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*The name Washakie Formation is revived for Eocene fluvial rocks that overlie the Green River Formation in the Washakie Basin. The formation is then divided into the Kinney Rim and Adobe Town Members*



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# STRATIGRAPHY OF THE WASHAKIE FORMATION IN THE WASHAKIE BASIN, WYOMING

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## ABSTRACT

Since 1869 fluvial rocks of middle and late Eocene age in the Washakie Basin in southwest Wyoming have been variously assigned to the Bridger Formation, the undivided Bridger and Uinta Formations, or the Washakie Formation. In this report the name Washakie Formation is reintroduced for use in the Washakie Basin, and the names Bridger Formation and Uinta Formation are dropped in that basin.

The Washakie Formation is a thick sequence of interbedded tuffaceous and arkosic sandstone; gray, green, or red mudstone; and minor thin beds of tuff, limestone, conglomerate, shale, and siltstone. The beds are numbered, described, and assigned to newly named members for which type sections and principal reference sections are designated, and key reference horizons are shown in correlation diagrams. The lower  $900 \pm$  feet of the formation is named the Kinney Rim Member; the upper  $2,300 \pm$  feet of the formation is named the Adobe Town Member. The two members are separated by an unconformity, and are distinguished by minor lithologic differences. The Kinney Rim Member is missing in the eastern part of the basin, partly by erosion and truncation and partly by complex intertonguing and lateral replacement by the Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation. The members are exposed in badlands between major sandstone ridges that slope basinward toward the central-southwestern part, or structural center, of the Washakie Basin. The Adobe Town Member comprises the youngest Tertiary strata across the center of the basin.

Vertebrate fossils are widely distributed, and they indicate a middle Eocene (Bridger A-B and Bridger C-D) age for the Kinney Rim Member and a middle Eocene (Bridger C-D) and late Eocene (Uinta B) age for the Adobe Town Member. The age and stratigraphic relations of the Bridger, Washakie, and Uinta Formations are briefly reviewed.

## INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Geologic mapping and stratigraphic studies by the U.S. Geological Survey to locate and evaluate oil-shale deposits in the intermontane Tertiary basins of the Central Rocky Mountains

have included investigation of Eocene rocks in the Washakie Basin in southwest Wyoming where thick oil-shale deposits are known. In 1968 a field reconnaissance was made in this poorly explored desert basin, numerous stratigraphic sections were measured, and a geologic map was prepared at the scale of 1:125,000 on a planimetric base. From this reconnaissance work, a stratigraphic framework of key beds and unit contacts was developed for the geologic mapping of nearly fifty 7½-minute quadrangles that cover the Washakie Basin. The purpose of this paper is to describe briefly the fluvial rocks of middle and late Eocene age that overlie the Green River Formation in the remote central part of the basin, to define the major stratigraphic units, and to review information bearing on their ages. Certain changes and refinements in the stratigraphic nomenclature are also proposed. The name Washakie Formation is revived for rocks formerly assigned to the undivided Bridger and Uinta Formations, or the Bridger Formation, and the names Kinney Rim and Adobe Town are proposed as members of the Washakie Formation.

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#### LOCATION AND GEOLOGIC SETTING OF THE WASHAKIE BASIN

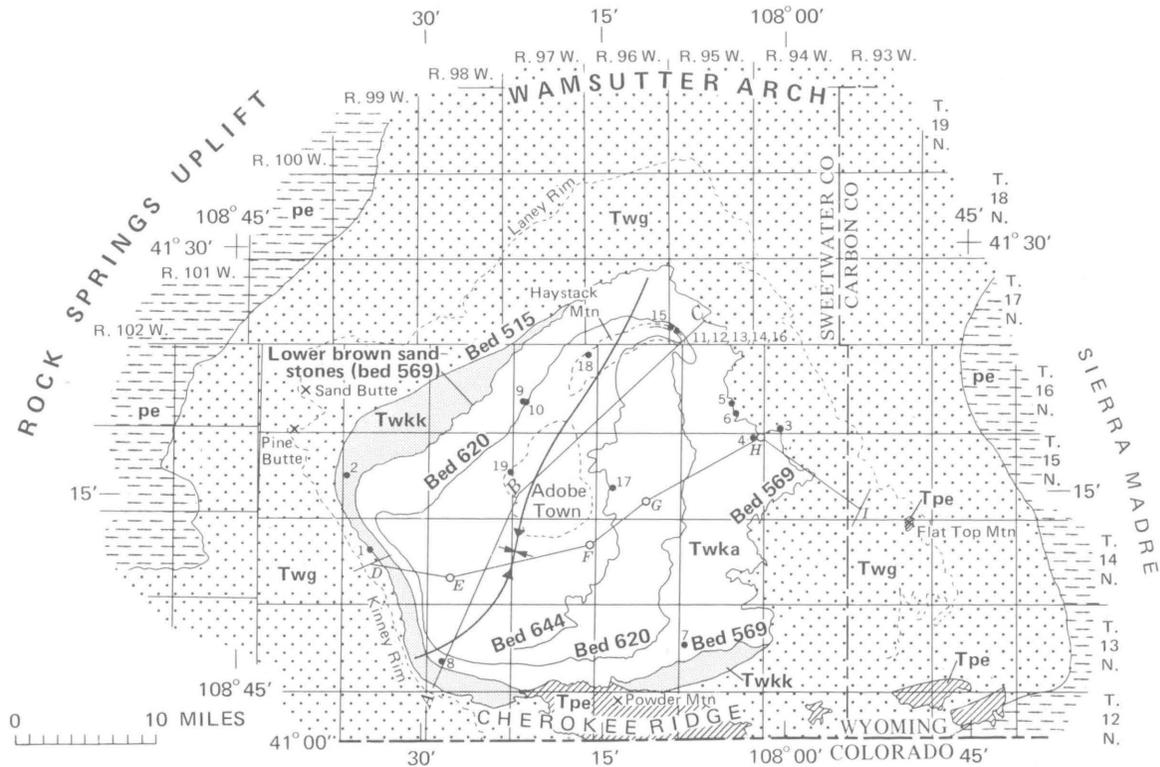
The Washakie Basin is a structural and topographic basin which consists of an area of about 2,500 square miles north of the Colorado-Wyoming State line in southwest Wyoming (fig. 1). The basin is bounded by the major structural features, the Sierra Madre and the Rock Springs uplift to the east and west respectively, and by the minor anticlinal folds, the Wamsutter Arch and the Cherokee Ridge to the north and south respectively. The overall configuration of the basin is that of a very broad, roughly square bowl having an encircling rim formed by the Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation. Along its western part the rim is known as Kinney Rim, and in its northern part it is

known as Laney Rim. The asymmetrical shape of the basin results from the presence of several anticlinal noses that plunge basinward from the basin margins. The major synclinal axis is oriented in a northeast direction, slightly west of the geographic center of the basin. Lacustrine and fluvial Eocene rocks nearly 8,000 feet thick are exposed in badlands and ridges across the basin, except in small areas where the later Tertiary Bishop Conglomerate and Browns Park Formation cap high ridges, and where Quaternary alluvium and sand dunes fill intermittent stream valleys and cover areas of low relief. Major topographic features formed by outcrops of the Washakie Formation, such as Adobe Town and Haystack Mountain, are discussed in detail later in this report.

Altitudes above sea level range from 8,700 feet at Pine Butte in the western part of the basin to 6,100 feet in drainages in the southeastern part of the basin, and they average about 6,700 feet. Rainfall is less than 10 inches per year, which supports only sparse vegetation consisting mostly of sagebrush, greasewood, and desert grasses. No perennial streams cross the basin, but in a few places springs provide water and sufficient grass for grazing cattle and sheep. Except for a few herders, the basin is uninhabited.

#### NOMENCLATURE AND HISTORY OF GEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

The name Washakie Group was applied by Hayden (1869, p. 190) to exposures near Washakie Station (now Wamsutter, Wyo.) between Creston Station and Bitter Creek Station on the Union Pacific Railroad, which parallels the north edge of the Washakie Basin. Hayden never specifically designated the contacts of the Washakie Group, but the section between Creston and Bitter Creek includes the lower Eocene parts of what are now called the Wasatch and Green River Formations. His reference to "impure lignite, with vast quantities of fossils belonging to the genera *Unio*, *Melania*, *Vivipara*, *Helix*, etc." is suggestive of rocks which are exposed along the railroad and which characterize the Luman Tongue of the Green River Formation and the Niland Tongue of the Wasatch Formation of the present-day nomenclature. In his record of a trip through the Washakie Basin on the Overland Trail in 1870, Hayden (1871, p. 71) wrote that "soon after leaving Black Buttes we cross the western rim of the series of middle tertiary beds, which I have named the 'Washakie group'." The fact that the coal-bearing Fort Union Formation of Paleocene age is exposed for several miles east of



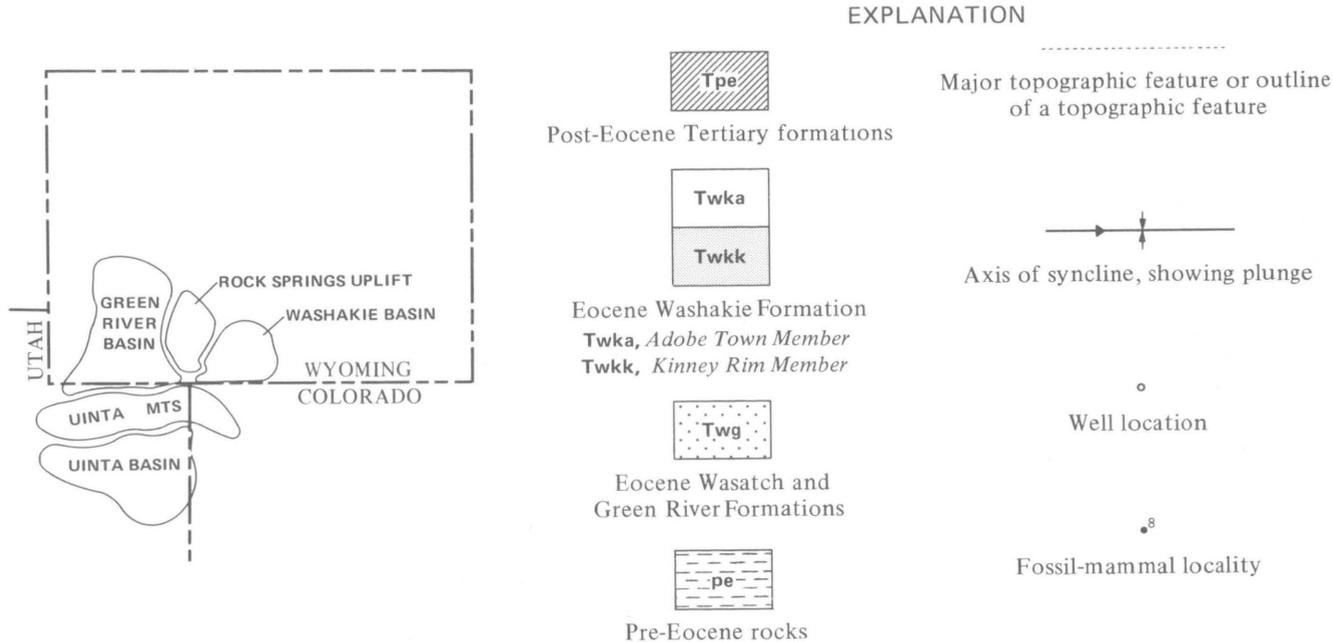


FIGURE 1.—The major physiographic features of the Washakie Basin. Generalized geology includes the area underlain by the Washakie Formation; the locations of key beds in the Washakie Formation; the approximate locations of the graphic section, *A*, *B*, and *C*; the location of a west-east stratigraphic and electric log section, *D*, *E*, *F*, *G*, *H*, and *I*; and the fossil mammal localities.

