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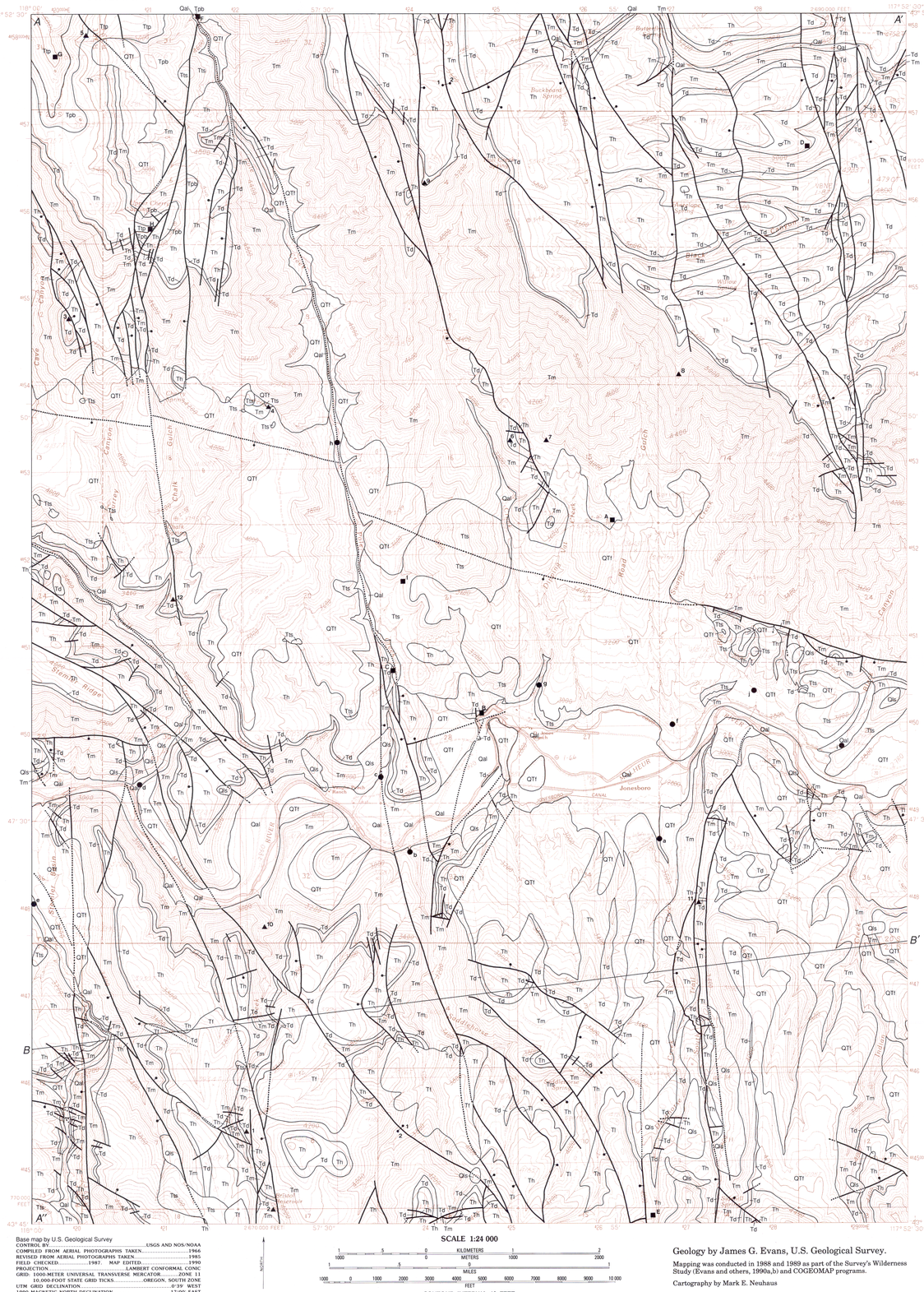
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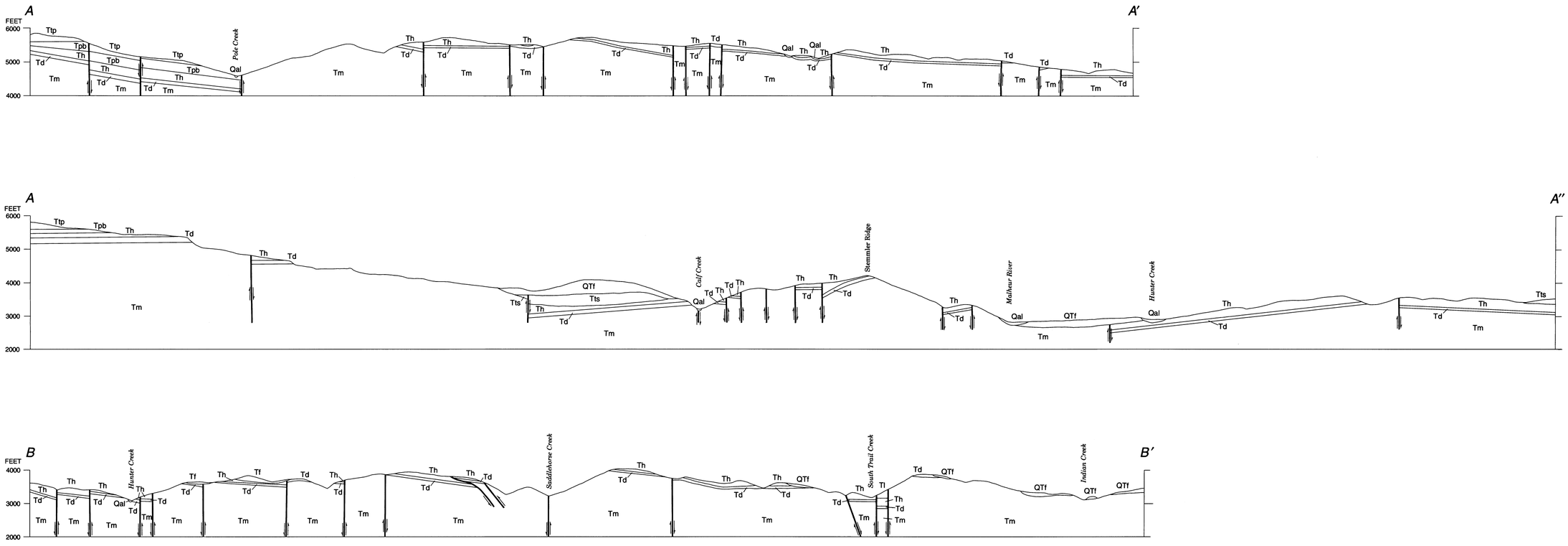

ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

Sample preparation

Samples for whole-rock analysis (Table 1) were crushed to minus ¼-in. in a steel-jawed Braun chipmunk crusher and split in a Jones-type splitter in the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) laboratory. A split of about 60 g of each sample was ground to minus 200 mesh in agate grinding media by X-ray Assay Laboratories (XRAL) of Don Mills, Ontario.

Altered-rock samples for trace-element analysis (Table 2) were crushed to minus ¼-in. and split to obtain nominal 200-g subsamples. Each subsample was milled to about minus 200 mesh in chrome steel media in an Angstrom disc mill in the DOGAMI laboratory. Each milled subsample was split to obtain two analytical samples: one for gold, tin, and uranium; the second for the other trace elements to be determined.

For the stream-sediment samples collected for trace-element analysis (Table 3), each 7- to 9-kg bulk sample was sieved to obtain the minus 30 mesh fraction from which the three types of analytical samples were obtained: "A," minus 80 mesh fractions; "B," heavy-mineral concentrates; and "C," minus 30 plus 80 mesh fractions. The B and C fractions were milled in chrome steel media (to about minus 200 mesh) for analysis. The A samples were analyzed in the minus 80 mesh form. Additional details (e.g., milling to disaggregate "intergrown" light and heavy minerals, centrifuging in tetrabromoethane to obtain the heavy-mineral concentrates, yields of the various fractions, etc.) are available from the DOGAMI laboratory.

Chemical analysis

Whole-rock analysis: X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyses were performed by XRAL. XRAL used a fused button for its analyses (1.3 g of sample roasted at 950 °C for one hour, fused with 5 g of lithium tetraborate, and melt cast into a button). Loss on ignition (LOI) was determined by the roasting.

Trace-element analysis:

1. Gold, uranium, and tin. Bondar-Clegg, Ltd., of North Vancouver, British Columbia, performed the analyses for these three elements. For altered-rock and minus 30 plus 80 mesh sediment (C) samples (compare with the method used for the A and B sediment fractions described in section 3 below), gold was determined by fire assay preconcentration of the gold in a 20-g sample (gold was collected in added silver), acid dissolution of the resulting bead, and a directly coupled plasma (DCP) emission spectrometer finish. The detection limit was 1 part per billion (ppb). For uranium, a 0.1-g sample was digested with concentrated nitric acid, the solution diluted, an aliquot fused with NaF, and the uranium determined by fluorimetry. The detection limit was 0.2 parts per million (ppm). Tin was determined (on an unpacked sample on a mylar film support) by XRF on an energy-dispersive XRF spectrometer. Corrections were made for inter-element interferences. The detection limit was 5 ppm.

