

PRELIMINARY

GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CAMP DAVIS QUADRANGLE, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

The quadrangle was mapped as part of the U.S. Geological Survey program of classifying and evaluating mineral lands in the public domain. Resources of economic interest are phosphate rock, sand and gravel, limestone, and road metal.

The phosphate-bearing Phosphoria Formation crops out near the Snake River in the southwestern part of the quadrangle and in the higher mountainous part of the Horse Creek drainage area in the northeastern part. Phosphate rock is found in the Retort Phosphatic Shale Member at the top of the Phosphoria and in the Meade Peak Phosphatic Shale Member at the base; the phosphate-bearing beds are thicker and generally of higher grade in the Meade Peak. The Phosphoria was measured and sampled (Gere and others, 1966) in the SW4 sec. 24, unsurveyed, T. 40 N., R. 116 W., north of the map area, where the Meade Peak is about 48 feet thick and the Retort is about 28 feet thick. The upper 4.6 feet of the Retort assayed 18.4 percent P2 ; the lower 1.0 foot assayed 24.2 percent P205. The basal 5 feet of the Meade Peak assayed 23.3 percent P205, which is the thickest relatively high grade phosphate rock trenched. A bed 1.0 foot thick at the base of this 5-foot zone assayed 31.7 percent P205. In 1971 phosphate rock had not been mined in this area.

Sand and gravel are readily available along the Snake and Hoback Rivers and their major tributaries. Relatively pure limestone is abundant and accessible from the upper part of the Madison Group. Road metal can be obtained from the upper part of the Wells Formation where it is accessible in the eastern part of the quadrangle.

Although no drilling has been done in the quadrangle for oil and gas, the area is

considered of exploratory interest because of the thick sedimentary sequence.

REFERENCE CITED

Gere, W. C., Schell, E. M., and Moore, K. P., 1966, Stratigraphic sections and phosphate analyses of Permian rocks in the Teton Range and parts of the Snake River and Gros Ventre Ranges, Idano and Wyoming: U.S. Geol. Survey open-file report, 71 p.

TABLE 1. -- Chemical analyses of the Retort and Meade Peak Phosphatic Shale Members of the Phosphoria Formation

[Game Creek trench (USGS Lot No. CP-12), SWL sec. 24, unsurveyed, T. 40 N., R. 116 W. Described and sampled by E. M. Schell and W. C. Gere; analyses by K. P. Moore. Brackets indicate the two richest P₂O_c zones sampled

Rock description	Thick- ness (ft)	Analyses (percent)		Acid
		P205	v ₂ v ₅ Cr ₂ v ₃	insoluble (percent)
Retort Member (top).				
Sandstone, phosphatic	Γ2.0	17.05		45.26
Phosphorite, sandy, argillaceous	2.6	19.50		39.75
Mudstone, calcareous	2.5			
Base of trench.				
Concealed, mudstone float	21.0			
Top of trench.				
Phosphorite, sandy	1.0	24.22		28.20
Total	29.1			
Meade Peak Member (top).				
Phosphorite, calcareous, cherty	1.6			
Mudstone, phosphatic, silty	0.1 }	14.35		46.90
Mudstone, phosphatic	0.0	2		10.50
Mudstone, silty	1.7	0.00		86.18
Mudstone, silty	0.4	0.00		85.85
Mudstone, silty	0.8]			
Phosphorite, argillaceous	0.6	17.07	0.05 0.09	37.07
Mudstone, silty	0.6			
Base of trench.	J			
Concealed	31.8			
Top of trench.				
Carbonate rock, argillaceous	1.2	0.09	0.39 0.07	21.06
Mudstone, carbonatic	0.8	5 01		50.91
Mudstone, calcareous, and phosphorite	2.7	8.65		21.35
Phosphorite	[1.5	25.75	*********	10.19
Carbonate rock	0.4	6.11		8.95
Phosphorite	1.4	30.10		2.27
Siltstone	0.7	2 53		68.03
Phosphorite	1.0	31.75		2.15
Base of trench.				
Total	47.9			

This report is preliminary and has not been edited or reviewed for conformity with U.S. Geological Survey standards or

nomenclature.