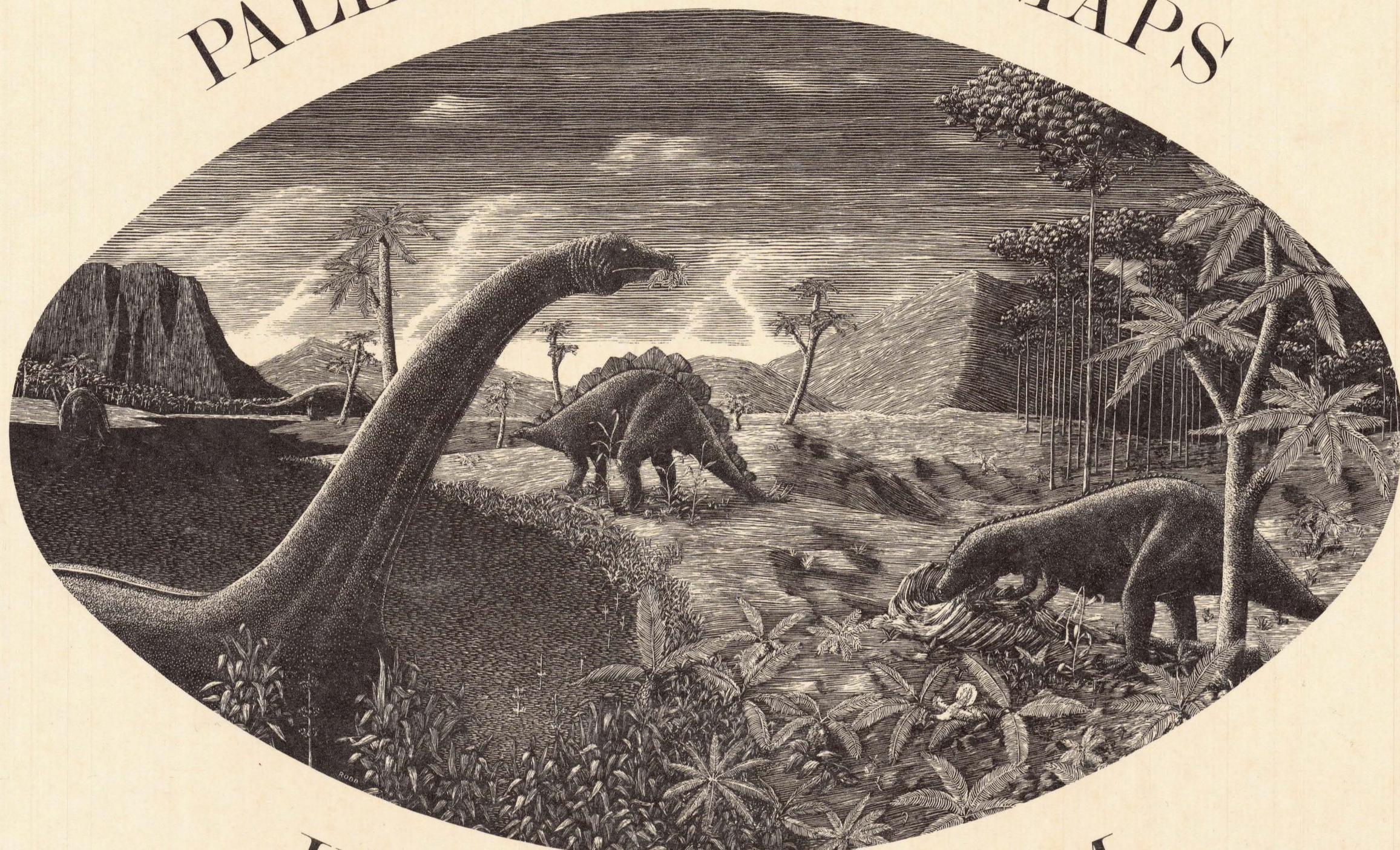


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INTRODUCTION

Paleotectonic map compilation was begun by the U. S. Geological Survey in July, 1951. Work on the project was suspended in the fall of 1953, and from then on the staff of the paleotectonic map project has consisted of six to seven geologists. The objective of this program is to prepare folios that depict rock thicknesses, generalized lithology, ancient geography, and other regional relations for each of the geological systems of the United States, and to interpret these data in terms of tectonic evolution.

The Jurassic system is the first for which a synthesis has been prepared in the form of a folio. It was selected for this purpose because it appeared to be well suited for the development of the objective of the project. The folio of this system is of current economic interest; they also include a wide variety of types, but they are believed not to be as complex stratigraphically as extensive as those of most other systems.

Data have been compiled with the objective of developing a permanent, useful, and accurate record that can be continuously updated. The file consists of punch cards arranged by State. A card is prepared for each formation at every locality for which data are available; each card contains the formation name, locality or map number, geologic age, source of data, and a summary of additional data. The cards are arranged in the paleotectonic map project located in the Federal Center at Denver, Colo., are open and available for the use of all geologists, except for relatively few data obtained in confidence.

