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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes stratigraphic records of and upper Paleozoic paleotectonic interpretations derived from four deep drillholes north of the Snake River plain in southwestern Montana and adjacent east-central Idaho (fig. 1 and tables 1-4). These paleotectonic interpretations are compared and contrasted with those of previous workers. A generalized upper Paleozoic palinspastic reconstruction of the area of the four deep drillholes is also provided.

The drillholes are: Shell Oil Corp. no. 34x-13 Unit, in Beaverhead County, Montana (table 1); American Quasar Petroleum Co. no. 29-1 Peet Creek-Federal, in Beaverhead County, Montana (table 2); Exxon Co. no. 1 Myers-Federal, Clark County, Idaho (table 3), and Amoco Production Co. no. 1 Snowline Grazing-Federal, Beaverhead County, Montana (table 4), respectively drillholes 1 to 4, figure 1. The three drillholes in southern Beaverhead County, Montana, are near the Exxon hole in Clark County, Idaho, which is several hundred meters from the Idaho-Montana border (fig. 1). All four drillholes were rank wildcat exploratory tests for oil and gas. None of the four yielded commercial quantities of hydrocarbons, although both the Amoco and Exxon tests yielded natural gas from carbonate rocks of the Mississippian Madison Group.

The region (fig. 1) has undergone at least five episodes of deformation: (1) late Paleozoic epeirogeny and possible growth faulting associated with the development of the Snowcrest trough, (2) early Late Cretaceous development of the superposed Laramide-style Blacktail-Snowcrest uplift, (3) later Late Cretaceous to early Tertiary thin-skinned thrusting along the eastern margin of the Cordilleran thrust belt, (4) Eocene(?) to Miocene basin-and-range normal faulting associated with crustal extension, and (5) late Tertiary to Recent normal faulting associated with the development of the Snake River downwarp beneath the Snake River plain.

Tectonics of the region were discussed by Scholten and others (1955), Scholten (1967), Ryder and Scholten (1973), Skipp and Hait (1977), Witkind (1977), Perry and others (1981, 1983), and Ruppel and Lopez (1984). New interpretations of the tectonic history of this region have been developed in the last decade and are still being refined. However, much useful data and interpretations were presented in the older literature, including the concept of the Blacktail-Snowcrest "arch" (Scholten, 1967, and fig. 1, present report), a concept first proposed by Eardley (1960). Because Tertiary to Quaternary extension faults and associated basins have almost completely dismembered the Blacktail-Snowcrest arch, it only becomes a recognizable feature by backstripping, i. e., by conceptually removing the Eocene and younger cover. This feature has been more recently termed Blacktail-Snowcrest uplift by Perry and others (1981, 1983) to emphasize its similarity to other Laramide-style (thick-skin) thrust-bounded uplifts of the Rocky Mountain foreland province. Nichols and others (1985) showed by palynostratigraphic methods that this uplift was actively growing from Coniacian to mid-Campanian (Late Cretaceous) time, 88 to 78 mybp, whereas Eardley (1960) considered it a Paleocene feature.

