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## **ABSTRACT**

Data on field-observed characteristics of joints in Upper Cretaceous through Eocene strata on two thrust-related intrabasin folds, the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines in the southern Piceance basin, Colorado, are presented in this report. These data form part of a larger study, involving more than 900 localities, of the fracture history of the Piceance basin and surrounding uplifts. The data for the 51 stations are presented in tabular form in the Appendix; included is much information on the multiple physical and spatial fracture characteristics that collectively permitted grouping the fractures into genetic sets for purposes of reconstructing the regional fracture history.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines (fig. 1) contain the principal natural-gas producing fields in the southern part of the Piceance basin, northwestern Colorado. Anticlinal structure, however, apparently has had limited effect on accumulation of hydrocarbons within the producing horizons since commercial gas is found also in areas with no obvious structural traps (Gunter, 1962). For the purposes of this report, this economically important area is considered to include not only the above-mentioned fields but also the Buzzard Creek, Sheep Creek, Hell's Gulch, and Baldy Creek gas fields (fig. 1). The producing horizons are chiefly marginal-marine blanket sandstones associated with mudstones, shales, and coals of the Upper Cretaceous Mesaverde Group; most of the gas is produced from depths of approximately 760-2280 m (Dunn, 1974; Donaldson and MacMillan, 1980). Unfractured sandstone plugs from the reservoir rocks generally have very low matrix permeabilities, from 0.01 to 0.40 microdarcies (Branagan and others, 1984; Seccombe and Decker, 1986). Formation (in-situ) permeabilities, however, range from 20 to 100 microdarcies (Branagan and others, 1985; Lorenz and others, 1986). This large difference between laboratory- and field-tested permeabilities has been attributed to a partially open, three-dimensional system of interconnected fractures in the reservoir rocks. Economic production of natural gas is so dependent on fractures in these and numerous other fields of the western United States that systematic efforts are underway to determine the extent to which the geometry of subsurface fracture networks can be predicted from surface studies.

The Piceance basin fracture study by the U.S. Geological Survey has involved the collection of fracture data from more than 900 outcrops and man-made cuts in the Piceance basin and surrounding uplifts, in strata that range in age from Precambrian through Quaternary. Of these, about 750 stations are in the Upper Cretaceous through Eocene rocks of the Mesaverde Group and overlying Wasatch, Green River, and Uinta Formations. Reports on the fracture history of the basin, other than the Divide Creek-Wolf Creek area, can be found in Grout and Verbeek (1983, 1985) and Verbeek and Grout (1983, 1984a, b, 1986, 1987). The field-observed characteristics of fractures in outcrop on the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines were used to interpret the fracture history of the area in relation to its tectonic history as discussed in Grout (in press). The tectonic history of the anticlines is related to thrusting along the eastern basin margin, part of the Laramide (Late Cretaceous through Eocene) orogenic boundary between the Colorado Plateau and the Rocky Mountain foreland, and is discussed in Grout and others (1988, in press).

## OTHER FRACTURE STUDIES IN THE PICEANCE BASIN

Other fracture studies in the Piceance basin include those of Smith and Whitney (1979), who mapped orientations of fractures from both outcrop study and aerial photographic interpretation; Kelley and Clinton (1960) and Welder (1971), who mapped fracture patterns from aerial photographs; and Clark (1983), who studied fractures in outcrop and in core to interpret aspects of late Cenozoic stress history of the southeastern part of the basin. Mineral fillings and orientations of fractures in oriented cores from Mesaverde Group strata were discussed by Lorenz (1985), Pitman and Sprunt (1986), Lorenz and Finley (1987), and Finley and Lorenz (1989). The orientations of cleats (major and minor fractures) in coal beds of the Mesaverde Group along the southern rim of the Piceance basin were discussed by Geological Services of Tulsa, Inc. (1980) and Boreck and Strever (1980). The orientations of coal cleats in cores from correlative strata in the west-central part of the basin were reported by Seccombe and Decker (1986) and Horner (1986). Studies of the surface pattern of joints within the Grand Hogback monocline include those of Harper (1966), Murray (1966; 1967), Dula (1981), and Garrett and Lorenz (1989). In addition, there are several unpublished industry reports on the orientations of surface fractures. With the exception of the studies by Lorenz and his colleagues and by Verbeek and Grout (mentioned in the previous section), generally only one aspect of fractures was measured--their orientation.

## FRACTURE STATIONS IN THE STUDY AREA

This report contains data on field-observed characteristics of fractures studied at 51 fracture stations in Mesaverde and Wasatch rocks in the Divide Creek-Wolf Creek anticlines area (fig. 1). Forty three of the fracture stations are located in the Wasatch Formation, which crops out on the flanks of the anticlines and in surrounding areas; six are located in the Mesaverde Group along the crest of the Divide Creek fold. Of the two remaining stations, one is in Tertiary intrusive rocks (Tmi on fig. 1) that crop out on the southern end of the Divide Creek anticline; the other is in slightly metamorphosed Wasatch sandstone near the intrusion. The data from these stations are tabulated in the Appendix and augment two other reports on the structure of the area: the first, Grout (in press), summarizes the fracture data and interprets the fracture history of the rocks of the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines in relation to tectonic development of the basin's eastern margin; the second, Grout and others (in press), interprets the subsurface structure and formation of the anticlines in light of new gravity (Abrams and Grout, 1987, 1990) and seismic data.

## FRACTURE TERMINOLOGY

In this report, fracture is used as a general term to denote all internal rock surfaces across which cohesion has been lost through mechanical failure induced by differential stress. Fractures along which appreciable shear displacement has occurred--from a few cm to km (Bates and Jackson, 1980)--are termed faults, whereas fractures associated with significant amounts of movement normal to the fracture walls are perhaps best termed fissures, in keeping with common English usage. All other fractures--those associated with little or no displacement in any direction--are termed joints.

The various terms as defined above are nongenetic and imply nothing about mechanisms of fracture. A fault, for example, is not synonymous with a shear fracture, nor a joint with an extension fracture, though the mistake commonly is made. Although many faults in the Piceance basin can be shown to have originated as shear fractures, others are extension fractures that subsequently were reactivated in shear. Both types of structure conform to

historic definitions of "fault" (see Dennis, 1967). Similarly, joints apparently can initiate either as extension or shear fractures but are termed joints in either case if the net offset is very small. Fault, joint, and fissure, then, are field terms whose usage, as established through long precedent, is based on observed amounts and senses of offset. Shear fracture, extension fracture, and related expressions are rock-mechanical terms that denote genetic types of fractures formed through specific mechanisms of failure. Where the mode of failure of a particular fracture has been determined, an appropriate modifier conveys that fact, as in extension joint.

Of the various types of fracture mentioned above, extension joints are by far the most plentiful in the Piceance basin, the study area included. Most occur in sets, a term used to denote groups of parallel to subparallel joints (Dennis, 1967) whose common orientation generally (though not necessarily) reflects a common genesis. Two to four sets of joints cut most outcrops on and near the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines and collectively define the joint or fracture system of the area.

## FRACTURE NOTATION

Sets of fractures have been given the designation  $F_x$  or  $MV_x$  to agree with the notation established earlier for the northern and central parts of the basin (Verbeek and Grout, 1983, 1984a).  $F_x$  refers to all fractures that formed during the  $x^{th}$  period of fracture in the basin, from  $F_1$  (oldest) to  $F_5$  (youngest), and with which the sets in the vicinity of the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines can be correlated (Grout, in press). These sets comprise the Piceance system of fractures and have been found in basin and pre-basin rocks ranging in age from Upper Cretaceous to middle Eocene (Verbeek and Grout, 1983, 1984a, b, 1986, 1987; Grout and Verbeek, 1983, 1985). Older sets of fractures, collectively termed the Hogback system, have been found only in pre-basin rocks ranging in age from Mississippian through Paleocene along the Grand Hogback monocline (Verbeek and Grout, 1984a, b). Because these older fracture sets are found mostly in strata of the Mesaverde Group, they are designated as the  $MV_x$  sets; only the  $MV_2$  set, the youngest, is found in the study area. The other data for the Grand Hogback are as yet unpublished.

One additional feature of the fracture notation deserves mention here. In many outcrops, fractures of the  $F_2$  period, to select a common example, are nearly vertical in well-cemented beds but are inclined at  $60^\circ$ - $70^\circ$  in associated, more weakly cemented beds. In some beds the  $F_2$  form not one but two sets of inclined fractures that have similar strikes but that dip in opposite directions, thereby dividing the rock into diamond-shaped blocks. Abutting relations and mineralization histories of these fractures suggest that they are all at least roughly contemporaneous and thus formed during the same ( $F_2$ ) period of fracture in the basin. To convey these relations, we refer to the two sets of moderately steeply dipping fractures as  $F_{2A}$  and  $F_{2B}$ , and to the vertical fractures as  $F_{2C}$ . In many outcrops the distinction between the three sets is clear and the orientation data do not overlap, but in some areas the sets appear to be gradational. A similar notation is employed where appropriate for other periods of fracture. The origin of these related fractures is to some extent problematical and will be addressed in later papers. Grout (in press) found that some of the moderately steeply dipping fractures are local and present only in the crestal region of the Divide Creek anticline.

## FIELD METHODS

Joints in the Divide and Wolf Creek areas have been grouped into genetic sets, not simply into geometric sets based on orientation. The difference is

fundamental to accurate interpretations of fracture history. Although geometric and genetic sets often are equivalent--common orientation implies common genesis--exceptions are known and probably are not rare. The  $F_2$  and  $F_5$  sets in the basin, for example, have nearly identical orientations but differ markedly in all other observed characteristics, such as size, shape, age relative to other fractures, and mineralization history. In this case a single geometric set is the combined expression of two discrete periods of fracture widely separated in time. All joint data presented in this report are grouped into genetic sets.

Field methods used for the collection of fracture data in the Piceance basin, including the study area, have been described in Grout and Verbeek (1983). At each locality, and within all beds studied, only the largest and most planar fractures of each set were selected for orientation measurements, as it is these that most accurately reflect paleostress orientations as they existed immediately prior to fracture. The later members of each set formed in increasingly anisotropic rock and thus reflect local, discontinuity-related stress perturbations to a greater degree than their predecessors; these later fractures tend to be both more irregular and shorter than those formed earlier. For all fracture properties other than orientation, however, all fractures present were studied to document the characteristics of each set as a whole. If at any station the bedding dip exceeds about  $6^\circ$  and evidence exists that the joints predate the bed rotation, the poles to the fracture planes were rotated around the strike of the bedding to reconstruct the original bed-horizontal orientation of the joints. If the beds are tilted but the joints are known to have formed later, there is no reason to rotate the joint data.

The manner in which the fractures of coexisting sets terminate within the rock is the prime information from which the relative ages of the sets can be determined. Fractures of the earliest set commonly die out laterally as tapering hairline cracks because no earlier fractures existed to impede lateral growth. Fractures of successively younger sets, if they are extension joints as in the study area, abut all older fractures unless those older fractures have been cemented and the rock rehealed. Younger extension joints, then, either terminate against or cut across older ones, depending on the degree of cohesion between the walls of each older fracture. Conversely, younger shear fractures generally cut across and offset older fractures; and for these, the conventional rules for determining relative ages of intersecting faults apply. Fuller discussions of relative-age criteria are found in Kulander and others (1979) and Grout and Verbeek (1983).

The mode of failure--by extension or shear--is most directly and rigorously determined through observation of the detailed structure of the fracture surface. Kulander and others (1979) summarize much of the available data on this topic, known as fractography. Surface structures such as twist-hackle fringes, plumose structure, and arrest lines are common among fractures in the study area and are diagnostic of failure in extension. In contrast, slickenside striations--either as true scratches on the fracture surface or as fibrous mineral coatings--indicate slip parallel to the striation direction. Such slip, however, must not be taken as proof of a shear mechanism of failure. More commonly the shear is secondary and indicates renewed movement along an original extension fracture.

Fracture-surface structures also indicate the direction that the fracture propagated. In the Divide and Wolf Creek areas, the fractures in all of the sets propagated laterally, parallel to bedding, while maintaining a vertical to moderately steeply dipping profile.

#### **DATA-SHEET TERMINOLOGY**

**Station Number**--An identification number given to each station where data were

collected, keyed to the map of the study area (fig. 1). Identification numbers such as 580a and 580b refer to separate data sets gathered from different rock types at the same locality. All fracture stations in the Piceance basin and adjacent uplifts are numbered in the order in which they were studied. The Divide Creek and Wolf Creek areas contain only 51 of the more than 900 stations studied.

**Twp, Range, Section**--A shorthand notation is used in the data tables to indicate station location. For example, T9S, R90W, NW1/4 sec 1 = Township 9 South, Range 90 West, northwest quarter of section 1.

**Exposure description**--Includes information on exposure elevation, facing direction, size, topography, location relative to nearby physiographic and cultural features, and exposed rock types. Abbreviations used: SH = State Highway, FR = Forest Road, FS = Forest Service.

**Stratigraphic Unit**--Formal map name of rock group, formation, or member (from Tweto and others, 1978) where data were collected.

**Lithology (General)**--General rock type(s) of the specific bed(s) within which the majority of data were collected, including obvious facies changes.

**Cement**--Brief description of nature of cement and estimated degree of induration of rock, based on field inspection with hand lens and HCl acid.

**Color, fresh**--Informal field color of a freshly broken, dry piece of rock.

**Color, weathered**--Informal field color of the outer, weathered surface of naturally exposed rock.

**Grain size, sorting, and roundness**--Grain characteristics as observed with a hand lens in the field.

**Bed orientation and thickness**--The average orientation of the strata at each exposure and the thickness(es) of the bed(s) studied.