In accumulating information, initial efforts normally are directed toward the published record which is systematically arranged in the cards. Among unpublished materials the most important are well logs and measured section files. Through the courtesy of sample log companies, oil companies, and university and survey well-log libraries, data from thousands of wells have been made available to the project staff. Other significant sources of data have been the records of the cooperative geological surveys, the records from individuals, from State surveys, and from various groups within the U. S. Geological Survey. These data have contributed much toward the solution of local and regional problems.

With few exceptions, all accumulations of data on Jurassic rocks were taken from the literature. Strigraphic data were compiled for each State at a scale of 1:1,000,000. They are presented on maps covering nine folios in this folio. Seven of the maps are of the United States on a scale of 1:5,000,000. They were prepared as objectively as possible, although a certain amount of interpretation was necessary to make the data, collected from diverse sources, mutually consistent. Also in this folio are two plates made up of maps of a more subjective nature; they represent interpretations of the factual data.

The interpretive maps include a series of nine paleogeographic maps and a summary map (pl. 8) prepared by the project. The maps are based upon his extensive and detailed studies of Jurassic faunas and sections, show the positions of shorelines, land masses, and sources of sediments during short time intervals. Other interpretive maps included in the folio are environmental maps on plate 9. These portray details of depositional environments in certain areas, control points and sections, and data sheets. These maps are speculative presentations prepared by various members of the project from data compiled in connection with the other maps.

The Jurassic folio represents the cooperative efforts of the entire staff of the paleotectonic map project. Each is responsible for the preparation of compilation for a particular region, with coordination by the project chief and general guidance as to scope and procedures from a steering committee of eight appointed by the Chief Geologist. Distribution of assignments among project staff was as follows:

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MAP OF CONTROL POINTS
(PL. 1)

Plate 1 shows the location of all control points used in the folio. It follows a legend designed to identify the source of data for any portion of the paleogeographic, isopach, or lithofacies maps. Numbers shown adjacent to control points on the map correspond to numbers in the locality index that precedes it. This map, with the accompanying index, should make it possible for the reader to (1) compare the significance of the location of a control point in this folio with his own, (2) evaluate the significance of various control points in making later interpretations of his own, and (3) compare maps prepared by various members of the project from data compiled in connection with the other maps.

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TABLE 2.—GENERALIZED CORRELATION CHART SHOWING STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS IN MAJOR JURASSIC DIVISIONS

The figure is a geological cross-section diagram for the Western Interior Region, spanning from the Toarcian stage (Interval A) to the Morrison formation (Interval D). The diagram is organized into four main vertical columns representing the Western, Interior, and Region sections, with a fifth column for European stages.

Western Section: This column shows the stratigraphy from the Toarcian to the Morrison formation. Key formations include the Nugget sandstone, Twin Creek formation, Carmel formation, Rierdon formation, Arapien shale, Entrada sandstone, and various members of the Entrada and Carmel formations.

Interior Section: This column shows the stratigraphy from the Toarcian to the Morrison formation. Key formations include the Navajo sandstone, Nugget sandstone, Kayenta formation, Entrada sandstone, and various members of the Entrada and Carmel formations.

Region Section: This column shows the stratigraphy from the Toarcian to the Morrison formation. Key formations include the Navajo sandstone, Nugget sandstone, Kayenta formation, Entrada sandstone, and various members of the Entrada and Carmel formations.

European Stages: This column provides the European stage equivalents for the geological intervals.

Intervals:

- Interval A:** Toarcian, Pliensbachian, Sinemurian, Hettangian. Shows the development of the Nugget sandstone and its facies changes.
- Interval B:** Callovian, Bathonian, Bajocian. Shows the development of the Twin Creek, Carmel, and Rierdon formations, along with the Arapien shale and Entrada sandstone.
- Interval C:** Oxfordian. Shows the development of the Swift, Stump sandstone, Curtis, and Redwater shale member formations, along with the Sundance, Winsor, and Summerville formations.
- Interval D:** Portlandian, Kimmeridgian. Shows the development of the Morrison formation, including the Brushy Basin, Westwater Canyon, Recapture, Salt Wash, and Bluff sandstone members, along with the Junction Creek, Wanakah (restricted), Middle shale, and Cow Springs formations.

The figure is a geological cross-section diagram showing the stratigraphy of the Western US, from Nevada to the Gulf of Mexico, across four intervals (A, B, C, D) and various geological stages. The diagram illustrates the thickness and lateral extent of various formations and groups, including the Schuler, Malone, and Buckner formations, and the Amador group.

Map intervals and European stages:

- Map intervals: NEVADA, WEST, COAST, REGION, TEXAS, GULF REGION.
- European stages: Eastern and southern Nevada, Western Nevada, North-central Washington, Southwestern Oregon, East-central Oregon, western Idaho, Western California, North-central California, Northeastern California, East-central California, Eastern California, West Texas, East Texas to Alabama.