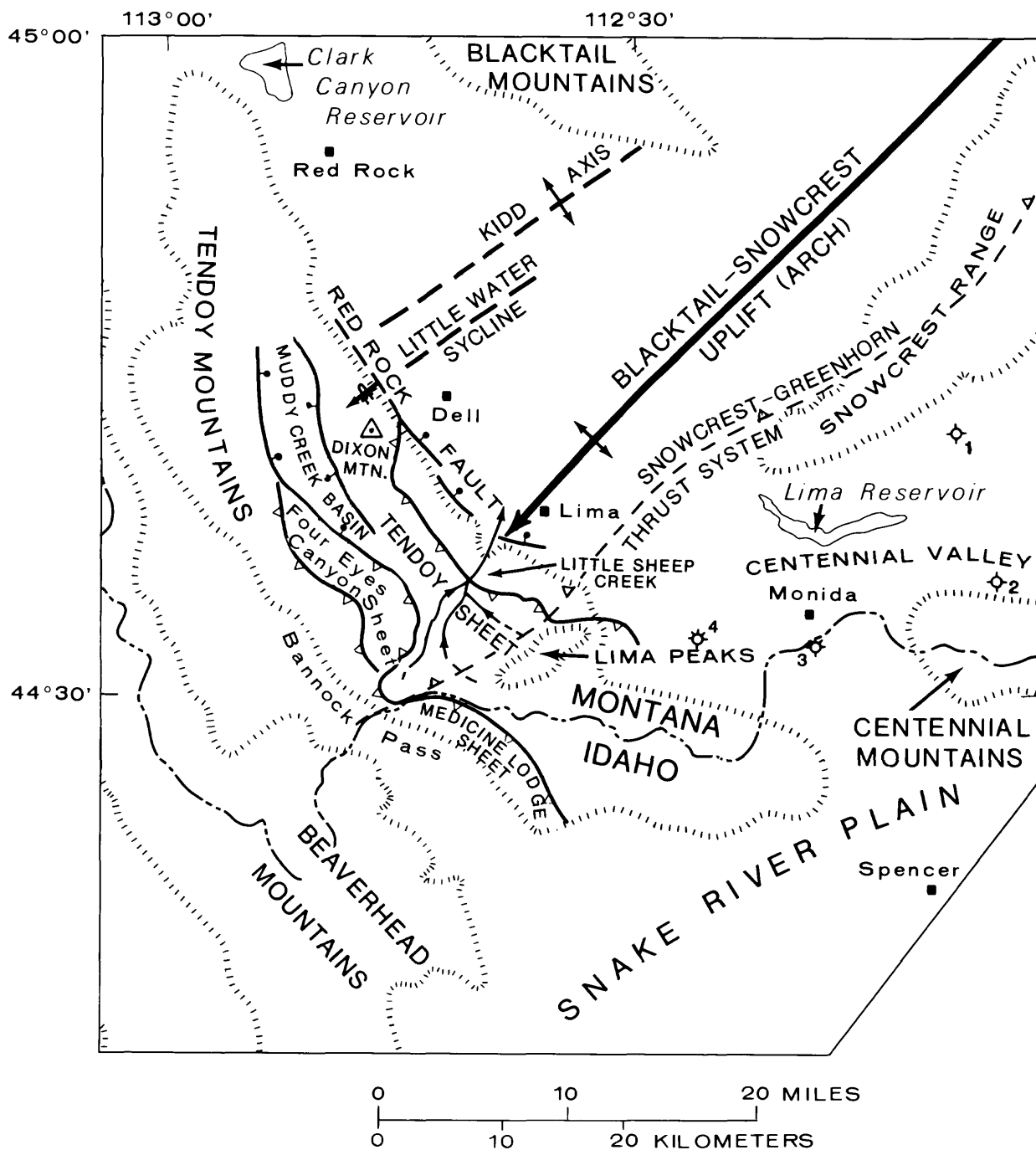


Figure 1. Index map of Lima, Montana, region, showing major physiographic and structural features and locations of drillholes; map modified from Perry and Sando (1983). Position of the Kidd "anticlinal axis" and Little Water synclinal axis are from Scholten and others (1955). Trend-line of the "Blacktail-Snowcrest arch" is from Scholten (1967); both this and the Kidd "axis" probably never represented true anticlinal axes. Both features appear to be closely similar in style to the Wind River uplift of Wyoming. The term uplift (i. e., Perry and others, 1981, 1983) is used in the present report to emphasize the similarity of the Blacktail-Snowcrest massif to other Laramide uplifts of the Rocky Mountain foreland. Drillholes 1 through 4 are described in Tables 1 through 4.

Basic data used in the preparation of this report included suites of geophysical borehole logs from each of the four drillholes and lithologic logs (based on well cuttings) prepared by American Stratigraphic Company¹ for drillholes 1, 2, and 3. In addition, I examined well cuttings from critical intervals in all four drillholes. I thank the respective operators (Shell Oil Corporation, American Quasar Petroleum Company, Exxon Company, USA, and Amoco Production Company) for the opportunity to examine suites of cuttings from each of the drillholes.

