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Aerial photographs taken 1949. Field check 1953
Projection projection 1927 North American datum
30,000 foot grid based on Wyoming coordinate system,
east central zone
Dashed and solid lines indicate approximate locations

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Qal	Holocene	QUATERNARY
Qs	Holocene (?)	
Qc	Holocene and Pleistocene	
Qtd	Pleistocene (?)	
TKf	Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous	TERTIARY AND CRETACEOUS
Kmb		
Kfh		
Kld		
Kl		CRETACEOUS
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Kal		
Kpr		
Unconformity		Upper Cretaceous
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Khm		
Khm		Lower Cretaceous
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Khm		JURASSIC
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Unconformity		Upper Triassic
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Unconformity		Lower Triassic
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Jp		TRIASSIC
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Jp		PERMIAN
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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

ALLUVIUM (HOLOCENE)—Unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, and gravel along present stream channels and tributaries

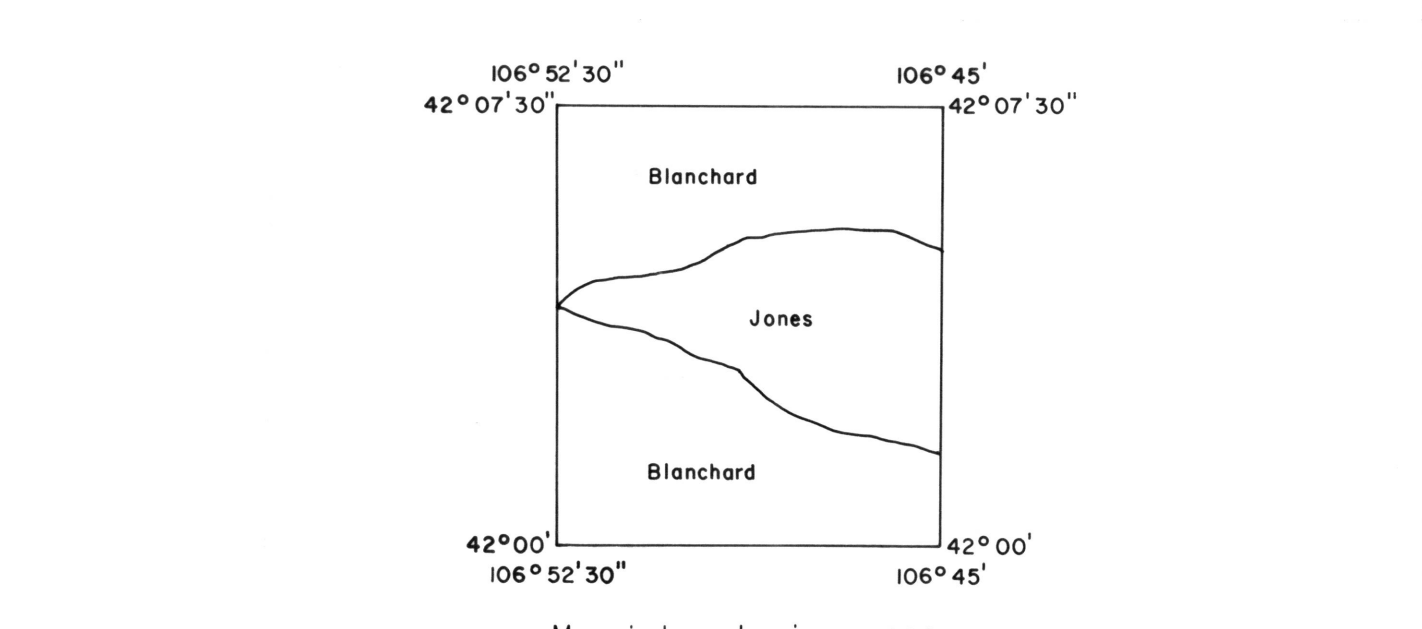
STABLE SAND DUNES (HOLOCENE)—Unconsolidated eolian sand stabilized in dunes by vegetation

COLLUVIUM AND SCARP WASH (HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE)—Thin poorly sorted deposits of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders; includes talus deposits on steep slopes in northeastern part of quadrangle

TERRACE DEPOSITS UNDIVIDED (PLEISTOCENE)—Poorly sorted unconsolidated deposits of clay, silt, sand, and cobble-size gravel. Cobbles are predominantly rounded and quartzitic; quartzite cobbles have a weathering rind as thick as 0.5 in.

