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GEOCHEMICAL DATA FROM THE WEST NEEDLE AND WEST NEEDLE
CONTIGUOUS WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS, SAN JUAN AND
LA PLATA COUNTIES, COLORADO

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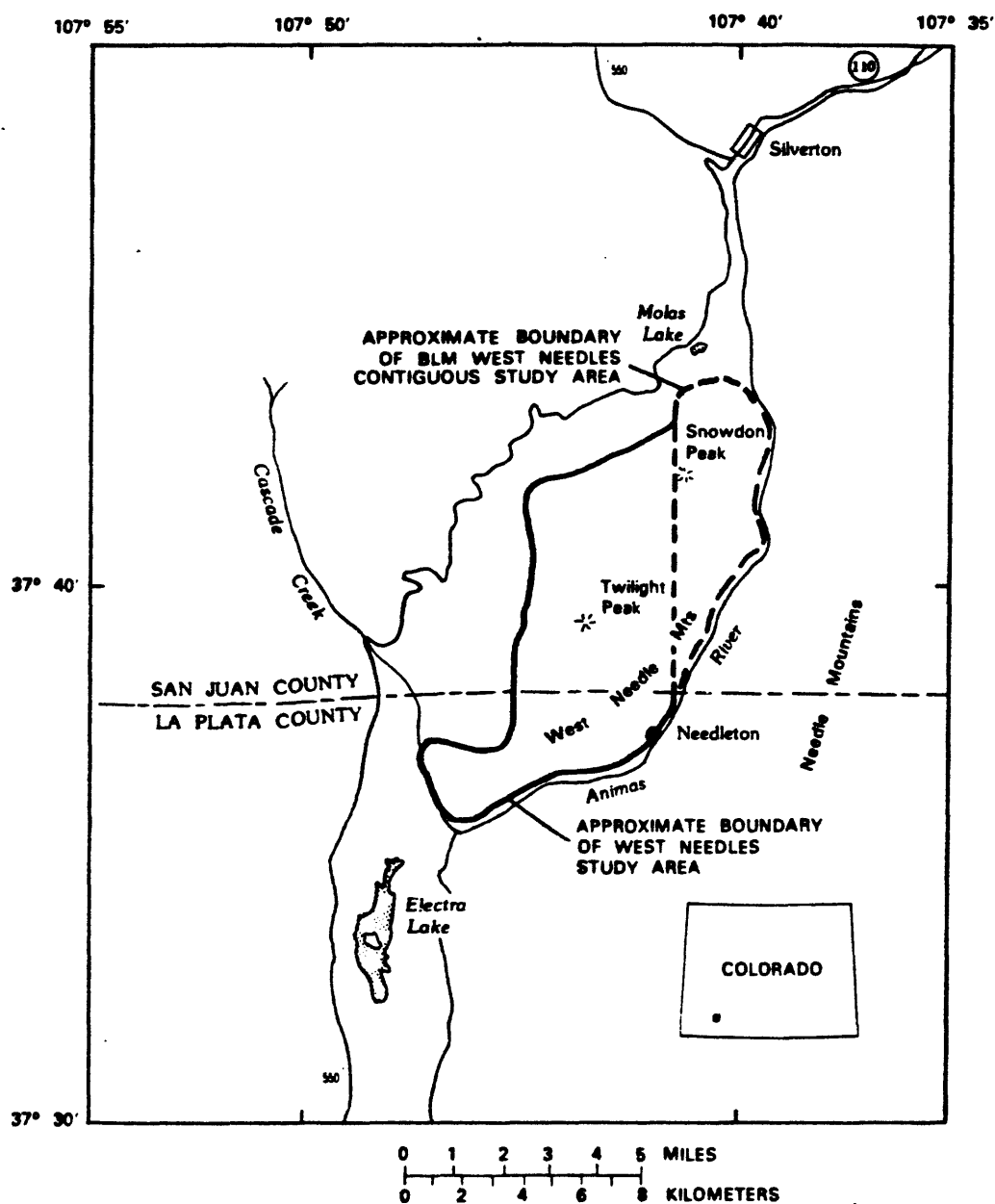
The Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577, September 3, 1964), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-597, October 21, 1976) and related acts require the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines to survey certain areas on Federal lands to determine their mineral resource potential. Results must be made available to the public and be submitted to the President and Congress. This report presents the results of a geochemical survey of the West Needle Wilderness Study Area in the San Juan National Forest and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Area, San Juan and La Plata Counties, Colorado. The West Needle Wilderness Study Area was established by Public Law 96-560, known as the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980.

