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Analytical results and sample locality map  
of stream-sediment, heavy-mineral-concentrate, rock, and soil samples  
from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon

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## STUDIES RELATED TO WILDERNESS

### Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579, October 21, 1976) requires the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines to conduct mineral surveys on certain areas to determine their mineral values, if any. Results must be made available to the public and be submitted to the President and the Congress. This report presents the results of a geochemical survey of the Rincon Wilderness Study Area (OR-002-082), Harney County, Oregon.

## INTRODUCTION

In August 1986, the U.S. Geological Survey conducted a reconnaissance geochemical survey of the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

The Rincon WSA comprises about 32.0 mi<sup>2</sup> (83.3 km<sup>2</sup>) (20,500 acres) in the southern part of Harney County, Oregon, and lies about 86 mi (138 km) south of Burns, and 10 mi (16 km) west of Fields (see fig. 1). Access to the study area is provided on the north by the Long Hollow Road, a county-maintained gravel road, on the west by a dirt road along the western boundary of the study area, and on the east by a dirt road which follows Box Canyon Creek and connects to the Long Hollow Road.

The study area is located on the western edge of a 30 by 90 mi (48 by 145 km) north-trending Basin and Range fault block; Steens Mountain and the Pueblo Mountains are on the eastern part of the fault block. The Catlow Rim fault escarpment, which forms the western edge of the fault block, extends through the study area. The northern part of the study area is predominantly underlain by the Miocene Steens Basalt. The southern part of the study area is underlain by andesite flows, which reach a thickness of about 800 ft (244 m) along the Catlow Rim escarpment. The study area is within the area of the geologic map of the Adel quadrangle at a scale of 1:250,000 (Walker and Repenning, 1965).

The topographic relief of the Rincon WSA is about 1,810 ft (552 m) with a maximum elevation of about 6,350 ft (1,935 m). The most prominent physical feature of the study area is the Catlow Rim escarpment. East of Catlow Rim is a plateau sloping gently to the southwest and eroded into rolling hills. Streams have cut deep canyons into the plateau adjacent to the Catlow Rim and Long Hollow. The climate is semiarid.

## METHODS OF STUDY

### Sample Media

Analyses of the stream-sediment samples represent the chemistry of the rock material eroded from the drainage basin upstream from each sample site. Such information is useful in identifying those basins which contain concentrations of elements that may be related to mineral deposits. Heavy-mineral-concentrate samples provide information about the chemistry of certain minerals in rock material eroded from the drainage basin upstream from each sample site. The selective concentration of minerals, many of which may be ore related, permits determination of some elements that are not easily detected in stream-sediment samples.