**F<sub>x</sub> or MV<sub>x</sub> Orientation**--The average orientation of the fractures in each set as determined visually from Schmidt-stereonet plots of the poles to their planes. The number of fractures measured in each set ( $n = x$ ) is given also. Note that if there are less than  $n = 4$  data points for a given set, the average should not be considered meaningful. For stations where the poles to joints in dipping beds have been rotated to reconstruct their original, bed-horizontal orientations, the rotated average is indicated by (R). For each station, however, it is the actual (unrotated) data that are listed and that are displayed on the lower-hemisphere Schmidt stereonet projections.

**Spacing**--The perpendicular distance between adjacent fractures of the same set within the measured bed(s). The data may be given as any one or a combination of several measures of spacing: total range (tr) refers to the observed maximum and minimum spacings, common (or partial) range (cr) to the most frequently observed spacings, and average (avg) to the mean spacing. Spacings of fractures in some beds define such broad, skewed, and irregular distributions that the concept of an average spacing has little merit, and the total range gives little clue as to what constitutes "normal" or "common" values. For such beds the common range is the most informative measure of spacing, though it corresponds to no rigorously defined statistic. The data in any case should be viewed as only semiquantitative: they are meant to convey an informal impression of joint abundance as based on a limited number of readings, and are not intended as accurate descriptors of the shapes of the actual frequency distributions of spacings.

**Height**--The dimension of a fracture as measured perpendicular to its length (see below) and within the plane of the fracture. If only partial heights were observable, then the symbol > is used. The data may also be given as any one or a combination of several measures of height: total range (tr) refers to the observed maximum and minimum heights, common (or partial) range (cr) to the most frequently observed heights, and average (avg) to the mean height.

**Length**--The dimension of a fracture as measured parallel to bedding. If only partial lengths were observable, then the symbol > is used. The data may also be given as any one or a combination of several measures of length: total range (tr) refers to the observed maximum and minimum lengths, common (or partial) range (cr) to the most frequently observed lengths, and average (avg) to the mean length.

**Structures**--Structures on the walls of fractures can be grouped into two general types: (1) those that resulted from the progressive advance of an extension-fracture front through previously intact rock, such as the fracture origin, plumose structures (or plumes), arrest lines, and twist-hackle faces and associated steps (collectively termed twist hackle or twist-hackle fringe); and (2) those that indicate slip between the fracture walls, such as slickenlines scratched on the rock surface, or fibrous to platy or columnar mineral coatings. Structures of both groups locally are seen in combination, as where an extension fracture has been later reactivated in shear.

**Shape**--The overall configuration of the fracture surface, regardless of its size. Three general categories are recognized: planar, subplanar, and nonplanar. Also included are comments on additional shape characteristics, such as sinuosity along strike, hooking into adjacent fractures, deviation in dip in different beds, and forking, the splitting of fractures into separate segments along lithologic discontinuities.

**Termination**--The manner in which the individual fractures of a given set terminate within the rock. Common types include gradual tapering of hairline cracks to zero aperture, lateral terminations against other fractures, and vertical terminations against lithologic discontinuities (bedding) or bed-parallel partings. From such information the order in which the various sets formed can be determined.

**Mineralization**--A brief description of the identity and character of various minerals, if any, that fill or coat the joints of each set.

**Remarks**--A brief summary of the most pertinent characteristics of each fracture set plus additional information unsuitable for list format.

**Geologist(s)**--The personnel responsible for data collection in the field, listed for each station in order of responsibility. MAG, Marilyn A. Grout; DBY, Douglas B. Yager; CWJ, Caren W. Johannes; REM, Ruth E. M'Gonigle.

**Data Date**--Date(s) of visitation to exposure for data collection.

#### **EXPLANATION OF DATA FORMAT**

The fracture data in the Appendix are listed in tabular format, from oldest to youngest set, for each station in the Divide Creek-Wolf Creek area. The data have also been entered into a computer database program (dBase III Plus, Ashton-Tate Version 1.1, 1985, 1986) to allow sorting from each "field" or line of information. Sorting can be either from a character string--a sequence of letters, numbers, and symbols--or more readily from numeric fields that contain only numbers. Most of the data as shown in the Appendix are in character strings, so additional fields (not printed) were set up to express some of the same information in numeric form to facilitate sorting of the most



commonly used pieces of information. For example, a common spacing range of 1-2 m is stored as 1.5 in the computer database but appears as 1-2 m on the data-sheet printout. Then, if a search is made for, say, all stations containing sandstone layers 2-4 m thick with joint spacings of >1.5 m, these data can quickly be sorted and listed.

The actual (unrotated) fracture-orientation data collected at each station in the field are plotted on lower-hemisphere Schmidt stereonet projections using the MicroNET program of Guth (1987) and immediately follow the tabulated data for each station in the Appendix.

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Figure 1--Generalized geologic map of the Divide Creek and Wolf Creek anticlines and part of the southern leg of the Grand Hogback monocline, southern Piceance basin, Colorado, showing location of fracture stations (numbered solid circles) and approximate outline of gas fields (shaded). The fracture data for the numbered stations are listed in numerical order in the Appendix.  normal fault, bar and ball on downthrown side.  inferred zone of blind splays form low-dip reverse fault; sawteeth on upper plate.  anticline.  syncline.  monocline. Tbb, Pliocene and Miocene basalt; Tmi, Middle Tertiary intrusive rocks; Tg, Tertiary Green River Formation; Tw, Tertiary Wasatch Formation; Kmv, Upper Cretaceous Mesaverde Group; Kmu, upper part of Upper Cretaceous Mancos Shale; KTru, lower part of Upper Cretaceous Mancos Shale through Upper Triassic Chinle Formation, undifferentiated; Ppm, Lower Permian and Pennsylvanian Maroon Formation; Pe, Middle Pennsylvanian Eagle Valley Formation. Geology from Tweto and others (1978), Berry (1959), and Tichy and Rettger (1961), and Johnson (1983). Gas-fields from Petroleum Information Corp. and Barlow and Haun, Inc. (1986).

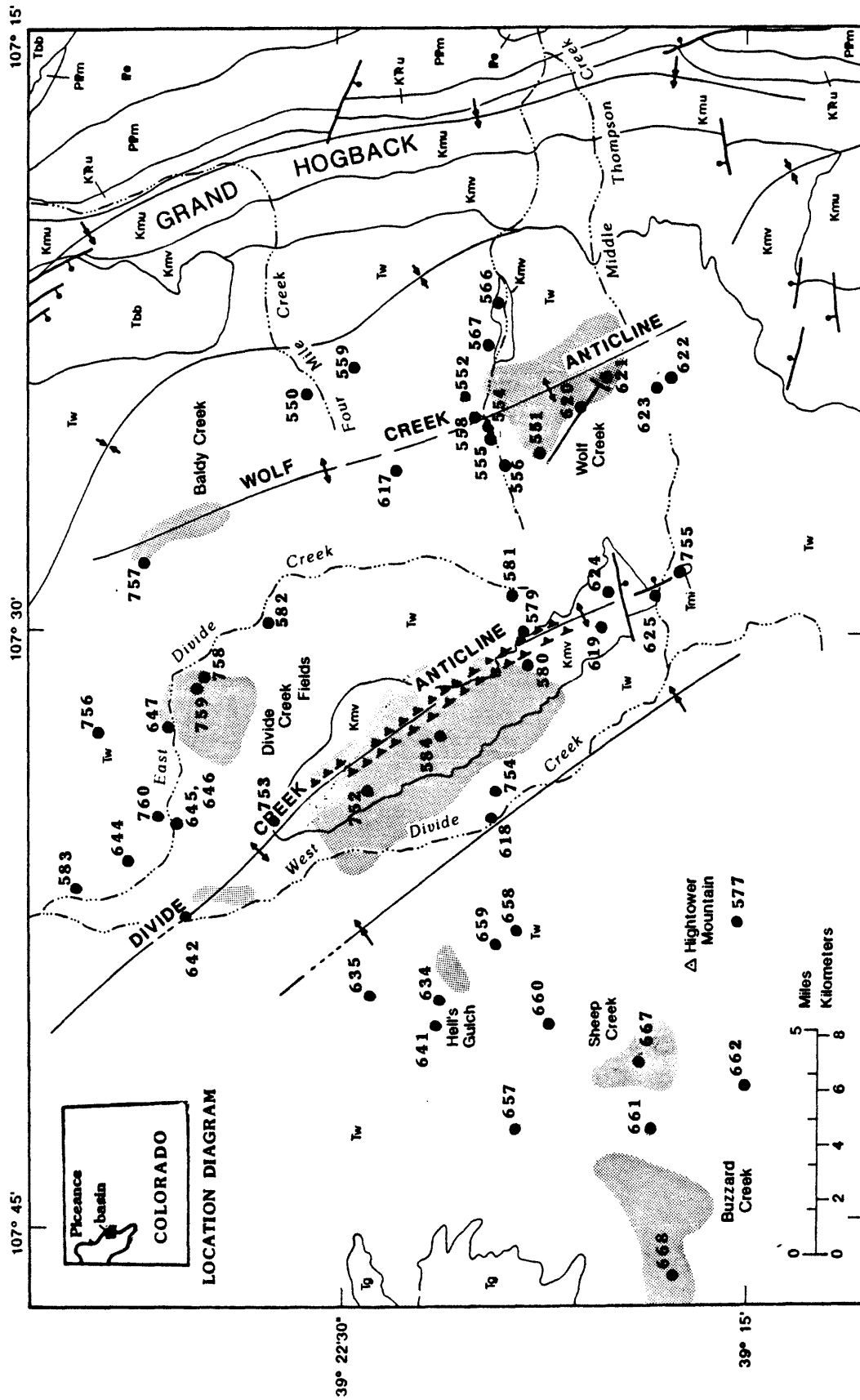
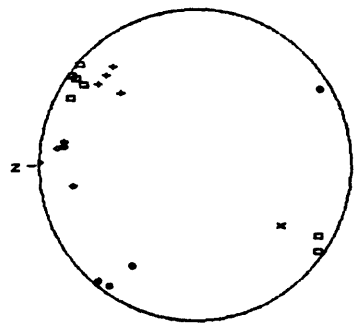


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**APPENDIX**  
**FRACTURE DATA**

Station Number	350	Station Number	350 (contd)
Quadrangle	Center Mountain 7.5'	Remarks	The SW-dipping F2A fractures dominate the cut and are fairly planar. Only one NE-dipping F2B fracture occurs. The F2C fractures are prominent in the finer grained layers, but also occur between the F2A fractures in the coarser grained beds. The F3 fractures are oriented NW, similar to many F2 fractures in other outcrops, but about the F2 fractures here. They therefore are designated as F3 fractures. F4 fractures are layer confined, nonplanar and broadly curved. The outcrop weathers to rounded ledges.
Exposure Description	1BS, RYOM, NE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 sec 1 Elev. 8970 ft. S-facing slump scar, NW side Four Mile Creek and Park, S side of small knoll in a SSE-draining tributary, 0.5 km upstream. 15 m x 20 m. Low-angle crossbedded to laminated; locally massive and conglomeratic. Luster mottled.	Geologist(s)	MAG, CWJ
Stratigraphic Unit	Waatch Fm	Data Date	05/29/85
Lithology (General)	Sandstone	n	21
Cement	Very calcareous; well indurated		
Color, fresh	Dark maroonish red		
Color, weathered	Maroonish red		
Grain size	Very fine to coarse medium-grained		
Grain sorting	Moderately to poorly sorted		
Grain roundness	Subrounded to angular		
Bed Orientation	NS4W/4NE (n=2)		
Bed Thickness	0.25-1.5 m		
F2A Orientation	N45W/68SW (n=4)		
Spacing	1.5 m (avg)		
Height	>1.5 m		
Length	Not determined		
Structures	Coarse plumose structure		
Shape	Planar		
Termination	None seen		
Mineralization	None seen		
F2B Orientation	N55W/57NE (n=1)		
F2C Orientation	N54W/88SW (n=7)		
Spacing	0.05-0.15 m		
Height	0.25-1.5 m		
Length	Not determined		
Structures	Coarse plumose structure		
Shape	Planar		
Termination	Against F2A		
Mineralization	None seen		
F3C Orientation	N85W/76SW (n=5)		
Spacing	Variable		
Height	0.25-1 m		
Length	>1.5 m		
Structures	Not determined		
Shape	Subplanar		
Termination	None seen		
Mineralization	None seen		
F4 Orientation	N35E/85SE (n=4)		
Spacing	Variable		
Height	0.25-1 m		
Length	0.05-1.5 m (tr)		
Structures	Weathered		
Shape	Subplanar		
Termination	Against F2 and F3		
Mineralization	None seen		



