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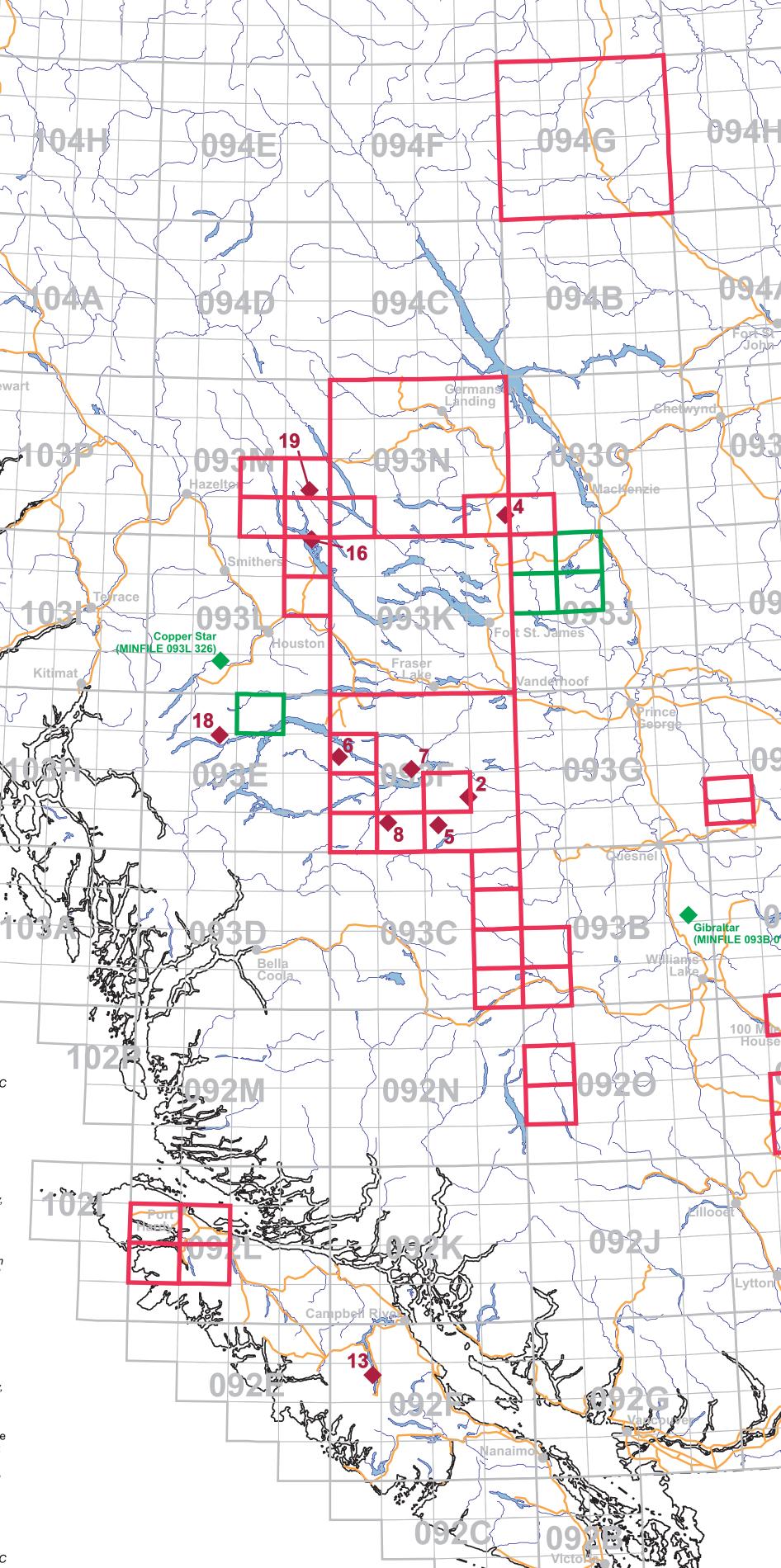
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**REGIONAL TO PROPERTY-SCALE DRIFT PROSPECTING SURVEYS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA** 

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### DRIFT PROSPECTING DATA

INTRODUCTION

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Published regional-scale drift prospecting data (references are listed by NTS mapsheet)

Regional-scale till geochemistry survey in progress

Presented here is a geographically referenced list of drift

prospecting surveys that have been conducted in British Columbia

prospecting in British Columbia have also been included. These

and researchers who are assessing the effectiveness of drift

prospecting surveys in the context of their own exploration or

samples and are looking for data from orientation surveys for

research program, who are preparing to design and implement

their own survey, or who have generated geochemical data on drift

To be included here, drift prospecting reports and (or) geochemical

data must be published and publicly available and have used basal

till or glaciofluvial gravels as sample media. These reports and

data can be viewed and downloaded from the following websites:

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Geochemical surveys that used B-horizon soils, lacustrine

a particular region. The exception to this is work that was

conducted in northeast British Columbia that used glaciofluvial

sediments, or stream sediments as sample media are not included

Regional-scale studies listed used geochemical determinations on

basal till samples to asses the base and precious metal potential of

studies and geochemical data will be of interest to explorationists

A list of topical studies and special volumes that are relevant to drift

- Published property-scale till geochemistry data (references are listed by label number)
- Property-scale till geochemistry data in

gravels, and to a lesser extent basal till samples, to assess this region's diamond potential. Property-scale surveys were designed

to characterise the clastic dispersal of mineralization in basal till from known mineralized bedrock sources. References for property-scale surveys are organized by the mineral deposit type they were conducted over or around. Data from these detailed studies are important as they provide a basis for comparing regional-scale geochemical data to that from known mineralized sources. This comparison is important in assessing which basal till samples in a regional-scale program could be considered elevated and worthy of follow-up work. Till geochemical surveys that are currently in progress are also included here. References for this work will be provided as the surveys are completed.

Also included here is a list of references for studies that may not necessarily have been conducted in British Columbia but that are relevant to drift prospecting surveys regardless of the glaciated region or country they are to be conducted in. These studies have a topical, rather than geographic, focus and can provide invaluable insight into the design, implementation, and interpretation of drift prospecting surveys. References are also presented for the four most recently published volumes on drift prospecting. Papers within these volumes also have a topical focus and can provide important background information on the subtleties of drift prospecting programs, which can vary from one physiographic region to another, using theory and data from case studies. For example, preparation for any drift prospecting program in the Canadian Cordillera would be incomplete without a thoroug review of Levson (2001).

This map and list of references is intended to provide a way of quickly identifying drift prospecting studies and data that are either geographically or topically of interest to those working in British Columbia. Any omission in the reference list or on the map should be brought to the attention of the compiler. This publication will be updated on an annual basis.

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