

♣ Mineral ♣ reports available

The mineral potential of 5.5 million acres in the Porcupine River region of Alaska, and of 14 million acres in the Tanana-Yukon Uplands region of the State, is appraised in two "summary reports" just placed on open file by the Interior Department's Bureau of Mines.

Both study areas are in eastern central Alaska. The Tanana-Yukon Uplands area extends from Fairbanks east to the Canadian border. To the north, the Porcupine River area extends from the vicinity of Ft. Yukon east to the border. Both areas include federally-owned land that has been proposed by the Interior Department for addition to the nation's system of National Wildlife Refuges. Pending Congressional action on such proposals, the lands have been designated as special interest areas under Section 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.