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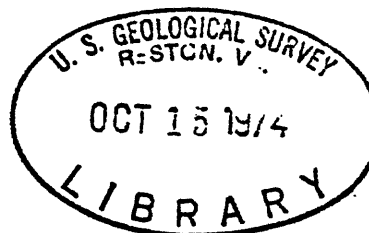
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# GEOTHERMAL INVESTIGATIONS IN IDAHO

## Part 2

### An Evaluation of Thermal Water in the Bruneau-Grand View area, southwest Idaho

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#### ABSTRACT

The Bruneau-Grand View area occupies about 1,100 square miles in southwest Idaho and is on the southern flank of the large depression (possibly a graben) in which lies the western Snake River Plain. The igneous and sedimentary rocks in the area range in age from Late Cretaceous to Holocene. They are transected by a prominent system of northwest-trending faults. For discussion purposes, the aquifers in the area have been separated into two broad units: (1) the volcanic-rock aquifers, and (2) the overlying sedimentary-rock aquifers. The Idavada Volcanics or underlying rock units probably constitute the reservoir that contains thermal water.

An audio-magnetotelluric survey indicates that a large conductive zone having apparent resistivities approaching 2 ohm-metres underlies a part of the area at a relatively shallow depth.

Chemical analysis of 94 water samples collected in 1973 show that the thermal waters in the area are of a sodium bicarbonate type. Although dissolved-solids concentrations of water ranged from 181 to 1,100 milligrams per litre (mg/l) in the volcanic-rock aquifers, they were generally less than 500 mg/l. Measured chloride concentrations of water in the volcanic-rock aquifers were less than 20 mg/l.

Temperatures of water from wells and springs ranged from 9.5° to 83.0°C. Temperatures of water from the volcanic-rock aquifers ranged from 40.0° to 83.0°C, whereas temperatures of water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers seldom exceeded 35°C. Aquifer temperatures at depth, as estimated by silica and sodium-potassium-calcium geochemical thermometers, probably do not exceed 150°C. However, a mixed-water geochemical thermometer indicates that temperatures at depth may exceed 180°C.

The gas in water from the volcanic-rock aquifers is composed chiefly of atmospheric oxygen and nitrogen. Methane gas (probably derived from organic material) was also found in some water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers.

The thermal waters in the area are believed to be heated by deep circulation in a zone of high geothermal gradient resulting from thinning of the earth's crust.

## INTRODUCTION

Twenty-five areas in Idaho, including the Bruneau-Grand View area, were recommended for further geothermal investigation by Young and Mitchell (1973) in their report describing a preliminary reconnaissance of Idaho's thermal waters. These areas were selected on the basis of their having estimated aquifer temperatures of 140°C or higher, or of having the unique geologic conditions that favor the occurrence of a geothermal anomaly.

The Bruneau-Grand View area was selected for further study because (1) the geochemical data previously collected indicated that water temperatures as high as 190°C occur at depth within a large part of this area, (2) the lithologic and structural data available appeared to indicate that the geologic conditions especially favorable to the occurrence of a geothermal anomaly were present, and (3) a significant amount of the water-quality, well-log, and geophysical data needed to define further any geothermal anomaly present could be readily collected. Accordingly, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Water Resources, initiated a study whose goal was to further evaluate the potential of the Bruneau-Grand View area as a geothermal prospect.

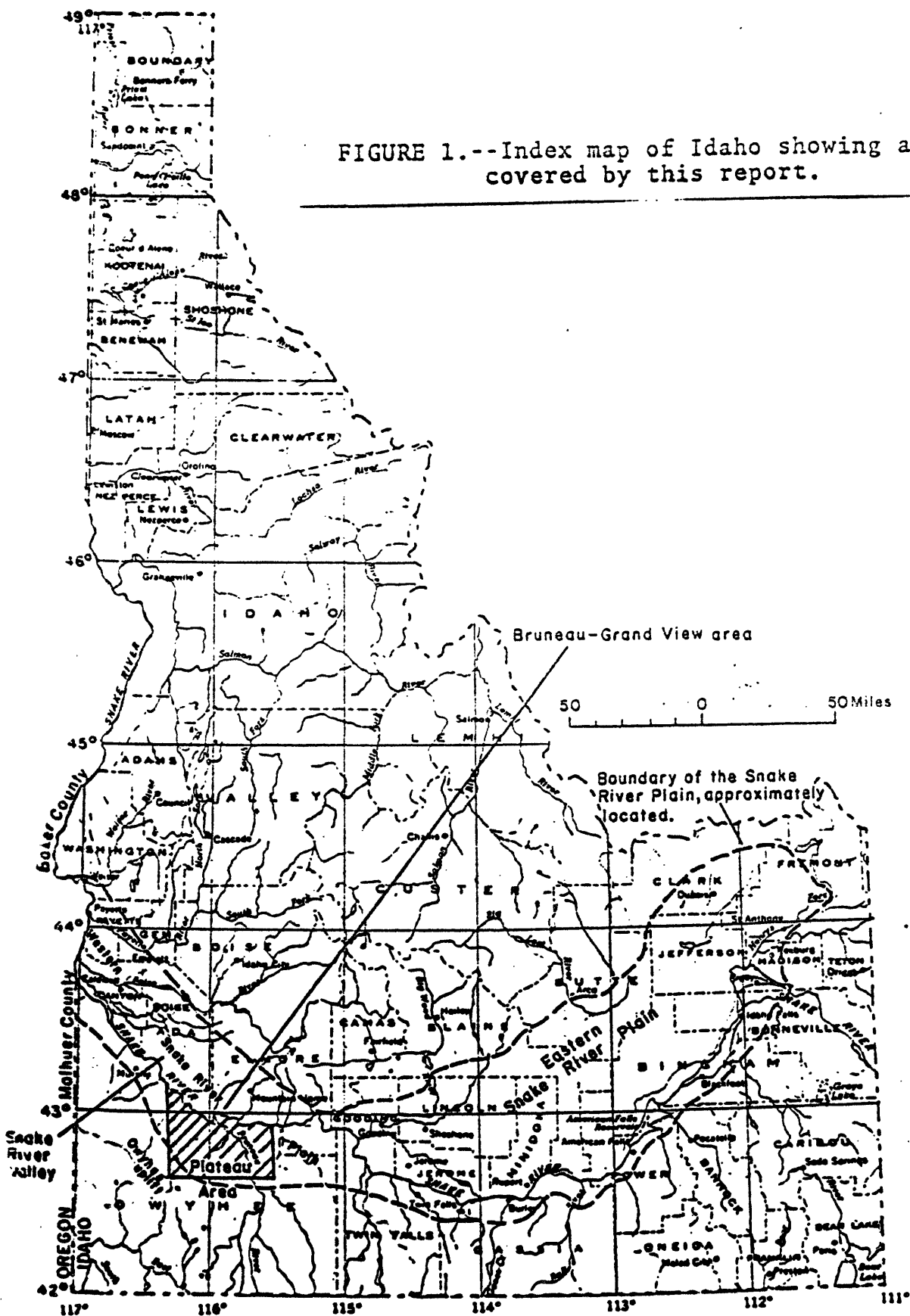
The Bruneau-Grand View area comprises about 1,100 square miles in northern Owyhee County, which is in the southwestern part of the Snake River Plain (fig. 1). The area extends eastward from Oreana to Indian Cove (fig. 4), with the Snake River forming the northern boundary of the area and the township line between T. 9 S., and T. 10 S. forming the southern boundary.

The area has an arid to semiarid climate with cool winters and hot summers. Precipitation averages less than 10 inches annually, and mean annual temperatures range from 10.5° to 13.0°C (Mundorff, Crosthwaite, and Kilburn, 1964, p. 67).

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FIGURE 1.--Index map of Idaho showing area covered by this report.



### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this report is to present (1) a description of the areal extent and chemical character of thermal water in the Bruneau-Grand View area; (2) estimates of water temperature at depth using geochemical thermometers; (3) a description of the geophysical data available for the area; (4) a description of the surficial and subsurface geology utilizing compilations of data from other reports and drillers' logs of wells; and (5) a brief description of the source of the thermal water issuing from springs and wells.

Water samples from 87 wells and 7 springs were collected for standard chemical analyses, including the common ions and silica. Additional samples from the same wells and springs were collected for analyses of the minor elements: mercury, lithium, boron, and arsenic. Also, 15 gas samples were collected for analyses. These data were collected from the majority of operating wells and flowing springs in the Bruneau-Grand View area and are thought to be representative of most of the thermal and nonthermal ground water in the area.

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For all wells and springs sampled, water temperatures at depth were estimated using the silica, the sodium-potassium-calcium, and the mixed-water geochemical thermometers. Also, ratios of selected chemical constituents in the waters sampled were used to characterize and thereby distinguish water from separate aquifers.

Geophysical data and studies of the Geological Survey were used as an aid to defining the extent of the geothermal system in the Bruneau-Grand View area. Previous reports and drillers' logs were used to prepare a geologic map and geologic sections for the area as an aid to describing the areal hydrology. The geologic data presented were modified from reports by Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963), Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957), Anderson (1965), Ralston and Chapman (1969), and Ross and Forrester (1947). Correlation of the geologic units shown in the different reports was made by utilizing information presented by Ralston and Chapman (1969).

A preliminary hydrologic analysis was made to identify areas of recharge to the geothermal system and to describe a circulation pattern of the ground water.

### Previous Work

Reports by Stearns (1922), Buwalda (1923), Piper (1924), Kirkham (1931a and 1931b), and Russell (1903) contain data on the geology and hydrology of the Bruneau-Grand View area. Although these reports are of limited scope, they provide useful background information on the geology and hydrology of the Bruneau-Grand View area. Pakiser (1963), Hill (1963), and Malde and Powers (1962) give general descriptions of the deep subsurface structures of the area based on geophysical surveys. A map by Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963) presents detailed geology for the eastern half of the Bruneau-Grand View area. A report by Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957) provided much of the generalized geologic and hydrologic data presented in this report. Anderson (1965) mapped the geology of the Oreana 15-minute quadrangle. A report by Ralston and Chapman (1969) contains hydrologic and geologic data and a correlation of the geologic units reported in the above-mentioned reports and maps. A State geologic map at a scale of 1:500,000, compiled by Ross and Forrester (1947), supplied information for areas that lacked detailed geologic mapping.

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### Well- and Spring-Numbering System

The numbering system used by the Geological Survey in Idaho indicates the location of wells or springs within the official rectangular subdivision of the public lands, with reference to the Boise base line and meridian. The first two segments of the number designate the township and range. The third segment gives the section number, followed by three letters and a numeral, which indicate the quarter section, the 40-acre tract, the 10-acre tract, and the serial number of the well within the tract, respectively. Quarter sections are lettered a, b, c, and d in counterclockwise order from the northeast quarter of each section (fig. 2). Within the quarter sections, 40-acre and 10-acre tracts are lettered in the same manner. Well 6S-3E-2cccl is in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 2, T. 6 S., R. 3 E., and was the first well inventoried in that tract. Springs are designated by the letter "S" following the last numeral, as in 8S-6E-3bdd1S.

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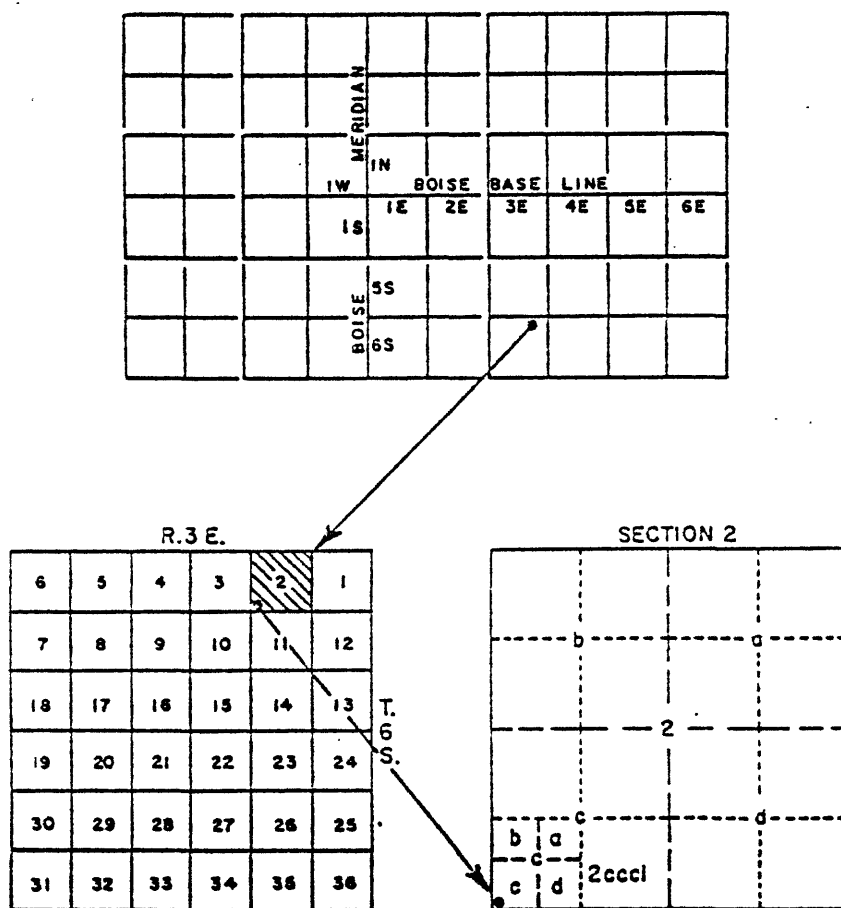
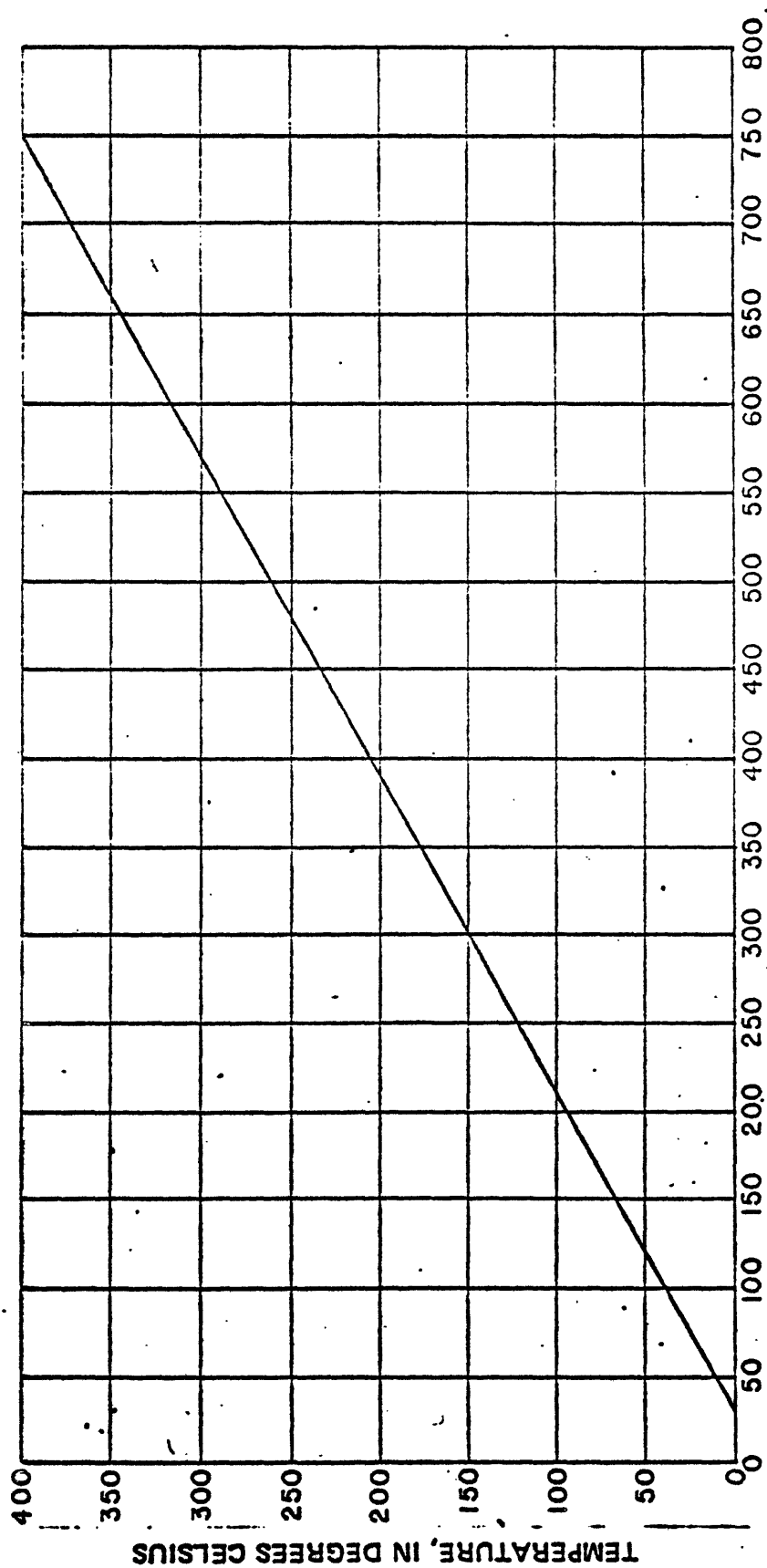


FIGURE 2.--Diagram showing the well- and spring-numbering system.  
(Using well 6S-3E-2cccl)

## Factors For Converting English Units to International System (SI) Units

The International System of Units is being adopted for use in reports prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey. To assist readers of this report in understanding and adapting to the new system, many of the measurements reported herein are given in both units. In addition, a graph (fig. 3) and the factors listed below are presented as an aid to conversion from one system of units to another. Chemical data for concentrations are given only in milligrams per litre (mg/l) or micrograms per litre ( $\mu$ g/l) because these values are (within the range of values presented) numerically equal to equivalent values expressed in parts per million, or parts per billion, respectively.

Multiply English units	By	To obtain SI units
<u>Length</u>		
inches (in)	25.4 .0254	millimetres (mm) metres (m)
feet (ft)	.0254	metres (m)
miles (mi)	1.609	kilometres (km)
<u>Area</u>		
acres	4047 .4047	square metres ( $m^2$ ) hectares (ha)
square miles ( $mi^2$ )	2.590	square kilometres ( $km^2$ )
<u>Flow</u>		
cubic feet per second ( $ft^3/s$ )	28.32 .02832	litres per second (l/s) cubic metres per second ( $m^3/s$ )
gallons per minute (gal/min)	.06309	litres per second (l/s)
million gallons per day (Mgal/d)	.04381	cubic metres per second ( $m^3/s$ )



TEMPERATURE, IN DEGREES FAHRENHEIT  
 Conversion of degrees Celsius (°C) to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) is  
 based on the equation,  $^{\circ}\text{F} = 1.8^{\circ}\text{C} + 32$ .

FIGURE 3. Temperature-conversion graph.

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## GEOLOGY

The three principal physical subdivisions in the Bruneau-Grand View area are: (1) The Snake River valley, wherein altitudes range from 2,300 to 3,800 feet. Generally, this subdivision, which is underlain by sediments and basalt, consists of the valley of the Snake River and a series of tributary intermittent stream channels that contain sedimentary rocks of fluvial origin; (2) the plateau area, wherein altitudes range from 3,000 to 7,000 feet. This area is underlain by volcanic rocks and by sedimentary rocks of fluvial and lacustrine origin. At the higher altitudes, the streams in this area have eroded deep channels into the volcanic rocks; (3) the Owyhee uplift, a rugged, mountainous region in the southwestern part of the area. The uplift is composed of an eroded core of metamorphic and granitic rocks and of younger igneous and sedimentary rocks that are exposed at the surface. Altitudes on the uplift range from 3,000 to 8,400 feet above mean sea level, with most of the higher altitudes occurring to the west and southwest outside the study area.

The rocks in the Bruneau-Grand View area range in age from Late Cretaceous to Holocene. Rocks of the Cenozoic Era have been subdivided into the following four major groups by Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963): (1) an unnamed sequence of rhyolitic and related rocks, (2) the Idavada Volcanics, (3) the Idaho Group, and (4) the Snake River Group. The descriptions of these units given in this report are based chiefly on those by Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963), and partly on those by Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957), and Ralston and Chapman (1969). The areal distribution and relationship of these units are shown in figures 4 and 5, respectively, and their geologic characteristics are given in table 1.



Table 1. Description and water-bearing characteristics of geologic units, in the Bruneau-Grand-View area, Southeast Idaho.

Era	Period	Epoch	Rock unit	Description <sup>1</sup>	Water-bearing characteristics <sup>2</sup>
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Holocene	Alluvium and dune sand (Qal, Qd)	Qal, alluvium; Qd, dune sand. Includes clay, silt, sand, and gravel. Chiefly fluvial and eolian deposits of Holocene age. The deposits form hills, mounds, and crescent-shaped dunes.	Surficial deposits that are not permanently saturated. Too limited in extent to be important as aquifers.
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Melon Gravel of the Snake River Group (Qm)	Consists of boulders, cobbles, and pebbles in a matrix of basaltic sand. Boulders commonly 3 feet in diameter.	Surficial deposits that are not permanently saturated. Not important as aquifers.
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Crownsnest Gravel of the Snake River Group (Qc)	Chiefly silicic volcanic pebbles but with abundant quartz and porphyry cobbles in places. Gravels occupy terraces about 50 feet above the Snake River.	Surficial deposits that are not permanently saturated. Not important as aquifers.
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Unnamed gravel of the Snake River Group (Qg)	Consists of pebble and cobble gravels that occupy terraces along the Bruneau River.	Surficial deposits that are not permanently saturated. Not important as aquifers.
Cenozoic	Quaternary to Tertiary	Pleistocene to Pliocene	Idaho Group, undifferentiated (Qtiu)	Poorly to well-stratified fluvial and lacustrine deposits of unconsolidated to consolidated gravel, sand, silt, and clay with layers of ash and intercalated basaltic lava flows. In places exceeds 3,000 feet in thickness.	Yields to wells vary from very poor to good depending upon unit penetrated. Important as an aquifer. See descriptions for individual units below.
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Black Mesa Gravel of the Idaho Group (Qp)	Consists of gravel and sand ranging up to 25 feet in thickness. Remnants of a widely preserved pediment surface. Gravel is largely reworked from older gravels and is capped by a caliche layer several feet thick.	Not important as an aquifer. In most places the unit occurs above the water table.

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Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Bruneau Formation of the Idaho Group (Qbs, Qbb)	Canyon fill of undeformed, unconsolidated detrital material and interbedded basaltic lava flows associated with marginal deposits of gravel and basalt. Qbs, detrital material, dominated by massive lakebeds of white-weathering fine silt, clay, diatomite, and minor amounts of silt and sand. Includes beds of iron-stained pebble and cobble gravel; Qbb, basaltic lava flows, locally stained brown and yellow. Exceeds 1,000 feet in thickness. Exposed in places along the Bruneau and Snake Rivers.	Yields water to wells slowly. Important as an aquifer only to stock and domestic wells owing due to the fine-grained nature of the sedimentary deposits. The basalt unit generally lies above the water table in this area.
Cenozoic	Quaternary	Pleistocene	Tuana Gravel of the Idaho Group (Qt)	Consists of pebble and cobble gravel interbedded with layers of massive brown to gray sand and silt. Includes both silicic volcanic and bouldery quartzitic debris. Capped by a caliche layer several feet thick. Total thickness of the unit is about 200 feet.	Not important as an aquifer. In most places the unit occurs above the water table.
Cenozoic	Quaternary and Tertiary	Pleistocene and Pliocene	Glenns Ferry Formation of the Idaho Group (Q1g)	Basin fill of poorly consolidated detrital material and minor lava flows of olivine basalt. Includes fluvial and lacustrine deposits characterized by abrupt lateral facies change. Facies include: Massive silt layers, evenly layered, thick, cemented sand beds; thin beds of dark clay, olive silt, and carbonaceous shale; ripple-marked sand and silt; granitic sand and fine pebble gravel; quartzitic cobble gravel; thin beds of silicic volcanic ash; and thicker beds of fragmental basaltic material. Maximum exposed thickness is about 2,000 feet, with the lacustrine facies composing the greatest volume.	Yields water to wells. Generally the yield is low but some wells produce as much as 3,600 gpm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from sand zones. Important as an aquifer.

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Table 1. Description and water-bearing characteristics of geologic units in the ~~Burns-Grand View~~ ~~area~~, southwest Idaho--Continued.

Era	Period	Epoch	Rock unit	Description <sup>1</sup>	Water-bearing characteristics <sup>2</sup>
Cenozoic	Tertiary	Pliocene	Chalk Hills Formation of the Idaho Group (Tc, Tcb)	Basin fill of consolidated, locally indurated, clastic deposits, and minor basaltic lava flows. Tc, lake and stream deposits and volcanic ash in variegated sequences of white, pink, brown, and gray beds; Tcb, lava flow of olivine basalt about 25 feet thick. Maximum exposed thickness is about 300 feet.	Yields water slowly to wells. Important as an aquifer only to domestic and stock wells.
			Banbury Basalt of the Idaho Group (Tb)	Lava flows of olivine basalt interbedded locally with minor amounts of stream and lake deposits. Flows mostly vesicular and less than 15 feet thick. Includes some basaltic pyroclastic material in vent areas. Maximum thickness is about 1,000 feet.	Yields to wells range from very poor to excellent depending upon degree of alteration present in area penetrated by the well. A highly altered zone of this basaltic unit tends to be a poor aquifer, whereas the unaltered unit is a good aquifer.
Cenozoic	Tertiary	Pliocene to Miocene	Silicic volcanic rocks (Tsv)	Silicic volcanic rocks, undifferentiated. Includes Idavada Volcanics and rhyolitic rocks.	<sup>Idavada Volcanics, rhyolitic rocks</sup> Remarks for <del>Tsv</del> and <del>Tv</del> apply to this unit.
Cenozoic	Tertiary	Pliocene	Idavada Volcanics (Tiv)	Silicic latite; chiefly thick layers of devitrified welded tuff, but includes some vitric tuff and lava flows. Rhyolitic rocks occur in minor amounts. Predominantly porphyritic with phenocrysts of andesine, clinopyroxene, hypersthene, and magnetite, but with no quartz, sanidine, hornblende, or biotite. Overlies older rhyolitic and related rocks, locally exceeds 3,000 feet in thickness.	The highly jointed and fractured character of these rocks make them a good aquifer in the study area and large yields are obtained. It is believed that these rocks serve to transmit recharge-water to the area and <del>there</del> <sup>water</sup> to overlying units.

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Table 1. Description and water-bearing characteristics of geologic units in the Brunco-Grand-Ville area, southwest Idaho--Continued.