Black Butte Station in the direction he was traveling leads one to believe that he may also have included the Fort Union Formation there in the Washakie Group. A few years later, Hayden (1877, p. 181–185) published notes on artesian borings along the Union Pacific Railroad between Rawlins, Wyo., and Point of Rocks, Wyo. At that time Hayden realized that his Washakie Group was the stratigraphic equivalent of the Wasatch Group. By acknowledging the priority of the name Wasatch Group, he effectively abandoned the name Washakie Group. Hence the name Washakie Group as applied to lower Eocene rocks was never formalized and it was not used after the year 1877.

The physiography of the Washakie Basin was described by King in 1877 (p. 211–222). Many of the names of topographic features and landmarks have changed since King's explorations, but his descriptions are nevertheless accurate and detailed. King assigned the beds occupying the center of the Washakie Basin, above the "Green River group," to the Bridger series," and correlated them with the "Bridger group" of Hayden (1869, p. 191) in southwestern Wyoming. In locating Bridger outcrops, King made two important observations that were missed by many later geologists: (1) The beds composing the top of Haystack Mountain are not the uppermost Bridger (Washakie) strata in the basin; and (2) Bridger (Washakie) beds are present in the east slopes of Kinney Rim. King (1876) published the earliest geologic map that includes the Washakie Basin. King (1878, p. 447–448) proposed the name "Washakie Lake" for the basin wherein all of the Bridger beds were deposited in southwest Wyoming, but the term Washakie Lake is now obsolete. Research of the literature suggests that King may have been the first to use the names "Washakie Basin," "Cathedral Bluffs," "Pine Bluffs," and "Haystack Mountain."

Early stratigraphic and paleontologic investigations of King's (1877) "Bridger series" were undertaken by Osborn and McMaster, who were companions on a field party from Princeton College that explored the Washakie Basin in 1878. Osborn (1881, p. 9–15) summarized the topography, age, stratigraphy, and depositional history of the post-Green River rocks as well as the paleontology. Although it was not his stated intention to introduce a new stratigraphic term, Osborn at times referred to the "Bridger series" in the Washakie Basin as the "Washakie beds," "Washakie Basin beds," and "Washakie basin strata." McMaster (1881, p. 51–54) measured sections on the north and south slopes of Haystack Mountain (fig. 1), where 29 beds make up a composite section about 700 feet thick, and he published lithologic

descriptions of these rocks. Years later, Granger (1909, p. 15) reported an error in the joining of two of McMaster's sections; this error becomes important in interpreting the early work.

Granger (1909, p. 13) stated that the name "Washakie formation" was used by W. J. Sinclair in a paper entitled "The Washakie, A Volcanic Ash Formation" presented orally before the American Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists at New Haven in December 1907. In a published paper under the same title, Sinclair (1909, p. 25) concluded that there was ample petrographic and faunal evidence for separating the Washakie from the Bridger Formation in southwestern Wyoming. The petrographic evidence for the separation was later refuted by W. D. Matthew (in Johannsen, 1914, p. 210) following additional work by Johannsen.

Detailed stratigraphy and paleontology of the Washakie Formation was reported by Granger (1909, p. 19-20), who measured a section on the east slopes of Haystack Mountain and described 22 beds that were 642 feet thick. I measured the same section and found it to have a thickness of 1,330 feet. [A discrepancy in Granger's measurements was also noted by Wheeler (1961, p. 14), who reported 1,160 feet in a similar stratigraphic section.] Granger divided the Washakie Formation at Haystack Mountain into Washakie A, or lower Washakie Formation, and Washakie B, or upper Washakie Formation. He also established faunal zones within the formation and compared the mammal genera of the Washakie Formation with that of the Bridger and Uinta Formations.

Schultz (1920, pl. 1), in conjunction with a study of oil possibilities in and around the Baxter Basin, mapped the Washakie Basin, Rock Springs uplift, and part of the Green River Basin at a scale of 1:250,000. He included in the Bridger Formation the beds from both the Washakie Basin and the Bridger Basin.

Osborn reexplored most of the rocks of Eocene age in the Western United States. He presented (1929 p. 90) a revised columnar section of the Washakie Formation at Haystack Mountain, showing life zones that were based on the stratigraphic work of Granger.

Bradley (1945, 1964) compiled two geologic maps of the Washakie Basin and adjacent areas, on which he used Schultz's (1920) nomenclature with some modifications. Bradley's 1945 map, at a scale of about 1:200,000, showed a "conformable" contact between the Bridger and Green River Formations; and he explained that the boundary of these units "probably is not drawn consistently on the same stratigraphic horizon." On his 1964 map

(Bradley, pl. 1), at the scale of 1:250,000, he modified the contact of the Bridger and Green River Formations from that shown on the 1945 map, but he still showed it as conformable in most places. Bradley (1964, p. A54) stated that the contact shown on the later map was located on aerial photographs in the field along the east slopes of Kinney Rim and subsequently was traced all around the Washakie Basin photogrammetrically. The revised contact on the 1964 map is near the "lower brown sandstones" of the present report (bed 569<sup>1</sup>, fig. 1). The name Uinta Formation was introduced and applied to the uppermost Bridger beds (Washakie B of Granger, 1909) in the Washakie Basin by Bradley (1964, p. A54), because of similar "age relations" to the Uinta Formation. Although the Uinta Formation was not mapped separately, Bradley stated that "the thickest section of the Bridger and Uinta Formations in the Washakie Basin is exposed on the flanks of Haystack Mountain (T. 16 N., R. 95 W.) \* \* \* there the basal 50-75 feet of the Bridger is not well exposed, but above that about 780 feet of the two formations is perfectly exposed."

Morris (1954, p. 195-203) studied an Eocene fauna from the Cathedral Bluffs Tongue of the Wasatch Formation in the Washakie Basin. He reverted to the name Washakie Formation for the middle and upper Eocene fluvial rocks overlying the Green River Formation.

In a paper that revised the taxonomy of the uintheres, Wheeler (1961, p. 15) wrote, "a question still remains as to whether the post-Green River Eocene deposits of the Washakie Basin should be called Washakie formation or Bridger formation," but he concluded that "because the post-Green River Eocene strata are geographically and lithologically distinct from both the Bridger and Uinta formations, and because Bridger and Uinta are chronostratigraphic as well as lithostratigraphic names, and because there are both Bridgerian and Uintan elements in the faunas, it is best to refer these beds to a separate formation, the Washakie."

I agree with the conclusions of Wheeler (1961) and others that the post-Green River Eocene beds in the Washakie Basin should be distinguished from the Bridger and Uinta Formations. The name Washakie Formation is selected in preference to a new name, because it is entrenched in the literature and is widely used.

#### COMPARISONS OF THE WASHAKIE, BRIDGER, AND UINTA FORMATIONS

The Washakie, Bridger, and Uinta Formations generally re-

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<sup>1</sup>The numbered beds referred to in this report are described in stratigraphic sections at the end of this report. The localities of some of these beds are shown in figure 1.

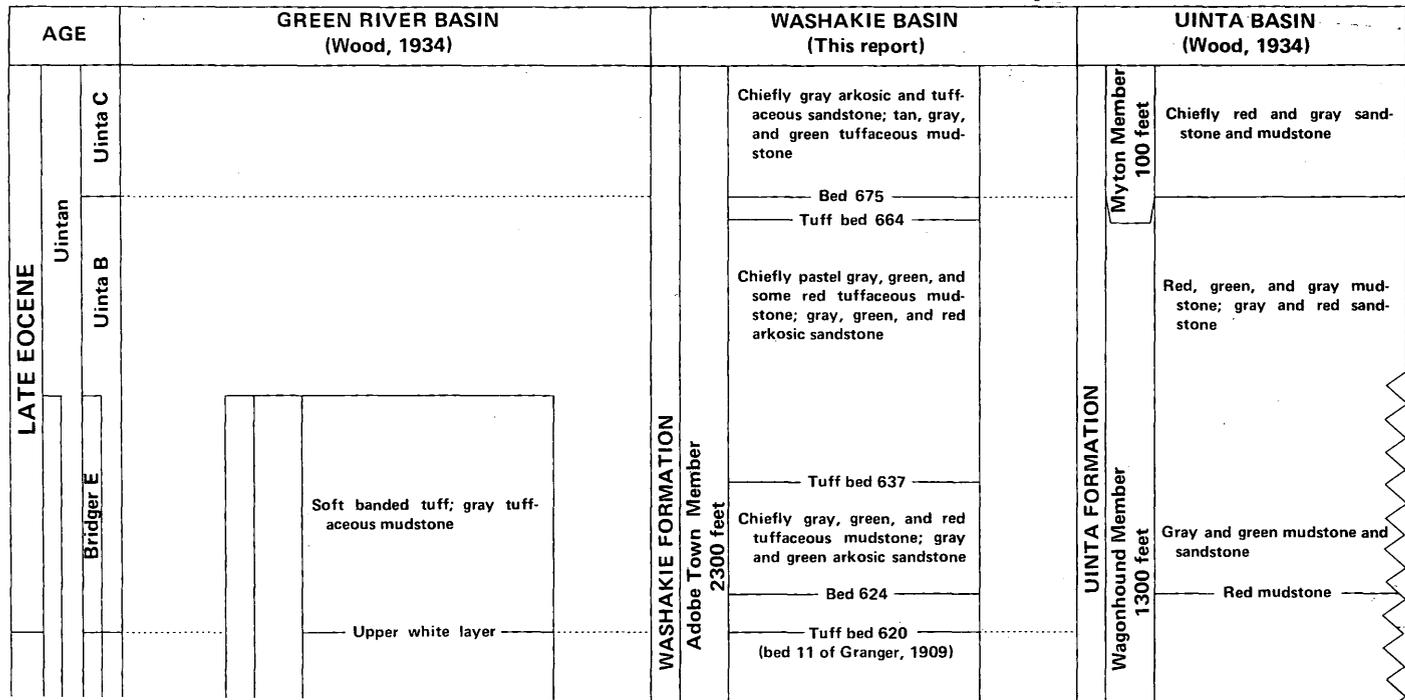
semble each other in that they are partly time-equivalent fluvial rocks largely composed of air-laid volcanic ash that overlie the lacustrine Green River Formation (fig. 2). However, the three formations differ from each other in five important ways:

1. They crop out in different basins that are separated by the Uinta Mountains or the Rock Springs uplift. There is no evidence to suggest that the Washakie and the Uinta Formations were connected across the Uinta Mountains at any time during their depositional histories. The closest outcrops of the Washakie and the Bridger Formations, on the east and west flanks of the Rock Springs uplift, are about 50 miles apart. The Washakie Formation may be an eastward extension of the Bridger Formation, but the evidence for this connection was removed by middle-late Tertiary erosion across the crest of the Rock Springs uplift. King (1877, p. 204, 218) and Osborn (1881, p. 12-13) cited significant reasons for believing that the Washakie and Bridger Basins were not continuous.

