

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Qa1 ALLUVIUM (HOLOCENE)—Gravel, sand and silt. Includes terrace deposits Qa1, Qa2, and Qa3 where the Weber River incised rocks of the Lake Bonneville Group.

Qc TALUS AND COLLUVIUM (HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE)—Angular pebbles, cobbles, and boulders with or without a matrix of silt and sand.

Qd DEBRIS FAN DEPOSITS (HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE)—Boulder, cobble, and pebble gravel, sand, and silt. Many deposits along east side of range probably formed by outwash from glaciers in Pleistocene time. Fan deposits graded to high stand of Lake Bonneville.

Qe OLD DEBRIS FAN DEPOSIT (PLEISTOCENE)—Boulder, cobble, and pebble gravel, sand, silt, and clay in highly dissected terrain on north side of lower Mill Creek.

Qf LANDSLIDE DEPOSITS (HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE)—Material ranging from boulders to silt in canyons and debris fans.

Qg ALLUVIUM, DEBRIS FAN DEPOSITS, AND LAKE BONNEVILLE GROUP (HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE)—Mapped undivided in Weber Canyon.

Qh TILL AND OUTWASH DEPOSITS (PLEISTOCENE)—Silt and sand containing many angular to rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders. Scattered patterns indicate prominent erosional ridges.

Qj LAKE BONNEVILLE GROUP (PLEISTOCENE)—Gravel, sand, silt, clay, and mud deposited in Lake Bonneville. Coarse gravel concentrated at shoreline along west edge of Wasatch Mountains.

Qk GRAVEL, sand, and silt forming terrace graded to Provo level of Lake Bonneville in Morgan Valley.

Ql QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY DEPOSITS—Shown only in Salt Lake valley on cross sections.

Qm PEDESTAL GRAVEL (PLEISTOCENE OR PLEISTOCENE)—Boulder gravel capping surface south of Weber River east of Wasatch Mountains.

Qn GRAVEL, sand, and silt. Rocks derived from nearby parts of Wasatch Range. About 400 m exposed in southwest part of the mapped area.

Qo NORWOOD TUFF (LOWER OLOCENE AND UPPER EOCENE)—White, light-gray, and pale-green tuff, altered tuff, siliceous sandstone and conglomerate, and gray to reddish-brown clay. Just east of area a stratigraphic horizon about 200 m thick in the section has a late Eocene fauna (Nelson, 1972) and a radiometric age of 37.5 m.y. (Evensen and others, 1964).

Qp WASATCH FORMATION (EOCENE AND PALEOCENE)—Grayish-red to moderate-red sandstone, siltstone, conglomerate, and clay. Conglomerate contains boulders as much as 1 m in diameter mostly composed of Cambrian Trinitic Quartzite and Devonian quartzite. Gray conglomerate rich in limestone fragments, in upper Cataract Canyon west of Hardcastle Creek. Closest age datum, which is 35 km east of map area, shows base of Wasatch is late Paleocene on basis of pollen analysis (D. J. Nichols). Thickness 400–1200 m; thickest to south.

Qr HUMBOLDT FORMATION (UPPER MISSISSIPPIAN)—Dark to light gray, medium-bedded dolomite with beds of medium- to fine-grained, grayish-orange weathering, light-gray sandstone and dolomitic sandstone. About 200 m exposed in northeast part of mapped area.

Qs DESERT AND GARDNER LIMESTONES, UNDIVIDED—Total thickness about 200 m.

Qd Desert Limestone (Upper and Lower Mississippian)—Fine to coarse-grained, dark to light gray dolomite and limestone with lenses of chert. Gardner Limestone (Lower Mississippian)—Upper part thick-bedded, medium-gray dolomite with lenses of chert. Lower part thin to medium-bedded, light-blue-gray weathering, dark gray to black fossiliferous limestone.

Qe MISSISSIPPIAN AND DEVONIAN ROCKS, UNDIVIDED—Shown only in cross section E-E'.

Qf BERNEAU SANDSTONE (UPPER DEVONIAN)—Medium-bedded to laminated, fine- to medium-grained, grayish-orange to brown weathering sandstone, dolomitic sandstone, and dolomite. Mapped in northern part of area. About 75 m thick; tectonically thickened south of Sandrine Canyon.

Qg PINYON PEAK LIMESTONE (UPPER DEVONIAN)—Fine-grained, thin-bedded, yellowish- and pinkish-gray weathering limestone, silt shale and silty limestone. Mapped in southern part of area. About 105 m thick on Hardcastle Creek.