Era	Period	Epoch	Rock unit	Description <sup>1</sup>	Water-bearing characteristics <sup>2</sup>
Cenozoic	Tertiary	Miocene (?)	Rhyolitic rocks (Tv)	Fine- to coarse-grained extrusive rocks rich in quartz and biotite. Locally cut by mineralized fault zones. Several thousand feet are exposed in the Owyhee uplift.	Unknown; may be an important aquifer.
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	-	Intrusive rocks (K1)	Intrusive granitic rocks of comparable age and composition to the Idaho batholith. Exposed in the southwestern part of the study area. Believed to form the basement complex.	Unknown; may be an aquifer.

<sup>1</sup> Modified chiefly from Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963); and in part from Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957).

<sup>2</sup> Modified from Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957) and Ralston and Chapman (1969).

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A study of the gravity and crustal structure in the western Snake River Plain by Hill (1963) suggests that this part of the plain is a graben in which basalt-filled fissures occur. See geologic section H-H' (fig. 6) and the regional gravity map (fig. 7a). On the north side of the graben, high-angle faults occur in a nearly continuous zone along the margin of the lowlands, as illustrated by the faults located northeast of Mountain Home (fig. 7a). The southern flank of the graben, which contains the Bruneau-Grand View area, is laced with a system of northwest-trending faults (fig. 7a). This system of faults has been mapped only in the southeastern part of the study area (fig. 4). Faults in the remainder of the study area, if present, are masked by the overlying unconsolidated sedimentary rocks. However, the occurrence of a few warm- and hot-water springs suggests faulting in the underlying rocks at these springs.

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Drillers' logs lend support to the existence of a north-west-trending system of semiparallel faults in the area. Although some graben- and horst-type structures are present, most faults have their downthrown side on the north towards the Snake River. The generalized geologic sections (fig. 6), which were compiled from drillers' logs and other geologic information, illustrate the fault system mentioned above. Sections B-B', D-E'D', C'E-E'D', G-G', and H-H', which are aligned generally north-south, show that some geologic formations, particularly the Banbury Basalt and the Idavada Volcanics, may have been displaced downwards towards the Snake River, possibly by as much as 200-300 feet in a mile. In some instances, known faults (fig. 4) account for the differences in altitude of formations between wells. A system of northwest-trending faults, such as shown in figure 4 by Malde, Powers, and Marshall (1963), if present in the areas covered by the unconsolidated and poorly consolidated sedimentary rocks, could account for the differences in altitude of the formations shown in the north-trending geologic sections. Most known faults in the area trend to the northwest and have dips that generally range from 50 to 80 degrees to the northeast (Ralston and Chapman, 1969, p. 24). Littleton and Crosthwaite (1957, p. 168) found that vertical movement along most of the faults ranges from a few feet to several hundred feet.

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Northeast-trending faults are also thought to be present in the study area (see geologic sections A-A', CF-C'E, and CF-F'). No surface indications of these suspected faults were noted in the field, and none are shown on the geologic map (fig. 4).

## HYDROLOGY

Thermal ground water in the Bruneau-Grand View area occurs under artesian (confined) conditions in both the volcanic rocks and the consolidated and unconsolidated sedimentary rocks. The areal extent of these rock formations at the surface is shown in figure 4, and their water-bearing characteristics are given in table 1. (See also fig. 5.) For purposes of discussion in this report, the water-bearing units given in table 1 have been grouped into two general aquifer types: (1) the volcanic-rock aquifers, which include the Banbury Basalt, the Idavada Volcanics, and the rhyolitic and intrusive rocks; and (2) the overlying sedimentary-rock aquifers, which generally consist of units of the Idaho and Snake River Groups.

Because of its arid climate, recharge to the aquifers underlying the Bruneau-Grand View area probably has its source in precipitation (mostly winter snow) onto the plateau and the mountains to the south and southwest. Annual precipitation in the lowlands is less than about 10 inches, whereas at the higher altitudes, annual precipitation generally attains about 20 inches (Mundorff, Crosthwaite, and Kilburn, 1964).

Recharge to the volcanic-rock aquifers, excluding the Banbury Basalt, is believed to be from precipitation onto rocks cropping out at the higher altitudes. These rocks are quite permeable in many places, particularly where fractured by faults, and they readily accept water. Many small, intermittent stream channels, which seldom contain water, drain the scant runoff from the mountains. The only perennial stream crossing the Bruneau-Grand View area is the Bruneau River. The lack of perennial streams in the area is an indication of the ability of these units to accept water and to transmit it in the subsurface to lowland aquifers.

Recharge to the sedimentary-rock aquifers and the Banbury Basalt is believed to be chiefly by upward movement of water from the underlying volcanic-rock aquifers. In addition, percolation losses from the intermittent streams in the area may sporadically supply small amounts of recharge to the sedimentary-rock aquifers.

### Possible Thermal Reservoir Rocks

Generally, water temperatures measured at wells producing from the Idavada Volcanics are significantly higher than temperatures measured at nearby wells producing from the overlying sedimentary rock aquifers (see table 2). From this, it can be obviously deduced that the source of the hot water produced by wells in the Bruneau-Grand View area is the Idavada Volcanics or some underlying rock units. The underlying rock units, as exposed in outcrops, consist of rhyolitic rocks of Miocene(?) age that overlie the granites of Cretaceous age, apparently the basement rock. Data indicative of the ability of either the rhyolite or the granite to transmit and store significant quantities of water are lacking, and their potential as a reservoir rock cannot at this time be assessed. Therefore, the Idavada Volcanics are considered to be the only rocks in this area having the known capacity to act as a reservoir for thermal water.

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Date	or Hydrographer	Drilling No.	Altitude of L.S.D. (feet)	Well depth (feet)	Altitude bottom of well (feet)	Casing depth (feet)	Major aquifer	Minor aquifer	Remarks	Altitude of top of basal rock of this core (feet)	Thickness of basal rock of Idaho Group (feet)	Altitude of top of basal rock of Basalt (feet)	Thickness of Basalt (feet)	Altitude of top of Basalt (feet)	Structure of top Volcanic (feet)	Water temperature at surface (°C.)	Remarks
1906	SE	1906	2,720	760	1,960	309	Idaho Volcanics	Banbury Basalt		2,664	253	2,411	331	2,080	2080	36.5	Log
2006		2006	2,810	1,003	1,807	234	Idaho Volcanics	Banbury Basalt		2,810	477	2,333	329	2,004	2,004	34.0	Log
7006	GE	7006	2,585	1,086	1,499		Idaho Group Basalt (?)	Banbury Basalt (?)								25.0	Flows
9006		9006	2,580	910	1,670		Banbury Basalt (?)									50.0	Flows
16006		16006	2,595	513	2,082	369	Banbury Basalt			2,568	377	2,191				42.5	Log; Flows
21006		21006	2,635	760	1,875	167	Banbury Basalt			2,609	140	2,469				43.0	Log; Flows
22006		22006	2,640	1,410	1,230	397	Idaho Volcanics (?)	Banbury Basalt		2,579	333	2,246	946	1,300	1,300	45.0	Log; Flows
23006		23006	2,675	1,300	1,375		Idaho Volcanics (?)	Banbury Basalt (?)								44.0	Flows
26006		26006	2,695	1,000	1,695	171	Idaho Volcanics (?)	Banbury Basalt (?)								38.0	Flows
27006		27006	2,325	400	1,925		Banbury Basalt (?)									43.0	Flows
34006		34006	2,645				Banbury Basalt (?)									41.0	
35006		35006	2,620				Banbury Basalt									40.0	
20006	IE	20006	5,900				Idaho Volcanics									9.5	
36006	GE	36006	2,700				Banbury Basalt									39.0	
13006	RE	13006	5,000				Idaho Volcanics									11.0	

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### Rhyolitic Rocks

Rhyolitic rocks of Miocene(?) age are exposed in the southern part of the study area. The areal extent and thickness of this unit are not known; however, more than several thousand feet of the unit are exposed in the Owyhee uplift (Malde and Powers, 1962). It is possible that these rocks underlie the Idavada Volcanics throughout the Bruneau-Grand View area and that they could, therefore, constitute a reservoir for thermal water. However, no known wells have penetrated this unit in the study area, and for this reason, its potential as a source of thermal water is not known.

## Granitic Rocks

Granitic rocks similar to those of the Idaho batholith are exposed in the Bruneau-Grand View area. These rocks probably form the basement complex throughout this area, and, because granites are generally considered to be dense and relatively impermeable, they may not contain significant quantities of thermal water. However, the similarity in water quality of the thermal water in the Bruneau-Grand View area with that in the Idaho batholith (see section on geochemical surveys) indicates that the water in the Bruneau-Grand View area was in contact with the granitic rocks exposed in the mountainous recharge area to the southwest and that it retained its acquired distinctive chemical quality as it moved into and through overlying rock units. However, it is also possible that the upper part of the granite is either deeply fractured or decomposed, thereby constituting a significant aquifer and reservoir capable of both transmitting water long distances and of storing large quantities of thermal water. At the present time, the absence of data descriptive of the granite underlying the Bruneau-Grand View area precludes assessment of its potential as a reservoir for geothermal water.

## GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS

Geophysical surveys, including gravity, aeromagnetic, audio-magnetotelluric, and electrical-resistivity surveys, were made in the Bruneau-Grand View area prior to and in the period 1973-74 by the U.S. Geological Survey. Results from these surveys are used to help interpret the geology of the area and to assess the extent and some of the characteristics of the thermal anomaly in the area.

Included in this report are (1) a gravity map compiled by D. L. Peterson and D. R. Mabey, (2) an aeromagnetic map compiled by the Geological Survey, and (3) the results and interpretation of a reconnaissance audio-magnetotelluric survey by D. B. Hoover and C. L. Tippens. A report updating and summarizing all geophysical studies made in the Bruneau-Grand View area, including the resistivity survey, is currently being prepared by the Geological Survey.

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### Gravity and Aeromagnetic Surveys

The results of a gravity survey (fig. 7a) by Hill (1963) indicates that there are three major gravity anomalies in the western Snake River Plain, each of which is elongated to the northwest. These anomalies are believed to be caused by deeply buried basalt flows or dikes.

The largest gravity high is located about 10 miles northeast of Grand View and is approximately 90 miles long and 25 miles wide (fig. 7a). The effect of this gravity feature on the local gravity relief in the Bruneau-Grand View area (fig. 7b) is significant in that the sharp decrease in gravity values to the southwest, which reflects the southwest flank of this gravity high, would serve to overshadow such local gravity anomalies as may be present. The only local gravity features recognizable on fig. 7b are a low east of Hot Spring near the head of Bruneau Valley, and a high that trends southeast from the head of Little Valley.

The lines of equal magnetic intensity (fig. 8) resulting from aeromagnetic surveys compiled by the Geological Survey were released to the open file in 1971. Although these data are considered preliminary and have not been edited for conformance to Survey standards, they show a magnetic high in the Bruneau-Grand View area that trends to the northwest.

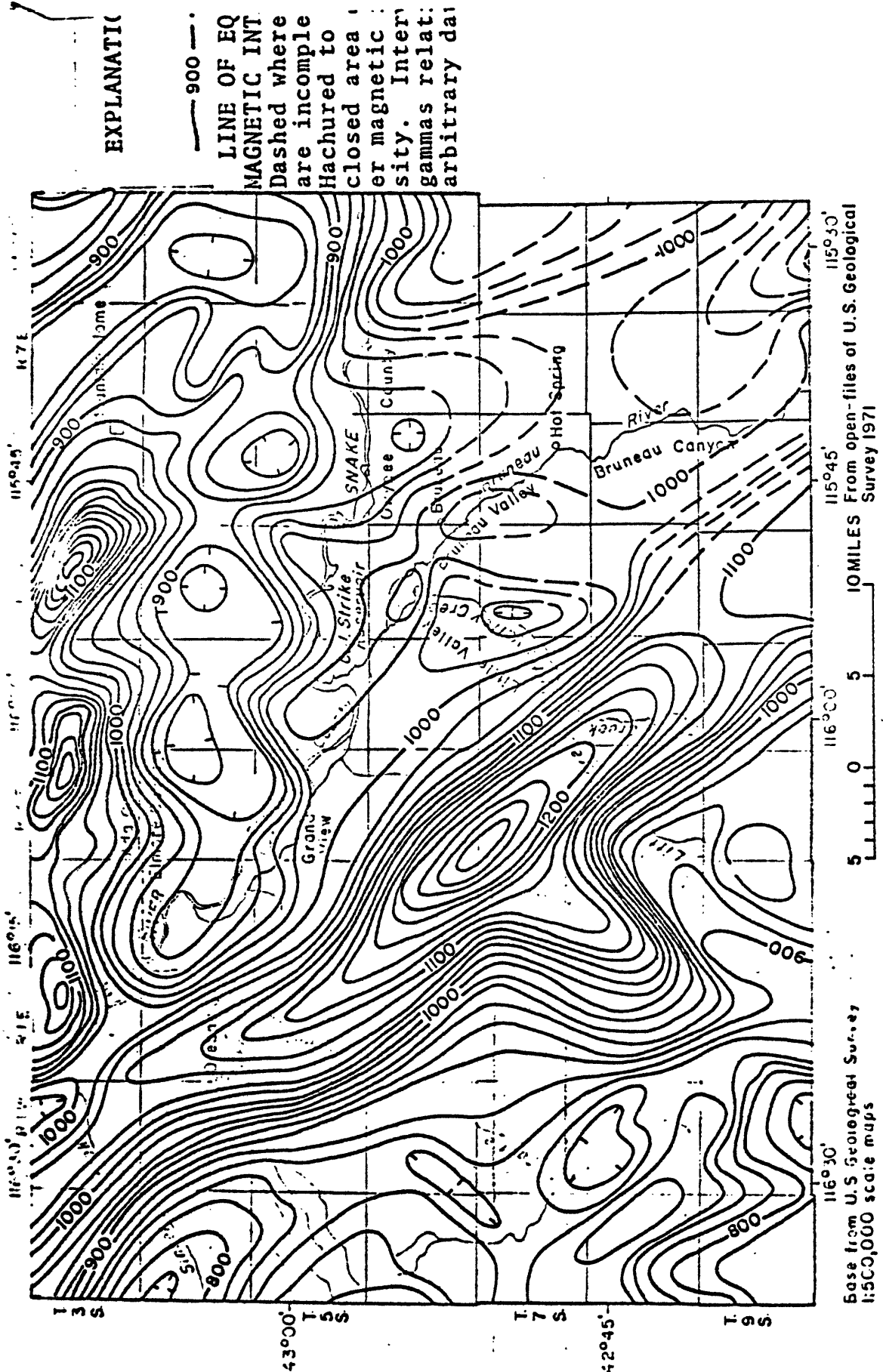


FIGURE 8.--Aeromagnetic map.

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The gravity and magnetic data are included in this report to lend further support to the existence of northwest-trending subsurface structures (faults) as suggested by figure 6, particularly along the south side of the Snake River in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

Further interpretation of all gravity and magnetic data for the Bruneau-Grand View area will be made in the aforementioned forthcoming geophysical report.

### Reconnaissance Audio-Magnetotelluric Survey

An AMT (audio-magnetotelluric) survey by D. B. Hoover and C. L. Tipples (app. A) has revealed a major northwest-trending conductive anomaly in the Bruneau-Grand View area. The center of this anomaly appears to be situated between Oreana and Grand View. The low resistivities (22 ohm-metres or less) are associated with the highest temperature ground waters (60 to 83°C) measured in the area (fig. 10). Within the conductive zone, apparent resistivities approaching 2 ohm-metres are indicated at depth. Resistivities in this range suggest a hot-water reservoir with some alteration of the reservoir rock by the hot water (app. A).

The conductive anomaly has distinct boundaries on the west and south, but those on the north and east are not well defined. The data indicate that the low-resistivity zone dips downward to the east and may extend eastward at a depth below the range of the current AMT survey.

The large area extent of the conductive anomaly in the Bruneau-Grand View area suggests a broad heat source for the thermal water.

## GEOCHEMICAL SURVEYS

Eighty-seven wells and seven springs in the Bruneau-Grand View area were selected for water-quality sampling. The sites (fig. 4) selected provide for areal representation of the quality of the water in the aquifers supplying water to wells or springs, of measured ground-water temperatures, and of estimated temperatures at depth. Results of standard chemical analyses, plus boron, lithium, mercury, and arsenic, for the samples collected are given in table 3. Geohydrologic data for these wells, including altitudes, well depths, and aquifer units, are given in table 2.

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### Chemistry of Thermal Waters

The chemical composition of the sampled thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area shows that they are generally of a sodium bicarbonate type and are characterized by low chloride and high bicarbonate concentrations and a nearly neutral pH (White, 1957, p. 1649). Although most of the thermal waters in the area are classified as of a sodium bicarbonate type, certain marked differences in their chemical constituents serve to distinguish water in the sedimentary-rock aquifers of the Idaho Group (the Bruneau, Glenns Ferry, and Chalk Hills Formations) from water in the volcanic-rock aquifers (the Banbury Basalt of the Idaho Group and the Idavada Volcanics).

Thermal water from wells penetrating only the sedimentary-rock aquifers is high in dissolved-solids concentration (greater than 600 mg/l), is nearly neutral in pH, and usually contains fluoride concentrations of less than 2 mg/l. In striking contrast, water from wells penetrating the volcanic-rock aquifers is low in dissolved-solids concentration (less than 500 mg/l), high in fluoride concentration (usually greater than 8 mg/l), and is alkaline (pH greater than 8.5).

Chloride concentrations range from 2.7 to 79 mg/l in the thermal waters sampled. Chloride concentrations for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers were less than 20 mg/l and only slightly higher for most water issuing from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. Generally, sulfate concentrations were much higher in water from the volcanic-rock aquifers than in water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. However, marked exceptions to this were noted in a few samples from shallow wells that were near the Snake River.

The reason for the low chloride, high fluoride, and high sulfate concentrations in the thermal water from the volcanic-rock aquifers is not understood. However, even though this water has distinct characteristics, it is not unlike other thermal water found in Idaho. As shown below, the chemical similarities of water from the volcanic-rock aquifers and thermal water from the Idaho batholith (which also contains low chloride and high fluoride and sulfate concentrations) is noteworthy (Young and Mitchell, 1973). This similarity indicates that rocks similar in mineralogy to the granite of the Idaho batholith may lie at depth below the Bruneau-Grand View area as proposed by Schoen (1972).

	Volcanic-rock aquifers		Idaho batholith	
	well	well	Sunbeam	Vulcan
	4S-1E-34bad1	5S-3E-26bcb1	Hot Springs 11N-15E-19c1S	Hot Springs 14N-6E-11bdalS
Temperature (°C)	75.5	83.0	76.0	87.0
Silica (mg/l)	91	110	91	120
Calcium (mg/l)	1.0	2.1	1.5	1.8
Magnesium (mg/l)	0	0	0	.1
Sodium (mg/l)	99	110	85	94
Potassium (mg/l)	.8	1.7	2.4	3
Sulfate (mg/l)	40	62	54	43
Chloride (mg/l)	13	15	12	17
Fluoride (mg/l)	13	15	15	24

### Chemical Ratios

The ratios of certain chemical constituents can be useful in describing and evaluating geothermal areas (White, 1970). One use of these ratios is to identify similar waters within a geothermal area. The  $\text{Cl}/(\text{HCO}_3 + \text{CO}_3)$  (chloride/dicarbonate plus carbonate) ratio (Fournier and Truesdell, 1970), the  $\text{Cl}/\text{B}$  (chloride/boron) ratio (Ellis, 1970) and the  $\text{Cl}/\text{F}$  (chloride/fluoride) ratio (Mahon, 1970) have been used successfully to distinguish water discharging from different aquifers. The atomic and molar ratios of selected chemical constituents from sampled wells and springs in the Bruneau-Grand View area are given in table 4. The  $\text{Cl}/(\text{HCO}_3 + \text{CO}_3)$ ,  $\text{Cl}/\text{B}$ , and  $\text{Cl}/\text{F}$  ratios are shown on figure 9.

Typically, the  $\text{Cl}/(\text{HCO}_3 + \text{CO}_3)$  ratio is less than 0.1 for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers and greater than 0.1 for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers in the Bruneau-Grand View area. Slight variations from these ratios are probably the result of mixing of water from the two aquifers.

The  $\text{Cl}/\text{B}$  ratios established for water from the sedimentary-rock and the volcanic-rock aquifers are not as indicative of water from the respective aquifers as are the  $\text{Cl}/(\text{HCO}_3 + \text{CO}_3)$  ratios. The  $\text{Cl}/\text{B}$  ratio is generally less than 12 for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers, whereas it ranges from less than 5 to greater than 20 for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers. The lower values for water from the sedimentary-

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rock aquifers are due to the higher boron concentrations generally found in this water. The Cl/B ratio for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers shows a marked decrease in value near the towns of Bruneau and Grand View due to an increase in boron concentrations.

The Cl/F ratios provide the most reliable chemical means of distinguishing between water from the volcanic-rock and water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. The Cl/F ratio for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers is generally less than 0.6, owing to the high fluoride concentration of the water, whereas the ratio for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers usually exceeds 1. The highest concentration of fluoride (29 mg/l) was found in water from a well, near the town of Bruneau, which is open to the volcanic-rock aquifer.

### Ground-Water Temperatures

Owing to the natural increase of temperature downward in the earth's crust, water in deeper aquifers generally tends to be warmer than that from shallower aquifers. As would be expected, therefore, ground-water temperatures in the Bruneau-Grand View area increase as wells penetrate deeper aquifers. Temperatures of water discharged from wells and springs in the area ranged from 9.5° to 83.0°C (table 3 and fig. 10). Generally, the temperature of the water obtained from the sedimentary-rock aquifers seldom, with a few exceptions, exceeds 35°C, whereas temperatures of water from the volcanic-rock aquifers ranged from 40.0° to 83.0°C.

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Because most wells in the area are not cased through much of their depth, it is difficult to calculate a thermal gradient for the area using existing wells. This is because the temperature of water entering an open well bore at some selected intermediate depth will differ significantly from the temperature of the water entering at or near the bottom of the well. For this reason, the temperature of the water discharged from the well may not be representative of temperature at the bottom of the well. However, if data are used for wells that are cased from land surface to a depth of at least 60 percent of the well's total depth, a plot of well depth versus the temperature of the water produced from the well can be used to calculate a thermal gradient of about  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  per 100 feet of depth (fig. 11). This gradient is somewhat lower than has been measured elsewhere in Idaho [ $3.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  per 100 feet in Camas Prairie (Walton, 1962, p. 90);  $2.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  per 100 feet in sedimentary rocks in Boise Valley (Nace and others, 1957, p. 72)]. In considering this gradient, it should also be realized that a higher temperature gradient may occur at wells intersecting faults that act as conduits for a rapid upward movement of hot water from depth, thereby effectively bypassing less warm water at intermediate depths. Well 7S-6E-16cdcl, figure 11, may be an illustration of this in that a thermal gradient calculated using this well is  $6.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  per 100 feet.

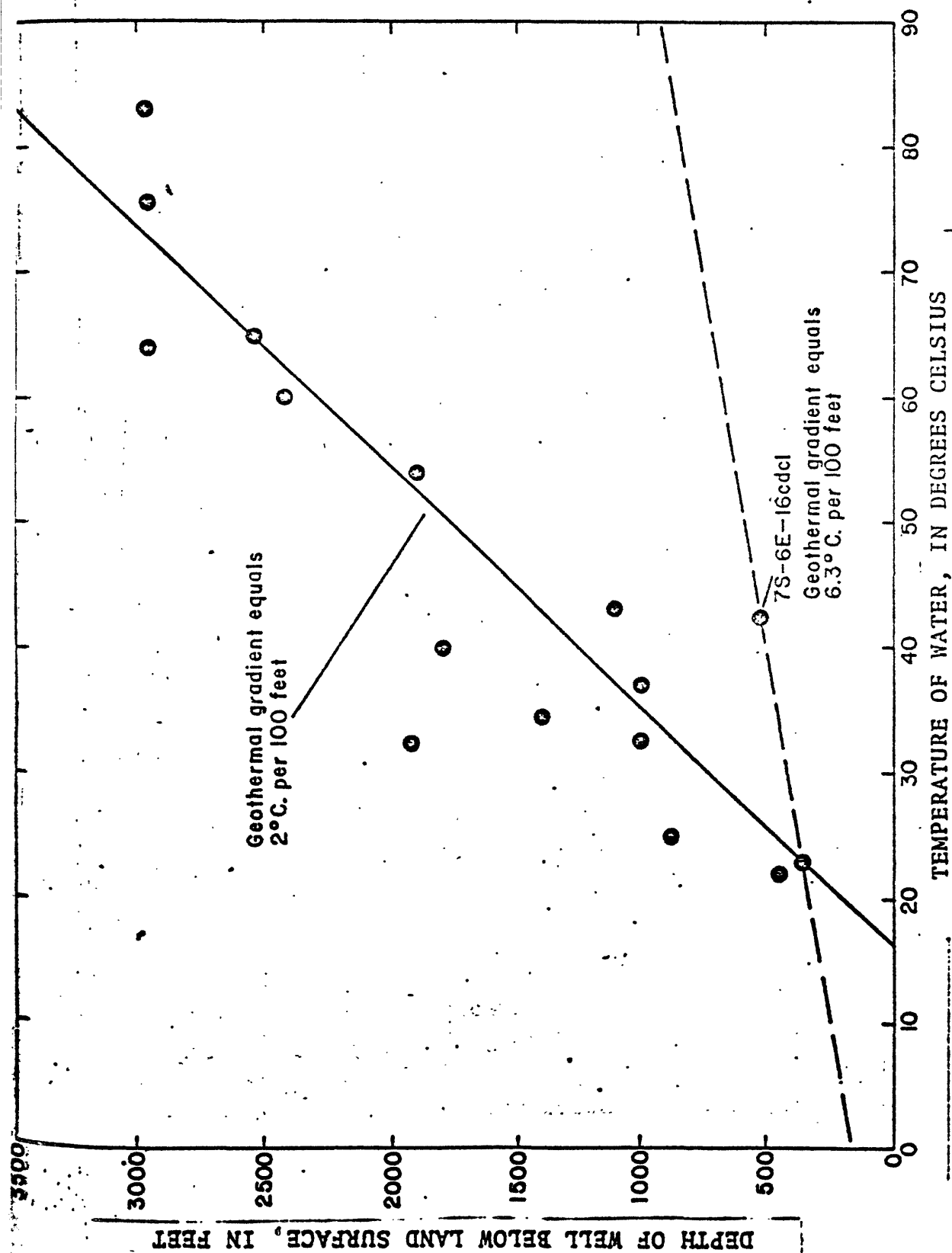


FIGURE 11.--Ground-water temperatures with relation to depth in wells having at least 60 percent of the upper part of the well cased.