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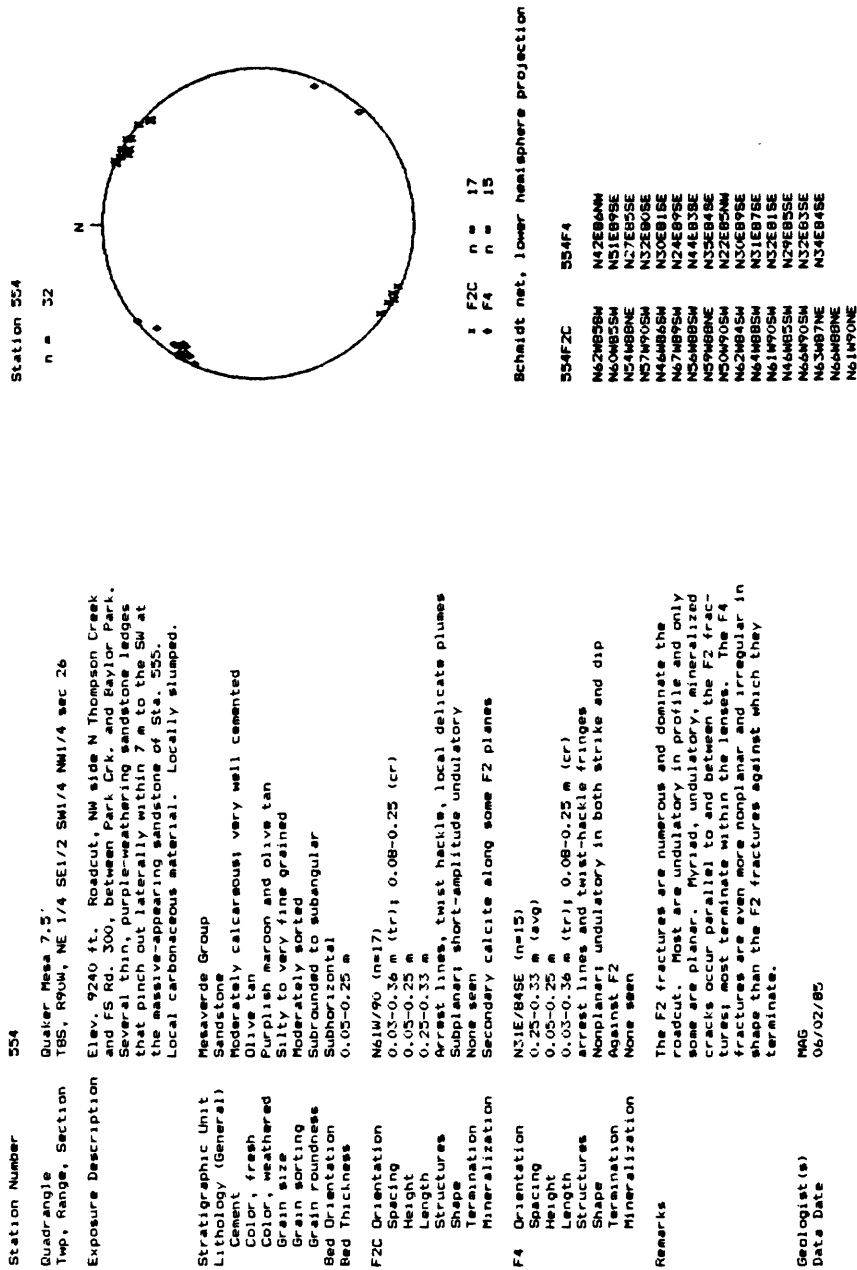
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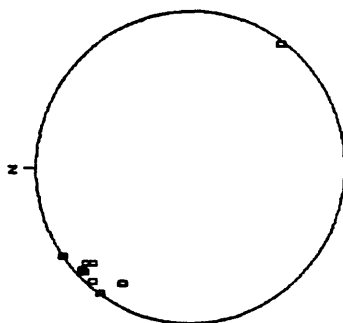
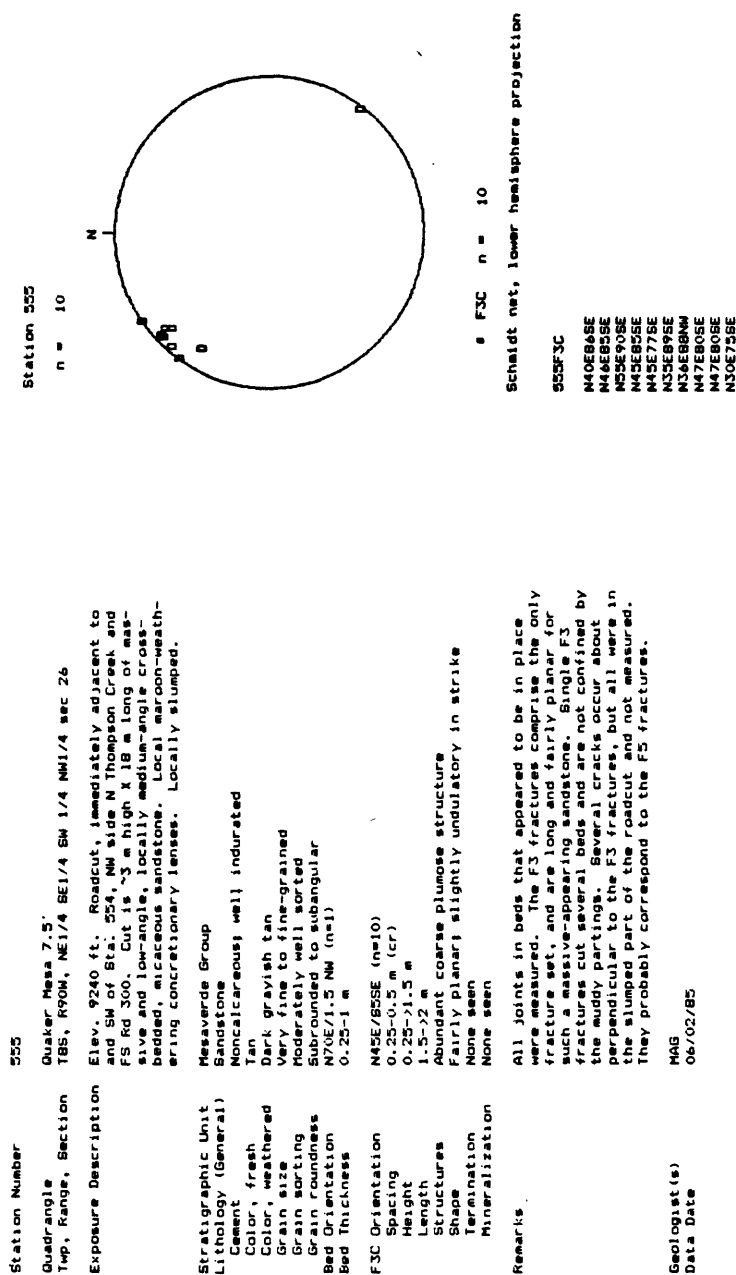
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N46W56SW	N50W708W	N54W77SW	N62W74SW	N40E87SE
		N54W88SW	N60W74SW	N35E85SE
		N54W84SW	N63W78SW	
		N62W80SW		
		N49W88SW		











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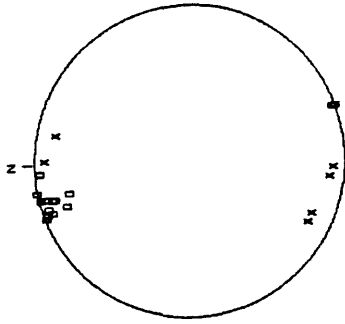
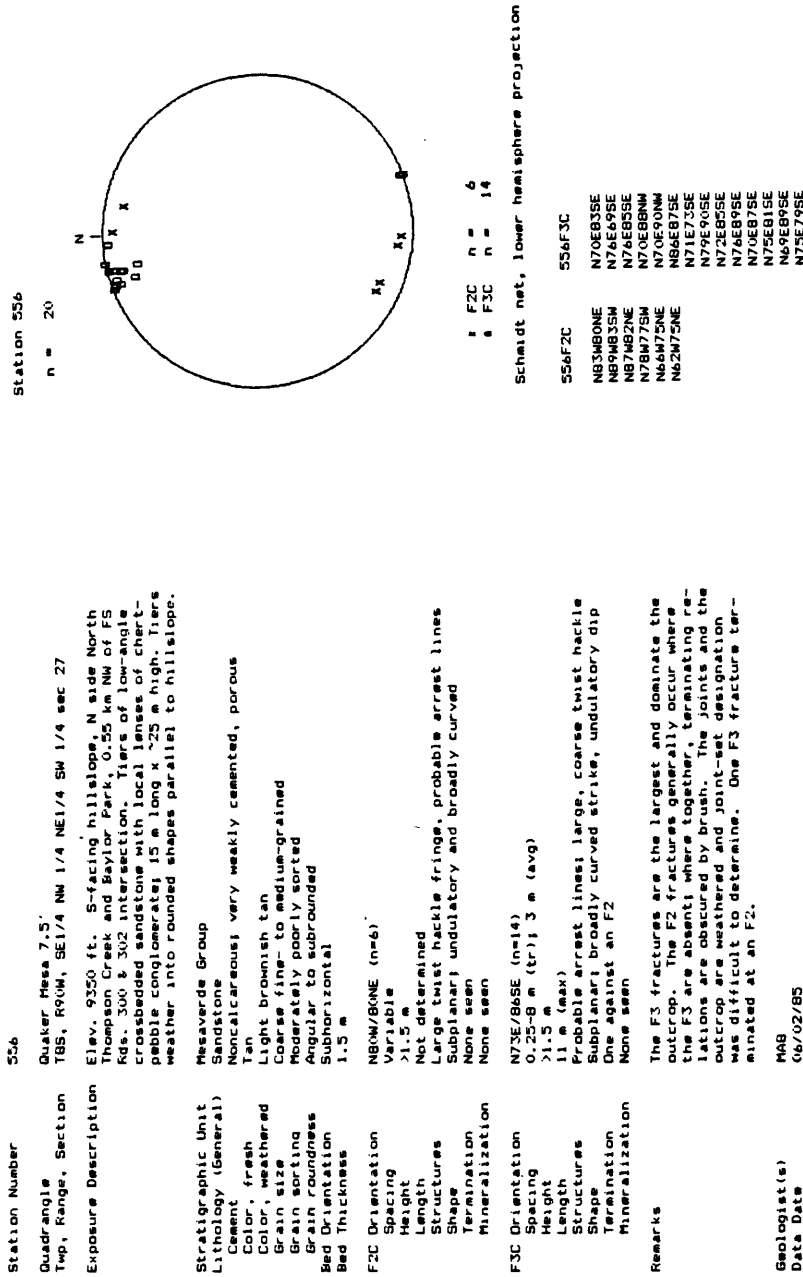
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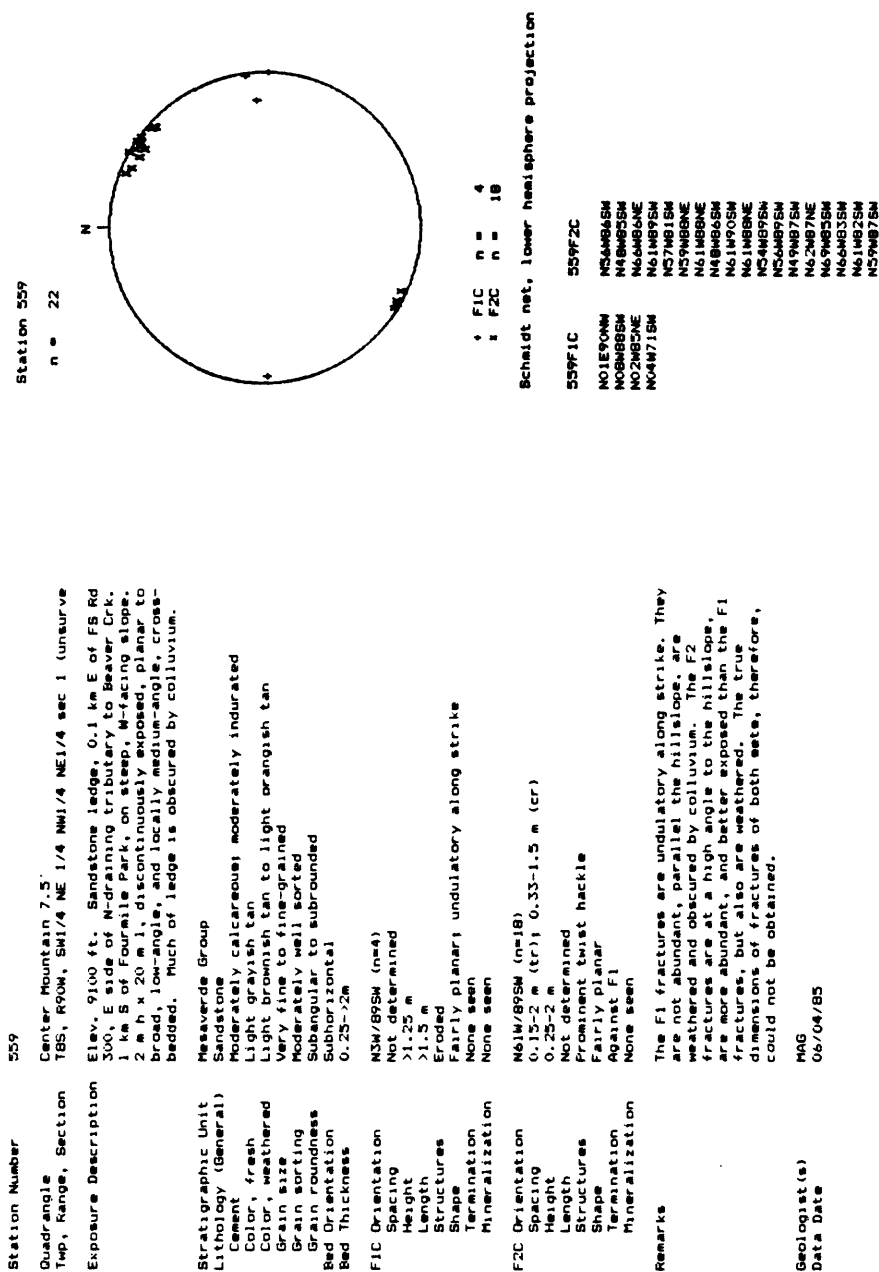