Qh STANSBURY FORMATION (UPPER DEVONIAN)—Thin-bedded, white to yellowish-gray sandstone with a few grayish-orange to moderate-red weathering beds of silty sandstone; yellowish-gray weathering siltstone and silty dolomite. At bottom, gray dolomite with interbeds of silty dolomite and sandstone. Mapped in southern part of area. About 105 m thick.

Dhw HYRUM DOLOMITE AND WATER CANYON(?) FORMATION, UNDIVIDED
Hyrum Dolomite (Upper and Middle Devonian)—Thin to thick bedded, fine- to medium-grained, dark to light gray weathering, dark gray to black dolomite. Some beds of light-gray weathering silty dolomite and dolomitic siltstone in upper part. At base thin-bedded light gray and dark gray dolomite in 1–2 m beds may represent Lower Devonian Water Canyon Formation. About 60 m thick.

Qig FISH HAVEN DOLOMITE AND GARDEN CITY FORMATION, UNDIVIDED
Fish Haven Dolomite (Upper Ordovician)—Medium to thick bedded, fine- to medium-grained, medium- to pale-gray dolomite. About 50 m thick. Garden City Formation (Middle and Lower Ordovician)—Thin to medium-bedded, grayish-orange weathering, medium- to pale-gray and very pale orange dolomite, commonly with sandy streaks and lenses. Interbedded thinly laminated, medium- to yellowish-gray, grayish-orange weathering siltstone. About 100 m thick.

Qin ST. CHARLES FORMATION AND NOUNAN DOLOMITE, UNDIVIDED
St. Charles Formation (Upper Cambrian)—Thin to thick bedded, fine- to medium-grained, white to light-gray dolomite. About 200 m thick. Worm Creek Quartzite Member, at base—Thin bedded, fine- to medium-grained, medium-gray sandy dolomite with shale partings. About 2 m thick. Nounan Dolomite (Upper and Middle Cambrian)—Thin to thick bedded, fine-grained, light- to medium-gray dolomite. About 100 m thick.

Qim CALLS FORT SHALE MEMBER OF THE BLOOMINGTON FORMATION AND MAXFIELD LIMESTONE, UNDIVIDED (MIDDLE CAMBRIAN)
Calls Fort Shale Member of the Bloomington Formation—Olive-green to light brown shale and light- to dark blue-gray silty limestone; intraformational conglomerate common. About 50 m thick. Maxfield Limestone—Total thickness about 240 m in south part of area; 350 m in north. Subject to much tectonic thickening and thinning. Upper part—Thin bedded, fine-grained, medium- to dark-gray dolomite with interbedded light-gray silty limestone. Lower part—Olive-green micaceous shale and medium- to dark-gray limestone. Lower part—Light-gray weathering, dark-blue-gray limestone and dolomite with light-grayish-orange silty limestone intercalated in lenses and thin beds.

Qj DOLOMITE (MIDDLE CAMBRIAN)—Thin to thick bedded, light- to dark-gray dolomite. Mapped east of Hardcastle Creek. Probably is the upper part of the Maxfield Limestone. About 100 m exposed.

Qk OPHIR FORMATION (MIDDLE CAMBRIAN)—Approximate stratigraphic thickness 150–200 m; much tectonic thinning and thickening. Upper part—Thin bedded, light-blue-gray limestone, shaly limestone, and light-greenish- to olive-gray shale. Middle part—Fine-grained, medium-blue-gray weathering limestone with lenses of light grayish-brown weathering silty limestone. Lower part—Light brown to olive green micaceous shale and phyllite.

Ql TRINITIC QUARTZITE (MIDDLE AND LOWER CAMBRIAN)—Thin to thick bedded, medium- to coarse-grained, very pale orange to grayish-orange weathering, white quartzite. Abundant cross bedding. Lenses and beds of quartz pebble conglomerate in lower part, especially at base. About 600 m thick in the north part of the mapped area, and about 600 m thick in the south part.

Qm FORMATION OF PERRY CANYON (PROTEROZOIC Z)—Pale grayish-orange weathering micaceous meta-siltstone and quartzite and greenish-gray phyllite near Willard thrust. Graywacke and micaceous siltstone elsewhere (Sorenson and Crittenden, 1979). About 150 m exposed in mapped area.

