

NOTES

This map is a composite image of regional magnetic anomaly and lithology data. The magnetic anomaly data are displayed in a shaded-relief and lithologies are shown as coloured polygons.

The magnetic data were acquired in three separate airborne surveys flown under contract to the Geological Survey of Canada between 1961 and 1968. The flight lines were oriented east-west in the western map area and north-south in the eastern map area. In each survey flight lines were flown at a mean terrain clearance of 300 m approximately 800 m apart.

The coloured lithology polygons shown in this image reflect the most abundant rock type mapped within the more than 60 geological units known for the Fort Fraser map area (MacIntyre and Schiarizza, 1999; Struk, 1998a, 1998b; Struk et al., 2000).

Magnetic susceptibility is the ratio of magnetization to magnetic field. It reflects the amount of magnetizable material present in a rock. Iron and titanium oxides are the primary magnetic minerals in rocks, but these minerals rarely constitute more than 2% of any given rock.

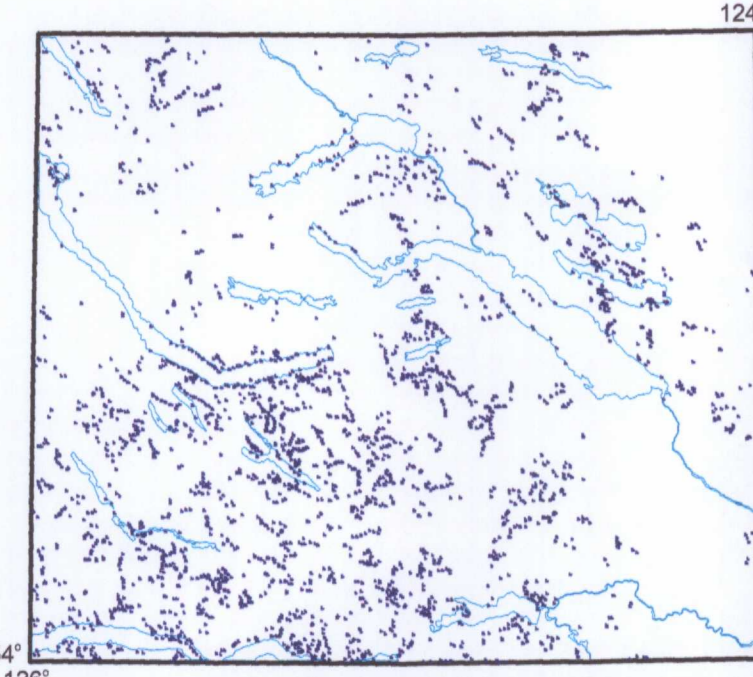


Figure 1: Distribution of measured magnetic susceptibilities.

Sedimentary rocks, with the exception of immature clastics, usually have low magnetic susceptibilities and produce low-relief magnetic anomalies. For the most part, the calcareous (polygon 1) and mafic clastic (polygon 3) rocks which underlie much of the northeastern portion of this map are typical of these characteristics.

However, isolated, high-relief, magnetic anomalies are observed within these lithologic units. For example, a narrow, 15 km long, north-west-trending anomaly parallels the Prince George fault near 54° 42' N. This anomaly closely resembles (in width, length and magnetic amplitude) those observed over ultramafic rocks (polygon 8) exposed farther to the west and southwest.

igneous rocks generally have increasing magnetic susceptibility with decreasing silica content. Ultramafic rocks such as pyroxenite and harzburgite, typically have very high magnetic susceptibilities and produce high amplitude magnetic anomalies. However, few ultramafic bodies are completely androphanous, most show some level of serpentinization.

Ultramafic rocks exposed in Fort Fraser map area (polygon 8) have relatively high average magnetic susceptibilities (Table 1) and most produce high amplitude magnetic anomalies. The degree of serpentinization increases westward across the map area, and as expected, so does the amplitude of the magnetic anomalies associated with these rocks.

S-type granites, which form from the anatexis of sedimentary rocks, typically have high ⁸⁷Rb/⁸⁷Sr ratios and are preferentially enriched in lithium. They do not typically produce high amplitude magnetic anomalies. On the other hand, I-type granites, which have mafic rich sources tend to have low ⁸⁷Rb/⁸⁷Sr ratios. They are preferentially enriched in magneite and often have an associated magnetic mineral.