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The depth to which a well must penetrate to yield water of a desired temperature can be approximated using the thermal gradient for an area as follows:

Desired water temperature = 150°C  
Thermal gradient = 2°C per 100 feet  
Average annual air temperature (which approximates the temperature at a depth of 100 feet) = 10°C

Depth required =  $100 \frac{(150^\circ - 10^\circ)}{2} + 100 + 7,100$  feet

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The calculated depth of 7,100 feet to obtain water of 150°C is based on the assumption that water occurs at this depth in the quantities desired. At the present time, information on the occurrence of water at depths of 7,000 feet or greater in the Bruneau-Grand View area is not available.

Ground-water temperatures at some unknown depth can be calculated using geochemical thermometers. In the Bruneau-Grand View area, ground-water temperatures at depth were estimated using the silica (Fournier and Truesdell, 1970), and the sodium-potassium-calcium geochemical thermometers (Fournier and Truesdell, 1973), and a new technique (Fournier and Truesdell, 1974) - to be described in following pages - which enables utilization of water samples containing a mixture of deep thermal water and shallow cold water to calculate the temperature of the hot-water component and the percentage of the cold water in the mixture.

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### The Silica Geochemical Thermometer

Estimated aquifer temperatures calculated using the silica thermometer for all sampled thermal water in the Bruneau-Grand View area ranged from 92° to 157°C (table 4 and fig. 10). The temperatures given are based on the assumption that: (1) all the silica in the sampled water was in equilibrium with quartz (rather than amorphous or other silica species) in the thermal aquifer, (2) no dilution or enrichment takes place as the water ascends to the surface, and (3) the water is cooled only by conduction as it moves to the land surface (curve A, Fournier and Truesdell, 1970). However, because of the high silica concentrations noted in the warm water issuing from the sedimentary-rock aquifers, the assumption of the silica content in the water being in equilibrium with quartz in the sedimentary-rock aquifers may be erroneous.

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Table 9. Chemical analyses of water from selected wells and springs

Well or spring	Depth, feet	Date of collection	Dissolved solids (mg. per litre)	Chemical constituents in milligrams per litre, except where noted. Analyses by U.S. Geological Survey										Total dissolved solids (mg. per litre)	Total solids (mg. per litre)	Sulfate (mg. per litre)	Chloride (mg. per litre)	Fluoride (mg. per litre)	Nitrate plus nitrite (mg. per litre)	Phosphorus (mg. per litre)	Dissolved solids (mg. per litre)	Dissolved solids (mg. per litre)	Anions		Percent sodium	Sodium adsorption ratio	Specific conductance (micromhos per centimeter at 25°C.)	pH (25°C.)	Volatile acidity (mg. per litre)	Chemical constituents in milligrams per litre
				Calcium (Ca.)	Magnesium (Mg.)	Sodium (Na.)	Potassium (K.)	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Chloride (Cl.)	Fluoride (F.)										Nitrate plus nitrite (NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> )	Phosphorus (P)						
35 IE	250 ft.	7/3/41	—	43.0	9.9	35.0	6.0	246	0	202	250	2.7	2.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	205	0.41	150	0	33	1.3	440	7.8	20.0	0	4	60	30	0
45 IE	250 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	25	2.9	310	2.9	952	0	781	55	25	6	0.02	0.02	0.02	989	1.35	74	0	86	16	1420	7.3	30.0	0	4	100	20	0
	260 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	13	2.8	250	2.9	763	0	626	3.6	13	6	0.1	0.1	0.1	786	1.07	44	0	87	16	1160	7.3	22.0	0	14	780	70	0.6
	290 ft.	7/3/41	3.3	1.2	0	100	0.8	69	51	142	3.9	12	1.2	0	0	0	333	1.45	3	0	93	25	476	9.2	70.0	0	22	150	10	0.2
	306 ft.	7/3/41	—	33	3.2	7.9	3.1	129	0	106	10	2.7	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01	181	0.25	96	0	15	0.4	220	8.9	16.5	0	20	20	10	0
	340 ft.	7/3/41	—	1.0	0	9.9	0.8	72	46	136	10	13	13	0	0	0	339	0.46	3	0	93	27	453	9.2	75.5	0	29	150	10	0
45 RF	1000 ft.	7/3/41	0.02	21	6.9	330	2.4	1010	0	328	4.5	31	0.3	0	0	0	1070	1.39	91	0	87	16	1390	7.4	35.0	0	0	1620	20	0
	3200 ft.	7/3/41	0.05	5.8	0.7	150	0.5	383	0	314	5.2	17	0.7	0.70	0.70	0.70	499	0.68	17	0	92	16	699	8.8	43.0	0	5	1000	20	0.3
55 IE	200 ft.	7/3/41	—	27	1.3	260	2.9	787	0	645	7.2	18	0.5	0	0	0	333	1.16	73	0	84	13	1230	7.3	37.0	0	10	800	70	0
	2960 ft.	7/3/41	2.7	22	0	100	0.7	63	49	133	4.2	13	1.5	0	0	0	336	0.46	6	0	97	19	574	9.3	64.0	0	44	160	10	0.3
	2100 ft.	7/3/41	0.81	1.3	0	100	0.7	57	50	130	4.2	13	1.5	0.05	0.05	0.05	317	0.43	3	0	99	24	468	9.2	65.0	0	50	170	10	0.2
	2400 ft.	7/3/41	4.5	1.1	0	100	1.3	82	39	132	4.1	14	1.5	0.78	0.78	0.78	344	0.47	3	0	98	26	463	7.3	64.5	0	50	150	20	0.3
55 RF	111 ft.	7/3/41	0.06	1.7	0	86	0.6	46	59	136	7.1	16	1.5	0.36	0.36	0.36	268	0.39	4	0	96	18	423	9.3	42.5	0	7	100	10	0
	200 ft.	7/3/41	0.02	9.9	2.0	250	2.2	675	0	554	3.4	25	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	712	1.01	33	0	90	19	1100	—	51.5	0	4	120	70	0.3
	520 ft.	7/3/41	0.17	110	1.1	150	6.7	223	75	308	8.1	20	0.6	0	0	0	496	0.17	18	0	93	16	648	9.3	42.5	0	5	100	20	0.3
	1748 ft.	7/3/41	0.1	13	2.6	260	2.8	767	0	629	3.2	20	1.5	0	0	0	528	1.13	45	0	88	17	1260	7.6	63.0	0	5	100	20	0
55 RF	200 ft.	7/3/41	0.14	2.4	0	91	0.8	16	42	124	10	18	2.3	0	0	0	402	0.41	6	0	97	16	419	9.6	53.5	0	5	100	20	0
	1500 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	22	5.7	280	2.0	886	0	727	5.4	26	1.3	0	0	0	950	1.29	80	0	86	14	1260	7.3	15.0	0	5	100	20	0.2
	2000 ft.	7/3/41	—	1.1	0.1	85	0.7	27	61	124	6.4	16	1.9	0.09	0.09	0.09	313	0.43	3	0	98	21	396	9.6	19.0	0	1	100	20	0
	200 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	42	3.9	230	1.9	703	0	577	6.7	30	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	306	1.10	120	0	78	9.1	1330	7.2	27.0	0	2	100	20	0
	2200 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	19	3.4	250	1.8	683	0	540	4.0	38	1.7	0.02	0.02	0.02	214	0.40	61	0	67	14	1280	7.3	25.0	0	6	120	20	0
	2700 ft.	7/3/41	0.01	30	8.7	200	1.6	528	0	572	5.5	28	0.2	0	0	0	733	1.00	110	0	77	3.2	1120	7.2	18.0	0	3	100	20	0

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Well or Spring Identification		Reported Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date of Collection	(Chemical constituents in milligrams per liter except where noted)										Analyses by: U.S. Geological Survey																
				Discharge (cfs)	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Potassium (K)	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate plus Nitrite (NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> )	Phosphorus (P)	Dissolved Solids (Calculation)	Dissolved Solids (Total)	AS CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Noncarbonate	Percent Sodium	Sulfate Adsorption Ratio	Specific Conductance (field)	pH (field)	Water Temperature (°C)	Chemical constituents in milligrams per liter			
65	SE	200 ft	—	0.1	59	4.7	0.1	110	5.6	198	18	192	3.7	17	24	0	204	0.46	0.46	12	0	36	41	295	8.8	3.5	8	0.5	1	
		240 ft	1095	0.1	89	3.6	0	120	4.6	149	21	157	2.8	13	27	0	102	0.52	0.52	9	0	56	17	605	9.1	3.5	6	0.5	1	
		194 ft	1938	—	79	2.8	0	99	2.3	127	10	121	2.5	11	25	0	105	0.44	0.44	7	0	96	16	414	9.0	3.5	10	0.3	1	
		274 ft	1560	0.1	120	7.1	0.3	87	6.3	117	4	103	4.2	15	19	0.05	0.4	0.59	0.19	19	0	88	8.7	435	8.8	3.5	1	0.4	1	
		350 ft	460	—	73	3.8	3.3	54	8.6	166	0	136	1.6	11	6.9	0.17	0.2	0.34	0.47	110	0	50	2.3	462	9.1	22.0	13	0.4	1	
65	SE	1200 ft	990	—	120	10	0.6	180	15	493	0	404	3.6	19	5.9	3.0	0.7	0.62	0.83	27	0	68	15	843	8.2	32.0	1	0.4	1	
		1900 ft	913	0.1	88	3.0	0	93	3.1	94	19	109	3.8	10	2.6	0.01	0.1	0.32	0.44	8	0	95	15	457	9.0	32.0	15	0.4	1	
		1940 ft	260	—	84	2.3	0	94	1.9	87	24	111	2.8	10	2.6	0.02	—	0.31	0.43	6	0	96	17	421	9.2	42.0	25	0.4	1	
		2725 ft	1402	0.6	87	3.1	0.1	94	3.1	132	8	122	2.8	11	2.7	0.01	0.2	0.32	0.44	8	0	94	14	413	9.3	44.5	45	0.4	1	
65	SE	1000 ft	1000	0.1	73	7.0	0.6	260	8.0	614	0	504	3.4	6.2	4.4	0	—	0.22	0.98	20	0	95	25	1240	8.0	44.0	0	0.4	1	
		1050 ft	1050	0.2	72	3.1	1.2	250	8.2	585	0	480	3.6	7.9	3.2	0.02	—	0.16	0.97	35	0	94	22	1170	8.0	53.0	0	0.4	1	
		2000 ft	1350	0.1	75	5.8	0.5	210	7.6	524	0	431	2.8	5.6	7.6	0.30	0.1	0.28	0.85	17	0	94	22	951	8.0	54.5	1	0.4	1	
		2660 ft	365	—	87	2.6	1.7	240	3.1	530	0	435	2.5	17	7.7	0.01	0.4	0.31	1.27	140	0	75	9.0	1210	7.0	23.0	40	0.4	1	
75	SE	400 ft	3001	1.6	94	5.1	2.8	31	15	214	0	176	3.6	7.2	1.7	0.02	0.2	0.30	0.47	140	0	29	1.1	437	7.4	24.0	0	0.4	1	
75	SE	1000 ft	1000	1.7	83	6.9	0.2	53	6.7	79	10	81	1.7	2.6	9.7	0.29	0.2	0.23	0.32	18	0	81	5.4	278	8.6	20.0	0	0.4	1	
		3000 ft	1442	3.7	95	5.8	0.1	46	7.4	88	5	81	2.0	8.7	8.9	0.12	0.1	0.24	0.33	15	0	80	5.2	272	8.4	22.0	0	0.4	1	
		5000 ft	1040	4.1	96	5.0	1.4	54	15	154	0	176	1.30	7.7	2.0	0.01	0.3	0.33	0.59	130	4	94	2.1	497	7.7	30.0	0	0.4	1	
		10000 ft	1445	1.1	99	7.2	0.1	47	8.3	106	0	87	2.4	8.6	9.4	0.26	0.4	0.25	0.35	19	0	78	4.7	284	8.6	32.5	17	0.4	1	
		11000 ft	1500	4.4	99	16	0.3	45	9.0	113	0	93	2.0	9.3	8.2	0.13	0.3	0.27	0.58	41	0	65	3.1	312	8.3	36.0	0	0.4	1	
		12000 ft	4105	—	96	7.0	0.1	51	7.0	97	0	80	1.7	8.4	8.7	0.29	0.2	0.24	0.33	18	0	81	5.2	293	8.7	43.0	0	0.4	1	
		13000 ft	1000	3.3	95	7.3	0.2	49	7.8	89	6	83	2.0	8.0	9.0	0.26	0.6	0.24	—	19	0	79	4.9	289	9.0	50.0	0	0.4	1	
		14000 ft	1000	2.8	91	0.7	0.1	52	7.5	80	11	81	1.0	9.1	11	0.25	0.1	0.27	0.41	0	0	78	2.0	1	0.0	0.0	14	0.0	10	0.0

Table 3-continued

Well		Depth below land surface	Date of collection	Chemical constituents in milligrams per litre, except where noted												Analyses by U.S. Geological Survey											
Number	or	Feet	Feet	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Potassium (K)	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (equiv. L/1000 cc)	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate plus Nitrite (NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> )	Phosphorus (P)	Dissolved Solids (collected)	Dissolved Solids (calculated)	ES CaCO <sub>3</sub>	ES Noncarbonate	Percent Sodium Adsorption Ratio	Specific Conductance (field)	pH (field)	Chemical constituents in milligrams per litre				
55	3E	19972	2970	110	2.1	0	110	1.7	22	64	125.62	15.15	0.01	0.01	0.02	391	0.53	5	0	97	21	530	9.3	6.5	4	570	
		2970	2970	100	1.5	.1	110	1.5	35	55	120.64	15.14	.03	.03	.01	386	.52	4	0	98	23	529	9.3	6.2	4	550	
		2900	2900		1.4	.1	81	.9	63	39	124.12	17.20	.25	.25	0	289	.38	4	0	97	18	403	9.4	6.0	1	820	
		2540	2540	98	.8	0	97	1.3	27	67	134.98	15.21	0	0	.02	324	.44	2	0	98	30	437	9.4	6.5	5	620	
55	4E	3500	3570	100	2.2	0	100	1.1	54	49	126.77	16.15	.01	.01	.03	391	.53	3	0	98	30	551	9.3	7.1	7	560	
		356	356	94	85	7.8	83	12	227	0	186.240	18.17	0	0	.05	654	.89	240	58	41	2.3	845	8.2	27.0	5	130	
55	5E	3311	250	40	86	66	170	6.9	425	0	349.450	50.6	.53	.53	—	1100	1.50	490	140	43	34	1650	7.2	12.0	28	300	
		88	88	87	29	13	190	2.6	625	0	513.12	24.6	.33	.33	—	681	.94	120	0	73	7.5	1100	7.5	25.0	10	720	
65	2W	514	514	30	5.6	1.4	8.2	2.0	28	0	23.85	6.3	.1	.1	.06	86	.12	20	0	44	.8	91	7.1	11.0	1	30	
		514	514	45	37	8.5	22	1.6	126	0	103.25	21.5	.56	.56	.01	235	.32	130	24	27	.8	304	7.2	25.0	5	30	
65	3E	2060	3050	99	1.2	0	120	2.8	86	52	157.45	19.17	.01	.01	.02	395	.54	3	0	97	30	599	9.1	6.0	2	70	
		1940	1940	100	1.2	.1	110	4.0	120	37	160.27	18.17	.03	.03	.01	574	.51	3	0	97	26	504	9.2	5.0	2	70	
		1450	1450	110	1.6	0	110	6.4	58	74	171.42	11.12	0	0	.02	396	.54	4	0	95	24	534	9.4	6.0	2	70	
		300	300	94	4.6	0	59	3.4	78	12	84.20	9.7	.08	.08	.01	253	.34	11	0	89	26	520	8.6	5.1	2	150	
		1425	1425	130	3.6	.1	97	8.1	157	25	170.42	11.91	0	0	.06	404	.55	9	0	91	14	576	8.8	3.0	2	80	
		1400	1400	120	5.6	.3	86	6.1	155	0	127.33	11.11	.03	.03	.12	350	.48	15	0	89	9.6	433	8.9	5.4	0	400	
65	4E	1905	1905	140	5.0	.1	110	4.7	20	74	140.65	19.24	.02	.02	.06	452	.61	13	0	93	13	583	9.4	5.4	3	520	
		455	455	44	58	4.6	38	4.7	220	0	180.58	9.2	.7	.7	.01	332	.45	160	0	92	1.3	422	7.8	18.0	22	80	
		1750	1750	73	41	2.3	95	13	179	0	106.190	14.29	.02	.02	.03	332	.45	110	6	62	3.9	702	7.8	20.0	3	130	
		955	955	96	4.6	.1	47	8.9	96	0	79.24	9.0	.30	0	.04	345	.23	12	0	81	5.9	275	8.5	32.5	24	100	
		1667	1667	78	2.6	.3	120	4.3	159	19	162.24	15.29	.04	.04	.02	371	.33	8	0	95	19	508	8.4	5.9	2	100	
		2960	2960	120	3.9	.1	100	2.3	93	25	113.52	20.13	.13	.13	.03	308	.54	10	0	92	14	520	7.6	2.0	22	50	



Table 3. Continued

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Well or location		Reported well depth below land surface (ft.)	Date of collection	Discharge (cubic feet per second)	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Potassium (K)	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (eq/L)	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ) (SC <sub>4</sub> )	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate plus Nitrite (NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> )	Phosphorus (P)	Dissolved solids (calc.)	Dissolved solids (total)	AS CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Noncarbonate	Percent Sodium	Sodium Adsorption Ratio	Specific Conductance (field)	pH (field)	Nitrate-nitrogen (mg/L)	Chemical constituents in micrograms per liter
75	6E	2700	73/10/19	100	84	12	1.1	48	6.2	129	0	106	17	86	54	0.59	0.03	249	0.34	35	0	7.1	3.6	287	9.2	43.0	18.20
		344665	73/10/19		83	6.2	0.3	55	5.5	103	6	94	18	88	85	1.46	0.03	244	0.33	17	0	8.3	5.9	288	9.1	44.0	26.10
		352664	73/10/19		89	1.3	1.8	43	6.7	126	0	103	15	88	45	1.60	0.03	247	0.03	40	0	6.6	3.0	287	8.5	40.0	19.10
85	1E	2000	73/10/12		22	11	2.8	6.0	7	62	0	51	3.2	2.0	0.2	1.62	0.07	81	0.11	39	0	2.5	4	100	7.1	3.5	2.20
85	6E	36415	73/10/15		87	6.5	0.6	53	6.7	113	5	101	15	9.1	6.0	1.66	0.06	249	0.34	19	0	8.1	5.3	300	8.3	39.0	18.80
95	2E	136615	73/10/12		39	14	2.9	11	2.1	71	0	58	9.5	6.3	1.3	1.04	0.08	120	0.16	47	0	3.3	7	130	7.2	11.0	0.40

Estimated aquifer temperatures and chemical ratios for selected sampled waters

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Table 11 continued

Well number	Cr. Fracture	Grainy	Discharge rate (cfs)	Water level (ft)	Aquifer Depth (ft)	Aquifer Temperature (°C)	Temperature from thermometers	Lithology	Sodium Chloride (%)	Atomic Ratio	Cations (%)	Sulfate (%)	Molar Ratios	Molar Ratios	Cations (%)	Sulfate (%)	Molar Ratios	Molar Ratios	
75	4E	14661	3.7	39.0	135	275	90	196	0.023	10.9	0.723	22.5	159	1360	193	0.217	0.105	0.134	1.02
		15661	5.9	33.0	137	—	—	88	0.057	3.64	0.379	27.5	64.6	483	205	0.363	0.272	0.139	0.414
		23661	7.3	38.5	135	275	90	188	0.027	8.43	0.589	—	—	—	—	0.217	0.169	0.175	0.690
		25661	6.1	36.5	137	—	—	93	0.024	6.41	0.393	28.0	215	755	98.0	0.379	0.101	0.175	0.857
		26661	2.9	31.0	132	—	—	94	0.051	6.03	0.784	33.3	235	1360	193	0.291	0.192	0.200	1.23
75	5E	27661	3.1	27.0	123	—	—	87	0.134	5.01	1.14	38.8	274	1390	197	0.316	0.223	0.221	1.13
		56661	1.05	32.0	122	248	92	175	0.037	25.0	0.621	17.1	186	1900	174	0.121	0.077	0.180	0.447
		14661	2.8	39.0	132	256	89	187	0.039	10.5	0.541	33.2	192	1540	267	0.208	0.135	0.176	1.30
		86661	1.8	40.0	137	244	88	183	0.028	16.3	0.453	25.8	—	—	235	0.160	0.111	0.174	1.11
		96661	2.0	40.0	131	246	88	90	0.069	7.26	0.438	45.8	176	1570	392	0.252	0.215	0.182	1.13
75	6E	13661	0.78	25.0	133	—	—	91	0.211	4.94	0.536	25.4	97.9	770	200	0.302	0.274	0.172	0.452
		13661	—	36.0	127	247	90	187	—	13.0	0.438	21.1	176	1510	181	0.188	0.119	0.170	1.07
		16661	—	39.5	132	250	89	180	0.025	13.8	0.328	33.2	192	1600	293	0.177	0.124	0.179	1.11
		19661	2.6	36.5	134	—	—	186	0.021	12.5	0.491	30.5	215	1660	235	0.183	0.144	0.184	1.03
		20661	2.5	34.0	134	—	—	199	0.060	10.9	0.463	26.4	—	—	222	0.201	0.130	0.169	0.894
75	6E	76661	—	25.0	137	—	—	186	0.059	38.0	0.536	21.8	196	1840	205	0.100	0.053	0.179	0.982
		96661	—	50.5	137	228	82	131	0.309	10.9	0.223	14.5	196	3020	224	0.046	0.041	0.168	0.856
		16661	—	42.5	126	213	85	91	0.089	11.5	0.542	45.8	176	1480	384	0.202	0.114	0.152	1.13
		21661	—	43.0	127	213	85	94	0.084	16.0	0.402	39.2	—	—	363	0.163	0.099	0.158	1.13
		22661	5.5	45.0	129	216	84	79	0.196	4.36	1.22	28.5	82.2	604	209	0.363	0.196	0.117	1.26
75	6E	23661	—	44.0	137	253	87	93	0.151	7.70	0.569	22.1	85.1	800	208	0.257	0.145	0.119	1.16
		26661	2.3	38.0	127	232	88	80	0.288	3.92	1.43	26.2	84.2	543	169	0.404	0.182	0.110	1.29

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The sedimentary rocks were derived mainly from silica-rich volcanic rocks and, therefore, probably have an abundance of silicate minerals. Although the warm water moving through the sedimentary rocks is nearly neutral in pH (as measured at the surface), the possibility of its having dissolved silicate minerals and thereby containing amorphous silica was considered. To test this possibility, several water samples containing high silica concentrations at relatively low temperatures were examined to see if the high silica content was indeed in equilibrium with amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Water from well 4S-1E-25ccd1 has a silica concentration of 120 mg/l and a temperature at the surface of 30.0°C. The solubility of amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$  at 30.0°C is 128 mg/l, which is very close to the 120 mg/l silica found in the sample. Water from well 5S-3E-25bbb1 has a silica concentration of 98 mg/l and a temperature at the surface of 18.0°C. The solubility of amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$  at 18.0°C is 102 mg/l. The difference between these two values is within the range of analytical error. Several other samples from wells completed in the sedimentary-rock aquifers were tested with ambiguous results. In several samples, the low-temperature water contained silica concentrations that were greater than what would be suspected under the assumption of equilibrium with amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ . However, the close agreement in most cases between the measured silica concentrations and the calculated silica concentrations, assuming equilibrium with amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ , indicate that silica concentrations in the

water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers are not in equilibrium with quartz. Therefore, the assumption of the silica concentrations being in equilibrium with quartz is invalid, and the silica geochemical thermometer should not be used to estimate aquifer temperature at depth for water ascending through the sedimentary-rock aquifers.

Several samples of high-temperature water from the volcanic-rock aquifers were tested to see if their silica concentrations, at surface temperatures, were in equilibrium with amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ . In all cases, the silica concentrations in the samples were well below the solubility of amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ , indicating that the silica in this water probably is in equilibrium with quartz. However, it should be recognized that some of this silica in these alkaline waters may also have been derived from amorphous silica.

From the above discussion, it can be concluded that the temperatures estimated using the silica geochemical thermometer may well be in error and should be considered as tentative values only.

### The Sodium-Potassium-Calcium Geochemical Thermometer

The molar concentrations of Na, K, and Ca are used in the Na-K-Ca (sodium-potassium-calcium) geochemical thermometer to calculate aquifer temperatures. Estimated aquifer temperatures for all sampled thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area using this method ranged from 21° to 206°C (table 4 and fig. 10). This method assumes that these constituents are in chemical equilibrium in the thermal aquifer and that no dilution or enrichment takes place as the water ascends to the surface.

The higher values for dissolved solids in the thermal water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers compared to the lower values for dissolved solids in the thermal water of the volcanic-rock aquifers suggest that the water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers is enriched by aquifer materials. These sedimentary rocks contain appreciable amounts of volcanic ash and bentonitic clay (Littleton and Crosthwaite, 1957) that could provide large amounts of sodium and potassium minerals and much smaller amounts of calcium and magnesium minerals. The chemical quality of the warm water derived from the sedimentary-rock aquifers suggests enrichment of sodium and potassium with a smaller enrichment of calcium. This effectively reduces the sodium-to-potassium ratio and tends to increase estimated aquifer temperatures. Similar interbedded sedimentary rocks in the volcanic-rock aquifers could conceivably have the same effect on the composition of the thermal water.

### The Mixed-Water Geochemical Thermometer

Many of the thermal waters appearing at or near land surface are the result of mixing of hot water from depth with cold water from upper zones. The original temperature of the hot water and the percentage of cold water in the mixture can be estimated (Fournier and Truesdell, 1974) from the temperature measured at the surface and the silica concentrations of the mixture and the upper nonthermal waters. Fournier and Truesdell (1974) suggest a simple test to determine if the thermal water sampled at the surface is of mixed origin. According to them, temperatures estimated by the Na-K-Ca geochemical thermometer that are within  $\pm 25.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  of the water temperature measured at the surface usually indicates chemical equilibrium and, thereby, that the sample represents an unmixed water. However, estimated temperature differences of more than  $\pm 25.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  indicate nonequilibrium conditions exist and, therefore, the sample represents a mixed water.

The mixed-water method was used in the Bruneau-Grand View area not only for estimating probable maximum temperatures of the hot-water component, but also as an aid in evaluating, as discussed below, the silica concentration in the waters sampled. Therefore, mixing models were constructed or attempted for all sampled thermal waters regardless of the relation of estimated Na-K-Ca temperatures to the water temperatures measured at the surface. The computed temperatures and percentage of cold water are given in table 4, and these temperatures are plotted in figure 9. The computations made were based on the following assumptions (model 1, Fournier and Truesdell, 1974): (1) water and newly formed steam rise together; (2) silica concentrations are in equilibrium with quartz; and (3) the temperature and silica concentrations of water from the sampled nonthermal springs (table 3) are representative of the nonthermal water in their respective areas.

