Prospect, Originally thought to have Phoenix, inactive. Hg in siltstone and mudstone 1963.

Trashy stream channel in

inactive. lower Shinarump Member;

staining.

inactive. trations in interfingered

of Chinle Formation; no

evidence of Hg from sampling.

mixed siltstone, sandstone,

carbonaceous wood; some Cu

Moderate to slight U concen-

siltstone and mudstone in

Low U concentrations in Do.

Uranium mineralization in a McGregor,

channel is horseshoe shaped unpub.
in mine vicinity, and higher data.

conglomerate and siltstone in

stream channel in thin base

of Shinarump Member; stream

concentrations of U occur as there is greater ground cover; U in uraninite and carnotite

- Random Navajo Sandstone out- None.

- Moenkopi Formation, thinly None. bedded siltstone with gypsum-

Alternating beds of siltstone None.

Alternating yellow sandstone None.

filled fractures, occurring

as thin layers as thick as a

staining at caved adit;

host rock is light gray

no visible mineralization.

sandstone and siltstone.

well sorted, fine grained.

inactive. beds and dark-brown siltstone;

few inches.

to buff.

None---- None----- Prospect, Iron-stained fractures in

None---- Outcrop--- Carmel Formation; siltstone, None.

None---- None----- Outcrop--- Chinle Formation; siltstone, None.

None----- Prospect, Sandstone talus slope, most None.

inactive. likely Navajo Sandstone.

inactive. member of Chinle Formation; very low Cu content.

inactive. Formation that contained

of U and Ag.

inactive. massive sandstone containing

inactive. carbonaceous wood fragments;

and 6-8 in. thick.

inactive. stone; back is bottom of stream

Prospect, Light siltstone lens in

very low concentrations

carbonaceous wood fragments; lens about 12 ft long

Cu staining; some massive sandstone with siltstone; Moenkopi crops out irregularly. Maroon and gray mottled mud-

channel; some thinly layered siltstone over sandstone; some

carbonaceous wood fragments.

of mudstone matrix with sandstone

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For sale by Branch of Distribution, U.S. Geological Survey,

Siltstone, thinly layered, overlying

massive sandstone; some organic

Box 25286, Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225

162-63 None---- Secs. 22, None---- None----- Outcrop--- Random chip sample of Navajo None.

164 None---- NE1/4 None---- None---- Outcrop--- White Navajo Sandstone, None.

inactive. and sandstone with minor Cu

with association of Re.

crop samples from Paria

visible mineralization.

Plateau; fine-grained sandstone, crossbedded, no

Chinle Formation.

inactive. conglomerate and alternating

lower Shinarump.

Table 1.--Mineral deposits of the Vermilion Cliffs-Paria Canyon Instant Study Area and adjacent wilderness study areas

T. 40 N.,

R. 8 E.

 1_{3-16} El Pequito NW1/4

mine.

mine.

(Arizona).

T. 40 N.,

R. 6 E.

R. 6 E.

T. 39 N.,

R. 4 E.,

T. 42 N.,

R. 3 E.

sec. 14, T. 43 S.,

R. 2 W.

sec. 14, T. 43 S.,

T. 41 N.,

1₆₁ None---- SW1/4

148-54 None---- T. 40 N., None---- None---- Outcrop----

R. 7 E.

Prospect. sec. 2,

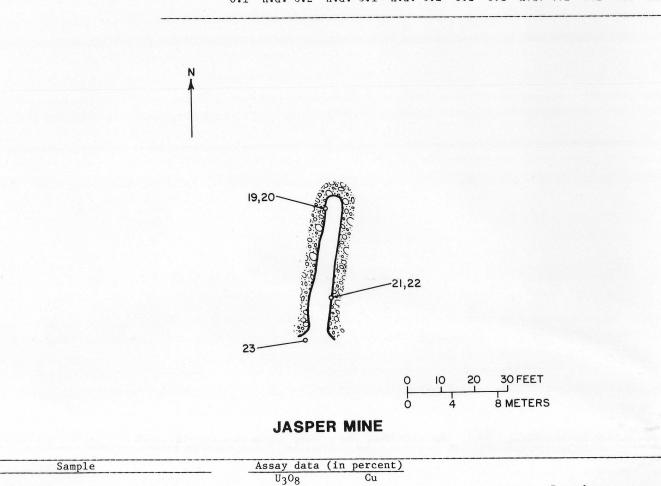
[Prospects or mines labeled "inactive" have had no exploration or development work since 1975]