INTRODUCTION

A geologic and geochemical study was conducted in the summer of 1982 on about 15,800 acres of land within the San Juan National Forest designated as the West Needle Wilderness Study Area, also studied were approximately 5,780 acres of land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management known as the West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Area. These lands, located in San Juan and La Plata Counties in southwestern Colorado, are currently being studied by the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines to provide an evaluation of the mineral and energy resource potential of the areas, which is one consideration in determining their suitability for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System. The conclusions of the mineral resource potential evaluation by Van Loenen and Scott (1983), are based on several complimentary geologic studies. The results of the geochemical sampling of the area presented in this report, are one aspect of this evaluation. Other reports pertinent to the West Needle and West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Areas are a geologic and geochemical map by Van Loenen (1983), and a mine and prospect map by Scott (1983).

The study areas lie within the small, but rugged West Needle Mountains which have been dissected from the more extensive Needle Mountains to the east by the Animas River. Easy access to the area is from trails leaving at various points along U.S. Highway 550 which runs close to the northwestern side of the West Needle's on its course between Durango and Silverton (fig. 1). Part of the western boundary may be reached by the Lime Creek Road (U.S. Forest Service Road No. 591), which joins U.S. Highway 550 on both sides of Molas Pass. The eastern and southern parts of the area approximately parallel the Animas River and the route of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, which provides the only access to the eastern side.

Figure 1.--Index map showing the location of the West Needle and West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Areas.



ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

A total of 128 rock, stream-sediment, and panned-concentrate sample were collected from the West Needle and West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Areas and analyzed in the laboratories of the U.S. Geological Survey. The result of these analyses are tabulated in three tables on the following pages, which are also keyed by sample number to the accompanying sample locality map (pl. 1). All of the samples were analyzed by the six-step spectrographic method for 31 different elements by analyst B. Adrian using the procedure outlined in Grimes and Marranzino (1968). Several samples suspected of having significant concentration of elements not detected by the six-step spectrographic method were selected for additional analyses for gold and zinc by atomic absorption, and for uranium and thorium by neutron activation techniques (Ward and others, 1969). Atomic absorption analyses were conducted by A. Gruzensky and J. Sharkey ; neutron activation determinations were done by J. Storey, S. Danahey, B. Vaughn, and M. Coughlin.

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Table 1.--Analyses of stream-sediment samples from the West Needle and West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Areas

[See pl. 1 for sample locations. Numbers in parentheses indicate lower levels of determination. N, indicates not detected at limit of detection or value shown; L, indicates detected but below limits of determination. Leaders (----) indicate no data. Other elements looked for but not determined, except as footnoted, at their respective sensitivity limits include: As (200), Bi (10), Cd (20), Mo (5), Nb (20), Sb (100), Sn (10), and W (50)]

