



MAP OF THE EAST FORK RIVER AREA, SUBLETTE COUNTY, SHOWING CONFIGURATION OF THE WATER TABLE.

MAP SHOWING STREAMFLOW, RESERVOIR CAPACITIES, AND IRRIGATED LANDS.

MAP SHOWING GENERALIZED AREAS OF SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE OF GROUND WATER.

GENERALIZED SECTION OF THE GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS

Stratigraphic Unit	Subdivision <sup>1</sup>	Lithology and distribution <sup>1</sup>	Ground-water possibilities <sup>2</sup>
Quaternary	Alluvial deposits (0-500')	Clay, silt, sand, and gravel; includes some siltstone material. Coarser alluvial deposits are in Green River valley north of Green River and along streams in and near highlands; alluvium overlying Green River and Wasatch Formations above highlands is mostly clay, silt, and fine sand.	Ground-water possibilities good in coarser deposits, but poor where silt and clay predominate. Water from 24 wells and 6 springs has D. S. ranging from about 200 to 2,000 ppm; known yields are less than 10 gpm, but clean sand and gravel near perennial streams would probably have yields of 500+ gpm. Wells drilled in alluvium along Green River north of town of Green River, Fontenelle Creek, La Barge Creek, Piney Creek, Cottonwood Creek, New Fork River and its major tributaries, Hams Fork, Hens Fork, and Smith Fork and Blacks Fork above Lyman would probably yield water having D. S. less than 1,000 ppm.
	Windblown sand (0-30')	Sand, and silt, unconsolidated. Both active and inactive sand dunes are widely scattered throughout basin; thickest deposits are in T. 24 N., R. 105 W.	Generally too thin to hold much water, but aids recharge to underlying formations. Water in small water-table lakes in dunes east of T. 24 N., R. 105 W. has D. S. of about 400 ppm.
	Glacial deposits (thickness unknown)	Clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders, poorly sorted. Moraines and related terraces and outwash deposits of three principal periods of glaciation are present along southwestern Wind River Mountain front (Holmes and Moss, 1955); other deposits are south of Lyman (Robinson and Cummings, 1963).	Ground-water possibilities fair where glacial till can be drilled; wells would probably yield less than 20 gpm, but D. S. are probably less than 400 ppm.
Cretaceous through Cambrian	Gravel deposits (0-70')	Gravel, pebbles to boulder size, sand, and silt. Located at several terrace levels above the streams and in eastward-facing pattern on glacial outwash material. Test hole 31-106-10c1 near East Fork penetrated 69 feet of coarse gray quartz and feldspar sand and some cobbles and boulders.	A good source of water near Wind River Mountains; water from 8 wells and 2 springs had D. S. ranging from 65 to 310 ppm; known well yields are less than 20 gpm, but fish hatchery springs at Boulder (32-108-26a1) and Daniel (34-111-36b1) flow 2,000 and 350 gpm, respectively; wells at favorable locations near East Fork probably would yield 500+ gpm. Water from terrace deposits differs considerably in chemical character near Lyman (Robinson and Cummings, 1963) where D. S. range from 365 to 2,600 ppm and known well yields are less than 50 gpm.
	Igneous extrusive rock (100±')	Lava flow. Single exposure at Pilot Butte (sec. 10, T. 19 N., R. 106 W.) (Osterwald and others, 1959).	No ground-water possibilities.
	South Pass Formation (0-200')	Conglomerate, pebbles to boulder-sized material in a fine-grained, ashy matrix. Present in northeast (T. 28 N., R. 108 W.) (Zeller and Stephens, 1964).	Ground-water possibilities not known, but probably good.
Middle Eocene	Devons Park Formation (thickness unknown)	Conglomerate and sandstone (Robinson and Cummings, 1963).	Ground-water possibilities not known, but probably poor to fair. Outcrops generally are topographically high and probably well drained.
	Bishop Conglomerate (0-200')	Conglomerate containing well-rounded boulders and cobbles of quartzite, limestone, and schist (Bradley, 1964); and sandstone (Robinson and Cummings, 1963). Present in scattered outcrops in south.	Ground-water possibilities not known, but probably poor to fair. Outcrops generally are topographically high and probably well drained. A spring (13-111-36b1) on Cedar Mountain has D. S. of about 350 ppm.