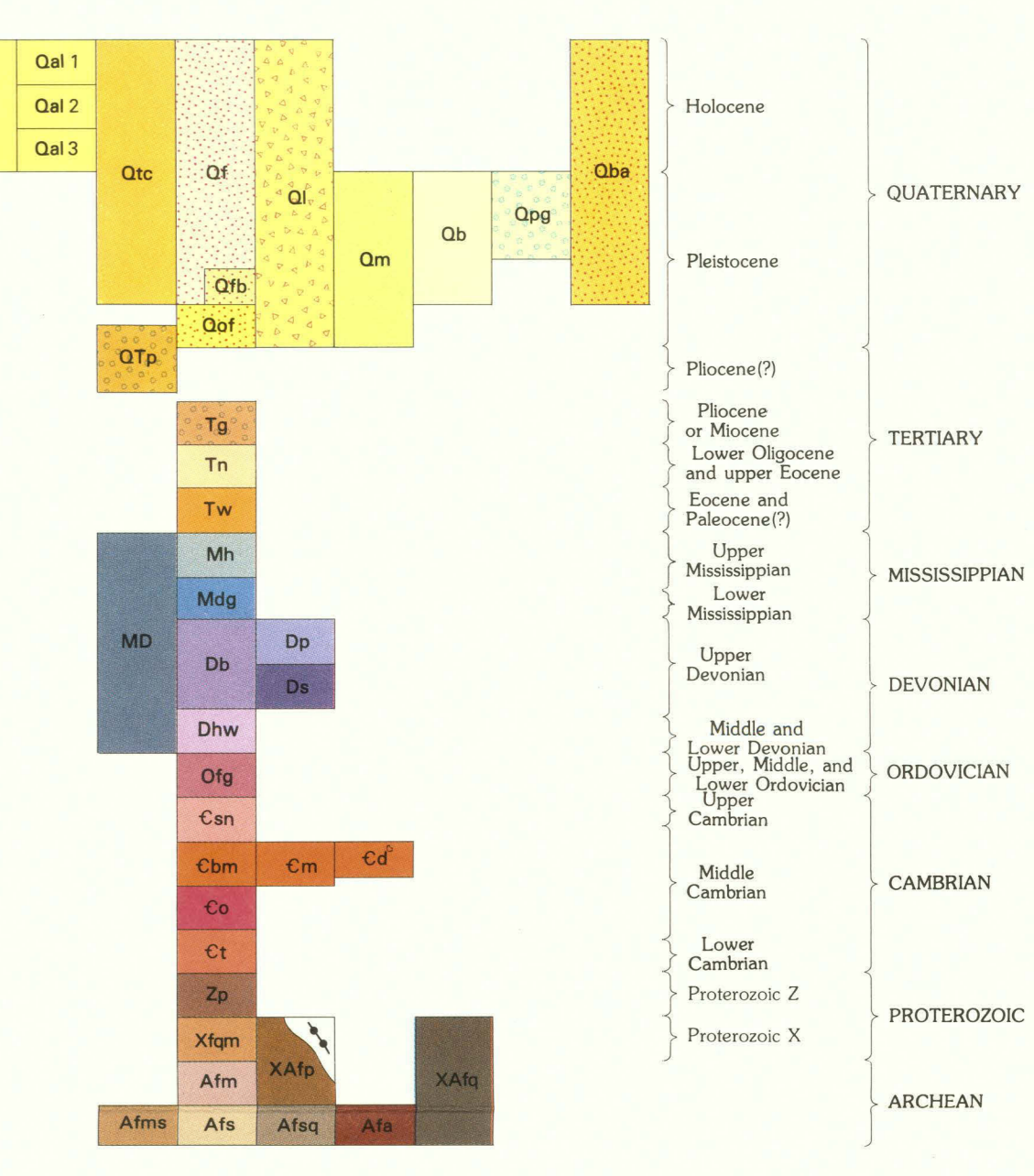
Qn FARMINGTON CANYON COMPLEX (PROTEROZOIC X AND ARCHEAN)
Isotopic studies (Hodge and others, 1983) indicate that the proterozoic sandstone, shale, basalt, and, perhaps, siliceous igneous rock for these metamorphic rocks are 2,600–3,000 m.y. old. They probably underwent a major metamorphism 2,600 m.y. ago. Rb-Sr and U-Pb data show that the quartz monzonite gneiss is 1,790 m.y. old and was derived by melting of upper crustal material. The emplacement of the quartz monzonite gneiss was followed by an amphibolite facies metamorphism. Quartz monzonite gneiss (Proterozoic XI)—White to light gray, pinkish-gray to yellowish-gray weathering, fine- to medium-grained biotite-bombardite quartz monzonite gneiss containing some lenses of greenish-black amphibolite. Contains sparse to abundant white to pinkish-gray pegmatite veins and stringers 1–10 cm thick with sharp to indistinct borders. Lenses and pods of amphibolite generally are 0.5 to a few meters thick and a few to tens of meters long. Pegmatite (Proterozoic X and Archean)—White, very light gray to very pale orange plagioclase-quartz-microcline and quartz microcline pegmatite locally containing muscovite or biotite boulders to several cm in diameter. Only a few of the largest boulders mapped.

