

Mobile Mineral Labs To Aid Exploration

Mobile labs, specifically designed to operate in rugged conditions, will aid the mineral investigation in

Alaska by the Geological Survey.

The mobile units will provide on-the-spot tests for teams making mineral surveys in remote areas. They will be equipped to detect even trace amounts of valuable minerals.

In a joint enterprise with the Bureau of Mines, the Geological Survey is stepping up investigations to provide scientific data and clues to new sources of metals for exploration and development by private industry.

The mobile laboratories will include two one-ton van-type vehicles, to operate out of Anchorage and Fairbanks, and a smaller pod-type unit to be used interchangeably on truck, boat or helicopter, — to operate out of Nome this summer.