	Bridge Formation (500-2,300')	Mudstone, sandy, tan to gray, locally banded with pink; medium-grained, tuffaceous, muddy, brownish-gray sandstone; and thin-bedded limestone and marlstone; locally conglomeratic near Uinta Mountains. Contains fewer red beds and much more volcanic ash than Wasatch Formation; base interfingers with Laney Shale Member and generally is poorly defined (Bradley, 1964; Koenig, 1969; Zeller and Stephens, 1964). Present in much of southern half of basin.	Ground-water possibilities poor; yields less than 50 gpm of highly mineralized water expected in most of area. Locally, however, sandstones might contain good water where overlain by alluvial or gravel deposits; as at Granger (wells 19-112-23b1d1, 2) and near Lyman (well 14-115-16d1d1) where D. S. of water in Bridge Formation is 561 and 914 ppm, respectively.
Tertiary	Pan Peak Conglomerate of Eastley (1944) (1,000-1,500')	Conglomerate, sandstone, and shale (Eastley, 1944). Present in the northwest (T. 35 N., R. 113 W.) where it might overlie Hoback Formation of Paleocene and early Eocene age (Eastley and others, 1944).	Ground-water possibilities good. Maximum yield unknown, but probably exceeds 200 gpm; four wells range from 35 to 140 feet deep and 200 to 380 gpm D. S.
	Upper tongue of Green River Formation (100-1,000')	Upper tongue of Green River Formation—Limestone containing numerous stromatolites and outcrops of marlstone, mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone (Lawrence, 1965; and Oriol, 1961). Present in west.	Laney Shale Member of Green River Formation—Ground-water possibilities fair. Of 18 wells tapping the Laney Shale, D. S. and depths range from 1 to 76 gpm, about 600 to 4,200 ppm, and 20 to 285 feet, respectively. Sandstone is a significant constituent and yields of about 300 gpm can probably be obtained locally, but D. S. of water generally will exceed 1,600 ppm.
	Upper tongue of Wasatch Formation (0-700')	Upper tongue of Wasatch Formation—Mudstone, green, gray, and red, and lenses of sandstone, which are conglomeratic in south; thickness to south (Lawrence, 1965; and Oriol, 1961). Present in west.	Cathedral Bluffs Tongue of Wasatch Formation—Mudstone, gray, pink, and tan, and sandstone, written communication, April 6, 1964, R. 104 W.; not present in subsurface a short distance west of outcrop east.
Uppermost Paleocene to middle Eocene	Wilkins Peak Member of Green River Formation (0-1,400')	Wilkins Peak Member of Green River Formation—Marlstone, claystone, oil shale, siltstone, tuff, fine-grained sandstone, limestone (Bradley, 1964; Culbertson, 1961); contains saline minerals of trace, short-life, halite, etc., in south-central part of basin (Culbertson, 1965; Pakoy, 1962). At National Park Service test hole (15-106-28c1) near Buckboard Crossing, Wilkins Peak was 1,160 feet thick. Present in east.	Wilkins Peak Member of Green River Formation—Ground-water possibilities poor. Might yield less than 30 gpm of brine locally (J. R. Rapp and W. T. Stuart, written communication, 1966); saline minerals are probably a source of contamination to ground water in Tipton Shale Member and Wasatch Formation; water from Wasatch Formation at test hole 15-106-28c1 has D. S. of 1,690 ppm, but D. S. increased to over 8,000 ppm when Wasatch water in open hole flowed through Wilkins Peak.
	New Fork Tongue of Wasatch Formation (0-250')	New Fork Tongue of Wasatch Formation—Mudstone, sandy, gray to green, locally banded with red or maroon layers, contains many lenses and irregular beds of fine- to coarse-grained sandstone (Bradley, 1964; Oriol, 1961; and Lawrence, 1965). Present in west from T. 19 N. to T. 29 N.; where it interfingers with middle tongue of Green River Formation (Bradley, 1964). Present in west from T. 14 N. to T. 29 N.; probably equivalent to lower part of Tipton Shale Member.	New Fork Tongue of Wasatch Formation—Ground-water possibilities good. Nine stock wells range from 120 to 760 feet in depth and have yields ranging from 2 to 40 gpm. D. S. of water from well 25-108-28a1 is 1,730 ppm; no other quality-of-water data available.