Background information used for recognizing the stratigraphic units listed in Tables 1 through 4 (drillhole stratigraphic correlations) was obtained from reports by McKelvey (1959), Sandberg and Mapel (1967), Sando and others (1975), Witkind (1977), Hadley (1980), Saperstone and Ethridge (1984), and Wardlaw and Pecora (1985) and from an unpublished Masters thesis by Moran (1971). Upper Paleozoic stratigraphy of the Blacktail and Snowcrest Ranges north of the drillholes was elucidated by Klepper (1950), Gealy (1953), Zeigler (1954), Scholten and others (1955), and Pecora (1981), as well as by the general references listed above for the drillhole correlations. W. J. Sando and J. T. Dutro, in Hadley (1980), provided a most useful discussion of stratigraphic relationships in the northern Gravelly and Greenhorn Ranges northeast of the drillholes. Descriptions of the Triassic sequence south of the Snake River plain by High and Picard (1967, 1969) and Froidevoux (1977, p. 569-572) were particularly useful for recognizing Triassic units in the four drillholes, because the Triassic stratigraphy north and south of the Snake River plain is closely comparable. In contrast, the Jurassic sequence and much of the Paleozoic sequence change across the plain. Many of the paleotectonic implications of the well data presented in this report were first proposed by Maughan and Perry (1982), foreshadowed by the astute observations of McMannis (1965, p. 1809 and fig. 6). Peterson (1985) provided a regional summary of paleotectonic features in Montana and adjacent areas, which incorporated data from the wells summarized in this report.

This report has benefited from my many discussions of the subsurface data with T. S. Dyman, E. A. Maughan, C. A. Sandberg, W. J. Sando, and H. I. Saperstone, as well as from my discussions with geologists in the petroleum industry, many of whom either were present during drilling or developed the drilling prospects. This brief report has benefited from careful reviews by A. E. Merewether and C. A. Sandberg.

DISCUSSION

The stratigraphic data from the four drillholes (fig. 1 and tables 1-4) and from surface investigations north and east of the drillholes indicate that a profound change in upper Paleozoic stratigraphy, particularly in the thicknesses of potential oil and gas source and reservoir rocks, takes place south of or beneath the Laramide Snowcrest-Greenhorn thrust system of Perry and others (1983; Greenhorn lineament of Maughan, 1983) and north of drillhole 1 (fig. 1). Very thick upper Paleozoic stratigraphic units, which define the Snowcrest trough north of the Snowcrest-Greenhorn system, occur just north of thin to absent correlative sequences of the adjacent late Paleozoic Wyoming shelf encountered in the four drillholes (figs. 2 and 3 and table 5). These relations mandate a substantially different interpretation of the region from

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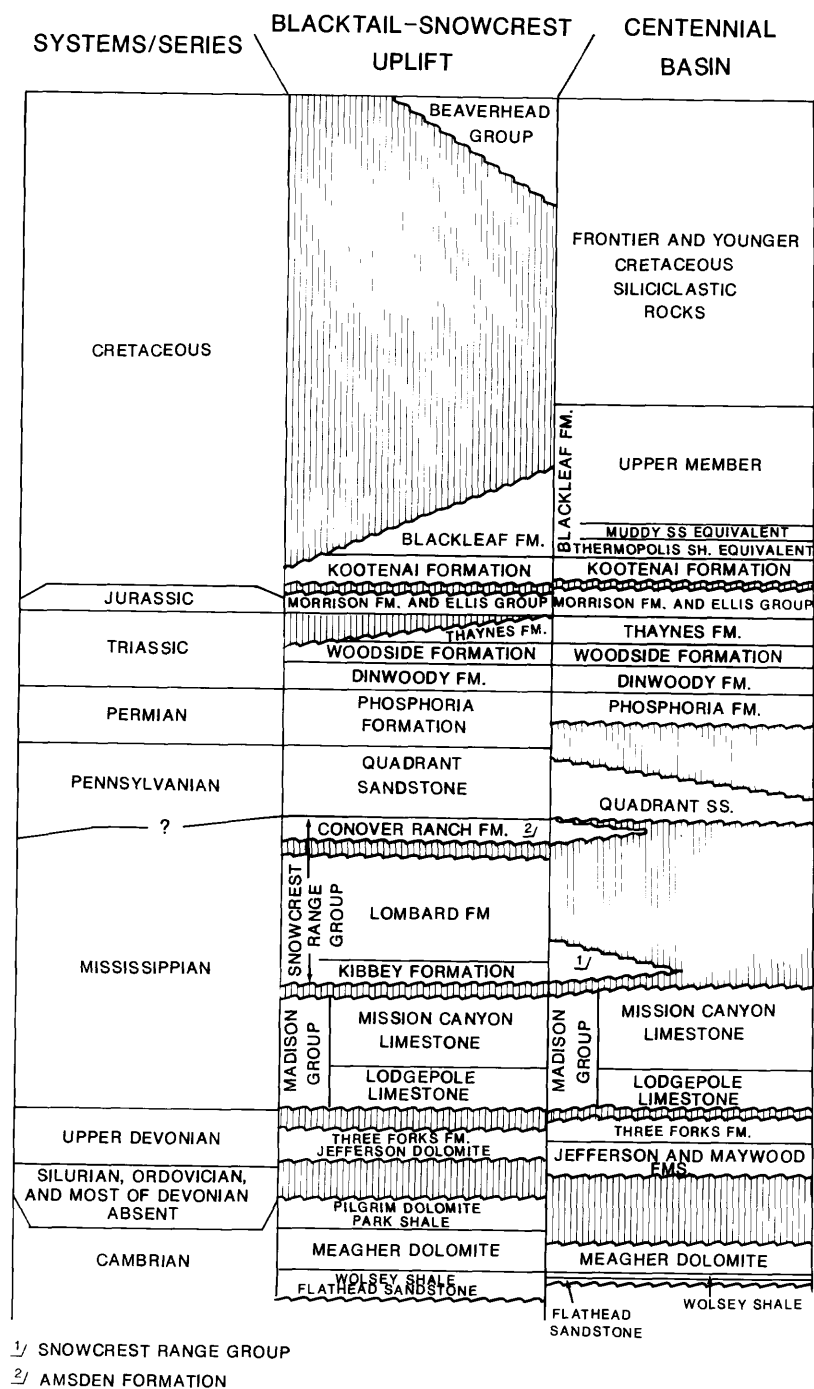