Qo Quartzite (Proterozoic X and Archean)—Light greenish-gray to light gray, grayish-red and dark-gray quartzite, hematite quartzite, sericite quartzite, and chlorite-epidote-sericite quartzite. Occurs as nodules or shored, silicified zones in quartz monzonite gneiss.

Qp Magnetite (Archean)—Interbedded and intergradational white to light gray biotite-bombardite quartz monzonite gneiss, gray biotite-garnet-feldspar-quartz schist and gneiss, white garnet-quartz-feldspar gneiss, greenish-black amphibolite, medium-gray garnet-biotite schist and sillimanite-garnet-biotite schist. Lenses and layers of white to pinkish-gray pegmatite 1–10 cm thick, some with indistinct and some with sharp borders, abundant and commonly discordant; larger, more sharply bounded, pegmatites 1–10 m thick. Contacts with Xlqm and Afs gradational.

Qq Mica schist (Archean)—Medium-gray muscovite-biotite-plagioclase-quartz schist with mica as much as 5 mm in diameter. Contains some amphibolite. Mapped in lower Waterfall Canyon and Strong Canyon in north west part of area.

Qr Schist and gneiss (Archean)—Light- to medium-gray biotite-feldspar-quartz gneiss, garnet-biotite-feldspar-quartz gneiss, sillimanite-biotite schist, sillimanite-garnet-biotite schist and gneiss, hornblende-biotite schist, and less abundant layers of white, coarse-grained quartzite. Lenses and layers of amphibolite. Pegmatite dikes and sills, some with indistinct and others with sharp borders, pegmatites with sharp contacts and those with indistinct contacts and tend to be discordant. Sharply bounded discordant pegmatites more abundant in this unit than in Afm to north and are generally 10–30 m long, but a few are as much as several hundred meters long.