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | | | | | | | Parts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|------|
| | Fe (0.05) | Mg (0.02) | Ca (0.05) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (10) | Ag (0.5) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Be (1) | Co (5) | Cr (10) | Cu (5) | La (20) | Ni (5) | Pb (10) | Sc (100) | Sr (10) | Y (10) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | Th (0.5) | U (0.2) | Zn (5) | |
| 151.3 | 2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1000 | L | 30 | 700 | 1 | 10 | 70 | 15 | 70 | 10 | 30 | 7 | 200 | 70 | 50 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 40 |
| 35 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .15 | 700 | N | 10 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 200 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 30 | 15 | L | 100 | 50 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 45 | 5 | 1.5 | 1 | .2 | 700 | N | 10 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 95 |
| 55 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .2 | 700 | N | 20 | 500 | 1 | 20 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 20 | 70 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 20 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 65 | 3 | 1.5 | .7 | .2 | 700 | N | 15 | 500 | 1 | 20 | 100 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 70 |
| 75 | 2 | .5 | .2 | .15 | 300 | N | 70 | 500 | 1.5 | 7 | 50 | 15 | 70 | 10 | 30 | 10 | 150 | 15 | 50 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 75 |
| 85 | 3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .2 | 1000 | N | 20 | 300 | L | 20 | 150 | 50 | 50 | 20 | 30 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 95 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .15 | 500 | N | 20 | 300 | 1 | 15 | 70 | 30 | 50 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 40 |
| 105 | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | .3 | 500 | N | 20 | 300 | L | 20 | 100 | 10 | N | 15 | 10 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 300 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 35 |
| 115 | 1.5 | .3 | .7 | .1 | 500 | N | 20 | 150 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 30 | 70 | 10 | 30 | 7 | N | 50 | 70 | 30 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 75 |
| 125 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .3 | 500 | N | 30 | 300 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 70 | 100 | 15 | 30 | 15 | L | 100 | 100 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 60 |
| 135 | 2 | .3 | .7 | .15 | 500 | L | 50 | 300 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 50 | L | 10 | 30 | 10 | L | 70 | 50 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 70 |
| 145.3 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .5 | 1000 | N | 50 | 70 | 1 | 15 | 70 | 10 | L | 15 | 70 | 10 | 150 | 100 | 20 | 100 | N | 7.65 | 2.75 | 120 |
| 155.3 | 3 | 1 | .1 | .7 | 500 | N | 150 | 500 | 1.5 | 30 | 150 | 50 | 70 | 70 | 100 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 500 | N | 18.1 | 5.72 | 150 |
| 165.3 | 5 | 1 | .1 | .7 | 700 | N | 100 | 2000 | 2 | 70 | 100 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 150 | N | 12.5 | 4.44 | ---- |
| 175.1.3 | 3 | 1 | .1 | .5 | 500 | 0.7 | 70 | 500 | 1 | 50 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 70 | 100 | 10 | 150 | 50 | 20 | 300 | N | <13 | 72.2 | 130 |
| 185 | 2 | 1 | .3 | .15 | 700 | N | 20 | 300 | 2 | 20 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 30 | 70 | 20 | N | 70 | 70 | 70 | N | 59 | 57.4 | 130 |
| 195 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .15 | 500 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 150 | 20 | 50 | 30 | 50 | 15 | L | 70 | 30 | 50 | N | <3.9 | 10.6 | ---- |
| 205.3 | 3 | 1 | .3 | .15 | 500 | N | 20 | 500 | 1.5 | 15 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 15 | L | 50 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 70 |
| 215 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .2 | 700 | N | 10 | 300 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 50 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 225 | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | .2 | 500 | N | 20 | 500 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 20 | 100 | 10 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 90 |
| 235 | 2 | .7 | .5 | .15 | 500 | N | 30 | 500 | 1.5 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 200 | 10 | 70 | 10 | L | 50 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 245 | 2 | .7 | .5 | .15 | 300 | N | 30 | 300 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 50 | 10 | 70 | 10 | 150 | 50 | 50 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 75 |
| 255 | 2 | .7 | .7 | .15 | 300 | N | 30 | 300 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 100 | 10 | L | 50 | 50 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 265.3 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .2 | 500 | N | 30 | 500 | 1.5 | 15 | 50 | 30 | 70 | 15 | 100 | 10 | L | 50 | 50 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 275 | 3 | 1 | .7 | .2 | 700 | N | 50 | 500 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 100 | 10 | L | 70 | 30 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 130 |
| 285 | 3 | 1 | .3 | .2 | 700 | N | 20 | 500 | 1.5 | 20 | 200 | 20 | 70 | 100 | 70 | 10 | L | 50 | 50 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 110 |
| 295 | 3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .2 | 700 | N | 30 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 70 | 20 | L | 15 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 70 |
| 305 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .2 | 700 | N | 10 | 200 | 1 | 30 | 20 | 30 | L | 10 | 20 | 30 | 200 | 150 | 30 | 20 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 50 |
| 315 | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .3 | 700 | N | 10 | 500 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 15 | N | 15 | 30 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 300 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 70 |
| 325 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .5 | 700 | N | 15 | 300 | L | 30 | 100 | 70 | N | 30 | 30 | 20 | 150 | 150 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 335 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .5 | 1500 | N | 20 | 500 | 1.5 | 30 | 100 | 50 | L | 30 | 100 | 20 | 150 | 200 | 20 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 190 |
| 345.3 | 3 | .7 | .5 | .5 | 1500 | N | 100 | 500 | 1.5 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 20 | 70 | 10 | 150 | 50 | 70 | 300 | N | 12.9 | 4.91 | 130 |
| 355 | 3 | .3 | .3 | .2 | 5000 | N | 50 | 700 | 1.5 | 50 | 15 | 15 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 7 | L | 50 | 30 | 200 | N(1.10) | ---- | ---- | 270 |
| 365 | 2 | .7 | .5 | .2 | 700 | N | 70 | 300 | 1 | 10 | 30 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 10 | L | 50 | 30 | 100 | N | ---- | ---- | 110 |
| 375 | 2 | .5 | .3 | .2 | 500 | .5 | 70 | 300 | 1.5 | 10 | 15 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 100 | 10 | L | 50 | 50 | 100 | N | <5.0 | 7.71 | 150 |
| 385.3 | 3 | .7 | .15 | .3 | 2000 | N | 200 | 500 | 2 | 30 | 100 | 20 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 15 | L | 70 | 50 | 200 | N | 22.4 | 3.96 | 230 |