Geological Units (from top to bottom):

- Interval D:**
 - Portlandian: Schuler formation.
 - Kimmeridgian: Malone formation, Cotton Valley group, Bossier formation.
- Interval C:**
 - Oxfordian: Buckner member, Smackover formation, Norphlet formation.
 - Galice formation.
 - Rogue formation.
 - Dothan formation.
 - Trowbridge shale.
 - unnamed shale and volcanic rocks (Idaho).
 - Amador group: Hinchman sandstone, Bicknell sandstone.
 - Mariposa slate.
 - Foreman formation.
 - Lonesome formation.
 - Dewdney Creek formation.
 - Shuskan formation.
 - Nooksack formation (lower part).
 - Nooksack formation (upper part).
- Interval B:**
 - Callovian: unnamed volcanic rocks.
 - Bathonian: unnamed volcanic rocks.
 - Bajocian: Izee group, Colpitts group.
 - Dothan formation.
 - Trowbridge shale.
 - unnamed shale and volcanic rocks (Idaho).
 - Amador group: unnamed volcanic rocks, Mormon sandstone, Thompson limestone.
 - Milton formation (upper part).
 - Louann salt, Werner formation.
- Interval A:**
 - Toarcian: Dunlap formation.
 - Pliensbachian: Mowich group.
 - Sinemurian: Potem formation.
 - Hettangian: Fant andesite.
 - Lias: Bagley andesite.
 - Aztec sandstone: Hardgrave sandstone.
 - Navajo sandstone: Trail formation.
 - Nugget sandstone: Arviston formation.
 - Sunrise formation: Donovan formation.

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Abbreviations used in the index include the following:

AmStrat, American Stratigraphic Company

Bd, Bureau, Geological Survey

Bu, Bureau, Geological Survey

Chem, Chemical

Corp, Corporation

Devol, Development

Dilling, Dilling

Eng, Engineering

Explor, Exploration

Fig, Figure

Geol, Geologic

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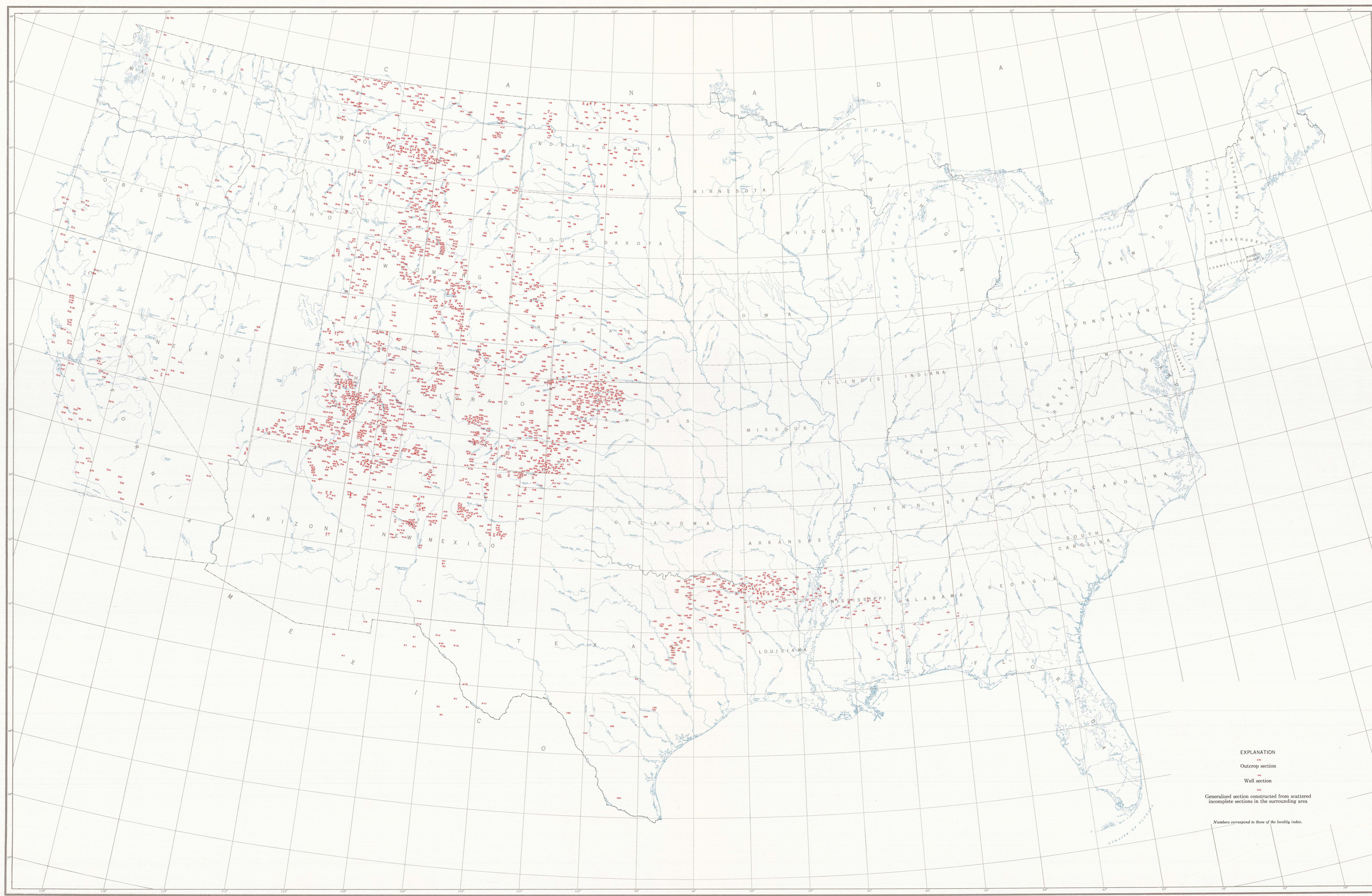
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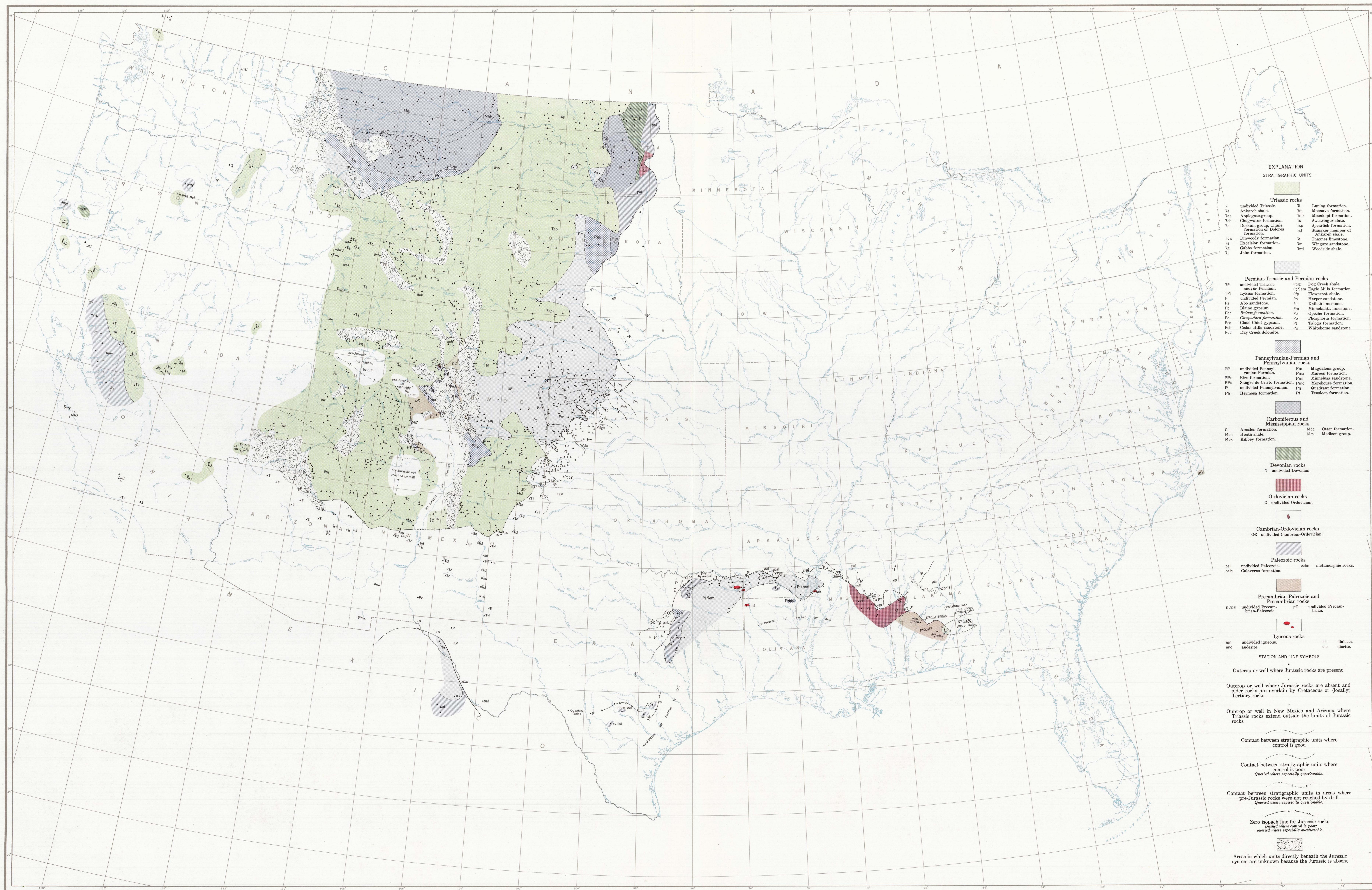
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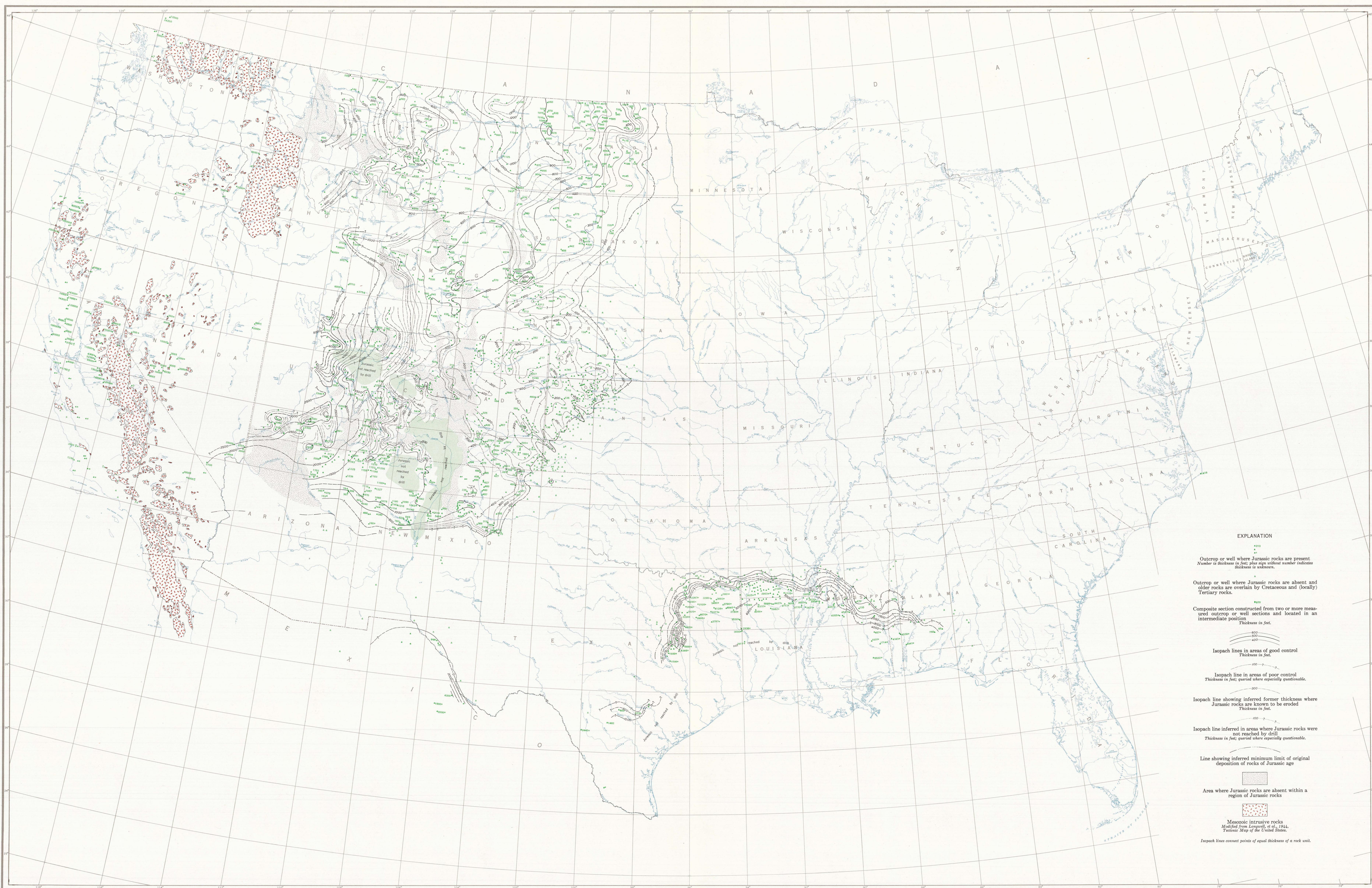