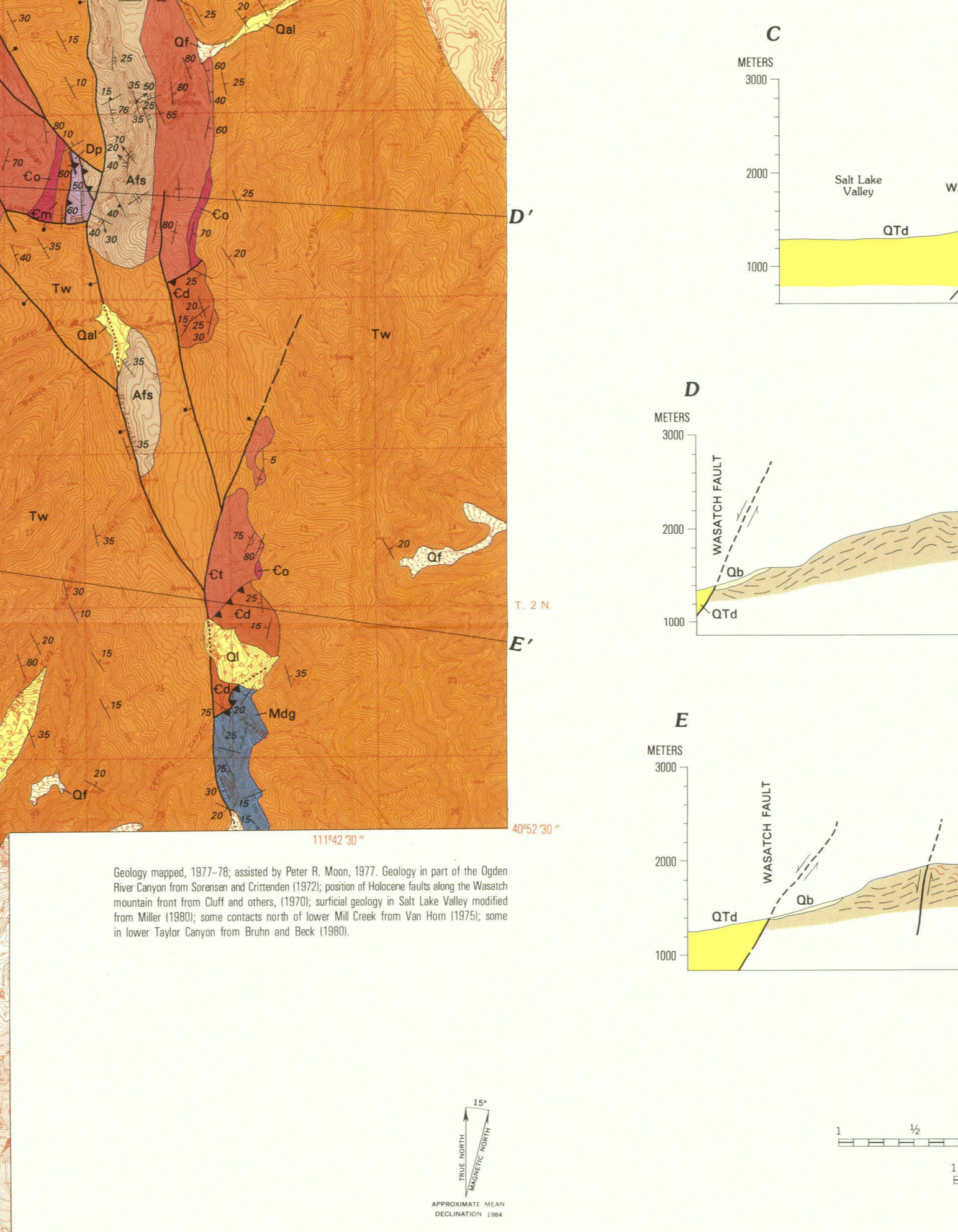
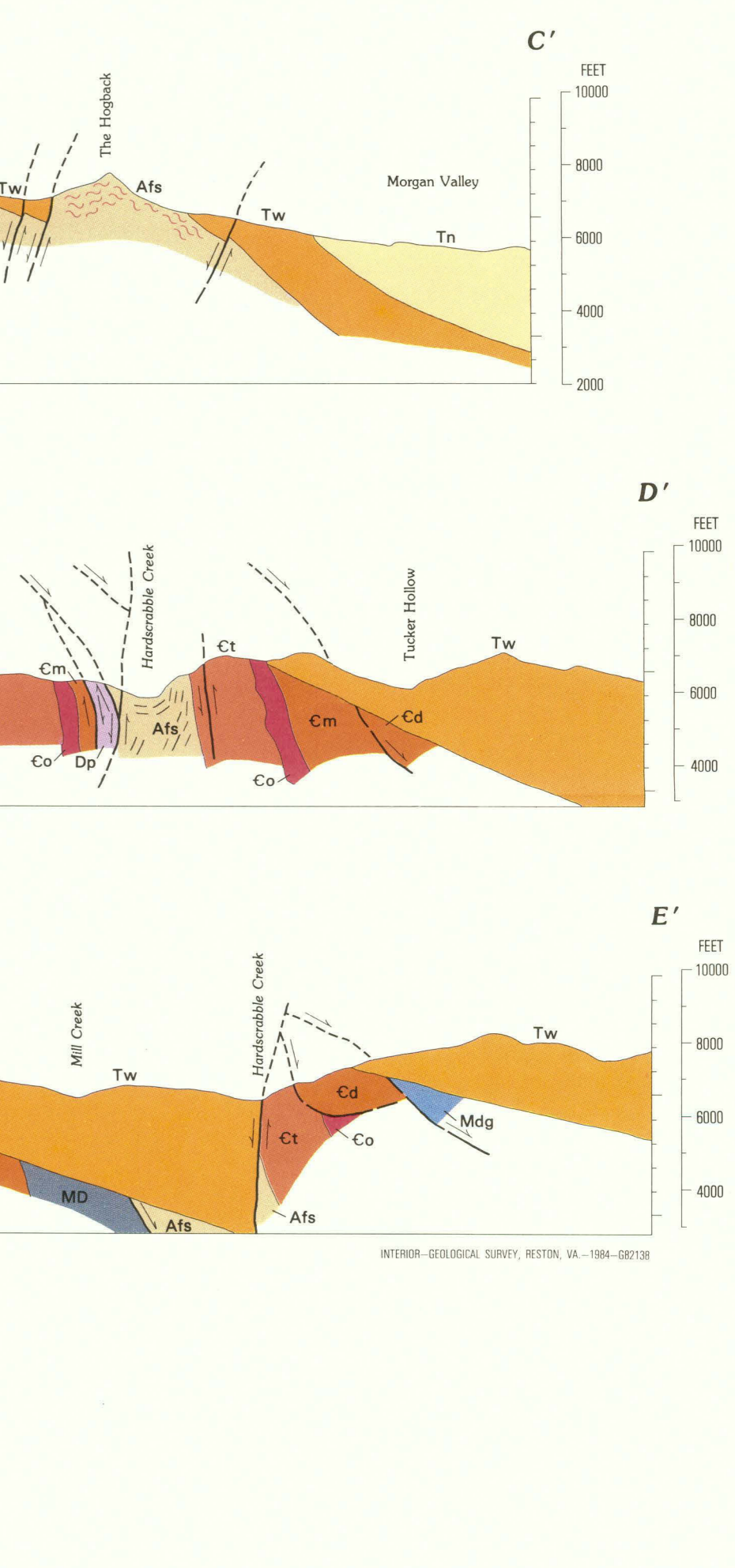


