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Margin 1/2" MAP SERIES 107 King Mountain 1:24,000-scale **Bedrock Geologic Map** 

Chugwater anorthosite pluton (Mesoproterozoic)-Main body subdivided into upper, middle, and lower layered zones composed of a leucogabbroic zone overlying an anorthositic zone,

Border 1/2"

percent), augite, and orthopyroxene, with accessory biotite, ilmenite, titaniferous nagnetite, and trace pyhrrotite, pentlandite, and chalcopyrite. Olivine commonly weathers out leaving pitted surface. Leucotroctolite bodies typically 2-20 m wide and both cut and lie parallel to regional layering; sharp contacts with anorthosite and diffuse contacts with leucogabbro. Areas mapped as leuctroctolite are generalized regions of leucotroctolite outcrops intermixed with anorthosite and leucogabbro (Newhouse and Hagner, 1957; Frost and others, 2010; Lindsley and others, 2010)

Upper leucogabbroic layered zone-Medium-grained, dark-blue to black, subequigranular to inequigranular leucogabbro. Composed of 80-90 percent anhedral to tabular plagioclase (An<sub>45-60</sub>), up to 15 percent iron-rich augite, inverted pigeonite, and orthopyroxene; minor phases include olivine, ilmenite, and titanomagnetite; biotite only present with olivine; trace sulfides include pyrrhotite, pentlandite, and chalcopyrite. Forms poorly exposed topographic lows (Lindsley and others, 2010)

gray, subequigranular to inequigranular anorthosite. Composed of tabular labradorescent plagioclase phenocrysts (An<sub>42-63</sub>; 2-3 cm) with rare megacrysts (larger than 5 cm), nverted pigeonite, and orthopyroxene with accessory ilmenite and magnetite (2-4 percent); contains trace quartz and secondary muscovite, epidote, and sericite. Plagioclase phenocrysts contain inclusions of magnetite, ilmenite, biotite, and rutile; inverted pigeonite present in upper stratigraphic levels of unit. Distinctive lamination and magmatic foliation defined by alignment of plagioclase phenocrysts (Lindsley and others, 2010). Age constrained to  $1,436 \pm 0.7$  Ma (Frost and others, 2010)

Middle leucogabbroic layered zone Medium- to coarse-grained, dark-blue to black, subequigranular to inequigranular, locally megacrystic leucogabbro, weathers darkbrown. Composed of 80–90 percent anhedral to tabular plagioclase (An<sub>46-55</sub>), up to 15 percent iron-rich augite, and orthopyroxene; minor phases include olivine, ilmenite, and titanomagnetite; biotite only present with olivine; trace sulfides include pyrrhotite, pentlandite, and chalcopyrite. Forms poorly exposed topographic lows (Lindsley and

Middle anorthositic layered zone-Medium- to coarse-grained, dark-blue to dark-gray, subequigranular to inequigranular, locally megacrystic anorthosite. Composed of anhedral to tabular labradorescent plagioclase phenocrysts (An<sub>46-55</sub>; 1 mm-3 cm) with minor green amphibole, rutile, accessory muscovite (less than 5 percent); secondary biotite, chlorite, sericite, epidote, and muscovite present. Plagioclase phenocrysts contain inclusions of magnetite, ilmenite, biotite, and rutile; white to light-gray plagioclase neoblasts present on phenocryst grain boundaries due to high-temperature deformation. Weak magmatic foliation defined by alignment of plagioclase phenocrysts. Forms topographic highs. Contains meter-scale characteristic intrusions of leucotroctolite as

Lower leucogabbroic layered zone-Coarse-grained to megacrystic, dark-blue to black, subequigranular to inequigranular leucogabbro. Composed of 80-90 percent tabular plagioclase (An<sub>47-52</sub>), up to 15 percent iron-rich augite, and orthopyroxene with minor olivine, ilmenite, and titanomagnetite; biotite only present with olivine; trace sulfides include pyrrhotite, pentlandite, and chalcopyrite. Forms topographic lows, poorly

inequigranular to semiequigranular anorthosite composed of tabular, labradorescent plagioclase phenocrysts (An<sub>48-56</sub>). Minor mineral constituents include augite, low-Ca pyroxene, ilmenite, magnetite, and local quartz. Olivine present in proximity to troctolite. Froctolite inclusions: medium-grained to megacrystic, undeformed, composed of olivine (up to 50 percent), plagioclase, minor orthopyroxene, and biotite, with accessory ilmenite and titaniferous magnetite; exhibits sharp boundaries when injected; forms recessive outcrops. Lower anorthositic layered zone distinctly stratified; compositional layering defined by varying abundance of mafic minerals. Age constrained between  $1,435.4 \pm 0.5$ Ma and  $1,435.2 \pm 0.9$  Ma (Scoates and Chamberlain, 1995; Frost and others, 2010;