Estimates of the temperature of the hot-water component and percentage of cold water were obtained for 48 of the 91 sampled thermal wells and springs. Estimated maximum temperatures of the hot-water components ranged from 150° to 275°C, and the percentage of cold water ranged from 61 to 92 percent. However, it is believed that estimated temperatures of above 220°C probably indicate that the water has been enriched by amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and that, therefore, some of the silica in the sampled water is not in equilibrium with quartz. No temperature estimates could be obtained for samples from wells penetrating the sedimentary-rock aquifers where it is believed the high silica content is due to amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ . The results for the higher temperature water flowing from the volcanic-rock aquifers are probably more sound, as the silica content of this water is probably in equilibrium with quartz.

### Credibility of Estimated Temperatures

The silica geochemical thermometer is probably the best indicator of temperature at depth for selected water in the Bruneau-Grand View area. The silica concentrations observed in samples from the shallow sedimentary-rock aquifers generally do not seem to be in equilibrium with quartz; therefore, the silica geochemical thermometer should not be used to indicate the temperature of this water. The water samples for which estimated mixed-water temperatures exceed  $220^{\circ}\text{C}$  probably have been enriched by amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Therefore, the best estimates of temperatures at depth, using the silica geochemical thermometer, are probably those for the higher temperature water (greater than  $45.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), which flows from the volcanic-rock aquifers where calculated temperatures by the mixed-water method are less than  $220^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The Na-K-Ca geochemical thermometer should not be used to estimate temperatures at depth for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. The chemical composition of this water has evidently been altered owing to the solution of the aquifer materials and, therefore, erroneously high temperatures were calculated. The estimated temperatures by the Na-K-Ca method for the water from the volcanic-rock aquifers are probably much more reliable than those for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifer, especially where these temperatures have the support of the silica geochemical thermometer.

The estimated subsurface temperatures in the Bruneau-G~~ree~~  
View area probably do not exceed 150°C. This estimate is  
based on the silica concentrations of thermal water believed  
to have been sampled from only the volcanic-rock aquifers.  
However, if this sampled water is a mixture of a hot water  
from depth with cooler, shallower water, then silica concen-  
trations would also reflect the mixing, and subsurface  
temperatures may exceed 180°C.

### Minor Elements

The water samples collected were analyzed for the following selected minor elements: boron, lithium, mercury, and arsenic. The concentrations of these minor elements in the water samples collected are given in table 3. Although the measured concentrations for these constituents in all waters sampled were low, notable differences in the boron and lithium concentrations were measured in samples from both the sedimentary-rock aquifers and volcanic-rock aquifers and, in some instances, from only the volcanic-rock aquifers.

The highest concentrations of boron (1,900 ug/l, micrograms per litre) and lithium (1,100 ug/l) were measured in water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. The higher values probably reflect contributions from evaporite beds within the sedimentary rocks.

The boron concentrations in the volcanic-rock aquifers show a wide range in measured values. Generally, the values ranged from less than 100 to 1,100 ug/l. The highest concentrations of boron occurred in the vicinity of Bruneau and Grand View. The higher concentrations of boron in the water near these towns may result from one or all of the aforementioned causes if some mixing of water from the sedimentary-rock and volcanic-rock aquifers has occurred, or if sedimentary deposits were interbedded in the volcanic rocks. However, it is also possible that the boron was contributed to the thermal water by solution of the Idavada Volcanics, which had been enriched by residual magmatic fluids, thus indicating a closer proximity to the source area of these volcanic rocks (Fairbridge, 1972, p. 88).

The lithium concentrations in the water of the volcanic-rock aquifers are very low and usually do not exceed 30 ug/l. Such low concentrations of lithium are usual in water from basaltic rocks (Ellis, 1970).

Mercury and arsenic concentrations in all the sampled thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area are low, and ranged from 0 to 4.3 ug/l and 0 to 78 ug/l, respectively. No pattern of occurrence and concentration for these minor elements was observed. However, the highest values found for both were in water from the volcanic-rock aquifers.

### Gas Analyses

Gas samples were collected from 15 wells near Grand View and in the Castle Creek and Indian Cove areas. No gas was found in the water from other wells in the study area. The samples were analyzed for specific gases by the gas chromatograph technique, and the results are given in percentage by volume in table 5. The analysis technique yielded values for the individual gases accurate within  $\pm 5$  percent, although the sum of constituent percentages for any one sample may have a larger deviation. Part of the discrepancy for sums less than 100 percent probably results from the fact the samples usually were saturated with water, whereas the gases used for standards in the analysis technique were not.

Table - 5 Gas analyses from selected wells

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Well or spring identification number	Water temperature (°C)	Major aquifer	Percent by volume					N <sub>2</sub> /O <sub>2</sub> in sample	N <sub>2</sub> /O <sub>2</sub> in water at 10°C	Sum
			Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )			
4S-1E-26abc1	27.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	53	14.2	28.8	<1	<0.1	3.73	1.96	96 <sup>+</sup>
34bad1	75.5	Volcanics	72	16.6	0	<1	<.1	4.34		89 <sup>±</sup>
4S-2E-29dbc1	28.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	36	19.3	50	<1	<.1	1.87		105 <sup>+</sup>
32bcc1	43.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	38	13.5	40.4	<1	<.1	2.81		92 <sup>±</sup>
5S-2E-16bc1	49.5	Banbury Basalt(?)	67	18.2	0	<1	<.1	3.68		85 <sup>+</sup>
5S-3E-20ada1	60.0	Idaho Group	72	19	0	<1	<.1	3.77		91 <sup>+</sup>
20bbb1	27.0	Volcanics	62	24.2	16.4	<1	<.1	2.56		103 <sup>±</sup>
26bab2	67.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	76	12.1	0	<1	<.1	6.28		88 <sup>+</sup>
27bdd1	60.0	Volcanics	70	12.8	5.5	<1	<.1	5.47		88 <sup>+</sup>
28bec1	65.0	Idaho Group	69	17.2	2	<1	<.1	4.01		88 <sup>+</sup>
6S-3E-2cbb1	62.0	Volcanics	67	11.5	5	<1	<.1	5.83		84 <sup>±</sup>
6S-5E-20aab1	43.5	Banbury Basalt(?)	84	16.5	0	<1	<.1	5.09		101 <sup>±</sup>
6S-7E-1acbb1	41.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	61	23.3	20.9	<1	<.1	2.62		105 <sup>+</sup>
1dba1	33.0	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	38	16.4	35.4	<1	<.1	2.32		90 <sup>±</sup>
2cdd1	34.5	Sedimentary rocks of Idaho Group	38	17.6	46.3	<1	<.1	2.16	✓	102 <sup>±</sup>

11 Temperature of the water at land surface at time of sampling.

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The gases in the thermal water sampled consist primarily of nitrogen, oxygen, and methane. In no sample did carbon dioxide exceed 1 percent, nor did hydrogen exceed 0.1 percent. As shown by the analyses, water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers contains large volumes of methane, whereas water from five of the eight samples from the volcanic-rock aquifers contains no methane. The small amounts of methane reported in the other three analyses of water from the volcanic-rock aquifers indicate that some of the water in these wells is, in fact, derived from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. The methane in water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers probably results from decay of organic material in the sedimentary deposits. The low values of carbon dioxide and hydrogen reported in the gas samples from water of both aquifers suggest that, except for the methane, the gases in the water are those that were contained in the meteoric water recharging the system.

The ratio of nitrogen to oxygen can be used to support further the idea that the gases in the samples collected, excluding methane, were those in the original recharge water to the system. Assuming the temperature of the water recharged to the volcanic-rock aquifers to be 10.0°C, which is the measured temperature of selected cold springs in the area (see table 2), and assuming the nitrogen and oxygen in the air and water are in equilibrium, the ratio of nitrogen to oxygen in the recharge water would be 1.96 (Hodgman and others, 1953, p. 1610). The potential loss of oxygen from the water due to oxidation of minerals in the aquifer is much greater than the potential loss of nitrogen. This loss of oxygen would effectively increase the ratio of nitrogen to oxygen. The nitrogen-oxygen ratios in the gas from the volcanic-rock aquifers (table 5) are much higher than 1.96, thus indicating a loss of oxygen from the water. The nitrogen-oxygen ratios in the gas from the water of the sedimentary-rock aquifers are much lower than the nitrogen-oxygen ratios in the gas from water of the volcanic-rock aquifers; however, they are still higher than the same ratios in the gas from the suspected recharge water. The nitrogen-oxygen ratio in gas from the sedimentary-rock aquifers probably reflects mixing of water by vertical percolation from the volcanic-rock aquifers.

### Well and Spring Deposits

Deposition of minerals by thermal ground waters is noticeably absent in the Bruneau-Grand View area. Some well casings and spring vents have a very thin coating of carbonate-type minerals. Evaporite-type deposits are found on some well casings that are exposed to the higher temperature water in the area. However, these types of deposits are the result of evaporation rather than precipitation due to excessive mineral concentrations in the water.

Stearns (1922, p. 7) reported that a spring in Shoofly Valley (T. 6 S, R. 3 E, sec. 14), was depositing large amounts of minerals. However, subsequent ground-water development of the sedimentary-rock aquifer in this area has caused this spring to cease flowing, and for this reason, fresh samples of the minerals deposited could not be collected. A sample of the old deposits was collected and analyzed for mineral content. The results show that the spring deposits contain chiefly calcium carbonate (travertine) with very small amounts of quartz (less than 3 percent).

The lack of mineral deposition by thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area is probably due to the low dissolved-solids concentration of these waters.

## SOURCE OF HEAT

The sources of heat for the above-normal ground-water temperatures in the Bruneau-Grand View area were first discussed by Piper (1924, p. 52). He gave three possible explanations: (1) Expiring volcanism at depth beneath the area, (2) mechanical heat generated by friction during recent earth movements, and (3) the upward migration of water from depth where observed temperatures are normal. He concluded that the upward migration of water from depth is the most probable source because: (1) Observed volcanism in the area is restricted to thin, relatively fast-cooling, surface flows; and (2) similar faulted areas did not possess abnormally high ground-water temperatures. At the time of this investigation, no additional data have been collected that suggests expiring volcanism at depth or the generation of mechanical heat from major faulting in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

The large areal extent of the conductive anomaly, as defined by the AMT survey, and the widespread occurrence of thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area, suggest a broad heat source. Therefore, the probable explanation of the above-normal ground-water temperatures in the Bruneau-Grand View area is deep circulation of water in an area of above-normal geothermal gradient. Heating of the ground water to a temperature of 83°C (maximum recorded water temperature at the surface) by a geothermal gradient of 2°C per 100 feet would require the circulation of water to a depth of about 3,750 feet.

Unpublished data by D. D. Blackwell (written commun., 1973) suggest that heat-flow values of 2.4 heat-flow units or  $2.4 \times 10^{-6}$  cal/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec and a gradient of 50°C per kilometre (1.5°C per 100 feet) exist in the vicinity of Silver City, Idaho, which is approximately 30 miles west of Grand View. This gradient closely approximates that calculated (2°C per 100 feet) for the Bruneau-Grand View area.

The relatively high geothermal gradient occurring in the Bruneau-Grand View area probably is related to the thinning of the upper crust in the area of the Snake River Plain noted by Pakiser (1963). Pakiser stated that these areas of thin upper crust and low-density upper mantle usually have had a Cenozoic history of intense diastrophism and silicic volcanism.

## SUMMARY

The rocks in the Bruneau-Grand View area range in age from Late Cretaceous to Holocene. Rocks of the Cenozoic Era have been subdivided into four groups: (1) an unnamed sequence of rhyolitic and related rocks, (2) the Idavada Volcanics, (3) the Idaho Group, and (4) the Snake River Group. For convenience, these rock units have been divided into two major groups according to their hydrologic properties: (1) the volcanic-rock aquifers that include the Idavada Volcanics, the Banbury Basalt of the Idaho Group, and undifferentiated silicic volcanic rocks; (2) the sedimentary-rock aquifers, which include chiefly sedimentary units of the Idaho and Snake River Groups.

Recharge to the volcanic-rock aquifer (except the Banbury Basalt) is thought to be chiefly from precipitation in the higher altitudes to the south and southwest of the study area where the rock units are exposed at the surface. Recharge to the sedimentary-rock aquifers and the Banbury Basalt is believed to be mainly by the upward movement of water from the underlying volcanic-rock aquifers.

The Idavada Volcanics or underlying rock units are believed to be the reservoir rocks for the thermal water in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

A system of northwest-trending faults has probably fractured and displaced rocks ranging in age from Pliocene to Pleistocene. Most of the faulting probably occurred in early Pliocene time, with progressively diminishing movements through Pleistocene-time. Gravity and aeromagnetic surveys support the theory of a northwest-trending subsurface structure.

An AMT (audio-magnetotelluric) survey of the Bruneau-Grand View area has revealed a large conductive anomaly in the region between Oreana and Grand View. The areal extent of this anomaly implies that a broad heat source is -present. The low resistivities observed, approaching 2 ohm-metres, imply a hot-water reservoir in which the reservoir rocks have been altered.

Sampled thermal water in the Bruneau-Grand View area is generally of a sodium bicarbonate type. In the study area, thermal water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers generally contains dissolved-solids concentrations greater than 600 mg/l, is nearly neutral in pH, and usually contains less than 2 mg/l fluoride. Water from the volcanic-rock aquifers generally contains less than 500 mg/l dissolved solids, has pH values higher than 8.0, and has fluoride concentrations in excess of 8 mg/l. Chloride concentrations range from 2.7 to 79 mg/l for all sampled water with the values from the volcanic-rock aquifers usually less than 20 mg/l. Sulfate concentrations are much higher for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers than for the water from the overlying sedimentary-rock aquifers. The chemistry of the thermal water from the volcanic-rock aquifers is very similar to that of thermal water flowing from the granitic rocks of the Idaho batholith.

Ratios of concentrations of selected chemical constituents are used to distinguish water from the volcanic-rock and sedimentary-rock aquifers. The chloride-fluoride ratio is probably the best indicator with ratios generally less than 0.6 for water from the volcanic-rock aquifers and considerably greater than 0.6 for water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. Chloride-boron ratios of the hotter water from volcanic-rock aquifers showed a marked decrease near Bruneau and Grand View because of increased boron concentrations.

Measured ground-water temperatures at the surface in the Bruneau-Grand View area range from 9.5° to 83.0°C with the higher temperatures (40° to 83°C) found in the water from the volcanic-rock aquifers. Temperatures of the water from the sedimentary-rock aquifers seldom exceed 35°C. The observed ground-water temperatures in the volcanic-rock aquifers seem to be related to the depth to the aquifers.

Estimated aquifer temperatures range from 92° to 157°C as calculated by the use of the silica geochemical thermometer and from 21° to 206°C using the Na-K-Ca geochemical thermometer. Estimated maximum temperatures, which were calculated by the use of the mixed-water geochemical thermometer, range from 150° to 275°C with the cold water component ranging from 61 to 92 percent. Aquifer temperatures in the Bruneau-Grand View area were estimated at and probably do not exceed 150°C, except where the sampled water at the surface is of mixed origin; here, maximum temperatures at depth probably do not exceed 220°C.

A geothermal gradient of 2°C per 100 feet was calculated for the Bruneau-Grand View area using selected well data. Using this gradient, temperatures of 150°C could exist at a depth of 7,100 feet.

The gas in samples collected from water in the Bruneau-Grand View area consists primarily of nitrogen, oxygen, and methane. Methane was found primarily in samples from the sedimentary-rock aquifers. Analysis of the gas in water from the volcanic-rock aquifers indicates that the gas is essentially that contained in meteoric water recharging the system.

Mineral deposition at wells and springs in the Bruneau-Grand View area is noticeably absent, largely because of the low dissolved-solids concentration in the water.

The source of heat for the deeply circulating thermal waters in the Bruneau-Grand View area is believed to be an above-normal geothermal gradient. This above-normal gradient could be related to a thinning of the earth's upper crust in this area.

## FUTURE WORK

The collection of data for this investigation was designed to give a preliminary evaluation of the areal extent and character of the Bruneau-Grand View thermal anomaly. This preliminary evaluation was based on geochemical sampling of thermal waters at the surface, existing geologic and hydrologic data, and selected surface geophysical surveys.

The findings presented in this report could be refined if additional data were available. Borehole geophysical logs for several existing deep wells could yield information about lithology, temperature, and water-quality conditions in the subsurface. This additional data, in conjunction with existing data, would make it possible to select a site for a deep-test hole. A deep test-hole (10,000 feet deep) in the area of the Bruneau-Grand View thermal anomaly could contribute significant data descriptive of:

1. The lithology of rocks at depth
2. Temperatures of the thermal waters at depth
3. Water levels and yield characteristics for the aquifers penetrated
4. The quality of the thermal waters penetrated
5. The heat-flow values

Interpretation of data collected from a deep-test hole should yield the information needed to enable a definitive assessment of the potential of the Bruneau-Grand View area as a prospective area for developing geothermal energy for power production.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

A Reconnaissance Audio-Magnetotelluric Survey,  
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A Reconnaissance Audio-Magnetotelluric Survey,  
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Introduction

The AMT (audio-magnetotelluric) survey has recently been used by the U.S. Geological Survey as a reconnaissance technique for the evaluation of potential geothermal areas. The rationale for this is that, being an inductive electromagnetic technique, it emphasizes conductive bodies that commonly are associated with the hot waters and alteration zones of geothermal reservoirs. The deemphasis of highly resistive zones also makes it useful in looking through highly resistive surficial material where D. C. (direct current) resistivity techniques lose definition. However, the deemphasis of highly resistive zones is also a disadvantage in that it contributes to large errors in estimating depths to conductive bodies.

In reconnaissance work it is usually sufficient to verify the existence of conductive anomalies, measure their approximate values, and gain some idea of their lateral extent. This can be rather easily done with AMT techniques for relatively near-surface conductors. The depth of exploration is variable, depending on the resistivity section, but typically ranges from 660 to 6,000 feet at 8 Hz (hertz).

### Basis for AMT Method

The magnetotelluric method is one of three exploration techniques in which naturally occurring electromagnetic fields are used. The more familiar telluric and AFMAG (audio-frequency magnetics) methods are the others, and all suffer from being dependent upon vagaries in natural fields. In this investigation, the frequency range employed was from 8 to 18,600 Hz, and the technique is accordingly called AMT (audio-magnetotelluric) exploration.

Electromagnetic energy as it propagates into the earth is attenuated, with the energy loss dissipated as heat. The depth it penetrates into the earth is a function of earth properties and the frequency of the energy wave. "Skin depth" is a measure of this penetration and is defined as the depth at which the current density has fallen to  $1/e$  of its surface value. This also is an approximate measure of the depth of exploration. The "skin depth" ( $\delta$ ) is given by equation (1) for a homogeneous earth.

$$\delta = \sqrt{2/\omega\mu\sigma} \quad \text{equation (1)}$$

where--

$\delta$  = "skin depth" in metres

$\omega$  = angular frequency in radians per second

$\mu$  = magnetic permeability in Henries per metre

$\sigma$  = conductivity in ohm-metres.

For rocks that are not strongly magnetic, equation (1) reduces to:

$$\delta = 503 \sqrt{\rho/f} \text{ metres} \quad \text{equation (2)}$$

where--

$\rho$  = resistivity in ohm-metres

For example, if measurements were made over a uniform 100-ohm-metre earth, the resistivity would be measured from the surface down to about 120 feet at 13,600 Hz and to 5,900 feet at 8 Hz. It is the bulk properties of the rock, however, that are being measured in a volume approximately defined by radii 1 "skin depth" long from the measuring point. Material--and particularly low-resistivity material--nearest to the measuring point contributes most to the measurement. Where the "skin depth" is small, as at the highest frequencies, then a smaller volume of material is being averaged. Hence, at a given site, a decrease in the frequency being measured results in a resistivity measurement representative of a deeper penetration into the earth and a greater lateral extent. It is important to keep the latter concept in mind when examining AMT data.

A necessary assumption made in employing the AMT method is that the electromagnetic energy derived from lightning propagates as a plane wave essentially vertically into the earth. The plane-wave assumption is valid if the energy source is at least 4 "skin depths" from the measuring site. Only in the case of very local lightning storms or artificial disturbances is this assumption invalid. This audio-frequency energy in the ELF (extra low frequency) and VLF (very low frequency) band propagates for long distances around the earth in the waveguide formed by the earth and ionosphere. Propagating in this waveguide mode, the fields above the earth are approximately at grazing incidence. Because of the large change in impedance (index of refraction) at the earth-air boundary, the energy is refracted toward the normal, and for practical purposes, the energy propagates vertically. Associated with this downward propagating wave are mutually orthogonal, horizontal magnetic and electric fields. In the case of a homogeneous or horizontally homogeneous stratified earth, the electric field in the earth is radial to the source and the magnetic field is tangential to the source. Under these conditions, the apparent resistivity of the earth is a function of these horizontal fields, and the frequency as given by Cagniard (1953) is:

$$\rho_a = \frac{1}{5f} \left( \frac{E^2}{H^2} \right) \quad \text{equation (3)}$$

where--

- $\rho_a$  = apparent resistivity in ohm-metres
- $f$  = frequency in hertz
- $E$  = electric field in microvolts per metre
- $H$  = magnetic field in gammas.

Since the "skin depth" and apparent resistivity are both functions of frequency, the variation of resistivity with depth can be determined by measurements at the surface. Thus, if the apparent resistivity is measured as a function of frequency, a sounding is made much as with a direct-current sounding array (Keller and Frischknecht, 1966); but without expanding the electrode array.

In the AMT range of frequencies, the principal source of natural energy arises from worldwide lightning storms with tropical regions accounting for the preponderance of the energy. Bleil (1964), Ward (1967), and Strangway and others (1973) discuss in detail the temporal and spacial variations of these signals. Briefly, the main features of these variations affect the method by restricting operations to good-signal periods and by introducing scatter in the data. Considering temporal variations, the energy is weakest during winter months when storm activity is reduced. Measurements have been made as late as October, but energy is markedly lower toward the end of the month. This reduction in energy is particularly noticeable in the higher frequencies. There is also a tendency for the energy, particularly in the higher frequencies, to increase in the afternoon as thunderstorms approach the measuring site.

Propagation in the earth-ionosphere waveguide produces spectral characteristics that impose other restrictions on the method. In the low-frequency range, waveguide resonances produce energy peaks at discrete frequencies. These are the Schumann resonances, with the fundamental being about 8 Hz. Below this frequency, the energy decreases rapidly to a minimum around 1 Hz. In the midfrequencies, the waveguide has a strong absorption band near 2,000 Hz, which severely limits data acquisition in this range.

Since more than one major storm center can be supplying energy during a given period, some data scatter and non-repeatability of data can be observed where lateral inhomogeneities exist. The response of two- and three-dimensional structures varies with the orientation of the source fields and sensor-array orientation. Data scatter is due to the varying source locations present during a given recording period; nonrepeatability is due to distinctly different source locations between different recording times. This precludes very precise analysis of the data for a layered structure and clearly emphasizes that the earth usually is not the simple horizontally stratified model that is often assumed.

Within the AMT frequency band, manmade signals are also present. Most troublesome is the energy radiating from power lines at the fundamental and at many of the harmonics. While in principle, these signals could be used if the source was at least 4 "skin depths" distance, this criterion is difficult to meet except in remote areas. The "skin depth" at 60 Hz for 100-ohm-metre material is 2,100 feet; therefore, a minimum distance would be 1.6 miles separation from the nearest power line for this situation and over 5 miles if the earth were 1,000-ohm-metre material. Thus, the large amount of energy from power lines generally constitutes only a difficult noise problem.

In the higher frequency range, VLF radio stations are present and may be used as an energy source. In this investigation, stations at 10,200 Hz and 18,600 Hz were used as a matter of convenience. During the rare periods when these stations are not transmitting, there is sufficient natural energy for operations.

### Interpretation

Where horizontal layering can be assumed, interpretation is similar to conventional resistivity techniques such as curve matching. The corresponding sounding curve can be computed for any postulated layered structure, so matches to theoretical sounding curves can be made. The problem of intermediate high-resistivity layers being masked, however, is a serious limitation to accurate depth interpretation. This is similar to a low-velocity layer being masked in seismic refraction surveying and is discussed in more detail by Strangway and others (1973) and Strangway and Vozoff (1970). They point out that an intermediate high-resistivity layer must be two to three times as thick as the upper layer to be seen.

In mining and some geothermal exploration, two- and three-dimensional structures are much more prevalent than the simple layered case. Methods of interpretation for this situation are severely limited, and most often, simple anomaly maps are used. This is the method used in this investigation. Some theoretical solutions for simple two-dimensional structures have been presented by Strangway and others (1973), Strangway and Vozoff (1970), Vozoff (1972), and Madden and Swift (1969). Limited three-dimensional data are available from model studies of Frischknecht (1973). These studies permit some generalizations that are useful when examining AMT anomaly maps or sounding curves.

For two-dimensional structures, the most definitive measurements are made with the electric-field-measuring arrays oriented parallel and perpendicular to the strike of the structure. In general, "E-perpendicular" measurements will define the boundaries sharply, but will exhibit overshoot in the measured values near the boundary. This can result in measured apparent resistivities both higher and lower than the actual resistivities present in the section. Near-surface conductive layers, however, tend to suppress the overshoot. In the case of "E-parallel" measurements across a structure, generally they will define the boundaries poorly, but the values will vary smoothly without overshoot near the boundaries. A common situation would be an area in which approximately vertical, conductive fault zones are present. In this case, if one were not within the fault zone, the "E-parallel" measurements would be lower and "E-perpendicular" measurements higher than the background resistivities. If one were within the fault zone, just the opposite would result.

In a broad sense, these same generalizations apply to three-dimensional structures. "E-perpendicular" measurements are much more definitive of the boundary than the "E-parallel" measurements. This implies that spherical bodies will not give circular anomaly maps as is evident from Frischknecht's data (1973).

### Equipment

AMT equipment is not yet available commercially, so the equipment used was designed and fabricated by the U.S. Geological Survey. The equipment is similar to that described by Strangway and others (1973), except that a means of preserving phase information was provided. A schematic diagram of the instrumentation is shown in figure 12. To measure the horizontal electric field, two steel stakes, generally 330 feet apart, are used as electrodes. The signal is amplified and prefiltered using R-C bandpass filters to prevent limiting of strong transients in the early stages. Narrow-band, active-notch filters are used to remove 60 and 180 Hz power-line signals, which are very strong near power lines. The signals then enter a universal active filter connected in a high-Q bandpass configuration. Approximately constant Q is maintained at all filter settings, with the 6 db bandwidth at 8 Hz being 0.3 Hz. To define a sounding curve, nine selectable frequencies spaced logarithmically throughout the band are used, but selected so as to avoid the midband harmonics of 60 Hz. At present, the operating frequencies are 8, 26, 86, 270, 700, 2,000, 7,000, 10,200, and 18,600 Hz. The output of the narrow-band filter is rectified, integrated, and displayed on a strip-chart recorder to show the envelope of the received energy.