2. Other trace elements. Geochemical Services, Inc. (GSI), of Rocklin, California, performed the analyses for 14 trace elements in the altered rock and sediment (A and B) samples. The method employed a proprietary acid dissolution/organic extraction of a 5-g (altered-rock) or 15-g (sediment) sample. The finish was by induction coupled plasma (ICP) emission spectrometry. GSI considers the digestion to provide total metal contents except for gallium and thallium.

3. Gold in minus 80 mesh (A) and heavy-mineral concentrate (B) fractions. GSI determined gold in a 15-g subsample (dissolution and extraction as above) via a graphite furnace atomic absorption (GFAA) finish. The detection limit was 0.2 ppb.

Note: The relatively high gold contents of the minus 30 plus 80 mesh (C) fractions are of interest. For all of the sediment samples, this fraction was largely siliceous and would ordinarily be discarded in the production of heavy-mineral concentrates by hand panning.

Table 1. Whole-rock analyses, Jonesboro quadrangle, Malheur County, Oregon[1]

Map letter	Laboratory no.	1/4	1/4	Sec.	T. (S.)	R. (E.)	Elev. (ft)	Lithology	Map unit	Oxides (wt. percent)												Trace elements (ppm)						
										SiO_2	Al_2O_3	TiO_2	Fe_2O_3	MnO	CaO	MgO	K_2O	Na_2O	P_2O_5	LOI	Total	Cr	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba
A	AXB-704	SW	SE	15	20	39	3,640	Basalt	Tm	49.0	16.7	0.26	11.6	0.17	9.96	5.48	0.70	3.03	0.26	1.54	100.3	123	18	362	20	140	19	203
B	AXB-705	SW	NE	28	20	39	2,840	Rhyolite welded tuff	Td	75.8	11.2	0.03	2.35	0.03	0.29	0.22	3.47	4.74	0.03	1.54	100.1	28	67	21	107	399	42	1480
C	AXB-708	NW	NW	28	20	39	3,080	Mafic welded tuff	Td	53.8	13.5	0.43	12.6	0.18	6.32	3.04	1.57	2.34	0.43	4.70	100.2	22	45	267	32	172	32	594
D	AXB-714	NW	NW	1	20	39	5,000	Rhyolite welded tuff	Td	71.9	12.1	0.21	2.24	0.07	0.53	0.15	5.46	3.49	0.03	3.54	100.0	24	91	24	110	412	25	1520
E	AXB-707	NE	NE	15	21	39	3,920	Basalt	Th	53.7	13.1	0.42	14.1	0.22	6.82	3.13	2.01	3.07	0.42	0.93	100.0	25	73	318	27	229	12	690
F	AXB-710	SW	NE	31	19	39	4,540	Basalt breccia	Tpb	49.5	16.9	0.36	10.5	0.16	10.1	6.86	0.73	2.88	0.36	0.77	100.1	215	23	461	14	90	11	351
G	AXB-712	SW	NE	36	19	38	5,040	Basalt	Ttp	48.5	18.0	0.38	11.3	0.19	9.84	4.43	0.74	2.98	0.38	2.23	100.0	104	16	492	< 10	84	17	507
H	AXB-711	SE	SW	6	20	39	5,400	Basalt	Ttp	49.0	17.1	0.34	10.8	0.16	10.3	6.47	0.71	3.02	0.34	0.77	100.0	153	26	470	33	87	< 10	323
I	AXB-706	SW	NW	21	20	39	3,360	Welded tuff	Tts	73.0	10.7	0.02	2.74	0.07	0.16	0.10	5.71	3.90	0.02	3.16	100.0	21	133	< 10	175	1150	74	19

[1]XRF analyses by XRAL.

Table 2. Trace-element analyses of altered-rock samples, Jonesboro quadrangle, Malheur County, Oregon[1]

