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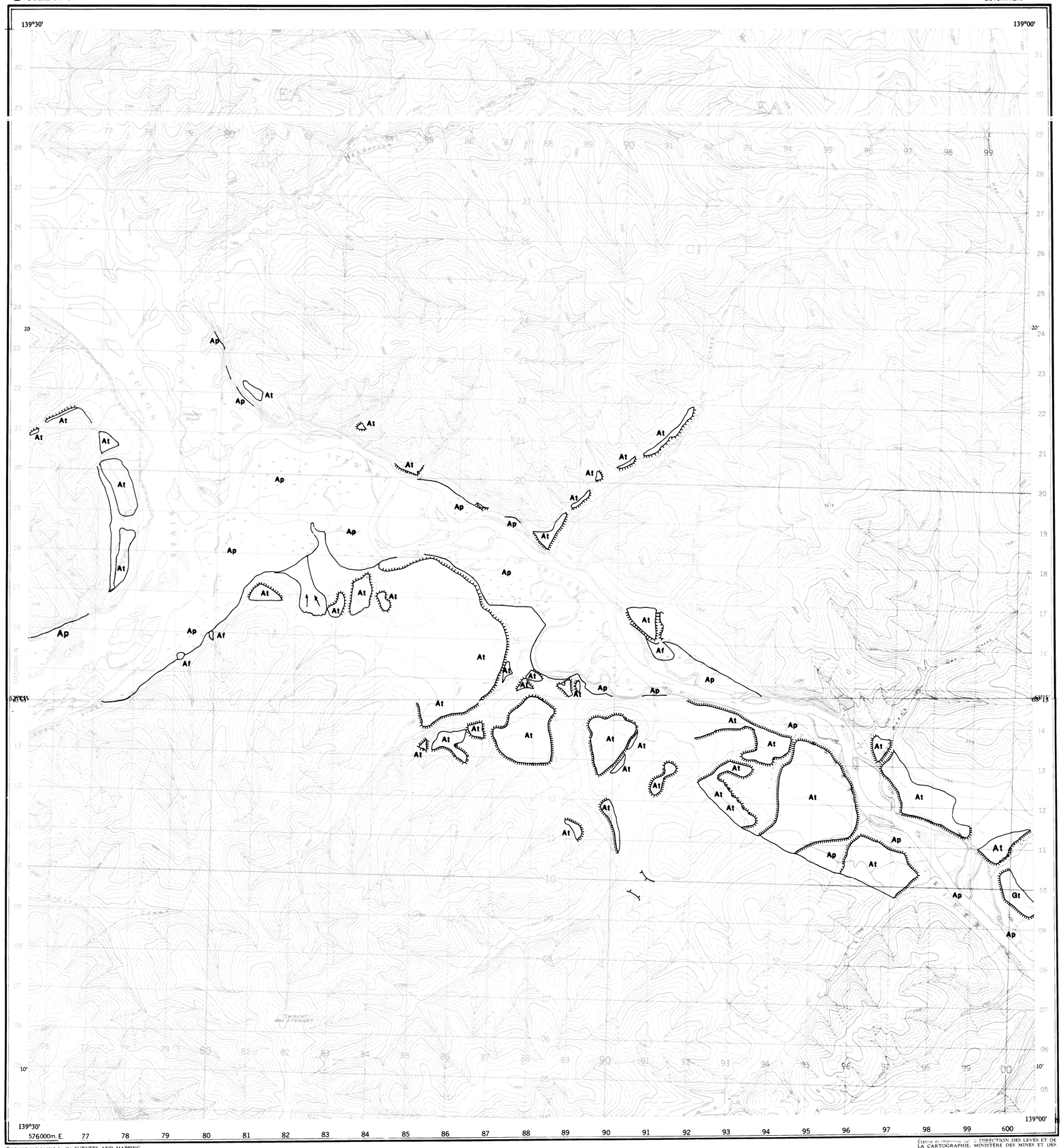

LEGEND

QUATERNARY/TERTIARY?