An induction pickup consisting of a wire-wound ferrite core is used for the horizontal magnetic-field sensor. To span the broad range of frequencies, two separate coils were required. One covers the range of 8 to 700 Hz and the other 2,000 to 18,600 Hz. An integral part of each sensor is a low-noise preamplifier that feeds the magnetic field signal to a second channel essentially identical to that described for recording the electric field. The coil sensitivity is about 0.1 microvolt per milligamma at 8 Hz.

Phase information is preserved by means of a phase-locked loop and synchronous detectors as shown in the schematic diagram (fig. 12). Because the usefulness of the phase information is still being evaluated, no further discussion is presented here.

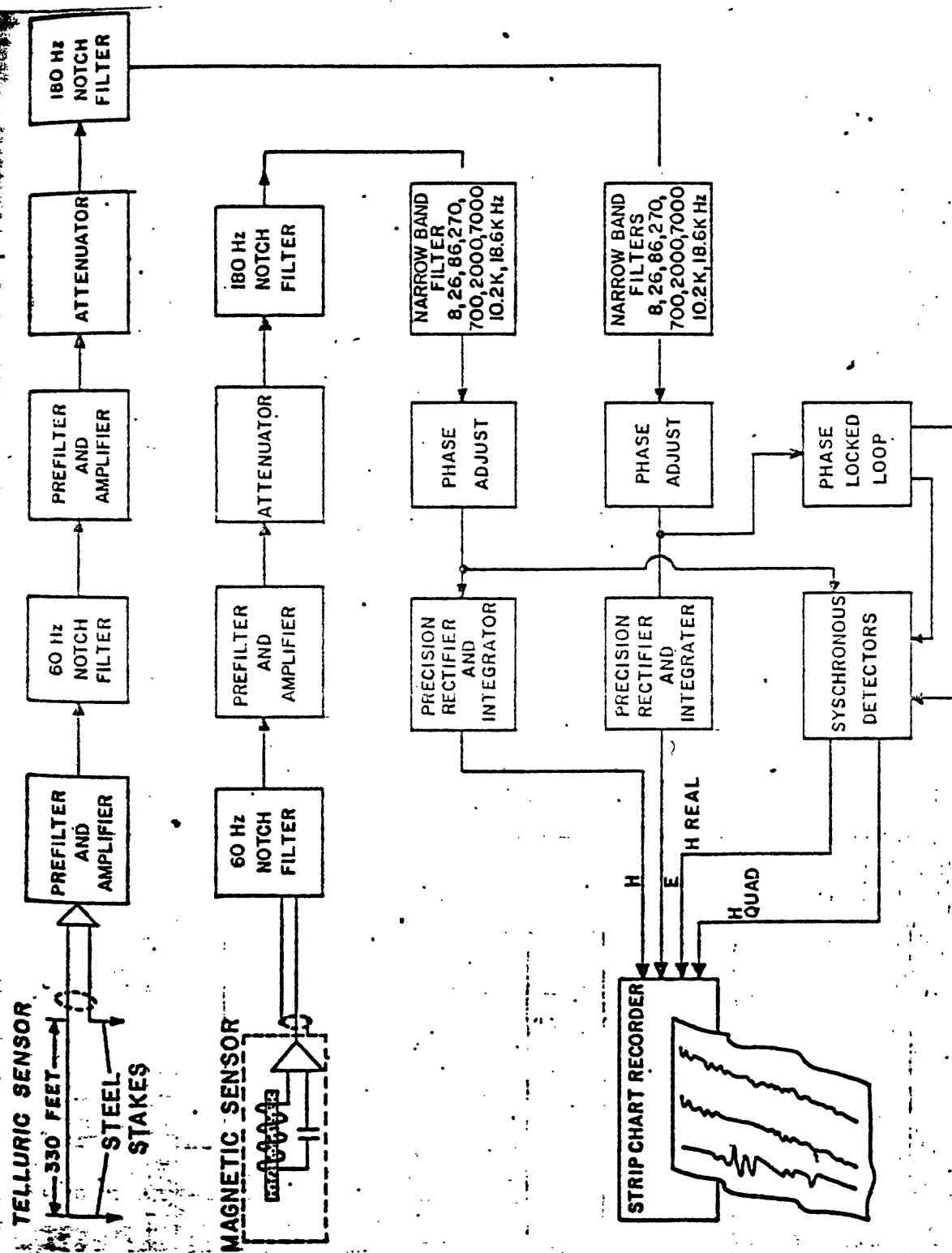


FIGURE 12.--U.S. Geological Survey AMT (audio-magnetotelluric) system.

### Field Operations

The strip-chart recorder and high-gain selective filters are operated from a carryall truck with power supplied by an inverter connected to the truck battery. The coil and common electrode of the electric line are located 100 feet from the truck to avoid electrical noise generated by the truck. Signals are transmitted to the truck through coaxial cable.

The electric line is laid out in either an east-west or a north-south direction, and the coil placed at a right angle to the line. System gains are adjusted to give 20 to 40 mm (millimetres) chart deflection of peak energy bursts on each channel. The corresponding electric and magnetic signals are measured for amplitude and their ratio computed for a sufficient number of signals to obtain a reliable average ratio. The apparent resistivity is then computed from a knowledge of system gain and equation (3).

Data are computed and plotted in the field for all frequencies while recording is underway to obtain a sounding curve. The electric dipole and coil are then rotated 90 degrees, and a second sounding is made and plotted. This permits the operators to correct any obvious errors and to check any data points that appear aberrant. The second sounding also provides information on lateral variations in conductivity or anisotropy of the earth.

Operations are made by two persons, one recording observations and the other computing resistivities. Typical production is eight soundings or four stations per day. Most of the time is spent waiting for a sufficient number of strong signals to provide good statistics on the ratio of E to H. Experience has shown that the amount of strong 8-Hz signals is often insufficient to provide good statistics; strong 26-, 86-, and 270-Hz signals are always available; 700-Hz signals tend to be variable; 2,000-Hz signals are virtually non-existent; and 7,000-Hz and greater signals are very good.

### Results

Figure 13 shows the location of the 54 soundings obtained in the Bruneau-Grand View area. These soundings cover an area of about 1,240 square miles giving a broad reconnaissance survey that defines the major conductive anomalies in this region. Because of the low station density, there may be local conductive anomalies that are not adequately defined. These are considered of minor importance in comparison to the broad anomaly discovered during this survey.

The deepest information was obtained at 8 Hz, and a map of the apparent resistivity at this frequency is shown in figure 14. Where different values of apparent resistivity were obtained for the north-south and east-west electrode orientations, an average value was used in contouring the data. This was done in part to reduce the number of maps and in the case of 8-Hz data because of the relatively few usable signals at this frequency.



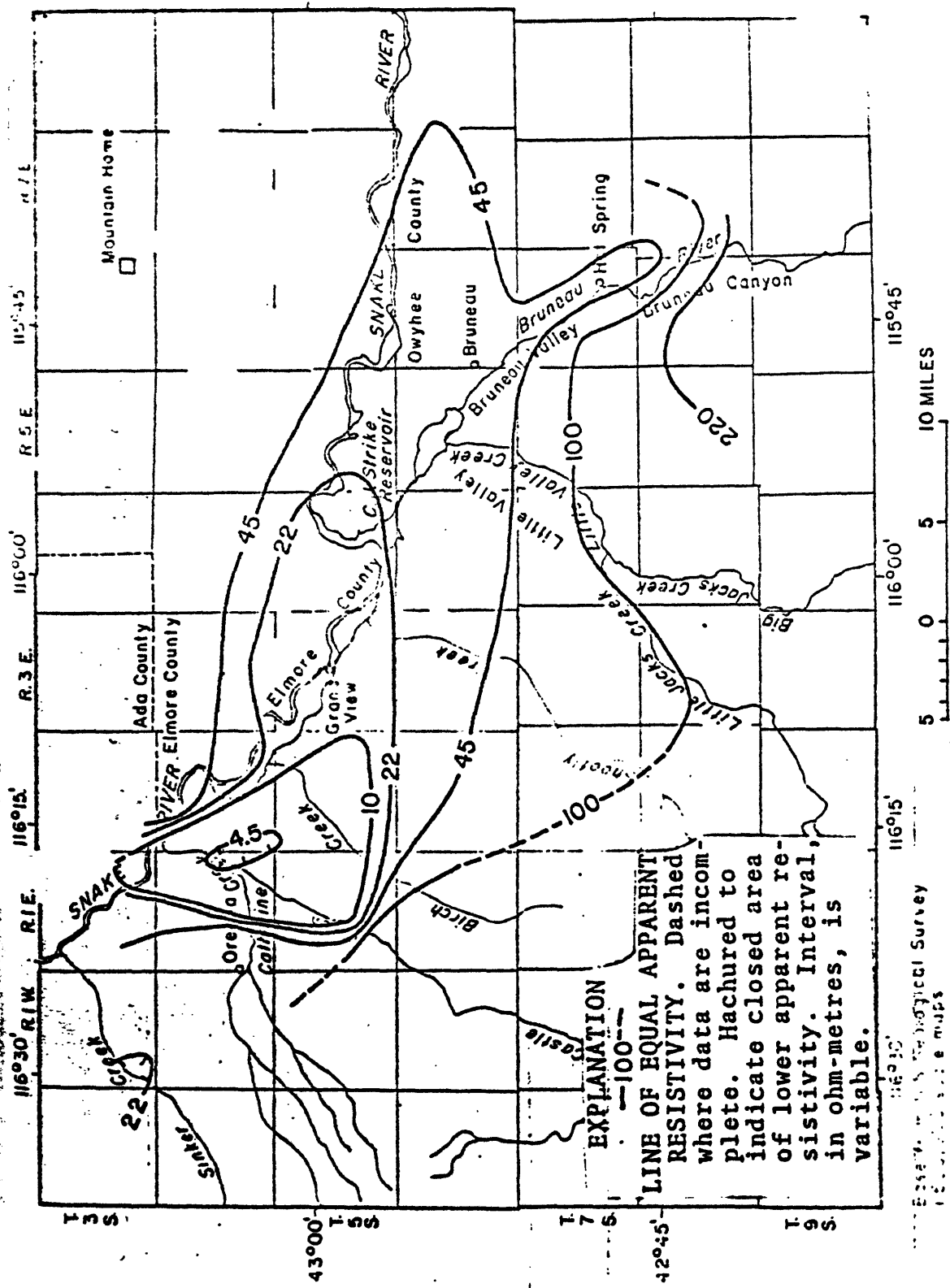


FIGURE 14.--Apparent resistivity map at 8 hertz.

These data define a broad conductive anomaly between Oreana and Grand View with rather sharp boundaries, except to the east, where the resistivity increases slowly east of Grand View. This broad resistivity trough is confined for the most part to the south side of the Snake River where the principal outcrops are fluvial and lacustrine deposits of late Tertiary and Quaternary age.

Near the mouth of Bruneau Canyon (near Hot Spring), a south-trending resistivity low was found. This is in an area of extensive hot-spring activity and undoubtedly reflects the hot waters and associated alteration in this region. The relatively high resistivities that were measured here suggest, however, that the zone of hot water is not broad but is confined to relatively narrow fracture zones along which the hot water is rising.

The data at 26 Hz are presented in figures 15 and 16. Because data at this frequency are much more reliable, two maps have been prepared, one for each of the two sounding orientations, as an aid in showing the effects of boundaries. These maps show the same broad trough of low resistivity along the south side of the Snake River evident in the deeper looking 8 Hz data (fig. 14). A number of features on these maps can be correlated with the known geology. The southern boundary of the trough is defined by a rather steep resistivity gradient that corresponds to a fault zone along which the northern block has been downdropped (fig. 6, sec. G-G'). The resistivity gradient is believed to define the zone along which the block has been faulted. The northern boundary is not as clearly defined; however, the 100-ohm-metre apparent-resistivity line on the north appears to define a major resistivity contrast that may be the northern boundary of a graben along the Snake River.

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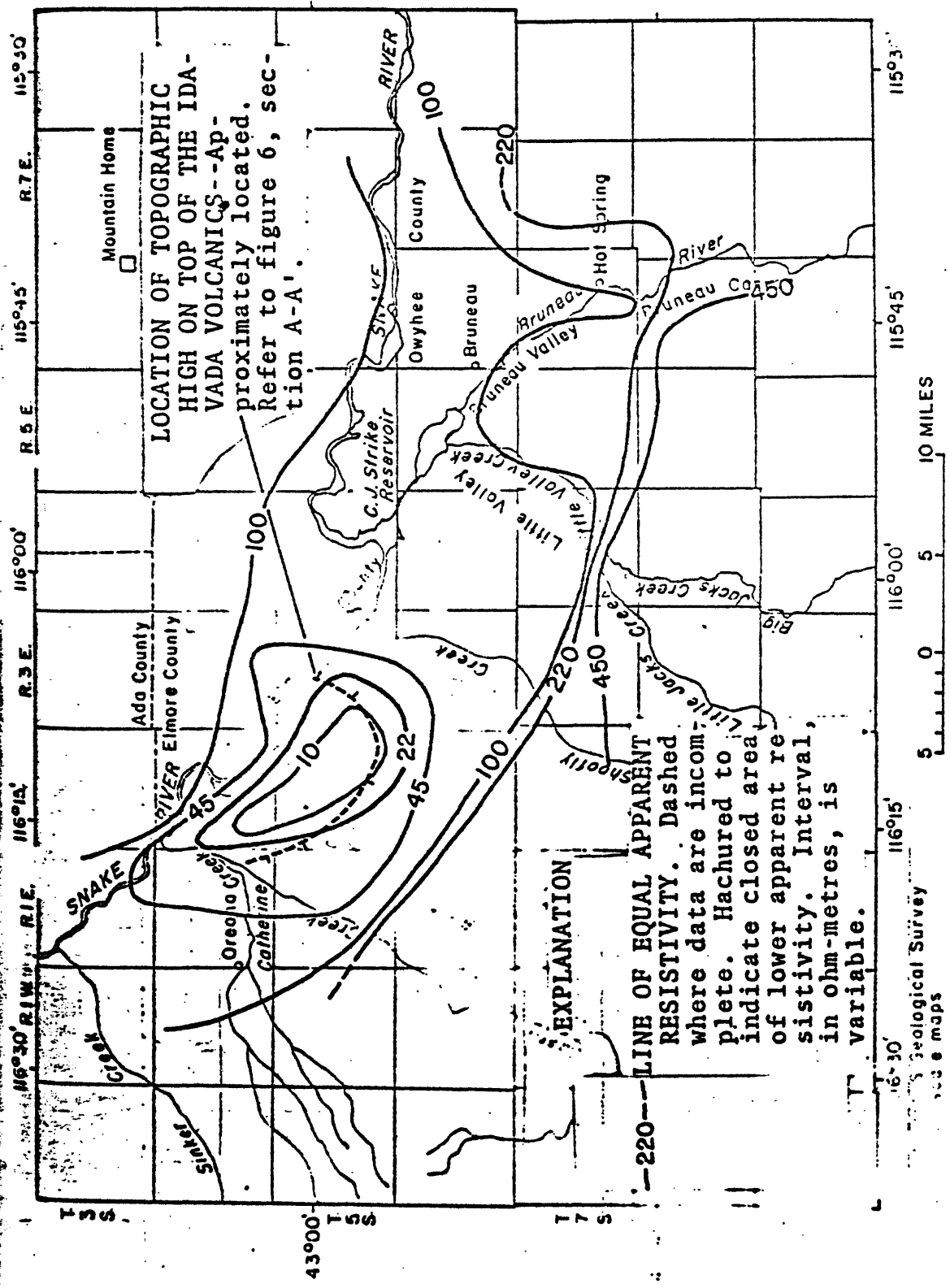


FIGURE 15.--Apparent resistivity map at 26 hertz, electric line north-south.

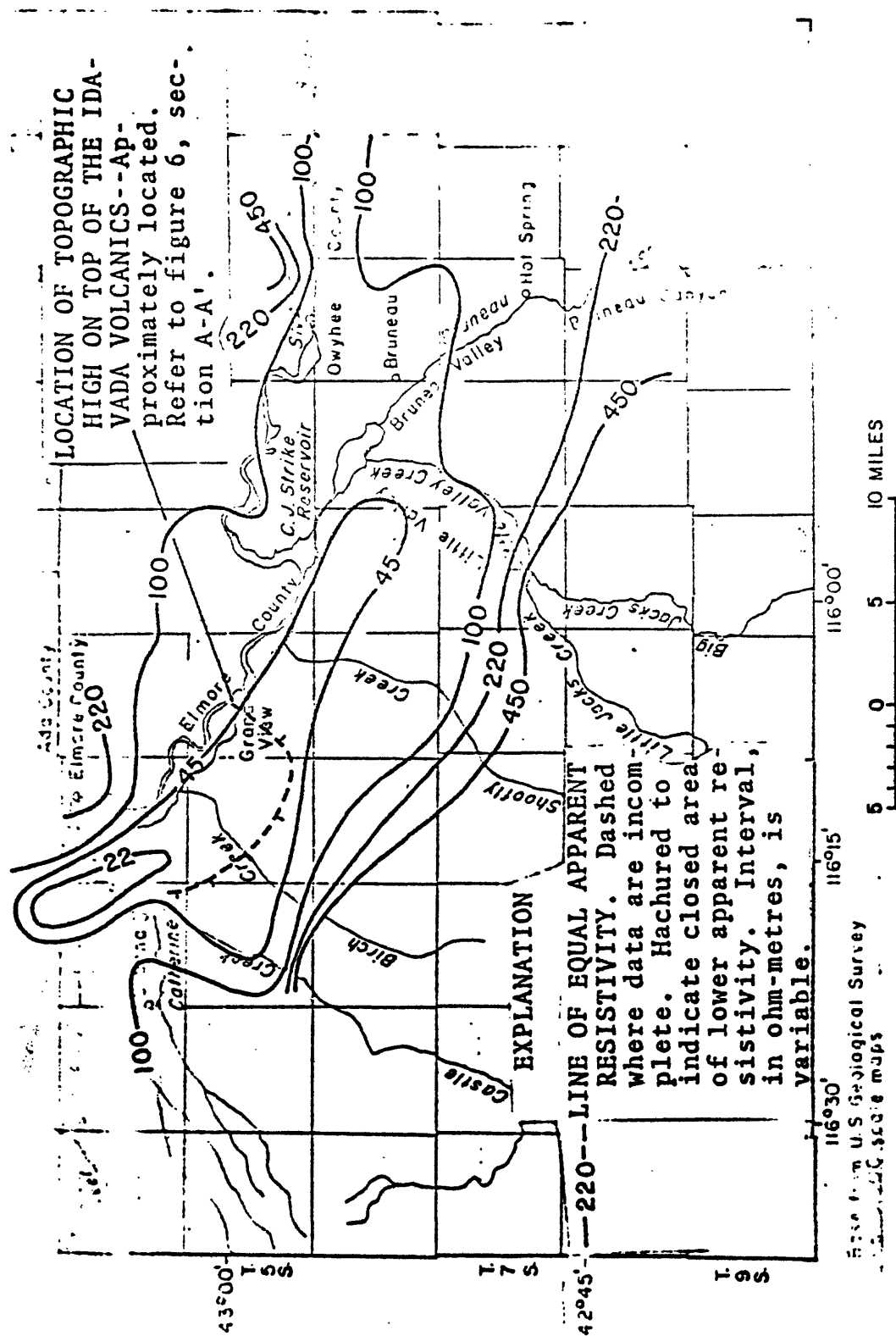


FIGURE 16.--Apparent resistivity map at 26 hertz, electric line east-west.

The minor conductive anomaly at the mouth of Bruneau Canyon is again present, but only in the data for the north-south orientation of the electric line (fig. 15). This probably indicates a more north-south trend of faulting in the area. The anomaly correlates well with the north-south alignment of hot springs.

Limited information from drillers' logs helps to explain two other features on the 26-Hz maps. South of Bruneau, the 100-ohm-metre apparent-resistivity line (fig. 15) swings abruptly to the north and then trends northeast, almost closing the low-resistivity trough. In the region between Bruneau Canyon and the northward swing of the resistivity line, the Idavada Volcanics is relatively shallow. Well information here indicates a depth of about 1,000 feet to the top of the Idavada Volcanics. Overlying the Idavada Volcanics is a relatively thin, 300-foot cover of Banbury Basalt, and above this cover lie sedimentary rocks of the Idaho Group. With apparent resistivities of a little over 100 ohm-metres, "skin depth" here is over 3,000 feet at 26 Hz. Because of its high resistivity, the Idavada Volcanics here and in its outcrop areas probably does not represent a good geothermal reservoir.

Farther east, the high resistivities are associated with a thicker sequence of the Banbury Basalt, which is presumably underlain by the Idavada Volcanics. This region, except for the limited area of hot-spring activity at the mouth of Bruneau Canyon, also has little geothermal potential. If an extensive heat source exists in Bruneau Canyon, it must be considerably deeper than 3,000 feet.

In contrast, a very curious correlation is seen in the vicinity of the major resistivity low. The limited deep-well data (fig. 6, A-A') shows a topographic high on the top of the Idavada Volcanics that corresponds closely with the low shown on the north-south 26-Hz AMT map (fig. 15). Well data unfortunately do not identify a northern boundary to the high delineated by a dashed line in figures 15 and 16. The dashed line is the approximate mean sea-level contour on the top of the Idavada Volcanics. Outside the contour of mean sea level, the altitude of the top of the Idavada Volcanics is about -200 feet; inside the contour, the top is as high as +500 feet above mean sea level. The hottest wells are around the periphery of the topographic high, which can in part be explained by their greater depth. The well data also show a thinning of the Banbury Basalt over the high.

Drillers' logs show that the Banbury Basalt is a minor aquifer in this area and that the major deep and hot aquifer is the uppermost part of the Idavada Volcanics. The major resistivity anomaly could thus be explained by the near-surface, low-resistivity zone corresponding to the topographic high on the Idavada Volcanics. This, in part, is believed to contribute to the anomaly at the lower frequencies; however, the sounding data suggest that the top of the conductive anomaly is well above the Idavada Volcanics and is most likely above the Banbury Basalt. Yet the well data show no boundary higher than the Idavada Volcanics that can be correlated well with the AMT data. There is no satisfactory explanation for this discrepancy and, unfortunately, no geophysical well logs exist to aid in the interpretation.

The 26-Hz east-west data (fig. 16) show a more elongate low displaced to the northwest of the 26-Hz north-south low (fig. 15). These differences are due to lateral variations, which are strongly evident on many soundings along the central axis of the resistivity low. Owing to insufficient well data, it is not known if the closed low in figure 16 also corresponds to a topographic high on the Idavada Volcanics.

Figures 17 and 18 illustrate the effect of lateral resistivity contrasts at two of the stations, 6 and 10 respectively. A sounding was made at station 6 (fig. 17), which is at the head of Castle Creek and just south of the principal surface faulting. A thick, high-resistivity section is present here with no evidence of a deep conductive anomaly. The spread of resistivity values at the lower frequencies is due to the contrast in resistivity between the Idavada Volcanics and the more conductive Tertiary and Quaternary sedimentary rocks to the north.

