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National Mineral Inventory:

Name(s): **PETERS CREEK**, CAMPBELL CREEK, BASFORD CREEK, MATHER, VENTURE, CARRUTHERS CREEK

Status: Past Producer Open Pit/Underground

Mining Division: Cariboo

Regions: British Columbia

NTS Map: 093H04W (NAD 83)

Latitude: 53 03 07 N

Longitude: 121 50 58 W

Elevation: 1091 Metres

Location Accuracy: Within 500M

Comments: Mather shaft.

UTM Zone: 10 (NAD 83)

Northing: 5878668

Easting: 577120

Commodities: Gold

MINERALS

Significant: Gold

Mineralization Age: Unknown

DEPOSIT

Character: Unconsolidated

Classification: Placer Residual

Type: [Surficial placers.]

HOST ROCK

Dominant Host Rock: Sedimentary

Stratigraphic Age	Group	Formation	Igneous/Metamorphic/Other
Tertiary			Glacial/Fluvial Gravels

Lithology: Tertiary Gravel
Clay
Glacial Gravel

Host Rock Comments: Area mainly underlain by Snowshoe Group metasedimentary rocks.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

Tectonic Belt: Omineca

Terrane: Barkerville

Physiographic Area: Quesnel Highland

CAPSULE GEOLOGY

Placer gold deposits of the Quesnel Highland region, including the former rich producers of the Barkerville camp, have accounted for a large proportion of British Columbia's alluvial gold production. With the exception of a few producers in the Wingdam area, which are underlain by Upper Triassic sediments correlative with the Nicola Group, almost all the deposits are underlain by the Upper Proterozoic to Lower Paleozoic Snowshoe Group. These rocks have been metamorphosed to greenschist facies and are predominantly metasedimentary.

Placer gold deposits in the region are generally found in relatively young Pleistocene gravels. The morphology and mineral associations of the gold suggests that it was derived locally, the most obvious sources are the numerous auriferous veins in the Downey succession of the Snowshoe Group.

Placer gold has been recovered from several locations along Peters Creek including the tributaries of Campbell Creek, Bassford Creek and Carruthers Creek. The valley of Peters Creek is filled with surface stream gravels which are underlain in places by clay and in other places by glacial gravels. Gold has been produced from both surface gravels and bedrock gravels.

"Data from the Cariboo mining district indicate that supergene leaching of gold dispersed within massive sulphides by Tertiary deep weathering followed by Cenozoic erosion is the most likely explanation for the occurrence of coarse gold nuggets in Quaternary sediments" (Exploration in British Columbia 1989, page 147).

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