2. The lithology of the Washakie Formation is different from that of the Bridger and Uinta Formations in both color and mineral composition. Weathered outcrops of the Washakie Formation are variously pastel shades of gray, green, tan, or red; those of the Bridger Formation are mostly darker shades of gray or green. The Uinta Formation has two distinctive color facies—tan brown to green and red to red brown. All three formations probably had a common source for the volcanic sediments that make up so much of the rocks, but they had local independent source areas for most of the clastic rocks. For example, as much as 60 percent of the strata in parts of the Washakie Formation is composed of arkose derived from the plutonic core of the Sierra Madre east of the Washakie Basin. Arkose is generally a minor constituent of the rocks that compose the Bridger and Uinta Formations. Most of the clastic sediments deposited in the type areas of the Bridger and Uinta Formations were derived from Paleozoic sedimentary rocks and Precambrian quartzites and metaquartzites in the Uinta Mountains.

3. At least one basinwide unconformity is present within the Washakie Formation; none is recognized in the Bridger and Uinta Formations.

4. The intertonguing relationships of the Bridger, Washakie, and Uinta Formations with the upper part of the Green River Formation are physically similar but chronologically different in all three formations. As shown in figure 2, the uppermost beds of the Green River Formation intertongue with progressively younger Eocene rocks in a clockwise direction around the Uinta



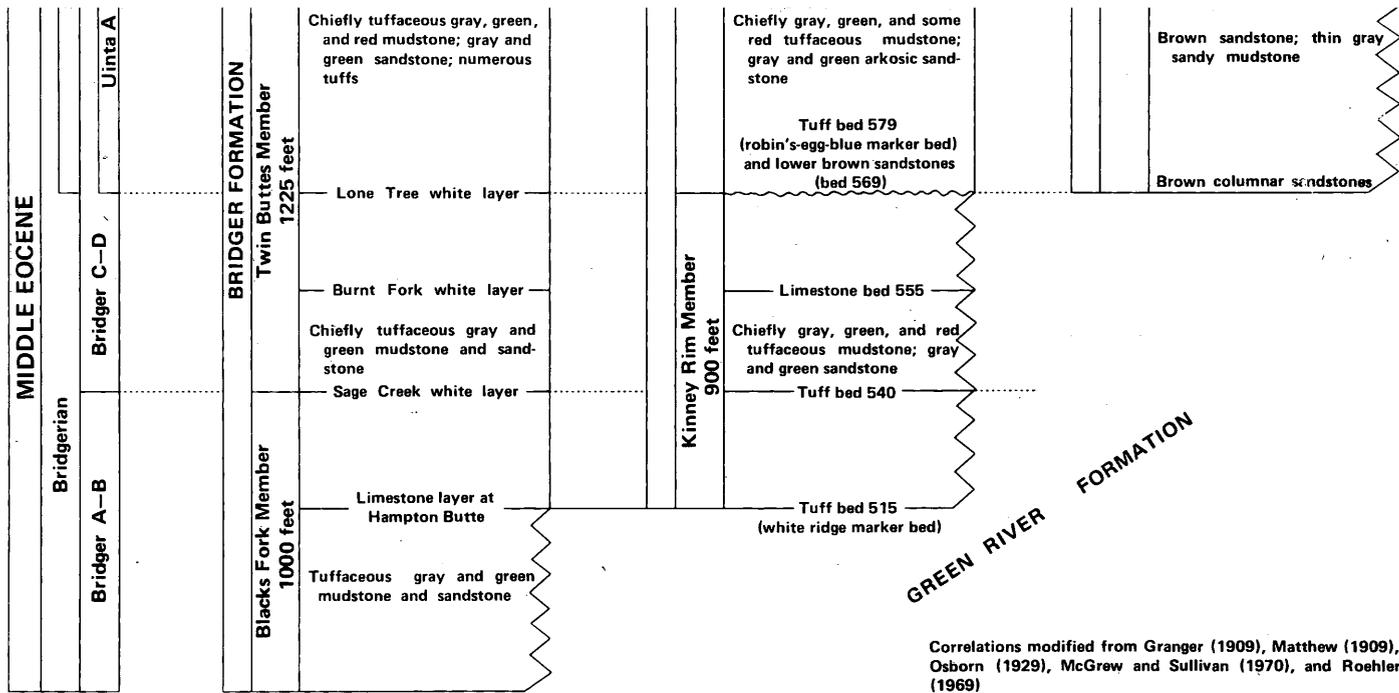


FIGURE 2.—The generalized lithologies, stratigraphic correlations, and ages of the Green river, Washakie, and Uinta Formations, and their intertonguing relations with the upper part of the Green River Formation.

Mountains from the Green River Basin to the Washakie Basin to the Uinta Basin. (See index map, fig. 1.) The result is a distinct change in the basic stratigraphic relationships of time-equivalent rocks from basin to basin. For instance, the Uinta Formation contains a thick section of saline lacustrine rocks (placed in the Green River Formation by some authors) that are not represented in the Washakie and Bridger Formations.

5. The Washakie Formation has a distinct succession of beds that are recognized and correlated everywhere in the Washakie Basin. Although certain beds are generally believed to be correlative, as shown in figure 2, neither the overall Washakie succession nor any single bed has been positively correlated to beds in the other formations.

Other significant differences between the Washakie and Bridger Formations were noted by Osborn (1881, p. 12-13), Sinclair (1909, p. 25), Wheeler (1961, p. 15), and Bradley (1964, p. A54).

### WASHAKIE FORMATION

The Washakie Formation crops out in an area of about 680 square miles in the central part of the Washakie Basin (fig. 1), where it has a maximum thickness of about 3,200 feet. The formation is principally a sequence of irregularly interbedded gray and green mudstone; gray, green, or brown tuffaceous and arkosic sandstone; and minor thin beds of tuff, limestone, conglomerate, shale, and siltstone. Sandstone in the formation is generally cross-bedded and lenticular; a few beds have persistent parallel bedding. Some red mudstone and sparse thin gray limestone beds that contain oolites, algae, and mollusks are found throughout the formation.

The Washakie Formation is divided into two members. The lower  $900 \pm$  feet is herein named the Kinney Rim Member and is separated from the upper  $2,300 \pm$  feet, herein named the Adobe Town Member, by a basinwide unconformity. The members are also broadly separable on the basis of minor lithologic differences summarized in table 1. Four stratigraphic sections of the Washakie Formation, including type sections for the Kinney Rim and Adobe Town Members, are described under "Type Sections and Principal Reference Sections."

#### KINNEY RIM MEMBER

The name Kinney Rim Member of the Washakie Formation is applied to fluvial rocks of middle Eocene age exposed along the lower east slopes of Kinney Rim in the western part of the Washakie Basin, where the member is nearly 900 feet thick. It

TABLE 1.—*Lithologic differences between the Kinney Rim and Adobe Town Members of the Washakie Formation in the Washakie Basin, Wyo.*

Lithologic unit	Kinney Rim Member	Adobe Town Member
Mudstone -----	Chiefly dark olive to dark green; mostly clayey or silty; partly tuffaceous; weathers to drab nonresistant slopes and valleys.	Pastel shades of gray, green, or pink; mostly sandy; very tuffaceous; weathers to resistant steep-sloped pastel badlands.
Sandstone -----	Gray; mostly fine to medium grained; partly arkosic and tuffaceous; weathers to low brown ridges.	Typically gray, green, or brown; coarse grained; mostly arkosic and tuffaceous; weathers to resistant gray, green or brown ridges and ledges.
Tuff -----	Mostly light to medium gray or tan.	Tan, gray, or green. Tuffs thicker and more numerous in Adobe Town Member.
Andesite pebbles--	None identified -----	Forms a conglomerate bed at one horizon; minor constituents in several conglomerates composed chiefly of chert.

is composed mainly of gray, green, and some red mudstone and interbedded gray and gray-green, very fine to fine grained sandstone; and occasional thin beds of gray limestone, algal limestone, gray limy siltstone, and light-gray to white tuff. Weathered outcrops in the type section are characterized by resistant ridges of white tuff, gray limestone, and brown sandstone separated by valleys eroded in drab-gray mudstone.

The contact of the Kinney Rim Member and the underlying Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation along Kinney Rim is arbitrarily placed at the base of a persistent limy tuff informally called the white ridge marker bed (bed 515, figs. 1 and 3). The Laney Shale Member for 200 feet below the white ridge marker bed is olive-green fluvial mudstone and interbedded lacustrine sandstone and limestone. The white ridge marker bed was chosen as the base of the member because it makes up the lowermost persistently mappable unit in an otherwise dominantly fluvial section.

The upper contact of the Kinney Rim Member is the base of a series of brown sandstone beds which overlie an unconformity that divides the Washakie Formation into two parts. These beds nearly everywhere weather to a low brown ledge or rim referred to as the lower brown sandstones or lower brown sandstone rim. Beds adjacent to the unconformity are not noticeably discordant. A thinning and wedging out of beds by truncation below the lower brown sandstones is apparent, however, on small-scale aerial

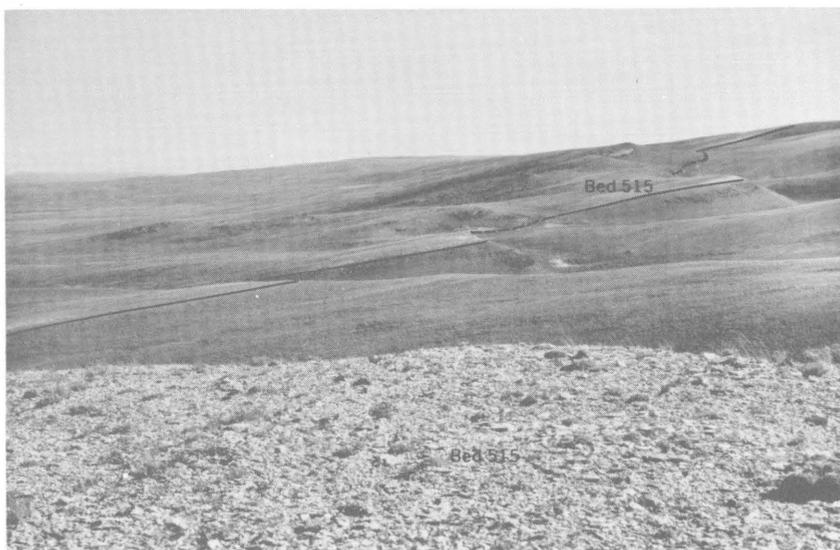


FIGURE 3.—The white ridge marker bed (bed 515, fig. 1) on the east slopes of Kinney Rim in secs. 26 and 36, T. 15 N., R. 100 W. The contact of the Kinney Rim Member of the Washakie Formation and the Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation is located at the base of the white ridge marker bed shown in the foreground and in the distant slopes.

photographs of the northern and southern parts of the basin. The entire Kinney Rim Member is missing where the section below the lower brown sandstones is well exposed in the eastern part of the basin. Erosion there prior to deposition of the Adobe Town Member cuts deeply into the underlying Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation.

