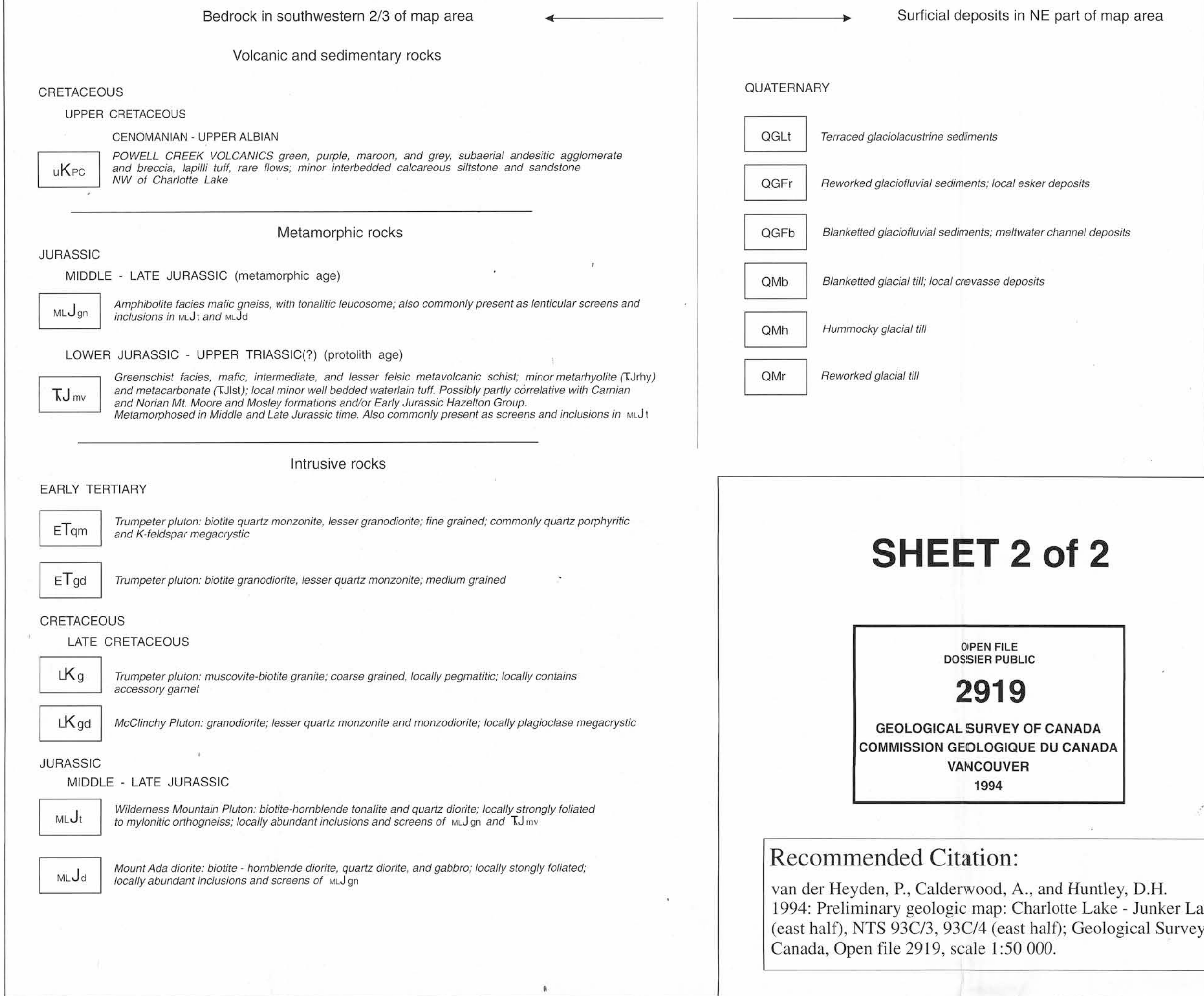


## LEGEND



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## NOTES

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF GEOLOGY AND GEOCHRONOLOGY

The southwestern part of Charlotte Lake (93C/3) and Junker Lake east-half (93C/4E) map areas are underlain predominantly by granitoid and metamorphic rocks of the eastern Coast Belt. Extensive glacial drift and felsenmeer (ca. 80% of the total surface area) obscure relationships between 5 major map units:

- 1) Middle to Late Jurassic greenschist and amphibolite facies metamorphic and metaplutonic rocks, derived from Upper Triassic to Early Jurassic(?) volcanic (T<sub>Jmv</sub>; also minor metarhyolite [T<sub>Jrh</sub>] and metacarbonate [T<sub>Jst</sub>]) and Middle to Late Jurassic plutonic (Mount Ada diorite ML<sub>Jd</sub>; unnamed gneissic rocks ML<sub>Jgn</sub>) protoliths, respectively. Metarhyolite from the metavolcanic succession along Charlotte Lake has yielded a minimum 190 Ma U-Pb zircon date. The Mount Ada diorite gave 162-168 Ma Pb/Pb zircon ages on somewhat discordant fractions. These oldest rock in the study area form several large, generally northeast striking pendants and widespread smaller screens and inclusions enclosed in:
- 2) Middle and Late Jurassic biotite hornblende tonalite and quartz diorite of the Wilderness Mountain pluton (ML<sub>Jt</sub>), which gave 145 and 160 Ma U-Pb zircon ages; tonalitic leucosome from a gneissic screen west of McClinchy Lake yielded a 150 Ma U-Pb zircon age. The tonalite is commonly strongly foliated, and locally mylonitic, with steep dips and northeasterly strike. Two postkinematic mafic dykes in the Wilderness pluton gave ca. 131 and 128 Ma Ar/Ar dates on hornblende and biotite, respectively. Together with the older metamorphic and plutonic pendants, this matrix pluton forms the eastern boundary of the Middle to Late Jurassic Amarko Complex (van der Heyden, 1990, 1991). The Wilderness Mountain pluton is separated by a prominent northwesterly trending fault (possibly a northwestern continuation of the Tchaikazin fault) from:
- 3) Medium grained, locally plagioclase megacrystic granodiorite to quartz monzonite of the Late Cretaceous McClinchy pluton (LK<sub>gd</sub>) (van der Heyden et al., 1994). The McClinchy pluton intrudes the Wilderness tonalite south of the present study area, and an offset part(?) of the pluton intrudes a metavolcanic screen east of Whittom Creek.
- 4) A distinct Late Cretaceous two-mica granite (LK<sub>g</sub>) and associated Early Tertiary granodiorite (ET<sub>gd</sub>) and megacrystic quartz monzonite (ET<sub>qm</sub>), collectively referred to as the Trumpeter pluton, which intrudes the Wilderness pluton south of the Amarko River. Zircons from these distinct phases yielded ca. 58.7 Ma (monazite and zircon), 58.5 Ma (zircon), and 55 Ma (zircon) U-Pb ages, respectively. The Trumpeter pluton appears to have been disrupted by the main northwest trending fault, northwest of Little Charlotte Lake.
- 5) Late Cretaceous subaerial volcanoclastic rocks of the Powell Creek formation (LKPC) form two fault bounded domains, west of Clearwater Lake and northwest of Charlotte Lake, respectively. These were probably intruded by the Late Cretaceous plutons (LK<sub>gd</sub>, LK<sub>g</sub>), but present contacts are all steeply dipping faults.

Ductile fabrics in the study area are dominated by steep, north-northwest dipping foliations; this attitude is quite anomalous with respect to the regional northwesterly trends of the Coast Belt. The ductile fabrics are probably mostly Middle to Late Jurassic in age. A network of steeply dipping northeast, north, and northwest trending brittle shear zones and faults has affected most rock units in the study area. The northeast and northwest striking faults apparently postdate the youngest granitoid intrusions in the area, and are therefore Eocene or younger in age. Many of these faults and their associated fractures are locally coated with secondary Cu minerals related to late hydrothermal activity (see below). These faults may be related to Eocene and younger extension that has affected the Tatla Lake extensional metamorphic complex (Friedman and Armstrong, 1988), which is inferred to underlie Quaternary sediments along the extreme eastern boundary of the Charlotte Lake map area. The Yalakom fault may be buried beneath the northwest trending meltwater channel that includes Hooch Lake.

