



## **U.S. GoldMining Expands Pipeline of High-Priority Targets With 2026 Surface Exploration Program at its Whistler Gold-Copper Project, Alaska**

**Anchorage, Alaska – September 28, 2026** – U.S. GoldMining Inc. (NASDAQ: USGO) ("U.S. GoldMining" or the "Company") announces the completion of a surface exploration program (the "Program") at its 100% owned Whistler Gold-Copper Project in Alaska ("Whistler" or the "Project"). Alongside the recently completed 7,493 meters of diamond core drilling across 10 targets within the Whistler Orbit (see news release dated September 22, 2026), the Company executed an extensive surface exploration campaign across the broader property. The Program, including identification and sampling of new outcrop zones of gold-copper porphyry-style mineralization, supports a systematic evaluation of district-scale mineral systems to build and expand a pipeline of high-priority drill targets aimed at discovering new gold-copper resources.

### **Highlights:**

- **Expands the District-Scale Target Pipeline:** Prospecting, geological mapping, and rock chip sampling were completed with the aim of adding prospects to the existing robust pipeline of exploration targets across the Whistler Project. Field observations indicate potential extensions to the known gold-copper porphyry mineral systems at Whistler-Raintree (the 'Whistler Orbit') and Island Mountain, while further defining target areas within the emerging Muddy Creek intrusion-related gold system.
  - **Whistler Orbit Footprint Expanded:** Geologists identified and sampled new outcrop zones of gold-copper porphyry-style mineralization featuring porphyritic intrusions, phyllic and potassic alteration, and diagnostic quartz-sulfide veining, associated with historical elevated gold and copper rock grab samples.
  - **Island Mountain Anomalies Extended:** Reconnaissance mapping over zones of historical elevated gold and copper rock grab samples indicates targets to support potential resource expansion to the northwest of the existing drill-delineated mineral resource, in addition to identification of untested geochemical and geophysical anomalies outside of the known resource.
  - **Muddy Creek Drill Vectors Defined:** Mapping and prospecting programs built upon the 2025 field campaign, sharpening vectors toward future drill targets. Work focused on areas with higher tenor gold (+/- antimony) in historical rock grab samples, and high-density quartz veining along contact zones between the host granodiorite intrusion and sedimentary country rocks – a classic setting for intrusion-related gold mineralization.
- **Growth Potential:** Surface exploration is designed to delineate high-priority targets for future drill testing with the goal of ultimately expanding the Whistler Project's existing mineral resource inventory, which currently comprises 5.41 Moz AuEq of indicated resources and 4.97 Moz AuEq of inferred resources across the Whistler, Raintree West, and Island Mountain deposits. See "Technical Information" below for further information.
- **Surface Assays Pending:** The Company submitted 58 rock grab samples for gold, copper, and multi-element assaying to characterize grade distribution, mineralogical associations and geological context. Assay results are subject to laboratory turnaround times.

**Tim Smith, Chief Executive Officer of U.S. GoldMining, commented:** "Our 2026 surface exploration program has demonstrated the prospectivity and expanding scale of the mineral systems across the Whistler Project. Our geological teams made exciting progress, including identifying and sampling new outcrop zones of gold-copper porphyry-style mineralization, that builds confidence in our extensive pipeline of exploration targets, expanding our known footprints at the Whistler Orbit, Island Mountain, and Muddy Creek. We look forward to providing updates on the Program as rock grab and drill core assay results are received over the coming months. This data will support additional future exploration and drilling campaigns as we follow up on high-priority targets with the goal of identifying new gold and copper discoveries."