Several thin persistent limestone and tuff beds in the interval between beds 516 and 559 form major reference horizons which are mappable on aerial photographs and which are correlatable for miles in outcrops on the lower east slopes of Kinney Rim. The lower red beds (beds 560–564) weather to a poorly exposed, topographically low valley between hogback ridges. The white ridge marker bed, as well as marking the lower contact, is also an important datum for correlating strata in the Kinney Rim Member in the western part of the basin. None of the marker beds in the lower part of the Kinney Rim Member have been identified in the eastern part of the basin in the laterally equivalent Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation.

#### ADOBE TOWN MEMBER

The Adobe Town Member takes its name from Adobe Town

(fig. 1), where the upper part of the Washakie Formation is well exposed. The member is composed of green, gray, and red tuffaceous mudstone alternating with gray fine- to coarse-grained tuffaceous and arkosic sandstone and minor thin beds of green shale, light-gray and green tuff, gray siltstone, and conglomerate. The member unconformably overlies the Kinney Rim Member in the western part of the basin and unconformably overlies the Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation in the eastern part of the basin. A maximum thickness for the Adobe Town Member, compiled from a type section and two principal reference sections, is nearly 2,300 feet in the southwestern part of the basin, but the member may be thicker in the subsurface near the center of the basin where no stratigraphic data are available. With only a few exceptions, beds in the Adobe Town Member thicken from east to west across the basin. An interval thickens rapidly near the top of the member (beds 645-660); a fact that suggests an unconformity may be present at the base of the overlying sandstones that cap Haystack Mountain in the northeastern part of the basin. Beds of the Adobe Town Member compose the youngest strata exposed in the center of the Washakie Basin, but the Browns Park Formation of Miocene and Pliocene(?) age unconformably overlies parts of both the Adobe Town and Kinney Rim Members for several miles near the north boundary of T. 12 N., Rs. 96, 97, and 98 W., at the south edge of the basin.

The Adobe Town Member has within it stratigraphically important tuff, andesite pebble conglomerate, and red or green marker beds that are especially useful for identifying stratigraphic levels and for making stratigraphic correlations in the central part of the basin. The lowermost of these beds, informally called the robin's-egg-blue marker bed or robin's-egg-blue tuff, is a 4- to 25-foot-thick sandy tuff bed that immediately overlies the lower brown sandstones (fig. 4). It has a distinctive light-blue-green color that makes the bed easy to recognize nearly everywhere in the basin, except in a few places where it is one of a series of blue-green tuff beds, which may have an overall thickness of as much as 100 feet. Red beds (beds 596-603) are thick and easily correlated in the middle of the member in outcrops in the southern part of the basin, but they thin and are difficult to recognize in the northern part of the basin at Haystack Mountain. Bed 620 is the light-gray or white tuff bed used by Granger (fig. 1) as a time line to separate rocks of Washakie A age from those of Washakie B age. Bed 620 normally overlies a sandstone rim below the Adobe Town Rim, except in the south-



FIGURE 4.—The robin's-egg-blue marker bed (bed 579, fig. 1) in the southwest part of sec. 15, T. 14 N., R. 99 W. This light-blue-green tuff bed is correlatable in outcrops nearly everywhere in the Washakie Basin.

western part of the basin and in places in the southeastern part of the basin where the tuff is either covered or missing. Bed 633 and the adjacent sandstone beds are identified by their olive-green color and by an abundance of fossil wood fragments and fossil logs. An andesite conglomerate bed (bed 636) seems to have basinwide distribution and is characterized by small varicolored uniformly well rounded ellipsoidal pebbles. Andesite pebbles are not restricted to this bed, however, but are a minor constituent in other conglomerates above and below bed 636 that are composed mostly of chert. The rose-red marker bed (bed 644) is mainly rose-weathering tuffaceous mudstone and is a readily identified marker in outcrops in the southeastern part of the basin. It is thickest, about 200 feet, in the western part of T. 14 N., R. 96 W. The rose-red marker is visible in the upper slopes at the eastern end of Haystack Mountain, where it is situated between bright-green mudstones, but it thins and wedges out westward in the north slopes of the mountain (fig. 1).

#### OUTCROPS

The Kinney Rim Member is well exposed only in the western part of the Washakie Basin. The best exposures of the lower part of the Adobe Town Member are at Haystack Mountain in the

north-central part of the basin; the upper 300 feet of the Adobe Town Member is preserved only at Adobe Town and for a few miles southwest of Adobe Town in the central-southwest, structurally lowest, part of the basin.

The area of the Washakie Basin underlain by the Washakie Formation has a few good roads, in addition to several trails that are passable only by four-wheel drive vehicles. For miles between these roads and trails, outcrops are inaccessible, except on foot, which makes stratigraphic correlations exceedingly difficult. Fortunately, outcrops of the formation weather to easily recognized landforms that are useful in locating stratigraphic levels. Some of these landforms and other important outcrop areas are described in the following paragraphs.

#### HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN

The dominant feature of the landscape in the north-central part of the basin is Haystack Mountain, a large arcuate ridge that trends eastward for almost 10 miles (fig. 1). Relief on Haystack Mountain is greatest at its east end where terraced badland slopes rise precipitously for more than 500 feet above adjacent plains (fig. 5). The relief on Haystack Mountain decreases westward

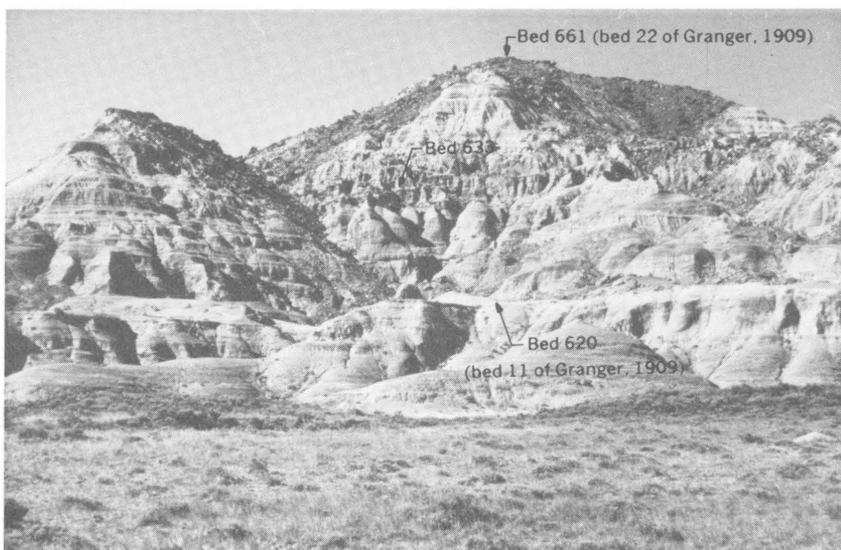


FIGURE 5.—Outcrops of the Adobe Town Member of Washakie Formation at the east edge of Haystack Mountain in the southwestern part of sec. 30, T. 17 N., R. 95 W.

along the mountain, and badlands are present on more gentle slopes. Bed 620, a white tuff, is recognizable nearly everywhere in the lower east slopes of the mountain; ledgy sandstone near the center of the east slopes characterizes bed 633; and arkosic sandstone including bed 661 caps the east slopes.

#### ADOBE TOWN

The name Adobe Town has been applied to a 40- to 50-square mile area near the geographic center of the basin where erosion has created unusual badland configurations (Granger, 1909, p. 17). This remote area is bounded on the west by a broad relatively undissected gently west-sloping plain, which is covered by sand dunes and alluvium. The flat terrain of the plain breaks abruptly at Adobe Town Rim into a maze of badlands that form small basins, ledges, alcoves, and reentrants at lower elevations east of the rim. From a few hundred feet to about 1 mile east of Adobe Town Rim, at still lower elevations, the badlands give way to a rolling sand dune-covered plain upon which are located small isolated haystack- or house-shaped outliers (fig. 6). These give the area its name.



FIGURE 6.—Outcrops of the Adobe Town Member of the Washakie Formation at Adobe Town. The view is northeast from Adobe Town Rim in the northeastern part of sec. 13, T. 15 N., R. 98 W. Beds in the foreground are approximately the level of bed 670.

## EASTERN, NORTHERN, AND SOUTHERN WASHAKIE BASIN

The identification of beds in the Washakie Formation in the eastern, northern, and southern parts of the basin is aided by the presence of three major ridges, or rims, spaced 2–5 miles apart, that rise 100–300 feet above adjacent outcrops and covered areas. The rims are capped by thick resistant arkosic or tuffaceous sandstones that in ascending order are referred to as the lower brown sandstones (fig. 7), the sandstone rim below Adobe Town Rim (fig. 8), and the sandstones that cap Haystack Mountain (fig. 9). The escarpments face outward from the center of the basin and are irregularly eroded to steep badland slopes. The desolate terrain on 3°–5° dip slopes between the rims is largely covered by vegetated longitudinal sand dunes and alluvium; between the covered areas the Washakie Formation is exposed in the forms of badlands and minor ridges. The three major rims are broken into segments in a few places by dry washes that are tributary to Barrel Springs Draw in the east and to Sand Creek in the southeast.

## WESTERN WASHAKIE BASIN

The Washakie Formation is mostly covered by alluvium and sand dunes in the western part of the basin. Beds there normally



FIGURE 7.—Outcrops of the lower brown sandstones in the north slope of Wild Rose Draw in the northern part of the Washakie Basin in sec. 13, T. 17 N., R. 96 W.



FIGURE 8.—The sandstone rim below Adobe Town Rim in the southern part of the Washakie Basin. View is northeast from the northwestern part of sec. 29, T. 13 N., R. 98 W. Beds 601 to 619 were measured in the outcrops shown in the left side of the photograph. The section between beds 603 and 616 is about 150 feet thick.