Table 1. Continued

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | Parts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|-----|
| | Fe (0.05) | Mg (0.02) | Ca (0.05) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (10) | Ag (0.5) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Be (1) | Co (5) | Cr (10) | Cu (5) | La (20) | Ni (5) | Pb (10) | Sc (5) | Sr (100) | Y (10) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | Th (0.5) | U (0.2) | Zn (5) | |
| 39S | 2 | .5 | .2 | .2 | 700 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 50 | 10 | 30 | 7 | L | 50 | 30 | 150 | N | 11.1 | 3.41 | 75 |
| 40S | 2 | .7 | .5 | .2 | 500 | N | 70 | 300 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 10 | L | 50 | 30 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 85 |
| 41S | 2 | .7 | .5 | .3 | 700 | N | 100 | 500 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 10 | L | 50 | 30 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 85 |
| 42S | 5 | 1.5 | 1 | .3 | 1000 | N | 70 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 150 | 30 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 90 |
| 43S | 5 | 2 | 1.5 | .3 | 700 | N | 20 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 100 | 50 | L | 15 | 50 | 30 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 90 |
| 44S | 3 | 1.5 | 1 | .2 | 2000 | N | 30 | 500 | 1.5 | 20 | 70 | 70 | 50 | 30 | 70 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 140 |
| 45S | 3 | 2 | 2 | .2 | 1000 | N | 15 | 300 | L | 20 | 150 | 20 | 50 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 200 | 70 | 50 | 70 | N | ---- | ---- | 30 |
| 46S | 5 | 2 | 3 | .3 | 1000 | N | 10 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 150 | 20 | N | 20 | 100 | 20 | 200 | 200 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 150 |
| 47S | 7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .2 | 1500 | N | 10 | 300 | 1.5 | 30 | 150 | 50 | L | 20 | 30 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 85 |
| 48S ² | 1.5 | .3 | 1 | .15 | 1000 | L | 50 | 500 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 70 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 7 | L | 50 | 70 | 70 | M(.20) | ---- | ---- | 60 |
| 49S | 7 | 2 | 1 | .3 | 1000 | N | 30 | 500 | 1 | 30 | 150 | 70 | L | 20 | 70 | 30 | L | 100 | 70 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 50S ^{2,3} | 7 | 1 | .5 | .3 | 1000 | N | 150 | 700 | 2 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 150 | 70 | 15 | L | 50 | 50 | 200 | N | 12 | 7.18 | 190 |
| 51S ^{1,3} | 3 | 1 | .5 | .3 | 1000 | N | 50 | 700 | 1.5 | 10 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 70 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 300 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 52S | 5 | 1.5 | .3 | .5 | 1000 | N | 50 | 500 | 1.5 | 20 | 150 | 30 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 200 | N | 9.67 | 5.50 | 110 |
| 53S ³ | 2 | 1 | .5 | .5 | 1500 | N | 50 | 700 | 1 | 10 | 70 | 20 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 10 | 150 | 70 | 30 | 300 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 85 |
| 54S ³ | 3 | .7 | .15 | .3 | 1000 | N | 100 | 500 | 1.5 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 15 | 70 | 10 | L | 70 | 30 | 150 | N | ---- | ---- | 140 |
| 55S ³ | 2 | .5 | .15 | .3 | 700 | N | 50 | 300 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 50 | 7 | L | 50 | 30 | 300 | N | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 56S | 5 | 1.5 | 1 | .3 | 1000 | N | 20 | 500 | 1.5 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 15 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 130 |
| 57S | 3 | 1 | .5 | .3 | 700 | N | 50 | 700 | 1 | 10 | 50 | 30 | 50 | 10 | 70 | 15 | L | 70 | 30 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 130 |
| 58S ^{1,3} | 5 | 1.5 | .7 | .3 | 1000 | N | 100 | 500 | 1 | 20 | 50 | 30 | L | 20 | 50 | 20 | L | 150 | 50 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 59S | 5 | 2 | 2 | .3 | 1000 | N | 50 | 500 | 1 | 20 | 200 | 50 | L | 20 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 150 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 85 |
| 60S | 5 | 3 | 3 | .3 | 700 | N | 50 | 300 | 1 | 30 | 500 | 30 | L | 100 | 50 | 30 | 100 | 200 | 20 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 80 |
| 61S ¹ | 2 | .5 | .5 | .15 | 700 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 10 | L | 100 | 30 | 50 | M(.20) | ---- | ---- | 130 |
| 62S | 5 | 1 | .5 | .2 | 700 | N | 30 | 500 | 1.5 | 20 | 100 | 30 | L | 15 | 30 | 15 | L | 100 | 30 | 200 | N | ---- | ---- | 75 |
| 63S | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .3 | 700 | N | 30 | 300 | 1 | 30 | 100 | 50 | L | 15 | 50 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 64S | 3 | 2 | 2 | .15 | 3000 | N | 20 | 500 | 1 | 30 | 200 | 50 | 50 | 20 | 100 | 20 | L | 100 | 30 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 160 |
| 65S | 7 | 2 | 2 | .3 | 1500 | N | 20 | 300 | 1 | 30 | 100 | 50 | L | 20 | 50 | 30 | L | 200 | 30 | 300 | N | ---- | ---- | 95 |
| 66S ¹ | 5 | 2 | 1.5 | .2 | 2000 | N | 30 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 150 | 30 | 70 | 20 | 50 | 20 | L | 100 | 30 | 50 | N | ---- | ---- | 110 |
| 67S | 3 | 1.5 | 1 | .2 | 1000 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 150 | 30 | 100 | 15 | 70 | 15 | L | 100 | 50 | 100 | L | ---- | ---- | 100 |
| 68S | 5 | 1.5 | 1 | .3 | 1000 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 70 | 15 | L | 100 | 50 | 100 | N | ---- | ---- | 120 |
| 69S | 3 | 1 | .7 | .2 | 1500 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 15 | 70 | 15 | L | 100 | 50 | 70 | N | ---- | ---- | 170 |
| 70S ³ | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | .3 | 2000 | .5 | 50 | 700 | 1.5 | 20 | 70 | 20 | 50 | 15 | 100 | 10 | 100 | 100 | 30 | 150 | N | 11.5 | 4.62 | 310 |
| 71S ³ | 3 | .7 | .7 | .3 | 700 | N | 70 | 500 | 1.5 | 15 | 70 | 7 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 10 | L | 70 | 50 | 300 | L | 14.6 | 5.80 | 95 |
| 77S | 3 | 1.5 | 2 | .2 | 700 | N | 10 | 300 | 1 | 20 | 100 | 50 | L | 20 | 30 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | L |
| 78S | 2 | 1 | .7 | .2 | 500 | N | 20 | 200 | 1.5 | 15 | 70 | 50 | L | 15 | 50 | 15 | 150 | 70 | 20 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 5 |
| 79S | 3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .3 | 700 | N | 30 | 300 | 1.5 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 20 | 100 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 10 |
| 80S ⁴ | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | .3 | 1000 | N | 50 | 300 | 1.5 | 30 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 30 | 70 | 20 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 10 |
| 81S ⁴ | 5 | 2 | 2 | .3 | 1000 | N | 20 | 300 | 1.5 | 30 | 150 | 50 | N | 30 | 100 | 30 | 150 | 150 | 50 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 5 |
| 82S | 3 | 1.5 | 1 | .3 | 700 | N | 20 | 200 | 1 | 30 | 150 | 70 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 20 | 100 | 100 | 30 | 50 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 5 |