Qs Schist, gneiss, and quartzite (Archean)—Light- to medium-gray biotite-feldspar-quartz schist, sillimanite-biotite schist, sillimanite-garnet-biotite schist and gneiss, and layers of coarse-grained quartzite as much as 10 m thick. Quartzite dominates much of the unit and is white to pale yellowish green, and has a grain size of 4–5 mm; contains some light-green muscovite and has a few heavy mineral partings. Amphibolite in lenses and layers. Contact with Afs gradational.

Qt Amphibolite (Archean)—Greenish-black generally nonfoliated hornblende-plagioclase amphibolite; only a few of the largest boulders mapped. Occurs as lenses 0.5 m to 10 m thick throughout Farmington Canyon Complex. Some rocks contain monocrystalline proterozoic, especially in northern part of area, and some contain quartz. Some rocks have aggregates of plagioclase suggesting relict porphyroclasts. A few bodies in the quartz monzonite gneiss are megacrystic and may have intruded before or during the Proterozoic metamorphism.

CONTACT—Long-dashed where gradational
FAULT—Dotted where concealed. Bar and ball on downthrown side
THRUST FAULT—Dotted where concealed. Teeth on upper plate
STRIKE AND DIP OF BEDS
Vertical
Inclined
Overturned
STRIKE AND DIP OF FOLIATION
Vertical
Inclined
STRIKE AND DIP OF FOLIATION AND COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING
Vertical
Inclined
STRIKE AND DIP OF CATACLASTIC FOLIATION AND FOLIATION IN RETROGRESSIVELY METAMORPHOSED ROCK
Vertical
Inclined
BEARING AND PLUNGE OF MINERAL LINEATION—May be combined with foliation symbols
Inclined
Horizontal
OCCURRENCE OF METAMORPHIC INDEX MINERALS AND MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES—Fragmentary evidence indicates lowest grade in southern part of area
S Megacrystically determined sillimanite
+ Microcrystically determined sillimanite
SMU Sillimanite and microcline
SMI Sillimanite and microcline
SMM Sillimanite, microcline, and muscovite
H Relict hypersthene

AREA OF SHEARED AND RETROGRESSIVELY METAMORPHOSED ROCK—Much of the rock is sheared to phylloitic, mylonitic gneiss, mylonite, and silicified blastomylonite and is retrogressively metamorphosed. Chlorite, epidote, and albite are characteristic new minerals. Boundaries of areas of sheared rock are indicated and isolated by short-dashed lines; small areas and thin elongate zones of sheared and retrogressively metamorphosed rock occur outside mapped areas; some lenses of rock inside these areas have escaped shearing and retrogressive metamorphism.



Geologic map, 1977–78, revised by Bruce R. Bryant, 1987. Geology is part of the Ogden River Canyon Geologic Survey and Crittenden (1972), just as the Basin and Range geologic map from Cliff and others, 1973; and the geologic map of Salt Lake Valley modified from Miller (1982), and contacts north of Basin and Range from Van Hook (1975), same as lower Water Canyon from Brune and Beck (1988).

RECONNAISSANCE GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE PRECAMBRIAN FARMINGTON CANYON COMPLEX AND SURROUNDING ROCKS IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAINS BETWEEN OGDEN AND BOUNTIFUL, UTAH
By
Bruce Bryant
1984