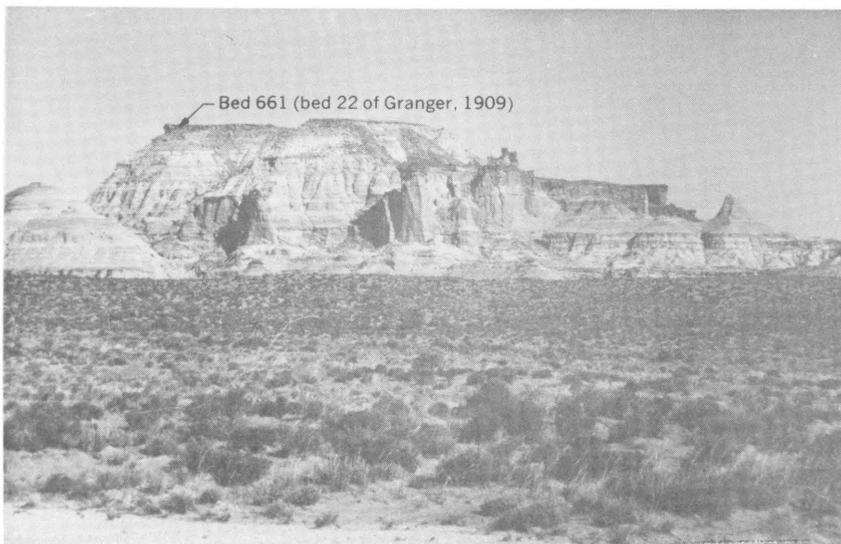


FIGURE 9.—An outlier along the rim capped by the same arkosic sandstones of the Adobe Town Member that cap Haystack Mountain, here shown in the southern part of the Washakie Basin. View is northwest from the northeastern part of sec. 16, T. 13 N., R. 97 W. Relief between the plain in the foreground and the top of the outlier is more than 300 feet.

dip  $3^{\circ}$ – $6^{\circ}$  E., but dips of  $6^{\circ}$  to at least  $25^{\circ}$  occur in a narrow southeast-trending band of outcrops along the lower east slopes of Kinney Rim in a series of persistent, topographically low hog-back ridges. Eastward from these ridges small areas of badlands alternate with low sage-covered hills. Desert pavement consisting of polished flattened varicolored chert and quartzite pebbles is common in local wind-deflated areas between vegetated sand dunes (fig. 10). The three sandstone rims that characterize the eastern, northern, and southern exposures of the formation are inconspicuous or missing.



FIGURE 10.—Desert pavement in the western part of the Washakie Basin in sec. 7, T. 14 N., R. 98 W. The larger pebbles in the foreground are about 2 inches in diameter.

#### SOURCE AREAS AND MINERALOGY

Deposition of the Washakie Formation was mainly by aggrading distributary streams in a slowly subsiding basin. The primary source area for detrital sediments was the Sierra Madre east of the Washakie Basin. Varicolored chert and gray or green quartzite clasts derived from the Mesozoic and Paleozoic rocks on the west flank of the Sierra Madre have been found in nearly every pebble conglomerate in the formation. Sandstone becomes more and more feldspathic from the base to the top of the formation, a relation that suggests that erosion increasingly enlarged exposures of the plutonic core of the Sierra Madre during the Eocene. In some sandstone in the Adobe Town Member, green feldspars are so abundant that they impart a green color to outcrops; feldspars in other beds impart slightly pink or gray hues. Sandstone in both members has an average mineral composition of 60–70 percent quartz and feldspar grains, 25–35 percent silt

and clay, 2–3 percent soluble calcium carbonate, and 2–3 percent heavy minerals. The heavy mineral suite (specific gravity greater than 2.85) has an average composition of 50–65 percent green or green-brown hornblende, 10–20 percent blue-green hornblende, 10–35 percent augite, 3 percent garnet, and 2 percent zircon, mica, and magnetite (Roehler, 1970, p. D186–D187). Hornblende is most abundant in the Kinney Rim Member, whereas augite is most abundant in the Adobe Town Member. Interbedded with the detrital sediments in the formation are numerous air-laid tuff beds and, at one horizon, a fluvial andesite pebble conglomerate (bed 636), the pebbles in which came from a distant volcanic field, possibly the Absaroka Mountains in northwestern Wyoming. Many tuff beds were reworked by streams prior to burial and lithification. The tuffs are partly glass but mostly eruptive dacite according to Johannsen (1914, p. 211–219), but he added that because of a large amount of quartz the “dacite tuffs may be formed of the materials of an andesite, with sedimentary quartz grains.” X-ray diffraction data from samples I collected indicate that the tuffs are largely vitric tuffs altered to the zeolites clinoptilolite and mordenite. Clinoptilolite is particularly abundant in the robin’s-egg-blue marker bed (bed 579). The clay minerals illite, kaolinite, and montmorillonite occur as constituents of rocks throughout the formation.

#### CORRELATIONS

On the basis of electric logs from four of about eight oil and gas test wells that are usable for correlations of the Washakie Formation in the central part of the Washakie Basin, and data from well sample logs (not shown) and two surface sections, a west-east surface-subsurface cross section of the basin was prepared (pl. 1). In this basin electric log correlations are difficult to make, because of the following factors: wells are scarce and widely spaced; the formation is composed largely of lenticular fluvial rocks; the formation has at least one major intraformational unconformity; most beds change thickness abruptly; and, in the lower part, beds intertongue extensively with those in the Green River Formation. For these reasons a persistent easily correlatable bed (bed 454a) in the underlying Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation was used as a datum on plate 1. The eastward truncation and wedging out of the Kinney Rim Member is readily apparent in stratigraphic sections measured on the east and west sides of the basin; plate 1 illustrates this relationship in the subsurface between two such surface sections.

Surface correlations of the Washakie Formation in a northeast

direction across the basin are illustrated by composite graphic sections on plate 2. Plate 2 also shows generalized lithologies, bed numbers, age, stratigraphic relations, types of fossils and their stratigraphic positions, key beds, and key reference horizons.

#### AGE AND FAUNAL RELATIONS

The correlations of stratigraphic units in the Bridger, Washakie, and Uinta Formations (fig. 2) are based upon the ages indicated by fossil mammals. Fossil mammals are numerous and widely distributed in the Washakie Formation (fig. 1, pl. 2, and table 2). The fossils and their age relations have been studied over a long period of time by Osborn (1881, p. 9-15; 1929, p. 85-91), Scott (1890, p. 462-470), Granger (1909, p. 12-23), Simpson (1933, p. 114, fig. 4), Wood (1941, p. 10 and 34, pl. 1), McGrew (1951, p. 54), Gazin (1959, p. 136), and Wheeler (1961, p. 13-15). A detailed list of mammals from the Washakie Formation was published by Osborn (1929, p. 89). The consensus of the above vertebrate paleontologists is that rocks below bed 620 (Washakie A of Granger, 1909; see fig. 12) are the same age as Bridger C-D of the Bridger Formation in the Green River Basin in southwest Wyoming, and that the rocks overlying bed 620 (Washakie B of Granger, 1909) are the same as Uinta A and Uinta B of the Uinta Formation in the Uinta Basin in Utah. Most fossil mammal collections from the Washakie Formation have been inadequately located geographically and stratigraphically. One result of the present work has been to place some of the older collecting sites, as well as some new ones, in an easily recognized stratigraphic framework.

Fossil mammals collected recently by me and by W. D. Turnbull modify many of the previous concepts concerning the age and stratigraphic relations of the Washakie Formation. The boundaries of divisions of the provincial ages of rocks (that is, Bridger A-B, C-D, E; Uinta A, B, C, etc.) are frequently placed on tuff beds or other widespread marker beds that are located between distinct faunal changes in the stratigraphic succession. The tuff or marker beds are then used as time lines in stratigraphic correlations. The Bridger A-B and Bridger C-D time line shown on plate 2 is tentatively placed on the top of tuff bed 540 because of its stratigraphic position, widespread distribution, and the age relations suggested by fossil mammals. W. D. Turnbull (written commun., Jan. 1971) believes that small faunas collected at localities 1 and 2 (pl. 2 and table 2), which are about 150 and 75 feet stratigraphically below bed 540, respectively, and which consist of only fragmentary remains, have Bridger A-B aspects.

Those from localities 3 and 4, which are estimated to be between 200 and 300 feet above bed 540, are definitely Bridger C-D. The occurrence of Bridger A-B mammals at localities 1 and 2 is important, because rocks of that age have not previously been identified in the Washakie Formation. Rocks of Bridger A-B age were formerly believed to be represented only within the underlying Green River and Wasatch Formations.

Granger (1909, p. 22-23) has shown that Washakie A, which includes the lower brown sandstones at its base, corresponds faunally to Bridger C-D in the Bridger Basin (Green River Basin). Osborn (1929, p. 85-86) presented additional evidence to indicate that the lower brown sandstones were deposited contemporaneously with rocks of Bridger D age in the Bridger Formation and with rocks of Uinta A age in the Uinta Formation. The evidence of Osborn and the fossil record in the Washakie Formation raise speculation as to the validity of the term Uinta A. The range and abundance of *Metarhinus*, a titanotherid, in the basal part of both Washakie B and Uinta B, and some other faunal evidence, suggest that Washakie B and Uinta B are the same age. Furthermore, Granger's (1909, p. 22) demonstration of the close similarities of the mammalian genera in Uinta A and Uinta B to Washakie B is no longer completely valid because Uinta A, as revised by Osborn (1929, p. 91), is nonfossiliferous; therefore, the close similarities exist between only Uinta B and Washakie B. The faunas from localities 7, 8, 9, and 10 (fig. 1, pl. 2, and table 2) leave little doubt that the section for several hundred feet below the lowermost Uinta B beds in the Washakie Formation is time equivalent to the upper part of Bridger C-D in the Green River Basin. Thus, paleontological evidence indicates either that rocks of Uinta A age are missing in the Washakie Basin or, more likely, that they are equivalent to the rocks of Bridger C-D age.

The assignment of beds 676-708 (pl. 2) to Uinta C is speculative—it is based on lithologic differences in the rocks signifying a slight change in sedimentary regime. Rocks assigned to Uinta C have a few thin beds of dark-brown carbonaceous shale in the upper part; they weather very light gray or very light tan in contrast to darker weathering noncarbonaceous underlying rocks. The rocks of Uinta C overlie the sandstones that cap Haystack Mountain; below these sandstones Cope (1873) (loc. 18, pl. 2, and table 2) apparently collected the type *Eobasileus cornutus*, a late Uinta B form. The specimens collected at locality 19 (fig. 1, pl. 2, and table 2) are not sufficiently diagnostic to date the beds in that part of the section.

TABLE 2.—Vertebrate localities and partial list of fauna in the Washakie Formation

[The stratigraphic positions of the localities are shown in fig. 1]

Fossil locality No.	Geographic position <sup>1</sup> (see fig. 1)	Stratigraphic bed No. (see pl. 2)	Fauna (partial list)	Collection data		
				Collector	Year	Reference
1	175 fel, 100 fnl., sec. 17, T. 14 N., R. 99 W.	527	<i>Hyrachyus</i> cf. <i>H. modestus</i> ---	W. D. Turnbull --	1970	Unpub. data.
2	850 fwl, 225 fsl, sec. 18, T. 15 N., R. 99 W.	533	<i>Sciuravus</i> cf. <i>S. nitidus</i> (probable primitive form).	-----do-----	1970	Do.
3	175 fwl, 200 fsl, sec. 32, T. 16 N., R. 94 W.	565	<i>Hemiacodon gracilis</i> -----	P. O. McGrew and H. W. Roehler.	1958	Do.
4	2,000 fwl, 1,500 fnl, sec. 1, T. 15 N., R. 95 W.	569	<i>Microsyps</i> cf. <i>M. schlosseri</i> <i>Hyrachyus</i> sp.	H. W. Roehler --	1970	Do.
5	SE ¼ sec. 22, T. 16 N., R. 95 W.	569-579	<i>Stylinodon</i> sp -----	W. D. Turnbull --	1958	Do.
6	Near sec. 27, T. 16 N., R. 95 W.	569-579	<i>Dinoceras cuneum</i> , <i>Tinoceras affine</i> .	O. C. Marsh ----	1884(?)	Marsh (1885, p. 198)
7	SW ¼ NE ¼ SW ¼ sec. 18, T. 13 N., R. 95 W.	About 595	<i>Hyopsodus</i> cf. <i>H. despiciens</i> --	H. W. Roehler --	1968	Unpub. data.
8	SW ¼ SW ¼ SW ¼ sec. 20, T. 13 N., R. 98 W.	597	<i>Hyopsodus</i> sp., <i>Orohippus</i> sp -	W. D. Turnbull --	1969	Do.
9	NE ¼ SE ¼ sec 19, T. 16 N., R. 97 W.	About 605	Microfauna collected from anthills.	-----do-----	1958	Do.
10	Do-----	About 616	<i>Notharctus</i> sp -----	-----do-----	1958	Do.
11	About sec. 30 or 31, T. 17 N., R. 95 W.	About 619	<i>Sinopa</i> sp -----	Walter Granger -	1906	Granger (1909, p. 20).
12	Do-----	620	<i>Mantecoceras washakiensis</i> ----	-----do-----	1906	Osborn (1929, p. 90).
13	Do-----	635	<i>Metarhinus earlei</i> -----	-----do-----	1906	Do.
14	Do-----	635	<i>Limnocyon</i> sp -----	-----do-----	1906	Granger (1909, p. 19).
15	SW ¼ SW ¼ SW ¼ sec. 30, T. 17 N., R. 95 W.	636	Cf. <i>Dolichorhinus</i> , cf. <i>Metarhinus</i> sp.	H. W. Roehler --	1968	Unpub. data.
16	About sec. 30 or 31, T. 17 N., R. 95 W.	641	<i>Dolichorhinus hyognathus</i> ----	Walter Granger -	1906	Granger (1909, p. 19).
17	NW ¼ NW ¼ SW ¼ sec. 20, T. 15 N., R. 96 W.	643	Titanothere skull and jaw fragments.	W. D. Turnbull --	1970	Unpub. data.
18	Mammoth Butte -----	About 653	<i>Eobasilus cornutus</i> -----	E. D. Cope -----	1873	Cope (1873, p. 521-534).
19	E ½ sec. 13, T. 15 N., R. 98 W.	About 677	Microfauna, including rodent skeltons.	W. D. Turnbull -	1957	Unpub. data.

<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations fel, fnl, fwl, and fsl indicate feet from east, north, west, and south lines respectively.

## TYPE SECTIONS AND PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTIONS

The Washakie Formation is described in the following composite section that was measured in the southwestern part of the basin; this section is illustrated in columns *A* and *B* of plate 2. The composite section consists of the uppermost part of a more complete section that has been measured across all Eocene rocks in the Washakie Basin; this accounts for the large numbers assigned to the beds beginning with bed 515 at the base of the Washakie Formation. The bed numbers are field numbers which I assigned, and many of them are chiseled or painted yellow on outcrops. Thicknesses were measured by a Jacob's staff, Abney level, and a steel hand tape. Because the Adobe Town Member is nowhere entirely exposed at one locality in the basin, the member is described in three widely spaced sections that were correlated by key beds. The three parts are an upper principal reference section (beds 676-708), the type section (beds 629-675), and a lower principal reference section (beds 569-628).

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE UPPER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER

[Exposed at Adobe Town in NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 30 and SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 31, T. 15 N., R. 97 W.]

Top of exposure.

Washakie Formation (part):

Adobe Town Member:		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
708	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, firm -----	13.0
707	Sandstone, gray fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains, argillaceous and calcareous streaks; weathers to nearly vertical slopes -----	16.9
706	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard. Grades upward into gray, fine-grained, argillaceous, soft sandstone -----	5.0
705	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, limonitic cross- bedded, partly argillaceous; scattered fish bones and turtle scutes -----	4.3
704	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard; several very thin black streaks; some interbedded gray-green sandstone. Unit is very fine grained, argillaceous, firm, friable --	15.4
703	Siltstone, gray-brown, shaly, limonitic, carbonaceous, firm; weathers rust brown -----	2.7
702	Mudstone, green, silty, firm, gypsiferous -----	6.5
701	Shale, dark-brown, sandy, carbonaceous, firm; weathers rust brown -----	.5
700	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, very soft, very friable, limonitic -----	.6
699	Mudstone, mostly green, some very thin dark-gray to black streaks, silty to sandy, gypsiferous, hard -----	17.5

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE UPPER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
698	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, partly calcareous and hard, partly soft and friable abundant colored grains; weathers to steep slope; scattered bone fragments -----	15.8
697	Mudstone, medium-gray green, silty, blocky, biotitic, hard; several whole turtles weathering out at the base	2.0
696	Mudstone; red at the top, black in the middle, dark green at the bottom; silty, blocky, hard; abundant turtle scutes -----	1.5
695	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, firm; and finely interbedded mudstone that is dark green, silty, blocky, hard; abundant turtle bones and scutes -----	6.4
694	Mudstone, dark-green, some dark-gray streaks, silty, blocky, hard -----	9.0
693	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, firm, friable; thin argillaceous streaks near the center; weathers to smooth, nearly vertical slopes	3.4
692	Mudstone, dark-green, thin streaks of dark gray in the lower part, some reddish streaks in the upper part, silty, blocky, hard; and three very thin gray, argillaceous sandstone interbeds -----	9.1
691	Sandstone, gray, very fine grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, micaceous, argillaceous, firm; weathers to nearly vertical slopes; abundant turtle scutes, crocodile bones, scutes, and teeth, and coprolites -----	2.7
690	Mudstone, green, silty to sandy, blocky, hard; a carbonaceous zone 0.2 ft thick, 1 ft from base -----	5.7
689	Sandstone, gray, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, calcareous, firm; abundant colored grains; weathers to small steplike ledges; abundant turtle bones and scutes at the top -----	2.5
688	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard; two very sandy streaks 6 and 12 ft from the top; concretionary zone 3 ft from the base weathers to small, brown, calcareous balls -----	18.8
687	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular to subrounded, arkosic calcareous in part, firm, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; weathers rust brown; abundant turtle scutes	24.6
686	Mudstone, dark-green, dark-gray-green, silty, blocky, hard; some reddish tints in upper 1 ft, some interbedded gray argillaceous sandstone; abundant turtle scutes -----	16.0
685	Mudstone, dark-green, orange-red in upper 1 ft, silty, blocky, gypsiferous, firm; weathers to rounded, mud-cracked slopes -----	4.2

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE UPPER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

Adobe Town Member—Continued

	<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
684 Sandstone, gray-green, very fine to fine-grained, very argillaceous, very calcareous; contains tan limy inclusions that look like fossil-root impressions—may be a regolith -----	1.6
683 Sandstone, gray, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable; abundant colored grains; weathers to steep slopes -----	11.9
682 Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard; very thin lenses of sandstone, that are gray green, fine to medium grained; abundant colored grains -----	10.2
681 Sandstone, gray-green, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable; abundant colored grains -----	2.8
680 Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard -----	4.9
679 Sandstone, gray and greenish-gray, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, hard; abundant colored grains; very calcareous at top, crossbedded at base -----	7.8
678 Mudstone, green, very sandy, argillaceous, firm; very sandy at top; weathers to sloping bench above bed 677 -----	10.0
677 Sandstone, gray-green, very fine to medium-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, tuffaceous, calcareous, firm, crossbedded; weathers to irregular, steep "voodoo" badlands -----	71.8
676 Sandstone, gray-green, very fine grained, fairly well sorted, very argillaceous to clayey, hard; several 0.2- to 0.8-ft-thick lenses of sandstone which are gray, gray green, fine grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, and which contain abundant black and red grains. Unit is calcareous, firm; weathers to nearly vertical badland slopes -----	15.9
Total thickness for the upper part of Adobe Town Member -----	<u>341.0</u>
Near base of exposures. Underlying middle part of the Adobe Town Member described in secs. 29 and 20, T. 13 N., R. 97 W.	

ADOBE TOWN MEMBER (TYPE SECTION)

[Exposed on the slopes of a major north-trending dry wash in NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 29, and W  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 20, T. 13 N., R. 97 W.]

Washakie Formation (part):

Adobe Town Member (part):

	<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
675 Mudstone, gray-green, green, silty, blocky, hard -----	15.5
674 Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, crossbedded abundant green feldspar grains; upper 9 ft very argillaceous; a broad channel sandstone -----	17.0

## ADOBE TOWN MEMBER (TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
673	Mudstone, apple-green, silty, blocky, hard -----	15.0
672	Sandstone, green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, lenticular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains -----	22.5
671	Mudstone, green, sandy, blocky, hard; interbedded sand- stone that is gray green, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, hard -----	5.0
670	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, lenticular, crossbedded; scattered green clay galls; weathers gray brown; a channel sandstone -----	8.0
669	Mudstone, green, sandy, blocky, firm; interlaminated and finely interbedded sandstone that are gray green, medium grained, subangular, hard; scattered turtle bones -----	6.8
668	Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, calcareous, hard; some green clay galls; weathers to thin, persistent, gray-brown bed -----	2.0
667	Sandstone, green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, argillaceous, firm, friable; interbedded mudstone, green, sandy, blocky, hard -----	21.2
666	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular; conglomerate streaks; abun- dant green feldspar grains; weathers rust brown; a lenticular, crossbedded channel sandstone -----	14.0
665	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard; interbedded sand- stone that is gray green, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, argillaceous, soft -----	26.0
664	Tuff, white, finely bedded; forms a white marker bed in outcrops -----	8.6
663	Sandstone, green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, very argillaceous; interbedded sandstone that is gray, very coarse grained, calcareous, cross- bedded; a broad channel sandstone -----	17.5
662	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, hard, very sandy in part --	4.5
661	Sandstone, gray, medium-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular; conglomerate streaks; finely interbedded sandstone that is gray, fine grained, fairly well sorted, very argillaceous, firm. Unit weathers to nearly vertical badland slopes -----	19.5
660	Mudstone, green, silty to sandy, firm, some very thin red streaks; some interbedded sandstone that is gray green, fine grained, very argillaceous, firm. Unit weathers to steep badland slopes -----	27.5
659	Mudstone, gray, silty, gypsiferous, soft; a few thin inter- beds of gray, carbonaceous, calcareous, finely bedded, hard siltstone. Unit weathers yellow brown -----	8.0

## ADOBE TOWN MEMBER (TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
658	Mudstone, green, silty to sandy, soft; interbedded sandstone which is gray, fine grained, argillaceous, very soft, and which contains very thin calcareous streaks. Unit weathers to smooth slope -----	35.0
657	Mudstone, brown, gypsiferous, very soft; weathers yellow brown -----	10.3
656	Mudstone, dark-green, silty, blocky, hard; sandy at base; occasional 0.5- to 1-ft-thick beds of gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, calcareous, hard sandstone; some thin interbedded gray, fine-grained, argillaceous, firm sandstone. Unit weathers to smooth slopes -----	68.0
655	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, hard, limonitic, lenticular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; weathers rust gray; a channel sandstone -----	4.0
654	Mudstone, gray, gray-green, silty, blocky, firm; interbedded gray, fine-grained, poorly sorted, soft to hard, partly calcareous sandstone. The sandstones form ledges in smooth mudstone slopes -----	58.5
653	Shale, dark-green, fissile, soft, gypsiferous; weathers to yellow-brown, smooth slopes -----	5.4
652	Mudstone, dark-green, silty, soft; in the upper 6 ft, interbedded gray-green, fine-grained, very soft, unconsolidated sandstone, small calcite cones 2 ft above base. Unit weathers to smooth slopes -----	12.9
651	Mudstone, gray, silty, blocky, hard; weathers to smooth, gently rounded, yellow-brown badland slopes -----	8.2
650	Mudstone, gray, very silty to sandy, soft; interlaminated to finely interbedded gray, very fine to fine-grained, very soft, unconsolidated sandstone; abundant milky calcite laminae in the upper part; weathers to smooth badland slopes -----	23.0
649	Siltstone, gray, argillaceous, finely bedded, firm; weathers to distinct yellow band in outcrops -----	5.0
648	Sandstone, gray, green, fine-grained, unconsolidated; interbedded gray-green, very silty to very sandy, blocky, hard mudstone -----	24.8
647	Sandstone, brown, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, unconsolidated, very limonitic, gypsiferous (loose pieces of satin spar); weathers to distinct yellow band in outcrops -----	5.3
646	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, hard; weathers brown; caps very small dip slope -----	.3
645	Sandstone, gray, gray-green, fine-grained to very fine grained, poorly sorted, subangular, very soft, argilla-	

## ADOBE TOWN MEMBER (TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
	ceous; dark grains; interbedded gray, silty, blocky, firm mudstone. Unit weathers to smooth slopes -----	37.5
644	Mudstone, apple-green and brick-red, variegated, silty, blocky, firm; a few 0.5- to 1.5-ft-thick beds of gray, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, finely bedded sandstone that weathers dark brown (rose-red marker bed) -----	47.3
643	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, silty, partly argillaceous, crossbedded; some distorted wavy bedding planes -----	13.4
642	Shale, dark-gray-green, soapy, clayey, blocky, hard -----	10.0
641	Siltstone, gray, argillaceous, carbonaceous, hard; scattered plant fragments; one perfect leaf -----	5.0
640	Sandstone, gray, gray-green, mostly fine grained, silty, hard, evenly bedded; very thin interbedded green, very silty, blocky, hard mudstone -----	26.5
639	Mudstone, gray-green, green, very silty, blocky, hard; interlaminated to finely interbedded gray, gray-green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm to hard sandstone which contains abundant dark grains -----	124.0
638	Sandstone, gray, fine to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains, very argillaceous streaks. In the upper part interbedded gray, very silty, blocky, hard mudstone; a broad flood-plain-type sandstone; one whole turtle weathering out; scattered wood fragments -----	64.8
637	Tuff, white, soft to very hard, scattered biotite flakes. A brilliant chalk-white marker bed in outcrops -----	8.1
636	Mudstone, gray, silty, blocky, hard; interbedded sandstone, green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, abundant colored grains, mostly soft and friable, crossbedded, mostly narrow lenses; 1.5-ft-thick bed of chocolate-brown-weathering limy sandstone concretions 15 ft above base; 0.4-ft-thick bed of conglomerate consisting of small, well-rounded, varicolored pebbles of andesite porphyry in a coarse-grained sandstone matrix 15 ft from top; abundant whole turtles weathering out -----	62.0
635	Sandstone, green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, lenticular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; a channel sandstone; weathers to "voodoo" badlands -----	28.3
634	Mudstone, gray, silty, blocky, hard; in the upper 3 ft, some interbedded light-gray, fine-grained, soft, friable sandstone -----	10.0

## ADOBE TOWN MEMBER (TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
633	Sandstone, dark-green, medium-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, soft, friable, cross-bedded; conglomerate streaks at base; abundant green feldspar grains; weathers to olive-green "voodoo" badlands; abundant fossil wood including many large tree trunks; abundant large mammal bone and tooth fragments including one badly weathered <i>titanotherium ramus</i> -----	17.0
632	Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained, poorly sorted, very soft; mostly unconsolidated; some small, white, irregularly shaped calcite(?) concretions -----	3.0
631	Mudstone, green, gray-green, silty, fissile to blocky, firm; interbedded gray, fine-grained, poorly sorted, argillaceous, very soft sandstone; an even-bedded, flood-plain sandstone; weathers to nonresistant slopes -----	49.0
630	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, limy, very hard; grades upward into gray, black, oolitic limestone that contains siliceous streaks and pods. Unit weathers dark brown; caps dip slope -----	1.5
629	Sandstone, green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, crossbedded, very lenticular (mostly narrow channels 5-8 ft thick); abundant colored grains; interbedded gray-green, silty to very sandy, hard mudstone. Scattered poorly preserved fossil leaves in lower 2 ft; one fossil tree trunk 41 ft from base -----	94.0

Total thickness of the type Adobe Town Member --- 1,100.7

Near base of exposure. Underlying lower part of the Adobe Town Member described in secs. 29 and 20, T. 13 N., R. 98 W.

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE LOWER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER

[Exposed in NW¼ sec. 29 and SW¼ sec. 20, T. 13 N., R. 98 W.]

## Washakie Formation (part):

## Adobe Town Member (part):

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
628	Sandstone, gray, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, hematitic, finely bedded; weathers rust --	0.6
627	Shale, medium-gray, clayey, blocky, soft -----	6.8
626	Limestone, tan-gray, finely crystalline, hard, dense, very finely bedded, platy; weathers to yellow band in outcrops; appears lacustrine -----	.9
625	Sandstone, gray, very fine to fine-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, limonitic; abundant colored grains; weathers brown; finely bedded at the top -----	5.0
624	Mudstone, mostly gray-green, several dark-red beds, silty, blocky, hard; occasional laminae of gray, very fine grained sandstone; weathers to pastel shades of green and red -----	66.0

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE LOWER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member (part)—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
623	Mudstone, gray, gray-green, silty, blocky, hard; a few thin interbeds of gray-green, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, calcareous, hard, lenticular sandstone; a small channel sandstone -----	34.0
622	Limestone, tan, finely crystalline, very silty, blocky, hard	.6
621	Mudstone, gray, silty, blocky, firm -----	3.5
620	Tuff, tan, very limy, very silty, hard, finely laminated; weathers brown; caps ridge -----	.7
619	Mudstone, green, very sandy, blocky, firm; some interbedded gray, argillaceous sandstone; not well exposed	43.1
618	Sandstone, dark-apple-green, fine to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, soft, friable, crossbedded; a few streaks contain clay galls. Basal 0.3 ft is a black sandstone composed largely of magnetite and heavy minerals (a fossil placer). Abundant very large mammal bones -----	18.0
617	Sandstone, light-gray, very fine to fine-grained, poorly sorted; biotitic, argillaceous, calcareous, finely bedded, appears lacustrine -----	3.0
616	Sandstone, green, fine-grained to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, calcareous, firm, crossbedded; conglomerate streaks at base; occasional large isolated algal heads as large as 4 ft in diameter. -----	9.0
615	Mudstone, gray-green, silty, blocky, hard; some very thin interbeds of gray, fine- to medium-grained, firm, friable sandstone -----	13.0
614	Sandstone, gray to apple-green, fine to very coarse grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, crossbedded, lenticular; conglomerate streaks at base, abundant colored grains; a channel sandstone; abundant turtle and large mammal bones -----	41.0
613	Mudstone, gray-green, silty, blocky, hard -----	6.7
612	Sandstone, gray-green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, lenticular, crossbedded; a channel sandstone -----	11.2
611	Mudstone, gray, very sandy, finely bedded, hard -----	4.1
610	Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, lenticular, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; a channel sandstone, abundant bone fragments; one humerus about 1 ft long embedded in outcrop -----	14.0
609	Mudstone, gray-green, silty, blocky, hard; very sandy at top; abundant turtle scutes and mammal bone fragments -----	5.5
608	Sandstone, gray-green, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular; abundant colored grains; firm and friable at base; top 1 ft calcareous; weathers brown	

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE LOWER PART  
 OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

Adobe Town Member (part)—Continued		Thickness (feet)
	at the top; caps small hogback; contains small, poorly preserved <i>Goniobasis</i> sp., <i>Viviparus</i> sp., and <i>Australorbis</i> sp. -----	3.9
607	Mudstone, gray-green, very sandy, very finely bedded, firm -----	7.7
606	Coquinal limestone, gray, sandy, hard; contains <i>Goniobasis</i> sp., very large <i>Gyraulus militaris</i> (?), abundant turtle scutes and fish bones -----	.2
605	Mudstone, green, sandy, blocky, hard -----	8.4
604	Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, very argillaceous, firm, friable, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; weathers to nearly vertical slopes -----	15.3
603	Mudstone, dark-gray-green, some red near the center, silty, blocky, hard; two very thin beds of gray-green sandstone; whole turtles weathering out -----	22.9
602	Limestone, tan-brown, silty, hard; scattered algal colonies as large as 5 ft in diameter, mostly on the upper surface -----	.8
601	Mudstone, green, silty, blocky, firm -----	4.9
600	Limestone, tan-gray, very finely crystalline, silty, very hard; weathers light chocolate brown; caps hogback ridge -----	1.0
599	Mudstone, green, some horizons of red, sandy, blocky, hard; interbedded gray-green, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, argillaceous, hard sandstone that contains abundant colored grains -----	27.7
598	Mudstone, dark-red to orange-red, very sandy, hard; interbedded green, red, argillaceous, hard sandstone; weathers to red band in outcrops; abundant turtle scutes -----	19.0
597	Mudstone, mostly apple-green, some thin bands of red, very silty, hard; weathers to bright-green band in outcrops; several whole turtles weathering out -----	10.7
596	Mudstone, interbedded pastel shades of maroon and green, very sandy, soft. Some interbedded sandstone which is gray green, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, very argillaceous, lenticular; colored grains. Unit contains abundant turtle scutes and small mammal bones -----	58.0
595	Sandstone, gray-green, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, argillaceous, firm. Interbedded mudstone, mostly gray-green, some maroon brown and green, very sandy, firm. Unit contains scattered loose turtle scutes; weathers to pastel colors -----	90.6
594	Limestone, tan-brown, finely crystalline, silty, very hard; weathers brown -----	2.5

