



CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

SEDIMENTARY AND VOLCANIC ROCKS

IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS

UNCONSOLIDATED SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS (QUATERNARY)

GILA AND SANTA FE FORMATIONS (QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY)

BASALTIC LAVA AND GILA AND SANTA FE FORMATIONS (QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY)

LAVA AND ASH-FLOW TUFFS (OLIGOCENE)

TERTIARY

ANDERITIC SILLS AND DIKES (OLIGOCENE)

RYOLITE SILLS, STOCKS AND SILLS (OLIGOCENE)

ANDERITIC SILLS AND DIKES (OLIGOCENE)

QUARTZ LATTICE DIKE OR SILL (OLIGOCENE?)

ANDERITIC SILLS (OLIGOCENE?)

RYOLITE SILLS AND DOMES (OLIGOCENE)

ANDERITIC SILLS AND SILLS (UPPER CRETACEOUS)

QUARTZ MONZONITE, GRANITE, MONZONORITE AND DIORITE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)

QUARTZ LATTICE DIKES OF COPPER FLAT (UPPER CRETACEOUS)

ANDERITIC FLOWS OF COPPER FLAT (UPPER CRETACEOUS)

EARLY QUARTZITE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)

UNDIVIDED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS (PALEOZOIC)

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DRAINAGE AREAS

Stream sediment concentrates containing fluorite

Stream sediment concentrates containing cassiterite

ROCK SAMPLE LOCALITY

ROCK AND STREAM SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCALITY—Number identifies anomalous rock sample locality described in table

Table 2.—The probable value of spectrographic category 1 for different metals

Metal	Lower detection limit (in ppm)	Probable value (in ppm)
Mo	5	3
Zn	200	100 or 150
Ag	200	100 or 150
As	0.5	0.2 or 0.3
Cd	10	20 or 10
Au	10	5 or 7

DISCUSSION

Two types of data are shown on this map: (1) The distribution of detrital fluorite and cassiterite in the monomagnetic (M₁) fraction observed during microscopic study of the panned concentrates. These concentrates are derived from drainage areas within the map area and are the basic sample medium for geochemical exploration in this study. (2) The location of all rock samples collected as a supplement to the basic drainage survey and the localities of these rock samples deemed to have an unusually high content in at least one metallic element as shown by semiquantitative spectrographic analysis. A table listing the anomalous metal content and a brief description of each rock sample containing higher than normal metal content(s) is provided. This map is part of a series of geochemical maps for several metals that accompany this folio.

Sample Type

The sample material consists of the portion of pan-concentrated stream sediment having a specific gravity greater than that of bromoform. Prior to bromoform separation magnetite was removed by hand magnet and discarded. The remaining heavy mineral sample was subsequently separated magnetically into two fractions: magnetic and nonmagnetic. The magnetic (M₁) fraction is that portion of such material not magnetic at 0.1 ampere, but magnetic at a 1.0 ampere setting on a Frantz Isodynamic Separator (fracture of 15°). The other sample fraction is a 1.0 ampere setting as is called nonmagnetic (M₂). The nonmagnetic (M₂) fraction is composed dominantly of light-colored rock-fragments, accessory minerals and primary and secondary ore minerals. If high metal values occur in this fraction they are predominantly due to the presence of sulfides.

Analytical Methods

Rock samples were pulverized to -150 mesh prior to analysis for 30 elements by the semi-quantitative spectrographic method of Orin and Harrington (1948). Results of these spectrographic analyses are reported within geometric intervals having the boundaries 1/200, 3/50, 3/60, 3/80, 1/20, and so on in ppm, but are shown in the histograms by approximate geometric mid-points such as 1,000, 700, 200, 200, 100, and 100. Precision of a reported value is approximately plus or minus one interval at 98 percent confidence, or plus or minus two intervals at 95 percent confidence.

The Pierce Canyon area (south-central part of map area) and northward shows only moderate promise for fluorite deposits. The fluorite patterns in this area form a sporadic linear trend, oriented north-south. The fluorite occurs in the generally north-trending fault zone that extends from the vicinity of Signal Peak northward at least as far as Kingston Ranger Station. Base and precious metals are associated with this zone, which indicates the fluorite occurrence may be related to base and precious mineralization in the area. Any fluorite exploration should be directed toward the faults associated with this zone.

Other fluorite areas delineated on the map have unknown potentials for economic fluorite deposits.

Most rock samples were collected within 30-100 m of the stream sediment sample site, but some additional rock samples were collected where alteration was conspicuous or where strata, breccia, Jasperoid, or limonite zones were encountered elsewhere. The rock samples are of two types. One type was comprised of altered rocks, breccia, fracture fillings, fault gouge and breccia, vein, and favorable lithologic contacts; all of these materials were sampled in an attempt to detect leakage halos and delineate the general outline of mineralized rock. The other type of rock sample was representative of the unmineralized lithologic types within the map area. These were collected for the purpose of obtaining data on the average metal content for the different unmineralized rock units.

Several areas of possible interest for exploration were identified as a result of rock sampling. For example the Bercha Shale-Hessman Dolomite contact at one locality (site 43), and some intrusive-basalt rock contacts (sites 46, 112, and 114), several fault and breccia zones (sites 47, 59, 74, 101, and 115), and some areas containing fracturing and stringers (sites 46, 47, 55, and 100) were all situations where unusually high amounts of a metal or metals were found. Some samples of silicified, ferruginous limonite (Jasperoid) contained unusually high amounts of some metals (sites 41, 43, 111, and 113). Areas where these Jasperoids contain high metal values may overlap concealed mineral deposits. Certainly the locations of these high metal content rocks represent situations where solutions carrying metals have reacted with host rocks. The distance these solutions have traveled through the limestone from the source before precipitating the metals may be short because of the high reactivity of the limestone.

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MAP SHOWING AREAS OF DETRITAL FLUORITE AND CASSITERITE, AND THE LOCALITIES OF ROCK SAMPLES HILLSBORO AND SAN LORENZO QUADRANGLES EXCLUSIVE OF THE BLACK RANGE PRIMITIVE AREA SIERRA AND GRANT COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO

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