Location Resource Type deposit category description

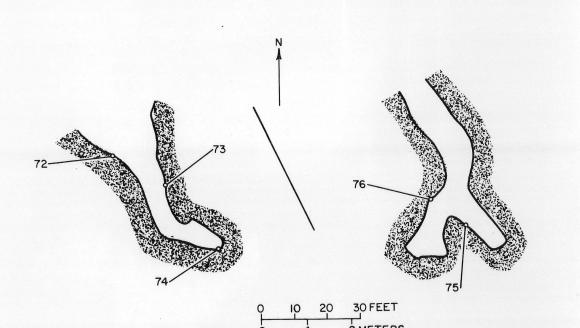
Fire assay (oz/short ton) for silver in selected samples from the Vermilion Cliffs-Paria Canyon Instant Study Area and adjacent wilderness study areas

[n.d., not detected; no gold detected in samples]

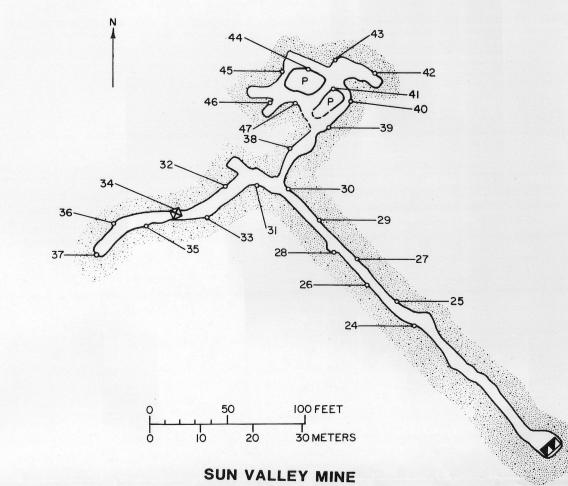
Sample No.--1 2 3 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 27 32 34 39 41 42 44 46 66 67 68 69 1.1 0.1 0.2 n.d. n.d. 0.2 n.d. n.d. 0.1 0.2 0.1 n.d. 0. 0.1 0.1 0.1 n.d. 0.1 n.d. 0.2



	Sample		Assay data (in percent)	
			U308	Cu	
No.	Type	Length			Remarks
19	Chip	29 in. (74 cm)	0.018	1.98	Conglomerate, siltstone, and mudstone, minor Cu staining; Moenkopi- Shinarump contact.
20	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	n.d. ¹	.065	Conglomerate, mostly quartzite pebbles with coarse sand matrix, poorly sort lower Shinarump.
21	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.019	•425	Conglomerate, poorly sorted, Cu staining; Shinarump.
22	Chip	48 in. (122 cm)	.135	.053	Conglomerate, unconsolidated, poorly sorted, Cu staining; Shinarump.
23	Chip	16 in. (41 cm)	.085	.425	Siltstone, buff; Moenkopi-Shinarump contact, sample taken in Moenkopi.



Sample			Assay data (in percent)			
			U ₃ O ₈	Cu	Remarks		
No.	Type	Length			Remarks		
72	Chip	18 in. (46 cm)	0.185	0.35	Trashy zone of stream channel; carbonaceous wood fragments, Cu staining, localized high radioactivity.		
73	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	•005	.033	Sandstone, coarse, crossbedded, sparse carbonaceous material; some Cu staining, trashy material on west wall		
74	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.006	.013	Siltstone, fractured and blocky, no trashy material; coarse sandstone in back and upper part of face.		
75	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.030	n.a.1	Sandstone, gray, trashy toward bottom of sample.		
76	Chip	18 in. (46 cm)	.018	n.a.1	Siltstone lens, trashy.		