PEDIMENT DEPOSITS (PLEISTOCENE)—Poorly sorted unconsolidated deposits of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders. Gravel and boulders consist of igneous and metamorphic rocks similar to rocks that crop out in the mountains to the north and northwest and are very angular

FERRIS FORMATION (PALEOCENE AND UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Upper part: mudstone, shale, siltstone, sandstone, conglomeratic sandstone, and coal. Sandstone is white to light tan to dark orange-brown, very fine to coarse grained and conglomeratic, arkosic, ferruginous, and concretionary. Numerous thick coal beds occur throughout the unit. About 3,600 ft thick. Not mapped separately from lower part. Lower part: conglomeratic sandstone, sandstone, shale, carbonaceous shale, mudstone, and minor coal. Conglomeratic sandstone is dark gray to dark brown, ferruginous; contains pebbles of black, red, and yellow chert, red and gray quartzite, and sparse rhyolite and quartz latite porphyry. Bone fragments are common and some have been identified as *Triceraspis* (Spencer, 1918, p. 230-231). Plant microfossils collected by Gill, Merewether, and Cobban (1970) yielded a Late Cretaceous assemblage. Generally, the conglomeratic sandstone and sandstone are poorly exposed and form low rounded ridges. From 1,000 to 2,600 ft thick. Total thickness about 4,800 ft



- Kmb MEDICINE BOW FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Shale, mudstone, sandstone, carbonaceous shale, and coal. Upper part: coarse-grained massive friable sandstone interbedded with dark-gray and maroon shale. Middle part: thick-bedded fine-grained sandstone interbedded with dark-colored shale. Lower part: massive to crossbedded sandstone forming conspicuous ledges interbedded with shale, carbonaceous shale, and coal; about 700 ft thick. Total thickness about 6,600 ft
- Kfh FOX HILLS FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Sandstone, light-gray, weathering to yellowish-gray and light-brown, thin-bedded to massive; olive-gray to dark-gray sandy shale, nonresistant and poorly exposed. Sandstone contains fossiliferous sandstone concretions, *Ophiomorpha*, and oysters; shale contains oysters. Upper part contains carbonaceous shale near contact with Medicine Bow Formation and brackish-water fossils and thin beds of impure coal. About 450 ft thick
- Kl LEWIS SHALE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Total thickness about 2,300 ft. Upper part: predominantly silty shale with shaly siltstone and very fine grained silty platy fossiliferous sandstone. Middle and basal parts: silty shale and sandy siltstone, laminated to thin-bedded; and silty shale
- Kld Sandstone Member—Very fine to fine-grained silty sandstone, laminated to thin-bedded, partly irregular-bedded, mostly poorly cemented; sandy and shaly siltstone, laminated to thin-bedded; and silty shale
- Kls Lower unnamed sandstone member—Very fine to fine-grained silty sandstone
- Kal ALMOND FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Yellowish-gray to yellow, weathering to brown, fine-grained thin-bedded sandstone; locally contains *Ophiomorpha*, silty, carbonaceous siltstone, carbonaceous, coaly shale, and coal. Dark-gray shale locally contains fossiliferous limestone concretions. About 460 ft thick
- Kpr PINE RIDGE SANDSTONE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Yellow-gray, weathering to light gray and white, very fine grained sandstone; carbonaceous siltstone; carbonaceous shale and thin beds of impure coal. About 180 ft thick
- Kar ALLEN RIDGE FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Brown very fine to fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, shale, carbonaceous shale, and thin coal. About 700 ft thick
- Khu HAYSTACK MOUNTAINS FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Total thickness in this quadrangle from 2,300 to 2,400 ft
- Khm Upper unnamed member—Dark-gray silty shale, siltstone, and very fine to fine-grained sandstone. From 300 to 350 ft thick
- Khh Hatfield Sandstone Member—Pale-yellowish-gray very fine to fine-grained cliff-forming sandstone; thin-bedded and crossbedded. From 180 to 225 ft thick
- Khm Middle unnamed member—Dark-gray silty shale, very fine to fine-grained sandstone (s, top of sandstone), and sandy siltstone.
- Khm O'Brien Spring Sandstone Member—Pale-yellowish-gray very fine to fine-grained thin-bedded cliff-forming sandstone. Contains abundant *Ophiomorpha*. From 160 to 220 ft thick
- Khm Lower unnamed member—Dark-gray silty shale, sandy siltstone, and very fine grained silty sandstone. From 500 to 900 ft thick
- Khm Tapers Ranch Sandstone Member—Grayish-green fine- to coarse-grained thin-bedded glauconitic sandstone, with laminae of dark-gray sandy shale. From 200 to 250 ft thick. (Description of unit from Gill and others, 1970)
- Ks STEELE SHALE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Dark-gray shale with thin layers of limestone concretions, very fine grained sandstone, and siltstone. Nonresistant and very poorly exposed. About 2,800 ft thick
- Kn NIOBARA FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Medium- to dark-gray calcareous and concretionary shale. Nonresistant and poorly exposed. About 1,200 ft thick
- Ku UNNAMED SHALE UNIT (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Dark-gray concretionary shale. Nonresistant and poorly exposed. Described by Merewether (1972). About 140 ft thick
- Kfu FRONTIER FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Total thickness about 950 ft
- Kfl Upper part (includes Wall Creek Member)—Fine- to medium-grained sandstone interbedded with dark-gray shale. Sandstone is conglomeratic near top, thin-bedded, irregular-bedded and cross-bedded, and concretionary and burrowed. About 250 ft thick
- Km Lower part—Very dark gray shale, siltstone, and very fine to fine-grained sandstone. About 700 ft thick
- Kt MERRY SHALE (LOWER CRETACEOUS)—Gray, weathering to white, siliceous shale. About 200 ft thick
- Kc THERMOPOLIS SHALE (LOWER CRETACEOUS)—Dark-gray shale, siltstone, and tan to light-gray fine-grained sandstone; poorly exposed. (Study Sandstone Member, about 10 ft thick). About 200 ft thick
- Jm CLOVERLY FORMATION (LOWER CRETACEOUS)—White to gray fine- to coarse-grained conglomeratic massive to crossbedded sandstone. About 140 ft thick
- Jm MORRISON (UPPER JURASSIC) AND SUNDANCE (UPPER AND MIDDLE JURASSIC) FORMATIONS UNDIVIDED—Morrison Formation: siltstone and fine-grained sandstone; very poorly exposed; about 180 ft thick. Sundance Formation: tan very fine to fine-grained thin-bedded laminated to crossbedded and massive sandstone; shale, siltstone, and thin limestone; very poorly exposed; about 310 ft thick. Total thickness about 490 ft
- Jp POPO AGIE AND JELM FORMATIONS UNDIVIDED (UPPER TRIASSIC)—Red shale and mudstone, and tan to red siltstone; very poorly exposed. May include Wall Springs Member of Nugent Sandstone (Lower Jurassic) at top of unit. About 380 ft thick
- Ja ALCOVA LIMESTONE (TRIASSIC)—Gray thin-bedded limestone; crumpled and resistant. About 10 ft thick
- Jp RED PEAK FORMATION (LOWER TRIASSIC)—Red calcareous siltstone, red shale, and white to tan fine-grained sandstone; poorly exposed. About 580 ft thick
- Jp GOOSE EGG FORMATION (LOWER TRIASSIC AND PERMIAN)—Unexposed. Diverse lithology includes purple, pink, and gray dolomitic limestone, red siltstone, and limy sandstone (Barthman, 1972, p. 13). About 580 ft thick. Shown in cross section only
- Jp TENSLEEP SANDSTONE (PENNSYLVANIAN)—Upper part: fine- to medium-grained massive crossbedded sandstone and quartzite; very well indurated and resistant; forms flatirons in northeastern corner of quadrangle. Lower part not exposed. Total thickness about 600 ft
- Jp ANDEN FORMATION (PENNSYLVANIAN AND MISSISSIPPIAN)—Shown in cross section only
- Jm MADISON LIMESTONE (MISSISSIPPIAN)—Shown in cross section only
- Pz PALEOZOIC ROCKS UNDIVIDED—Shown in cross section only
- COAL BED—Approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Thickness of coal, measured at triangle, in feet; K, peak; KC, bony coal; K, bone. Number in circle refers to location of measured coal section. Letter-and-number symbol indicates identification of coal bed. Trace and thickness of coal beds in Almond Formation (Kai) are from Dobbin, Bowen, and Hoots (1929); no coal bed thicknesses are shown for Medicine Bow Formation (Kmb)
- BURNED AND FUSED ROCK—Trace of burned coal bed approximately located; short dashed where inferred. Inverted v's represent approximate areal extent of burned coal
- CONTACT—Approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed
- FAULT—Approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Bar and ball on downthrow side; R, reverse throw
- ANTICLINE—Approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Arrow along axis shows direction of plunge
- SYNCLINE—Approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Arrow along axis shows direction of plunge
- STRIKE AND DIP OF BEDS
- Inclined
- Overturned
- ABANDONED OIL AND GAS TEST HOLE—Showing operator, lease name, and total depth
- COAL DRILL HOLE—Number in circle refers to location of correlated drill hole