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Sounding at station 6

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O Electric line north-south

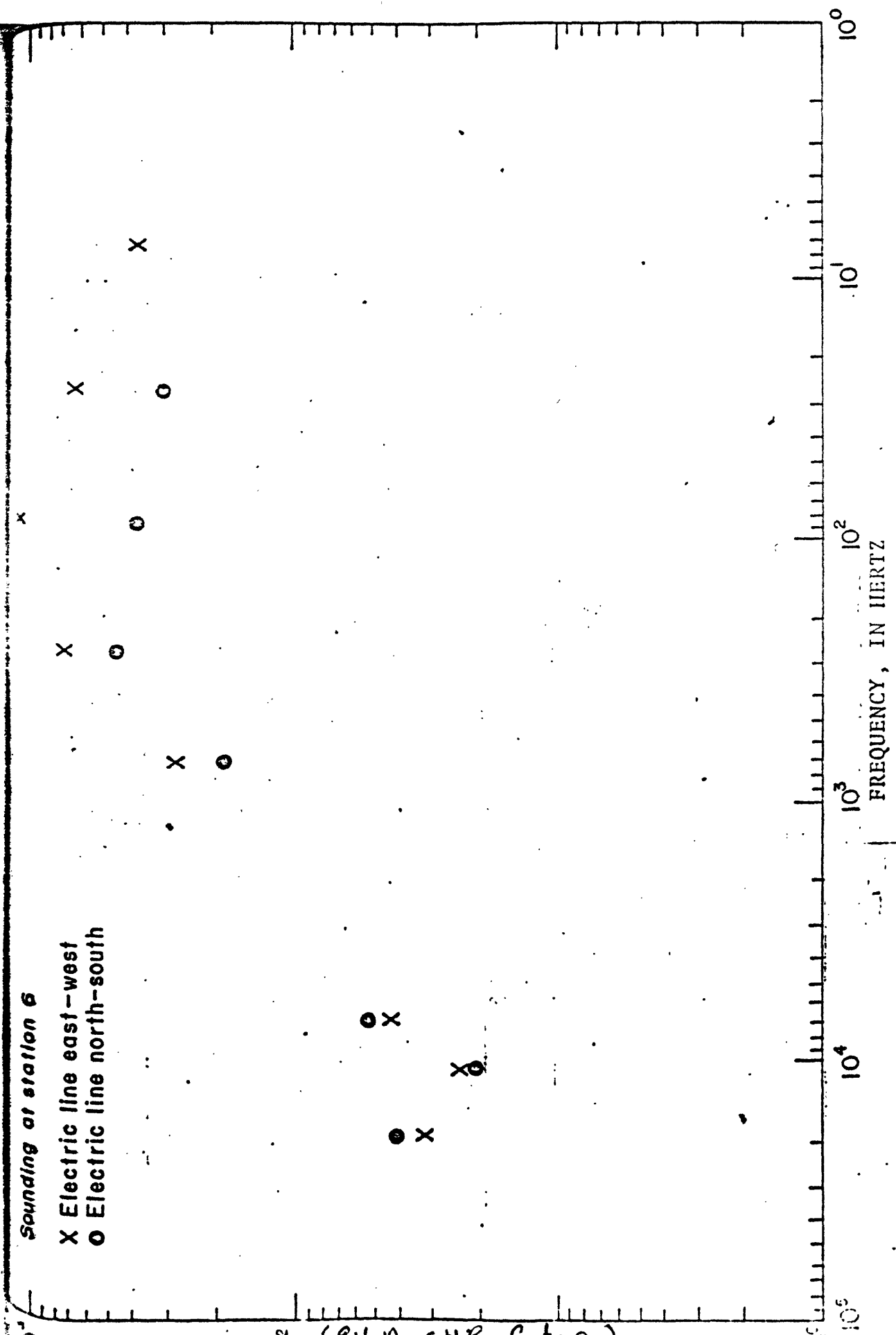


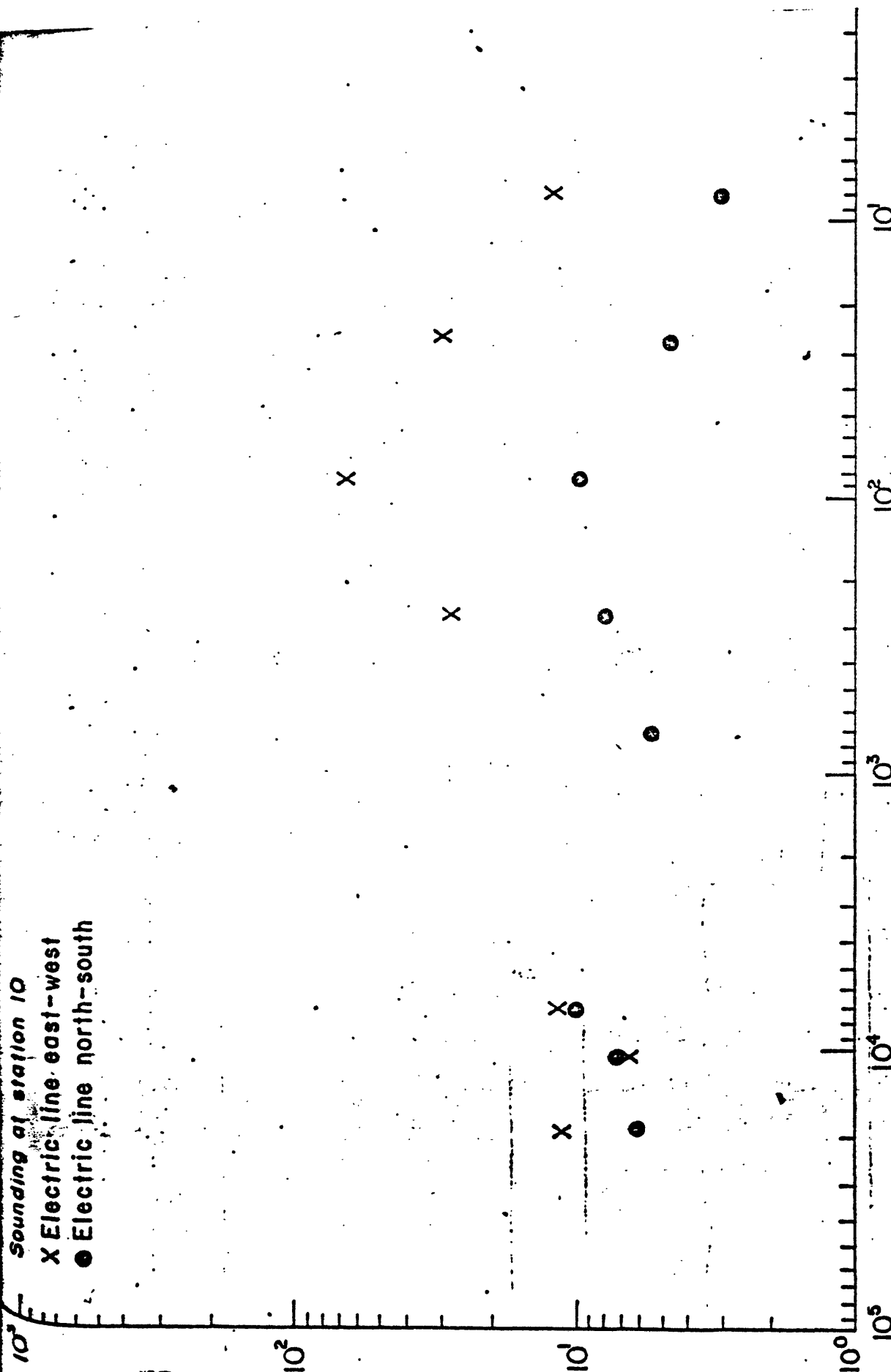
FIGURE 17.--Apparent resistivities at station 6.

Sounding at station 10  
 X Electric line east-west  
 ● Electric line north-south

APPARENT RESISTIVITY, IN OHM-METRES

FREQUENCY, IN HERTZ

FIGURE 18.--Apparent resistivities at station 10.



The sounding at station 10 (fig. 18) is in the center of the major low and shows nearly an order of magnitude difference in the two sounding polarizations at the lower frequencies. This is indicative of large and nearby lateral resistivity contrasts. There is no direct evidence, either in the AMT maps, the surface geology, or in well data in the area, to suggest an explanation. In general, the soundings parallel to the long axis of the resistivity low across the whole area from Ocreana to Bruneau Canyon illustrate this same sort of behavior. This trend coincides on the southeast with an inferred fault about 15 miles long cutting the mouth of Bruneau Canyon. Along the extreme eastern end of this inferred fault, several small, young, volcanic cones are present (sec. 36, T. 7 S, R. 6 E, Malde, Powers, and Marshall, 1963). Hence, the soundings along the midline of the graben provide further evidence of the fault and suggest its possible extension to the northwest.

Figures 19 and 20 show the 86-Hz AMT data for north-south and east-west orientations, respectively, of the telluric lines. These maps are quite similar to the 26-Hz maps (fig. 15 and 16), but in addition, show a minor closed low south of C. J. Strike Reservoir. This low is not apparent on the lower frequency maps, so it must represent a relatively minor conductive zone.



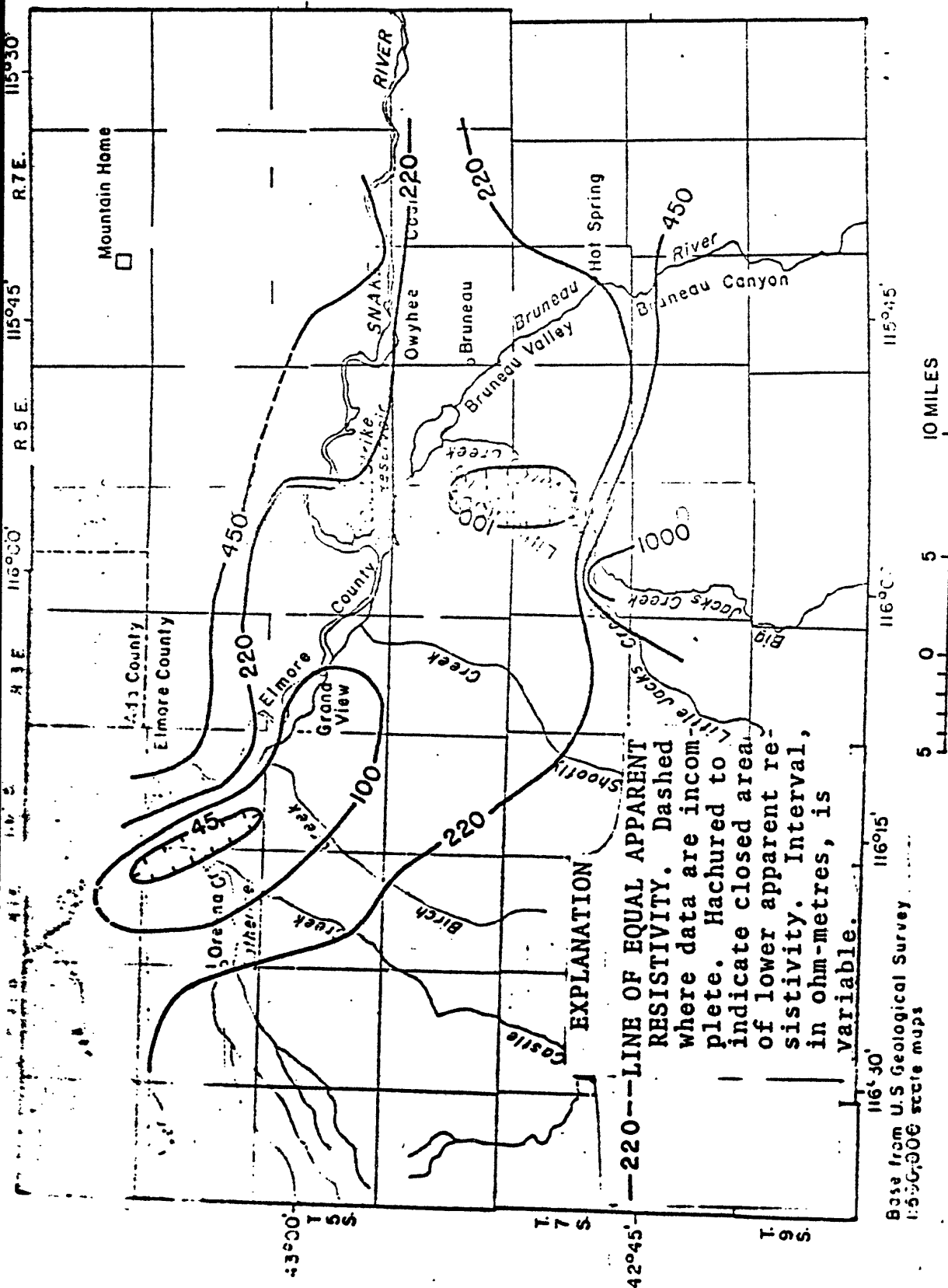


FIGURE 20.--Apparent resistivity map at 86 hertz, electric line east-west.

Figures 21, 22, 23, and 24 are maps at 270, 700, 7,000, and 18,600 Hz in order of increasing frequency. A fairly abrupt change in the maps is evident between the 270-Hz data (fig. 21), which is similar to the lower frequency maps, and the 700-Hz data (fig. 22). Typical apparent resistivities here are around 100 ohm-metres, which corresponds to "skin depths" between 660 and 980 feet in this frequency range. Although the abrupt change indicates a principal electrical interface, there is insufficient geological data to correlate this to a lithologic boundary.

The 7,000-Hz map (fig. 23) reflects, in a broad sense, the surficial geology. The Holocene deposits have low resistivities, which are evident along Little Valley Creek. The older lacustrine deposits apparently have slightly higher resistivities, and the basalt and silicic volcanics have apparent resistivities above 100 ohm-metres. A similar pattern is shown in the 18,600-Hz data (fig. 24) but is somewhat less consistent because of local variations in soil depth at the widely spaced sounding stations. The correlation with surficial geology, in spite of the low station density, is considered to be good.

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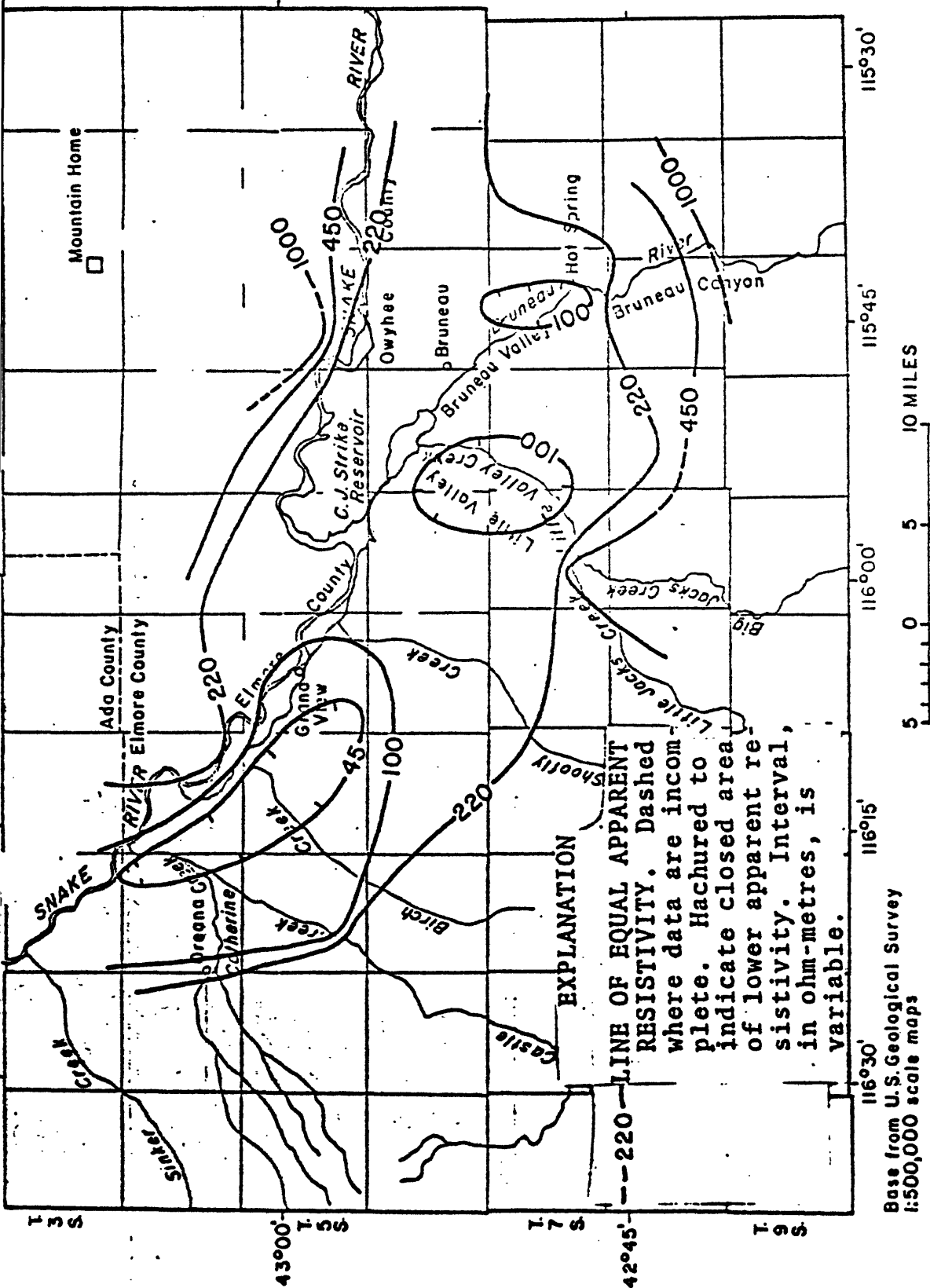


FIGURE 21.--Apparent resistivity map at 270 hertz.



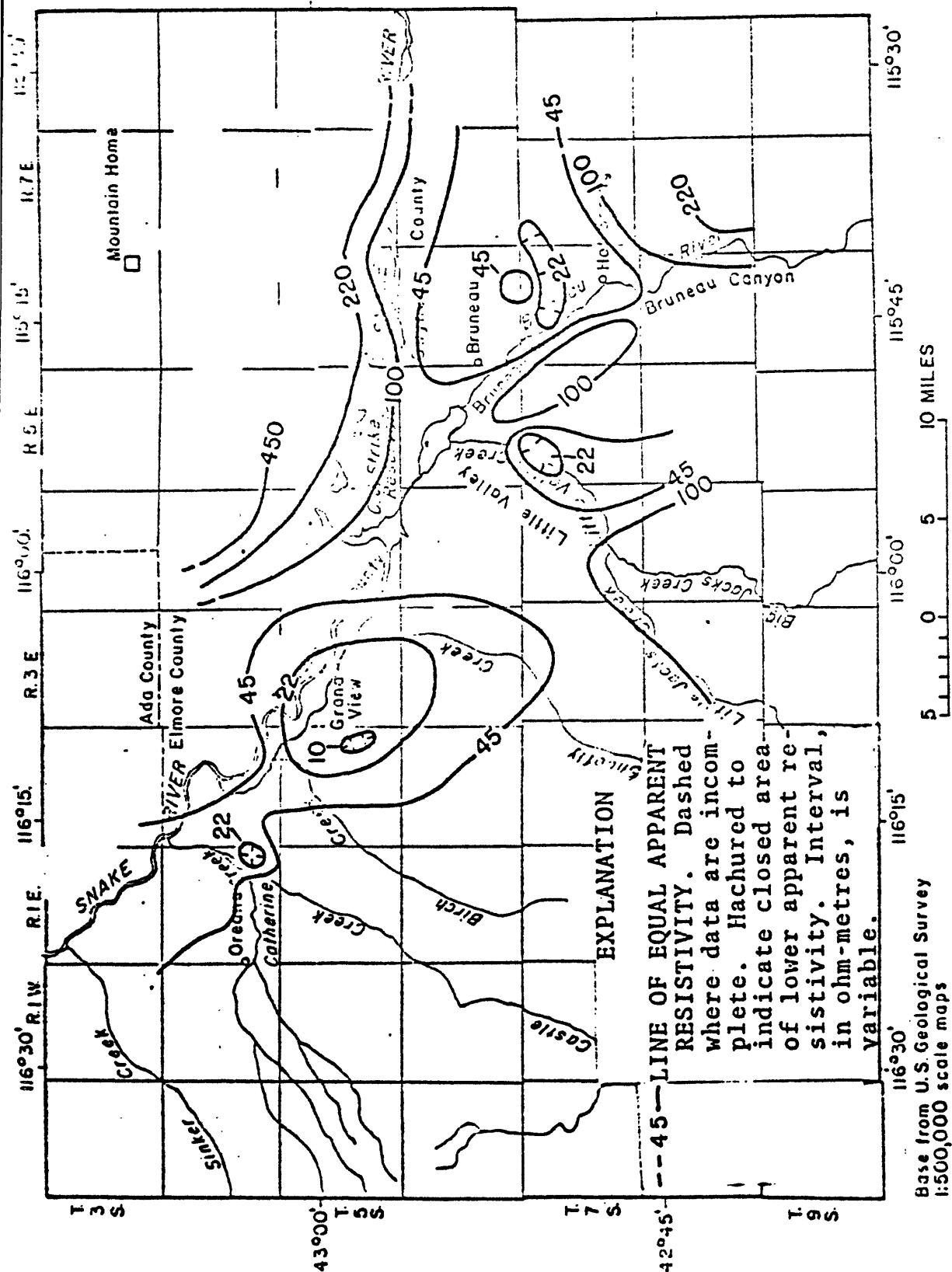


FIGURE 23.--Apparent resistivity map at 7,000 hertz.

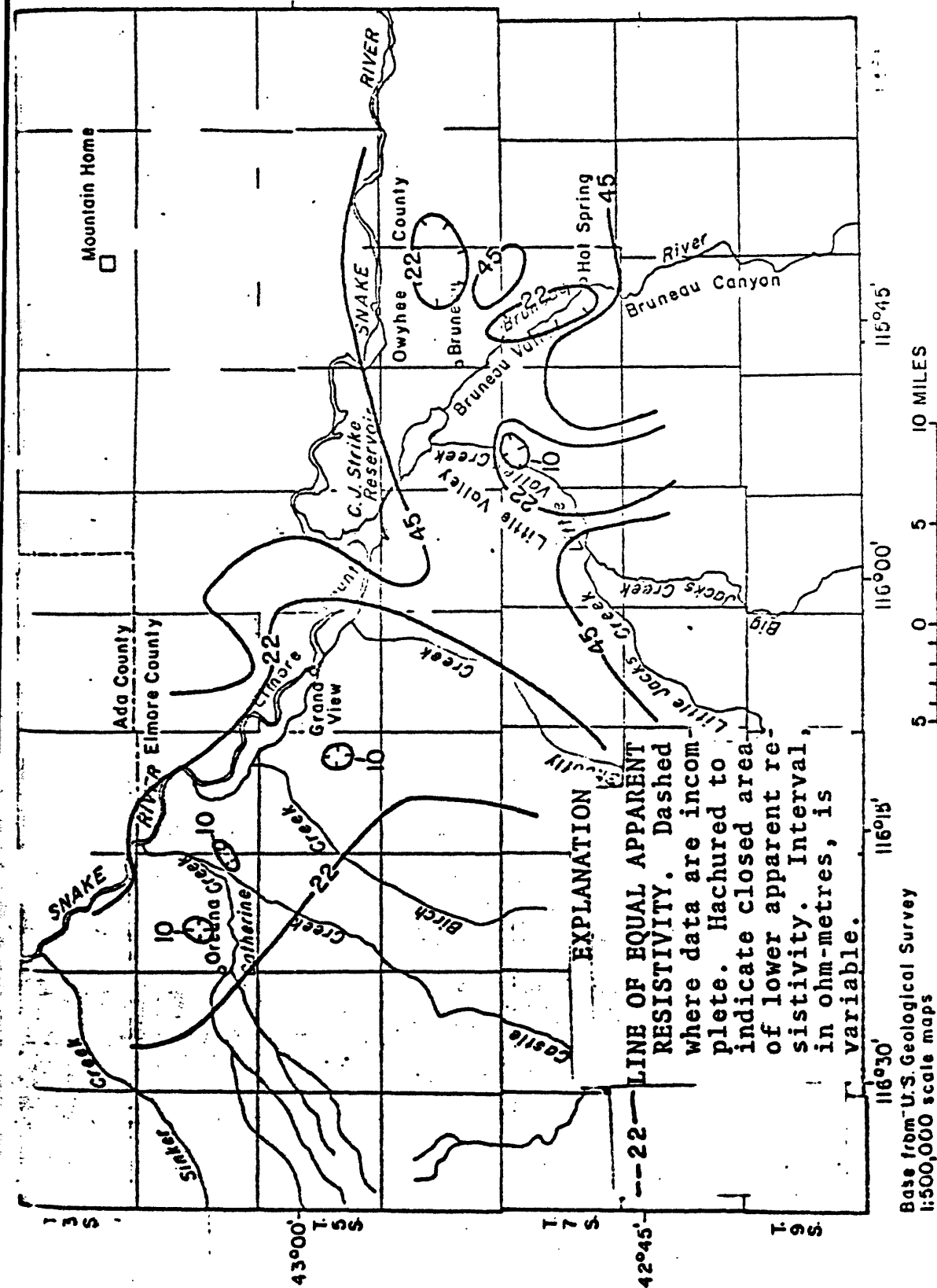


FIGURE 24.--Apparent resistivity map at 18,600 hertz.

In magnetotelluric work, pseudosections are often used as interpretational aids. These most often show the resistivity variations along a section as a function of frequency to give a qualitative indication of lateral and depth changes in resistivity, much as in induced polarization sections. In this investigation, AMT data are displayed in terms of "skin depth" pseudosections, in which an apparent resistivity is plotted vertically at the "skin depths" calculated for each measured frequency. This is, of course, another form of qualitative presentation that does not purport to indicate the actual depth to electrical interfaces. It gives an indication of the exploration depth and the variations of exploration depth, which can be very great in an area, something not shown by the normal pseudosections.

Figures 25 and 26 show two pseudosections along line NW-SE (fig. 13) from the mouth of Bruneau Canyon along the long axis of the resistivity low to west of Oreana. Figure 25 shows the north-south orientation of the electric line and figure 26 shows the east-west orientation. The sections clearly illustrate the large range in exploration depth obtained by this technique, as well as the limitation in depth in a low-resistivity section.



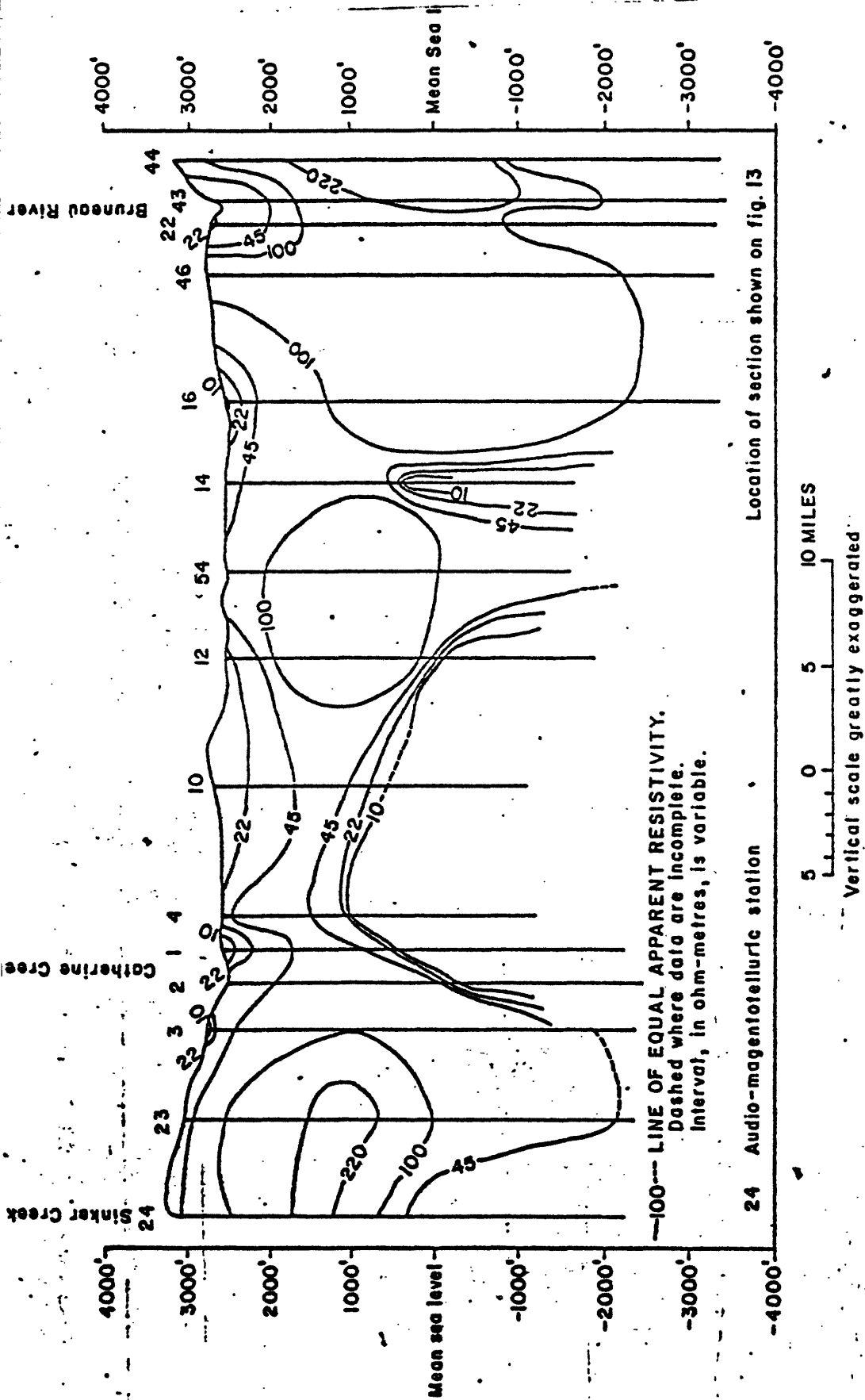


FIGURE 26.--Skin depth pseudosection, telluric line east-west.

The pseudosections (fig. 25 and 26) show the principal resistivity anomaly extending close to the surface with a steep boundary on the west and a less steep boundary on the east. The AMT data give no indication of the thickness of the deep conductor. Other minor anomalies occurring at station 14 and at the mouth of the Bruneau Canyon are probably associated with fault zones and perhaps with broader sources at depths beyond the limit of the technique.

The principal resistivity low associated with the steep gradients in the gravity and magnetic field data (figs. 7 and 8) is perhaps indicative of faulting along a northwest trend through the region. However, there is no direct correlation between the principal AMT resistivity low and either the gravity or the magnetic field data. These latter data, and some additional information are now being reevaluated (D. R. Mabey, oral comm., 1973), so synthesis of this information would be premature at this time.

Extensive followup, deep-resistivity investigations have recently been completed in this area, and the data are currently being interpreted. Preliminary results clearly support the AMT data (D. B. Jackson, oral comm., 1973).

### Conclusions

This survey has revealed a major conductive anomaly in the region between Oreana and Grand View that is associated with thermal waters having a temperature range of 60° to 83°C as measured at land surface. The areal extent of the anomaly implies that a broad source of heat is present and that the thermal waters are not restricted to a few narrow fault zones, such as is implied in the Bruneau Canyon region.

The low resistivities observed at station 10 (fig. 26) are approaching a layer resistivity of about 2 ohm-metres, which implies a hot thermal-water reservoir whose rocks have been altered by the hot water. For example, 100°C saline water with 1,000 mg/l (milligrams per litre) salt concentration has a resistivity of about 2 ohm-metres (Keller and Frischknecht, 1966, p. 19), and the water analyses here are almost all less than 1,000 mg/l dissolved solids (table 3). Experience has shown that resistivities in the range of 2 ohm-metres are typical of rocks in the immediate vicinity of hot springs.

The limited data at present raises some serious problems in correlation between lithologic and electrical data in the region of the principal anomaly.

Additional geophysical work is now being interpreted, which, hopefully, will permit a synthesis of the deeper information. Certainly, recommendations for further work must be delayed until these additional data are available. There is, however, one piece of information that would contribute significantly to analysis of the electrical data. That is geophysical well-log information. Some of the deep wells reportedly have as much as 2,000 feet of open hole. A well-designed logging program in several of the deep wells would probably contribute significantly to the understanding of subsurface conditions.

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## APPENDIX B

### Logs of Wells

The drillers' logs of wells used to construct the geologic sections on figure 6 are given on the following pages. The logs were obtained from files of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The terminology is that of the drillers and has only been slightly modified to give some degree of uniformity. The assignment of geologic units is based on the author's interpretation of the logs.

# Logs of Wells

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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4S-1E-29ccd1  
(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 100 feet;  
14-inch steel 87 to 517 feet;  
10-inch steel 1,410 to 3,040)

Topsoil .....	21	0
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## Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale, blue .....	219	21
Shale, sandy, water.....	560	240
Shale, blue .....	1,617	600

## Banbury Basalt

Basalt.....	701	2,217
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## Idavada Volcanics

Rhyolite, water.....	122	2,918
Total depth.....	-	3,040

4S-1E-34bad1  
(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 1,030 feet;  
10-inch steel 1,020 to 2,160 feet)

## Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow.....	70	0
Shale, blue.....	130	70
Sand streak.....	5	200
Shale, blue.....	695	205
Shale, blue, sticky.....	590	900
Shale, sticky.....	140	1,490
Shale, gray, hard.....	350	1,630
Shale, blue, soft.....	110	1,980
Shale, white, chalky.....	30	2,090

4S-1E-34badl--Continued

Banbury Basalt

Rock, gray.....	10	2,120
Shale, gray, rock layers.....	350	2,130
Rock, red, (cinders).....	10	2,320
Rock, black.....	140	2,330
Shale, gray.....	230	2,670

Idavada Volcanics

Rock, gray, soft.....	80	2,900
Total depth.....	-	2,980

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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4S-2E-19acbl

(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 50 feet;  
10½-inch steel 0 to 402 feet;  
6½-inch steel 0 to 2,515 feet)

Soil, sandy.....	4	0
Gravel, angular.....	38	4

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, brown, with sand streaks.....	131	42
Clay, blue.....	237	173
Clay, blue, sandy.....	5	410
Clay, blue.....	242	415
Shale, blue.....	155	657
Shale, gray.....	155	812
Clay, blue.....	699	967
Cinder bed, consolidated.....	6	1,666
Cinders and shale, interbedded.....	13	1,672
Shale, gray.....	15	1,635
Cinder bed, consolidated.....	1	1,700
Shale, gray.....	35	1,701
Cinder bed, consolidated.....	4	1,735
Shale, gray.....	20	1,740
Cinder bed, consolidated.....	2	1,820
Clay, blue.....	112	1,822
Shale, gray.....	345	1,940

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Banbury Basalt		
Basalt, black.....	5	2,285
Shale, gray.....	61	2,291
Basalt, black.....	8	2,352
Shale, gray.....	40	2,360
Basalt, black.....	95	2,400
Shale, gray.....	24	2,495
Basalt, rhyolite, and shale.....	43	2,519
Rhyolite.....	33	2,562
Shale, gray.....	241	2,595
Rhyolite.....	9	2,836
Shale, gray.....	1	2,845
Rhyolite.....	10	2,846
Shale, gray.....	4	2,856
Rhyolite.....	26	2,860
Shale, gray.....	2	2,886
Rhyolite.....	92	2,888
Sand, black, water.....	26	2,980
Shale, red.....	6	3,006

Idavada Volcanics

Sand, black, water.....	18	3,012
Basalt, black.....	50	3,030
Total depth.....	-	3,080

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet)	(feet below land surface)

5S-1E-10bdd1

(Casing: 12-inch steel 0 to 80 feet;  
10 3/4-inch steel 0 to 1,150 feet;  
10-inch steel 1,050 to 1,840 feet;  
8 5/8-inch steel 1,840 to 2,120 feet)

Topsoil.....	40	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale, blue, soft.....	431	40
Sand streak.....	1	471
Shale.....	659	472

S-1E-10bdd1--Continued

rock (sedimentary).....	4	1,131
shale with hard streaks.....	146	1,135
shale with rock floaters.....	62	1,281
rock, purple.....	62	1,343
shale, gray, hard.....	41	1,405
shale, hard, soft layers.....	103	1,446
shale, hard, soft white layers.....	20	1,549
rock, gray, hard, (sedimentary).....	19	1,569
shale, gray, hard.....	63	1,583
shale, blue and gray.....	40	1,651
shale with hard streaks.....	409	1,691

Sanbury Basalt

rock, white, hard.....	5	2,100
rock, gray.....	70	2,105
basalt, black, water.....	65	2,175
shale, gray.....	320	2,240
rock, gray, hard.....	60	2,560
rock, gray.....	180	2,620
shale, gray.....	40	2,800

Idavada Volcanics

shale with hard streaks.....	26	2,840
rock, gray, porous, water.....	94	2,866
total depth.....		2,960

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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SS-1E-21cbcl  
(Casing: 8-inch steel 0 to 96 feet)

sand and gravel.....	64	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
shale, blue.....	557	64
Sanbury Basalt		
basalt.....	39	621
total depth.....		660

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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5S-2E- 2cdal  
(Casing: 3-inch steel 0 to 160 feet)

Not reported.....	60	0
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Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale, blue.....	550	60
Sand streak, water.....	2	610
Shale, blue, some rock floaters.....	591	612
Shale with sand streaks, water.....	307	1,203
Shale, gray.....	270	1,510

Banbury Basalt

Rock, gray.....	30	1,780
Rock, gray, with black layers.....	480	1,810
Shale, gray.....	91	2,290

Idavada Volcanics

Rock, gray.....	80	2,381
Total depth.....		2,461

5S-2E- 5bcd1

Clay, yellow.....	124	0
Sand.....	3	124

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale.....	1,321	127
Shale, hard.....	88	1,448
Lava.....	1	1,536
Sand, black.....	1	1,537

Banbury Basalt

Lava.....	431	1,533
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Cinders, shale, and lava.....	27	1,969
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## Idavada Volcanics

Rock, very hard.....	13	1,996
Total depth.....		2,009

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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5S-2E-13ad1  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 126 feet)

Soil.....	20	0
Sand, red.....	40	20
Clay, yellow.....	30	60

## Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Gravel, dark.....	33	90
Shale, blue, sticky.....	12	123
Shale, blue.....	169	135
Rock, light-yellow, hard.....	1	304
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	155	305
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	18	460
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	111	473
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	163	589
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	3	754
Shale, blue, crevice at bottom.....	211	762
Shale, blue.....	43	973
Shale, blue.....	84	1,016
Shale, blue.....	50	1,100
Shale, blue.....	24	1,150
Shale, blue.....	244	1,174
Shale, blue, rock lense at bottom.....	17	1,413
Shale, blue, sand lense at bottom with water.....	42	1,435

S-2E-13ad1--Continued

Shale, blue, rock lense at bottom with water.....	12	1,477
Shale, blue, water.....	26	1,489
Rock, black, hard.....	6	1,515
Shale, blue.....	219	1,521
Sanbury Basalt		
Lava, black, hard.....	8	1,740
Total depth.....		1,743

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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5S-3E-20ad1  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 1,620 feet)

Topsoil and sand.....	25	0
Gravel.....	2	25
Clay.....	5	27
Gravel.....	2	32

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay with sand stringers.....	34	34
Gravel, water.....	11	68
Shale, blue, with gravel.....	33	79
Shale, blue, sand streak at bottom with water.....	428	112
Shale, blue, sand streak at bottom with water.....	385	540
Shale, blue.....	185	925
Shale, blue, with sand streaks.....	90	1,110
Shale with lava streaks.....	70	1,200
Lava.....	7	1,270
Pumice, purple.....	19	1,277
Lava.....	12	1,296
Shale with rock floaters.....	107	1,293
Rock, gray, sedimentary.....	12	1,405
Shale, gray.....	13	1,407
Rock, gray, sedimentary.....	20	1,425
Basalt with shale.....	115	1,445

# Sanbury Basalt

Basalt.....	80	1,560
Shale, gray.....	164	1,640
Basalt.....	1	1,804
Shale.....	38	1,805
Basalt.....	4	1,863
Shale, purple.....	13	1,867
Shale, white-chalky.....	10	1,830
Rock, water.....	14	1,890
Rock, gray, water.....	46	1,904
Shale, reddish-brown.....	54	1,950
Shale, gray.....	36	2,004
Shale, soft.....	9	2,040

# Idavada Volcanics

Rock, gray.....	8	2,049
Shale, unusually hard, water.....	83	2,057
Basalt, black, with lime streaks.....	19	2,140
Sandstone, gray, with lime streaks...	221	2,159
Shale, gray, very hard.....	2	2,360
Shale.....	30	2,382
Rock, black, broken, water.....	6	2,412
Total depth.....		2,420

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet below (feet)	land surface)

5S-3E-26bcb1  
(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 1,970 feet)

Topsoil.....	2	0
Gravel.....	17	2

# Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow.....	18	19
Gravel.....	39	37
Clay, blue.....	13	76
Shale, blue.....	551	94
Shale, brittle.....	9	645
Sand.....	1	654

Shale, with sand.....	38	688
Shale, hard.....	110	710
Shale, soft, sand streaks.....	168	820
Sand.....	2	100
Shale, rock streaks.....	239	818
Rock, loose.....	7	1,227
Shale, rock streaks.....	25	1,234
Rock, hard.....	4	1,160
Shale.....	6	1,264
Rock.....	14	1,270
Shale, gray, hard.....	35	1,284
Shale, purple.....	34	1,320
Sandstone.....	38	1,354
Basalt, black.....	12	1,360
Shale.....	65	1,404
Basalt, interbedded shale.....	3	1,416
Shale.....	20	1,432

#### Banbury Basalt

Basalt.....	320	1,512
Shale.....	10	1,332
Basalt.....	263	1,342
Shale.....	140	2,110
Rock, soft.....	11	2,230
Rock, water.....	19	2,261
Shale, hard.....	10	2,200
Volcanic ash, gray.....	460	2,290

#### Idavada Volcanics

Rock, gray, hard.....	50	2,750
Shale, red.....	10	2,730
Shale, gray.....	90	2,790
Rock, red, water.....	50	2,830
Total depth.....		2,970

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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5S-3E-34add1  
(Casing: 8-inch steel 0 to 95 feet)

Clay.....	25	0
Clay, yellow.....	45	25

#### Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale.....	1,420	70
Total depth.....		1,490

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Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet)	Below land surface (feet)
6S-3E-2cbl		
(Casing: 12-inch steel ) to 106 feet)		
Gravel and clay.....	40	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale, blue.....	362	40
Shale, gray, hard.....	88	922
Shale, soft, with hard streaks.....	630	1,010
Shale, gray (crumbling).....	106	1,640
Rock, gray, hard.....	3	1,743
Shale, white, and limestone.....	19	1,751
Sandstone, hard.....	60	1,770
Limestone, soft.....	7	1,830
Sandstone, water (5 inches).....	30	1,837
Clay, blue, sticky.....	54	1,857
Clay with hard shale layers.....	49	1,921
Sandstone with clay layers.....	63	1,970
Banbury Basalt		
Basalt and cinders, black.....	13	2,033
Basalt.....	64	2,046
Basalt, hard.....	10	2,110
Shale, hard, water (at 2135).....	25	2,120
Basalt, hard, rough.....	65	2,145
Basalt.....	15	2,210
Shale and cinders, black.....	7	2,225
Shale, with hard rock layers.....	228	2,232
Clay, red.....	3	2,460
Idavada Volcanics		
Rock, gray (rhyolite).....	37	2,463
Pumice, gray.....	250	2,500
Shale, brown and gray.....	190	2,750
Pumice, gray.....	130	2,940
Total depth.....		3,070

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet below (feet)	land surface)
6S-3E-2ccc1		
(Casing: 10-inch steel 0 to 160 feet)		

topsoil.....	8	0
Gravel.....	14	8
Clay, yellow.....	39	22

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, blue.....	341	61
and, fine.....	2	402
Clay, blue, water.....	496	404
Shale, blue and white.....	360	900
and streaks.....	20	1,260
Shale.....	266	1,260
Rock, black.....	34	1,546
Gravel, green, water.....	2	1,580
Shale with rock layers.....	38	1,582
and(?), water.....	5	1,620
Shale, green and gray, with rock layers	121	1,625
Rock, gray, hard.....	5	1,746
Sandstone, soft layers, water.....	162	1,751

Sanbury Basalt

Rock, broken, water.....	27	1,913
Total depth.....		1,940

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet below (feet)	land surface)

6S-3E-11ccc1  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 32 feet)

oil.....	9	0
Gravel, dark, hard.....	12	9
Clay, yellow, soft.....	6	21

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

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Shale, blue, hard, thin sand layers...	300	27
Sand, gray, water.....	22	426
Sand, gray, interbedded shale, water.	384	448
Shale, blue, hard, thin sand layers, water	346	732
Sand, black, soft, water.....	33	1,078
Shale, blue, hard.....	23	1,104
Sand, black and white, water.....	70	1,130
Shale, blue, hard.....	137	1,208
Sand, green, hard.....	30	1,343
Shale, green, hard.....	13	1,375
Sand, green, soft.....	30	1,390
Total depth.....		1,423

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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66-3E-14bcd1  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 426 feet)

Soil.....	15	0
Gravel.....	9	15

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow, soft.....	2	24
Shale, blue, soft.....	228	26
Sand, gray, soft.....	154	234
Shale, blue, hard.....	582	408
Sand, black and blue, water.....	60	990
Sand, white to dark, soft, water.....	70	1,050
Shale, blue, hard.....	120	1,120
Sand, green, water.....	10	1,240
Total depth.....		1,250

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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65-3E-23cd1  
(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 248 feet)

6S-3E-23cdcl--Continued

Soil.....	20	0
Sand, gray.....	133	20

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, blue.....	3	213
Clay and sand.....	27	121
Clay, blue.....	122	243
Sand, water.....	3	370
Clay, blue.....	327	373
Sand, black.....	1	1,000
Clay, blue.....	143	1,002
Rock, blue and green, soft, water....	20	1,150

Banbury Basalt

Rock, black, hard, water.....	71	1,170
Total depth.....		1,241

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-4E-14abel  
(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 320 feet;  
and 12-inch steel 0 to 1,600 feet)

Clay.....	10	0
Clay, brown.....	30	10
Clay and gravel.....	25	60

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, blue.....	35	95
Clay, brown.....	15	120
Clay, blue, water (at 180 feet).....	30	135
Sand, blue and black.....	10	215
Sand, blue and black, very fine.....	6	225
Clay, blue.....	19	231
Sand.....	10	250
Clay, blue, with blue sandstone.....	30	260
Clay, blue, with white soapstone.....	133	320
Shale, blue.....	15	475
Clay, blue.....	25	490
Clay, blue, hard.....	20	575

Clay, blue, and sand.....	55	555
Clay, blue, trace of black rock.....	35	550
Shale, blue.....	30	585
Shale, blue, and sandstone, blue.....	180	715
Shale, blue, sticky.....	40	655
Shale, blue.....	80	685
Sandstone.....	5	1,015
Shale, blue, sticky.....	225	1,020
Clay, blue, sticky.....	245	1,265
Rock, black.....	20	1,400
Shale, blue.....	13	1,510
Shale, white.....	2	1,523
Clay, blue, sticky.....	175	1,525
Clay, blue.....	20	1,700
Basalt, black.....	8	1,720
Clay, blue.....	13	1,723

#### Banbury Basalt

Rock, hard, water.....	10	1,741
Rock, white and black.....	14	1,751
Shale, blue, water.....	10	1,765
Rock, black.....	30	1,775
Shale, blue, water.....	12	1,785
Sand, red.....	23	1,807

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Rhyolite, hard, water.....	23	1,830
Shale, blue, water.....	10	1,855
Rhyolite, water.....	35	1,863
Rhyolite, crevices, water.....	7	1,893
Total depth.....		1,905

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-4E-35cdal

(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 26 feet;

18-inch steel 26 to 381 feet;

16-inch steel 491 to 892 feet;

perforated from 730 to 810 feet and

870 to 890 feet, 1,230 and 320 1/2-inch

perforations, respectively)

Topsoil.....	57	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale, gray.....	50	57
Shale, gray, water.....	63	107
Sand, gray, water.....	3	175
Shale, gray.....	46	170
Shale, brown.....	29	224
Shale, gray.....	22	253
Sand, gray, water.....	5	275
Shale, gray.....	30	280
Sand and clay, gray.....	50	360
Shale, gray.....	15	410
Sand, gray, water.....	10	425
Shale, gray.....	88	435
Sand, gray, water.....	15	523
Shale, blue.....	112	538
Shale, gray.....	65	650
Sand, black.....	5	715
Shale, gray.....	27	720
Clay, tan.....	3	747
Clay, gray.....	27	755
Shale, gray.....	8	782
Sand, black, coarse, water.....	5	790
Shale, gray.....	42	795
Clay, brown.....	3	837
Shale, gray.....	110	845
Total depth.....		955

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet)	(feet below land surface)

6S-4E-36cccl  
(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 140 feet;  
12-inch steel 405 to 920 feet;  
10-inch steel 395 to 958 feet;  
8-inch steel 955 to 1,017 feet)

Soil.....	25	0
Clay.....	55	25

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

SS-4E-36cccl--Continued

Shale, gray.....	40	80
Shale, soft.....	15	120
Clay, shale, and silt, gray.....	285	135
Sand, gray, fine.....	5	420
Shale, clay, and silt.....	270	425
Clay, green.....	20	695
Cinders, black.....	15	715
Shale, gray, clay and silt.....	150	730
Sand, black, coarse, water.....	5	880
Clay, blue.....	28	885
Gravel, water.....	4	913
Clay, blue, sticky.....	98	917
Sand, water.....	5	1,015
Shale, gray, and clay, black.....	35	1,020

Banbury Basalt

Basalt, black.....	12	1,105
Clay, black, and rock.....	2	1,117
Clay, red, and gravel, brown.....	16	1,125
Basalt.....	5	1,141
Clay, black.....	10	1,145
Rock, brown.....	5	1,155
Shale and clay.....	10	1,160
Basalt, black.....	30	1,170
Clay, brown.....	7	1,200
Basalt, black, hard.....	48	1,207
Clay, red and rock.....	15	1,255
Rocks and clay.....	30	1,270
Clay, gray and shale.....	56	1,300
Rocks, brown, and tuff, red, water....	6	1,356
Rock, brown and black, and clay.....	98	1,362
Basalt, hard.....	10	1,460
Sand.....	5	1,470
Rock and clay.....	250	1,475
Sand, water.....	15	1,725
Rock and shale.....	150	1,740
Sand, brown, water.....	10	1,890
Basalt, black, broken, water.....	15	1,900

Idavada Volcanics

Rhyolite, latite, water.....	85	1,915
Total depth.....		2,000

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
6S-5E-10ddd1 (Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 70 feet)		
Soil.....	10	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, yellow.....	49	10
Shale, blue.....	496	59
Sandstone, gray.....	20	555
Shale, blue.....	10	575
Sandstone, gray.....	40	585
Shale, blue.....	181	625
Rock, gray.....	2	806
Shale, blue, some sand.....	97	808
Rock, white to cream-colored.....	4	905
Sand, gray, water.....	211	909
Shale, brown.....	45	1,120
Sandstone, gray.....	15	1,165
Shale, brown.....	477	1,180
Sandstone, gray, water.....	10	1,657
Banbury Basalt		
Rock, hard.....		1,667
Total depth.....		1,667

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
6S-5E-18ccbl (Casing: 12-inch steel 0 to 651 feet)		
Topsoil.....	12	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, yellow.....	75	12

Clay, blue.....	374	87
Sand, water.....	1	401
Clay, blue.....	271	462
Shale, brown and green.....	172	733
Rock, black.....	16	905
Sandstone, water.....	11	921
Shale, gray.....	119	932
Basalt.....	2	1,051
Shale, gray.....	268	1,053
Sandstone.....	11	1,321
Basalt.....	57	1,332
Shale, gray, some rock.....	616	1,389

#### Sanbury Basalt

Shale, black.....	15	2,005
Basalt, mineralized.....	370	2,020
Shale and sandstone.....	310	2,390
Rock, black.....	40	2,700
Rock, caving.....	6	2,740
Basalt, interbedded with shale.....	34	2,746

#### Idavada Volcanics

Rock.....	129	2,780
Shale and rock.....	51	2,909
Total depth.....		2,960

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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6S-5E-24bcal  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 76 feet)

Oil.....	8	0
Gravel.....	10	8

#### Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow.....	15	18
Shale, blue.....	395	33
Sand, blue.....	87	429
Shale, blue, sticky at base.....	106	515

S-5E-24bcal--Continued

rock, gray, hard.....	13	621
rock, black, hard.....	12	639
sandstone, black, water.....	1	657
shale, blue.....	8	658
rock, black, soft.....	12	666
shale, blue.....	2	678

Sanbury Basalt

rock, black, hard, water.....	42	680
rock, black, soft.....	12	722
shale, blue.....	98	734
rock, black, hard.....	8	832
shale, blue.....	205	840
not reported.....	50	1,045
total depth.....		1,095

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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S-5E-24caal  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 430 feet)

oil and gravel.....	30	0
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Idaho Group, undifferentiated

clay, yellow.....	6	30
shale, blue, soft, muddy crevice with water; water rose to 30 feet of surface.....	94	36
shale, blue, soft, muddy.....	170	130
sand, bluish, fine.....	300	300
shale, blue, with layers of sticky clay 2 to 10 feet thick.....	180	600
lava, black.....	1	780
not reported.....	136	781

Sanbury Basalt

lava, black.....	3	917
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6S-5E-24caal--Continued

sand, gray, water; well flows 1 gpm...	18	920
lava, black.....	1	938
Shale, blue.....	21	939
sand, gray, muddy with thin sandstone layers, water; well flows 15 gpm....	365	960
total depth.....		1,325

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-5E-24ddbl

(Casing: 8-inch steel 0 to 240 feet;  
6 inch steel 0 to 1,400 feet)

Soil.....	10	0
Gravel, dark colored.....	18	10

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale, blue, crevice at bottom.....	212	28
Shale, blue.....	60	240
Sand, gray.....	300	300
Shale, blue, sand at bottom with water	340	600
Rock, black.....	4	940
Shale, blue.....	16	944
Sand.....	140	960

Sanbury Basalt

Rock, broken.....	300	1,100
Rock, soft, broken.....	525	1,400

Idavada Volcanics

Rock, very hard.....	13	1,925
total depth.....		1,938

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-5E-29dccl

(Casing: 4-inch steel 0 to 20 feet)

6S-5E-29dccl--Continued

Soil.....	10	0
Gravel, dark, hard.....	4	10

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow.....	5	14
Shale, blue, some sand, water.....	935	19
Sand, gray, water.....	6	954
Shale, blue.....	150	960
Sand, gray.....	10	1,110
Shale, blue.....	40	1,120
Sand, gray.....	3	1,160
Shale, blue, thin layers of sand.....	235	1,163
Sand, white.....	10	1,398
Sand and shale, blue.....	11	1,408
Sand, white, water.....	32	1,419
Shale, blue.....	63	1,451
Sandstone, gray, water.....	46	1,514
Total depth.....		1,560

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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6S-6E-12ccd1

(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 5 feet;  
12-inch steel 0 to 170 feet;  
8-inch steel 0 to 915 feet;  
well screen set from 920 to 980 feet)

Soil, sand, and silt.....	5	0
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Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, light brown.....	55	5
Clay, blue.....	110	60
Shale, blue.....	180	170
Shale, blue, with seeps of water.....	100	350
Shale, blue, some sulphur.....	150	450
Shale, blue.....	340	600
Sandstone, water.....	50	940
Total depth.....		990

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
6S-6E-19ccd1 (Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 277 feet)		
Soil.....	13	0
Gravel.....	3	13
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, yellow.....	64	21
Shale, blue.....	425	85
Sandstone, gray.....	90	510
Shale, blue, some sand and water at 820 feet.....	228	600
Banbury Basalt		
Rock, black.....	22	828
Shale, blue.....	17	850
Rock, black, water.....	13	867
Sandstone, gray.....	33	880
Total depth.....		913

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
6S-6E-19dbd1 (Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 75 feet; 4-inch steel 0 to 229 feet)		
Soil.....	19	0
Clay, yellow.....	39	19
Gravel and sand.....	16	58
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, yellow.....	120	74
Shale, blue.....	436	194
Sand, blue.....	28	680