Table with 3 columns: Polygon number, Susceptibility x 10^9 SI (Range, Mean), and number of samples. Data for polygons 1 through 10.

Table 1: Measured magnetic susceptibilities. Measurements were conducted on rock outcrops using a hand-held Ekstrom/Kepner magnetometer.

Volcanic rocks, like granitic rocks, typically exhibit an increase in magnetic susceptibility with a decrease in silica content. Large areas of the Fort Fraser map area are underlain by thin felsic or mafic lava flows of Eocene age.

Structurally, the Fort Fraser map area has been dissected by northwesterly-, northeasterly-, and easterly-trending fault systems (Struk and Werthup, 1997). For the most part, north-west-trending faults record a strike-slip sense of displacement, whereas north-east- and east-trending faults have a predominantly normal sense of displacement.

Metamorphic rocks have magnetic susceptibilities significantly influenced by metamorphic grade and source composition. Regional metamorphism of mafic sources to greenschist or amphibolite grade tends to lower the susceptibility.

There are 104 mineral occurrences in the Fort Fraser map area recorded in the British Columbia MINFILE database (Table 2). Relative to other lithologic units mineral occurrences within the mafic clastic rocks which underlie much of the northeastern map area are relatively few.

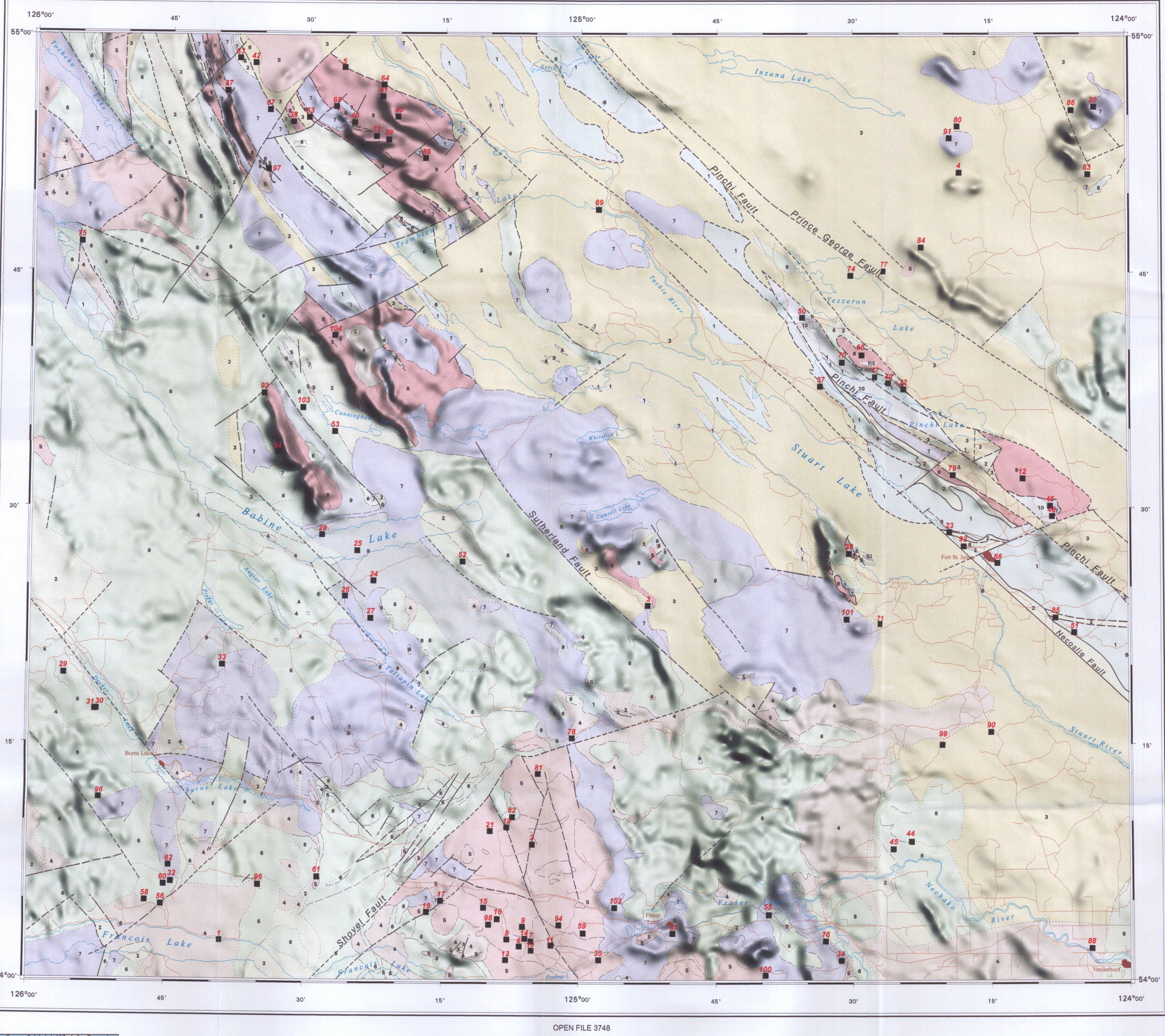
The most economically significant mineral occurrences within the Fort Fraser map area, however, are porphyry Mo ± Cu occurrences. More than twenty, including the Endako molybdenum mine, are recorded in the provincial MINFILE database (Table 2).