Map no.	Laboratory no.	1/4	Sec.	T. (S.)	R. (E.)	UTM coordinates	Elev. (ft)	Lithology	Map unit	Ag (ppm)	As (ppm)	Au (ppb)	Cu (ppm)	Hg (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Tl (ppm)	Zn (ppm)	Bi (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Ga (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Te (ppm)	U (ppm)	Sn (ppm)
1	AXB 640	NW	8	21	39	421951E 4845415N	3,920	Oxidized basalt	Td	< 0.015	128	< 1	32.8	0.667	1.21	2.31	3.69	< 0.50	62.2	< 0.25	0.229	4.2	< 1.16	< 0.50	1.9	12
2	AXB 641	SW	8	21	39	422244E 4844519N	3,940	Basalt breccia cemented by yellow chalcedony	Tm	< 0.015	39	4	5.38	0.827	2.22	1.98	0.442	< 0.50	85.9	< 0.25	0.252	4.38	< 1.0	< 0.50	1.7	10
3	AXB 642	SE	12	20	39	420061E 4854761N	4,780	Brecciated welded tuff with brown oxide and silica cement	Td	< 0.015	< 1.0	< 1	2.88	< 0.10	2.55	2.53	< 0.25	< 0.50	85.8	< 0.25	< 0.10	1.18	< 1.0	< 0.50	2	< 5
4	AXB 643	NW	17	20	39	422320E 4853732N	4,220	Lithic tuff with silica and iron oxide cement	Tts	0.028	9.19	< 1	72.8	< 0.10	1.7	2.4	< 0.25	< 0.50	43.4	< 0.25	0.093	3.4	1.09	< 0.50	0.9	< 5
5	AXB 652	SE	36	19	39	420275E 4858000N	5,340	Brown jasperoid containing chalcedony pods	Tpb	< 0.015	51.4	< 1	5.11	< 0.10	5.1	0.41	< 0.25	< 0.50	1.76	< 0.25	< 0.10	< 0.50	< 1.0	< 0.50	1.2	< 5
6	AXB 655	NE	16	20	39	425092E 4853306N	4,140	Brecciated welded tuff cemented by green and brown chalcedony	Td	< 0.015	8.35	3	7.95	< 0.10	0.897	3.68	0.361	< 0.50	65	< 0.25	< 0.10	1.33	< 1.0	< 0.50	2.9	6
7	AXB 656	NW	15	20	39	425518E 4853311N	4,020	Basalt containing carbonate veins	Tm	0.029	< 1.0	< 1	103	< 0.10	0.212	1.05	< 0.25	< 0.50	38.7	< 0.25	< 0.10	6.59	< 1.0	< 0.50	< 0.1	9
8	AXB 662	SE	11	20	39	427035E 4854046N	5,020	Oxidized basalt	Tm	< 0.015	1.29	< 1	16.5	< 0.10	0.482	3.28	< 0.25	< 0.50	43.6	< 0.25	0.096	4.74	< 1.0	< 0.50	< 0.1	12
9	AXB 663	SE	11	20	39	424153E 4856281N	5,640	Red jasperoid	Td	0.034	7.34	< 1	4.86	< 0.10	2.62	4.56	0.413	< 0.50	73.7	< 0.25	0.128	1.85	< 1.0	< 0.50	< 0.1	6
10	AXB 677	SW	32	20	39	422201E 4847756N	3,040	Oxidized basalt	Tm	0.043	1.88	< 1	58.7	< 0.10	0.273	3.31	< 0.25	< 0.50	20.6	< 0.25	< 0.10	4.47	< 1.0	< 0.50	0.5	6
11	AXB 678	SW	35	20	39	427208E 4847988N	3,340	Brecciated welded tuff with chalcedony cement	Td	< 0.015	< 1.0	2	2.37	< 0.10	0.496	4.14	< 0.25	< 0.50	49.9	< 0.25	< 0.10	1.64	< 1.0	< 0.50	0.7	6
12	AXB 680	SE	19	20	39	421213E 4851549N	3,720	Oxidized basalt	Tb	0.017	1.2	< 1	13	< 0.10	0.471	2.5	< 0.25	< 0.50	65	< 0.25	< 0.10	3.51	< 1.0	< 0.50	0.5	16

[1]Gold, uranium, and tin analyses by Bondar-Clegg; other trace elements by GSI.

Table 3. Trace-element analyses of stream-sediment samples, Jonesboro quadrangle, Malheur County, Oregon[1, 2]

