



Frank Charles Schrader

1860–1944

Frank C. Schrader was an intrepid geologist and mineralogist whose U.S. Geological Survey career (1896–1932) focused on mineral resources throughout the United States, particularly in Nevada and other western states. Although his relatively brief Alaska work (1898–1905) concentrated on sub-Arctic mineral districts, his greatest contribution to Alaska geology was a 1901 expedition across the Brooks Range and North Slope. The report, *A Reconnaissance in Northern Alaska*, includes initial geologic characterization of the Colville foreland basin—a scientific foundation for the establishment of NPR-4¹ in 1923—as well as a colorful narrative of the rigors of field work on the frontier. Widely known as “the prospector’s friend,” Frank famously derived great pleasure in sharing knowledge with miners, prospectors, and colleagues alike.

¹Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4, renamed National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska in 1976

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