Table 1.—Correlation of coal beds

Report	Dobbin, Bowen, and Hoots (1929)
F-2	121 (27)
F-3	122 (28)
F-4	123 (31)
F-4U	124 (33)
F-5A	125
F-6A	127
F-7A	129

Table 2.—Coal analyses for two drill-cutting samples from holes drilled in the Seminoe Dam SE quadrangle, Carbon County, Wyoming

[Type of analysis: A, as received; B, moisture free; C, moisture and ash free. —, not applicable]

Drill-hole SD-1-36, SW 1/4, sec. 36, T. 24 N., R. 84 W. (No. 15 on map)							
Sample interval (feet)	Coal bed(s)	Type of analysis	Proximate analysis (in percent)				Heating value (Btu/lb)
			Moisture	Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash	
253-298	F-3,	A	29.9	25.1	34.8	10.2	7,844
	F-4,	B	—	35.8	49.6	14.6	11,195
	F-4U	C	—	41.9	58.1	—	13,106
Drill-hole SD-1-32, NW 1/4, sec. 32, T. 24 N., R. 83 W. (No. 26 on map)							
97-108	F-7A	A	7.1	28.8	35.1	29.0	8,311
		B	—	31.0	37.8	31.2	8,943
		C	—	45.0	55.0	—	12,991

GEOLOGIC MAP AND COAL DEPOSITS OF THE SEMINOE DAM SE QUADRANGLE, CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

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