### NOTE 2: SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

The southwest portion of the map area is dominated by an alpine landscape, deeply incised by northeast trending glaciated valleys, including Whittom and McClinchy creeks. Glacial erosion focussed in these valleys has emphasized prominent NE-SW structural lineaments. Above 1770 m asl., the dominant surficial deposits are talus and felsenmeer veneer on bedrock; below this elevation, locally derived till veneers bedrock. Along valley floors, reworked till and glacio-fluvial sediments predominate. Glacial scouring west of Charlotte Lake has exposed bedrock and emphasized the local fracture and fault pattern, producing roches moutonnées, glacial grooves, drumlins, and crag and tail features. These landforms indicate a northeast iceflow from Whittom Creek.

The remainder of the map area is dominated by plateau terrain, lying between 1040 and 1540 m asl. Charlotte Lake is the major landform in the area and lies on trend with regional NW-SE lineaments. This lake drains into the Amarko River, which occupies a major north-northwest trending glacial trough northwest of the study area. The entire eastern part of the study area is blanketed by till (QM<sub>b</sub>, QM<sub>h</sub>). Directional iceflow indicators preserved in till, including drumlins and grooves, indicate northeast and southeast iceflow. Tipper (1969) suggested that the dominant iceflow direction throughout the Fraser glaciation was northeasterly, with a later southeasterly readvance from the Anahim Lake area. However, mapping provided evidence for only one glaciation, during which ice lobe interaction occurred between glaciers derived from the southwest and northwest of Charlotte Lake. Till is locally reworked (QMR), overlain by esker (QGF<sub>r</sub>) and crevasse (QM<sub>h</sub>) deposits. The glacial deposits and landforms are eroded and incised by meltwater channels that drain to Charlotte Lake and Dean River. Glaciofluvial deposits in these channels (QGF<sub>b</sub>, QGF<sub>r</sub>) are laterally transitional with terraced glaciolacustrine sediments (QGL<sub>t</sub>) around Charlotte Lake. These terraces are interpreted as former stands of Charlotte Lake.

### NOTE 3: ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

The contact zone between the Wilderness tonalite and the Trumpeter pluton south of the Amarko River is locally marked by chalcocite, chalcopyrite, and bornite bearing quartz veins in an area that includes the Ada Cu showing (Minfile 093C-005). Disseminated chalcopyrite is locally present in very minor amounts near the contact in both Wilderness and Trumpeter plutons. The Cu sulphides are typically altered to assemblages of malachite, azurite, chrysocolla, and Cu pitch. Malachite and azurite are also commonly present along fractures in both plutons. The Cu bearing veins do not appear to be auriferous, but local pyrite bearing quartz veins near the Wilderness-Trumpeter contact may contain some Au.

Other exploration targets in the mapped area include the Copper Queen Cu-Mo (Minfile 093C-001) and the C.DK Cu (Minfile 093C-004) showings at the southwest end of McClinchy Lake. The Copper Queen showing may represent a fault-controlled, high structural level of a classic altered mineralized porphyry system hosted by tonalite of the Wilderness Mountain pluton. An area encompassing about 9 square kilometres in size is characterized by quartz-feldspar porphyry dykes and at least five intrusive breccia zones with a fine biotite quartz diorite matrix. The breccias are cracked and veined by drusy quartz with chalcopyrite, bornite, and minor molybdenite; the country rocks are modestly altered to propylitic and local phyllic and argillic assemblages. Au and Ag values associated with Cu mineralization are low. This mineralized area is here interpreted as the cap of an Early Tertiary Cu porphyry system, for which the Trumpeter pluton represents an example of a deeper level of unroofing.

The southeast and northwest margins of the large metavolcanic screen in the Wilderness tonalite, northwest of McClinchy Lake, are locally quite gossanous and contain numerous sulphide bearing drusy quartz veins. This area and the adjacent older plutonic rocks are possibly underlain by the same porphyry system as the McClinchy Lake showings. A small area at the extreme NE end of the metavolcanic screen was staked in 1993, apparently for the presence of Au. The entire screen margin deserves to be further prospected for the presence of precious metals and Cu mineralization.