- **Ap** — Alluvial plain; flat to undulating, commonly meander scrolled, typically organic silty sand accumulations on top of sand and gravel.
- **At** — Alluvial terrace; flat to undulating, minor channelling, gravel and sand on top of elevated bedrock terraces. May include glaciofluvial and nonglacial deposits.
- **Af** — Alluvial fan; sloping aggregate of sorted and unsorted sediment from tributary streams. Composed of mixture of alluvial and colluvial deposits merging with other deposits.
- **Gt** — Glaciofluvial terrace; flat to undulating, braided channel patterns, composed of mixture of loess overlying sand and gravel. Ventifacts and sand wedges locally present.

SYMBOLS

- Geological contact
- Terrace scarp
- Abandoned channel
- Landslide

SURFICIAL GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

This preliminary map is based on 1993 mapping and airphoto interpretation. Lower Stewart River valley was mapped by inspection of soil pits, sporadic natural exposures, and a few mining cuts.

This area of the Klondike Plateau is largely unglaciated. However, outwash from multiple Pleistocene glaciations occurred in Stewart River valley, and are referred to as McConnell, Reid, and pre-Reid (Bostock 1966; Hughes et al. 1969). Stewart River valley shows several terrace remnants, some can be related to these glaciations.

The Stewart River valley is dominated by valley bottom alluvium and elevated terraces. Alluvial plain refers to the modern floodplain and low-lying valley flats. Alluvial terraces refer to those which are commonly lying on elevated bedrock terraces along the valley sides. Glaciofluvial terraces occur at various elevations in the valley and are more prominent in the upper reaches. These terraces consist of gravel overlying an elevated bedrock surface, kame terraces along the valley margins, and valley fill. A thin capping of aeolian silt and sand overlies the gravel deposits.

Soil development on high level terraces was used to assign designations as McConnell, Reid, and pre-Reid terraces using the criteria of soil colour, clay skins, thickness, and periglacial features (Morison and Smith 1987). Some terraces are uncorrelated and may be as old as Tertiary.

Placer gold occurs within the alluvial terraces, alluvial plain deposits and in glaciofluvial terrace sediments. It is typically fine-grained, flat, bright, and inclusion free. Other heavy minerals include magnetite, red garnet, and hematite.

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SURFICIAL GEOLOGICAL MAP OF STEWART RIVER VALLEY PARTS OF 115O/2, 115O/3, 115O/6 AND 115O/7
1:50,000 SCALE

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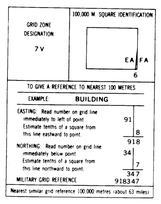

ONE THOUSAND METRE
UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR GRID
ZONE 7

THISTLE CREEK (115O/3) and STEWART RIVER (115O/6)

YUKON TERRITORY

Roads / Routes
All weather / Toute saison
Dry weather / Période sèche
Cart track / de ferme
Trail or portage / sentier ou portage
Railway: normal gauge, single track / Chemin de fer voie unique, écartement normal
Power transmission line / Ligne de transport d'énergie
Mine or Open cut / Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert
Horizontal control point, with elevation / Point géodésique avec cote 454
Bench mark, with elevation / Repère de nivellement avec cote BM 157

SCALE 1:50,000 ÉCHELLE

Miles 1 0 1 2 3 Miles
Metres 1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Metres
Yards 1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Verges

CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET
Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level
North American Datum 1927
Transverse Mercator Projection

ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES: 100 PIEDS
Élévations en pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer
Réseau géodésique nord-américain (initial 1927)
Projection transverse de Mercator

MAGNETIC DECLINATION 31°24' EAST
AT CENTRE OF MAP, 1960
Annual change (decreasing) 3'

DÉCLINAISON MAGNÉTIQUE AU CENTRE DE LA FEUILLE EN 1960: 31°24' EST
variation annuelle (décroissante) 3'

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Church / Église; Cemetery / Cimetière
Lighthouse / Phare
River with bridge / Rivière avec pont
Stream, intermittent or dry / Cours d'eau intermittent ou sec
Lake, intermittent / Lac intermittent
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Depression contours / Courbes de cuvette

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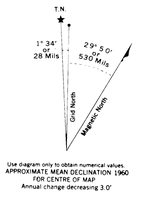

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APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1960
FOR CENTRE OF MAP
Annual change decreasing 3.0'

CONVERSION SCALE FOR ELEVATIONS
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