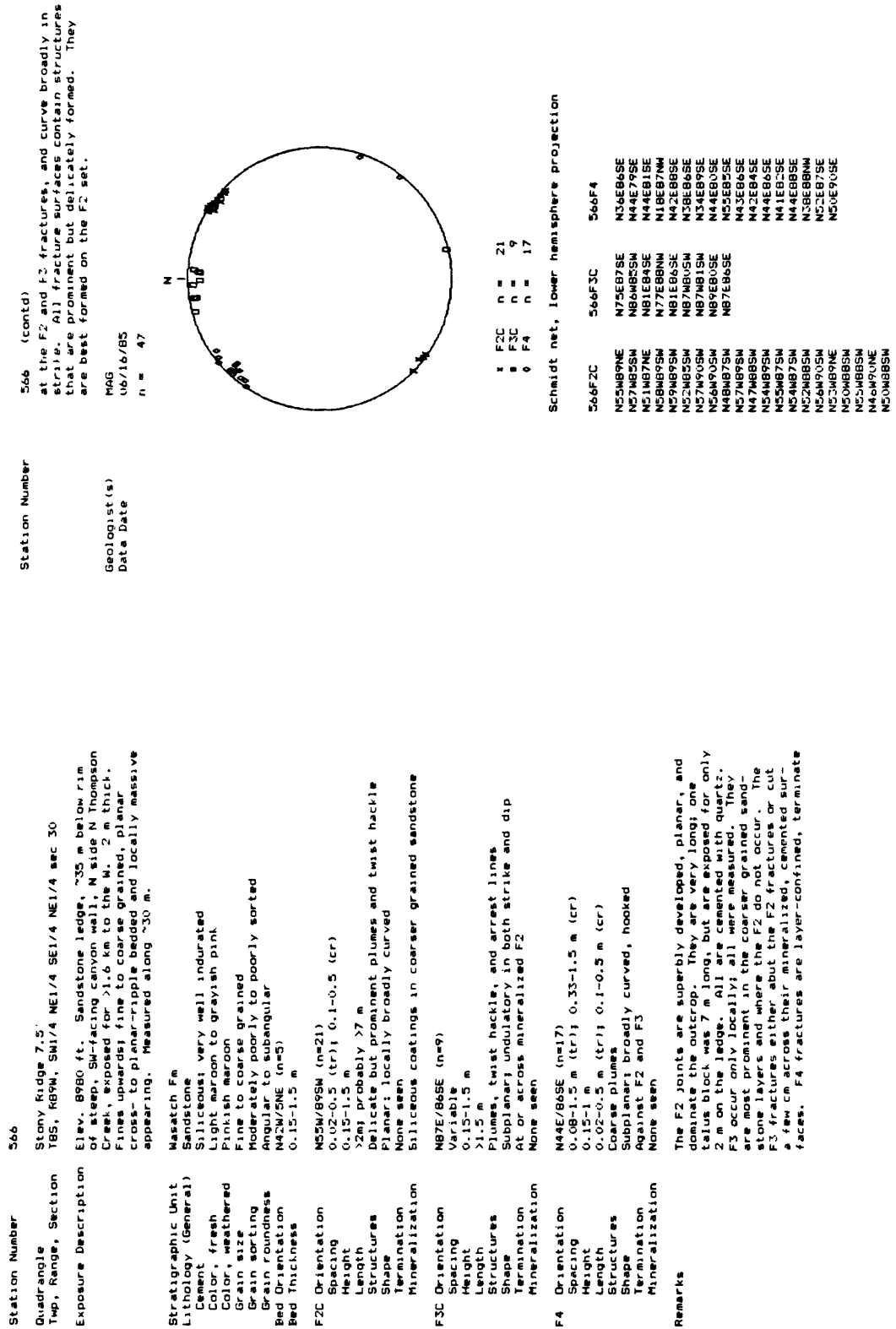
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| N87W82NE | N74E85SE |
| N78W77SW | N70E88NW |
| N64W72NE | N70E90NW |
| N62W75NE | N86E87SE |
|          | N71E73SE |
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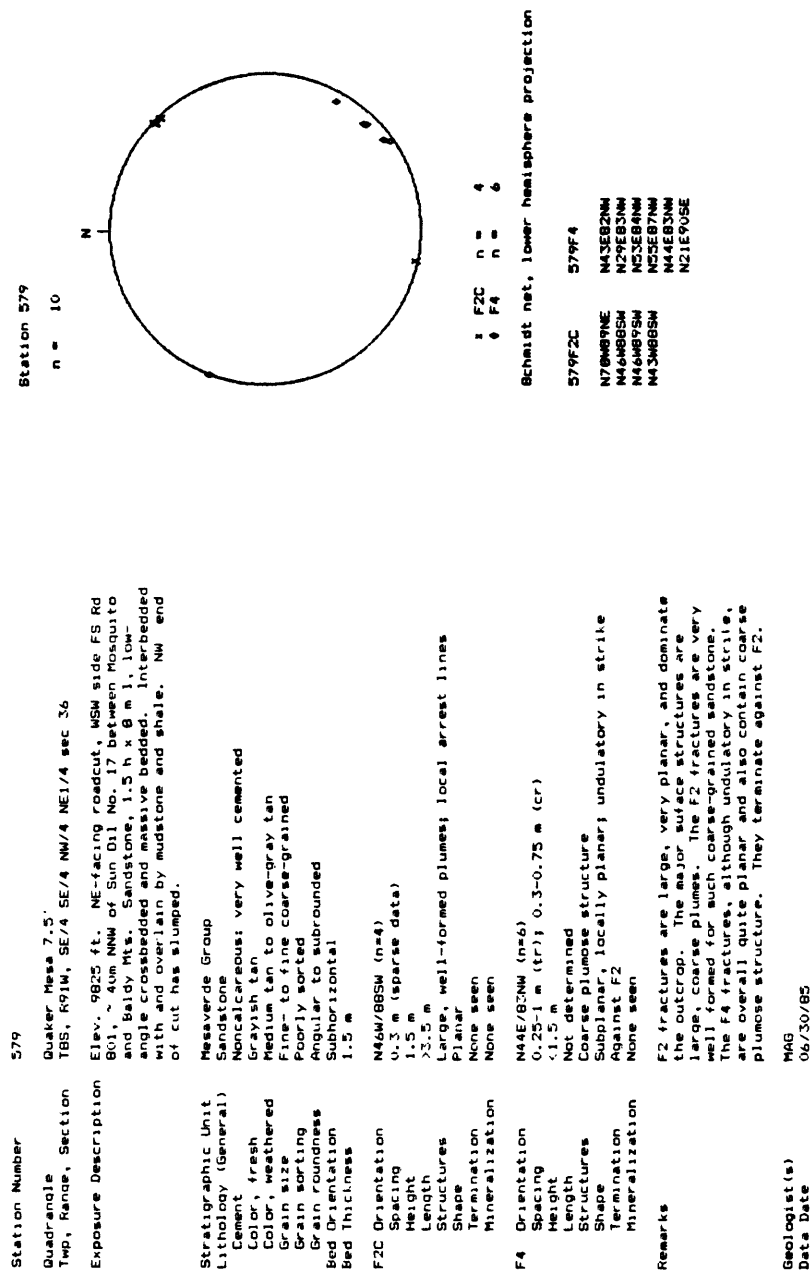


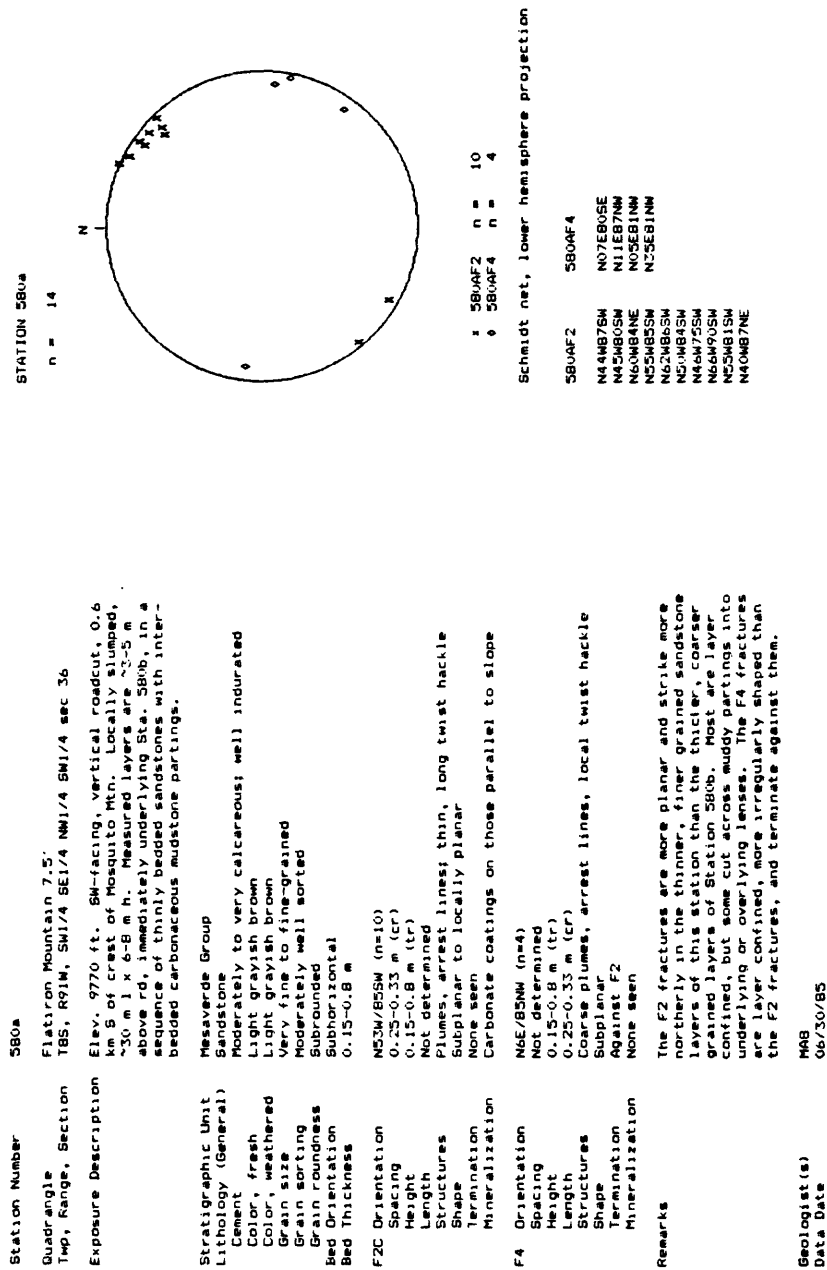








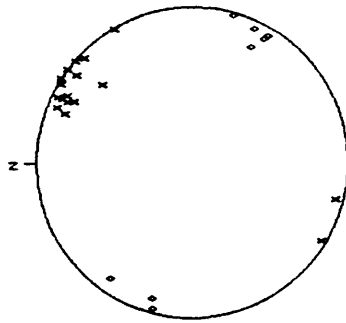




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Twp., Range, Section	T8S, R91W, SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 sec 36
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Stratigraphic Unit	Mesaverde Group
Lithology (General)	Sandstone
Cement	Calcareous; well cemented, porous
Color, fresh	Light grayish brown
Color, weathered	Light grayish brown
Grain size	Fine to medium grained
Grain sorting	Fairly poorly sorted
Grain roundness	Subrounded to subangular
Bed Orientation	Subhorizontal
Bed Thickness	1.5-2.75 m
F2C Orientation	N59W/85SW (n=17)
Spacing	0.75-1.5 m (cr)
Height	1.5-2.75 m
Length	23 m
Structures	Coarse plumes, arrest lines, thin elongated hackle
Shape	Subplanar; undulatory in strike and dip
Termination	None seen
Mineralization	Carbonate coatings on those parallel to slope
F4 Orientation	N26E/84NW (n=5)
Spacing	0.25-1 m (cr); 0.3-2 m (tr)
Height	1.5-2.75 m
Length	0.75-1.5 m
Structures	Coarse plumes, arrest lines, local twist hackle
Shape	Subplanar; very undulatory in dip across partings
Termination	Against F2
Mineralization	None seen
Remarks	The F2 fractures are the best formed at the cut, but are undulatory. Most are layer confined, but some cut across thin mudstone partings into underlying or overlying lenses. F4 fractures are layer confined and more irregularly shaped than the F2 fractures and terminate against them.
Geologist(s)	MAG
Date	06/30/85

