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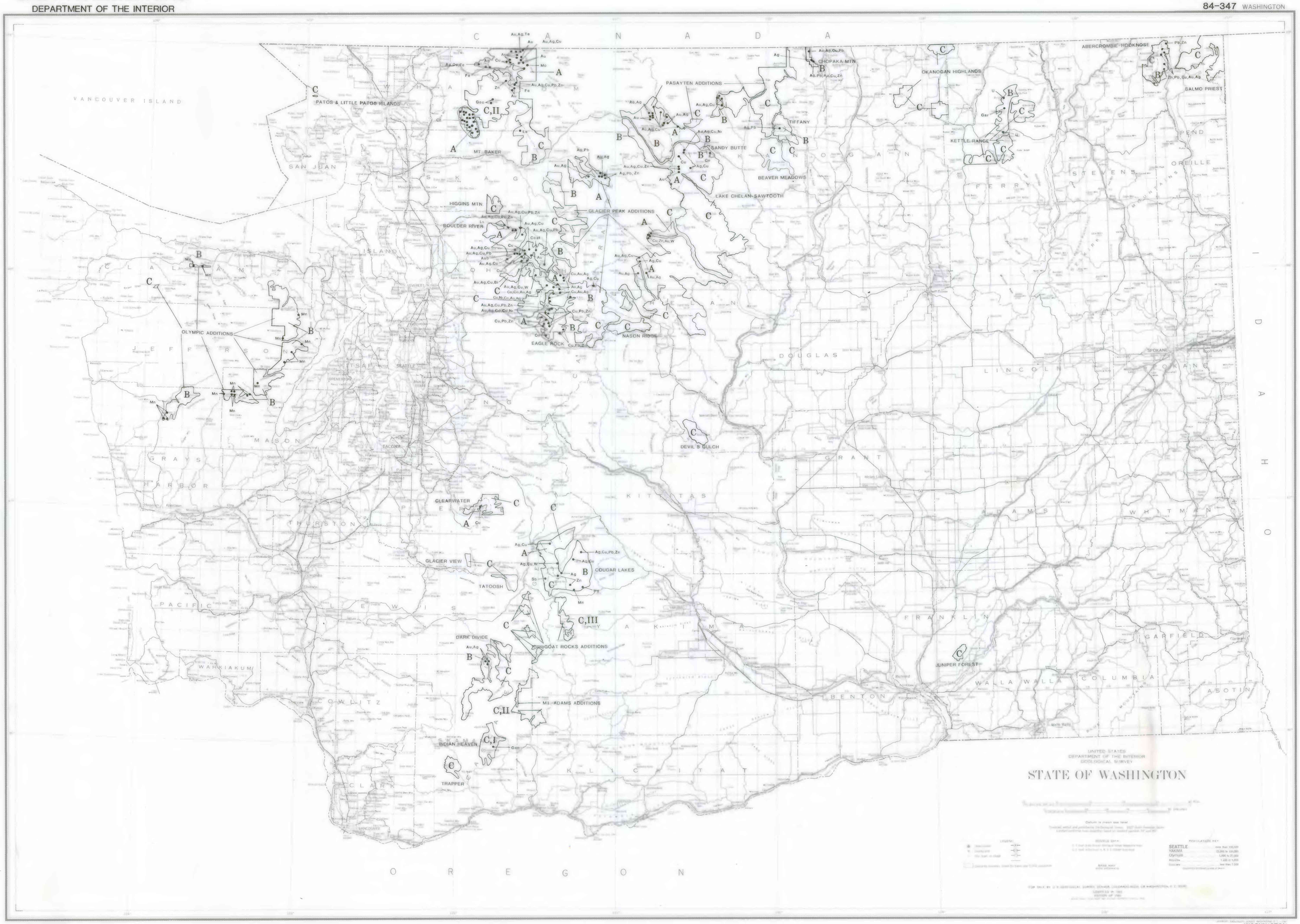

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EXPLANATION

METALLIC AND NONMETALLIC COMMODITIES

- **A.** Highly favorable geologic environment for resources of indicated commodities
- **B.** Favorable geologic environment for resources of indicated commodities
- **C.** Unfavorable geologic environment for resource accumulations
- **D.** Insufficient data to evaluate

Au,Ag,Cu → Commodity occurrence

GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

- **I.** Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA) as designated by USGS in 1978
- **II.** Area of high heat flow and geothermal resource potential
- **III.** Area of low-temperature geothermal resource potential

Geo — Geothermal manifestation

MAP SHOWING MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL OF PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREAS, WASHINGTON

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This map and reference list were compiled in response to a request from the House of Representatives, United States Congress, for a mineral resource evaluation of 29 areas in Washington currently under consideration for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System under provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-577) and related acts. These areas are outlined on the map, and the mineral resource potential is indicated by appropriate symbols.

Information on the occurrences of metallic and non-metallic commodities is largely from the USGS Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS). Deposits and occurrences of Ag, As, Bi, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, Mn, Mo, Ni, Pb, Sb, Te, U, W, and Zn, as well as asbestos (Asb), garnet (Gar), and limestone (Ls) are plotted. Evaluation of geothermal (Geo) and combustable fuel (coal) resources is based on a literature search of recent publications; a complete index or data file of these resources is not yet available for Washington.

Markings "A" (high potential), "B" (low-to-moderate potential), and "C" (low-to-zero potential) indicate an area's prospective potential for the commodities indicated. Usually an area marked "A" or "B" has both unpatented and patented mining claims. An extensive examination of individual county records would be required to determine the nature and number of claims in a given area. The value of areas marked "A" or "B" could be quite high. Extensive field exploration would be needed to determine the value or importance of these areas. Markings "I" (known designated geothermal resource area; KGRA - designated by USGS in 1978), "II" (area of high heat flow and geothermal resource potential), and "III" (area of low-temperature geothermal resource potential) indicate geothermal resource potential where applicable.

Some of the areas in question have been examined by the USGS. Results of these studies are summerized in U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1300. Reports have been issued or will be issued for: Cougar Lakes, Goat Rocks, Mount Adams, Eagle Rock, Glacier Peak, Salmo Priest, and Long Swamp (a portion of the Pasayten additions). USGS Open-File Report 83-392 indicates the status and areas of these reports.

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