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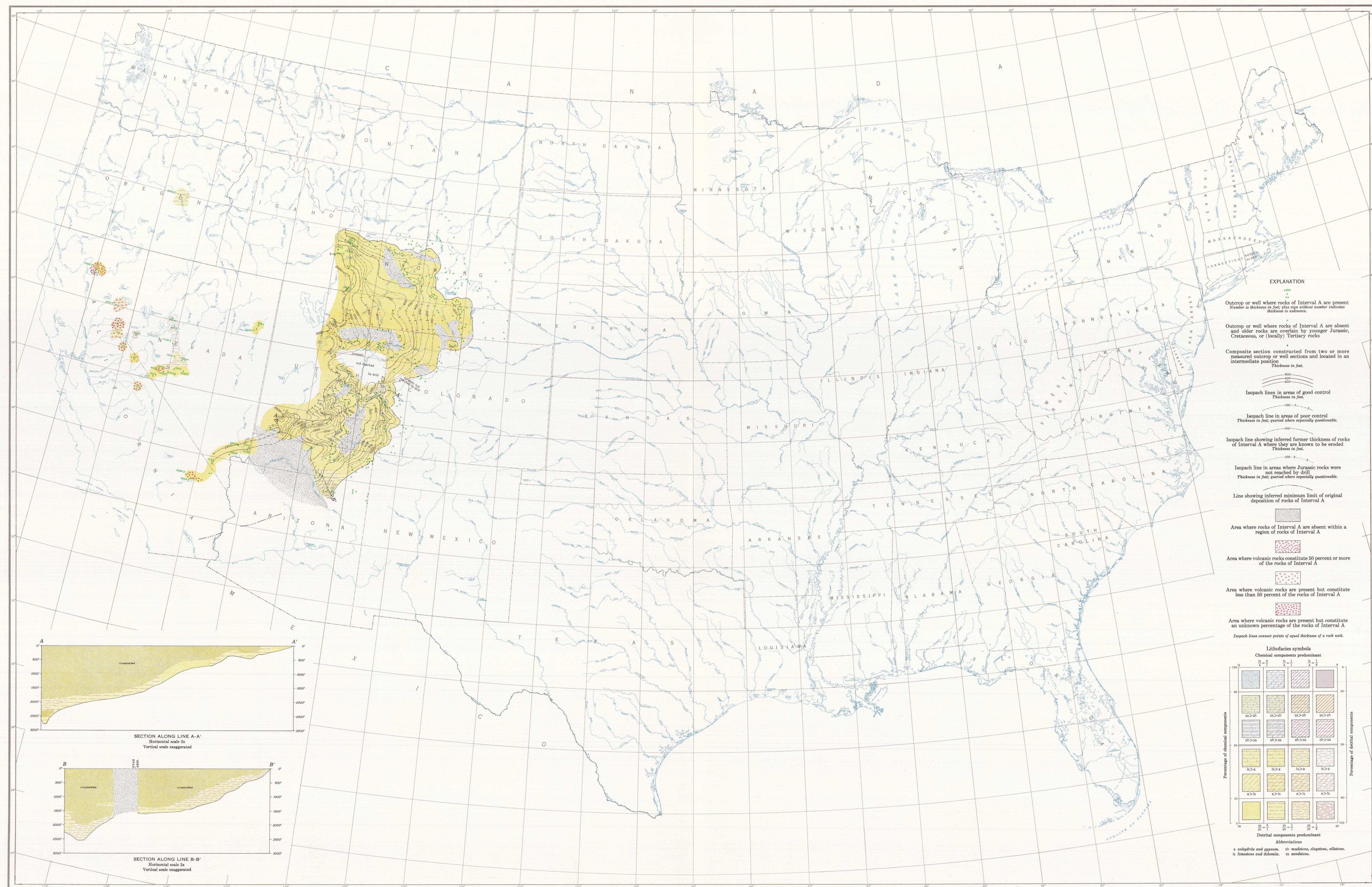
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