### Potential for placer gold

- **Low** (less than $1.10/yd³)
- **Medium** ($1.10 to $4.50/yd³)
- **High** (greater than $4.50/yd³)

###Dalton Highway

*Areas Open to Recreational Mineral Collection*

You may use metal detectors, gold pans or manually-fed rocker boxes or sluices to collect minerals in the following areas, listed with approximate milepost markers. The lands are closed to staking of new mining claims under Public Land Order 5150.

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The Dalton Highway

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The BLM manages public land on both sides of the highway from the Yukon River to Mile 301. The state manages the land from there to Prudhoe Bay.

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