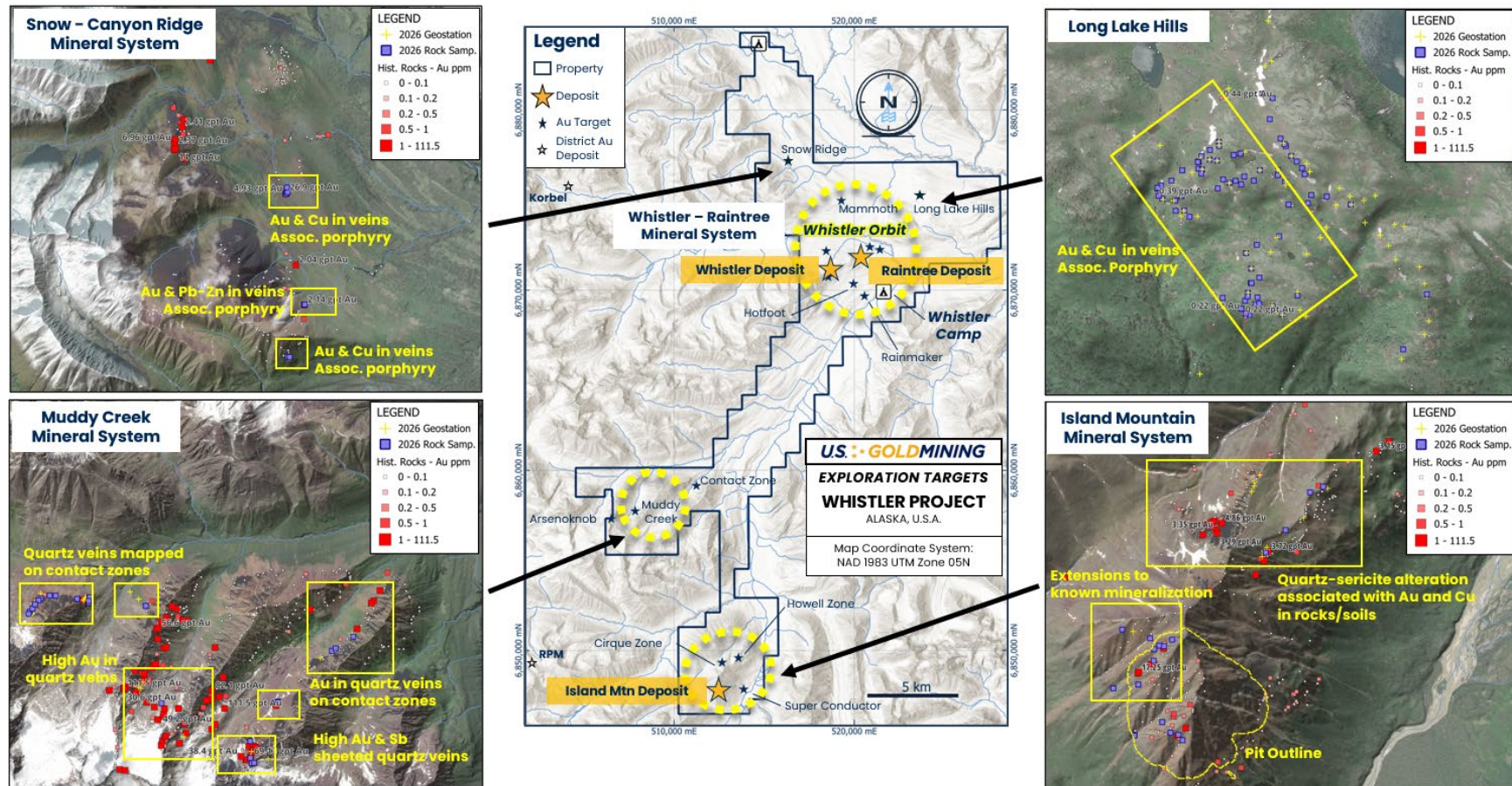


Figure 1 Surface exploration locations and target areas within the Whistler Project completed during the 2026 summer field season. Graduated red squares indicate gold grade of historical rock grab samples; purple squares show 2026 rock grab samples (assays pending), and yellow crosses indicate field stations for mapping observations, geochronological samples and hyperspectral sampling locations.



**Figure 2** Surface exploration mapping and sampling photographs from the 2026 summer field season. **A:** Senior geologist Dr. Mike Sepp (PhD) at **Island Mountain**. **B:** Sulfide stringers in vein quartz at **Snow-Canyon Ridge**. **C:** Quartz vein with pyrite and minor chalcopyrite in central suture-line (characteristic porphyry-style 'B-vein') at **Long Lake Hills**. **D:** Geologist Jared Liimu prospecting and mapping at **Long Lake Hills**.

## 2026 Surface Exploration Program

In addition to the 7,493-meter diamond core program targeting gold-copper porphyry mineralization under glacial till cover at the Whistler Orbit, the objective of the 2026 summer field season was to advance the Company's knowledge of the geological controls on areas of known outcropping Au + Cu ± Ag ± Sb mineralization identified from past exploration campaigns, including follow-up of historical rock grab sampling. Over the course of the 2026 field season, reconnaissance geological mapping, prospecting and rock grab sampling were completed at two areas north of the Whistler Orbit (also referred to as the Whistler-Raintree mineral system) and at the Island Mountain and Muddy Creek mineral systems.

In total, 58 rock grab samples were collected to characterize gold-copper abundance and mineralogical/geological associations. In addition, 12 geochronological samples were collected to help categorize the relative age of host intrusions and to define fertile magmatic suites for potential Au-Cu mineralization. Also, 68 samples were collected at the Long Lake Hills prospect area for hyperspectral analysis which helps to characterize subtle mineral alteration species associated with porphyry mineralization.

## Whistler Orbit Extensions

Several prospects in the **Snow-Canyon Ridge** area, located over a broad area 2 to 5 miles north of the Whistler gold-copper deposit, were visited to locate numerous high grade Au rock grabs identified in historical sampling (up to 26.9 g/t Au and 0.07% Cu). Reconnaissance mapping and follow-up prospecting were completed at three of four anomalous zones; the northernmost zone will be mapped and sampled next season. At the location where the historical 26.9 g/t Au rock grab was collected, mineralization was observed to be associated with porphyry lithologies and alteration, comprising sulfide stringers and disseminations hosted in quartz veins (see Figure 2B).