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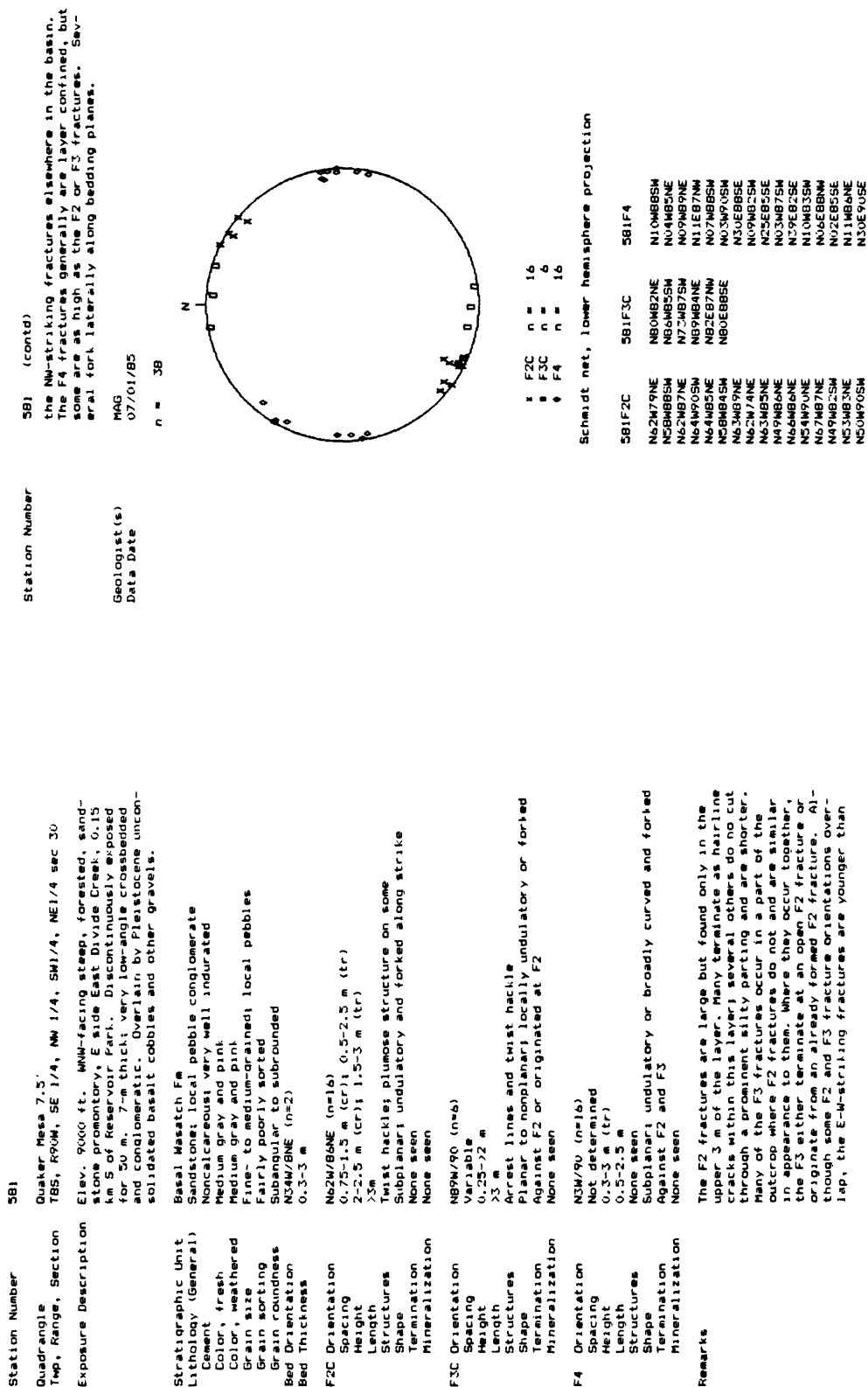


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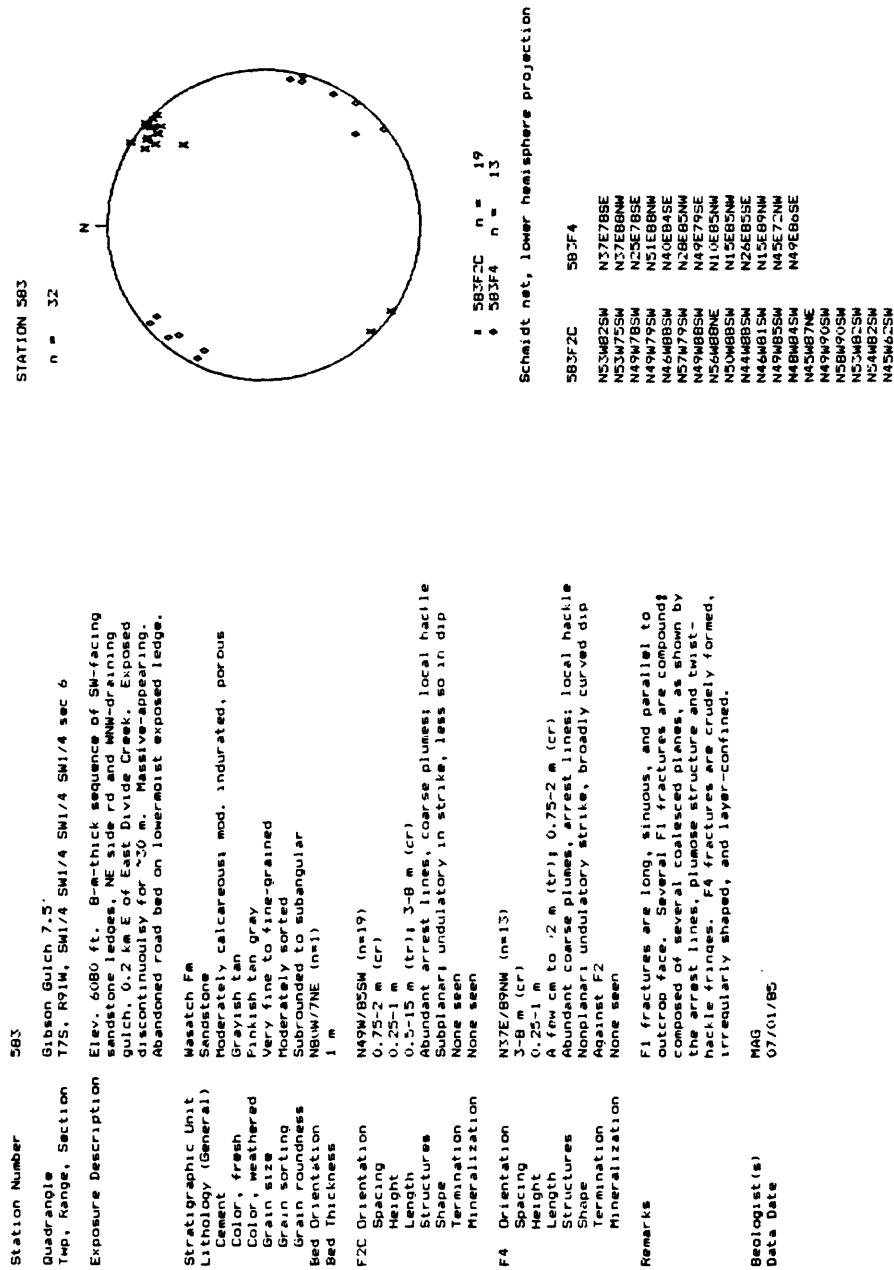
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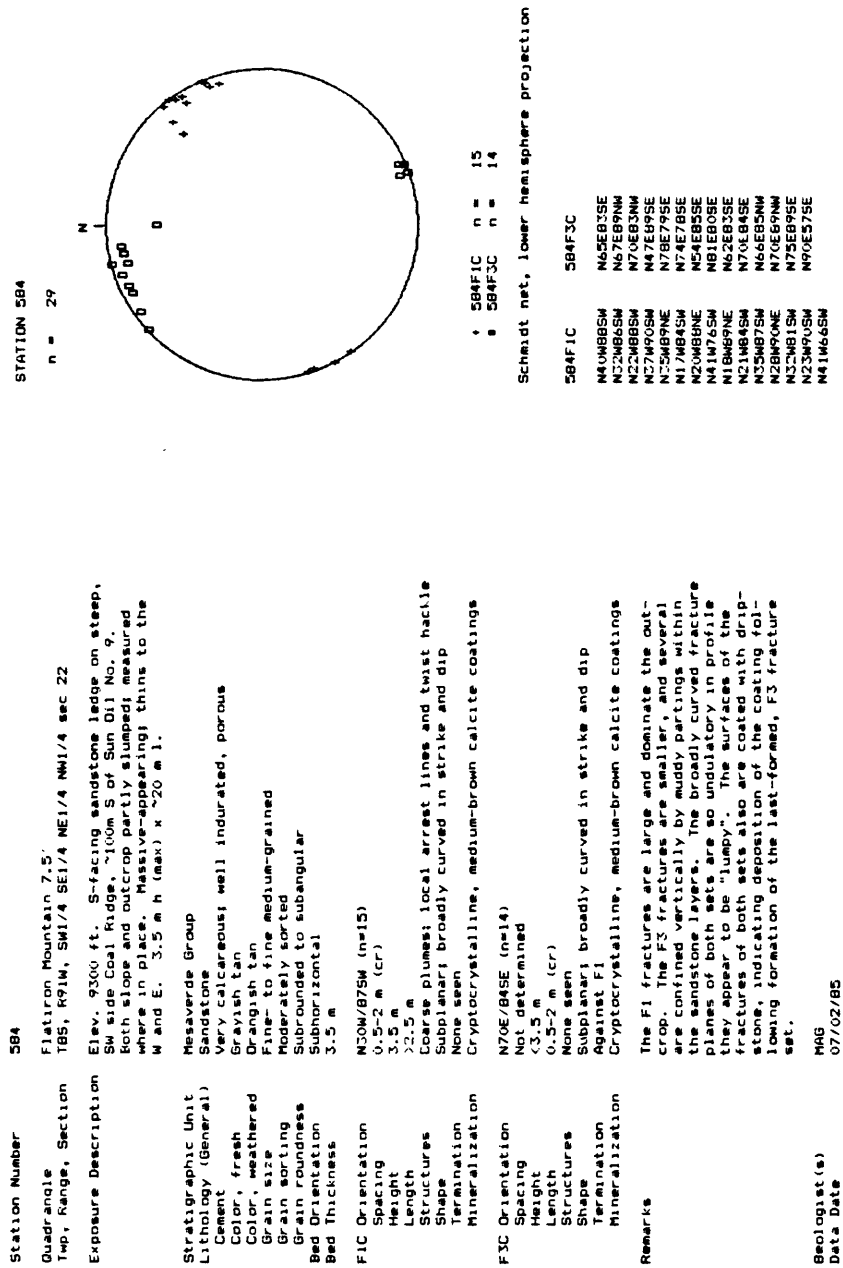
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Station Number	582	(contd)	Station Number	582	(contd)
Quadrangle	Center Mountain 7.5'		Geologist(s)	MAG	
Twp, Range, Section	T7S, R90W, SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 sec 31		Data Date	07/01/85	
Exposure Description	Elev. 7760 ft. SSW-facing roadcut, NE side of rd and East Divide Creek, ~6 m high; exposed discontinuously for several 10s of m. Locally slumped. Massive-appearing sandstone overlain by planar beds with mud-filled polygons and ripples at base. Underlain by very weakly indurated mudstones.		STATION 582		
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Stratigraphic Unit	Wasatch Fm				
Lithology (General)	Sandstone				
Cement	Norcalcareous; moderately indurated, very porous				
Color, fresh	Medium tan				
Color, weathered	Light orangeish tan to light brownish tan				
Grain size	Fine- to medium-grained				
Grain sorting	Moderately poorly sorted				
Red Driftation	Subrounded to subangular				
Bed Thickness	N35W/9 NE (n=2) 1-5 m				
F1C Orientation	N38W/90 (n=7)				
Spacing	Variable				
Height	1-5 m (tr)				
Length	3-5 m (cr)				
Structures	Arrest lines, plumes common; local twist hackle				
Shape	Subplanar; undulatory and broadly curved				
Termination	None seen				
Mineralization	None seen				
F2C Orientation	N65W/85SW (n=12)				
Spacing	0.5-1 m				
Height	1-5 m (tr)				
Length	1.5-5 m (tr); 3-5 m (cr)				
Structures	Arrest lines, plumes common; local twist hackle				
Shape	Subplanar; undulatory and broadly curved				
Termination	None seen				
Mineralization	None seen				
F3C Orientation	N90E/83S (n=3)				
Spacing	Variable				
Height	>1.5 m				
Length	>2.5 m				
Structures	Plumes, arrest lines, local twist hackle				
Shape	Subplanar; undulatory and broadly curved				
Termination	Against F2				
Mineralization	None seen				
F4 Orientation	N10E/88SE (n=3)				
Spacing	Against F1, F2, and F3				
Height	None seen				
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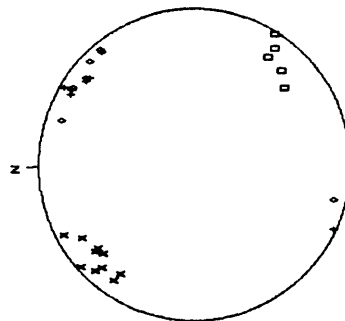
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Stratigraphic Unit	Wasatch Fm
Lithology (General)	Sandstone
Cement	Noncalcareous; moderately well indurated
Color, fresh	Light tannish gray
Color, weathered	Tannish gray
Grain size	Fine- to medium-grained
Grain sorting	Moderately sorted
Bed roundness	Subrounded to subangular
Bed Orientation	N56E/BNW (n=2)
Bed Thickness	2-4 m
F2C Orientation	N59W/85SW (R) (n=6)
Spacing	1.5 m (avg)
Height	>2 m
Length	>5 m
Structures	Arrest lines; twist hackle near upper edge
Shape	Fairly planar; slightly undulatory
Termination	None seen
Mineralization	1-2-mm long clear calcite crystals; brown coating
F3A Orientation	N49E/73SE (n=10)
Spacing	0.5-2 m (cr)
Height	2-4 m
Length	>3 m
Structures	Coarse plumose structure
Shape	Fairly planar; some fork along internal partings
Termination	Against F2
Mineralization	None seen
F3B Orientation	N35E/73NW (n=8)
Spacing	0.5-2 m (cr)
Height	2-4 m
Length	>3 m
Structures	Coarse plumose structure
Shape	Fairly planar; locally planes fork along bedding
Termination	Against F2
Mineralization	None seen
F3C Orientation	N43E/82SE (n=7)
Spacing	0.5-2 m (cr)
Height	2-4 m
Length	>3 m
Structures	Coarse plumose structure
Shape	Fairly planar; locally planes fork along partings
Termination	Against F2
Mineralization	None seen
F5 Orientation	N50W/84SW (n=7)
Spacing	0.75-3 m
Height	1 m
Length	0.5-2 m (cr)
Structures	Coarse plumose, arrest lines, twist hackle
Shape	Subplanar; undulatory in strike and dip, some hook
Termination	Against F3
Mineralization	None seen

Station Number 617 (contd)

Remarks The F2 fractures are large, terminate against no other fractures, and are sparse; they therefore are widely spaced. The F3 fractures are the most abundant; they therefore are more closely spaced than the F2. The F3 fractures are shorter than the F2 and most terminate against them. Other F3 fractures, however, cut across the probably formerly mineralized F2 fractures; only one F2 now contains thin calcite fill. Unusually, F4 fractures were not found in this outcrop; this may be an artifact of their similarity to F3 fractures. The F5 are the smallest, later-confined fractures. Their size, however, is large compared to other F5 fractures in the basin. Unusually, visible fracture-surface structures are common.