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE LOWER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Adobe Town Member (part)—Continued

	<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
593 Sandstone, gray-green, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, soft, friable, argillaceous; abundant colored grains -----	6.0
592 Limestone, medium-gray-brown, finely crystalline, silty, platy, hard; weathers dark brown; caps ridge -----	4.8
591 Sandstone, gray-green, fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, biotitic, very shaly, soft; occasional thin beds of gray, fissile, firm shale; some thin beds of gray-green, sandy, blocky, firm mudstone -----	65.3
590 Limestone, gray-brown, finely crystalline, silty, very hard, dense; weathers brown; caps ridge -----	1.5
589 Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained, poorly sorted, shaly; occasional very thin beds of gray-green, very calcareous sandstone -----	67.5
588 Limestone, tan-gray, finely crystalline, silty, hard, dense, finely bedded; weathers yellow brown; appears lacustrine -----	5.8
587 Mudstone, dark-olive-green, silty, blocky, firm, at base; interbedded with gray, limy, hard siltstone and gray-green, some blue-green, tuffaceous, calcareous, firm sandstone in upper part -----	32.0
586 Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, very tuffaceous, firm, friable; weathers to gray-white band in outcrops ----	7.0
585 Shale, tan, fissile, soft; appears lacustrine -----	
584 Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained, very soft, unconsolidated, very shaly, nonresistant; thin interbedded light-gray, calcareous, tuffaceous, blocky, hard siltstone ----	20.0
583 Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, very limy; grades upward into tan-gray, silty, very hard limestone; Unit weathers brown; caps hog-back ridge -----	3.7
582 Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained, subangular, fairly well sorted, biotitic; abundant colored grains. Laterally changes to light-blue-green, very tuffaceous sandstone. A channel sandstone -----	6.5
581 Siltstone, light-gray, limy, hard, finely bedded. Capped by thin laminae of gray-brown, finely crystalline, platy, hard, dense limestone -----	2.5
580 Limestone, gray-brown, finely crystalline, hard, dense, platy; finely bedded at the top, very silty the top 1 ft; abundant fucoidal markings -----	1.7
579 Sandstone, brilliant light-blue-green, very tuffaceous, hard; distinct robin's-egg-blue marker bed in outcrops	6.3
578 Tuff, yellow-gray, blocky, hard -----	.5
577 Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, very tuffaceous, calcareous, hard; very large mammal leg bones -----	9.9

PRINCIPAL REFERENCE SECTION FOR THE LOWER PART  
OF THE ADOBE TOWN MEMBER—Continued

Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

Adobe Town Member (part)—Continued

	<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
576 Tuff, yellow-gray, blocky, hard; small molds of <i>Australorbis</i> sp -----	2.4
575 Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine-grained, well-sorted, very tuffaceous, calcareous, hard -----	20.4
574 Tuff, gray-brown, hard -----	.6
573 Siltstone, gray-green, very tuffaceous, finely bedded, very hard -----	9.4
572 Tuff, greenish-gray, silty, very hard -----	7.4
571 Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, firm; abundant colored grains; very tuffaceous in bottom 1.5 ft -----	10.8
570 Tuff, light-greenish-gray, blocky, hard -----	.7
569 Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, firm; abundant colored grains. Interbedded gray, tuffaceous, calcareous, blocky, very hard siltstone, and green, sandy, blocky, hard mudstone bed (lower brown sandstone) -----	25.3
Total thickness of the lower part of the Adobe Town Member -----	883.8

Kinney Rim Member of the Washakie Formation.

KINNEY RIM MEMBER OF THE WASHAKIE FORMATION  
(TYPE SECTION)

[The lower part of the type section (beds 515-559) is located on the south slopes of an east-west drainage in the S  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 16, T. 14 N., R. 99 W., and the upper part of the type section (beds 560-568) is located in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 15, T. 14 N., R. 99 W.]

Washakie Formation (part):

Kinney Rim Member:

568 Sandstone, light-gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, hard; abundant colored grains ----	10.0
567 Mudstone, green, gray-green, very tuffaceous, silty, blocky, soft. A few 0.5- to 1.5-ft-thick beds of gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, firm sandstone; abundant colored grains -----	19.9
566 Sandstone, gray-green, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, firm, lenticular; abundant colored grains; a channel sandstone -----	2.7
565 Mudstone, apple-green, sandy, firm; occasional 0.5- to 1-ft-thick lenses of greenish-gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, firm sandstone; unidentified bone fragments -----	89.5
564 Sandstone, greenish-gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, firm; abundant colored grains -----	1.0
563 Mudstone, red, maroon, gray, very sandy, soft; and a few 0.5- to 1-ft-thick beds of dark-gray-red, some gray, very fine grained, calcareous, firm sandstone -----	76.0

KINNEY RIM MEMBER OF THE WASHAKIE FORMATION  
(TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Kinney Rim Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
562	Sandstone, greenish-gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, firm, crossbedded; abundant colored grains; a channel sandstone -----	15.0
561	Limestone, tan-gray, finely crystalline, silty, very hard, dense; weathers dark brown -----	3.0
560	Mudstone, maroon, dark-orange-red, apple-green, some bands of gray, silty, blocky, soft; occasional 0.5- to 1-ft-thick lenses of dark-gray-red, very fine grained, calcareous, firm sandstone -----	91.5
559	Algal limestone, gray, hard, silty; flattened, gently rounded platy heads -----	2.1
558	Mudstone, medium-gray, silty, blocky, soft -----	18.5
557	Sandstone, light-gray, very fine grained, micaceous, calcareous, hard -----	3.0
556	Mudstone, gray, gray-green, silty, blocky, soft; occasional thin beds of light-gray, limy, hard siltstone; not well exposed -----	47.9
555	Limestone, light-gray-brown, very finely crystalline, silty, hard, dense, platy -----	2.5
554	Mudstone, dark-green, gray-green, blocky, soft; interbedded light-gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard sandstone -----	17.7
553	Limestone, light-gray-brown, very silty, hard, platy; weathers brown -----	2.3
552	Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, soft, friable; abundant colored grains; non-resistant -----	6.9
551	Mudstone, dark-green, green-gray, blocky, soft -----	10.0
550	Sandstone, light-gray, very fine grained, fairly well sorted, calcareous, hard -----	3.0
549	Mudstone, dark-olive-green, silty, blocky, soft; interbedded light-gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard sandstone; poorly exposed on soil- and sage-covered dip slope -----	49.0
548	Siltstone, light-gray, limy, very tuffaceous, hard -----	2.5
547	Sandstone, light-gray, very fine grained, very calcareous, hard; interbedded olive-green, silty, blocky, firm mudstone, and light-gray, very limy, very hard siltstone; not well exposed -----	31.2
546	Mudstone, dark-olive-green, silty, blocky, firm -----	22.5
545	Limestone, tan, finely crystalline, hard, dense -----	3.0
544	Sandstone, gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard -----	2.5
543	Mudstone, gray-green, silty, blocky, soft; thin interbedded gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard sandstone -----	26.0
542	Sandstone, gray, fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, soft to hard, crossbedded; calcareous	

KINNEY RIM MEMBER OF THE WASHAKIE FORMATION  
(TYPE SECTION)—Continued

## Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

## Kinney Rim Member—Continued

		<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
	streaks; scattered clay-gall conglomerate lenses, non-resistant; a channel sandstone -----	27.0
541	Sandstone, gray, very fine to fine-grained, calcareous, firm; occasional thin interbedded olive-green, sandy, blocky, firm mudstone -----	10.8
540	Tuff, white-tan, silty, hard -----	7.0
539	Shale, gray-brown, flaky, firm; appears lacustrine -----	6.0
538	Sandstone, gray, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, micaceous; colored grains; interbedded olive-green, very sandy mudstone -----	36.5
537	Sandstone, gray, very fine to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, micaceous, crossbedded; colored grains; scattered clay-gall conglomerate streaks; weathers to rust-brown ledge -----	13.0
536	Mudstone, dark-olive-green, silty, blocky, firm -----	2.0
535	Limestone, tan-gray, finely crystalline, very sandy, very hard -----	1.3
534	Mudstone, dark-olive-green, silty, blocky, firm -----	16.0
533	Sandstone, gray, fine- to medium-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, firm, friable, crossbedded; conglomerate streaks of gray siltstone and mudstone clay galls near base; a channel sandstone; weathers to rust-brown ledge -----	23.0
532	Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, silty, blocky, firm; occasional thin lenses of light-gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard sandstone -----	19.0
531	Limestone, brown, finely crystalline, sandy, hard, dense; weathers to white band in outcrops -----	.6
530	Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, silty, blocky, firm -----	4.3
529	Limestone, brown, finely crystalline, sandy, hard, dense -----	.4
528	Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, silty, blocky, firm -----	6.8
527	Covered by soil and sagebrush -----	43.0
526	Sandstone, light-gray, very fine to fine-grained, poorly sorted, subangular, calcareous, hard; colored grains; weathers to long dip slope -----	2.5
525	Limestone, tan-gray, brown, finely crystalline, silty, hard dense -----	1.0
524	Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, silty to sandy, blocky, firm -----	7.0
523	Limestone, tan-gray, very finely crystalline, hard, dense, silty; weathers to irregularly shaped, flattened plates -----	1.2
522	Mudstone, dark-olive-green, some mottled black, silty to sandy, blocky, firm; clayey at top -----	11.6
521	Limestone, tan-gray, very finely crystalline, silty, hard, dense -----	1.0
520	Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, very sandy, blocky, firm (almost a sandstone); finely interlaminated to inter-	

KINNEY RIM MEMBER OF THE WASHAKIE FORMATION  
(TYPE SECTION)—Continued

Washakie Formation (part)—Continued

Kinney Rim Member—Continued

	<i>Thickness (feet)</i>
bedded sandstone, gray, very fine grained, calcareous, hard -----	8.0
519 Limestone, tan, very finely crystalline, silty, hard, dense, platy; appears lacustrine -----	1.4
518 Mudstone, dark-olive-green-gray, silty to sandy, blocky, firm; and occasional 1- to 1.5-ft-thick beds of gray, very fine grained, silty, calcareous, firm sandstone ----	40.3
517 Sandstone, gray, very fine to fine-grained, fairly well sorted, subangular, calcareous, firm to soft; nonresistant -----	31.0
516 Mudstone, gray, gray-green, silty, blocky, firm -----	8.0
515 Tuff, light-gray, very limy (almost tuffaceous limestone), silty, hard, dense, platy; the white ridge marker bed --	5.0
Total thickness of Kinney Rim Member of the Washakie Formation -----	893.9

Green River Formation, Laney Shale Member.

The section for 900 feet below bed 515 consists mostly of tuffaceous sandstone and siltstone and some thin interbedded green mudstone and oil shale that compose the upper part of the Laney Shale Member of the Green River Formation along Kinney Rim.

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