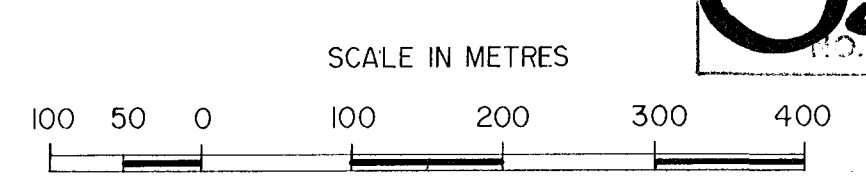


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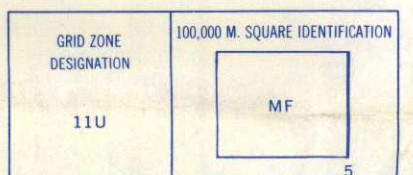




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