¹No detected but below limit of determination.²Samples contain as much as 7 ppm Mo.³Hb detected but below limit of determination.⁴Samples contain as much as 30 ppm Sn.

Table 2.--Analyses of panned-concentrates from the West Needle and West Needle contiguous Wilderness Study Areas

[See pl. 1 for sample locations. Numbers in parentheses indicate lower levels of determination. N, indicates not detected at limits of detection or value shown; L, indicates detected but below limits of determination or value shown. G indicates greater than the value shown. Leaders (----) indicate no data. Other elements looked for but not detected, except as footnoted, at their respective sensitivity limits include: Bi (20), Cd (50), Sb (100), and Sn (20). Analyses of Fe, Mg, Ca, and Ti are reported in percent; all other analyses are reported in parts per million]

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Parts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Fe (0.05) | Mg (0.02) | Ca (0.95) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (10) | Ag (1) | As (200) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Be (1) | Co (5) | Cr (20) | Cu (5) | La (50) | Mo (10) | Nb (50) | Ni (10) | Pb (10) | Sc (5) | Sr (100) | V (10) | W (50) | Y (10) | Zn ³ (5) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | | | | | | | |
| 2C | 15 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 700 | N(.5) | N | L | 1500 | 1 | 20 | 150 | 7 | 200 | N(5) | 20 | 15 | 50 | 7 | L | 200 | N(50) | 300 | N(200) | G(1000) | 0.25 | | | | | | | |
| 72C ² | 2 | .2 | 5 | 6(2) | 200 | N | N | 50 | G(10000) | 7 | 10 | 20 | 200 | 300 | N | 100 | 10 | 300 | 70 | 2000 | 100 | N | 1500 | 500 | G(2000) | ---- | | | | | | | |
| 73C | 10 | .3 | 7 | 6(2) | 200 | 10 | 5000 | 20 | G(10000) | 5 | 50 | L | 50 | 300 | N | 70 | 50 | 300 | 50 | 1000 | 70 | N | 1000 | L | G(2000) | ---- | | | | | | | |
| 74C | 2 | .7 | 10 | 2 | 500 | N | 1000 | 70 | 1500 | L(2) | 200 | 30 | 50 | N | 100 | N | 10 | 50 | 15 | 300 | 100 | 2000 | 300 | N | G(2000) | ---- | | | | | | | |
| 75C ¹ | 1 | .3 | 7 | 6(2) | 200 | N | N | 70 | 10000 | 7 | 15 | L | L(10) | 500 | 20 | 70 | L | 100 | 70 | 700 | 100 | 300 | .1500 | N | G(2000) | ---- | | | | | | | |
| 76C | 2 | .5 | 10 | .3 | 700 | N | N | 70 | 700 | 2 | 50 | L | 20 | N | N | N | L | 20 | 15 | 300 | 70 | N | 300 | N | G(2000) | ---- | | | | | | | |

¹Sample contains 200 ppm Bi.

²Cd detected in sample but below 50 ppm.

³Determined by semiquantitative spectrographic analysis.