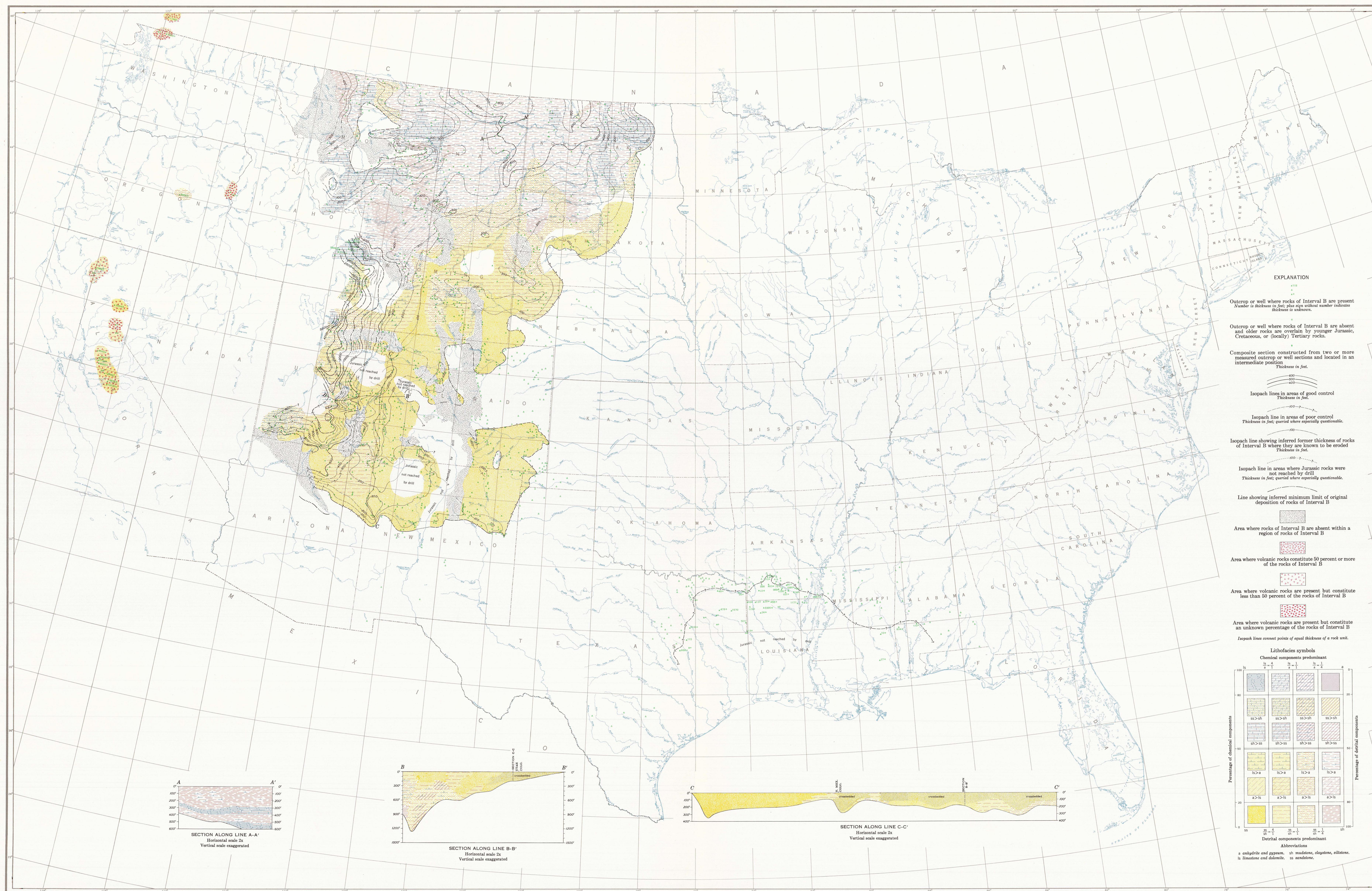
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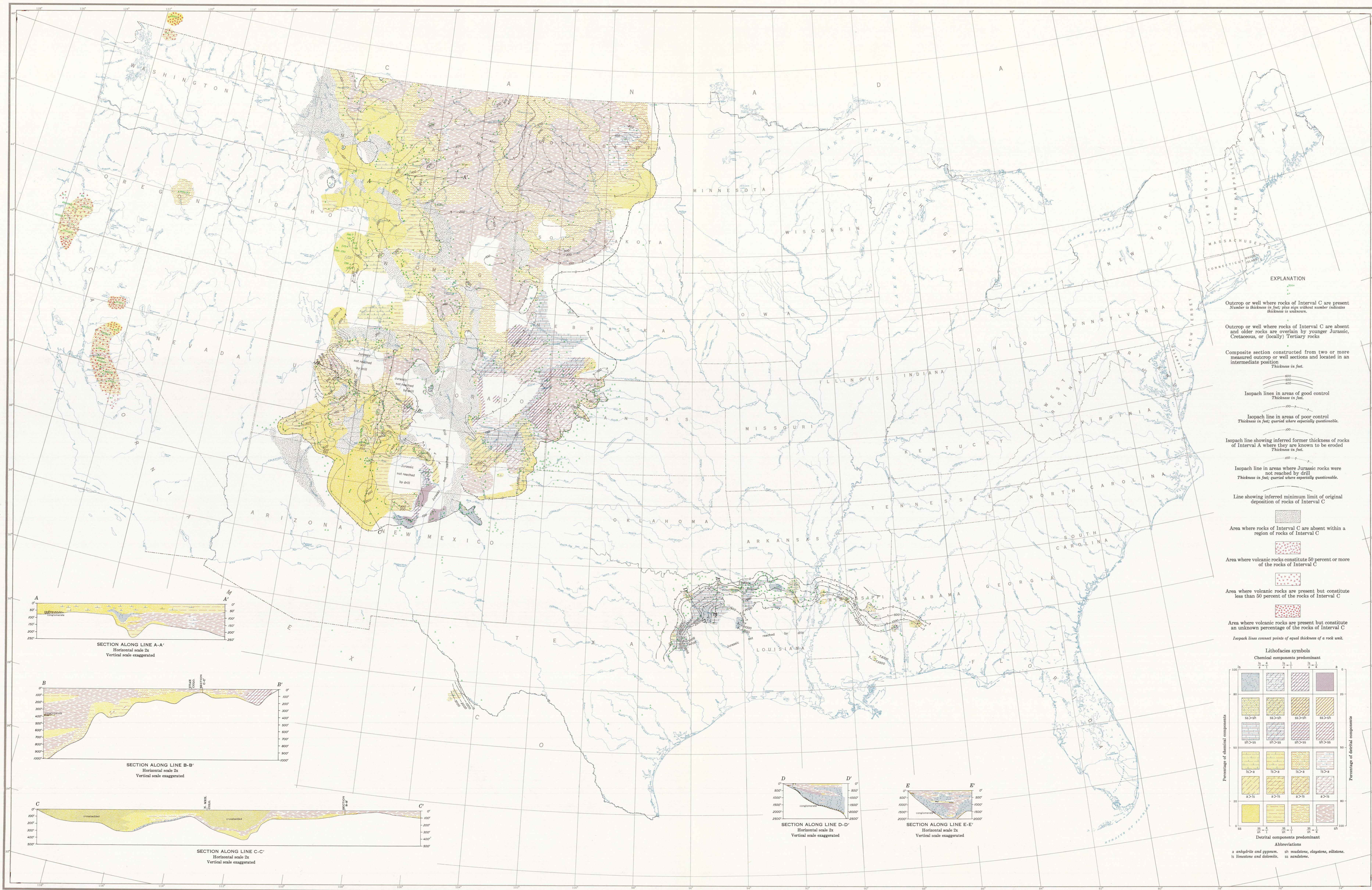