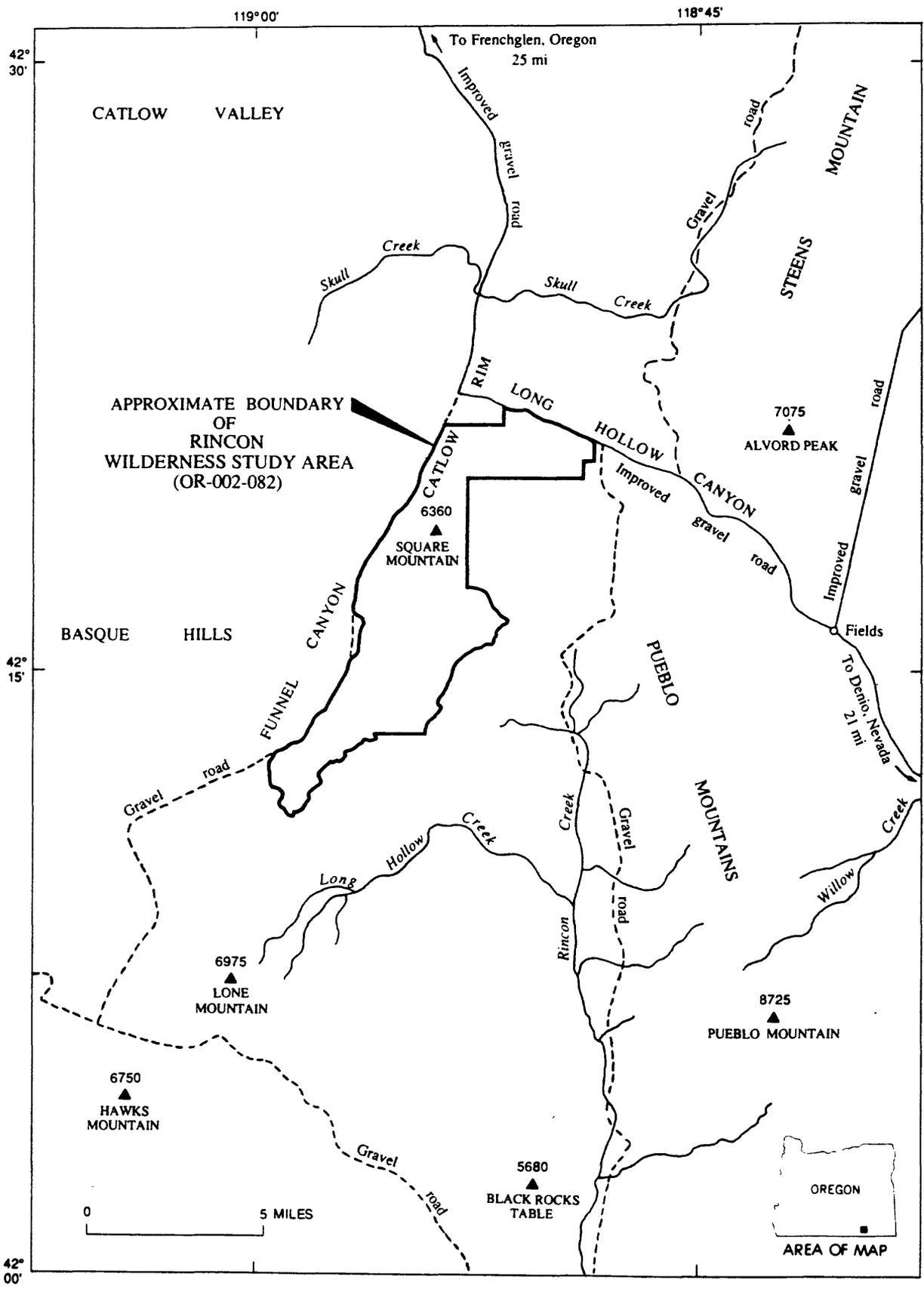


Figure 1. Location of the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

Analyses of unaltered or unmineralized rock samples provide background geochemical data for individual rock units. On the other hand, analyses of altered or mineralized rocks, where present, may provide useful geochemical information about the major- and trace-element assemblages associated with a mineralizing system.

### **Sample Collection**

Stream-sediment and heavy-mineral-concentrate samples were collected at 22 sites. The heavy-mineral-concentrate sample from site RI008 was insufficient for analysis; therefore, only 21 heavy-mineral-concentrate samples were analyzed. Eight of the rock samples and three soil samples were collected at one site (RI024). Sampling density was about one sample site per 1.45 mi<sup>2</sup> for the stream sediments. The area of the drainage basins sampled ranged from 0.35 mi<sup>2</sup> to 3 mi<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Stream-sediment samples**

The stream-sediment samples consisted of active alluvium collected primarily from first-order (unbranched) and second-order (below the junction of two first-order) streams as shown on USGS topographic maps (scale = 1:24,000) (fig. 2). Each sample was composited from several localities within an area that may extend as much as 20 ft from the center of the site symbol plotted on the map.

#### **Heavy-mineral-concentrate samples**

Heavy-mineral-concentrate samples were collected from the same active alluvium as the stream-2 sediment samples. Each bulk sample was screened with a 2.0-mm (10-mesh) screen to remove the coarse material. The less than 2.0-mm fraction was panned until most of the quartz, feldspar, organic material, and clay-sized material were removed.

#### **Rock samples**

Rock samples were collected from various types of occurrences in the vicinity of the plotted site location. The eight rock samples from site RI024 were collected from float (loose surface rock) within an area extending up to about 400 ft south of the plotted site location.

#### **Soil samples**

The three soil samples collected at site RI024 were taken from the A soil horizon in the vicinity of the plotted site location.

### **Sample Preparation**

The stream-sediment and soil samples were air dried, then sieved using 80-mesh (0.17-mm) stainless-steel sieves. The portion of the sediment passing through the sieve was pulverized to minus 0.15 mm with ceramic plates and then saved for analysis.

Samples that had been panned in the field were air dried and sieved to -35 mesh; bromoform (specific gravity 2.85) was used to remove the remaining quartz and feldspar. The resultant heavy-mineral sample was separated into

