

*Time scale of Harland and others (1982) and Calkin and Kent (1995)

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS AND ROCKS

Q1 Young tephra (Holocene)—Fallout lapilli and ash. Mapped only where large areas of tephra are completely blanketed. Unit consists of Mazama ash bed (Powers and Wilcox, 1964), which is a rhyolitic air-fall tephra (SiO₂ = 70.71 percent) erupted about 6,800 ± 100 years ago (Bacon, 1983) from Crater Lake caldera. Mazama ash bed is thicker than 10 cm (Powers and Wilcox, 1964). British Columbia ash is thicker than 10 cm (Powers and Wilcox, 1964). Thickest known deposits (20 m) lie just beyond caldera rim (Bacon, 1983) and east of Mount Thielsen (Sherrod, 1991). Isopachs shown in blue on map. Unit also includes undifferentiated Holocene pumice and ash on upper flanks of Newberry volcano that accumulated during several eruptions from rimmed vents; youngest eruption occurred about 1,200 ± 100 years ago (MacLeod and others, 1995).

Q1a Alluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Poorly to moderately sorted sand, gravel, and silt deposited in valleys of active major streams. Many small areas omitted for clarity. Locally includes glacial and alluvial fan deposits.

Q1b Landslide deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Debris from mass-wasting processes, including slumps, earth flows, block slides, and rock falls. Landslides are most common where competent lava flows overlie weaker sediment or ash flows. Landslides that cover less than a few square kilometers are generally not shown.

Q1c Glacial deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Unconsolidated to moderately consolidated, slightly to deeply weathered till that forms moraines and drift tills mostly limited to middle elevations of High Cascades subprovince. Locally includes glacial outwash and related glaciofluvial and glacio-lacustrine deposits. Many small areas omitted for clarity, especially moraines and till in mountain valleys and cañons. Chiefly younger than about 100,000 years (140 k.y.). Older tills, which in large part are eroded and unsorted, crop out in lower elevations of major cañons in Western Cascades subprovince but are included in unit Q1.

Q1d Quaternary sediment and sedimentary rocks, undivided—Mostly unconsolidated sand, gravel, and lacustrine deposits. Commonly includes deposits mapped by original authors as older alluvium, terrace deposits, upland gravel, basin-filling sediment, or undifferentiated Quaternary sediment. Along Columbia River, includes flood deposits resulting from numerous catastrophic emptyings of glacial Lake Missoula approximately 13,000 years ago (13 k.y.). In Willamette Valley, includes Willamette Silt (Allison, 1953; Harpoon, 1972). Along west margin of Cascade Range, includes high-standing terraces that probably developed during Pleistocene glaciations. Along east side of Cascade Range, includes extensive distal outwash fans. In parts of La Pine valley and Upper and Lower Klamath Lake basins, includes pebble-filling sediment at least 400 m derived from Cascade Range and Newberry volcano (Samson and Peterson, 1976; Veeco, 1982; Couch and Foote, 1985).

Tertiary sedimentary rocks—Rocks ranging in age from 2 to approximately 45 million years (m.y.). T₁, 2 to 7 m.y.; T₂, 7 to 17 m.y.; T₃, 17 to 25 m.y.; T₄, 25 to 35 m.y.; T₅, 35 to 45 m.y.

Patterns—In addition to primary age designation shown by color, patterns may be used to indicate different kinds of Tertiary sedimentary rocks.

Dominantly volcanoclastic sandstone, siltstone, granite conglomerate, and mudstone—Sedimentary units showing volcanic processes in time and location. Sedimentary units showing volcanic processes in time and location and distal part of coarse alluvial facies of Smolkes and Prosska (1972) and distal volcanic facies and upper part of medial volcanic facies of Vessell and Davies (1981). Sandstone, siltstone, granite conglomerate, and mudstone dominant. Some sequences include beds interpreted as debris-flow deposits, hypocoenoclastic stream-flow deposits, and ash-fall tuffs. Excluded are sedimentary sequences whose origin and mode of formation are not clearly related to active volcanism, even where individual beds contain volcanic detritus. Beds are generally of fine to medium grain size. Unit grades laterally and vertically into other sedimentary or volcanic rock units as a function of other rock types.

Sedimentary units shown without pattern formed predominantly by recycling of volcanoclastic primary volcanic deposits—Primary volcanic deposits are dominantly mapped as primary volcanic deposits. Most beds formed as a result of erosion and redeposition of primary volcanic or volcanoclastic deposits that were presumably mostly unconsolidated and probably gravitationally unstable. Tephra, distal fans, and aggrade parts of mass-flow deposits are particularly susceptible to reworking into better sorted and finer grained beds. Large-scale volcanic material may be quickly transported and redeposited to form these sequences.

Rocks that have quite different mechanisms of sediment transport and deposition are interlayered in this unit. A typical stratigraphic section would be dominated by volcanic graywacke, sandstone, and siltstone. Volcanic graywacke, sandstone, and siltstone beds are thin to medium bedded and fine grained. They typically show sedimentary structures indicating transport by normal stream flow and deposition by traction-dominated, grain-by-grain mechanisms. Distinctions are dominantly mapped and supported and have planar bed forms. Beds are 0.5 to 1 m thick. Angular volcanic clasts are the dominant component of these coarse facies. Both of dominant coarse facies types of transport by debris flows or hypocoenoclastic stream flows and deposition on massive (Daly and others, 1981; Smith, 1986; Pierson and Costa, 1987), although a few volcanic detritals are ash-fall tuffs. Ashy tuffs, in contrast, are generally thin and average grain size is less than 0.5 mm; they are interpreted as having been deposited from ash falls because of their fine grain size and because they mantle preexisting topography.

All components of unit are believed to have been deposited as they distance from volcanic sources (5 to 10 km or more). Graywacke, sandstone, and siltstone are interpreted as channel and overbank deposits that accumulated on aggrading volcanic dispersal aprons with relatively low gradients. Volcanic detritals probably moved off flanks of active volcanoes as channelized masses and not in direct response to penconcentric volcanic activity. Commonly, sediment was deposited in alluvial fans, along river valleys, and in freshwater lakes. Includes deposits described in original sources as older alluvium, terrace deposits, stream deposits, some glacial outwash deposits, alluvial fans, lacustrine sediment, washburn deposits, conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, shale, and coal.

Marine, brackish-water, and deltaic sedimentary rocks—Mostly sandstone, siltstone, shale, and mudstone. Includes minor coal and conglomerate. Sediment interpreted as being deposited in open ocean, in estuaries, in brackish-water swamps, or in deltas. In many places, rocks formed in these different environments are interbedded. Includes deposits described in original sources as mostly sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, shale, coal, and conglomerate. Because of their fine grain size and abundant weathered component of uncertain provenance, it is difficult to determine if specific lithologic units were deposited in response to volcanic events. On this map, marine rocks are limited to Eocene and lower Oligocene strata at west end of Cascade Range.

VOLCANIC ROCKS

Basaltic and basaltic andesitic rocks

Columbia River Basalt Group (Miocene)—Comprises voluminous tholeiitic basalt flows of Miocene age. Much lava issued from dike swarms located 400 km east of Cascade Range, flowed west across area of present-day Columbia Plain, and lapped against older rocks of Cascade Range. Some lava flooded through low gaps in the range in southern Oregon and northern Washington. Although not part of Cascade-arc volcanism, the Columbia River Basalt Group forms an important stratigraphic horizon. Informally divided into:

Upper part—The Saddle Mountain Basalt as defined by Swanson and others (1979). Unit forms about 2 percent of total volume of Columbia River Basalt Group (Calkin and others, 1989) and erupted between 1.5 to 1.7 m.y. ago. All members of unit, except the Pomona Member, are restricted to Columbia Plain east of map area. The 1.5-m.y.-old Pomona Member followed approximate course of modern Columbia River through Cascade Range (Anderson, 1980; Tolun and Bacon, 1984). Potassium-argon ages (Swanson and others, 1979) indicate that the Pomona Member erupted between about 12 and 10.5 m.y. ago; preferred age of the Pomona is 12 m.y., according to D.A. Swanson (oral communication, 1987). A few outcrops of the Pomona in Columbia River gorge (Anderson, 1980) are too small to show at map scale.

Lower part—The Wanapum and Grande Ronde Basalts as defined by Swanson and others (1979). The older Grande Ronde Basalt is the most widespread unit of the Columbia River Basalt Group in Cascade Range. In the overlying Wanapum Basalt, only the Frenchman Springs Member is widely distributed in Cascade Range. The French Springs Member of the Wanapum is a narrow intercanon path along axis of Bull Run syncline in northern Oregon (Vogt, 1981); other members never covered the range. Potassium-argon ages (Swanson and others, 1979; McKee and others, 1977; Tolun and others, 1989), as well as structural data (Reick, 1982), suggest that the Wanapum and Grande Ronde Basalts were erupted between 14.2 and 17 m.y. ago.