Map letter	Laboratory no.[2]	1/4	1/4	Sec.	T. (S.)	R. (E.)	UTM coordinates	Elev. (ft)	Ag (ppm)	Au (ppb)	As (ppm)	Bi (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Hg (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Te (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Zn (ppm)	Ga (ppm)	Tl (ppm)
a	AXB 608A	NE	NE	34	20	39	426744E 4848715N	2,880	17.7	0.433	2.47	0.1	0.157	< 0.02	0.240	< 0.25	0.084	9.52	1.15	6.91	86.0	3.38	1.51
	AXB 608B								84.4	3.82	4.28	0.201	0.625	< 0.02	0.364	< 0.25	0.154	8.00	2.75	12.8	218.	7.47	4.02
	AXB 608C								— —	15	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
b	AXB 610A	SW	NW	33	20	39	423884E 4848628N	2,830	12.9	< 0.2	1.72	0.082	0.103	< 0.02	0.168	< 0.25	0.064	17.1	0.541	4.66	48.5	2.83	1.07
	AXB 610B								30.5	5.85	2.27	0.217	0.490	< 0.02	0.306	< 0.25	0.065	33.3	1.38	7.26	129.	6.65	3.94
	AXB 610C								— —	3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
c	AXB 612A	SW	SW	28	20	39	423548E 4849335N	2,880	11.6	0.326	1.07	0.103	0.065	< 0.02	0.146	< 0.25	0.051	40.4	0.326	2.13	58.4	3.89	1.57
	AXB 612B								49.1	2.24	0.987	0.095	0.312	< 0.02	0.109	0.353	< 0.05	39.3	0.472	4.35	97.8	5.83	2.06
	AXB 612C								— —	5	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
d	AXB 614A	SW 1/2	SW	30	20	40	420750E 4849396N	2,870	13.6	0.485	2.51	0.073	0.094	< 0.02	0.154	< 0.25	< 0.05	27.1	0.416	4.42	62.8	3.69	1.21
	AXB 614B								44.7	1.95	2.60	0.086	0.290	< 0.02	0.125	< 0.25	< 0.05	28.1	0.590	3.74	103.	5.31	1.93
	AXB 614C								— —	6	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
e	AXB 616A	NW	SE	36	20	40	419523E 4848067N	2,900	13.0	0.229	1.19	0.077	0.09	< 0.02	0.101	< 0.25	< 0.05	33.5	0.667	2.95	58.3	3.34	1.38
	AXB 616B								31.2	1.18	1.69	0.119	0.370	< 0.02	0.160	< 0.25	0.071	38.6	1.46	4.79	131.	6.22	2.75
	AXB 616C								— —	6	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
f	AXB 622A	SW	NW	26	20	39	426908E 4850073N	2,880	22.5	0.387	1.05	0.108	0.07	< 0.02	0.093	< 0.25	< 0.05	56.1	0.360	2.00	54.2	3.73	1.62
	AXB 622B								30.4	0.725	0.784	0.068	0.197	< 0.02	0.098	< 0.25	< 0.05	32.1	0.421	1.93	87.0	5.35	1.96
	AXB 622C								— —	4	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
g	AXB 624A	NW	NW	27	20	39	425384E 4850458N	2,900	10.6	0.517	0.698	0.078	0.065	< 0.02	0.072	< 0.25	< 0.05	48.6	0.423	2.12	75.8	5.21	1.88
	AXB 624B								11.8	0.431	1.04	0.115	0.326	< 0.02	0.155	< 0.25	0.055	42.7	0.559	2.22	125.	8.04	2.88
	AXB 624C								— —	3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
h	AXB 626A	SW	NE	17	20	39	423096E 4853305N	3,540	16.5	< 0.2	1.10	0.091	0.068	< 0.02	0.188	< 0.25	< 0.05	46.1	0.334	2.03	62.1	4.15	1.52
	AXB 626B								51.1	0.263	1.32	0.142	0.377	< 0.02	0.160	< 0.25	< 0.05	41.9	0.597	2.93	119.	7.03	3.30
	AXB 626C								— —	4	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
i	AXB 628A	N 1/2	SW	25	20	39	428858E 4849780N	2,860	13.8	0.423	0.863	0.074	0.058	< 0.02	0.126	0.273	0.057	52.7	0.399	1.74	52.9	3.19	1.44
	AXB 628B								33.8	1.21	1.47	0.123	0.320	< 0.02	0.169	< 0.25	0.084	45.8	0.712	2.30	114.	6.62	2.95
	AXB 628C								— —	3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
j	AXB 630A	NW	NE	26	20	39	427847E 4850409N	2,840	30.8	0.744	1.60	0.127	0.100	< 0.02	0.121	< 0.25	0.073	71.8	0.354	2.86	50.8	3.80	1.98
	AXB 630B								28.8	7.53	0.470	0.058	0.168	< 0.02	0.09	< 0.25	0.051	32.4	0.351	1.84	56.2	3.42	1.15
	AXB 630C								— —	6	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

[1]Gold analyses of minus 30 plus 80 mesh (C) fractions by Bondar-Clegg.
[2]Gold and other trace-element analyses in minus 80 (A) and heavy-metal concentrate (B) fractions by GSI.
[3]Suffix meaning: A = minus 80 mesh fraction, B = heavy mineral fraction, C = minus 30 plus 80 mesh fraction.