### NOTE 4: MINFILE MINERAL DEPOSITS

Locations are taken from British Columbia Geological Survey Branch MINFILE database; accuracies are uncertain.

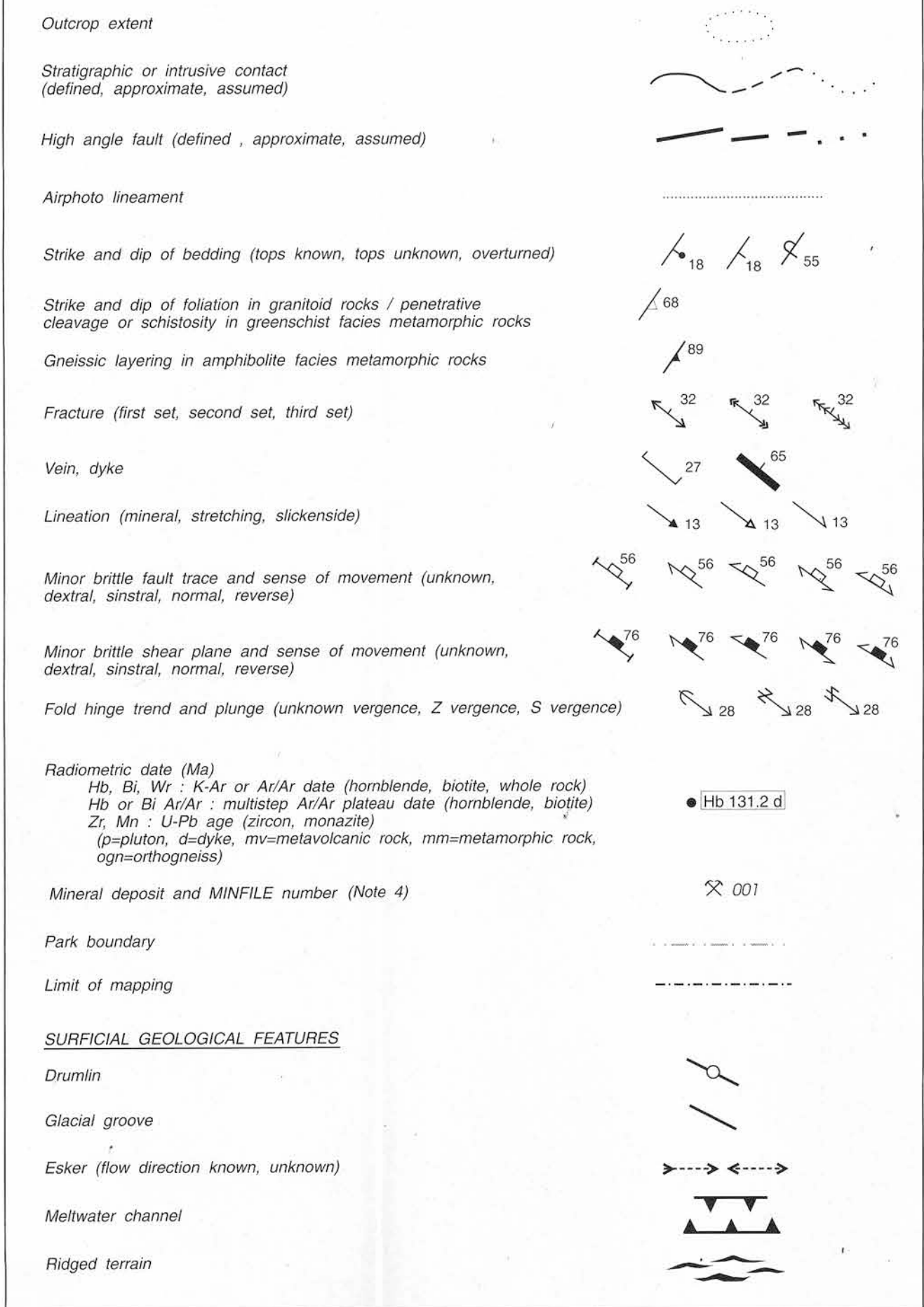
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