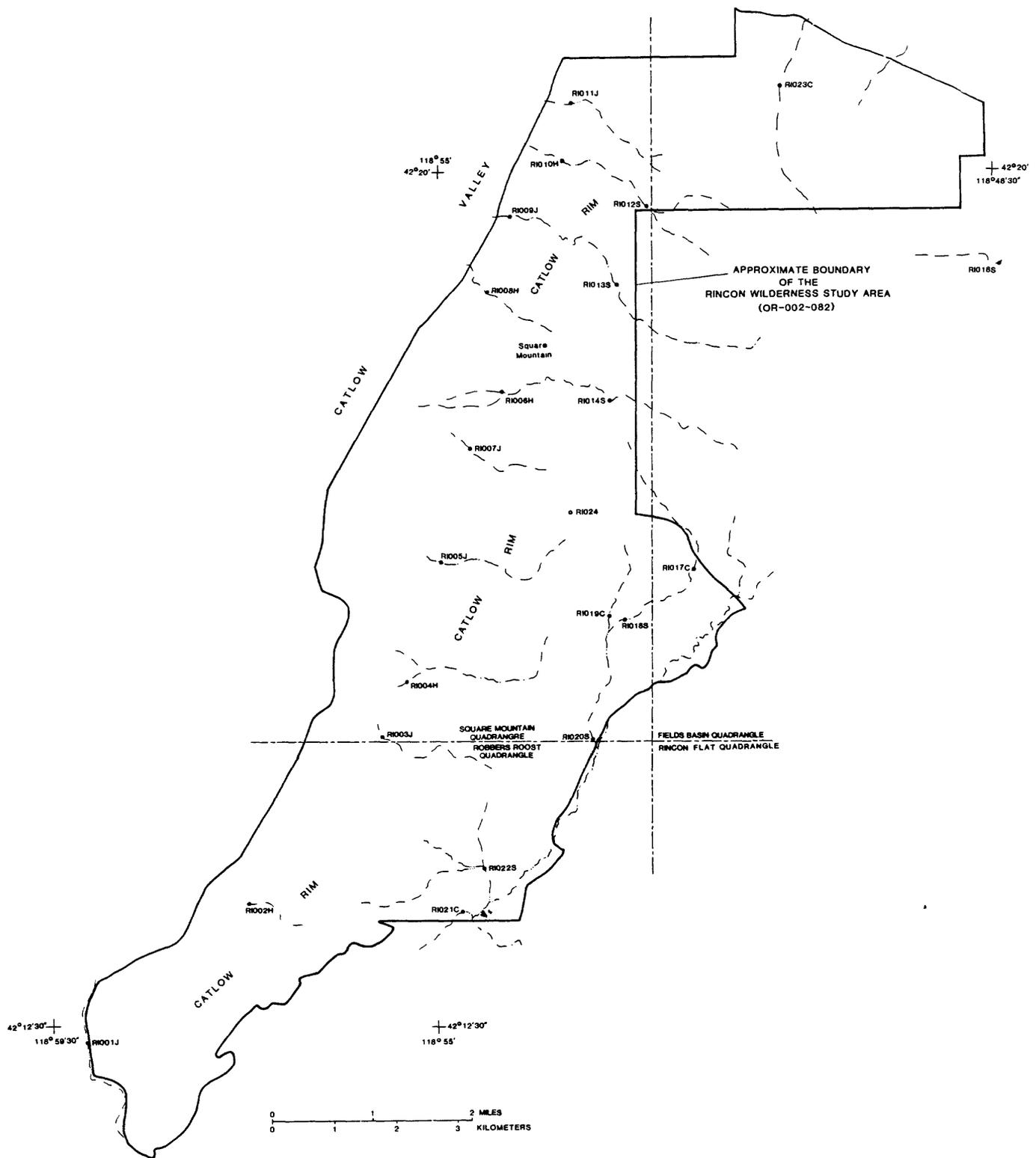


Figure 2. Localities of stream-sediment, heavy-mineral-concentrate, rock, and soil samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

three fractions using a large electromagnet (in this case, a modified Frantz Isodynamic Separator). The most magnetic material (removed at a setting of 0.25 ampere), primarily magnetite, was saved but not analyzed. The second fraction (removed at a setting of 1.75 ampere), largely ferromagnesian silicates and iron oxides, was saved for archival storage. The third fraction (the nonmagnetic material which may include the nonmagnetic ore minerals, zircon, sphene, etc.) was split using a Jones splitter. One split was hand ground for spectrographic analysis; the other split was saved for mineralogical analysis. (These magnetic separates are the same separates that would be produced by using a Frantz Isodynamic Separator set at a slope of 15° and a tilt of 10° with a current of 0.2 ampere to remove the magnetite and ilmenite, and a current of 0.6 ampere to split the remainder of the sample into paramagnetic and nonmagnetic fractions.)

Rock samples were crushed and then pulverized to minus 0.15 mm with ceramic plates.

## Sample Analysis

### Spectrographic method

The stream-sediment and rock samples were analyzed for 35 elements and the heavy-mineral-concentrate samples were analyzed for 37 elements using a semiquantitative, direct-current arc emission spectrographic method (modification of Grimes and Marranzino, 1968, and Myers and others, 1961). The elements analyzed and their lower limits of determination are listed in table 1.

Spectrographic results were obtained by visual comparison of spectra derived from the sample against spectra obtained from standards made from pure oxides and carbonates. Standard concentrations are geometrically spaced over any given order of magnitude of concentration as follows: 100, 50, 20, 10, and so forth. Samples whose concentrations are estimated to fall between those values are assigned values of 70, 30, 15, and so forth. The precision of the analytical method is approximately plus or minus one reporting interval at the 83 percent confidence level and plus or minus two reporting intervals at the 96 percent confidence level (Motooka and Grimes, 1976). Values determined for the major elements, iron, magnesium, calcium, and titanium, are given in weight percent; all others are given in parts per million (micrograms/gram). Analytical data for samples from the Rincon WSA are listed in tables 3-6.

### Chemical methods

Samples from this study area were also analyzed by other analytical methods. Rocks, soils, and stream sediments were analyzed for arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, antimony, and zinc using inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES). Stream sediments and selected rocks were analyzed for gold and mercury using atomic absorption spectroscopy (AA). Selected rocks were analyzed for arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, antimony, and zinc using atomic absorption spectroscopy (AA). See table 2 for a more detailed summary of these other chemical methods used.

Analytical results for stream-sediment, heavy-mineral-concentrate, rock, and soil samples are listed in tables 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

## DATA STORAGE SYSTEM

Upon completion of all analytical work, the analytical results were entered into the Branch of Geochemistry's computer data base. This data base contains both descriptive geological information and analytical data. Any or all of this information may be retrieved and converted to a binary form (STATPAC) for computerized statistical analysis or publication (VanTrump and Miesch, 1977).

## DESCRIPTION OF DATA TABLES

Tables 3-6 list the results of analyses for the samples of stream sediment, heavy-mineral concentrate, rock, and soil, respectively. For the four tables, the data are arranged so that column 1 contains the USGS-assigned sample numbers. The first six letters of these USGS-assigned sample numbers corresponds to the numbers shown on the site location map (fig. 2). Columns in which the element headings show the letter "s" below the element symbol are emission spectrographic analyses; "aa" indicates atomic absorption analyses; and "icp" indicates inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy. A letter "N" in the tables indicates that a given element was looked for but not detected at the lower limit of determination shown for that element in table 1. For emission spectrographic analyses, a "less than" symbol (<) entered in the tables in front of the lower limit of determination indicates that an element was observed but was below the lowest reporting value. For AA and ICP analyses, a "less than" symbol (<) entered in the tables in front of the lower limit of determination indicates that an element was below the lowest reporting value. If an element was observed but was above the highest reporting value, a "greater than" symbol (>) was entered in the tables in front of the upper limit of determination. If an element was not looked for in a sample, two dashes (--) are entered in tables 3-5 in place of an analytical value. Because of the formatting used in the computer program that produced tables 3-6, some of the elements listed in these tables (Fe, Mg, Ca, Ti, Ag, and Be) carry one or more nonsignificant digits to the right of the significant digits. The analysts did not determine these elements to the accuracy suggested by the extra zeros.