Table 3.--Analyses of rock samples from the West Needle and West Needle contiguous Wilderness Study Areas

[See pl. 1 for sample locations. Leaders (----) indicate no data. Numbers in parentheses indicate lower levels of determination. N, indicates not detected at limits of detection or value shown; L indicates detected but below limits of determination or value shown; G indicates greater than value shown. Other elements looked for but not determined except as footnoted, at their respective sensitivity limits include: Bi (10), Sb (100), Sn (10), and W (50). All analyses except those for Au, Zn, U, and Th were analyzed by the six-step semiquantitative spectrographic method by B. Adrian. Atomic absorption analyses of Zn and Au by A. Gruzensky and J. Sharkey, respectively. Values determined by neutron activation for U and Th were done by J. Storey, S. Donahay, B. Vaughn, and M. Coughlin.]

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | | | | | | | Parts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|----|--|
| | Fe (0.05) | Mg (0.02) | Ca (0.05) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (10) | Ag (0.5) | As (200) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Be (1) | Co (5) | Cr (10) | Cu (5) | La (20) | Mo (5) | Nb (20) | Ni (5) | Pb (10) | Sc (5) | Sr (100) | V (10) | Y (10) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | Th (0.5) | U (0.2) | Zn (5) | | |
| Common rocks from Twilight Gneiss | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.05 | 200 | N | N | 20 | 150 | 1 | N | 5 | N | N | L | N | N | 5 | L | 5 | 150 | L | 50 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 10 | |
| 21 | 2 | .5 | 1.5 | .1 | 500 | N | N | 10 | 150 | 1 | N | L | N | L | 50 | N | N | L | L | 20 | 200 | 10 | 70 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 15 | |
| 30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .2 | 700 | N | N | 30 | 1000 | 1 | N | 10 | N | N | N | N | L | 20 | 15 | 200 | 30 | 50 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 75 | | |
| 35 | 2 | .3 | .2 | .1 | 300 | N | L | 50 | 700 | 1 | N | L | N | 100 | 70 | N | N | 5 | 50 | 7 | L | 15 | 30 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 40 | |
| 36 ¹ | 2 | .5 | 1 | .07 | 300 | N | N | 30 | 1000 | 1 | N | L | N | L | 50 | N | N | 5 | 10 | 10 | L | 50 | 30 | 70 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 10 | |
| 38 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .5 | 700 | N | N | 20 | 2000 | 1 | N | 20 | N | 30 | 100 | N | L | 50 | 50 | 20 | 1000 | 150 | 50 | 200 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 40 | |

Table 3.--Analyses of rock samples from the West Needle and West Needle Contiguous Wilderness Study Areas

(See pl. 1 for sample locations. Leaders (---) indicate no data. Numbers in parentheses indicate lower levels of determination. N, indicates not detected at limits of detection or value shown; L indicates detected but below limits of determination or value shown; G indicates greater than value shown. Other elements looked for but not determined except as footnoted, at their respective sensitivity limits include: Bi (10), Sb (100), Sn (10), and W (50). All analyses except those for Au, Zn, U, and Th were analyzed by the six-step semiquantitative spectrographic method by B. Adrian. Atomic absorption analyses of Zn and Au by A. Gruzensky and J. Sharkey, respectively. Values determined by neutron activation for U and Th were done by J. Storey, S. Donahay, B. Vaughn, and M. Coughlin.)