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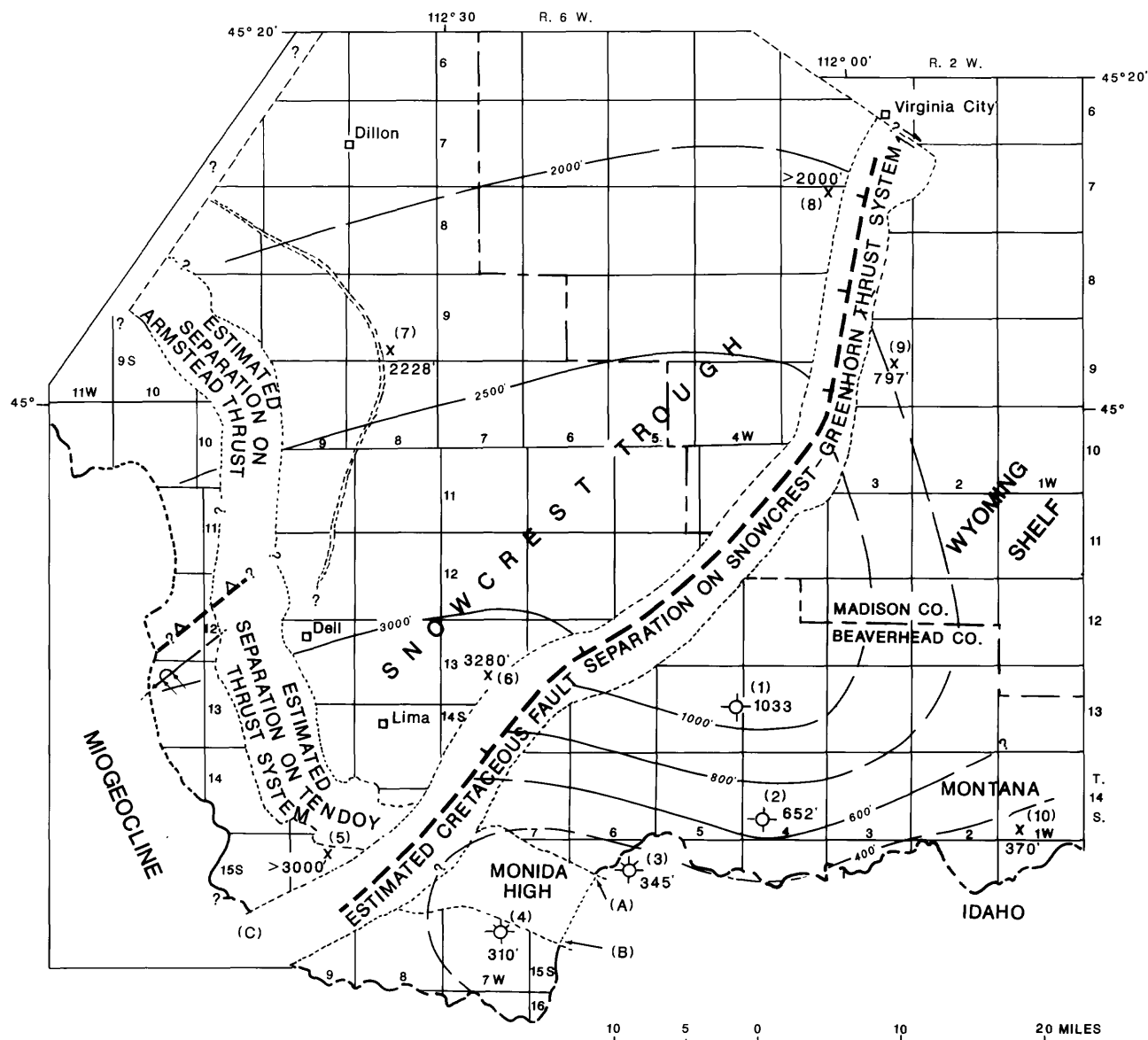