Chromium is an important mineral occurrence in many ultramafic bodies within the Fort Fraser map area (Table 2). Its distribution is most likely related to the original dunitic composition of these rocks.

Table 2: Mineral occurrences in the Fort Fraser map area as recorded in the British Columbia MINFILE database. Columns include Name, Status, Commodities, Latitude, Longitude, and Deposit Type.

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LEGEND

For a complete description of geological units see MacIntyre and Struk, 1999; Struk, 1998a, b; Struk et al., 2000.

SEDIMENTARY BEDROCK

- 1 CALCIAREOUS: limestone and minor dolostones and minor marbles of the Upper Carboniferous to Triassic Cache Creek Terrane...
2 FELSIC CLASTIC: conglomerates, sandstone, siltstone, and slate of Cretaceous or younger units caught in strike-slip faults...
3 MAFIC CLASTIC: andesitic gneiss and volcaniclastic rocks of the Mesozoic of Quaternary and Silurian terranes and in part, Cache Creek Terrane...
4 FELSIC VOLCANIC: rhyolite, dacite and basalt flows, breccias and pyroclastic rocks of the Eocene Ootaa Formation and minor rhyolite of the Jurassic Hazelton Group in Silurian Terrane...
5 FELSIC PLUTONIC: granite, granodiorite, quartz monzonite, of Mesozoic and Tertiary age...
6 MAFIC VOLCANIC: andesite, basalt, dacite andesite of upper Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Tertiary age...
7 MAFIC PLUTONIC: monzonitic, diorite, tonalite, gabbro and diabase of the upper Paleozoic, middle Triassic and Jurassic age, and lesser amounts of Eocene age...
8 ULTRAMAFIC: harzburgite, orthopyroxene, spinel, pyroxenite, serpentinite, talc and minor talciferous and rhyolite of the upper Paleozoic and Triassic parts of the Cache Creek Terrane...
9 MAFIC gneissiferous rocks: amphibolite, marble, hornblende gneiss, muscovite and biotite schist, meta-rhyolite and quartzite mostly of upper Paleozoic to Jurassic age in Silurian Terrane...
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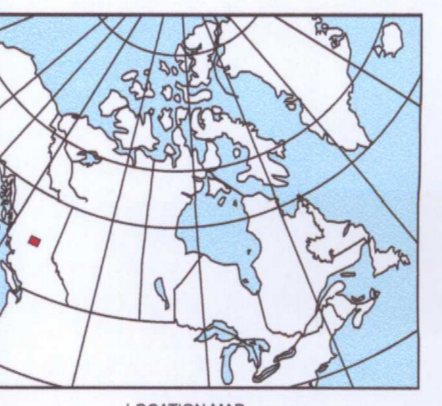
METAMORPHIC BEDROCK

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Fault (known, approximate, assumed)
Geological boundary (known, approximate, assumed)
Roads and rivers
MANFILE locality and number

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COMPOSITE LITHOLOGY-MAGNETIC ANOMALY IMAGE

FORT FRASER BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Digital roads and drainage files from TRIM database, Land Data B.C.
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