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TABLE 1.--Limits of determination for the spectrographic analysis of rocks and stream sediments, based on a 10-mg sample

[The spectrographic limits of determination for heavy-mineral-concentrate samples are based on a 5-mg sample, and are therefore two reporting intervals higher than the limits given for rocks and stream sediments]

| Elements          | Lower determination limit | Upper determination limit |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Percent           |                           |                           |
| Calcium (Ca)      | .05                       | 20                        |
| Iron (Fe)         | 0.05                      | 20                        |
| Magnesium (Mg)    | .02                       | 10                        |
| Sodium (Na)       | 0.2                       | 5                         |
| Phosphorus (P)    | 0.2                       | 10                        |
| Titanium (Ti)     | .002                      | 1                         |
| Parts per million |                           |                           |
| Silver (Ag)       | 0.5                       | 5,000                     |
| Arsenic (As)      | 200                       | 10,000                    |
| Gold (Au)         | 10                        | 500                       |
| Boron (B)         | 10                        | 2,000                     |
| Barium (Ba)       | 20                        | 5,000                     |
| Beryllium (Be)    | 1                         | 1,000                     |
| Bismuth (Bi)      | 10                        | 1,000                     |
| Cadmium (Cd)      | 20                        | 500                       |
| Cobalt (Co)       | 10                        | 2,000                     |
| Chromium (Cr)     | 10                        | 5,000                     |
| Copper (Cu)       | 5                         | 20,000                    |
| Gallium (Ga)      | 5                         | 500                       |
| Germanium (Ge)    | 10                        | 100                       |
| Lanthanum (La)    | 50                        | 1,000                     |
| Manganese (Mn)    | 10                        | 5,000                     |
| Molybdenum (Mo)   | 5                         | 2,000                     |
| Niobium (Nb)      | 20                        | 2,000                     |
| Nickel (Ni)       | 5                         | 5,000                     |
| Lead (Pb)         | 10                        | 20,000                    |
| Antimony (Sb)     | 100                       | 10,000                    |
| Scandium (Sc)     | 5                         | 100                       |
| Tin (Sn)          | 10                        | 1,000                     |
| Strontium (Sr)    | 100                       | 5,000                     |
| Thorium (Th)      | 100                       | 2,000                     |
| Vanadium (V)      | 10                        | 10,000                    |
| Tungsten (W)      | 20                        | 10,000                    |
| Yttrium (Y)       | 10                        | 2,000                     |
| Zinc (Zn)         | 200                       | 10,000                    |
| Zirconium (Zr)    | 10                        | 1,000                     |
| Palladium (Pd)*   | 5                         | 1,000                     |
| Platinum (Pt)*    | 20                        | 1,000                     |

\*Determined in heavy-mineral-concentrate samples only. Limits are for heavy-mineral-concentrate samples.

TABLE 2.--Chemical methods used

[AA = atomic absorption and ICP = inductively coupled plasma spectroscopy]

| Element or constituent determined | Sample type       | Method | Determination limit (micrograms/gram or ppm) | Reference   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|---|
| Gold (Au)                         | rock and sediment | AA     | .1   | <u>Modification of Thompson and others, 1968.</u> |
| Mercury (Hg)                      | rock and sediment | AA     | 0.02   | Koirtiyohann and Khalil, 1976.                    |
| Arsenic (As)                      | rock              | ICP    | 5  | Crock and others, 1987.                           |
| Antimony (Sb)                     | and sediment      | ICP    | 2  |   |
| Zinc (Zn)                         |                   | ICP    | 2  |   |
| Bismuth (Bi)                      |                   | ICP    | 2  |   |
| Cadmium (Cd)                      |                   | ICP    | 0.1  |   |
| Arsenic (As)                      | selected          | AA     | 10   | O'Leary and Viets, 1986.                          |
| Antimony (Sb)                     | rocks             | AA     | 2  |   |
| Zinc (Zn)                         |                   | AA     | 5  |   |
| Bismuth (Bi)                      |                   | AA     | 1  |   |
| Cadmium (Cd)                      |                   | AA     | .1   |   |

Table 3. Results of analyses of stream-sediments samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

| Sample  | Latitude | Longitude | Fe-pct.<br>s | Mg-pct.<br>s | Ca-pct.<br>s | Ti-pct.<br>s | Mn-ppm<br>s | Ag-ppm<br>s | As-ppm<br>s | Au-ppm<br>s | B-ppm<br>s | Ba-ppm<br>s |
|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| RI001JS | 42 12 21 | 118 59 7  | 3            | 1.0          | 1.5          | 1            | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI002HS | 42 13 35 | 118 57 13 | 7            | 1.5          | 2.0          | >1           | 2,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI003JS | 42 15 3  | 118 55 41 | 7            | 1.5          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 300         |
| RI004HS | 42 15 32 | 118 55 23 | 5            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI005JS | 42 16 34 | 118 54 58 | 3            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,500       | 1.5         | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI006HS | 42 17 58 | 118 54 20 | 5            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 700         | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 300         |
| RI007JS | 42 17 34 | 118 54 37 | 3            | 1.0          | 2.0          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI008HS | 42 18 56 | 118 54 26 | 5            | 1.5          | 3.0          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 20         | 500         |
| RI009JS | 42 19 37 | 118 54 10 | 5            | 1.5          | 2.0          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI010HS | 42 20 5  | 118 53 33 | 7            | 1.5          | 3.0          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI011JS | 42 20 34 | 118 53 28 | 7            | 1.0          | 2.0          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI012SS | 42 19 42 | 118 52 34 | 5            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI013SS | 42 19 58 | 118 52 53 | 5            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI014SS | 42 18 0  | 118 53 0  | 5            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI016SS | 42 19 12 | 118 48 25 | 7            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 20         | 500         |
| RI017CS | 42 16 31 | 118 52 0  | 7            | .7           | 1.5          | >1           | 2,000       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI018SS | 42 16 4  | 118 52 49 | 7            | .7           | 1.5          | >1           | 1,500       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI019CS | 42 16 6  | 118 53 1  | 10           | 1.5          | 2.0          | >1           | 5,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 700         |
| RI020SS | 42 15 2  | 118 53 12 | 10           | 1.5          | 1.5          | >1           | 3,000       | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         |
| RI021CS | 42 13 31 | 118 54 43 | 5            | 1.0          | 1.0          | 1            | 700         | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI022SS | 42 13 53 | 118 54 28 | 7            | 1.0          | 1.5          | >1           | 3,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |
| RI023CS | 42 20 43 | 118 50 59 | 7            | 1.0          | 1.0          | >1           | 1,000       | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 500         |