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that of Peterson (1981), in that the thin upper Paleozoic formations in the southern part of the area ('Monida high' of Saperstone, 1986b, fig. 52; fig. 3) are incompatible with Peterson's "Snake River downwarp". His interpretation of a downwarp was based on the presence of thick Mississippian and younger Paleozoic formations in the southern part of the Medicine Lodge thrust sheet (fig. 1 and area (C), fig. 3), which were displaced eastward from the Paleozoic miogeocline during Late Cretaceous time (Perry and Sando, 1983) as a result of Sevier-style thrusting. The interpretation of a downwarp was later abandoned by Peterson (1985). Stratigraphic data from Moran (1971) indicate a very thin upper Paleozoic sequence in the eastern Centennial Mountains: Permian Phosphoria Formation, 200 ft (61 m) thick; Pennsylvanian Quadrant Sandstone, 90 ft (27 m) thick, and Mississippian to Pennsylvanian Amsden Formation, 80 ft (24 m) thick. This very thin upper Paleozoic sequence is comparable to that of the Monida high represented by the Exxon and Amoco drillholes (3 and 4, fig. 3; tables 3 and 4), which encountered a drilled thickness of respectively 355 ft (108 m) and 310 ft (94 m) of upper Paleozoic rocks. This area of thin upper Paleozoic rocks, which apparently extends from the Monida high eastward through the Centennial Mountains, was an area of intermittent nonsubsidence and erosion during Cambrian through Permian time. This large positive feature was interpreted from studies of Devonian rocks and named the Yellowstone Park uplift by Sandberg and Mapel (1967). Peterson (1985) determined that the positive feature was present during the late Paleozoic and modified the name to "Yellowstone high". The northwestern edge of this high coincides with the southeastern boundary of figure 3. The eastern part of Peterson's "Yellowstone high" coincides with the "Southern Montana arch" of Sando and others (1975, figs. 18 and 19), recognized on the basis of thin Late Mississippian (Chesterian) strata. The present report concludes that the "Southern Montana arch" extended as far west as Monida during Late Mississippian time.

In contrast to the thin upper Paleozoic formations of the Yellowstone high, which includes the Monida high and Southern Montana arch, the upper Paleozoic rocks of the adjacent Snowcrest trough are locally more than 3,000 ft (1 km) thick (figs. 2 and 3). The formations are thickest along the southeastern margin of the trough, suggesting that they were deposited on the northeast side of a down-to-the-north normal fault system. Therefore the Snowcrest trough may be a Paleozoic half-graben. The inferred bounding normal fault(s) were either obscured by subsequent deformation or reactivated as the Snowcrest-Greenhorn thrust system. Measured sections of the Upper Mississippian Kibbey and Lombard ("Big Snowy") Formations by Byrne (1985), made available to the writer after the preparation of this report, suggest that thickness estimates of Upper Mississippian rocks in the southwestern Snowcrest Range by Zeigler (1954) are excessive. I used these thickness estimates together with Pennsylvanian Quadrant Sandstone thickness estimates by Klepper (1950) and Permian measured sections described by McKelvey (1959) to estimate the total thickness of post-Madison late Paleozoic rocks at locality 6 (fig. 3). The thickness of post-Madison late Paleozoic rocks at this locality therefore probably does not exceed 3000 ft (914 m) but is close to that thickness.