Oxide troctolite-Medium- to coarse-grained, black, oxide-rich troctolite composed of titaniferous magnetite and ilmenite with plagioclase, olivine, alkali feldspar, augite, and apatite. Most outcrops in map area composed exclusively of Fe-Ti oxides. Occurs as inclusions and dikes within Chugwater anorthosite (Mitchell and others, 1995; Frost and

Anorthosite, unlayered-Coarse-grained to megacrystic, dark-gray, inequigranular to semiequigranular massive anorthosite composed of labradorescent plagioclase with minor augite, low-calcium pyroxene, olivine, ilmenite, magnetite, and local quartz. Occupies lowest stratigraphic position in Chugwater anorthosite pluton and is separated from lower anorthositic layered zone by structural boundary and is equivalent to undivided anorthosite of Lindsley and others (2010). Both units are petrographically and compositionally identical but unlayered anorthosite lacks traceable layering and lamination and exhibits evidence of different structural and deformational history than layered anorthosite zones (Lindsley and others, 2010). Age constrained between 1,435.7

High-calcium anorthosite-Fine-grained, light-gray to white, locally porphyritic, highly deformed anorthosite. Primarily composed of interlocking, subhedral to anhedral plagioclase (An<sub>67-75</sub>) and minor (5–10 percent) pyroxene, with trace epidote and quartz (Lindsley and others, 2010). Local red to blue labradorescent plagioclase megacrysts (3-10 cm). Only observed along structural boundary separating layered Chugwater anorthosite from unlayered Chugwater anorthosite (Lindsley and others, 2010)

Horse Creek quartz monzonite—Fine- to medium-grained, subequigranular, orange-pink quartz monzonite of Scoates and Chamberlain (1997); composed of oligoclase, microcline, hornblende, biotite, and minor quartz with accessory titanite, ilmenite, magnetite, apatite, and zircon. Oligoclase and microcline occur in approximately equal proportions (Ramarathnam, 1962; Frost and others, 2000). Well exposed and highly resistant; forms extensive but narrow, east- to northeast-trending dikes in Horse Creek anorthosite and porphyritic granite with primary intrusion at Dirty Mountain. Magmatic foliation defined by alignment of mafic minerals and localized quartz ribbons. Age constrained to  $1,754.5 \pm 2.2$  Ma (Scoates and

Horse Creek anorthosite—Medium- to coarse-grained, light-gray to blue-gray, strongly recrystallized equigranular anorthosite of Scoates and Chamberlain (1997); composed of interlocking plagioclase (An<sub>44-68</sub>; Ramarathnam, 1962), primary clinopyroxene and olivine with secondary hornblende, biotite, chlorite, and epidote. Accessory phases include ilmenite, titanite, zircon, and apatite (Frost and others, 2000). Plagioclase phenocrysts range from subhedral to tabular. Anorthosite is gabbroic to dioritic in proximity to porphyritic granite and granodiorite. Includes small (less than 30 m across), very fine to fine-grained, dark-brown to black dioritic bodies spatially associated with white quartz intrusions. Diorite composed of approximately equal parts randomly oriented, subhedral hornblende replacing pyroxene, tabular plagioclase laths, oxides, and trace biotite. Age constrained to  $1,761.5 \pm 2$  Ma (Scoates

**Porphyritic granite**—Coarse-grained to porphyritic, pink-orange to black, semiequigranular to porphyritic granite; composed of 1–3 cm microcline phenocrysts in matrix of finer-grained quartz, oligoclase, microcline, and biotite with accessory hornblende, magnetite, titanite, ilmenite, and zircon (Frost and others, 2000). Microcline is commonly zoned. Contains xenoliths of hornblende-biotite gneiss and dioritic schist. Fine-grained variants occur in proximity to Dirty Mountain. Produces distinctive coarse-grained soil composed of feldspar phenocrysts. Locally strong magmatic foliation defined by alignment of mafic minerals. Contacts with potassium feldspar- and plagioclase feldspar-bearing porphyritic granodiorites and Ragged Top granodiorite typically gradational. Porphyritic granite makes up part of unit