Sample			Assay	data	Paragraphic			
No •	Туре	Length	¹ u ₃ o ₈	$2_{ m Re}$	Remarks			
24	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	0.011	3 _{n.a.}	Pebble conglomerate.			
25	Chip	48 in. (122 cm)	•014	2	Pebble conglomerate, lower Shinarump.			
26	Chip	39 in. (99 cm)	•028	26	Pebble conglomerate with sandstone and siltstone boulders, stream channel, Shinarump.			
27	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	•144	20	Stream channel, poorly sorted, sand- boulder-size material, Shinarump.			
28	Chip	16 in. (41 cm)	.054	6	Stream channel, pebbles as large as l diameter, abundant shale, Shinarump			
29	Chip	25 in. (64 cm)	.024	<2	Pebble to cobble conglomerate, poorly sorted, Shinarump.			
30	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	.023	3 _{n.a.}	Pebble conglomerate, Shinarump stream channel.			
31	Chip	38 in. (97 cm)	.014	<2	Stream channel, mostly rounded pebble some larger siltstone fragments.			
32	Chip	42 in. (107 cm)	•125	3 _{n.a.}	Polymictic conglomerate, poorly sorte shale and siltstone boulders, Shinarump.			
33	Chip	26 in. (66 cm)	.021	3 _{n.a.}	Coarse sandstone with 1-in. band of pebble conglomerate, lower Shinarum			
34	Grab	Random	.016	3 _{n.a.}	Muck pile from raise, mostly Shinarun conglomerate, poorly sorted, silt-stone and sandstone boulders.			
35	Chip	16 in. (41 cm)	.028	<2	Pebble conglomerate in stream channe yellow staining, lower Shinarump.			
36	Chip	8 in. (20 cm)	•002	3 _{n.a.}	Dark-brown mudstone and siltstone, no visible mineralization, local bleading, upper Moenkopi(?).			
37	Chip	27 in. (69 cm)	.014	3 _{n.a.}	Sandstone and siltstone, most likely out of Shinarump channel, upper Moenkopi.			
38	Chip	30 in. (76 cm)	.004	3 _{n.a.}	Stream channel, small pebble conglom ate, sandy matrix, Shinarump.			
39	Chip	60 in. (152 cm)	.032	<2	Poorly sorted conglomerate, polymict sandstone and siltstone clasts, Shinarump.			
40	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	.023	3 _{n.a.}	Pebble conglomerate, light gray, coarsely sorted, sandstone underne			
41	Chip	51 in. (130 cm)	.216	<2	Interbedded siltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, mudstone; sample tak in siltstone, mudstone, and sandst			
42	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.059	<2	Coarse sandstone, gray, with rounded quartzite pebbles, green siltstone Shinarump-Moenkopi contact(?).			
43	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.007	3 _{n.a}	Stream channel, interbedded sandston and pebble conglomerate, yellow staining, Shinarump.			
44	Chip	46 in. (117 cm)	.069	3 _{n.a.}	Well-rounded quartz pebbles in black matrix; contains large fragments of siltstone and mudstone.			
45	Chip	42 in. (107 cm)	.013	<2	Rounded pebble conglomerate, sandsto matrix, yellow staining, Shinarump			
46	Chip	60 in. (152 cm)	.082	3 _{n.a.}	Graded conglomerate, shale clasts, large sandstone and siltstone boulders in back; stream channel.			
4 7	Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	.046	18	Rounded pebble conglomerate, some siltstone boulders, stream channe			

¹In percent. ²In parts per million. ³Not analyzed.

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STUDIES RELATED TO WILDERNESS Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas

U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines to conduct mineral surveys on certain areas to determine

Wilderness Study Areas, Coconino County, Arizona, and

INTRODUCTION

The Vermilion Cliffs-Paria Canyon Instant Study

Area and adjacent Wilderness Study Areas are mostly in Coconino County, Ariz., but extend into Kane County,

Utah. The area studied in this report encompasses about 560 mi² (1,450 km²). The study area includes

the established Paria Canyon Primitive and Vermilion

Cliffs Natural Areas between U.S. Highways 89 and 89A.

