

THE FIDDLERS GOLD PROJECT

A Sediment Hosted Gold Target

The Fiddlers Gold property is located about 17 miles north of Terrace. The showings lie across the summit of a 4,500' elevation pass between the heads of the north forks of Maroon and Fiddler Creeks. The old Log Cabin claims were on the west side of the divide and the Scenic claims on the east side. The property consisted of up to 8 old claims, owned by John Garland, of Terrace from 1921 or earlier. Assessment work continued into 1931 and included trenching, an 80' adit on the west side of the divide, and about three short adits on the east side. Logging roads now come within about 1700 metres of this old property.

Argillites of the Jurassic to Cretaceous Bowser Lake Group are intruded by numerous greenstone dykes. Diorite of the Cretaceous to Tertiary Coast Plutonic Complex lies to the south. On the west side of the divide, is a 2 metre wide silicified zone in the sediments. A 20 centimetre wide quartz vein mineralized with pyrite and chalcopyrite occurs on the hangingwall. At the divide, a vein of brecciated quartz and country rock is mineralized with galena, sphalerite and chalcopyrite.

East of the divide, a 2.4 to 3.0 metre stringer zone contains pyrite and chalcopyrite. A 1.5 metre sample assayed **18.5 grams per tonne gold**, 137 grams per tonne silver and 0.5 per cent copper (Minister of Mines Annual Report 1928).

Another showing along the divide shows a fairly well-defined vein of brecciated quartz and country rock, mineralized with galena, sphalerite and chalcopyrite. On the east side of the divide an open cut exposes a zone 8 to 10' wide containing stringers of pyrite and chalcopyrite. A 5-foot sample from the centre of the vein, including a few inches of heavy sulphide, assayed **Gold, 16.8 grams per tonne**; silver , 4 oz/t and copper 0.5 per cent.

Underlying rocks are sedimentary, intruded by numerous dykes. Pyrite is widely disseminated in all rock types. On the west side of the divide a silicified zone about 6' wide occurs in sedimentary rock. On the hanging-wall of this is a quartz vein about 8 inches thick, well mineralized with chalcopyrite. The remainder of the zone is more or less mineralized with pyrite and chalcopyrite,

Other areas of the claims are quite gossanous indicating further undiscovered mineralized zones. The property has not yet been subjected to any type of modern exploration or drilling.

Bibliography

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