

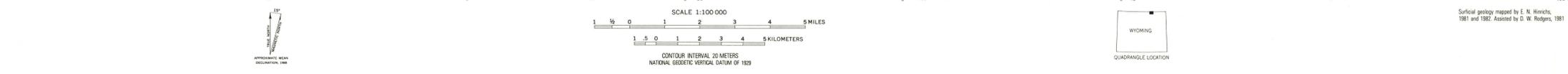
**DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS**

- Qa** Younger alluvium (Holocene)—Sand, silt, clay, and gravel within channel or meander belt of creeks and rivers; clay, silt, and sand in Lake DeSmet. Mapped with older alluvium in upper parts of valleys. Estimated maximum thickness 15 m.
- Qc** Colluvium (Holocene)—Nonsorted and poorly sorted sand, silt, clay, and sparse gravel derived locally through mass wasting; slope wash and talus. Only larger and thicker masses mapped; at sides and heads of valleys mapped with older alluvium. Estimated maximum thickness 3 m.
- Or** Residuum (Holocene)—Silt, clay, and fine sand on upland flats and in small closed basins formed by weathering in place; includes some windblown sediment. Estimated maximum thickness 3 m.
- TCs** Landslide deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Surficial deposits and bedrock that have failed, slumped, or flowed down moderate to steep slopes, especially those weakened by water and undercutting. Estimated maximum thickness 9 m.
- Qm** Older alluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Sand, silt, clay, and minor gravel transported by creeks and rivers and deposited in valleys; includes buried fossil soils (paleosols) found at five localities and dated at three localities. Estimated maximum thickness 26 m.
- Ql** Terrace gravels (Pleistocene)—Remnants of pebble and cobble gravels graded to and lying 5-130 m above rivers and creeks; matrix of sand and silt locally cemented by calcium carbonate dated at two places by uranium-to-thorium ratio method. Estimated maximum thickness 7 m.
- OTp** Pediment gravels (Pleistocene and Pliocene?)—Boulder gravels in a coarse sand matrix which at most places yellowish-brown from hydrous iron oxides; subround and round pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of igneous, metamorphic, and resistant sedimentary rocks on beveled bedrock surfaces 30-180 m above creeks. Estimated maximum thickness 15 m.
- TCs** Sedimentary rocks (Tertiary to Cambrian)—Continental and marine rocks ranging from fine clastic coal-bearing conglomeratic Wasatch Formation of Eocene age to Flathead Sandstone of Cambrian age.
- Ar** Igneous and metamorphic rocks (Archean)—Quartz diorite, quartz monzonite, diabase, gneiss, schist, and quartzite.

**Contact**

- Area of subsidence over abandoned coal mines
- Cl x Calcrete sampled for uranium/thorium dating
- D7 x Paleosol not sampled
- P13 x Paleosol sampled for uranium-thorium dating
- W-5312 x Wood sampled for <sup>14</sup>C dating

Base from U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1979. Projection and 10,000-meter grid, zone 13, Universal Transverse Mercator. 25,000-foot grid ticks based on Wyoming coordinate system, west central zone, 1927 North American datum.



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MAP SHOWING SURFICIAL GEOLOGY OF THE SHERIDAN 30' X 60' QUADRANGLE, WYOMING AND MONTANA