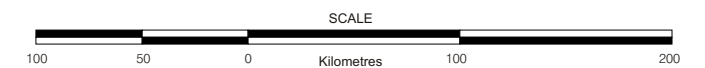




Communities Benefiting from British Columbia Mineral Exploration in 2004

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Major Exploration Project
Exploration at Existing Mine

▲ Metal
■ Coal
+ Industrial Mineral

10 Community area of influence (see table)

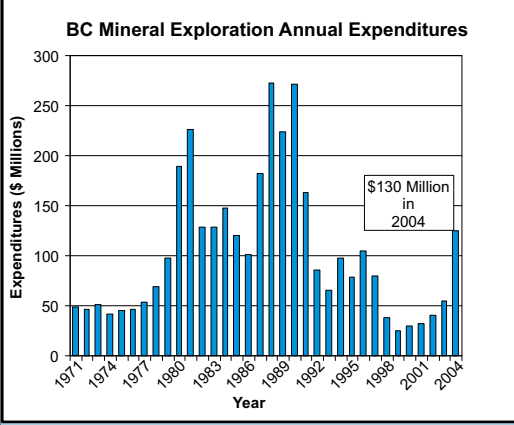
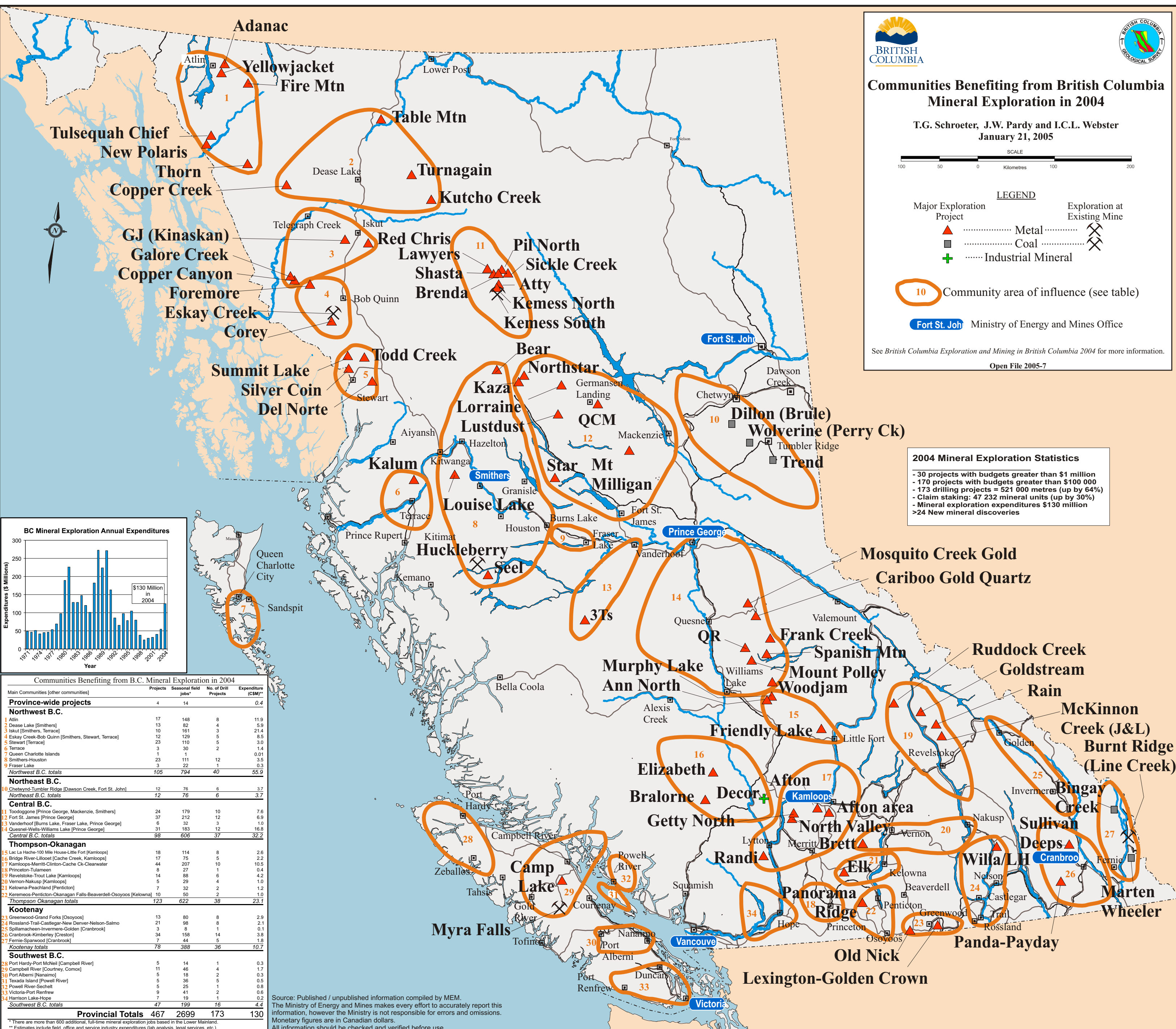
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2004 Mineral Exploration Statistics