Moderately elevated historical Cu and Au rock grab samples (up to 0.09% Cu and 0.44 g/t Au) were visited at the **Long Lake Hills** target area, located 2.7 miles northeast of the Whistler gold-copper deposit. Reconnaissance mapping identified diorite porphyry with strong phyllic alteration, including outcropping 'D- and B-veins' which are diagnostic of porphyry Au-Cu mineralization (see Figure 2C). Two diamond core holes (WH26-13 and -16) were subsequently drilled to test this zone at depth (see news release dated September 22, 2026; assays pending).

The Long Lake Hills and Snow-Canyon Ridge prospects are being examined for their potential to extend the 'Whistler Orbit', a classic porphyry cluster, up to 2 to 5 miles towards the northeast and north, respectively. Pending receipt of assays, additional systematic mapping, prospecting, and sampling, and potentially geophysical survey extensions and drilling, will be assessed.

## Muddy Creek

Located approximately 10 miles southwest of the Whistler gold-copper deposit, the 2026 field work at Muddy Creek aimed to verify and expand upon historical and 2025 field campaigns (see news releases dated June 16, 2025, August 27, 2025, and October 13, 2025). The 2025 field campaigns identified new zones of increased quartz vein density hosted in altered volcano-sedimentary rocks peripheral to a large granodiorite intrusion (the 'contact zone'). Mapping and prospecting completed during 2026 field work identified new high-density quartz vein zones along the contact zone, located 1.7 miles to the west from where high-density quartz veining was first identified in 2025, which greatly expands the extent of the mineral system mapped to date. The geological context, sheeted quartz veining, and elemental association of Au with As, Bi, and Sb are key diagnostic features of intrusion-related gold systems (e.g. Kinross Gold Corporation's Fort Knox gold mine and Snowline Gold Corp.'s Valley gold deposit).

Numerous high-grade Au rock grabs have been collected historically over the prospect area, up to a peak assay of 111.5 g/t Au. The average gold value from 285 rocks collected historically over the Muddy Creek prospect is 3.03 g/t Au. Many of the rock samples collected are selective, comprising rock grab samples from narrow mineralized structures that occur throughout the prospect area, and while they are not representative of the potential bulk grade of the mineral system, their widespread distribution and high tenor, we believe, broadly confirms a large area of potential bedrock mineralization.



Pending additional positive assays from the 2026 rock grab sampling program, work will continue to focus on areas of high-density quartz veining along contact zones between the host granodiorite intrusion and surrounding country rocks – a classic setting for intrusion-related gold mineralization.

### **Island Mountain**

The Island Mountain mineral system is located 15 miles south of the Whistler gold-copper deposit. It comprises a gold-copper porphyry system associated with Late Cretaceous diorite and monzonite intrusions similar to the Whistler deposit but differs from the Whistler mineral system in that Island Mountain is more akin to the reduced sub-class of porphyry copper-gold deposits. The currently drill-delineated gold and copper resource estimate is hosted within the 'Breccia Zone', comprising intense sodic-calcic alteration and pyrrhotite mineralization within a diorite to monzonitic intrusive complex.

Reconnaissance mapping over zones of historical elevated gold and copper rock grab samples (up to 17.25 g/t Au) indicates potential to expand the footprint of the Breccia Zone mineralization to the northwest of the existing drill-delineated mineral resource. Mapping also evaluated gold-copper geochemical anomalies (peaking at 4.86 g/t Au, see Figure 1) located approximately 1 to 2 miles north of the Breccia Zone, and identified several untested geophysical anomalies, potentially expanding the search radius for new discoveries, which we believe will be a focus of future field campaigns in 2027.

### **Technical Information**

For further information regarding the Whistler Project, including the mineral resource estimate disclosed herein, please see the technical report summary titled "Whistler Gold-Copper Project, S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary and Initial Assessment with Economic Analysis, Alaska, United States of America" (the "S-K 1300 Report") prepared under subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 ("S-K 1300") and the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") technical report titled "Whistler Gold-Copper Project, NI 43-101 Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Assessment", each dated effective March 2, 2026. The S-K 1300 Report is available under the Company's profile at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and the NI 43-101 Report is available under its profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all or any part of the mineral resources estimated for the Whistler Project will be converted into mineral reserves. Inferred mineral resources are subject to greater uncertainty than indicated mineral resources and it cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will be upgraded to a higher category.

Gold-equivalent ("AuEq") figures reported in this news release are based on the gold and copper grades, metal prices, and metallurgical recovery assumptions set out in the S-K 1300 Report and the NI 43-101 Report. Readers are referred to those reports for the individual metal grades, assumed metal prices, recovery assumptions, and the formula used to derive the reported AuEq figures.

Tim Smith, P.Geo., Chief Executive Officer of the Company, has supervised the preparation of this news release and has reviewed the additional scientific and technical information contained herein. Mr. Smith is a qualified person as defined under NI 43-101 and S-K 1300.

### **About U.S. GoldMining Inc.**

U.S. GoldMining Inc. is an exploration and development company focused on advancing the 100% owned Whistler Gold-Copper Project, located 105 miles (170 kilometers) northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. The Whistler Project consists of several gold-copper porphyry deposits and exploration targets within a large regional land package entirely on State of Alaska mining claims totaling approximately 53,700 acres (217.5 square kilometers).

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