| Sample  | Be-ppm<br>s | Bi-ppm<br>s | Cd-ppm<br>s | Co-ppm<br>s | Cr-ppm<br>s | Cu-ppm<br>s | La-ppm<br>s     | Mo-ppm<br>s | Nb-ppm<br>s | Ni-ppm<br>s | Pb-ppm<br>s | Sb-ppm<br>s | Sc-ppm<br>s | Sn-ppm<br>s |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 30          | 20          | 50              | N           | <20         | 20          | 20          | N           | 10          | N           |
| RI002HS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 100         | 50          | 50              | N           | N           | 20          | 30          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI003JS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 50          | 50          | 30          | N               | N           | <20         | 30          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI004HS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 20          | 50          | 50          | 30              | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI005JS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 50          | 50          | 50 <sup>A</sup> | N           | N           | 20          | 30          | N           | .15         | N           |
| RI006HS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | 70          | 30              | N           | N           | 20          | 30          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI007JS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 20          | 50          | 50          | 50              | N           | <20         | 30          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI008HS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 70          | 100         | N               | N           | N           | 50          | 20          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI009JS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 100         | 100         | 30              | N           | <20         | 50          | 30          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI010HS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 50          | 100         | 30              | N           | <20         | 30          | 20          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI011JS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 30          | 70          | 30              | N           | N           | 30          | 30          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI012SS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 100         | 70          | 50              | N           | <20         | 30          | 30          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI013SS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 20          | 50          | N               | N           | <20         | 20          | 30          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI014SS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | 50          | N               | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI016SS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 30          | 20          | 100         | N               | N           | N           | 30          | 15          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI017CS | 1.5         | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | 50          | 30              | N           | <20         | 20          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI018SS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 30          | 20          | 30          | 30              | N           | <20         | 20          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI019CS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 30          | 100         | 50          | 30              | N           | <20         | 20          | 30          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI020SS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 30          | 100         | 50          | 30              | N           | <20         | 20          | 30          | N           | 20          | N           |
| RI021CS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 20          | 20          | 30          | 30              | N           | <20         | 20          | 20          | N           | 10          | N           |
| RI022SS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 30          | 150         | 30          | N               | N           | <20         | 30          | 30          | N           | 15          | N           |
| RI023CS | 1.0         | N           | N           | 30          | 50          | 70          | N               | N           | N           | 30          | 20          | N           | 15          | N           |

Table 3. Results of analyses of stream-sediments samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.--Continued

| Sample  | Sr-ppm<br>s | V-ppm<br>s | W-ppm<br>s | Y-ppm<br>s | Zn-ppm<br>s | Zr-ppm<br>s | Th-ppm<br>s | Au-ppm<br>aa | Hg-ppm<br>aa | As-ppm<br>icp | Bi-ppm<br>icp | Cd-ppm<br>icp | Sb-ppm<br>icp | Zn-ppm<br>icp |
|---------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| RI001JS | 500         | 100        | N          | 20         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 50            |
| RI002HS | 500         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 52            |
| RI003JS | 300         | 150        | N          | 15         | <200        | 100         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .5            | <2            | 70            |
| RI004HS | 300         | 100        | N          | 20         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 57            |
| RI005JS | 500         | 70         | N          | 30         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .06          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 60            |
| RI006HS | 300         | 100        | N          | 20         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .06          | <5            | <2            | .5            | <2            | 73            |
| RI007JS | 300         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .5            | <2            | 62            |
| RI008HS | 500         | 150        | N          | 20         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 53            |
| RI009JS | 500         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 59            |
| RI010HS | 500         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 69            |
| RI011JS | 300         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 100         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 64            |
| RI012SS | 500         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 500         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 69            |
| RI013SS | 300         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 67            |
| RI014SS | 200         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .5            | <2            | 95            |
| RI016SS | 300         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 100         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 82            |
| RI017CS | 300         | 100        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .06          | <5            | <2            | .6            | <2            | 80            |
| RI018SS | 200         | 100        | N          | 20         | <200        | 500         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .5            | <2            | 110           |
| RI019CS | 500         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 200         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 100           |
| RI020SS | 300         | 150        | N          | 30         | <200        | 500         | N           | N            | .02          | <5            | <2            | .7            | <2            | 110           |
| RI021CS | 200         | 70         | N          | 20         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | N            | <5            | <2            | .3            | <2            | 54            |
| RI022SS | 500         | 150        | N          | 20         | <200        | 300         | N           | N            | N            | <5            | <2            | .4            | <2            | 75            |
| RI023CS | 300         | 150        | N          | 20         | <200        | 150         | N           | N            | .04          | <5            | <2            | .8            | <2            | 71            |

