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RYAN CANYON PROSPECT T.9N R. 31E

The Ryan Canyon Prospect is located in the Gillis Range, northeast of Hawthorne, Nevada. Access to the property is via highway and gravel county road from Hawthorne about 5 miles northeast of the S.P. R.R. station at Thorne.

The general geologic setting of this area as seen on the Mineral County geologic map, shows the Gillis Range formed by a series of volcanics, tuffs, clastics of triassic age (Excelsior Fm).

In the area of this prospect the Excelsior formation has been intruded by a stock of quartz monzonite in part porphyritic. Interse pyriteization of the stock was observed. A zone of silicified breccia bearing malachite, azurite and minor cinnabar occurs within about 2500 feet of the observed portion of the quartz monzonite stock. The breccia zone is exposed by a series of bulldozer cuts and appears to be of sufficient size to warrent further investigation.

It seems that the intense pyrization of the quartz monzonite porphyry stock and the addition of copper into brecciated zone are related in time and space and taken together offer a reasonably good chance for the discovery of a large copper deposit in the area.

It is recommended that a short option be taken on this property for the purpose of preparing a reconnaissance geologic map of the breccia zone, quartz monzonite stock and spacial relationship of these units. At the same time a series of

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