DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

GEOLOGIC MAP AND COAL RESOURCES OF THE
RANCHESTER QUADRANGLE, SHERIDAN COUNTY,
WYOMING, AND BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA

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**GEOLOGIC MAP SYMBOLS**  
COMMONLY USED ON MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
(Special symbols are shown in explanation)

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**Strike and dip of beds** — Ball indicates top of beds known from sedimentary structures

- 70° Inclined — Horizontal
- Vertical — Overturned

**Strike and dip of foliation**

- 20° Inclined — Vertical — Horizontal

**Strike and dip of cleavage**

- 15° Inclined — Vertical — Horizontal

**Bearing and plunge of lineation**

- 60° Inclined — Vertical — Horizontal

**Strike and dip of joints**

Note: planar symbols (strike and dip of beds, foliation or schistosity, and cleavage) may be combined with linear symbols to record data observed at same locality by superimposed symbols at point of observation. Coexisting planar symbols are shown intersecting at point of observation.

**Shafts**
- Vertical
- Inclined

**Adit, tunnel, or slope**
- Accessible
- Inaccessible

**Prospect**

**Quarry**
- Active
- Abandoned

**Gravel pit**
- Active
- Abandoned

**Oil well**
- Drilling
- Shut-in
- Dry hole
- Abandoned

**Gas**
- Show of gas
- Abandoned

**Oil**
- Show of oil