The Paria Plateau is the dominant topographic

feature in the area, bounded by the dropoff of the

nearly vertical Vermilion Cliffs on the east, south,

and west, and cut by the gorges of Kaibab Gulch and

the upland surface consists of variously named

Paria River Canyon to the north. North of the Kaibab-Paria drainage, the plateau loses its identity, and

benches. Upland altitudes range from about 4,600 ft

to more than 7,600 ft (1,400 m to 2,300 m), and the lowest point in the study area is 3,116 ft (950 m) at

Lees Ferry, Ariz., on the Colorado River. From Lees Ferry the sheer Vermilion Cliffs increase from about

decrease westward to about 800 ft (250 m) along the

the southeast corner of the Paria Plateau, then

south side of the Plateau and virtually disappear northward along House Rock Valley. A break in the

cliffs occurs where Corral Valley joins House Rock

Valley, and this break affords the major road access to the Paria Plateau (an area of about 325 mi²

 (850 km^2)). Farther north the cliffs reappear as a

(50 km) to the north as the east wall of House Rock Valley and Coyote Valley.

The Paria Plateau and the flats north of the

ragged sequence of steep slopes and ledges as much as $900~{
m ft}$ (275 m) high that continues for more than $30~{
m mi}$

Kaibab-Paria canyons form a rolling upland that slopes

Bedrock is at or near the surface almost everywhere,

common surficial material. All the streams on the

Gulch and some of the spring-fed streams that drain the Vermilion Cliffs are intermittent or perennial only in very short stretches. The only permanent stream is Paria River, and it occasionally has only a

plateau and the northern benches are ephemeral; Kaibab

and soil is thin and sandy; windblown sand is the

MINING ACTIVITY

Cliffs has taken place for uranium in the Chinle

Formation. In this area there are a few old mines,

the largest of which is the Sun Valley Mine south-

uranium ore, having average grade of about 0.28 percent U₃0₈. Several tons of ore have been shipped from the El Pequito Mine, about 2 mi (3 km)

activity is some sporadic exploration at the Sun

River were also unfruitful. No evidence of recent prospecting was found during the field investiga-

Phoenix, D. A., 1963, Geology of the Lees Ferry area, Coconino County, Arizona: U.S. Geolog-

ical Survey Bulletin 1137, 86 p.

EXPLANATION

UNPATENTED MINING CLAIMS

SHINARUMP STREAM CHANNEL

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF PARIA

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF VERMILION

_____ APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF VERMILION

STUDY AREA

10 20 30 FEET 4 8 METERS

Interbedded siltstone and shale, stream channel, Cu staining.

Trashy stream channel, mixed siltstone, sandstone, carbonaceous wood fragments.

Trashy stream channel, sandstone, Cu

Sandstone layered with organic matter,

Alternating sandstone and conglomerate

bands, poorly sorted, little carbonaceous wood fragments, no siltstone.

Interbedded siltstone, sandstone, and

shale; carbonaceous wood particles.

conglomerate with carbonaceous wood

with minor sandstone and conglomerate;

Interbedded sandstone and conglomerate

with minor siltstone and carbonaceous

sandstone, conglomerate, carbonaceous

Dump material, fragments as large as

Dump material, mostly sandstone and

6 in. in diameter, mostly siltstone.

Mixed sandstone and conglomerate,

Massive interbedded sandstone and

Interbedded shale and siltstone

carbonaceous wood fragments.

Trashy stream channel, siltstone,

wood fragments.

wood fragments.

stream channel; Cu staining.

traces of gypsum, Cu staining, back is small pebble conglomerate.

staining, some organic matter.

EL PEQUITO MINE

5 Chip--- 30 in. (76 cm)

6 Chip---- 36 in. (91 cm)

7 Chip--- 36 in. (91 cm)

8 Chip--- 54 in. (137 cm)

9 Chip---- 18 in. (46 cm)

10 Chip---- 40 in. (102 cm)

12 Chip---- 48 in. (122 cm)

14 Grab---- Random-----

²Not analyzed.
³Not determined.

15 Grab--- Random---- .028

1Values in percent unless otherwise noted.