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ferts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|-----|--|
| | Fe (0.05) | Mg (0.02) | Ca (0.05) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (0.05) | Ag (0.5) | As (200) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Cd (1) | Co (5) | Cr (10) | Cu (5) | La (20) | Mb (5) | Nb (20) | Ni (5) | Pb (10) | Sc (5) | Sr (100) | V (10) | Y (10) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | Th (0.05) | U (0.05) | Zn (5) | | |
| Common rocks from Twilight Gneiss | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.05 | 200 | N | N | 20 | 150 | 1 | N | 5 | N | N | L | N | N | 5 | L | 5 | 150 | L | 50 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | 10 | |
| 21 | 2 | .5 | 1.5 | .1 | 500 | N | N | 10 | 150 | 1 | N | L | N | L | 50 | N | N | L | L | 20 | 200 | 10 | 70 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | 15 | |
| 30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .2 | 700 | N | N | 30 | 1000 | 1 | N | 10 | N | N | N | N | N | L | 20 | 15 | 200 | 30 | 50 | 200 | --- | --- | --- | 75 | |
| 35 | 2 | .3 | .2 | .1 | 200 | N | L | 50 | 700 | 1 | N | L | N | 100 | 70 | N | N | 5 | 50 | 7 | L | 15 | 30 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | 40 | |
| 161 | 2 | .5 | 1 | .07 | 300 | N | N | 30 | 1000 | 1 | N | L | N | L | 50 | N | N | 5 | 10 | 10 | L | 50 | 30 | 70 | --- | --- | --- | 10 | |
| 38 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .5 | 700 | N | N | 20 | 2000 | 1 | N | 20 | N | 30 | 100 | N | L | 50 | 50 | 20 | 1000 | 150 | 50 | 200 | --- | --- | --- | 40 | |
| Mafic dikes and sills | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 15 | 3 | 5 | .7 | 1000 | N | N | 10 | 50 | N | N | 70 | 70 | N | N | N | N | 50 | N | 50 | 150 | 300 | 70 | 70 | --- | --- | --- | 5 | |
| 3 | 7 | 3 | 5 | .5 | 1000 | N | N | 10 | 70 | N | N | 50 | 50 | 70 | N | N | N | 30 | 10 | 50 | 150 | 200 | 50 | 50 | --- | --- | --- | 15 | |
| 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | .2 | 1000 | N | N | 10 | 700 | L | N | 50 | 100 | 30 | N | N | N | 30 | 15 | 50 | 700 | 200 | 15 | 20 | --- | --- | --- | 20 | |
| 9 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .5 | 700 | N | N | L | 2000 | 2 | N | 50 | 700 | 50 | 70 | N | 20 | 300 | 100 | 20 | 700 | 70 | 50 | 300 | --- | --- | --- | 40 | |
| 20 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1000 | N | N | L | 150 | L | N | 50 | 70 | 50 | N | N | N | 20 | 10 | 50 | 150 | 200 | 70 | 70 | --- | --- | --- | 15 | |
| 24 | 5 | 3 | 5 | .5 | 1000 | N | N | L | 1500 | N | N | 50 | 150 | 70 | N | N | N | 50 | 20 | 50 | 200 | 200 | 50 | 50 | --- | --- | --- | 35 | |
| 26 | 5 | 5 | 3 | .5 | 1000 | N | N | L | 2000 | 1 | N | 50 | 500 | 50 | 100 | N | L | 200 | 100 | 20 | 1000 | 150 | 30 | 300 | N | --- | --- | 40 | |
| 27 | 3 | 5 | 1.5 | .3 | 700 | N | N | 10 | 3000 | 1.5 | N | 30 | 200 | 50 | 150 | N | N | 150 | 70 | 15 | 700 | 100 | 30 | 200 | --- | --- | --- | 85 | |
| 31 | 5 | 5 | 5 | .5 | 1000 | N | N | L | 70 | L | N | 50 | 500 | 70 | N | N | N | 70 | N | 50 | 150 | 200 | 30 | 30 | --- | --- | --- | 5 | |
| 31 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .5 | 700 | N | N | 10 | 3000 | 1 | N | 50 | 1000 | 5 | 100 | N | N | 200 | 30 | 20 | 700 | 100 | 30 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | 70 | |
| 44 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 6(1) | 1000 | N | N | 20 | 500 | L | N | 70 | 20 | 100 | L | N | L | 30 | L | 30 | 300 | 300 | 70 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | 25 | |
| 47 | 10 | 5 | 3 | .3 | 1500 | N | N | L | 300 | N | N | 70 | 300 | 500 | N | N | N | 30 | L | 50 | 200 | 300 | 30 | 30 | --- | --- | --- | 30 | |
| States from the Uncompahgre Formation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 1.5 | L | .3 | 500 | N | N | 200 | 500 | 1.5 | N | 30 | 150 | 50 | 50 | N | L | 20 | 10 | 20 | L | 50 | 50 | 100 | N | 14.1 | 3.85 | 120 | |
| 7 | 1 | .7 | .1 | .3 | 70 | L | N | 150 | 500 | 1 | N | 5 | 20 | 20 | 50 | 50 | L | 15 | 30 | 15 | N | 300 | 70 | 150 | N | 45.0 | 20.5 | 10 | |
| 50 | 7 | 1 | L | .7 | 200 | N | N | 150 | 500 | 1.5 | N | 20 | 100 | 5 | 70 | N | L | 20 | 20 | 20 | N | 100 | 30 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| 51 | 7 | 1 | L | .7 | 200 | N | N | 100 | 500 | 2 | N | 15 | 150 | 70 | 70 | L | L | 20 | 50 | 20 | L | 150 | 50 | 100 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| 51A | 5 | .7 | L | .7 | 150 | N | N | 100 | 500 | 1.5 | N | 15 | 150 | 15 | 100 | L | L | 5 | 70 | 20 | L | 200 | 70 | 150 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| 52 | 7 | 1.5 | L | 1 | 200 | N | N | 100 | 500 | 1.5 | N | 15 | 150 | 20 | 50 | N | L | 30 | 10 | 20 | L | 100 | 30 | 300 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| 53 | 2 | 1 | L | 1 | 700 | N | N | 200 | 500 | 2 | N | 15 | 100 | 30 | 50 | 30 | L | 15 | 10 | 20 | L | 300 | 50 | 150 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| 53A | 1 | .15 | .2 | .2 | 70 | N | N | 70 | 500 | 1 | N | 5 | 10 | 15 | 70 | 5 | L | 15 | 20 | 5 | L | 100 | 50 | 70 | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| Quartzite from the Uncompahgre Formation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | .07 | L | .3 | L | N | N | 100 | 70 | L | N | N | 15 | N | L | N | N | 5 | N | N | N | 20 | 30 | G(1000) | N | 5.0 | 3.82 | L | |
| 10 | 2 | .2 | L | .3 | 30 | N | N | 100 | 200 | 2 | N | 70 | 15 | N | 70 | N | L | 10 | 30 | 7 | 150 | 20 | 70 | 500 | N | 16.2 | 5.57 | 5 | |
| 15 | 1.5 | .03 | L | .2 | 200 | N | N | 20 | 20 | L | N | 5 | L | L | L | N | N | 5 | N | L | L | 20 | 30 | 300 | N | 9.01 | 5.51 | 20 | |
| 17 | .5 | .03 | L | .03 | 30 | N | N | 300 | L | N | N | L | L | L | N | N | N | 5 | N | N | N | 10 | 10 | 70 | --- | --- | --- | N | |
| Ten Mile Granite | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 1.5 | .3 | .5 | .1 | 200 | 1 | N | 20 | 1000 | 1 | N | 5 | N | 7 | 50 | 5 | N | 5 | 100 | 7 | L | 20 | 20 | 150 | --- | --- | --- | 25 | |

Table 3. Continued

| Sample No. | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Parts per million (ppm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------|----|
| | Fe (0.05) | Fe (0.02) | Ca (0.05) | Ti (0.002) | Mn (10) | Ag (0.5) | As (200) | B (10) | Ba (20) | Be (1) | Cd (20) | Co (5) | Cr (10) | Cu (5) | La (20) | Mo (5) | Nb (20) | Ni (5) | Pb (10) | Sc (5) | Sr (100) | V (10) | V (10) | Zr (10) | Au (0.05) | Th (0.5) | U (0.2) | Zn (5) | | |
| Ten Mile Granite | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 1.5 | .3 | .5 | .1 | 200 | 1 | N | 20 | 1000 | 1 | N | 5 | N | 7 | 50 | 5 | N | 5 | 100 | 7 | L | 20 | 20 | 150 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 25 |
| Mineralized rock from Ell. Park (Uncompahgre Formation) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 112,3 | .2 | .05 | L | .15 | 50 | 200 | 3000 | 150 | 150 | 5 | 200 | 150 | L | 5000 | L | 1000 | N | 700 | 200 | L | 150 | 70 | 70 | 500 | .10 | <5800 | 25000 | 700 | | |
| Silicified fault breccia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 1.5 | .05 | L | .1 | L | N | N | N | 50 | 300 | 1 | N | L | N | N | 70 | N | L | 7 | N | 10 | L | 15 | 20 | 100 | ---- | 12.4 | 2.13 | 10 | |
| 28 ¹ | 1 | .5 | .5 | .07 | 700 | N | N | 20 | 700 | 2 | N | 5 | N | L | N | N | L | 5 | 50 | 5 | L | 15 | 30 | 100 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | 25 | |
| 34 | .7 | .3 | .2 | .02 | 150 | N | N | 30 | 700 | 1 | N | L | N | L | N | N | N | L | L | L | L | 10 | 15 | 30 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | L | |
| 42 | 5 | 3 | 5 | .2 | 1000 | N | N | 100 | 100 | 1 | N | 20 | 300 | L | N | N | N | 20 | 10 | 15 | N | 50 | 50 | 30 | N | ---- | ---- | 200 | | |
| 48 | 1 | .2 | .3 | .1 | 150 | N | N | 10 | 150 | L | N | L | N | L | N | N | N | 5 | L | 5 | L | 15 | 20 | 50 | N | ---- | ---- | 10 | | |
| Sample from the Sally Bowman mine dump | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 2 | 7 | 10 | .03 | 2000 | 30 | 2000 | N | L | L | N | 20 | 20 | 50 | N | L | N | 20 | 100 | 10 | N | 20 | 20 | 10 | 1.5 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 120 | |
| Samples from the Silver Star Extension mine dump | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .3 | 1500 | 20 | N | 30 | 300 | 1.5 | 300 | 20 | 50 | 50 | L | N | N | 10 | 15000 | 20 | L | 100 | 20 | 50 | .95 | ---- | ---- | 20000 | | |
| 23 | 3 | 2 | 5 | .07 | 1000 | N | N | 10 | 300 | L | N | 10 | N | 10 | N | N | N | 7 | 150 | 10 | N | 50 | 20 | 30 | N | ---- | ---- | 170 | | |

¹Sn detected but below limit of determination.

²Bi detected but below limit of determination.

³Sample contains 3000 ppm Sb, and 200 ppm W.

¹Sn detected but below limit of determination.²Pb detected but below limit of determination.³Sample contains 3000 ppm Sb, and 200 ppm W.