

5.5. White Spur Area (Dobsons Creek)

## 5.5.1. INTRODUCTION &amp; ACCESS

The Dobsons Creek part of the White Spur Area consists of a high exposed plateau on the southern flank of Mt. Read which is dissected by streams draining to the south. The northern, higher area is covered by low alpine vegetation while the valleys and southern area are covered with thick rainforest.

The gridded area is flanked by 4 wheel drive tracks which can be accessed from the Hercules Mine and the Mt. Read Road. Another 4 wheel drive track from the Mt. Read road traverses the central part of the grid and connects Howards Road to Mt. Read. Numerous logging tracks most of which are not accessible to 4 wheel drive vehicles, occur in the southern part of the gridded area.

## 5.5.2. PREVIOUS WORK

Rio Tinto Australia conducted a regional mapping, stream sampling exercise over the area as early as 1956-57. Their data is available to E.Z. in the form of uncontrolled map sheets and has been largely superseded by more recent work.

The first formal work conducted over this area was the establishment of an 8,000 x 4,000 ft grid with lines cut at 800ft centres during 1971-72. Fill-in lines at 200ft centres were cut over areas of anomalous soil geochemical values (refer to E.Z. Report No.108 "Exploration in E.L. 1/62 Mt. Black during 1971-72" by D. Reinhardt). The grid was geologically mapped and soil sampled at 100ft centres. A Turair survey was carried out in March, 1972. Two diamond drill holes (WSP 178 & WSP 179) were completed on line 6,600S to determine the dip of an out-cropping shale unit at 850W.