13 Chip--- 48 in. (122 cm) .082 .130

11 Chip---- 23 in. (58 cm)

CANYON PRIMITIVE AREA

CLIFFS NATURAL AREA

CLIFFS-PARIA CANYON INSTANT

SHINARUMP MEMBER, CONGLOMERATE

TRASHY STREAM CHANNEL (SHINARUMP)

SAMPLE LOCALITY, SHOWING NUMBER

T. 41 N. to recover gold at Lees Ferry. In 1957, attempts to recover gold about 6 mi (10 km) up the Paria

west of Lees Ferry. There also are a few scattered prospects in Paria Canyon and in the northern part of House Rock Valley. The only known current

In addition to the uranium-mining activity, gold and mercury occurrences have been investigated in a mudstone unit of the Chinle Formation. Prior to 1913, evidently unsuccessful attempts were made

west of Cliff Dwellers Lodge; from this mine, production was reported of a few hundred tons of

Most mining activity along the Vermilion

gently northward at about 100 ft/mi (20 m/km).

subsurface flow near its mouth.

1,200 ft (370 m) to nearly 2,000 ft (about 600 m) near

their mineral resource potential. Results must be

made available to the public and be submitted to the President and the Congress. This report presents the results of a mineral survey of the Vermilion Cliffs-

Paria Canyon Instant Study Area and adjacent

Kane County, Utah.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579, October 21, 1976) requires the

			U308	Cu	
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23	Chip	16 in. (41 cm)	.085	.425	Siltstone, buff; Moenkopi-Shinarump contact, sample taken in Moenkopi.

th	Assay data (: U3 ⁰ 8	in percent) Cu	Remarks
46 cm)	0.185	0.35	Trashy zone of stream channel; carbonaceous wood fragments, Cu staining, localized high radioactivity.
91 cm)	•005	.033	Sandstone, coarse, crossbedded, sparse carbonaceous material; some Cu staining, trashy material on west wall.
61 cm)	.006	.013	Siltstone, fractured and blocky, no trashy material; coarse sandstone in

Unip	18 in. (46 cm)	0.103	0.37	carbonaceous wood fragments, Cu staining, localized high radioactivity.
Chip	36 in. (91 cm)	•005	.033	Sandstone, coarse, crossbedded, sparse carbonaceous material; some Cu staining, trashy material on west wall.
Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.006	.013	Siltstone, fractured and blocky, no trashy material; coarse sandstone in back and upper part of face.
Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.030	n.a.1	Sandstone, gray, trashy toward bottom of sample.
	18 in. (46 cm)	.018	n.a.1	Siltstone lens, trashy.
t analyzed.				

		Table 2	Information and	analyses Instant	of samp Study A	les not s rea and a	hown in m djacent w	ine illus ilderness	strations, Vermilion Cliffs-Paria Canyon s study areas
100 FEET				[n.a.,	not anal	yzed; n.d	., not de	tected; <	(, less than]
30 METERS		Sam	ple		I	ssay data			Remarks
		No. Type	Length	1 _{U3} 0 ₈	¹ Cu	1 _V	2 _{Hg}	2 _{Re}	Remarks
ALLEY MINE		1 Grab	Random	- 0.031	n.a.	0.010	<2	n.a.	Petrified Forest Member of Chinle

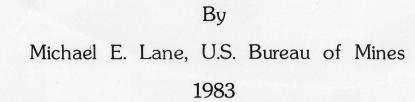
¹Sample analysis in table 2.