Quaternary basaltic and basaltic andesitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 0 to 2 m.y. Qb₁, 0 to 12 k.y.; Qb₂, 12 to 25 k.y.; Qb₃, 25 to 120 k.y.; Qb₄, 120 to 780 k.y.; Qb₅, 780 k.y. to 2 m.y.

Tertiary basaltic and basaltic andesitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 2 to approximately 45 m.y. T₁, 2 to 7 m.y.; T₂, 7 to 17 m.y.; T₃, 17 to 25 m.y.; T₄, 25 to 35 m.y.; T₅, 35 to 45 m.y.

Andesitic rocks

Quaternary andesitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows and domes but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 0 to 2 m.y. Qa₁, 0 to 12 k.y.; Qa₂, 12 to 25 k.y.; Qa₃, 25 to 120 k.y.; Qa₄, 120 to 780 k.y.; Qa₅, 780 k.y. to 2 m.y.

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Dacitic rocks

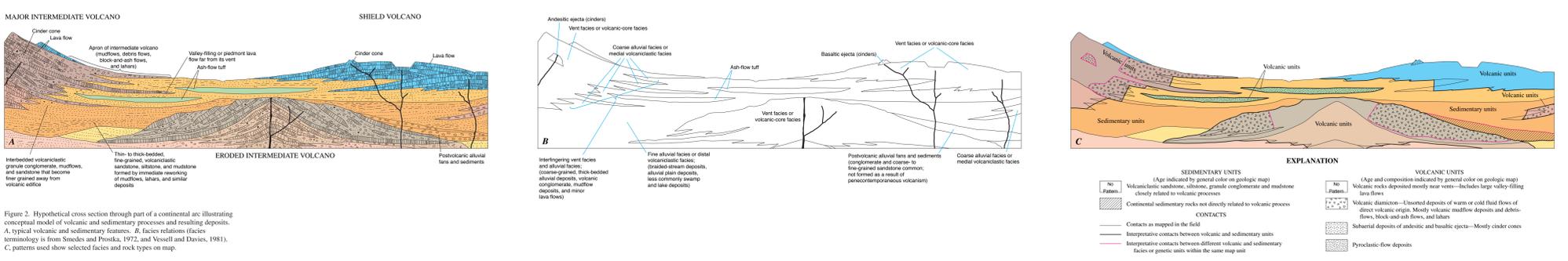
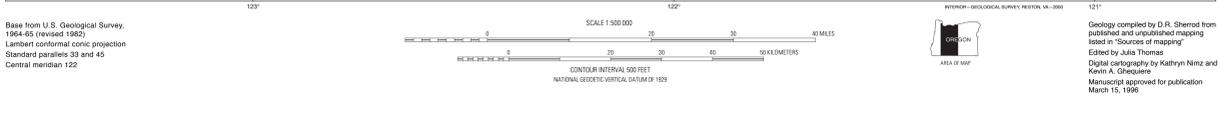
Quaternary dacitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows and domes but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 0 to 2 m.y. Qd₁, 0 to 12 k.y.; Qd₂, 12 to 25 k.y.; Qd₃, 25 to 120 k.y.; Qd₄, 120 to 780 k.y.; Qd₅, 780 k.y. to 2 m.y.

Tertiary dacitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows and domes but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 2 to approximately 35 m.y. T_{d1}, 2 to 7 m.y.; T_{d2}, 7 to 17 m.y.; T_{d3}, 17 to 25 m.y.; T_{d4}, 25 to 35 m.y.

Rhyolitic rocks

Quaternary rhyolitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows and domes but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 0 to 2 m.y. Qr₁, 0 to 12 k.y.; Qr₂, 12 to 25 k.y.; Qr₃, 25 to 120 k.y.; Qr₄, 120 to 780 k.y.; Qr₅, 780 k.y. to 2 m.y.

Tertiary rhyolitic rocks—Dominantly lava flows and domes but includes some near-vent breccia and pyroclastic rocks. Rocks range in age from 2 to approximately 35 m.y. T_{r1}, 2 to 7 m.y.; T_{r2}, 7 to 17 m.y.; T_{r3}, 17 to 25 m.y.; T_{r4}, 25 to 35 m.y.



GEOLOGIC MAP OF UPPER EOCENE TO HOLOCENE VOLCANIC AND RELATED ROCKS OF THE CASCADE RANGE, OREGON

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