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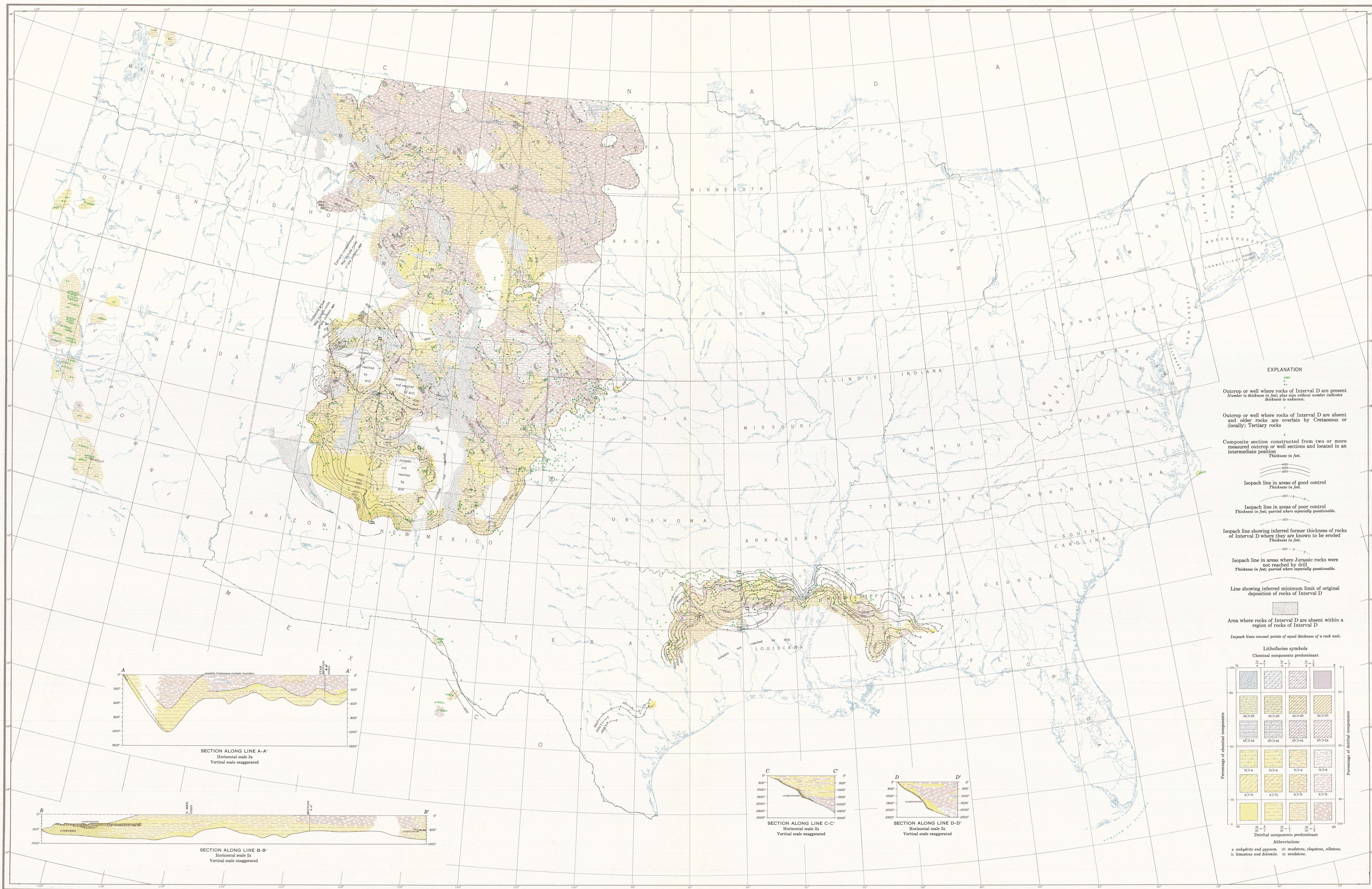


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