	Fontenelle Tongue of Green River Formation (0-400')	Fontenelle Tongue of Green River Formation—Limestone, muddy, fossiliferous, brown to white, brown carbonaceous claystone, gray to buff marlstone, and fine-grained calcareous sandstone (Bradley, 1964; Oriol, 1961; and Lawrence, 1965). Present in west from T. 14 N. to T. 29 N.; probably equivalent to lower part of Tipton Shale Member.	Fontenelle Tongue of Green River Formation—Ground-water possibilities not known, but probably poor; no wells are known to tap the Fontenelle.
Dakota	Claystone, siltstone, generally variegated red, orange, purple, brown, green, or gray; lenticular beds of fine- to medium-grained sandstone becoming conglomeratic locally at basin periphery; and lesser amounts of oil shale, lignite, and limestone (Bradley, 1964; Culbertson, 1961; and Zeller and Stephens, 1964) underlie most of basin; lateral and vertical lithologic variations are characteristic; may be as much as 7,000 feet thick in syncline that trends northwest through T. 30 N., R. 108 W. As mapped in this report, main body of Wasatch includes beds below Fontenelle Tongue and Tipton Shale Member of Green River Formation and above Tipton Tongue and Chappo and La Barge Members and conglomerate member in west (Oriol, 1962), part of Fort Union in southeast (Hansen, 1965) and east (Bradley, 1964) and Luman Tongue of Green River Formation in southeast are mapped with unit.	A good source of water, particularly in north half. Contains more than one aquifer; wells tapping deeper sandstones flow in some areas. Yields of 125 wells range from 1 to 608 gpm and D. S. range from 200 to 3,700 ppm. Wells in north half of basin generally are less than 1,000 feet in depth; in south-central part of basin (T. 16 N., R. 112 W.), top of Wasatch is about 4,000 feet below surface. (See structure contours on geologic map.) Aggregate thickness of water-bearing sandstone probably ranges from one-third to two-thirds of total formation thickness; consequently, a large amount of water is in storage and the water is under pressure where deeply buried. These conditions could be troublesome in mining areas and oil shale in lower part of Green River Formation. More data are needed to properly evaluate water quality and potential of Wasatch Formation.	
	Fort Union Formation (0-2,500')	Sandstone, fine- to medium-grained, silty, gray; and dark-gray lignite and coaly mudstone; coarser near mountains (Bradley, 1964). Underlies Wasatch Formation in most of basin and generally is overlapped by younger rocks at edges of basin; includes some Paleocene rocks older than Oriol's (1963) Chappo Member of the Wasatch near La Barge, and possibly older than Fort Union as used by Hansen (1965) in southeast and Paleocene rocks mapped with Wasatch by Bradley (1964). May be as much as 6,000 feet thick in syncline that trends northwest through T. 20 N., R. 108 W.	Ground-water possibilities not known; probably contains highly mineralized water in sandstone, which comprises 60 percent or more of formation in parts of basin.
	Sandstone, quartzite, shale, mudstone, limestone, and dolomite. Deeply buried except on La Barge Ridge (T. 27 N., R. 113 W.), scattered outcrops near Boulder (T. 32 N., R. 107 W.), and north of T. 36 N., and in T. 12 N., R. 107 W. Rocks of all systems of Mesozoic and Paleozoic are represented except Silurian in north, and Ordovician, Silurian, and possibly Devonian in south (Robinson, 1956; Love, 1950; Hansen, 1965; and Williams, 1955).	Ground-water possibilities largely unknown. A spring (26-114-18a1) that issues from Madison Limestone has estimated yield of 4,000 gpm (Bieragrange, 1941); D. S. of water is 185 ppm. Kendall Spring (28-110-23d1) that issues from the Phosphoria Formation (but might have main source in deeper rocks) has estimated flow of 2,000 gpm with D. S. of 1,000 ppm. Very large quantities of mineralized water, undoubtedly, are present in these rocks. The Big Horn Dolomite, Tombovy, Weber, and Nugget Sandstones, and Frontier, Rock Springs, and Ericson Formations are other possible aquifers.	
Precambrian	Granite, gneiss, and schist (Love and others, 1955).	Ground-water possibilities not known, but yields of water (D. S. less than 500 ppm) might be obtained from weathered or fractured zones in mountain areas.	

**CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF WATER FROM WELLS AND SPRINGS**  
[Analyses by U.S. Geological Survey unless otherwise noted. Results in parts per million except where indicated.]

Location	Depth (feet)	Date of collection	Temperature (°F)	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Iron (Fe)	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Potassium (K)	Bismuthate (BiO <sub>3</sub> )	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	Bromine (Br)	Dissolved solids*	Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Noncarbonate	Sulfate-alkali ratio (SAR)	Specific conductance (microhm-cm at 25° C)	pH		
																						Total	
Cretaceous through Cambrian rocks																							
18-116-66a1	1,005	5-22-62	57	5.4	0.01	46	16	611			883	28	323			1,470	179	17	0.04	355	7.7		
28-114-18a1	Spring	9-15-65	58	9.22	86	480	41	2.4	2	91.0	1.2	17	14	70.0	14.0	1	1	285	7	0	15.2	460	8.3
28-110-59a1	Spring	8-9-66	85	15.0	16	215	52	4.0	2.7	120	600	3.2	2.1	0	0	1,000	749	651	0.6	1,250	7.8		
28-111-22a1	664	12-23-54		68	6	6	11			165	80					246				2	256		
Wasatch Formation																							
15-106-28c1b1	2,233	10-21-63	79	15	0.6	1.8	0.1	720	2.6	1,730	2.2	94	8.6	0.0	1.6	1,800	134	0	142	2,600	8.4		
15-106-10c1c1	2,430	1957	113	13.6	4.47	40.0	7.3	446	1.6	341	80	45	2.4	0	0	1,070	4	0	30	1,710	8.8		
16-107-22d1d1	990	9-30-63	61	12	3.0	1.6	0.6	2.4	569	8	379	504	301	1.0	37	1,590	35	50	2,600	8.6			
15-114-18a1c1	1,865	4-9-63	61	11	0.6	6.0	5.6	2.7	414		1,590	454	18	2.5	0	1,690	36	36	1,700	8.1			
16-107-22a1a1	764	4-13-62	61	12	3.8	1.5	0.3	470	1.0	1,040	48	38	5.0	0	0	1,310	5	0	93	1,970	9.7		
19-106-23d1a1	190	10-8-64	64	88	28	39	30.3	274	4.6	390	710	39	8	0	0	1,340	221	8	0	1,180	7.2		
22-110-10a1c1	1,725	9-13-64	71	13	0.7	1.2	5	235	8	600	1.8	85	11	0	0.5	704	5	0	57	1,200	8.8		
22-114-23d1a1	5-25-66	49	19	33	24	42	240	1.0	333	373	18	7	0	1	1,915	234	0	6.8	1,380	8.5			
28-104-4c1a1	427	10-22-65	61	11	0.2	0	0	186	4	299	87	9.2	4.6	0	0	472	0	0	77	810	7.9		
28-112-6a1c1	100x	5-27-60	60	10	37	35	37	270		516	439	155	7	0	0	1,900	274	0	17	1,660	8.0		
28-111-11a1	145x	6-16-66	17	89	66	69	43	1.0	203	356	18	4	0	0	0	706	489	296	8	490	8.2		
27-112-29a1c1	102	5-13-66	61	10	0	31	212	2.0	624	195	12	0	0	0	0	824	0	0	5.6	1,000	8.0		
28-107-5d1b1	300	5-28-58	47	20	21	9	662			186	1,090	22	8	0	0	1,780	55	0	33	2,320	7.8		
28-110-11a1	700x	6-29-60	61	9.8	0.0	8.2	6.6	243	24.0	172	438	18	8	0	0	1,680	37	0	25	1,630	9.0		
28-112-25a1c1	389	5-14-65	62	23	44	1.1	1	275	6	570	128	7.0	23.3	0	0	45	897	3	0	69	1,100	9.1	
30-106-12d1	102	6-10-65	68	9.8	0.5	13	4	8	0	80	136	4.8	3	0	0	284	34	0	6	416	8.2		
30-111-19b1a1	195	6-10-65	67	3.0	3	2	200	4	364	76	15	7	0	0	2	501	3	0	50	813	8.7		
30-112-23d1	285	8-12-65	61	8.1	38	0	0	1.7	0	172	438	18	8	0	0	1,680	37	0	25	1,630	9.0		
30-112-28a1c1	500x	9-21-66	68	15	0	1.5	230	4	406	116	7.4	10	1	0	1	675	6	0	44	1,100	8.8		
30-113-1c1	196	8-17-66	60	8.0	2.3	338	1.2	300	363	10	0	1	1	0	1	745	32	0	20	1,160	8.4		
31-107-29a1	183	6-6-66	46	10	1.6	199	18	55	22	107	323	38	5	0	0	800	570	482	10	1,230	8.1		
31-111-3a1	285	8-12-65	61	8.1	38	0	0	1.7	0	172	438	18	8	0	0	1,680	37	0	25	1,630	9.0		
32-114-23a1	110x	8-3-66	66	17	0	1.4	133	5	364	142	12	5	0	0	0	533	6	0	35	817	8.9		
32-113-33a1	211	8-13-65	56	14	12	34	19	18	12	212	4	7.4	6	2.5	0	215	162	0	21	717	7.7		
30-113-22a1	170x	7-30-60	61	6.7	8.2	7	175	7	315	68	21	0	0	0	0	541	11	0	33	724	8.5		
30-113-15a1	117	9-21-66	63	10	0	100	40	0	297	90	7	11	0	0	24	230	72	0	10	1,210	9.1		
30-111-10a1b1	270	7-21-66	47	7.9	0.4	1.2	7	130	7	276	40	1.9	3	0	0	15	329	6	0	23	530	8.6	
Wasatch Formation and Tipton Shale Member of Green River Formation																							
23-107-33c1a1	1,279	11-4-65	11	0.0	0.0	8.8	338	4.0	677	93	39	64.0											