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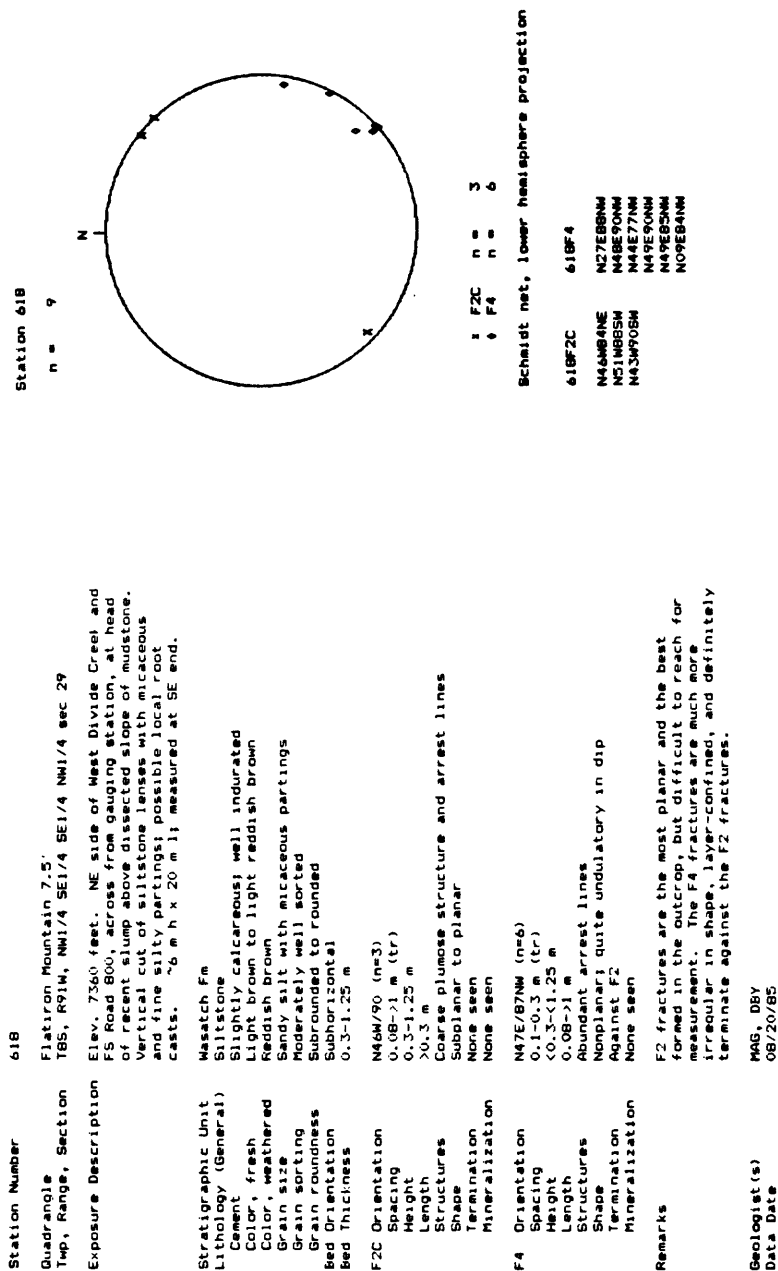
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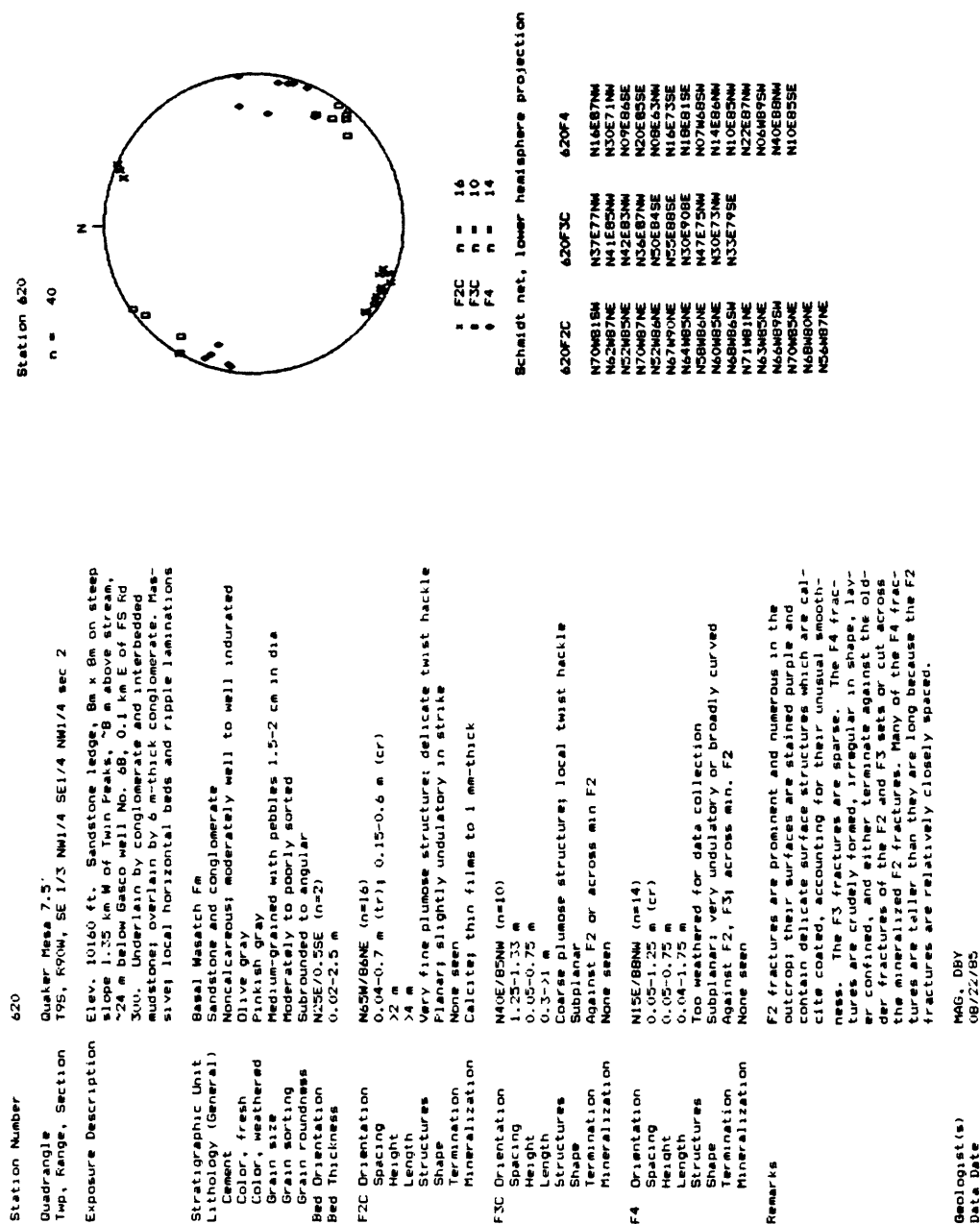
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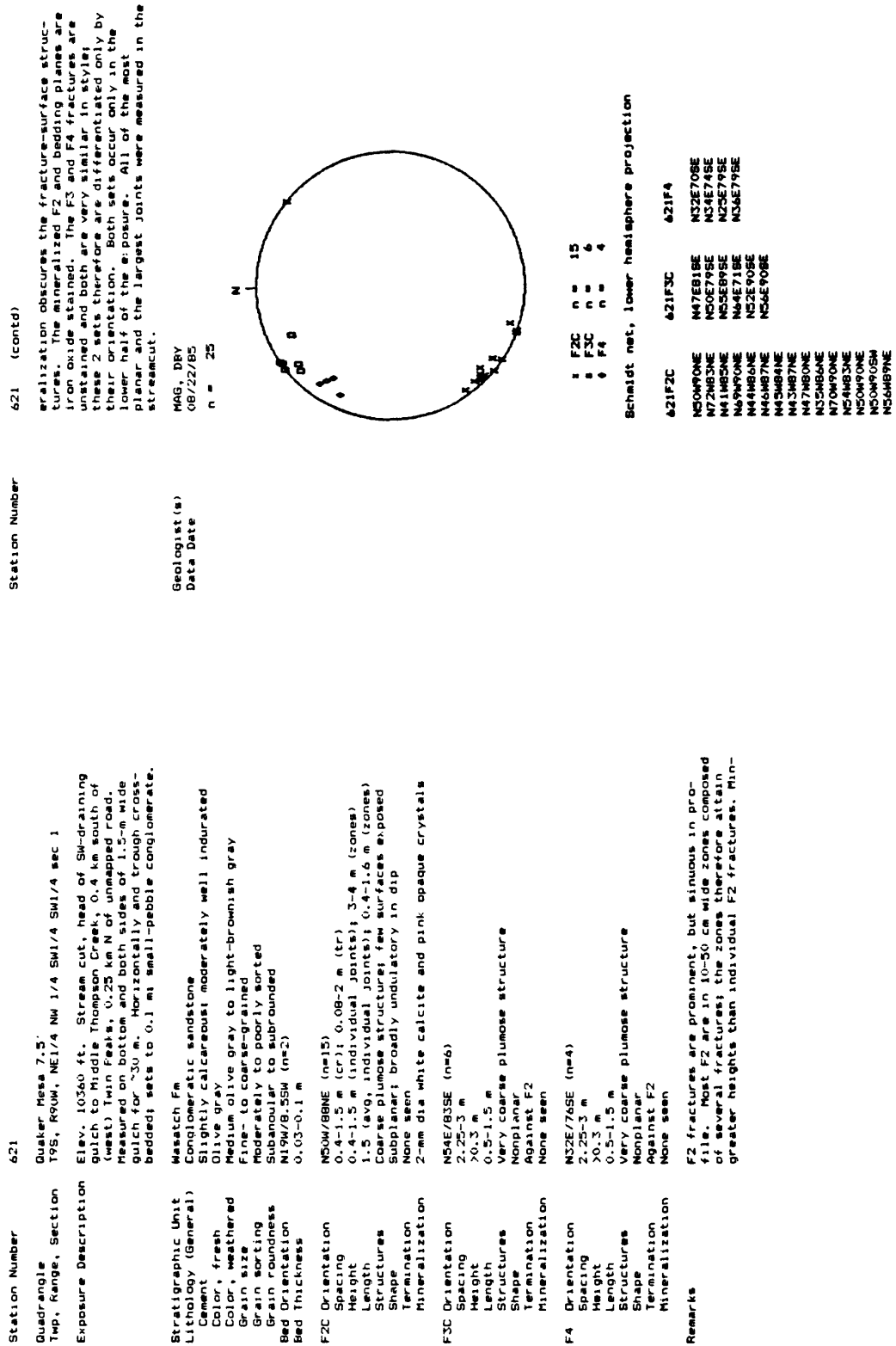
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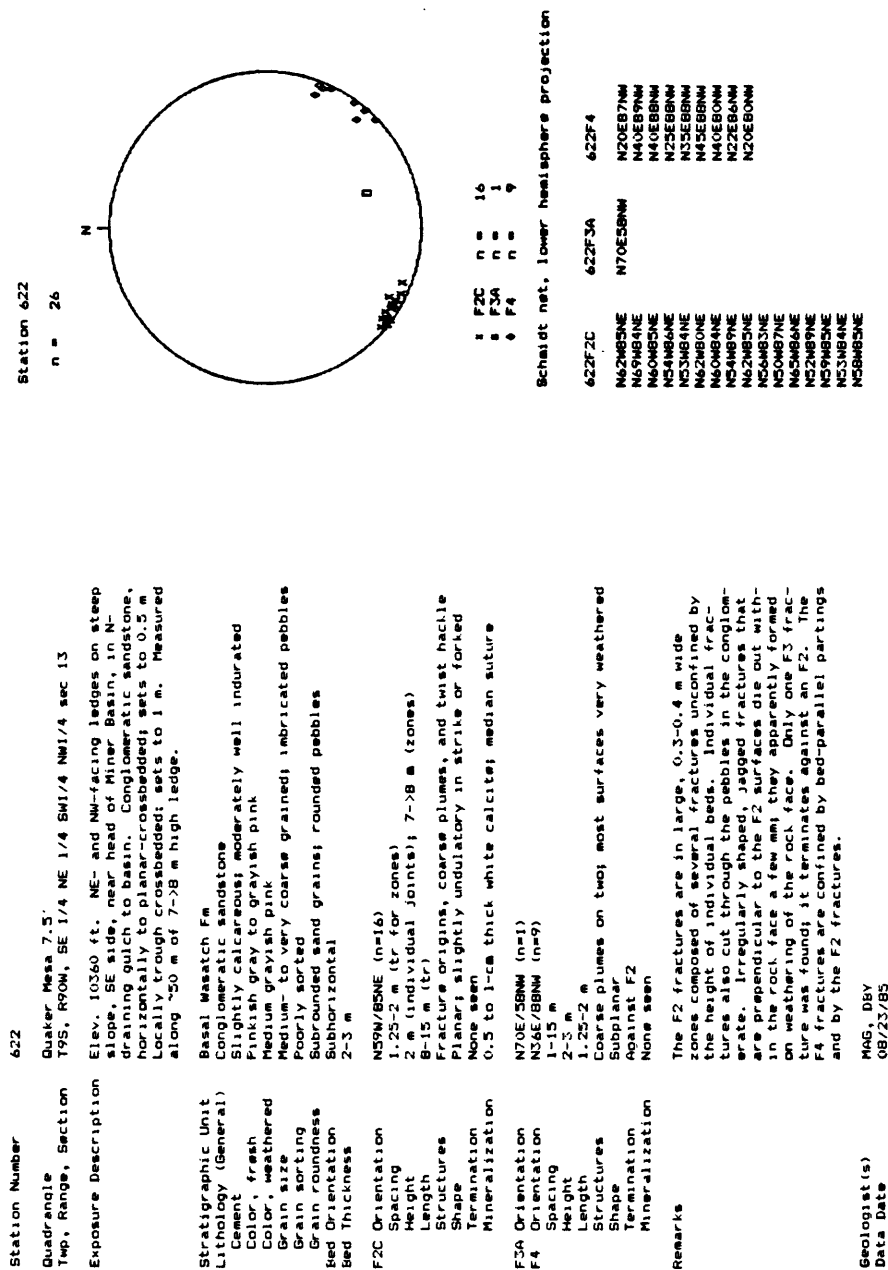
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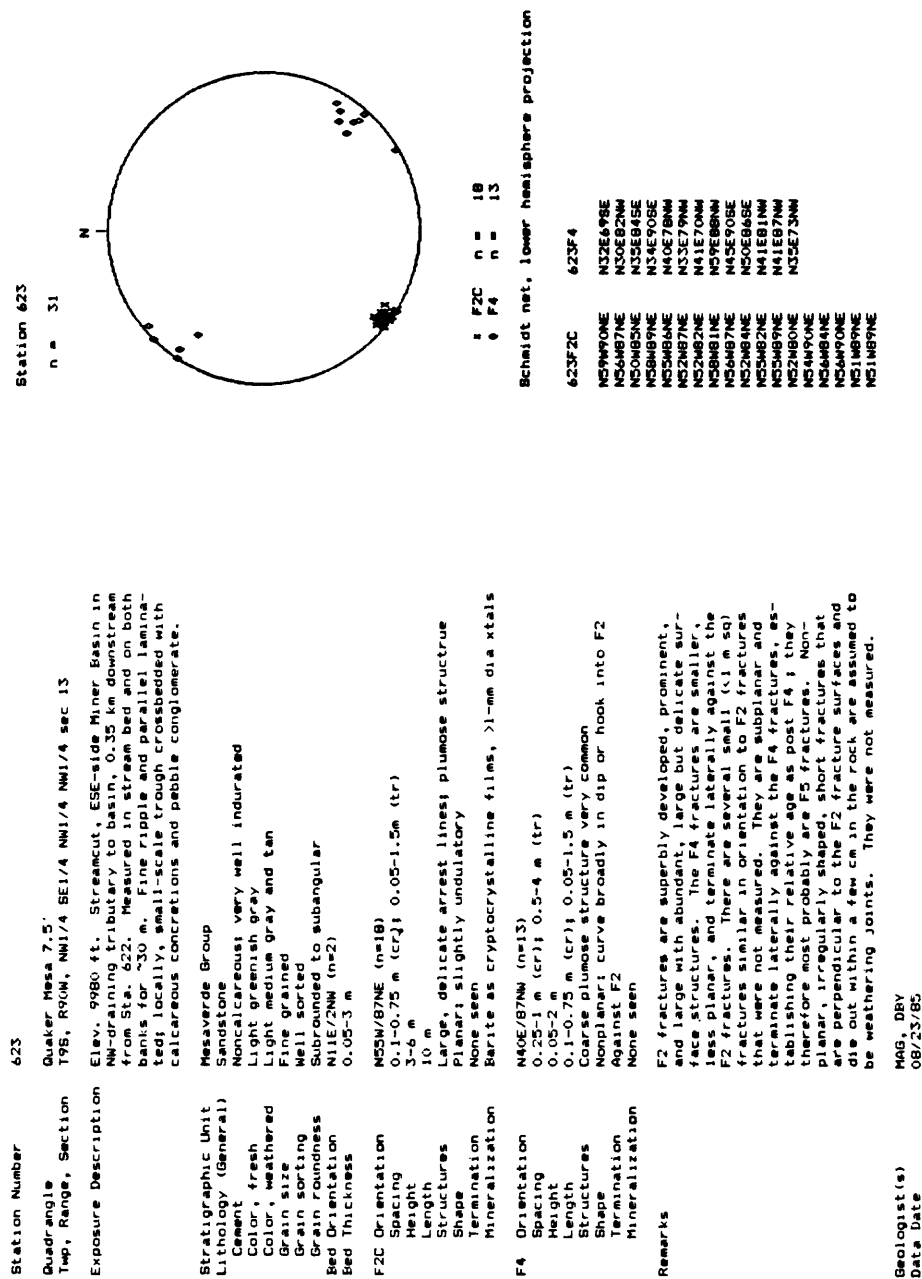