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1	Grab	Random	0.031	n.a.	0.010	<2	n.a.	Petrified Forest Member of Chinle Formation; highly weathered siltstone and interbedded mudstone.
2	Chip	6 ft (1.8 m)	.011	n.a.	.099	⟨2̂	n.a.	Do.
16	Chip	54 in. (137 cm)	.041	0.099	.003	<2	<2	Conglomerate (Shinarump Member) mixed with sandstone; some iron staining; small amounts of gypsum.
17	Chip	30 in. (76 cm)	.337	n.a.	.014	5.6	<2	Mudstone and siltstone conglomerate, interbedded; alternating maroon and buff.
18	Chip	60 in. (152 cm)	.026	n•a•	.007	<2	n•a•	Siltstone and mudstone complexly interbedded, maroon, with minor buff mudstone and siltstone.
48	Chip	28 in. (71 cm)	.001	n•a	<.003.	n•a•	<2	Navajo Sandstone outcrop; buff to rust color; concretions.
49	Chip	Random	.002	n.a.	<.003	n•a•	<2	Navajo Sandstone outcrop, red; weathered, crossbedding.
50	Chip	20 in. (51 cm)	n.d.	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Navajo Sandstone, white, weathered into knobs.
51	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	•004	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Navajo Sandstone, light buff to white; contains small iron-stained blebs.
52	Chip	Random	.003	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Navajo Sandstone, red.
53	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.002	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Navajo Sandstone, red, crossbedded.
54	Chip	18 in. (46 cm)	n.d.	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Do.
55		24 in. (61 cm)	.008	n•a•	.004	n•a•	<2	Moenkopi Formation(?), thinly bedded siltstone with gypsum filling fractures; bedding planes about 0.5 in. thick.
56	Grab	Random	n.d.	.35	<.003	n.a.	n•a•	Sandstone, white to light gray, Cu staining.
57	Chip	18 in. (46 cm)	.015	n.a.	.004	n.a.	n.a.	Shear zone in siltstone, abundant slickensides, highly fractured, no visible mineralization.
58	Chip	18 in. (46 cm)	.003	n.a.	.003	n•a•	<2	Fracture zone in alternating siltstone and sandstone beds, slickensides.
59	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	.006	n.a.	<.006	n.a.	n.a.	Siltstone beds, alternating light yellow to buff and dark brown; no visible mineralization.
60	Grab	Random	006	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Dump sample from sample 59 locality.
61			•005	n•a•	.004	n.a.	n•a•	Chinle Formation, siltstone, limonite staining on fractures, some weathered-out gypsum; beds dip 40° E.
62	Chip	24 in. (61 cm)	n.d.	n.a.	<.003	n•a•	n•a•	Navajo Sandstone, white, with iron- stained blebs.
63	Chip	Random	.004	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	n.a.	Navajo Sandstone, white.
64			.002	n.a.	<.003	n.a.	<2	Navajo Sandstone, beige to pink.
65			n•d	n•a•	<.003	n.a.	<2	Carmel Formation, interbedded silt- stone and sandstone, zebra coloring pattern.
66	6 Chip	Random	•020	n.a.	.009	<2	n.a.	Outcrop of Chinle siltstone, maroon and gray.
67	7 Grab	Random	.015	n•a•	.007	<2	n.a.	Sandstone blocks and sand from upper cliffs, formation unknown.
68	3 Chip	17 in. (43 cm)	.008	n.a.	.011	<2	n.a.	Dark band in sandstone; small amounts of Cu staining in dump; limonite.
69	9 Grab	Random	.006	236	n.a.	<2	n.a.	Chinle outcrop; siltstone.
7(.006	.092	n.a.	n•a	n.a.	Siltstone-mudstone lens in massive sandstone, chocolate colored, minor Cu staining.
7:	l Chip	- 5 in. (12 cm)	.689	.45	n•a	n.a.	n.a.	Organic material in siltstone lens.
7			•002	n•a	n•a•	n.a.	n.a.	Mudstone, maroon and gray spotted, back is bottom of stream channel composed of mudstone matrix with sandstone

78 Chip--- 18 in. (45 cm) .033 n.a. n.a.

¹In percent, except as noted. ²In parts per million.

MINE AND PROSPECT MAP OF THE VERMILION CLIFFS-PARIA CANYON INSTANT STUDY AREA AND ADJACENT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND KANE COUNTY, UTAH



INDEX MAP OF THE VERMILION CLIFFS-

ADJACENT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS,

15-MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES

SHOWING U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

AND BOUNDARY OF THE STUDY AREA

PARIA CANYON INSTANT STUDY AREA AND

INDEX MAP SHOWING VERMILION CLIFFS-PARIA CANYON

INSTANT STUDY AREAS (ISA) AND ADJACENT WILDERNESS

I-6 - Ferry Swale, Judd Hollow, Paria Rim,

and Cedar Mountain WSA

I-8A/19 - Paria Plateau WSA

I-8B - Overlook WSA

Nipple Butte, 1953; Paria Plateau, 1954; Paria, 1954; Tanner Wash, 1954; CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 AND 80 FEET Telegraph Flat, 1954 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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Base from U.S. Geological Survey

Emmett Wash, 1954; House Rock Spring, 1955;

Jacob Lake, 1936-53; Lees Ferry, 1954;

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY