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#### INTRODUCTION

Eight sections of the Salt Wash Member and lower member of the Morrison Formation (Upper Jurassic) measured in and near the Henry Mountains mineral belt of southern Utah are presented in this report (fig. 1). A third member at the top of the formation, the Brushy Basin Member, is not included because it does not contain significant quantities of uranium and because it does not appear to have any bearing on uranium mineralization in the underlying Salt Wash Member.

The lower and Salt Wash Members comprise a series of strata that were divided into three fluviolacustrine sequences by Peterson (1977). Facies relations in the lower and middle of these sequences are illustrated in figure 2. Two of the sections (numbers 1 and 8) were measured outside the mineral belt and are typical of the lower and Salt Wash Members in unmineralized regions; the rest of the sections were measured in the mineral belt. Thus, the sedimentology of the mineral belt can be compared with the sedimentology of unmineralized regions. The primary difference is that the Salt Wash within the mineral belt contains certain types of lacustrine beds that are intimately associated with the uranium deposits, whereas the Salt Wash away from the mineral belt lacks these beds.

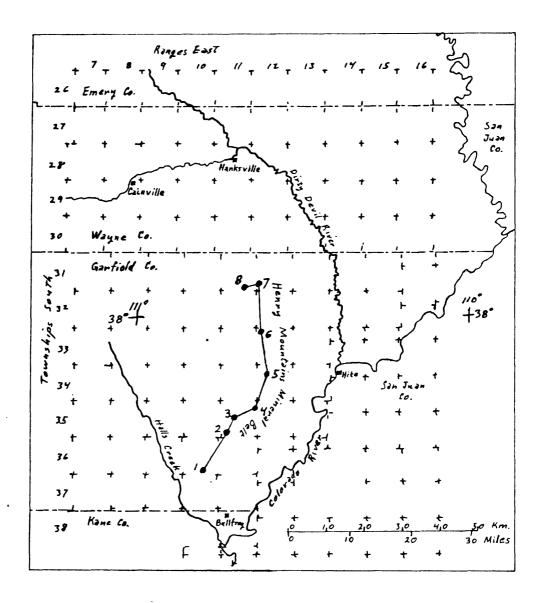


Figure 1.--Index map showing location of measured sections in southern Utah.

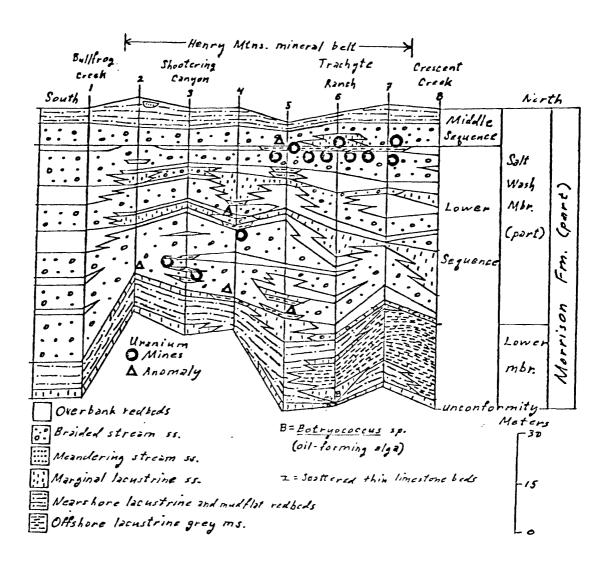


Figure 2.--Stratigraphic section along the Henry Mountains mineral belt showing measured sections and facies relations in the lower and middle fluviolacustrine sequences.

Salt Wash uranium deposits occur mainly in braided stream or marginal lacustrine sandstones where these beds are adjacent to a distinct type of offshore lacustrine primary gray mudstone. This mudstone can be identified easiest by the carbonized plant debris within it which occurs as minute shredded fragments less than about 0.5 mm long and usually requiring a 10% hand less to identify conclusively. In addition, these mudstones are either noncalcareous or only slightly calcareous, contain scarce minute iron sulfide crystals (probably pyrite), locally contain detrital biotite grains, and have yielded a suite of spores and pollen that lacks <a href="Botryococcus">Botryococcus</a> (palynomorphs identified by R. H. Tschudy). Some of these features indicate reducing conditions in the bottom sediments of the lakes in which these beds were deposited.

Other gray mudstones that also occur in the region but that bear no relation to the ore deposits include oil shale and calcareous types and bleached red mudstones. The oil shale type also contains minute plant fragments but, in addition, contains small irregular blebs of a brownish-black structureless carbonaceous substance that appears to be dried oil, and the palynomorphs obtained from these beds include the oil-forming alga <a href="Botryococcus">Botryococcus</a> sp. The calcareous gray mudstones lack carbonaceous material and palynomorphs, and they locally contain interbedded thin gray limestone beds, some of which are dark gray and fetid. The bleached red mudstones can be identified readily by their close association with red mudstones; in most cases the color boundary between the red and gray will cut across the bedding, indicating that the color change is a secondary phenomenon.

A model was recently proposed (Peterson, 1977; Turner-Peterson, 1977; Turner-Peterson and Peterson, 1978) to explain the apparent facies control of uranium mineralization. Because the gray mudstones associated with mineralized sandstone contain plant debris and were deposited in oxygen deficient and mildly alkaline conditions in the offshore part of lakes, it was suggested that these mudstones were the source of soluble humic substances (humic and fulvic acids) which are known to be capable of fixing large quantities of uranium (Szalay, 1958; Kochenov and others, 1965). It was postulated that the humic substances were expelled by compaction from the mudstones into the adjacent sandstone beds. Polyvalent cations and clays in a near-neutral pH environment within the sandstone beds fixed the expelled humic substances as tabular humate deposits. Uranium was subsequently carried into the region by ground water and was fixed and concentrated by the humate into the tabular uranium deposit.

#### MEASURED SECTIONS

The following definitions were used in describing the measured sections. Grain size is the median diameter as estimated in the field with a hand lens; the size of the largest grains or pebbles is also given. Bedding types are listed in increasing order of abundance as estimated or measured in the field. Bedding terminology follows that of McKee and Weir (1953) but it is modified slightly to follow the bedding terminology used by Smith (1970). Marginal lacustrine beds have many horizontal laminations (as much as 95 percent), locally abundant burrows, and locally contain gently inclined laminations (less than about 10 degrees) which may be thin deltaic foresets such as described by McGowen (1970). Because deltaic forsets and other deltaic sandstone beds cannot be readily distinguished from beach or shallow water lacustrine sandstone beds, they are all included under the term marginal lacustrine. Measurements were made in feet and later converted to meters; for this reason the meters column may not add. To emphasize the close relation of uranium deposits in sandstone beds to nearby offshore lacustrine gray mudstone beds, units that contain the gray mudstone have an asterisk (\*) following the unit number, and the unit number of the associated uranium-bearing sandstone bed is underlined.

#### Section 1.—Bullfrog Creek

[Section begins at hairpin curve of main dirt road leading northwest from Bullfrog Marina to Notom and ends on the southwest side of a prominent hill of 4636-ft elevation in CW 1/2 NE 1/4 sec. 34, T. 36 S., R. 10 E.; E 1/2 sec. 3, T. 37 S., R. 10 E.; W 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 34, T. 36 S., R. 10 E., Garfield County, Utah]

Thickness

Feet Meters

Morrison Formation (part):

Brushy Basin Member (part):

- 29. Mudstone, light-gray, some dark reddish-brown,
  dark-reddish-purple, grayish-yellow, grayishblue; laminated to thin-bedded; contains darkgray limestone nodules and thin sandstone beds
  generally 6 in.-l ft (0.15 to 0.3 m) thick; several
  burrowed zones found about 50 ft (15 m) above
  base; weathers to "popcorn" soil covered slope.

  Nearshore lacustrine and mudflat deposits-----100 30.00+

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Brushy Basin Member (part)—continued

#### Thickness

scattered locally on top; yellow rounded cliff.

Braided stream deposit------ 82.0 21.95

trough crossbedding; contains grayish-green

mudstone chips and thin lenses; bone fragments

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

		Thic	kness
		<u>Feet</u>	Meters
24.	Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, maximum		
	25 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal		
	laminations, and trough crossbedding; contains	5	
	grayish-green mudchips at base and 3 ft (1 m)		
	above base; blocky cliff. Braided stream		
	deposit	- 25.0	7.62
23.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as unit	t	
	27; contains 2-3 percent limestone in thin		
	lenses 1 ft (0.3 m) long as much as to 1 in.		
	(2.5 cm) thick	- 12.5	3.81
22.	Sandstone, very light gray; fine-grained,		
	maximum 6 mm pebbles; planar crossbedding,		
	trough crossbedding, and horizontal lamination	ns;	
	about 500 ft (150 m) to northwest a thin wedge	9	
	of red mudstone separates the top 20ft (6 m)		
	of sandstone from the main part of the bed;		
	forms rounded, blocky cliff. Braided stream		
	deposit	68.0	20.73

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

		Feet	Meters
21.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as		
	unit 27; contains some light-gray to light-		
	grayish-green sandstone and siltstone beds		
	that are very thin bedded to thin-bedded;		
	petrified log fragments from a log about 3 ft		
	(1 m) in diameter and at least 26 ft (8 m)		
	long; slabby slope. Overbank deposit	13.5	4.11
20.	Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained; maximum		
	8 mm pebbles; planar crossbedding, horizontal		
	laminations, trough crossbedding; ripple cross	<del>-</del>	
	bedding locally at top; ledgy cliff. Braided		
	stream deposit	13.0	3.96
19.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone, same as unit		
	27; several beds mottled and burrowed	12.0	3.66
18.	Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained maximum		
	coarse-grained; planar crossbedding, hori-		
	zontal laminations, and trough crossbedding;		
	smooth rounded cliff. Braided stream deposit-	23.5	7.16

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

## Thickness

Feet	Meters

(Middle fluviolacustrine sequence)

- 16. Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as unit 27; unit is a wedge that replaces the top 17 ft (5.2 m) of unit 15 farther southwest although not present where section was measured; scarce burrows; farther southwest this unit and unit 17 make up a single red slope-forming unit 22 ft (6.70 m) thick-----

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

	<u>1</u>	.nic	kness
	Fe	et	Meters
(L	ower fluviolacustrine sequence)		
14.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as		
	unit 27; pinches out to north between fluvial		
	sandstone beds 4	1.0	1.22
13.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine-grained, maximum		
	10 mm; trough crossbedded; horizontal lami-		
	nations, planar crossbedding; top 10 ft (3 m)		
	contains burrows; forms smooth rounded cliff.		
	Braided stream deposit 36	5.0	10.97
12.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as unit		
	27; top 10 ft (3 m) mainly light gray sandstone		
	that is thin to thick bedded and contains scat-		
	tered scarce lenses of light-grayish-green sand-		
	stone, siltstone, and mudstone; topmost 15 cm		
	is moderate-reddish-brown to light-grayish-green		
	siltstone and mudstone; forms red slope at base		
	to gray cliff at top. Overbank deposit l	18.0	5.49

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

# Thickness Feet Meters Sandstone, light-gray; weathers brown to grayish 11. brown; fine grained, maximum 25 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; scattered mudchips at base, conglomerate lenses and scattered pebbles mainly in lower half of unit; forms sheer yellow cliff. Braided stream deposit----- 22.5 6.86 Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; same as unit 27; contains several white sandstone ledges that are laminated to very thin bedded, crossbedded, or ripple crosslaminated. Overbank deposits----24.0 7.32 Sandstone, light-gray; fine- to medium-grained, maximum 15 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; forms

blocky cliff. Braided stream deposit---- 27.0

8.23

# Morrison Formation (part)—continued Salt Wash Member—continued

		TILLER	11035
		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Meters</u>
8.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; light-		
	gray, moderate- to dark-reddish-brown, and		
	grayish-green; laminated to very thin bed-		
	ded; 3 ft (1 m) above base is 2 ft (0.6 m)		
	thick light-gray sandstone bed with ripple		
	drift crosslaminations; forms red slope.		
	Overbank deposits	6.0	1.83
7.	Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, maximum		
	10 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar		
	crossbedding, trough corssbedding; forms blocky	,	
	cliff with brown cap. Braided stream deposit-	23.0	7.92
6.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine-grained, maximum		
	10 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, trough		
	crossbedding; bench on top correlates with a		
	thin red mudstone unit that comes in about 500		
	ft (150 m) to north; forms blocky cliff.		
	Braided stream deposit	26.0	7.92

Thickness

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

	Thick	ness
	Feet	Meters
5. Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, maximum		
medium-grained; very thin bedded; prominent		
notch separating sandstone beds. Overbank		
deposit	1.0	0.30
4. Sandstone, light-gray to light-grayish-green,		
weathers grayish brown; fine-grained, maximum		
15 mm pebbles; trough crossbedded, horizontal		
laminations, planar corssbedding; basal 1 ft		
(0.6 m) very thin to thin bedded; forms blocky		
cliff. Braided stream deposit	24.0	7.32
Potal Salt Wash Member	496.5	151.33

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

#### Lower member:

3. Sandstone and mudstone, moderate- to dark-		
reddish-brown and some light-gray to light-		
grayish-green; laminated to very thin bedded;		
about 5 ft (1.6 m) above base is 15 cm dark-		
grayish-brown to light-gray limestone bed;		
containing desiccation cracks at the top;		
18 ft (5.5 m) above base is 7.5 cm thick		
bentonite that is grayish green at the base		
and purple at the top; 19 ft (5.8 m) above		
base is another bentonite 15.0 cm thick that		
is purple at the base and grayish green at the		
top; forms reddish-gray slope. Nearshore		
lacustrine and mudflat	28.5	8.69
2. Sandstone, light-gray; fine-grained, maximum 3 mm		
granules; irregular very thin to thin bedded;		
granules are well rounded and colorful (red,		
orange, green, black, brown, and gray chert);		
basal Morrison marker bed; forms slabby ledge.		
Marginal lacustrine	6.0	1.83
Total lower member	34.5	10.53

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

	Thicknes	
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
Total upper fluviolacustrine sequence	245.0	74.68
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	40.0	12.19
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence (includes lower		
member	246.0	74.98
Total all three fluviolacustrine sequences	531.0	161.85
Unconformity determined from regional studies. Contact		
here is sharp and planar.		
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## Summerville Formation (part):

1. Siltstone and mudstone, moderate— to dark-reddishbrown and some light-grayish-green; laminated to very thin bedded; forms grayish-red slope; regional studies suggest deposition in shallow waters of a restricted marine embayment; not measured.

#### Section 2.--Hansen Creek

[Section begins 2.3 miles (3.7 km) up Hansen Creek from mouth of Shootering (Shitamaring) Creek and proceeds up northeast side of canyon of Hansen Creek, in the NE 1/4 sec. 31, T. 35 S., R. 11 E. (unsurveyed), Garfield County, Utah]

Thickness Feet Meters

9.13

Morrison Formation (part):

Salt Wash Member (part):

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence, part):

- Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; moderate to dark reddish brown and some light grayish green, sandstones are light gray; laminated to very thin bedded; contains vertical or nearly vertical smooth sided burrows 10-25 mm in diameter; slabby, horizontally ribbed cliff; a fluvial (meandering stream) channel sandstone bed 12 ft (3.7 m) thick replaces the top part of the unit to the east. Nearshore lacustrine, lacustrine, mudflat, and some overbank------ 30.0

## Section 2.--Hanson Creek--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

	Thic	kness
	Feet	Meters
15. Sandstone, light gray weathers grayish brown;		
fine grained, maximum 15 mm; planar cross-		
bedding, horizontal laminations, and trough		
crossbedding; forms grayish brown cliff.		
Braided stream deposit	21.0	6.40
(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):		
14. Sandstone, light grayish brown weathers grayish		
brown; planar crossbedding, horizontal lamina-		
tions, and trough crossbedding; grayish brown		
cliff. Braided stream deposit	10.0	3.05
13. Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark reddish		
brown, laminated to very thin bedded; red		
slope; overbank deposit	2.0	0.61
12. Sandstone, light-grayish-brown; weathers grayish		
brown; fine grained, maximum 15 mm; planar		
crossbedding, horizontal laminations, trough		
crossbedding; contains scattered conglomerate		
lenses 0-1 ft (0-0.3 m) thick; grayish cliff.		
Braided stream deposit	10.0	3.05

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

		Thic	kness
		Feet	Meters
11.	Mudstone and siltstone; same as unit 13	3.0	0.91
10.	Sandstone, light gray weathers grayish brown;		
	fine grained, maximum 6 mm; trough cross-		
	bedding, and horizontal laminations; bladed		
	barite(?) sand crystals weather out of top		
	1 ft (0.6 m) which also contains some burrows;		
	grayish brown cliff. Marginal lacustrine	9.0	2.74
9.	Mudstone and siltstone; same as unit 13 only		
	contains some light grayish green colors	2.0	0.61
8.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	10 mm; planar crossbedding, horizontal lamina-		
	tions, trough crossbedding; top 0-1 ft (0-0.6	m)	
	locally mottled and burrowed; grayish brown		
	cliff. Braided stream deposit	24.0	7.32
7.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 13	2.0	0.61

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

		Thic	kness
		Feet	Meters
6.	Sandstone, light-gray to light yellowish brown		
	weathers to grayish brown; fine grained,		
	maximum medium grained; contains numerous		
	burrows; horizontal laminations and low-angle		
	trough crossbedding; grayish brown cliff.		
	Marginal lacustrine deposit	12.0	3.66
5.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, moderate-		
	to dark-reddish-brown and some very light		
	grayish-green; laminated to very thin bedded,		
	some sandstones grayish brown and contain		
	ripple drift crosslaminations; red slope.		
	Overbank deposit	5.0	1.52

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

#### Thickness

#### Feet Meters

Sandstone, yellowish gray; fine grained, maximum 10 mm; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; this bed locally contains several very thin beds of gray mudstone with tiny carbonized plant fragments (see appendix to section 2) although none were found where the section was measured; two adits across canyon to southwest are about 10-20 ft (3.0-6.0 m) above base of this unit but no radioactivity was found in them; several prospect pits and adits with radioactivity occur in this bed farther down Hansen Creek; blocky cliff. Braided stream deposit----- 50.0 15.24 Total Salt Wash Member measured (incomplete)-----220.0 67.06

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

	Thickness	
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
Lower member (measured on southwest side of canyon):		
3. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, interbedded;		
dark reddish gray, light grayish green;		
laminated to very thin bedded, some thin bed-		
ding; contains several thin brown limestone		
beds; flaggy cliff; nearshore lacustrine and		
mudflat	26.0	7.92
2. Sandstone, yellowish gray to moderate reddish		
brown; fine grained, maximum coarse grained;		
several thin streams of grit with grains up		
to 4 mm in diameter about 8 ft (2.4 m) above		
base; contains several thin beds of moderate		
reddish brown mudstone and siltstone; yellowish	า	
gray cliff; marginal lacustrine	- <u>11.5</u>	3.51
Total Lower Member	- <u>37.5</u>	11.43
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	- 51.0	15.54
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	- <u>166.5</u>	50.75
Unconformity determined from regional studies. Contact		
here is sharp and planar.		

#### Thickness

#### Feet Meters

1. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; chocolate reddish brown and some light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; platey cliff or slope; regional studies suggest deposition in shallow waters of a restricted marine embayment; not measured.

#### Appendix to Section 2.--Hansen Creek

Because the slope-forming mudstones are not well exposed, the primary gray mudstones with minute carbonized plant fragments that occur in the lower part of the Morrison could not be identified where the section was measured. Following are the stratigraphic positions and thicknesses of three of these mudstones in a partial section measured about 2 mi (1.2 km) downstream and on the southwest side of Hansen Creek, about one-half mile (1 km) up from the mouth of Shootering Canyon (Shitamaring Creek). Scattered uranium prospect pits occur in the lower sandstone bed of the Salt Wash Member (unit 4 of section 2) in Hansen Creek Canyon above Shootering Canyon. They all appear related to primary gray mudstones such as those listed below.

- 3\* Mudstone, grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; contains tiny black carbonized plant fragments; bed is 1-3 in. (2.5-7.5 cm) thick and occurs 34 ft (10.4 m) above the base of the Salt Wash Member.
- 2\* Mudstone, grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; contains tiny black carbonized plant fragments; bed is 2 in. (5.0 cm) thick and occurs 26.5 ft (8.1 m) above the base of the Salt Wash Member.
- 1\* Mudstone, light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; contains tiny black carbonized plant fragments; bed is 6 in (15 cm) thick and occurs 5.5 ft (1.7 m) below the top of the lower member.

#### Section 3.—Shootering Canyon

[Measured on west side of canyon of Shootering (Shitamaring) Creek in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 sec. 16, T. 35 S., R. 11 E., Garfield County, Utah. Lowermost beds measured on east side of canyon where exposures are better.]

Thickness

Feet Meters

Morrison Formation (part):

Brushy Basin Member (part):

36. Mudstone, dark-reddish-brown and light-greenish-gray; banded; laminated to thin bedded; forms slope. Probably nearshore lacustrine and mudflat. Not measured.

Salt Wash Member:

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence):

- 34. Conglomerate, grayish brown; estimated mean size about 1-6 mm, maximum 75 mm; horizontal bedding and trough crossbedding; brown cliff.
  Probably a braided stream deposit—————— 30.0 9.14

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

# Thickness

		IIIICKIIESS	
	•	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
33.	Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark		
	reddish brown and grayish purple, some		
	light grayish green; includes several		
	thin, very light gray sandstone beds; bed-		
	ding not apparent; partly covered slope;		
	overbank(?) deposit	39.0	11.89
32.	Sandstone, light-gray weathers grayish brown;		
	fine grained, maximum 8 mm; bedding not		
	apparent; appears mottled and burrowed;		
	slabby ledge; marginal lacustrine(?) deposit-	5.0	1.52
31.	Mudstone and siltstone; moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown and some light grayish green;		
	includes several thin sandstone beds; bedding		
	not apparent; partly covered slope; overbank(?	)	
	deposit	12.0	3.66

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

29.

#### Thickness

#### Feet Meters

Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, moderate-to

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

28.	Sandstone, grayish brown weathers dark brown		
	at the base and grades upward to gray, light		
	yellowish gray or light gray at the top; fine		
	to coarse grained, maximum 25 mm in lower		
	part, coarse grained in upper part; lower		
	18 ft (5.49 m): fine to coarse grained,		
	maximum 25 mm; planar crossbedding, hori-		
	zontal laminations, trough crossbedding;		
	upper 14 ft (4.27 m): fine grained, maxi-		
	mum coarse grained; mostly horizontally		
	laminated; locally mottled; rounded cliff;		
	lower part braided stream deposit; upper		
	part probably marginal lacustrine deposit	32.0	9.75
27.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; moderate		
	to dark reddish brown and some light grayish		
	green; laminated to very thin bedded; red		
	slope; overbank deposit	5.0	1.52

Salt Wash Member--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

Thickness Feet Meters

6.40

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

	Thickness	
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
24. Sandstone, light gray; weathers gray to brown;		
fine to medium grained, maximum 20 mm, peb-		
bles increase in abundance upwards; planar		
crossbedding, horizontal laminations, trough		
crossbedding; locally pinches out on point to		
southwest but appears again about 1,000 ft		
(300 m) farther southwest; gray cliff; braided	I	
stream deposit	16.0	4.88
(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):		
23. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as unit	:	
27; top 1.5 ft (0.46 m) consists of laminated		
dark reddish brown and grayish purple mud-		
stone	4.0	1.22
22. Sandstone, light gray; weathers gray; fine		
grained, maximum medium grained; planar		
crossbedding, horizontal laminations, trough		
crossbedding; gray cliff; braided stream		
deposit	12.0	3.66

# Morrison Formation (part)--continued

## Salt Wash Member--continued

		Thickness	
		Feet	Meters
21.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as		
	unit 27; a lens that pinches out about		·
	300 ft (90 m) north and south of here	2.0	0.61
20.	Sandstone, light-gray; weathers grayish		
	brown; fine grained, maximum 10 mm; planar		
	crossbedding, horizontal laminations,		
	trough crossbedding; cliff; braided stream		
	deposit	9.0	2.74
19.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as		
	unit 27	4.0	1.22
18.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown;		
	fine to medium grained, maximum 10 mm; planar		
	crossbedded, horizontal laminations, trough		
	crossbedded; cliff; braided stream deposit	22.0	6.71
17.	Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone, light		
	grayish green, light gray, and moderate		
	to dark reddish brown; sandstone is very		
	fine grained; laminated to very thin bedded;		
	red slope; overbank deposit	1.0	0.30

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

## Salt Wash Member--continued

		Thickness	
		<u>Feet</u>	Meters
16.	Sandstone, light-gray; weathers grayish brown;		
	fine to medium grained, maximum 5 mm; planar		
	crossbedding, horizontal laminations; smooth		
	sided burrows 5-10 mm in diameter locally pre-		
	sent at top; gray cliff; marginal lacustrine		
	deposit	7.5	2.29
15.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	medium grained; bedding not apparent; mottled;		
	contains several small barite(?) roses; in-		
	cludes scarce smooth sided burrows about 6 mm		
	in diameter; cliff or slope; marginal		
	lacustrine deposit	- 5.5	1.68
14.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown;		
	fine to medium grained, maximum 6 mm; planar		
	crossbedding, horizontal laminations, trough		
	crossbedding; rounded cliff; braided stream		
	deposit	- 16.0	4.88
13.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, same as		
	unit 17	- 1.5	0.46

#### Section 3.--Shootering Canyon

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

Thickness Feet Meters

12. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown; fine grained, maximum medium grained, planar crossbedded, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedding; mudchip conglomerate locally present at base; locally in middle contains small burrows 4 mm in diameter in nonbedded unit, top 1-2 ft (0.3-0.6 m) mottled and contains scarce burrow-like structures; unit pinches out northwestward in this area; cliff; braided stream deposit---- 21.0 6.40 \*11B. Mudstone, very light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; contains tiny carbonized plant fragments; includes some very light gray, laminated to very thin bedded sandstone; slope; offshore lacustrine deposit----0.61 11A. Mudstone, light-gray; weathers grayish brown, fine to medium grained, maximum 3 mm; planar crossbedding, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedding; contains several thin light-gray mudstone lenses similar to unit 11B up to 2 ft (0.6 m) thick; radioactive uranium mines in this bed; blocky cliff; braided stream deposit- 29.0 8.84

#### Section 3.—Shootering Canyon

Morrison Formation (part)--continued Salt Wash Member--continued

#### Thickness

#### Feet Meters

10. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown; fine to medium grained, maximum 10 mm; laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; red and(or) gray mudchips at base and locally higher; farther northwest the distinction between this bed and the overlying unit 11A is less apparent and perhaps the two units should be considered as one; brown cliff; braided stream deposit----2.44

Total Salt Wash Member----466.5 142.19

## Section 3.—Shootering Canyon

## Morrison Formation (part)--continued

	<u>Thi</u>	ckness
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
Lower member:		
9. Siltstone and mudstone, light grayish green;		
laminated to very thin bedded; contains		
several thin pink to grayish pink limeston	ıe	
lenses or pods; forms notch; nearshore		
lacustrine mudflat, and possibly overbank-	3.0	0.91
8. Sandstone, light gray; weathers brown; lamin	ated	
to ripple crosslaminated and small-scale o	ross-	
bedded; includes about 20 percent light gr	ayish	
green mudstone in thin splits; slabby ledg	jes;	
marginal lacustrine, possibly overbank	3.0	0.91
7. Siltstone and mudstone, moderate to dark red	<b> -</b>	
dish brown and light grayish green; lamina	ited	
to very thin bedded; contains a purple ben	ntonite	
bed 50 mm thick in middle; flaggy cliff; n	iea <b>r-</b>	
shore lacustrine and mudflat	8.0	2.44
6. Sandstone, light gray; weathers brown; fine		
grained, maximum medium grained, laminated	I	
to ripple crosslaminated; slight ledge;		
marginal lacustrine	1.0	0.30

## Section 3.--Shootering Canyon

# Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

		Thickness	
		Feet	Meters
5.	Siltstone and mudstone, moderate to dark		
	reddish brown; laminated to very thin		
	bedded; forms notch; nearshore lacustrine		
	and mudflat	2.5	0.76
4.	Sandstone, light grayish green, some yellow,		
	some black near base; very fine to fine		
	grained; maximum 3 mm locally at base and in		
	middle; slightly irregular laminated and very		
	thin bedded and low angle small-scale cross-		
	bedded, top 15 cm (6 in.) has some ripple		
	crosslaminations and horizontal laminations;		
	slabby cliff; marginal lacustrine	4.5	1.37
3.	Siltstone and mudstone, moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown; laminated to very thin bedded;		
	several siltstone and scarce very fine		
	grained sandstone beds have medium to coarse		
	grains; 25-50 mm (10-20 in.) deep sandstone-		
	filled mud-cracks at base; dark red flaggy		
	cliff; nearshore lacustrine and mudflat	9.0	2.74

## Section 3.—Shootering Canyon—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

Thickness Feet Meters

2. Sandstone, light grayish green; weathers	reet	Meters
grayish brown; fine grained, maximum 3 mm		
in basal and middle parts, top locally has		
granules up to 6 mm in diameter; laminated		
to very thin bedded; locally contains		
"humped" structures in which the bedding is		
horizontal at the base and grades up to con-		
cave downward in the middle of the unit,		
grading up to horizontal bedded at the top;		
smooth cliff or flaggy ledge; marginal lacu-		
strine bars; unit is the basal Morrison		
marker bed; this and underlying units		
measured on east side of canyon	12.0	3.96
Total lower member	44.0	13.41
Total upper fluviolacustrine sequence	285.0	86.87
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	37.0	11.28
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	188.5	57.45
Total all three fluviolacustrine sequences	510.5	155.60
Unconformity, determined from regional studies; contact		
here is sharp and planar; truncation of Summerville bed	s	
can be seen farther down Shootering Canyon.		

#### Section 3.—Shootering Canyon—continued

#### Thickness

Feet Meters

#### Summerville Formation (part):

#### Section 4.--Del Monte mines

[Measured on south side of ridge above cattle tank, in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 12, T. 35 S., R. 11 E., Garfield County, Utah.]

Morrison Formation (part):

Salt Wash Member (part):

<u>Thickness</u> Feet Meters

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence, part):

(Middle fluviolacustrine sequence):

- 15. Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum

  15 mm pebbles; planar crossbedding, horizontal
  laminations, trough crossbedding; cliff;
  braided stream deposit-----

20.0 6.10

#### Section 4.—Del Monte mines—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued Salt Wash Member (part) -- continued

#### Thickness

Feet Meters

(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):

- 14. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; moderate to dark reddish brown and some light gray; laminated to very thin bedded; red slope; probably overbank deposit-----
- 9.0 2.74
- Sandstone, grayish red-brown; fine to medium 13. grained, maximum 10 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; cliff; braided stream deposit----
- 9.0 2.74
- Sandstone, light-gray and brown, fine grained, maximum very coarse grained; laminated to very thin bedded; includes about 10 percent moderate reddish brown to light grayish green mudstone; burrows in top 2 ft (0.6 m); partly covered slope; overbank and possibly nearshore lacustrine-----7.0 2.13
- Sandstone, light-gray weathers grayish brown; fine 11. to medium grained, maximum 10 mm pebbles; trough crossbedding, horizontal laminations; burrows in lower part; cliff; marginal lacustrine---- 31.0 9.45

#### Section 4.—Del Monte mines—continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

#### Thickness Feet Meters

6.0

1.83

10\* Sandstone, yellowish-brown-gray; fine grained, maximum 6 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; gray mudstone containing tiny carbonized plant fragments and interbedded sandstone form top 1 foot (0.3 m) of unit; grades westward into interbedded sandstone and gray mudstone which contains tiny carbonized plant fragments; local radioactivity; only two adits in this unit but about 0.5 mile (1 km) north this is the main ore horizon; ledges and slopes; braided stream deposit---7.0 2.13 Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; 1 ft (0.3 m) above base is 0-2 ft (0-0.6 m) thick sandstone bed that is ripple crosslaminated and horizontally laminated; flaggy slope; overbank deposit-----6.0 1.83 Sandstone, yellowish gray; fine grained, maximum 10 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; appears to pinch out to northeast; cliff; braided

stream(?) deposit-----

#### Section 4.--Del Monte mines--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

#### Thickness

Meters

7.32

Feet

stream deposit----- 24.0

## Section 4.—Del Monte mines—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

## Thickness

#### Feet Meters

4.	Sandstone, yellowish gray; fine grained,		
	maximum medium grained; planar crossbedding,		
	horizontal laminations, trough crossbedding;		
	contains mudchips at several horizons in		
	the middle; a shallow prospect adit is be-		
	side the road but no radioactivity is pre-		
	sent here; about 0.5 mile (1 km) north several		
	radioactivity anomalies 2-3 times background		
	are in this bed; cliff; braided stream		
	deposit	36.0	10.97

Total Salt Wash Member measured (incomplete)---- 216.0 65.84

## Section 4.—Del Monte mines--continued

## Morrison Formation (part)--continued

	Thick	ness
	Feet	Meters
Lower member:		
3* Sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone; moderate		
to dark reddish brown and light grayish		
green; laminated to very thin bedded;		
uppermost 3 ft (1 m) is gray mudstone		
containing minute carbonized plant frag-		
ments and a local calcareous mudstone or		
thin limestone bed at the top; partly		
covered slope; nearshore lacustrine.		
Mudflat, and probably some overbank	30.0	9.14
2. Sandstone, light gray; fine grained, maximum		
very coarse grained; laminated to very thin		
bedded and ripple crosslaminated; platey		
ledge; marginal lacustrine; the basal		
Morrison marker bed	2.0	0.61
Total lower member	32.0	9.75

## Section 4.—Del Monte mines—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

	Thickness	
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
Unconformity, determined from regional studies, contact		
here is sharp and planar; local truncation of beds in		
underlying Summerville Formation can be seen in the		
vicinity.		
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	38.0	11.58
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	<u> 180.0</u>	54.86
Summerville Formation (part):		

Mudstone and siltstone; moderate to dark reddish brown and some light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; slope; regional studies suggest deposition in shallow waters of a restricted marine embayment; not measured.

## Section 5.—Woodruff Hole

[About 1/2 mile (800 m) northeast of Woodruff Spring, in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 8, T. 34 S., R. 12 E., Garfield County, Utah.]

Thickness

Feet Meters

Morrison Formation (part):

Brushy Basin Member (part):

30. Mudstone, grayish red to purplish red-gray; laminated to thin bedded; partly covered slope; probably nearshore lacustrine and mudflat; not measured.

Salt Wash Member:

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence):

36.0 10.97

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

	Thic	kness
	Feet	Meters
28. Mudstone, moderate to dark reddish brown and		
some light grayish green laminated to very		
thin bedded; contains grayish pink limestone		
concretions; slope; overbank deposit	6.0	1.83
27. Conglomerate, brown; median about 8 mm, maximum	ı	
about 35 mm; planar crossbedded and trough		
crossbedded; about 16 ft (5 m) above base		
grades upward into pebbly sandstone that is		
light yellowish brown to light yellowish gray	· <b>,</b>	
fine to medium grained with maximum to 15 mm		
pebbles, and is planar crossbedded, hori-		
zontally laminated, and trough crossbedded;		
slabby cliff at base to slope at top; braided	l	
stream deposit	- 28.0	8.53
26. Siltstone and mudstone, grayish green; very		
thin to thin bedded; blocky cliff; over-		
bank deposit	- 2.0	0.61

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

Thickness

Feet Meters

25. Sandstone, yellowish gray; fine grained,

maximum coarse grained; planar crossbedded,

horizontal laminations, trough crossbedded;

about 500 ft (150 m) southwest is 0-3 ft

(0-1 m) red to grayish green mudstone lens

or wedge at 33 ft (10 m) above base; 48 ft

(14.63 m) above base is fairly persistent

parting plane with 0-6 in. (0-15 cm) thick

grayish green mudstone and scattered mud
chips; blocky cliff; braided stream deposit-- 68.0 20.73

Morrison Formation (part) -- continued

Salt Wash Member (part) -- continued

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Feet Meters

Sandstone, very light gray; fine to medium 24. grained, maximum 25 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedding; about 20 ft (6 m) above base is large petrified log about 4 ft (1.2 m) in diameter and at least 45 ft (13.7 m) long that only locally has high radioactivity; larger pebbles at approximately same horizon as the log; contains scattered mudchips; some climbing ripples at top; top picked at color change, more than normal amount of mudchips at base of overlying sandstone bed, and persistent scoured surface (up to 10 ft or 3 m deep scours) at base of overlying bed; white cliff; braided stream deposit-----

47.0 14.33

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

<u>Thickness</u> Feet Meters

(Middle fluviolacustrine sequence):

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

#### Thickness

Feet Meters

0.91

6.10

(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

19*	Mudstone and siltstone, grayish green, some		
	moderate to dark reddish brown in lower		
	5 ft (1.5 m); laminated to very thin		
	bedded; 6 ft (2 m) above base is 2 ft		
	(0.6 m) thick sandstone bed that is light		
	grayish green, fine grained, and ripple		
	crosslaminated; gray mudstone above the		
	sandstone bed is not calcareous and contains		
	tiny carbonized plant fragments; mudstone		
	below the sandstone bed is calcareous;		
	slope; offshore lacustrine at top to near-		
	shore lacustrine at bottom	11.5	3.51
18.	Sandstone, white; fine grained, maximum medium		
	grained; very thin to thin bedded; burrowed,		
	especially in lower part; white cliff or slope;		
	marginal lacustrine	9.0	2.74

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

## Thickness

		Feet	Meters
17.	Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown, top 50-75 mm is grayish green;		
	laminated to very thin bedded; 2 ft (0.6 m)		
	above base is 1 ft (0.3 m) thick sandstone		
	bed that is gray, very fine grained, and		
	laminated to very thin bedded or ripple		
	crosslaminated; slope, overbank deposit	16.0	4.88
16.	Sandstone, light gray, fine grained, maximum		
	8 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, scarce		
	crossbedding; moderately burrowed although		
	well burrowed in upper 15 cm; cliff; marginal		
	lacustrine	7.0	2.13
15.	Mudstone and siltstone moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown; laminated to very thin bedded;		
	slope; overbank deposit	5.5	1.68

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

		Thickness	
		Feet	Meters
14.	Sandstone, very light gray, weathers grayish		
	brown; fine to medium grained, maximum		
	25 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations,		
	planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding,		
	top 1 ft (0.3 m) ripple crosslaminated;		
	cliff; braided stream deposit	42.5	12.95
13.	Mudstone and siltstone; moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown, top 5 cm grayish green; laminated		
	to very thin bedded; includes about 5 percent		
	light gray, very fine grained, sandstone in		
	thin beds that are ripple crosslaminated;		
	slope; overbank deposit	6.0	1.83
12.	Sandstone, grayish brown; fine to medium		
	grained, maximum 15 mm pebbles; horizontal		
	laminations, planar crossbedding, trough		
	crossbedding; cliff; braided stream deposit	8.0	2.44

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

### Thickness Feet Meters

11.	Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown; finely laminated to very thin		
	bedded; 12 ft (3.7 m) above base is 2 ft		
	(0.6 m) thick sandstone bed that is light		
	gray, fine grained, and ripple crosslaminated,		
	forming a slight ledge; overbank and possibly		
	nearshore lacustrine	15.5	4.72
10.	Sandstone, yellowish brown; fine grained,		
	maximum medium grained; horizontal lami-		
	nations; cliff; marginal lacustrine	6.0	1.83
9*	Mudstone and siltstone, grayish green;		
	laminated to very thin bedded; contains		
	tiny carbonized plant fragments; slope;		
	offshore lacustrine deposit	3.0	0.91
8.	Sandstone, light yellowish gray; fine grained,		
	maximum 15 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations,		
	planar crossbedding, trough crossbedding; top		
	15 cm is burrowed, locally below that are some		
	ripple crosslaminations; contains some carbo-		
	nized plant material; locally radioactive, adit		
	in cliff about 300 ft (100 m) to south; cliff;		
	braided stream deposit	- 18.0	5.49

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

	Thick	ness
	Feet	Meters
Total Salt Wash Member	381.0	116.13
Lower member:		
7* Sandstone, light yellowish gray; fine grained;		
maximum medium grained; very thin to thin		
bedded; includes 5-10 percent light grayish		
green mudstone; top 2-3 ft (0.6-1 m) moderate		
to dark reddish brown mudstone capped by about		
15 cm of grayish green mudstone that contains		
tiny carbonized plant fragments; slabby cliff		
at base to notch above; marginal lacustrine to		
offshore lacustrine	- 6.5	1.98
6. Mudstone and siltstone, light grayish green;		
laminated to very thin bedded; about 20 percent		
consists of thin beds of light yellowish gray		
sandstone; flaggy slope; nearshore lacustrine		
and mudflat	- 12.0	3.66
5. Sandstone, light yellowish gray; fine grained,		
maximum medium grained; thin to thick bedded;		
ledgy cliff; marginal lacustrine or overbank		
deposit	- 6.0	1.83

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

Thickness Feet Meters

Mudstone and siltstone; moderate to dark reddish brown, includes some light grayish green; 5 ft (1.5 m) above base is 1 ft (0.3 m) thick bed of light gray, very fine grained, very thin bedded sandstone forming a slight ledge; 14 ft (4.3 m) above base is 1 ft (0.3 m) thick discontinuous bed of gray limestone containing irregular blebs or nodules of authigenic chert that is very colorful: red, orange, and gray; this bed is locally radioactive at about 2-3 times background (0.011 percent uranium, delayed neutron); 24 ft (7.3 m) above base is 12 ft (3.7 m) thick zone of light yellowish gray sandstone that is very fine grained and very thin bedded, includes some dark reddish brown mudstone in middle; 40 ft (12.2 m) above base is 2 ft (0.6 m) thick bed of light yellowish gray, very fine grained, very thin bedded sandstone that forms a slight ledge or slope; slope or ledgy slope; nearshore to marginal lacustrine deposit-----62.0 18.90

## Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

## Thickness

	Feet	Meters
3. Sandstone, light gray, some is moderate red-		
dish brown to grayish purple; fine to coarse		
grained, maximum 4 mm granules; slightly ir-		
regular laminated to very thin bedded;		
includes about 10 percent grayish green mud-		
stone; platey ledge; marginal lacustrine	- <u>5.5</u>	1.68
Total lower member	92.0	28.04
Total upper fluviolacustrine sequence	- 187.0	57.00
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	- 23.0	7.01
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	<u> 263.0</u>	80.16
Total all three fluviolacustrine sequences	<u>473.0</u>	144.17
Unconformity, determined from regional studies; contact is	5	
sharp and planar, truncation of upper 2 ft (0.6 m) of		
underlying formation is visible here.		

#### Summerville Formation:

Thickness

Feet Meters

**--** 122.0 37.19

Unconformity, determined from regional studies, contact here is sharp and nearly planar with about 15-30 cm of local relief in broad swales.

#### Entrada Sandstone (part):

1. Sandstone, reddish orange; very fine grained, maximum fine grained; very thin bedded; top 5 ft (1.5 m) bleached to white with color boundary cutting cross bedding; steep slope; sabkhah deposit; not measured.

#### Section 6.—Trachyte Ranch

[Units 1-5 measured on south side of Trachyte Creek in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 6; units 6-16 and 20-23 measured on north side Trachyte Creek in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 6; units 17-19 measured on south side of Straight Creek in the C-S 1/2 NW 1/4 sec. 6; and units 24-29 measured on the west side of a small tributary to Trachyte Creek in the C-W 1/2 SW 1/4 sec. 6, T. 33 S., R. 12 E., Garfield County, Utah.]

Thickness

Feet Meters

Morrison Formation (part):

Brushy Basin Member (part):

29. Mudstone, grayish red-brown; bedding not discernable; partly covered slope; probably overbank, nearshore lacustrine and mudflat; not measured.

Salt Wash Member:

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence):

#### Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

# Thickness Feet Meters Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; moderate to dark reddish brown and some light grayish brown to light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; slope; overbank deposit----- 10.0 3.05 Sandstone, light brownish gray, weathers gray-26. ish brown; fine to medium grained, maximum 25 mm pebbles; planar cross-bedded, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedded; brown cliff; braided stream deposit----- 20.0 6.10 Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as 12.0 unit 27-----3.66 Sandstone, light grayish brown, weathers brown; fine to medium grained, maximum 35 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedded; cliff; braided stream deposit----- 39.0 11.89 23. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as unit

9.14

## Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

22. Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
coarse grained; gently inclined laminations		
and wide but shallow trough crossbedding		
abundant in lower half, trough crossbedding		
common in upper half with sets thinning up-		
ward to small-scale crossbedding and ripple		
crosslaminations at top; lateral accretion		
shown by channeled base which has shifted		
laterally to the east several times; cliff;		
meandering stream deposit	20.0	6.10
(Middle fluviolacustrine sequence):		
21. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as		
unit 27	6.0	1.83

#### Section 6.—Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

#### Thickness

#### Feet Meters

#### Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

Thickness

Feet Meters

(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):

## Section 6.—Trachyte Ranch—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

## Thickness

#### Feet Meters

<u>18</u> .	Sandstone, light gray, locally has small brown		
	spots; fine grained, maximum 15 mm pebbles;		
	finely laminated, includes some trough and		
	planar crossbedding; contains scattered mudchips		
	in places and several petrified logs up to 1 ft		
	(0.3 m) in diameter; locally radioactive; most		
	of the adits in this subdistrict are in this		
	bed; contains scattered and locally concentrated		
	carbonized plant fragments that may or may not		
	be radioactive; grayish brown cliff; braided		
	stream deposit and possibly some marginal		
	lacustrine	20.0	6.10
17. M	ludstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as unit		
	27	17	5.18

## Section 6.—Trachyte Ranch—continued

# Morrison Formation (part)--continued Salt Wash Member--continued

#### Thickness

	Į	Feet	Meters
16.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light gray to		
	light grayish brown; fine grained, maximum		
	10 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar		
	crossbedded, trough crossbedded; 23 ft (7.01		
	m) above base is 2 ft (0.6 m) thick red mud-		
	stone bed that pinches out south of here; rare		
	radioactivity; on west side of Farmers Knob an		
	adit in this bed follows a slightly mineralized		
	petrified log; cliff; braided stream deposit	29.	0 8.84
15.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, same as		
	unit 27	13.	0 3.96
14.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light grayish		
	brown; fine grained, maximum 6 mm granules;		
	mainly horizontally laminated although contains		
	some low angle crossbedding; locally burrowed;		
	cliff; marginal lacustrine	- 25.	0 7.62
13.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, same as		
	unit 27	- 12.	0 3.66

## Section 6.—Trachyte Ranch—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

12.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light-gray to	
	light grayish brown; fine to medium grained,	
	maximum 25 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations,	
	planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded; contains	
	scattered mudchips; 14 ft (4.27 m) above base	
	contains a 2-3 ft (0.6-1 m) thick bed of dark	
	reddish brown mudstone that pinches out to the	
	northeast; 20 ft (6.1 m) above base contains a	
	1 ft (0.3 m) thick bed of dark reddish brown and	
	light grayish green mudstone that pinches out to	
	the southwest; cliff; braided stream deposit,	
	mudstone beds are overbank deposits 25.0	7.62
11.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, same as	
	unit 27 9.0	2.74
10.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown;	
	fine grained, maximum coarse grained; horizontal	
	laminations, planar crossbedded, trough cross-	
	bedded; mudchip conglomerate up to 2 ft (0.6 m)	
	thick at base; cliff; braided stream deposit 24.0	7.32

## Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

	Thickness		
	Feet	Meters	
9. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same			
as unit 27	8.5	2.59	
8. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers grayish brown;			
fine grained, maximum 5 mm granules; horizonta	al		
laminations rare, planar crossbedded, trough			
crossbedded; locally contains mudchips at base	e;		
tracing on outcrop indicates the bed is a			
series of broad and shallow channels; cliff;			
braided stream deposit	6.0	1.83	
Total Salt Wash Member	407.5	124.21	
Lower member:			
7. Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; light			
yellowish gray, light grayish green, and mode:	r-		
ate to dark reddish brown; laminated to very			
thin bedded; 9 ft (2.74 m) above base is 2 ft			
(0.6 m) thick light gray sandstone ledge that			
is ripple crosslaminated; slabby cliff or slop	œ;		
nearshore lacustrine	15.0	4.57	

#### Section 6.-Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part) -- continued

Lower Member--continued

## Thickness

Feet Meters

18.0 5.49

## Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

- 4. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light grayish brown; fine grained, maximum coarse grained laminated to thin bedded; contains some moderate to dark reddish brown and light grayish green mudstone in middle; about 1,000 ft (300 m) northwest found a dinosaur track 6 ft (1.8 m) above base; slabby cliff or slope; marginal lacustrine, possibly overbank deposit— 18.5 5.64

# Section 6.--Trachyte Ranch--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

## Lower member--continued

	Thick	ness
	<u>Feet</u>	Meters
2. Sandstone, light greenish gray; fine grained,		
maximum 4 mm granules; slightly irregular		
laminated to very thin bedding; slight ledge;		
marginal lacustrine deposit	0.5	0.15
Total lower member	67.5	20.57
Total upper fluviolacustrine sequence	176.0	53.64
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	32.0	9.75
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	260.0	79.25
Total all three fluviolacustrine sequences	468.0	142.65
Unconformity, determined from regional studies, contact he	ere	
is sharp and planar.		

# Summerville Formation (part)

1. Siltstone and mudstone, moderate to dark reddish brown and some light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded and some ripple crosslaminations; flaggy cliff or slope; regional studies suggest deposition in shallow waters of a restricted marine embayment; not measured.

# Section 7.—Little Egypt

[Measured in cliffs above Little Egypt; units 1-7 measured on north side of unnamed gulley in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 sec. 30; units 8 and higher measured west up same gulley in the S 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and N 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 30, T. 31, S., R. 12 E., Garfield County, Utah.]

Thickness

Feet Meters

0.3

Morrison Formation (part):

Brushy Basin Member (part):

- 27. Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark reddish brown; bedding not apparent; partly covered slope; probably nearshore lacustrine and mudflat; not measured.

# Section 7.--Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part):

Thic	ckness
Feet	Meters

#### Salt Wash Member:

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence):

Sandstone, light gray, weathers grayish redbrown; fine grained, maximum 6 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedded; trough crossbedded; slight ledge; because it is concealed by talus and soil in many places, this bed may be included in the Brushy Basin Member for mapping purposes and the contact placed at the top of unit 22; braided stream deposit-----12.0 3.66 Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark red-23. dish brown and some light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded; red slope; probably overbank deposit-----14.0 4.27 Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained; maximum 22. 25 mm pebbles; bedding proportions vary from predominantly horizontally laminated in one place to predominantly trough and planar crossbedded in other places; cliff; probably mixed braided stream and marginal lacustrine deposits----10.0 3.05

# Section 7.—Little Egypt—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member--continued

		Thick	ness
		<u>Feet</u>	Meters
21.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23	2.0	0.61
20.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light		
	grayish brown; fine grained, maximum 10 mm		
	pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal		
	laminated, trough crossbedded; cliff; braided		
	stream deposit	- 49.0	14.94
19.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23 only		
	locally all light gray to light grayish		
	green	- 3.0	0.91
18.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light grayish		
	brown; fine grained, maximum 20 mm pebbles;		
	planar crossbedded, horizontal laminations,		
	trough crossbedded; contains some scarce		
	ripple crosslaminations at top; also includes		
	some scattered mudchips; cliff; braided		
	stream deposit	21.5	6.55
(M	liddle fluviolacustrine sequence):		
17.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23	22.0	6.71

## Section 7-Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

# Section 7—Little Egypt—continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued
Salt Wash Member—continued

Thickness

Feet Meters

0.76

(Lower fluviolacustrine sequence):

15\* Siltstone and mudstone, light grayish green with yellowish-brown staining; laminated to very thin bedded; mudstone contains scarce tiny carbonized plant fragments; contains vertical burrows about 4-6 mm in diameter and 3-5 cm long; unit cut out locally to south unit 16; slope or notch; offshore lacustrine deposit-----

About 100 ft (30 m) north of the line of section this unit is overlain by an 8-ft (2.4-m) braided stream sandstone bed which is overlain by 2 ft (0.6 m) of interbedded very fine grained sandstone and gray mudstone that contains tiny carbonized plant fragments. Several adits are present to the north where the mudstone locally has anomalous radioactivity (2-3 times background), and an irregular and discontinuous tabular uranium deposit is present in the upper part of the sandstone bed. These beds are cut out southward at the line of section by the overlying unit 16 and farther south all of unit 15 is cut out.

# Section 7--Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

# Thickness

# Feet Meters

14.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers brown; fine to		
	medium grained, maximum very coarse grained;		
	horizontal laminations, planar crossbedded,		
	trough crossbedded; locally contains climb-		
	ing ripple and ripple crosslaminations;		
	farther northeast upper 12 ft (3.7 m) is		
	largely horizontally laminated and contains		
	abundant burrows 3-10 mm in diameter and		
	5-10 cm long, most of which are vertical;		
	cliff; mostly braided stream deposit, upper		
	part to northeast may be marginal lacustrine-	33.0	10.06
13.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23 only		
	locally contains desiccation cracks and		
	burrows	3.5	1.07

# Section 7-Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

		Thickness	
		Feet	Meters
12.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers brown; fine		
	grained, maximum medium grained; horizontal		
	laminations, planar crossbedded, trough		
	crossbedded; locally contains ripple cross-		
	laminations and burrows in top 1 ft (0.3 m);		
	pinches out to north; cliff; braided stream		
	deposit	- 8.0	2.44
11.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23	- 21.0	6.40
10.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light gray to		
	light grayish brown; fine to medium grained,		
	maximum 10 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded,		
	horizontal laminations, trough crossbedded;		
	top 5 ft (1.5 m) laminated to very thin		
	bedded and ripple crosslaminated; locally		
	contains scattered mudchips in lower half of		
	bed; cliff; braided stream deposit	- 19.0	5.79
9.	Mudstone and siltstone, same as unit 23 only		
	has grayish purple mottling in places and		
	contains small limestone nodules	- 4.0	1.22

# Section-7--Little-Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued Salt Wash Member--continued

## Thickness

#### Feet Meters

- 8. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers brown; fine to medium grained, maximum 25 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded; scarce mudchips in lower two-thirds of unit; top 6 ft (1.8 m) laminated to very thin bedded and ripple crosslaminated, also contains burrows; big brown cliff; braided stream deposit----42.0 12.80 Sandstone, light-gray, weathers brown; fine grained, maximum medium grained; very thin to
- thin bedded, locally includes some trough crossbedding; flaggy cliff; overbank deposit--2.0 0.61
- 6. Sandstone, light-gray, weathers light brown; very fine to fine grained, maximum medium grained; very thin bedded and ripple crosslaminated; includes about 50 percent mudstone and siltstone that is moderate to dark reddish brown to light grayish green and laminated to very thin bedded; red notch or cliff, locally a slope; overbank deposit----

2.74 9.0

# Section 7--Little-Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued Salt Wash Member--continued

# Thickness

#### Feet Meters

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5. Sandstone, light yellowish brown, weathers		
grayish brown; fine grained, maximum 25 mm		
pebbles; predominantly trough crossbedded		
with ripple crosslaminations in middle and		
at top; appears to be two separate sand-		
stone beds, each containing a fining-		
upwards sequence of grain size and bedding		
set thickness; slabby cliff; meandering		
stream deposit	10.0	3.05
otal Salt Wash Member	306.5	93.42

Total Salt Wash Member----

# Section 7--Little-Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member—continued

	Thic	kness
	Feet	Meters
5. Sandstone, light yellowish brown, weathers		
grayish brown; fine grained, maximum 25 mm		
pebbles; predominantly trough crossbedded		
with ripple crosslaminations in middle and		
at top; appears to be two separate sand-		
stone beds, each containing a fining-		
upwards sequence of grain size and bedding		
set thickness; slabby cliff; meandering		
stream deposit	10.0	3.05
Total Salt Wash Member	306.5	93.42

## Section 7--Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Thickness Feet Meters

#### Lower member:

Interbedded sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, and limestone; lower 10 ft (3.0 m); grayish purple to moderate or dark reddish brown, laminated to thin bedded, nearshore lacustrine; 10-60 ft (3.0-18.3 m) above base; light grayish green, laminated to very thin bedded, contains most of the limestone beds in the unit; 30 and 31 ft (9.1 and 9.4 m) above base are two thin limestone beds that contain small blebs of authigenic red chert, 37 ft (11.3 m) above base is 23 ft (7.0 m) thick zone that includes several sandstone lenses up to 6 ft (2 m) thick that are yellowish gray weathering brown, fine grained, maximum 4 mm granules, very thin bedded and some crossbedding; beds are considered offshore lacustrine, sandstone lenses are lacustrine bars; top 5 ft (1.5 m) consists of moderate to dark reddish brown mudstone and scarce thin pink limestone beds, laminated to very thin bedded, nearshore lacustrine, mudflat, and probably some overbank-----

65.0 19.81

# Section 7-Little Egypt--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

# Thickness Feet Meters

3. Sandstone, light grayish green; very fine		
grained at base grading to fine grained in		
middle and upper parts, maximum very coarse		
grained; laminated to very thin bedded, some		
ripple crosslaminated; contains about 20		
percent moderate to dark reddish brown and		
light grayish green siltstone and mudstone;		
slabby cliff and ledges at base to slope at		
top; marginal lacustrine deposits	14.0	4.27
Total lower member	79.0	24.08
Total upper fluviolacustrine sequence	111.5	33.99
Total middle fluviolacustrine sequence	41.0	12.5
Total lower fluviolacustrine sequence	233.0	72.02
Total all three fluviolacustrine sequences	385.5	117.50

Unconformity, determined from regional studies; contact is sharp and planar; slight angular beveling of underlying strata is apparent in this area; a sketch illustrating this truncation 1.7 miles (2.74 km) north of here is in Hunt, Averitt, and Miller, 1953, p. 73, fig. 17.

# Section ---Little Egypt--continued

Thickness

Feet Meters

## Summerville Formation:

# Entrada Sandstone (part):

is sharp and planar.

1. Sandstone, moderate reddish brown; very fine grained maximum fine grained; slightly irregular very thin bedded; top 2 ft (0.6 m) bleached to very light gray and color boundary cuts across the bedding; blocky cliff and smooth slopes; sabkhah deposits; not measured.

## Section 8.—Crescent Creek

[Measured on the northwest side of a ridge just southeast of a bend in Crescent Creek in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 34 and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 sec. 35, T. 31 S., R. 11 E., Garfield County, Utah.]

Morrison Formation (part):

Salt Wash Member (part):

<u>Thickness</u> Feet Meters

(Upper fluviolacustrine sequence, part):

22. Sandstone, light-gray to light yellowish gray; fine to coarse grained, maximum 50 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal laminations, trough crossbedded; contains conglomerate lenses and beds; blocky cliff; braided stream deposit; not measured but about 30 ft (9.1 m) thick.

(Middle fluviolacustrine sequence):

- 20. Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum

  15 mm pebbles; planar crossbedded, horizontal
  laminations, trough crossbedded; contains thin
  conglomerate lenses and stringers; rounded
  cliff; braided stream deposit-----

21.0 6.40

5.49

# Section 8—Crescent Creek--continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt	Wash Member (part)continued	Thic	kness
		Feet	Meters
19.	Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark red-		
	dish brown and some light grayish green;		
	laminated to thin bedded; partly covered		
	slope; overbank deposit	. 10.0	3.05
18.	Sandstone, light-gray, weathers reddish brown		
	owing to wash from overlying unit; fine grains	æd,	
	maximum medium grained; horizontal laminations	; <b>,</b>	
	planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded; slabby	,	
	cliff; braided stream deposit	10.0	3.05
17.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; moderate		
	to dark reddish brown; laminated to very		
	thin bedded and some ripple crosslaminations		
	in sandstone beds; partly covered slope;		
	overbank deposits	4.0	1.22
16.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	6 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations, planar		
	crossbedded, trough crossbedded; blocky cliff;		
	braided stream deposit	9.0	2.74

# Section 8--Crescent Creek--continued

# Morrison Formation (part)—continued Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

		Thi	ckness
		Feet	Meters
15.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone, same as		
	unit 17	17.0	5.18
14.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	medium grained; predominantly horizontally		
	laminated, scarce trough crossbedding in		
	lower half; slabby ledges; marginal lacustrine		
	deposit	11.0	3.35
13.	Mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone; same as		
	unit 17	5.0	1.52
12.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	very coarse grained; horizontal laminations,		
	planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded; top		
	1-3 ft (0.3-1 m) burrowed; rounded cliff;		
	braided stream deposit	16.0	4.88
11.	Sandstone and mudstone, light grayish brown;		
	sandstone fine grained, maximum medium grained	;	
	laminated to thin bedded; slabby slope; over-		
	bank deposit	5.0	1.51

## Section 8—Crescent Creek—continued

Morrison Formation (part)—continued

Salt Wash Member (part)—continued

# Thickness Feet Meters 10. Sandstone, light-gray; fine to medium grained, maximum 25 mm pebbles; lower 45 ft (13.7 m): predominantely horizontally laminated with many burrows near top; upper 12 ft (3.7 m): horizontally laminated, planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded, top 2.5 ft (0.76 m) laminated; rounded cliff; lower part marginal lacustrine deposit, upper part braided stream deposit 57.0 17.37 9. Sandstone, grayish brown; very fine to fine grained, maximum medium grained; very thin to thin bedded; overbank deposit-----3.0 0.91 8. Sandstone, grayish brown; fine to medium grained, maximum 50 mm pebbles; horizontal laminations scarce, planar crossbedded, trough crossbedded; cliff; braided stream deposit----20.0 6.10

# Section 8—Crescent Creek—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

	Thic	kness
	Feet	Meters
7. Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to		
dark reddish brown and grayish purple;		
laminated to very thin bedded; red		
notch; overbank deposit	2.5	0.76
6. Sandstone, yellowish brown; very fine to		
very coarse grained, maximum 10 mm pebbles;		
predominantly trough crossbedded, grades		
up to irregular laminated to very thin bed-		
ded or ripple crosslaminated at top; coarser		
material at base grading upward to very fine		
grained sandstone at top; interfingers with		
overbank deposits about 50 ft (15 m) north,		
this is a good example of interfingering of		
the Salt Wash Member and lower member; cliff;		
meandering stream deposit	7.5	2.29
Total Salt Wash Member (incomplete)	216.0	65.84

## Section 8--Crescent Creek--continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

## Thickness

## Feet Meters

### Lower member:

- 4. Mudstone and siltstone, light grayish green; calcareous, some of the beds may best be called marlstones; contains light gray limestone nodules and very thin beds; also contains sandstone beds 1-2 ft (0.3-0.6 m) thick that are yellowish gray, very fine grained, and very thin to thin bedded or ripple crosslaminated, occurring at 11, 30, and 45 ft (3.4, 9.1, and 13.7 m) above base; steep slope; offshore lacustrine deposit------ 51.0 15.54

# Section 8—Crescent Creek—continued

Morrison Formation (part)--continued

Salt Wash Member (part)--continued

Lower member--continued

# Thickness

# Feet Meters

3.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine to medium grained,		
	maximum 8 mm pebbles; mainly trough cross-		
	bedded, top 15 cm ripple crosslaminated;		
	has channel form up to 5 ft (1.5 m) in		
	greatest thickness; slight ledge; origin		
	uncertain, probably meander or distributary		
	channel deposit, may be a lacustrine bar	3.0	0.91
2.	Sandstone, light-gray; fine grained, maximum		
	very coarse grained; slightly irregular		
	laminated to very thin bedded; cliff;		
	marginal lacustrine deposit	10.0	3.05
Total	lower member	89.0	27.13
Total	middle fluviolacustrine sequence	39.0	11.89
Total	lower fluviolacustrine sequence	266.0	81.08
Unconfor	mity, determined from regional studies, contact he	ere is	
sharp	and planar.		

# Section 8—Crescent Creek—continued

Thickness

Feet Meters

## Summerville Formation:

Mudstone and siltstone, moderate to dark reddish brown and some light grayish green; laminated to very thin bedded and some ripple crosslaminations; chocolate red slope; regional studies suggest deposition in shallow waters of a restricted marine embayment; not measured.

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