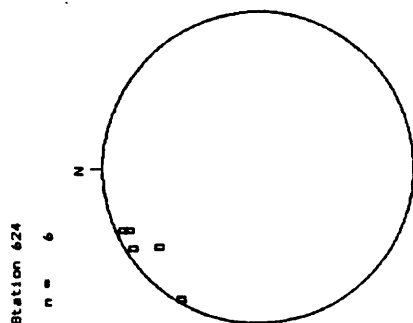
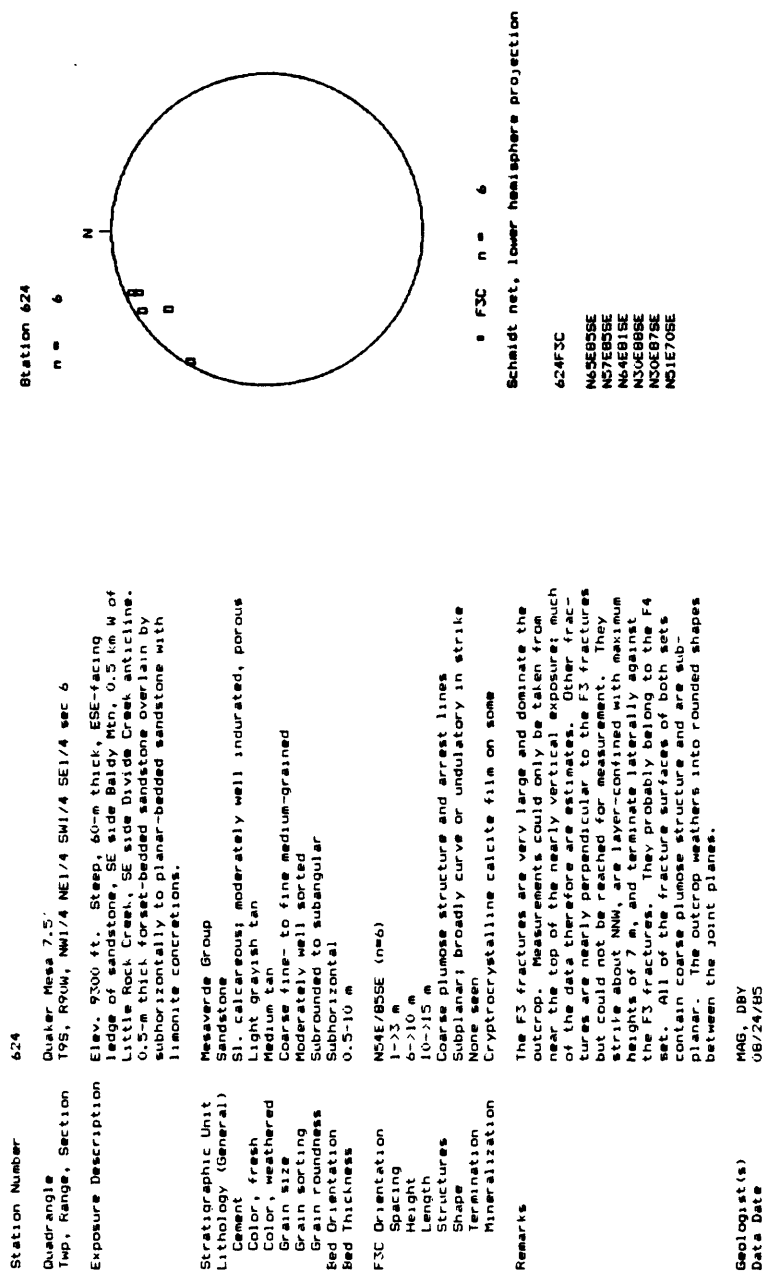