Table 4. Results of analyses of heavy-mineral-concentrate samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

[N, not detected; <, detected but below the limit of determination shown; >, determined to be greater than the value shown.]

| Sample   | Latitude | Longitude | Fe-pct.<br>s | Mg-pct.<br>s | Ca-pct.<br>s | Ti-pct.<br>s | Mn-ppm<br>s | Ag-ppm<br>s | As-ppm<br>s | Au-ppm<br>s |
|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JC3 | 42 12 21 | 118 59 7  | .5           | .20          | 5            | .15          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI002HC3 | 42 13 35 | 118 57 13 | .7           | .30          | 5            | .20          | 300         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI003JC3 | 42 15 3  | 118 55 41 | .5           | .15          | 7            | .15          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI004HC3 | 42 15 32 | 118 55 23 | 1.0          | 1.00         | 15           | .30          | 700         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI005JC3 | 42 16 34 | 118 54 58 | 1.0          | .30          | 10           | .15          | 300         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI006HC3 | 42 17 58 | 118 54 20 | .7           | .20          | 7            | 1.00         | 500         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI007JC3 | 42 17 34 | 118 54 37 | 1.0          | .20          | 15           | .30          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI009JC3 | 42 19 37 | 118 54 10 | 1.0          | .20          | 10           | .20          | 150         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI010HC3 | 42 20 5  | 118 53 33 | 1.0          | .50          | 2            | .50          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI011JC3 | 42 20 34 | 118 53 28 | 1.0          | .15          | 5            | .20          | 150         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI012SC3 | 42 19 42 | 118 52 34 | 1.0          | .20          | 5            | .50          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI013SC3 | 42 18 58 | 118 52 53 | .7           | .20          | 5            | .30          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI014SC3 | 42 18 0  | 118 53 0  | .5           | .10          | 3            | .20          | 150         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI016SC3 | 42 19 12 | 118 48 25 | .7           | .20          | 3            | .20          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI017CC3 | 42 16 31 | 118 52 0  | 1.5          | .50          | 2            | .70          | 500         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI018SC3 | 42 16 4  | 118 52 49 | 1.0          | .50          | 5            | .20          | 500         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI019CC3 | 42 16 6  | 118 53 1  | 1.0          | .30          | 3            | .20          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI020SC3 | 42 15 2  | 118 53 12 | .7           | .20          | 3            | .20          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI021CC3 | 42 13 31 | 118 54 43 | 2.0          | 2.00         | 5            | 1.50         | 2,000       | N           | N           | N           |
| RI022SC3 | 42 13 53 | 118 54 28 | .2           | .20          | 1            | .30          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |
| RI023CC3 | 42 20 43 | 118 50 59 | .7           | .30          | 7            | .20          | 200         | N           | N           | N           |

| Sample   | B-ppm<br>s | Ba-ppm<br>s | Be-ppm<br>s | Bi-ppm<br>s | Cd-ppm<br>s | Co-ppm<br>s | Cr-ppm<br>s | Cu-ppm<br>s | La-ppm<br>s | Mo-ppm<br>s | Nb-ppm<br>s |
|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 70          | N           | N           |
| RI002HC3 | 50         | 500         | 5           | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 150         | N           | N           |
| RI003JC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 70          | N           | N           |
| RI004HC3 | 70         | 300         | 7           | N           | N           | N           | 100         | N           | 300         | N           | N           |
| RI005JC3 | 50         | 700         | 2           | N           | N           | N           | 50          | N           | 200         | N           | N           |
| RI006HC3 | 70         | 100         | 5           | N           | N           | N           | 70          | N           | 200         | N           | N           |
| RI007JC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 100         | N           | N           |
| RI009JC3 | 20         | 500         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 50          | N           | N           |
| RI010HC3 | 50         | 100         | 2           | N           | N           | N           | 20          | N           | 50          | N           | N           |
| RI011JC3 | 30         | 300         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | <50         | N           | N           |
| RI012SC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 100         | N           | N           |
| RI013SC3 | 50         | 500         | 2           | N           | N           | N           | 20          | N           | 150         | N           | N           |
| RI014SC3 | 30         | 500         | 2           | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 100         | N           | N           |
| RI016SC3 | 30         | 300         | 2           | N           | N           | N           | 50          | N           | 100         | N           | N           |
| RI017CC3 | 50         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | 30          | N           | <50         | N           | N           |
| RI018SC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | 20          | N           | 150         | N           | N           |
| RI019CC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | 20          | N           | 70          | N           | N           |
| RI020SC3 | 30         | 700         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | 30          | N           | 70          | N           | N           |
| RI021CC3 | 50         | 500         | 7           | N           | N           | 10          | 300         | N           | 200         | N           | N           |
| RI022SC3 | 30         | 300         | 5           | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | <50         | N           | N           |
| RI023CC3 | 20         | 500         | <2          | N           | N           | N           | <20         | N           | <50         | N           | N           |

Table 4. Results of analyses of heavy-mineral-concentrate samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.--Continued

| Sample   | Ni-ppm<br>s | Pb-ppm<br>s | Sb-ppm<br>s | Sc-ppm<br>s | Sn-ppm<br>s | Sr-ppm<br>s | V-ppm<br>s | W-ppm<br>s | Y-ppm<br>s | Zn-ppm<br>s | Zr-ppm<br>s | Th-ppm<br>s |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JC3 | 15          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | <20        | <100       | 500        | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI002HC3 | 20          | N           | N           | 50          | N           | 3,000       | 50         | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI003JC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | 20         | <100       | 300        | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI004HC3 | 70          | N           | N           | <20         | N           | 1,000       | 50         | <200       | 2,000      | N           | >5,000      | N           |
| RI005JC3 | 20          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 2,000       | 30         | <100       | 700        | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI006HC3 | 30          | N           | N           | 100         | N           | 500         | 30         | <200       | 3,000      | N           | >5,000      | N           |
| RI007JC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | <20        | <100       | 700        | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI009JC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | 30         | <100       | 500        | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI010HC3 | 20          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 300         | 50         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI011JC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 500         | 30         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI012SC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | 20         | <100       | 2,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI013SC3 | 15          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | 20         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI014SC3 | 10          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 700         | 20         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI016SC3 | 15          | N           | N           | 50          | N           | 500         | 50         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI017CC3 | 20          | N           | N           | 30          | N           | 700         | 50         | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI018SC3 | 15          | N           | N           | 30          | N           | 1,000       | 30         | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI019CC3 | 15          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 2,000       | 50         | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI020SC3 | 20          | N           | N           | 50          | N           | 1,000       | 30         | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI021CC3 | 30          | N           | N           | 70          | N           | 700         | 100        | <100       | 1,000      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI022SC3 | 20          | N           | N           | 100         | N           | 700         | 30         | <100       | 1,500      | N           | >2,000      | N           |
| RI023CC3 | 20          | N           | N           | <10         | N           | 1,000       | 30         | <100       | 700        | N           | >2,000      | N           |

Table 5. Results of analyses of rock samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

| Sample  | Latitude | Longitude | Ca-pct<br>s | Fe-pct<br>s | Mg-pct<br>s | Na-pct<br>s | P-pct<br>s | Ti-pct<br>s | Ag-ppm<br>s | As-ppm<br>s | Au-ppm<br>s | B-ppm<br>s |
|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| RI001JR | 42 12 21 | 118 59 7  | 10.00       | 5           | 2.00        | --          | --         | >1.00       | N           | N           | N           | 20         |
| RI002HR | 42 13 35 | 118 57 13 | 5.00        | 5           | 1.50        | --          | --         | >1.00       | N           | N           | N           | 50         |
| RI004HR | 42 15 32 | 118 55 23 | 5.00        | 5           | 1.50        | --          | --         | 1.00        | N           | N           | N           | 20         |
| RI024R1 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 1.50        | 3           | 1.50        | 2           | .2         | .70         | N           | N           | N           | 10         |
| RI024R2 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 1.50        | 3           | .05         | 3           | N          | .15         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |
| RI024R3 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 1.50        | 3           | 1.00        | 2           | .2         | .50         | N           | N           | N           | 20         |
| RI024R4 | 42 16 59 | 118 53 27 | .10         | 2           | .05         | 3           | N          | .10         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |
| RI024R5 | 42 16 59 | 118 53 27 | .15         | 3           | .10         | 2           | N          | .15         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |
| RI024R6 | 42 16 59 | 118 53 27 | .20         | 3           | .15         | 5           | <.2        | .20         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |
| RI024R7 | 42 16 59 | 118 53 27 | .10         | 3           | .05         | 3           | <.2        | .15         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |
| RI024R8 | 42 16 58 | 118 53 27 | .10         | 2           | .07         | 2           | N          | .10         | N           | N           | N           | 30         |

| Sample  | Ba-ppm<br>s | Be-ppm<br>s | Bi-ppm<br>s | Cd-ppm<br>s | Co-ppm<br>s | Cr-ppm<br>s | Cu-ppm<br>s | Ga-ppm<br>s | Ge-ppm<br>s | La-ppm<br>s | Mn-ppm<br>s | Mo-ppm<br>s |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JR | 1,500       | 1           | N           | N           | 15          | 20          | 50          | --          | --          | 100         | 700         | N           |
| RI002HR | 1,500       | 1           | N           | N           | 15          | 20          | 20          | --          | --          | 100         | 1,000       | N           |
| RI004HR | 1,500       | 1           | N           | N           | 15          | <10         | 20          | --          | --          | 70          | 700         | N           |
| RI024R1 | 1,000       | 2           | N           | N           | 10          | <10         | 20          | 50          | N           | 70          | 1,000       | <5          |
| RI024R2 | 150         | 5           | N           | N           | N           | <10         | 5           | 100         | N           | 100         | 700         | 7           |
| RI024R3 | 1,000       | 3           | N           | N           | 10          | <10         | 15          | 50          | N           | 50          | 1,000       | 5           |
| RI024R4 | 70          | 7           | N           | N           | N           | N           | <5          | 70          | N           | 100         | 500         | <5          |
| RI024R5 | 300         | 5           | N           | N           | N           | <10         | 7           | 70          | N           | 100         | 700         | <5          |
| RI024R6 | 500         | 7           | N           | N           | N           | 10          | 7           | 100         | N           | 100         | 1,000       | 10          |
| RI024R7 | 300         | 7           | N           | N           | N           | 10          | 7           | 50          | N           | 100         | 1,000       | 5           |
| RI024R8 | 70          | 7           | N           | N           | N           | <10         | <5          | 30          | N           | 70          | 700         | N           |

| Sample  | Nb-ppm<br>s | Ni-ppm<br>s | Pb-ppm<br>s | Sb-ppm<br>s | Sc-ppm<br>s | Sn-ppm<br>s | Sr-ppm<br>s | Th-ppm<br>s | V-ppm<br>s | W-ppm<br>s | Y-ppm<br>s | Zn-ppm<br>s | Zr-ppm<br>s |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI001JR | <20         | 10          | 20          | N           | 20          | N           | 1,000       | N           | 150        | N          | 30         | N           | 300         |
| RI002HR | <20         | 7           | 30          | N           | 20          | N           | 500         | N           | 150        | N          | 30         | N           | 500         |
| RI004HR | N           | 5           | 20          | N           | 15          | N           | 500         | N           | 150        | N          | 30         | N           | 200         |
| RI024R1 | N           | <5          | 30          | N           | 10          | N           | 500         | N           | 70         | N          | 50         | N           | 150         |
| RI024R2 | 20          | <5          | 70          | N           | <5          | 10          | N           | N           | 10         | N          | 100        | <200        | 500         |
| RI024R3 | N           | 5           | 30          | N           | 10          | N           | 500         | N           | 70         | N          | 30         | <200        | 150         |
| RI024R4 | <20         | <5          | 50          | N           | <5          | <10         | N           | N           | <10        | N          | 50         | 200         | 200         |
| RI024R5 | 20          | <5          | 70          | N           | <5          | <10         | N           | N           | 20         | N          | 50         | 200         | 700         |
| RI024R6 | 30          | <5          | 70          | N           | <5          | 10          | N           | N           | 15         | N          | 150        | 200         | 1,000       |
| RI024R7 | 30          | <5          | 50          | N           | 5           | N           | N           | N           | 30         | N          | 200        | 200         | 700         |
| RI024R8 | 20          | <5          | 50          | N           | <5          | N           | N           | N           | <10        | N          | 30         | 200         | 300         |

Table 5. Results of analyses of rock samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.--Continued

| Sample  | As-ppm<br>icp | Bi-ppm<br>icp | Cd-ppm<br>icp | Sb-ppm<br>icp | Zn-ppm<br>icp | Au-ppm<br>aa | Hg-ppm<br>aa | As-ppm<br>aa | Bi-ppm<br>aa | Cd-ppm<br>aa | Sb-ppm<br>aa | Zn-ppm<br>aa |
|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| RI001JR | --            | --            | --            | --            | --            | N            | .03          | N            | N            | .1           | N            | 35           |
| RI002HR | --            | --            | --            | --            | --            | N            | .03          | N            | N            | .1           | N            | 50           |
| RI004HR | --            | --            | --            | --            | --            | N            | .03          | N            | N            | .1           | N            | 60           |
| RI024R1 | <5            | <2            | .1            | <2            | 14            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R2 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 12            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R3 | <5            | <2            | .2            | <2            | 11            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R4 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 13            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R5 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 21            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R6 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 17            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R7 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 18            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |
| RI024R8 | <5            | <2            | <.1           | <2            | 19            | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           | --           |

Table 6. Results of analyses of soil samples from the Rincon Wilderness Study Area, Harney County, Oregon.

| Sample  | Latitude | Longitude | Ca-pct<br>s | Fe-pct<br>s | Mg-pct<br>s | Na-pct<br>s | P-pct<br>s | Ti-pct<br>s | Ag-ppm<br>s | As-ppm<br>s | Au-ppm<br>s | B-ppm<br>s | Ba-ppm<br>s | Be-ppm<br>s |
|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI024S1 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 1.5         | 3           | 1.0         | 2           | <.2        | .7          | N           | N           | N           | 20         | 700         | 5           |
| RI024S2 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 2.0         | 3           | 1.0         | 2           | <.2        | .7          | N           | N           | N           | 30         | 700         | 5           |
| RI024S3 | 42 17 3  | 118 53 27 | 1.5         | 5           | .7          | 2           | <.2        | .7          | N           | N           | N           | 50         | 500         | 5           |

| Sample  | Bi-ppm<br>s | Cd-ppm<br>s | Co-ppm<br>s | Cr-ppm<br>s | Cu-ppm<br>s | Ga-ppm<br>s | Ge-ppm<br>s | La-ppm<br>s | Mn-ppm<br>s | Mo-ppm<br>s | Nb-ppm<br>s | Ni-ppm<br>s | Pb-ppm<br>s | Sb-ppm<br>s |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RI024S1 | N           | N           | 10          | 70          | 50          | 50          | N           | 50          | 1,500       | <5          | <20         | 10          | 50          | N           |
| RI024S2 | N           | N           | 10          | 70          | 30          | 50          | N           | 50          | 2,000       | <5          | <20         | 10          | 50          | N           |
| RI024S3 | N           | N           | 10          | 100         | 50          | 50          | N           | 70          | 700         | <5          | 20          | 10          | 50          | N           |

| Sample  | Sc-ppm<br>s | Sn-ppm<br>s | Sr-ppm<br>s | Th-ppm<br>s | V-ppm<br>s | W-ppm<br>s | Y-ppm<br>s | Zn-ppm<br>s | Zr-ppm<br>s | As-ppm<br>icp | Bi-ppm<br>icp | Cd-ppm<br>icp | Sb-ppm<br>icp | Zn-ppm<br>icp |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| RI024S1 | 15          | N           | 300         | N           | 100        | N          | 100        | <200        | 500         | <5            | <2            | .2            | <2            | 31            |
| RI024S2 | 15          | N           | 300         | N           | 150        | N          | 70         | <200        | 300         | <5            | <2            | .1            | <2            | 25            |
| RI024S3 | 10          | N           | 300         | N           | 70         | N          | 100        | <200        | 700         | <5            | <2            | .2            | <2            | 29            |

**Table 7. Description of rock samples**

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| RI001JR | andesite      |
| RI002HR | andesite flow |
| RI004HR | andesite      |
| RI024R1 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R2 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R3 | andesite flow |
| RI024R4 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R5 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R6 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R7 | welded tuff   |
| RI024R8 | welded tuff   |