The Cretaceous displacement on the Snowcrest-Greenhorn thrust system shown on the palinspastic map (fig. 3) is based on recent gravity modelling (Kulik and Perry, in prep.) and is speculative. This estimated fault separation (fig. 3) of 4 to 5 miles (6.4 to 8 km) is less than that estimated by Kulik (1982), Perry and Kulik (1983), and Perry and others (1983). However, it is consistent with thrust-fault deflections in the frontal part of the Cordilleran thrust belt to the west (fig. 1), the thrusts which overrode the southwest-plunging

nose of the Blacktail-Snowcrest uplift and its bounding thrust system. The estimated fault separation along the Lima, Tendoy, and Armstead thrust systems of the frontal Cordilleran thrust belt is largely conjectural (fig. 3). However, in the case of the Lima thrust system it can be rather closely estimated as approximately 5 to 6 miles (8 to 9.6 km) based on deep-borehole and proprietary seismic reflection data. The Lima, Tendoy, and Armstead thrust systems were probably not one continuous system as suggested by the fault separation indicated on the palinspastic base (Fig. 3). A buried displacement transfer zone undoubtedly exists between each of the three thrust systems, but subsequent Tertiary to Quaternary cover and extensional events have obscured much of the frontal part of the Cordilleran thrust belt in the area such that much of the evidence of displacement transfer is obscured. The principle of mass conservation appears to require that shortening be conserved in closely adjacent segments of the Cordilleran thrust belt which were undergoing synchronous deformation. Therefore, it is reasonable to project 5 to 6 miles (8 to 9.6 km) of shortening northward from the Lima system along analogous thrusts of the frontal part of the thrust belt (Fig. 3). Upper Cretaceous synorogenic deposits of the Beaverhead Group either locally obscure or are involved in both the Laramide and Sevier-style deformation in the region, adding further complications but also providing constraints on the age and sequence of Cretaceous compressional deformation (Nichols and others, 1985; Perry and others, in prep.).

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EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS ON FIGURES 1 AND 3







-  Normal fault - bar and ball on downthrown side.
-  Thrust fault - sawteeth on upper plate.
-  Anticline, showing direction of plunge.
-  Syncline showing direction of plunge.
-  Drillhole with show of gas.
-  Drillhole without shows of oil or gas.

TABLE 1. Shell Oil Corp. no. 34X-13 Unit (drillhole 1, fig.1)
 API no. 25-001-05007 AMSTRAT no. M-1704
 T. 13 S., R. 5 W., NE SW SE Sec. 13
 Beaverhead Co., Montana

D & A, 11/14/64 Elevation (KB) 6,806 ft (2,074 m)
 Total depth 10,244 ft (3,122 m)

Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in		Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in	
	feet	meters		feet	meters
<u>CRETACEOUS</u>			<u>PENNSYLVANIAN AND</u>		
Mowry (?) Shale	3,780	1,152	<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
Blackleaf Fm.	4,350	1,326	Quadrant Formation	8,434	2,571
upper volcanoclastic			Amsden Formation	8,925	2,720
unit	4,350	1,326	Horseshoe Shale		
lower volcanoclastic			Member?	9,078	2,767
unit	5,492	1,674	<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
Flood Member	5,910	1,801	Madison Group	9,125	2,784
"Muddy Sandstone"	5,910	1,801	Mission Canyon Fm.	9,125	2,784
"Thermopolis Shale"	6,130	1,868	dolomite member	9,125	2,784
basal sandstone			first anhydrite	9,630	2,935
unit	6,208	1,892	Lodgepole Limestone	10,195	3,107
Kootenai Formation	6,278	1,913	TOTAL DEPTH	10,244	3,122
"gastrpod" lime-					
stone member	6,278	1,913			
redbed member	6,422	1,957			
lower limestone mbr.	6,482	1,976			
Pryor Conglomerate					
Member	6,609	2,014			
<u>JURASSIC</u>					
Morrison Formation	6,660	2,030			
Ellis Group	6,832	2,082			
<u>TRIASSIC</u>					
Chugwater Group	6,900	2,103			
Ankareh Redbeds	6,900	2,103			
Thaynes Formation					
(eastern facies)	7,086	2,160			
Woodside Formation	7,252	2,210			
Dinwoody Formation	7,558	2,304			
limestone member	7,952	2,424			
<u>PERMIAN</u>					
Park City Formation	8,092	2,466			
shale member	8,092	2,466			
Shedhorn Sandstone	8,115	2,473			
Phosphoria Formation	8,153	2,485			
Tosi Chert Member	8,153	2,485			
Retort Shale Member	8,204	2,501			
Franson Member	8,220	2,505			
Meade Peake Shale					
Member	8,293	2,528			
Park City Formation					
Grandeur Member	8,298	2,529			

TABLE 2. American Quasar Petroleum Company no. 29-1 Peet Creek-Federal
API no. 25-001-21004 AMSTRAT no. M-2890 (drillhole 2, fig. 1)
T. 14 S., R. 4 W., SW NE Sec. 29
Beaverhead Co., Montana

D & A, 4/10/78 Elevation (KB) 6944 ft (2117 m)
Total depth 12,226 ft (3727 m)

Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in		Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in	
	feet	meters		feet	meters
<u>CRETACEOUS</u>			Park City Formation		
Cody (?) Shale	2,405	733	Franson Member	8,038	2,450
Frontier (?) Fm.	2,800	853	Phosphoria Formation		
Mowry (?) Shale	4,225	1,288	Meade Peak Member	8,098	2,468
Blackleaf Fm.	4,783	1,458	Park City Formation		
upper volcanoclastic			Grandeur Member	8,101	2,469
unit	4,783	1,458	<u>PENNSYLVANIAN AND MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
lower volcanoclastic			Quadrant Formation	8,148	2,484
unit	5,275	1,608	sandstone and		
Flood Member	5,600	1,707	dolostone member	8,148	2,484
"Muddy Sandstone"	5,600	1,707	dolostone member	8,340	2,542
"Thermopolis Shale"	5,810	1,771	Amsden Formation	8,395	2,559
basal sandstone			<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
member	5,858	1,786	(Lombard Formation absent)		
Kootenai Formation	5,925	1,805	Kibbey? Formation	8,505?	2,592?
"gastropod" lime-			Mission Canyon Fm.	8,595	2,620
stone member	5,960	1,817	dolostone member	8,595	2,620
redbed member	6,087	1,855	first anhydrite	9,050	2,758
lower calcareous			Lodgepole Formation	9,638	2,938
member	6,173	1,882	<u>DEVONIAN</u>		
Pryor Conglomerate			Three Forks Fm.	10,238	3,121
Member	6,305	1,921	Sappington Member	10,238	3,121
<u>JURASSIC</u>			black shale unit	10,300	3,139
Morrison Formation	6,386	1,946	Trident Member	10,310	3,143
Ellis Group	6,605	2,013	Logan Gulch Member	10,397	3,169
<u>TRIASSIC</u>			Jefferson Dolomite	10,550	3,216
Ankareh Formation	6,710	2,045	Maywood (?) Fm.	10,975	3,345
Thaynes Formation			<u>CAMBRIAN</u>		
(eastern facies)	6,868	2,093	Meagher Formation	10,981	3,347
Woodside Formation	7,090	2,161	Wolsey Shale	11,330	3,453
Dinwoody Formation	7,500	2,286	Flathead Formation	11,360	3,463
limestone member	7,780	2,371	<u>PRECAMBRIAN</u>		
<u>PERMIAN</u>			Archean gneiss	11,384	3,470
Park City Formation	7,908?	2,410?	<u>TOTAL DEPTH</u>		
shale member	7,908?	2,410?		12,226	3,727
Shedhorn Sandstone					
tongue	7,930	2,417			
Phosphoria Formation	7,940	2,420			
Tosi Chert Member	7,940	2,420			
Retort Member	8,022	2,445			

TABLE 3. Exxon Company no. 1 Myers-Federal (drillhole 3, fig. 1)
 API no. 11-033-20001 AMSTRAT no. CW-2875
 T. 14 N., R. 35 E., SW NE Sec. 14
 Clark County, Idaho

D & A, 6/16/82 Elevation (KB) 6,975 ft (2,126 m)
 Total depth 18,540 ft (5,651 m)

Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in		Stratigraphic unit	Depth to top in	
	feet	meters		feet	meters
<u>CRETACEOUS</u>			<u>PENNSYLVANIAN AND</u>		
Upper Cretaceous			<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
sandstones undivided	0	0	Quadrant Formation	15,776	4,809
Cody (?) Shale	7,038	2,145	sandstone and		
Frontier (?) Fm.	7,260	2,213	dolomite member	15,776	4,809
Mowry (?) Shale	10,670	3,252	dolostone member	15,872	4,838
Blackleaf Formation	12,258	3,736	MAJOR UNCONFORMITY		
upper volcanoclastic			<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
unit	12,258	3,736	Mission Canyon Fm.	15,895	4,845
lower volcanoclastic			dolostone member	15,895	4,845
unit	12,848	3,916	first anhydrite	16,220	4,944
Flood Member	13,271	4,045	limestone member	16,458	5,016
"Muddy Sandstone"	13,271	4,045	Lodgepole Formation	16,880	5,145
"Thermopolis Shale"	13,420	4,090	Cottonwood Canyon		
Kootenai Formation	13,555	4,132	Member	17,518	5,340
"gastropod" ls. mbr.	13,605	4,147	<u>DEVONIAN</u>		
redbed member	13,735	4,186	Three Forks Formation	17,528	5,343
lower calcareous			Sappington Member	17,528	5,343
member	13,830	4,215	black shale unit	17,560	5,352
Pryor Conglomerate			Trident Member	17,575	5,357
Member	13,983	4,262	Logan Gulch Member	17,676	5,388
<u>JURASSIC</u>			Jefferson Dolomite	17,818	5,431
Morrison Formation	14,052	4,283	<u>CAMBRIAN</u>		
Ellis Formation	14,242	4,341	Meagher Dolomite	18,144	5,530
<u>TRIASSIC</u>			Pilgrim Limestone	18,185	5,543
Chugwater Group	14,324	4,366	Wolsey Shale	18,457	5,626
(Ankareh Formation absent)			Flathead Sandstone	18,495	5,637
Thaynes Formation			TOTAL DEPTH	18,540	5,651
(eastern facies)	14,324	4,366			
Woodside Formation	14,734	4,491			
Dinwoody Formation	15,122	4,609			
limestone member	15,325	4,671			
shale member	15,490	4,721			
<u>PERMIAN</u>					
Phosphoria and					
Park City Formations	15,540	4,737			
Meade Peake Member	15,750	4,801			
Grandeur Member	15,753	4,802			

TABLE 4. Amoco Production Company no.1 Snowline Grazing-Federal
T. 15 S, R. 7 W, SW NE SE Sec. 10 (drillhole 4, fig. 1)
Beaverhead County, Montana PRELIMINARY REPORT

Plugged & Abandoned 11/12/82 Elevation (KB) 6,983 ft (2,128 m)
Total depth 14,410 ft (4,392 m)

<u>Stratigraphic unit</u>	<u>Depth to top in</u>	
	<u>feet</u>	<u>meters</u>
<u>CRETACEOUS</u>		
Upper Cretaceous		
sandstones undivided	0	0
Blackleaf Formation	8,695	2,650
Flood Member	10,298	3,149
Kootenai Formation	10,650	3,246
<u>JURASSIC</u>		
Morrison Formation	11,264	3,433
Ellis Formation	11,432	3,485
<u>TRIASSIC</u>		
Thaynes Formation	11,660	3,554
Woodside Formation	12,152	3,704
Dinwoody Formation	12,532	3,820
<u>PERMIAN</u>		
Phosphoria Formation	12,980	3,956
Retort Member	13,070	3,984
Meade Peak Member	13,192	4,021
<u>PENNSYLVANIAN</u>		
Quadrant Formation	13,248	4,038
<u>MISSISSIPPIAN</u>		
Mission Canyon Fm.	13,290	4,051
Lima thrust	14,165	4,318
Cretaceous sandstones		
undivided	14,165	4,318
TOTAL DEPTH	14,410	4,392

TABLE 5. Drilled thicknesses of lower Mesozoic and Paleozoic units in feet.
Some thickness anomalies may be due to dip or minor faulting.

<u>Stratigraphic unit</u>	<u>Drillhole 1*</u>	<u>Drillhole 2</u>	<u>Drillhole 3</u>	<u>Drillhole 4**</u>
Kootenai Formation	383	433	467	614
Morrison Formation	172	214	185	168
Ellis Group	68	98	80	228
Ankareh & Thaynes Fms.	352	357	403	492
Woodside Formation	306	390	385	380
Dinwoody Formation	534	388	414	448
Park City & Phosphoria Formations	342	229	233	268
Quadrant Sandstone	491	234	112	42
Amsden Formation and/or Snowcrest Range Group	200	189	0	0
Mission Canyon Limestone	1070	992	853	875+
Lodgepole Limestone	--	571	604	--
Three Forks Formation	--	293	280	--
Jefferson Dolomite	--	405	321	--
Cambrian rocks	--	382	391	--

*Uncorrected for dip; dips believed to be of low magnitude.

**Uncorrected for dip; some units may dip steeply.