## 6S-6E-19dbdl--Continued

Shale, brown, sandy.....	42	702
Shale, blue, water.....	57	750
Talc, blue.....	1	307
Shale, blue.....	154	803
Rock, black, hard.....	3	962
Shale, blue.....	1	965
Rock, black, hard.....	11	966
Shale, blue.....	4	977

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Rock, black, hard.....	32	981
Talc, blue.....	1	1,013
Rock, black, hard.....	6	1,014
Shale, blue.....	11	1,020
Rock, black, hard.....	2	1,031
Talc, blue.....	10	1,033
Shale, blue.....	5	1,043
Rock, black, hard.....	5	1,048
Talc, blue.....	33	1,053
Rock, black, hard.....	7	1,086
Shale, blue.....	13	1,093
Rock, black, hard.....	1	1,106
Shale, blue.....	57	1,107
Rock, black, hard.....	3	1,164
Sand, black.....	4	1,167
Sand, light.....	10	1,171
Sandstone.....	119	1,181
Talc, light.....	1	1,300
Rock, light, hard.....	1	1,301
Sand, caving.....	10	1,302
Shale, sandy.....	35	1,312
Total depth.....		1,347

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-6E-32bddl  
(Casing: 8-inch steel 0 to 850 feet)

Soil.....	9	0
Sand and some gravel.....	78	9

6S-6E-32bdd1--Continued

Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, blue.....	653	87
Rock, black.....	1	740
Clay, blue.....	199	741
Shale, blue.....	8	940
Clay, brown.....	112	948
Banbury Basalt		
Lava, black.....	6	1,060
Clay, brown, sandy in lower part.....	336	1,066
Total depth.....		1,402

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-7E-16bbb1  
(Oil and gas exploratory hole; plugged and abandoned)

Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale and clay.....	71	0
Clay, sand, shale.....	266	71
Shale and clay.....	541	337
Shale and sand.....	1,092	878
Shale and rock.....	145	1,970
Shale.....	225	2,115
Shale and sand.....	213	2,340
Shale, sand, and lime.....	37	2,553
Shale.....	37	2,590
Banbury Basalt (2,550 feet)		
Shale, lime, and lava.....	26	2,627
Total depth.....		2,653

Material	Depth	
	Thickness (feet below (feet)	land surface)
6S-8E-19bbb1		
(Oil and gas exploratory hole, plugged and abandoned)		
and.....	85	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
shale.....	10	85
avel, sand, and shale.....	30	95
and and shale.....	90	125
shale, blue.....	30	215
shale.....	170	245
shale, blue.....	195	415
shale.....	275	610
shale with sand streaks.....	370	885
and, hard.....	59	1,255
shale.....	60	1,314
shale and sand streaks.....	106	1,374
and and shale.....	30	1,430
shale.....	270	1,510
and and shale.....	275	1,780
shale.....	205	2,055
shale, sand, and lime.....	205	2,260
and and shale.....	82	2,465
Banbury Basalt		
and and shale, lava streaks.....	78	2,547
and and lime, lava streaks.....	130	2,625
and and shale.....	44	2,755
and, shale, lime, and lava.....	86	2,799
and, lime, shale, and lava.....	82	2,885
and, lime and shale.....	78	2,967
shale and sand.....	43	3,045
and, lava, and shale.....	20	3,093
lava and shale.....	69	3,113
lack shale, hard, and lime.....	28	3,182
Idavada Volcanics		
basalt.....	598	3,210
otal depth.....		3,808

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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6S-8E-33abl

(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 201.5 feet;  
10-inch steel 192 to 400 feet;  
8-inch steel 191 to 697 feet;  
6-inch steel 674 to 2,118 feet)

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Siltstone, shale, silty.....	410	0
Sandstone with basalt boulders.....	20	410
Siltstone, fine sandy, and sandstone..	180	430
Siltstone and shale.....	330	610
Shale with ash fragments.....	270	940
Sandstone and siltstone.....	100	1,210
Silty shale and shale.....	250	1,310
Siltstone and silty shale.....	660	1,560

Banbury Basalt

Shale and siltstone with basalt flows and cinder beds.....	537	2,220
Shale, silty and hard.....	187	2,757
Basalt.....	20	2,944
Shale and sandy shale.....	403	2,964
Cinder beds, siltstone, basalt layers shale, and sandstone with thin flows..	138	3,367

Idavada Volcanics

Basalt and cinder beds.....	398	3,505
Rhyolite tuff and shale.....	97	3,903
Total depth.....		4,000

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-3abd1

(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 399;  
14-inch steel 373 to 953 feet;  
perforations 4-inch by 12-inch from 910 to 941 feet)

Topsoil - sand and gravel.....	33	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, brown.....	42	33
Shale, gray.....	155	75
Sand, gray.....	55	230
Shale, gray, sandy.....	130	285
Shale, blue-gray.....	280	415
Sand, gray.....	30	695
Clay, brown.....	115	725
Sand and gravel.....	45	840

## Banbury Basalt

Basalt, black.....	30	885
Lava, reddish-brown, cindery, water..	20	915
Basalt, gray.....	43	935
Lava, reddish-brown, cindery, water..	17	978
Basalt, black.....	10	995
Lava, reddish-brown, cindery, water..	10	1,005
Basalt, gray.....	30	1,015
Total depth.....		1,045

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-5ccal  
(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 292 feet)

Topsoil.....	1	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, hardpan.....	2	1
Clay, brown, sandy.....	142	3
Clay, gray and sand.....	27	145
Clay, gray, sticky.....	98	172
Sand, gray.....	20	270
Shale, gray.....	220	290
Shale, gray, sandy.....	75	510
Sand, light brown.....	58	585
Clay, brown, sandy.....	20	643

7S-4E-5ccal--Continued

Shale, gray.....	37	663
Shale, gray, and gravel.....	25	700
Shale, gray, sandy.....	35	725
Sand, brown, and gravel.....	8	760
Shale, gray, sandy.....	52	768
Shale, gray, sandy, and gravel.....	42	820
Banbury Basalt		
Lava, gray, hard.....	52	862
Lava, gray and brown, loose.....	9	914
Lava, gray, hard.....	69	923
Sand, brown.....	32	992
Shale, gray, and boulders.....	12	1,024
Lava, gray.....	4	1,036
Total depth.....		1,040

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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7S-4E-10bdb1  
(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 24 feet;  
16-inch steel 0 to 738 feet;  
perforated from 537 to 568 feet and 616 to 737 feet  
with 720 and 2,880 3/16x4-inch perforations, respectively)

Topsoil and pea gravel.....	2	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale, brown.....	66	2
Sand, black.....	10	63
Shale, blue.....	410	78
Shale, brown.....	12	488
Shale, brown, and pea gravel.....	28	500
Shale, brown.....	68	528
Shale, brown, and pea gravel.....	16	596
Sand, brown, coarse.....	12	612
Shale, brown.....	21	624
Sand, black, coarse.....	12	645

## 7S-4E-10bdb1--Continued

Shale, brown, and pea gravel.....	27	657
Basalt, clay, brown.....	35	684

## Banbury Basalt

Basalt, gray, and clay, red.....	5	719
Basalt, gray, and clay, brown.....	21	724
Basalt, gray, clay, blue.....	9	745
Basalt, gray, clay, brown.....	18	754
Basalt, brown, and clay, red.....	11	772
Basalt, gray.....	33	783
Basalt, gray, and clay, brown, water.	22	816
Clay, blue.....	10	838
Basalt, gray, and clay seam.....	59	848
Clay, red.....	5	907
Basalt, gray, water.....	8	912
Basalt, gray.....	8	920
Basalt, reddish-brown, water.....	4	928
Basalt, gray, water.....	18	932
Basalt, reddish-brown, water.....	12	950
Basalt, gray, and clay, brown.....	8	962
Basalt, gray, and clay, blue.....	13	970
Basalt, gray.....	15	983
Rhyolite, reddish-brown.....	28	998
Basalt, gray.....	14	1,026
Clay, brown.....	30	1,040
Sand, brown, and gravel.....	28	1,070
Cinders, dark-brown.....	47	1,098
Total depth.....		1,145

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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## 7S-4E-11cbcl

(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 250 feet;  
16-inch steel 520 to 720 feet)

Topsoil.....	7	0
Gravel.....	20	7
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Sand, yellow.....	78	27

## 7S-4E-11cbcl--Continued

Clay, blue, sandy.....	90	105
Clay, blue-gray.....	135	195
Shale, blue.....	115	330
Clay, black, sandy.....	5	445
Clay, brown.....	10	450
Shale, blue.....	35	460
Lava rock, black.....	15	495
Shale, blue.....	20	510
Clay, yellow, streaks of gravel, water	173	530

## Banbury Basalt

Basalt, black.....	52	703
Clay, red, and gravel.....	10	755
Basalt, black.....	50	765
Clay, red.....	6	815
Conglomerate, red and black.....	107	821
Clay, brown.....	13	928
Rock, black, water.....	124	941

## Idavada Volcanics

Rhyolite, red and black.....	30	1,065
Rhyolite, red, water.....	105	1,095
Rhyolite, black.....	120	1,200
Rhyolite, brown.....	20	1,320
Rhyolite, rusty-red.....	35	1,340
Rhyolite, black.....	25	1,375
Rhyolite, red.....	10	1,400
Rhyolite, brown, water.....	45	1,410
Rhyolite, black.....	15	1,455
Rhyolite, reddish-brown.....	10	1,470
Rhyolite, gray, water.....	5	1,480
Rhyolite, reddish-brown.....	15	1,485
Total depth.....		1,500

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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7S-4E-12bdd1  
(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 675 feet)

Soil.....	16	0
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## 7S-4E-12bddl--Continued

Soil and sand.....	14	16
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## Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale, blue.....	15	30
Sand.....	15	45
Shale, hard.....	83	60
Sand.....	27	143
Shale, sandy.....	210	170
Rock, (Basalt), black.....	30	320
Sand, green and brown.....	41	410
Rock, (Basalt), black.....	33	451
Shale and sand, brown.....	71	434
Gravel and sand.....	5	555
Clay, bentonite.....	109	560

## Banbury Basalt

Basalt, black and dark gray.....	44	669
Tuff, red, tan, pink, clayey, ashy...	17	713
Basalt, vesicular, black and dark gray.	20	730
Not reported.....	10	750
Clay, dark tan, soft, sandy.....	25	760
Basalt, gray, vesicular, hard.....	15	785
Basalt, black, hard, dense.....	10	800
Tuff, brown, tan.....	45	810
Basalt, black, hard, dense.....	23	855
Not reported.....	2	878
Sand, tan, water.....	40	880
Not reported.....	40	920
Basalt, dark gray.....	15	960
Clay, tuffaceous, tan and brown.....	13	975

## Idavada Volcanics

Bentonite, white.....	2	988
Obsidian, black.....	70	990
Latite, tan, porphyritic.....	45	1,060
Total depth.....		1,105

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-13bocl  
(Casing: 12-inch steel 0 to 192 feet)

5-4E-13bccl--Continued

Soil and hardpan.....	4	0
Gravel and boulders.....	19	4

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Shale, blue, water.....	167	23
Lava, black, soft.....	4	190
Lava, black, hard.....	86	194
Conglomerate.....	210	280

Sanbury Basalt

Lava, black, very hard.....	46	490
Rock, red, water.....	86	536
Lava, black.....	62	622
Rock, reddish.....	76	684

Idavada Volcanics

Rock, purple.....	34	760
Rock, brown.....	42	794
Rock, pink.....	104	836
Rock, purple.....	51	940
Rock, red, water.....	32	991
Rock, brown and red, water.....	18	1,023
Rock, red and cinders, water.....	19	1,041
Total depth.....		1,060

Well was later drilled to an unreported depth.

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-13dcd1  
(Casing: 12-inch steel 0 to 194 feet)

Soil.....	18	0
Boulders and gravel.....	8	18

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, blue, sticky.....	165	26
Rock and layers of clay.....	9	191
Clay, light tan to yellow.....	10	200

Gravel, fine-grained, and sand.....	45	313
Basalt, dark gray to black.....	13	253
Sand, olive drab, coarse-grained.....	22	263
Not reported.....	25	290
Clay, light tan, sandy.....	20	315
Clay, light tan, very fine, sand.....	25	335
Clay, light tan to dark tan.....	20	360
Not reported.....	32	380
Sand, very fine-grained.....	4	418

## Sanbury Basalt

Basalt, black.....	20	422
Olivine basalt, dark greenish-brown and black.....	3	442
Sand, light tan and black.....	23	450
Basalt, red and brown.....	7	473
Basalt and olivine basalt, black.....	53	490
Basalt and basaltic gravel.....	13	505
Olivine basalt, black to greenish shade	10	550
Basalt, black and brownish-black, dense	32	563
Basalt.....	20	620
Sand, black and tan, ashy.....	35	640

## Idavada Volcanics

Obsidian, black.....	71	725
Obsidian, black, partly crystalline glass.....	39	796
Latite, purple, porphyritic, vesicular	30	835
Latite, purple, porphyritic.....	35	865
Not reported.....	100	900
Total depth.....		1,000

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-14abcd

(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 223 feet)

Soil and gravel.....	5	0
Gravel.....	5	5
Gravel and clay.....	5	10

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Clay, yellow.....	20	15
Sand, black.....	5	35
Sand, black, water.....	5	40
Sand, black, and clay.....	30	45
Sand, black.....	20	75
Clay, dark gray.....	70	95
Shale, blue.....	160	165
Rock, black.....	15	325
Rock, rusty yellow.....	60	340
Rock, slate-gray.....	25	400
Clay, rusty, and rock, black.....	60	425
Gravel, fine.....	20	485
Gravel and clay.....	35	505
Clay, rusty.....	15	540
Clay, rusty, and sand.....	5	555
Rock, black, and sand.....	15	560

Sanbury Basalt

Rock, black, water.....	25	575
Rock, black and gray.....	10	600
Clay, brown, and rock.....	5	610
Clay, red, and rock, brown.....	5	615
Rock, black.....	65	620
Rock, black, and shale, red, water...	55	685
Rock, black.....	5	740
Rock, black, and shale, red.....	45	745
Clay, rusty brown.....	5	790

Idavada Volcanics

Rock, gray, water.....	25	795
Rock, black, gray.....	35	820
Clay, red.....	20	855
Rock, gray.....	5	875
Rock, black and gray.....	10	880
Rock, black, gray, and red.....	10	890
Rock, black and gray.....	15	900
Rock, gray.....	65	915
Rock, rusty gray.....	10	980
Cinders, purple.....	15	990
Rock, gray, water.....	10	1,005
Rock, gray and brown.....	20	1,015
Rock, gray.....	50	1,035
Rock, brown, water (at 1,110).....	60	1,085
Total depth.....		1,145

Material	Thickness (feet) (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-23cbb1  
(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 326 feet)

Gravel.....	11	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Clay, yellow.....	64	11
Gravel, fine.....	7	75
Shale, blue.....	43	82
Rock, soft.....	2	125
Shale, blue.....	173	127
Clay, blue, sticky and some rock.....	22	300

#### Banbury Basalt

Rock, black, soft.....	4	322
Rock, black, water.....	6	326
Rock, reddish.....	9	332
Rock brown, water.....	23	341
Rock, red.....	9	364
Rock, purple, hard.....	18	373
Rock, red.....	21	391
Rock, purple, water.....	23	412
Rock, red.....	54	435
Rock, pink and clay.....	26	489
Clay, red, and broken rock.....	40	515
Rock, red, and clay.....	23	555
Rock, red.....	22	578

#### Idavada Volcanics

Rock, black, and clay, water.....	65	600
Rock, red.....	45	665
Rock, purple.....	13	710
Crevice, water.....	3	723
Rock, purple.....	19	726
Rock, red, very abrasive, water.....	651	745
Total depth.....		810

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-4E-27bccl  
(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 19 feet)

Sand and gravel.....	19	0
Idavada Volcanics		
Sandstone, black, water.....	179	19
Sandstone, black, with coarse white sand, water.....	52	198
Rhyolite, black, water.....	55	250
Rhyolite, dark brown.....	48	305
Rhyolite, reddish-brown.....	97	353
Rhyolite, dark brown.....	28	450
Rhyolite, dark gray.....	104	478
Rhyolite, gray.....	23	582
Rhyolite, gray, with reddish-brown stripes.....	215	605
Rhyolite, reddish-brown.....	20	820
Rhyolite, gray and reddish-brown.....	20	840
Sand, gray, some brown clay.....	55	860
Sand, gray, and clay, reddish-brown..	115	915
Clay, reddish-brown, and rock, gray..	15	1,030
Rhyolite, reddish-brown, some water..	205	1,045
Total depth.....		1,250

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-5E-5dbc1  
(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 140 feet;  
12-inch steel 140 to 504 feet;  
two 8-inch steel casings are placed side by side  
from 630 to 1,120 feet and 650 to 1,300 feet)

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

7S-5E-5dbcl--Continued

Topsoil, shale, and sand.....	737	0
Sand and shale streaks, water.....	38	737
Sand, water.....	125	775
Shale and sand streaks, water.....	389	900

Sanbury Basalt

Rock, black, water.....	38	1,239
Clay.....	7	1,327
Shale.....	42	1,334
Pumice.....	4	1,376
Rock, black.....	25	1,380
Clay.....	10	1,405
Rock.....	35	1,415
Shale.....	65	1,450
Basalt, black, water.....	179	1,515
Cinders, red, water.....	8	1,694
Basalt.....	22	1,702
Shale with rock layers.....	18	1,724
Rock, broken.....	26	1,742
Shale with rock floaters; water.....	62	1,768
Rock, red and black.....	74	1,830
Sandstone.....	206	1,904
Clay, red.....	20	2,110
Sandstone.....	40	2,130
Clay, red.....	8	2,170
Sandstone.....	21	2,178
Shale, blue, and clay.....	41	2,199
Sand.....	22	2,240
Shale and clay layers.....	81	2,262
Sand.....	13	2,343
Clay, red.....	19	2,356
Rock, brown.....	30	2,375
Total depth.....		2,405

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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7S-5E-7abbl

(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 228 feet;  
16-inch steel 228 to 632 feet)

Sand and gravel.....	15	0
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7S-5E-7abbl--Continued

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

sandstone and clay, blue.....	65	15
clay, blue.....	20	80
sandstone, brown.....	35	100
shale, blue.....	70	135
clay, brown.....	15	205
shale, blue.....	23	220
clay, brown and blue.....	19	243
shale, blue.....	113	262
chert rock.....	41	375
clay.....	21	416
basalt and clay, mixed.....	18	437
clay and streaks of cinder sand.....	60	455

Banbury Basalt

lava, black.....	8	515
lava, black, hard.....	33	523
lava, black and green, hard.....	6	556
lava, black and green, very hard.....	6	562
lava, black.....	10	563
sandstone, brown.....	17	578
lava, black, firm.....	9	595
lava, black, hard.....	28	604
dyolite.....	993	632
Total depth.....		1,625

The Idavada Volcanics were believed to have started at about 1,000 feet below land surface.

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-5E-9ddd1

(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 550 feet;  
 18-inch steel 984 to 1,034 feet;  
 14-inch steel 1,337 to 1,432 feet;  
 12 3/4-inch steel 1,463 to 1,613 feet;  
 12-inch steel 1,587 to 1,624 feet;  
 8-inch steel 1,925 to 2,025 feet)

## 7S-5E-9ddd1--Continued

topsoil and sand.....	50	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
clay, blue, sandy.....	240	50
Clay, blue.....	40	290
Sand, yellow.....	5	330
Clay, blue.....	10	335
Sand, yellow.....	75	345
Clay, yellow.....	2	420
Clay, yellow and black.....	78	422
Sand.....	20	500
Clay, yellow and blue.....	180	520
Clay, dark gray.....	77	700
Cinders, black.....	18	777
Rock, black.....	9	795
Clay, yellow and blue.....	59	804
Rock, black, hard.....	47	853
Clay, yellow, sticky.....	40	910
Clay.....	20	950
Clay, gravel, and sand in layers.....	55	970
Clay.....	20	1,025

## Banbury Basalt

Rock, black.....	380	1,045
Rock, black, softer.....	25	1,425
Rock, black, harder.....	50	1,450
Clay, sticky.....	20	1,500
Clay, multicolored.....	120	1,520
Clay, blue.....	100	1,640
Rock and clay in red and brown layers	105	1,740
Rock, black, soft.....	45	1,845
Clay, multicolored with rock layers..	90	1,890

## Idavada Volcanics

Rock, purple, hard and fractured, water.....	85	1,980
Total depth.....		2,065

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet)	Depth land surface)
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7S-5E-13cbb1--Continued

7S-5E-13cbb1

(Casing: 20-inch steel 0 to 710 feet;  
10-inch steel 1,070 to 1,130 feet;  
8-inch steel 1,510 to 1,680 feet;  
1/8x3-inch perforations: 180-710 feet;  
1,070 to 1,180 feet; 1,510 to 1,680 feet)

Soil.....	4	0
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Sandstone, water.....	127	4
Sandstone, soft.....	49	131
Clay, yellow, chalky.....	470	180
Sand and some pea gravel, water.....	40	650
Chalk.....	20	690
Clay, blue.....	177	710

Banbury Basalt

Lava, black.....	70	887
Lava, brown, soft.....	2	957
Rock, red.....	70	959
Lava, black.....	111	1,029
Sand.....	40	1,140
Lava, black.....	420	1,180
Rock, red.....	10	1,600
Tuff, red, with sand and gravel.....	30	1,610
Lava, black.....	11	1,640
Tuff, red, with sand and gravel.....	29	1,651
Rock, brown and red.....	160	1,680
Rock, black and red.....	114	1,840
Total depth.....		1,954

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet) land surface)	Depth
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7S-5E-28acd1

(Casing: 16-inch steel 0 to 234 feet).

Idaho Group, undifferentiated

7S-5E-28acd1--Continued

Chalk, rock.....	110	0
Sand, water.....	126	110
Lava, black.....	8	236
Clay, gray, sticky.....	80	244
Lava, black.....	9	324
Clay, sticky.....	17	333
Gravel, cemented.....	7	350
Clay, sticky.....	33	357
Sand (?).....	12	390
Lava, black.....	28	402
Clay, sticky.....	47	430

Banbury Basalt

Lava, black, hard.....	20	477
Lava, red, hard.....	26	497
Lava, black.....	227	523
Lava, red.....	13	750
Red, sticky formation.....	15	763
Black sandy formation.....	28	778

Idavada Volcanics

Lava, black (volcanic glass).....	39	806
Rock, reddish-brown.....	49	845
Rock, red.....	2	894
Conglomerate, sand, clay, and water..	94	896
Rock, black, hard.....	13	990
Total depth.....		1,003

Material	Thickness (feet below (feet)	Depth land surface)
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7S-6E-15ba1  
(Casing: 6-inch steel 0 to 65 feet)

Soil.....	20	0
Gravel.....	44	20
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Shale, blue, soft.....	96	64
Sand, gray.....	15	130

7S-6E-15ba1--Continued

Shale, blue, soft.....	552	175
Sand, gray, coarse, water.....	13	727
Shale, blue, soft.....	110	740
Sand, gray, soft, water.....	10	850
Shale, blue, hard.....	17	860
Sand, gray, soft, water.....	8	877
Shale, blue, hard.....	17	885

Banbury Basalt

Rock (basalt), black, hard.....	8	902
Total depth.....		910

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-6E-21dbcl  
(Casing: 10-inch steel 0 to 167 feet)

Topsoil.....	26	0
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Idaho Group, undifferentiated

Sandstone.....	59	26
Sand.....	77	85
Clay, blue.....	4	162

Banbury Basalt

Rock black.....	5	166
Clay, blue, and broken rock.....	19	171
Lava, black.....	50	190
Clay, blue, and broken rock.....	40	240
Rock, brown, water.....	11	280
Lava, black.....	19	291
Rock, red, water.....	15	310
Rock, red, and cinders, water.....	10	325
Lava, black.....	20	335
Clay, red.....	5	355
Sandstone, red.....	35	360
Rock, sand, and blue clay.....	20	395
Rock, black, and clay.....	20	415
Rock, red, water.....	5	435

## 7S-6E-21dbcl--Continued

Rock, black, hard.....	15	440
Rock, black, very hard.....	25	455
Rock, reddish, water.....	20	480
Rock and cinders, red and brown, water	25	500
Rock, black.....	22	525
Rock, red.....	9	547
Rock, black, and clay.....	9	556
Rock, black, hard.....	20	565
Rock, red.....	6	585
Rock, brown.....	6	591
Rock, brown and red, water.....	8	597
Rock, black.....	6	605
Rock, red, water.....	9	611
Rock, black.....	15	620
Rock, black, and clay.....	11	635
Rock, red, and clay.....	14	646
Rock, red, and cinders, water.....	13	660
Conglomerate, black.....	42	673
Rock, red, water.....	15	715
Rock, black, and clay.....	22	730
Rock, red, and clay.....	8	752
Total depth.....		760

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet below land surface)
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7S-6E-22aadl  
(Casing: 14-inch steel 0 to 400 feet)

Soil.....	3	0
Gravel.....	58	3
Idaho Group, undifferentiated		
Sandstone.....	13	61
Gravel, fine.....	2	74
Sandstone, soft.....	17	76
Clay, sandy.....	39	93
Clay, yellow.....	178	132
Shale, brown.....	4	310
Clay, whitish color, sticky.....	80	314

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Rock, brown and red.....	5	394
Rock, red.....	16	399
Rock, black.....	28	415
Rock, reddish-purple.....	18	443
Rock, red and brown, water.....	74	461
Rock, red, water.....	20	535
Rock, purple, water.....	10	555
Rock, red, water.....	10	565
Rock, brown, water.....	5	575
Rock, purple, water.....	5	580
Rock, red, hard.....	10	585
Rock, purple.....	13	595
Rock, red.....	52	608
Rock, black.....	14	660
Sand, orange-red, some clay.....	26	674
Clay, brown, and rock.....	11	700
Rock, black, and clay.....	40	711
Rock, black.....	15	751
Rock, red, water.....	4	766
Rock, black.....	50	770
Rock, red.....	20	820
Rock, brown.....	15	840
Rock, red.....	15	855
Rock, brown.....	30	870
Rock, red.....	40	900
Rock, black.....	25	940
Rock, black, and clay.....	15	965
Rock, red.....	20	980
Rock, purple.....	30	1,000
Rock, red.....	10	1,030
Rock, brown.....	10	1,040
Rock, black, hard.....	30	1,050
Sandstone, brown, or cinders.....	80	1,080
Sandstone, red, or cinders, water....	180	1,160

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Rock, red, water.....	30	1,340
Rock, purple, water.....	40	1,370
Total depth.....		1,410