- 30 projects with budgets greater than \$1 million
- 170 projects with budgets greater than \$100 000
- 173 drilling projects = 521 000 metres (up by 64%)
- Claim staking: 47 232 mineral units (up by 30%)
- Mineral exploration expenditures \$130 million
- >24 New mineral discoveries



Communities Benefiting from B.C. Mineral Exploration in 2004				
Main Communities [other communities]	Projects	Seasonal field jobs*	No. of Drill Projects	Expenditure (C\$M)**
Province-wide projects	4	14		0.4
Northwest B.C.				
1 Atlin	17	148	8	11.9
2 Dease Lake [Smithers]	13	82	4	5.9
3 Iskut [Smithers, Terrace]	10	161	3	21.4
4 Eskay Creek-Bob Quinn [Smithers, Stewart, Terrace]	12	129	5	8.5
5 Stewart [Terrace]	23	110	5	3.0
6 Terrace	3	30	2	1.4
7 Queen Charlotte Islands	1	1		0.01
8 Smithers-Houston	23	111	12	3.5
9 Fraser Lake	3	22	1	0.3
Northwest B.C. totals	105	794	40	55.9
Northeast B.C.				
10 Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge [Dawson Creek, Fort St. John]	12	76	6	3.7
Northeast B.C. totals	12	76	6	3.7
Central B.C.				
11 Toodoggone [Prince George, Mackenzie, Smithers]	24	179	10	7.6
12 Fort St. James [Prince George]	37	212	12	6.9
13 Vanderhoof [Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Prince George]	6	32	3	1.0
14 Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George]	31	163	12	16.8
Central B.C. totals	98	606	37	32.2
Thompson-Okanagan				
15 Lac La Hache-100 Mile House-Little Fort [Kamloops]	18	114	8	2.6
16 Bridge River-Lillooet [Cache Creek, Kamloops]	17	75	5	2.2
17 Kamloops-Merritt-Clinton-Cache Ck-Clearwater	44	207	10	10.5
18 Princeton-Tulameen	8	27	1	0.4
19 Revelstoke-Trout Lake [Kamloops]	14	88	6	4.2
20 Vernon-Nakusp [Kamloops]	5	29	4	1.0
21 Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton]	7	32	2	1.2
22 Kermeso-Penticton-Okanagan Falls-Beaverdell-Osoyoos [Kelowna]	10	50	2	1.0
Thompson Okanagan totals	123	622	38	23.7
Kootenay				
23 Greenwood-Grand Forks [Osoyoos]	13	80	8	2.9
24 Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-New Denver-Nelson-Salmo	21	98	8	2.1
25 Spillamacheen-Invermere-Golden [Cranbrook]	3	8	1	0.1
26 Cranbrook-Kimberley [Creston]	34	158	14	3.8
27 Fernie-Sparwood [Cranbrook]	7	44	5	1.8
Kootenay totals	78	388	36	10.7
Southwest B.C.				
28 Port Hardy-Port McNeil [Campbell River]	5	14	1	0.3
29 Campbell River [Courtney, Comox]	11	46	4	1.7
30 Port Alberni [Nanaimo]	5	18	2	0.3
31 Texada Island [Powell River]	5	36	5	0.5
32 Powell River-Sichelt	5	25	1	0.8
33 Victoria-Port Renfrew	9	41	2	0.6
34 Harrison Lake-Hope	7	19	1	0.2
Southwest B.C. totals	47	199	16	4.4
Provincial Totals	467	2699	173	130

* There are more than 600 additional, full-time mineral exploration jobs based in the Lower Mainland.
** Estimates include field, office and service industry expenditures (lab analysis, legal services, etc.)

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