Potassium feldspar porphyritic granodiorite-Medium- to coarse-grained, porphyritic, black, white, and pink granodiorite composed of pink potassium feldspar phenocrysts (1-4 cm) hosted in finer-grained matrix of plagioclase, perthite, biotite, hornblende, and quartz with trace microcline, oxides, apatite, and zircon. Exhibits well-developed magmatic foliation defined by preferred orientation of feldspar phenocrysts and alignment of mafic minerals. Contains xenoliths of hornblende-biotite gneiss and dioritic schist. Contacts with plagioclase feldspar granodiorite and Ragged Top granodiorite gradational, defined by increase in feldspar phenocryst size relative to matrix and by introduction of pink potassium feldspar phenocrysts. Porphyritic granodiorite makes up part of unit mapped by Frost and others (2000) as Horse Creek granite. Age constrained to  $1,770.9 \pm 2.8$  Ma (Frost and others, 2000)

and white granodiorite to tonalite composed of white plagioclase phenocrysts (1-4 cm) hosted in finer-grained matrix of plagioclase, perthite, biotite, hornblende, and quartz with trace microcline, oxides, apatite, and zircon. Exhibits well-developed magmatic foliation defined by preferred orientation of feldspar phenocrysts and alignment of mafic minerals. Contains xenoliths of hornblende-biotite gneiss and dioritic schist. Contacts with pote granodiorite and Ragged Top granodiorite gradational, defined by increase in feldspar phenocryst size relative to matrix and by loss of pink potassium feldspar phenocrysts. Porphyritic granodiorite makes up part of unit mapped by Frost and others (2000) as Horse Margin 1"

Ragged Top granodiorite—Medium- to coarse-grained, semiequigranular, black and white granodiorite to tonalite of Frost and others (2000); composed of plagioclase, biotite, quartz, and hornblende, with accessory magnetite, titanite, apatite, chlorite, and microcline. Plagioclase weathers to gray-brown kaolinite and sericite (Frost and others, 2000). Magmatic foliation defined by alignment of mafic minerals and feldspar phenocrysts; locally strongly foliated to gneissic. Contains abundant xenoliths of hornblende-biotite gneiss and dioritic schist. Contacts with potassium feldspar and plagioclase feldspar porphyritic granodiorites typically gradational, defined by increase in feldspar phenocryst size relative to matrix and introduction or loss of pink potassium feldspar phenocrysts. Granodiorite along contact with pelitic schist is garnet bearing in Lake Hill region. Age constrained to  $1,770 \pm 4$  Ma (Frost

subequigranular, weakly foliated hornblende-biotite-andesine gneiss of Ramarathnam (1962). Occurs as xenoliths within porphyritic granite and granodiorite members of Horse Creek complex. Composed of plagioclase with hornblende, biotite, relict clinopyroxene, and magnetite, with minor quartz, accessory epidote, titanite, and sericite. Hornblende occurs as pseudomorphs of pyroxene

Pelitic gneiss and schist, undifferentiated—Assorted pelitic gneisses and schists. Generally finegrained, dark blueish-gray, red-brown, to dark-brown and black, foliated, compositionally layered to schistose; may contain potassium feldspar, plagioclase, perthite, quartz, cordierite, orthopyroxene, biotite, spinel, sillimanite, and garnet, with accessory ilmenite, titanomagnetite, zircon, monazite, and apatite. Retrograde minerals include andalusite, chlorite, muscovite, and rare calcite (Xirouchakis, 1996). Compositionally banded gneisses have alternating orthoclase-orthopyroxene-garnet and cordierite-biotite-sillimanite layers. Schistose units very fine to fine-grained, dark blueish-gray to black, foliated, and micaceous with garnet porphyroclasts. Biotite commonly occurs as overgrowths on pyroxene and garnet; sillimanite and green spinel form clots rimmed by cordierite, giving pelitic gneisses locally spotty appearance; garnet porphyroclasts most common in quartzofeldspathic layers. Leucocratic partial melt present in contact aureole of Laramie Anorthosite Complex (Xirouchakis, 1996). Compositionally banded brown pelitic gneiss and gray cordierite-rich gneiss most prevalent in western part of quadrangle, with more dark blueish-gray to black

Mafic gneiss and hornfels, undifferentiated-Very fine to fine-grained, black, subequigranular to equigranular, massive hornfels; composed of clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, plagioclase, and hornblende with accessory biotite, titanomagnetite, ilmenite, and spinel. Occurs as lenticular bodies within pelitic gneisses; forms topographic highs; most occurrences too small to map. Minor iron-rich compositionally banded mafic gneiss present in sec. 17, T. 17 N., R.

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