

MINERALS PROJECTS



GEOSCIENCE BC has collected new information over more than 520,000 square kilometres of the province to encourage mineral exploration and investment, which leads to jobs for British Columbians.

OUR TRACK RECORD demonstrates value. Since 2005, Geoscience BC has invested more than \$30 million in minerals projects and has helped to attract hundreds of millions of dollars in mineral exploration investment to BC. From the ground up, this investment creates jobs, supports local businesses and leads to job creation, infrastructure improvements, and can eventually generate additional export revenue for the province. Information from Geoscience BC minerals projects forms the basis for new mineral exploration interest and investment in the province. And that's good news for BC.

TREK

Beginning in 2013, TREK (**T**argeting **R**esources through **E**xploration and **K**nowledge) is the newest multiyear minerals project with \$4.1 million in funding. It covers more than 24,000 square kilometres over the northern Interior Plateau region, an area considered highly prospective for mineral resources.

NORTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND

Nearly **24,000 hectares** of Crown land have been staked on northern Vancouver Island since the release of Geoscience BC data in January 2013, indicating a surge in exploration interest. This project also supported workshops and community awareness sessions on geoscience, mineral exploration and mining.

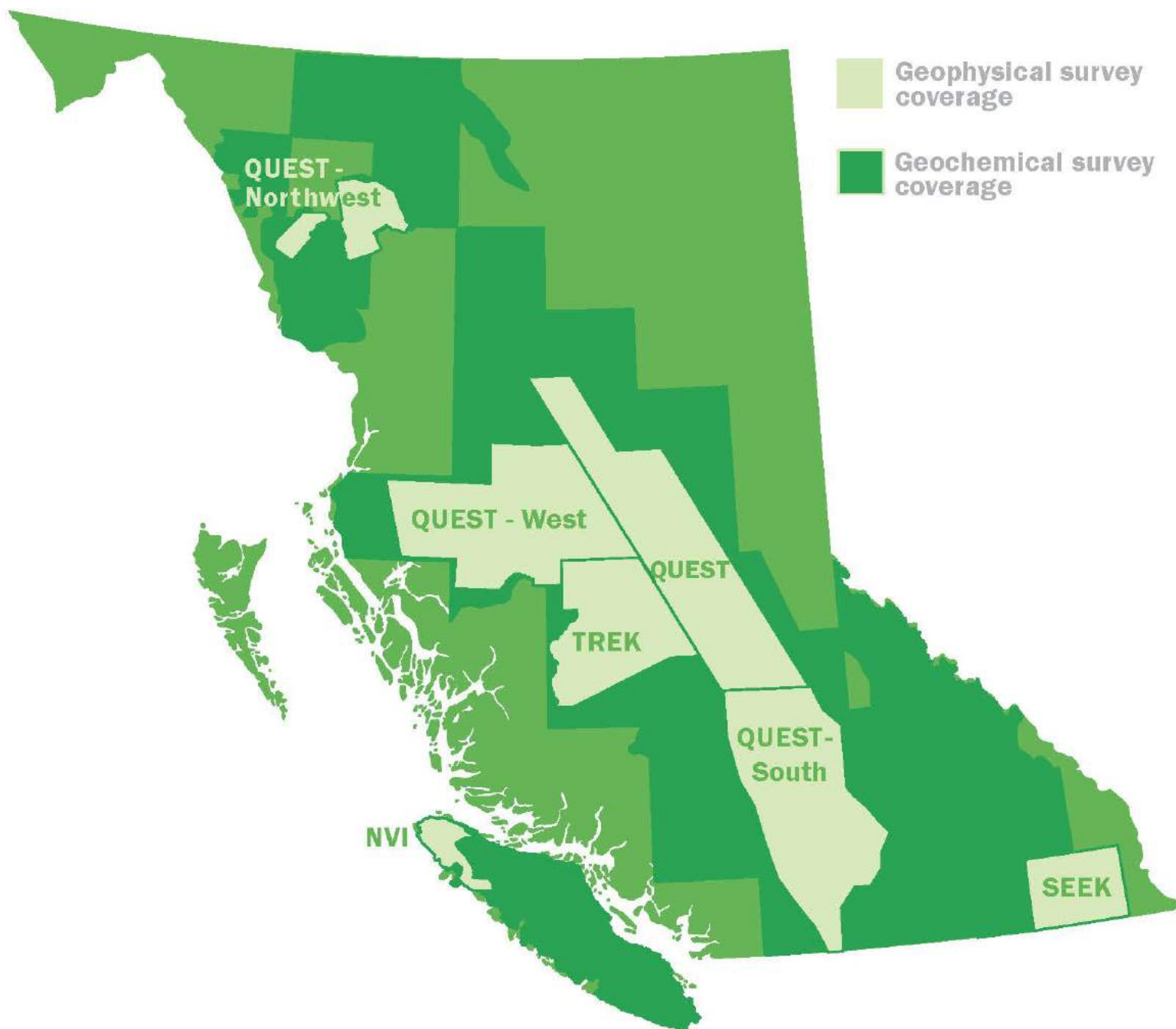
QUEST — WEST, SOUTH & NORTHWEST

This group of projects began with QUEST in 2007, with the goal of stimulating exploration activities to assist economic diversification in mountain pine beetle-affected communities. Geoscience information from the QUEST projects has increased exploration activities, enhanced exploration success and created jobs.

QUEST JOBS

The results of the QUEST-West project were a key factor in extending the life of the Huckleberry mine from 2010 to 2012. The extension was estimated to generate **224 jobs** and direct benefit to the province of \$3 to \$4 million in government revenue.

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Geoscience BC is an industry-led, non-government, non-profit organization. Since 2005, GBC has received \$51.7 million in funding from the provincial government. The funds support collection and distribution of new geoscience data in partnership with First Nations, communities, industry, academia and government.

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