



EXPLANATION

AREA OF LOW TO MODERATE POTENTIAL FOR THE DISCOVERY OF LOW-GRADE GOLD AND SILVER DEPOSITS

PROSPECT OR MINERALIZED AREA—Numbers 1-6 refer to table 3

STREAM-SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCALITY—Numbers refer to tables 1 and 2

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREA

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Qal	Qa	Holocene
Qg		QUATERNARY
Qtg		Unconformity
Tph		Pliocene
Tt		Unconformity
Tc	Tv	Miocene
Mm	Med	MESOZOIC
MpC ₁	MpC ₂	PRECAMBRIAN

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Qal ALUVIDAL AND COLLUVIAL (QUATERNARY)

Qa LANDSLIDE DEPOSITS (QUATERNARY)

Qg FINE-GRADED SANDS (QUATERNARY)—Unconsolidated, well-sorted sand, pebbly sand, and gravel; gently dipping

Qtg OLDER SANDS (QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY)—Deformed gravel and pebbly sandstone steeply dipping

Tph PAINTED HILL FORMATION OF ALLEN (1924, 1927) (TERTIARY)—Reddish sandstone, pebbly sandstone, and pebbly sandstone, with subordinate marine lenses near base

Tt IMPERIAL FORMATION (TERTIARY)—Marine sandstone and siltstone

Tc CALIFORNIA SANDSTONE OF ALLEN (1924, 1927) (TERTIARY)—Well-sorted to poorly sorted, coarse to medium sandstone and pebbly sandstone

Tv VOLCANIC ROCKS (MESOZOIC)—Flow and intrusions of andesitic basalt, andesite, and rhyolite; Allen (1927) included these rocks within his Cambrian formation

Mm PORPHYRY MENDOCINITE (MESOZOIC)—Coarsely crystalline, unconsolidated biotite monzonitic orthogneiss containing chlorite and biotite porphyroblasts of potassium feldspar

Med BOWLING-BOWLING DIORITE (MESOZOIC)

MpC₁ GRANITIC ROCKS AND GRANITIC GNEISS (MESOZOIC TO PRECAMBRIAN)—Banded gneiss

MpC₂ GRANITIC ROCKS AND GRANITIC GNEISS SOUTH OF THE MILL CREEK-MILLION CREEK FAULT ZONE—Metamorphosed, texturally foliated to nonfoliated layered granitic rocks and granitic gneiss; matrix foliated, the matrix probably consists of deformed biotite gneiss; rocks, but probably include pre-Cambrian rocks of Paleozoic and Precambrian age

CONTACT

Fault—Dashed where approximately located; dotted where known; arrows indicate direction of relative movement

THRESH FAULT—Dashed where approximately located; dotted where known; dashed on upper plate

CRUSHED AND SHEARED ROCK IN FAULT ZONE

LANDSLIDE DEPOSIT—Arrows show inferred direction of movement

INTRODUCTION

The Whitewater Wilderness Study Area is located about 80 miles east of Riverside and about 10 miles northwest of the Springs, Calif. (Fig. 1). The study area comprises approximately 18 square miles (47,000 acres) within the San Bernardino National Forest in the southeastern San Bernardino Mountains. The area consists of rugged topography as well as foothills of the California High Desert; and is traversed by the Whitewater River, a major perennial stream that flows north and east into the San Joaquin River. The study area from the south is via dirt roads that lead from U.S. Interstate 90 and a gravel road that follows the Whitewater River upstream from the south to a via dirt road that leaves State Highway 52 and follows Mission Creek.

The Whitewater Wilderness Study Area lies between several streams of the San Andreas fault system, on the south the Banning Fault zone, and on the north the Mill Creek and Mission Creek fault zones. The area is underlain by a complex sequence of geological units that have been mapped and described in detail by Allen (1924, 1927) and by other geologists. The geologic units are described in detail in the accompanying text. In the western part of the study area the crystalline rocks in contact with the Banning Fault zone, and in the eastern part of the study area the crystalline rocks in contact with the Mill Creek and Mission Creek faults. The geologic units are described in detail in the accompanying text.

OBJECTIVES

A reconnaissance geologic survey of stream sediments in the Whitewater Wilderness Study Area was conducted for 2 1/2 days during the summer of 1981 in order to determine spatial variations in stream-sediment chemistry that might indicate local mineralization of metals. The location of geologic sample localities are shown on the mineral resource potential map, and the tabulated analytical results for stream sediments and ground concentrates are shown in tables 1 and 2.

STREAM-SEDIMENT GEOCHEMISTRY

Stream-sediment samples were collected during the summer of 1981 at 127 stream-sediment sample localities from small streams that drain the Whitewater Wilderness Study Area. The samples were analyzed for 21 elements by the method of Allen (1974) and by the method of Allen (1974) and by the method of Allen (1974). The analytical precision of the method has been evaluated by Mook and Giese (1978). The analytical precision of the method has been evaluated by Mook and Giese (1978). The analytical precision of the method has been evaluated by Mook and Giese (1978).

Table 1.—Spectrographic analysis of stream-sediment fraction 1

Field No.	ppm											ppm																	
	Fe	Mg	Ca	Ti	Mn	Ag	Au	Ba	Be	Bi	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	La	Nb	Ni	Pb	Se	Sr	Th	U	V	W	Zn	Zr			
WW-01	7	1.5	2	0.7	2000	N	N	30	700	2	N	30	50	70	150	N	L	20	70	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-02	15	0.5	1.5	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-03	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-04	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-05	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-06	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-07	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-08	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-09	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-10	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-11	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-12	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-13	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-14	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-15	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-16	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-17	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-18	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-19	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-20	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-21	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-22	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-23	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-24	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-25	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-26	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-27	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-28	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-29	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-30	7	1.5	2	0.7	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700

Table 2.—Spectrographic analysis of monogametic fraction of ground concentrates

Field No.	ppm											ppm																	
	Fe	Mg	Ca	Ti	Mn	Ag	Au	Ba	Be	Bi	Cd	Co	Cr	Cu	La	Nb	Ni	Pb	Se	Sr	Th	U	V	W	Zn	Zr			
WW-01	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-02	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-03	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-04	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-05	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-06	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-07	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-08	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-09	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-10	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-11	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-12	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-13	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-14	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	700
WW-15	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1000	N	N	30	100	2	N	30	200	200	100	N	L	20	50	30	30	500	N	1.50	200	N	100	N	70