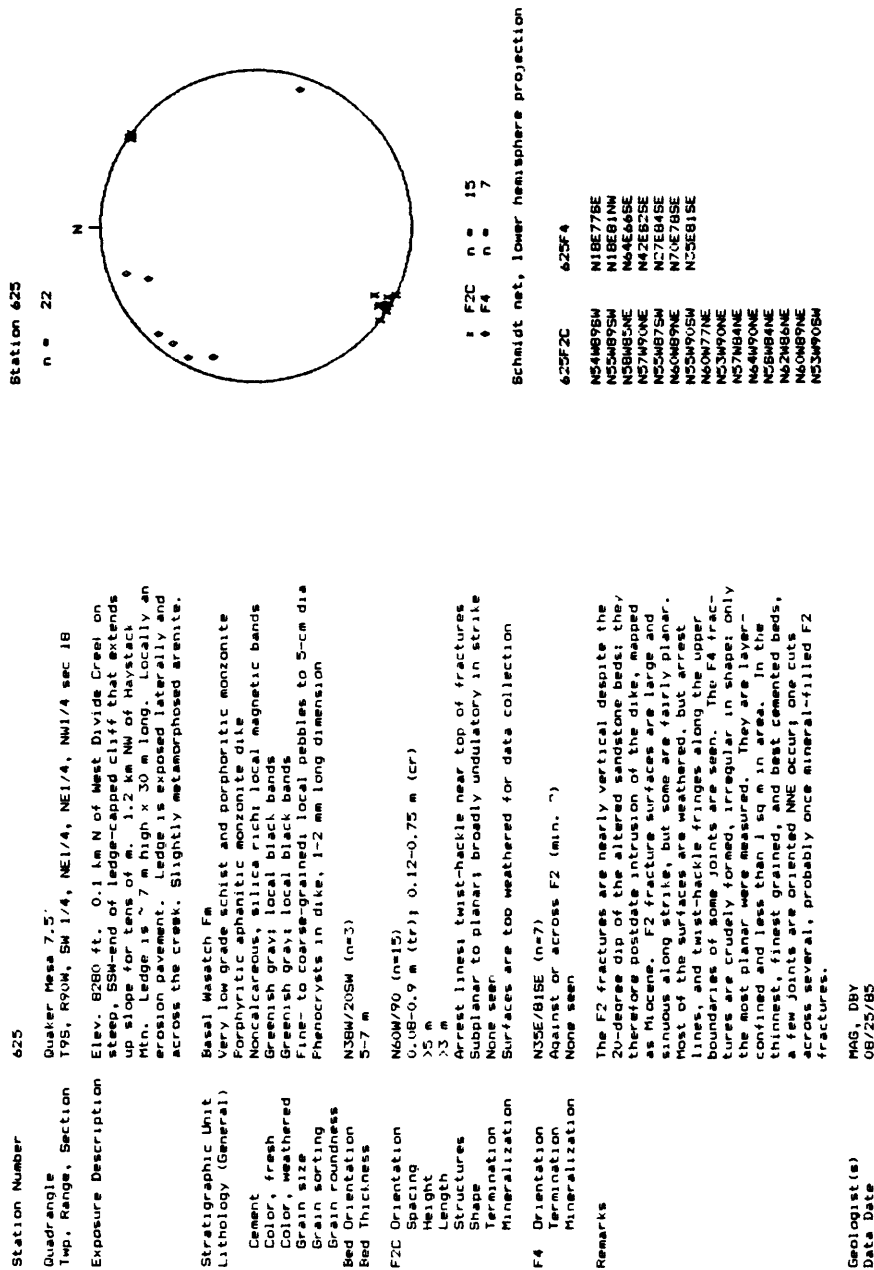


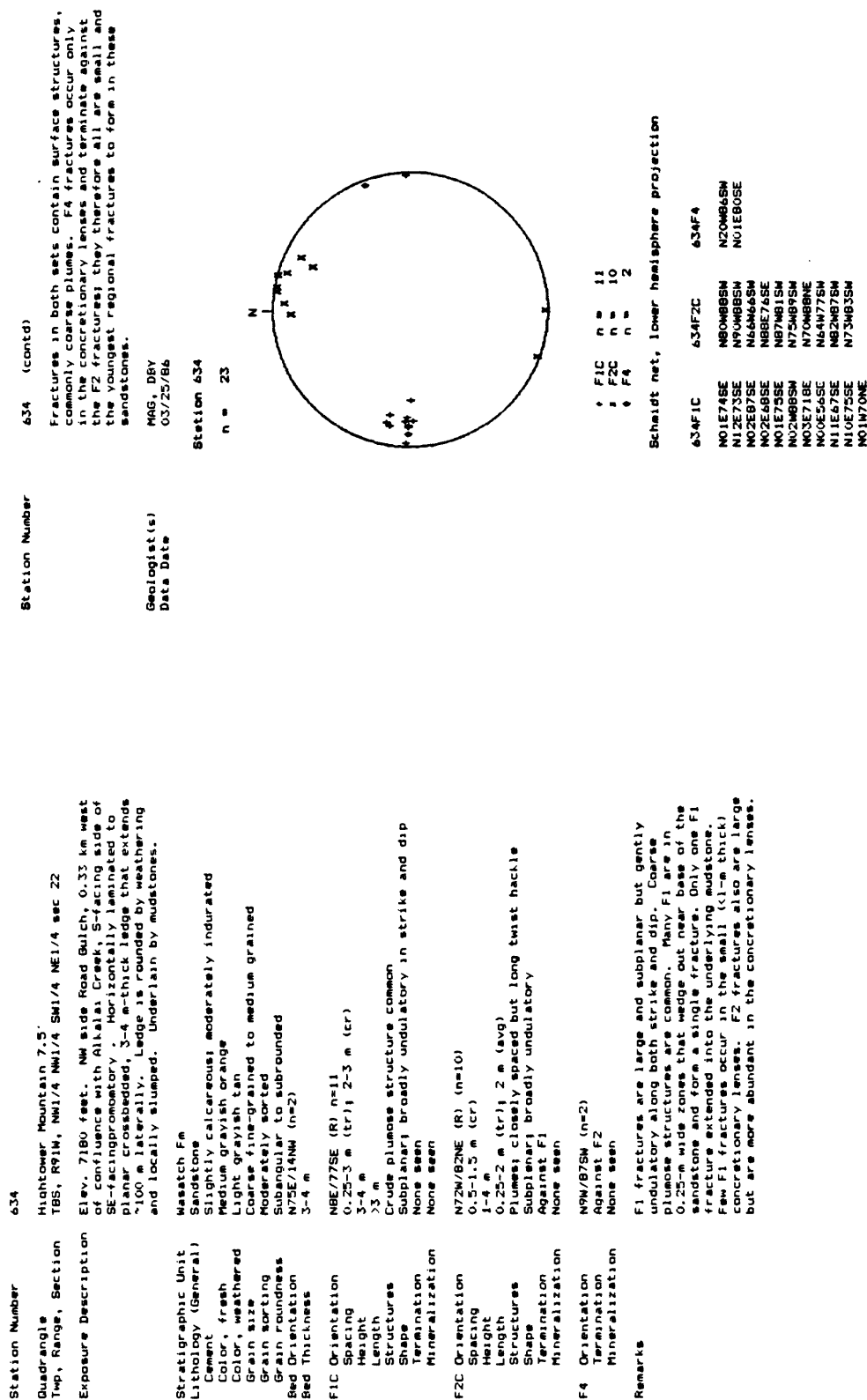
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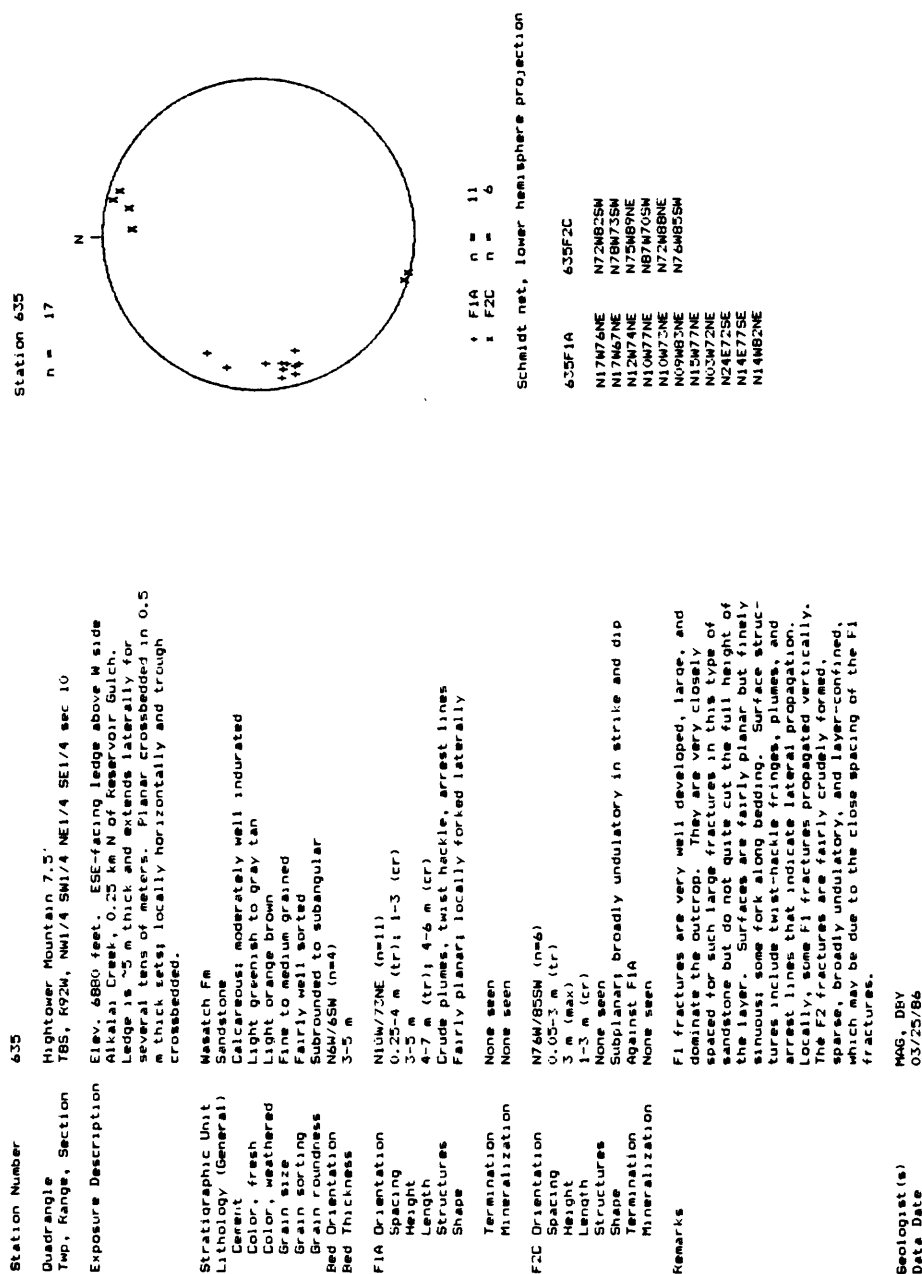
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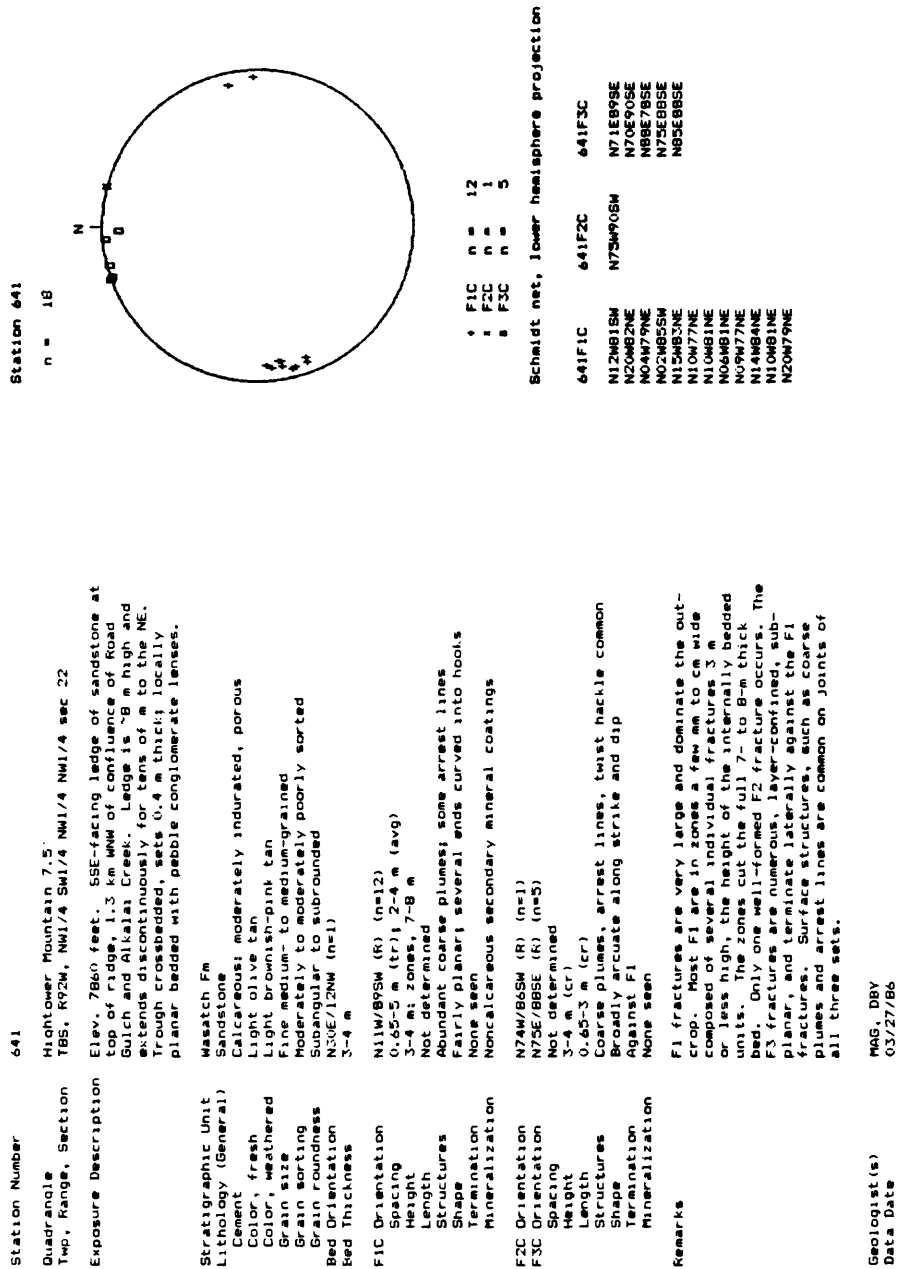
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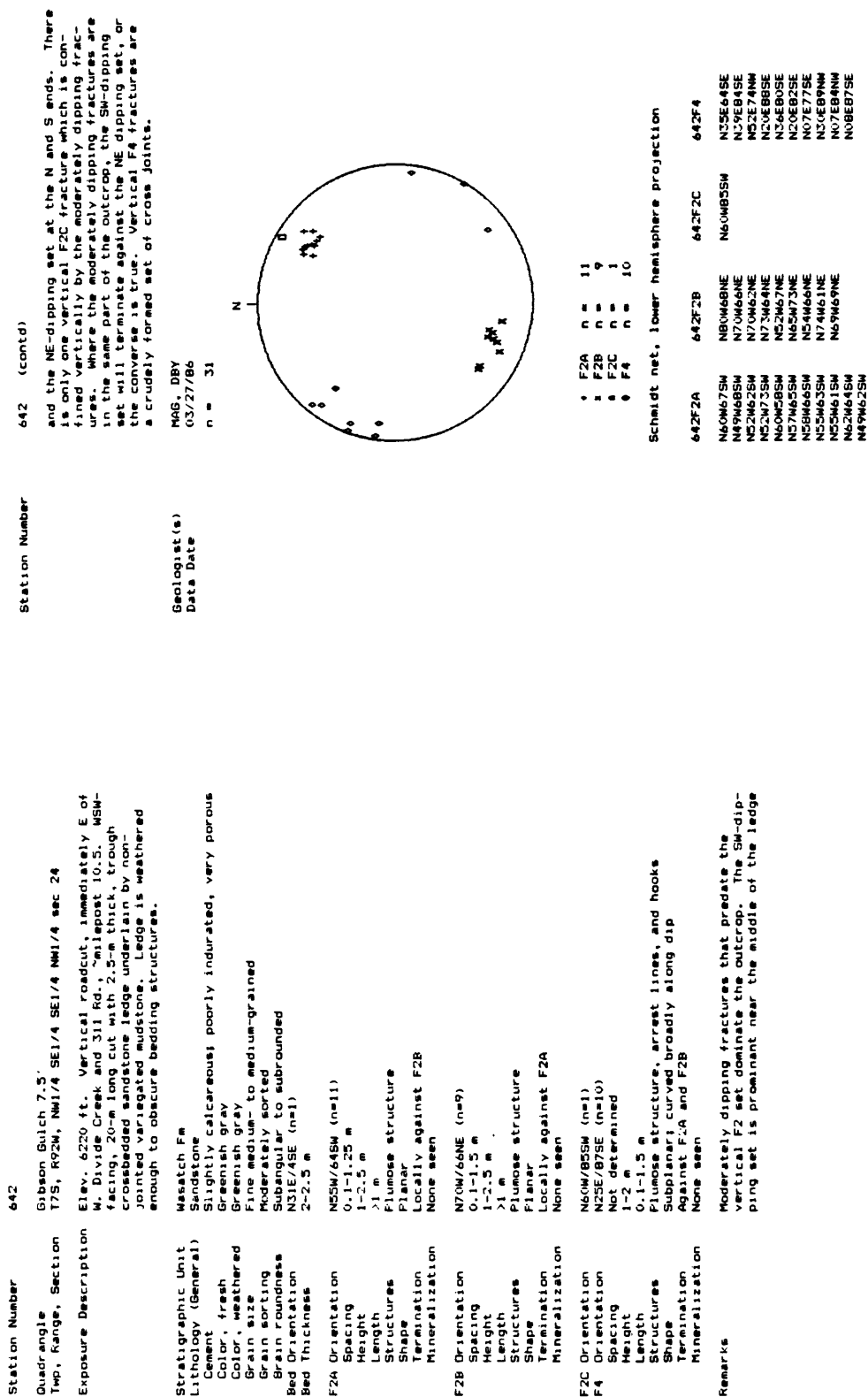








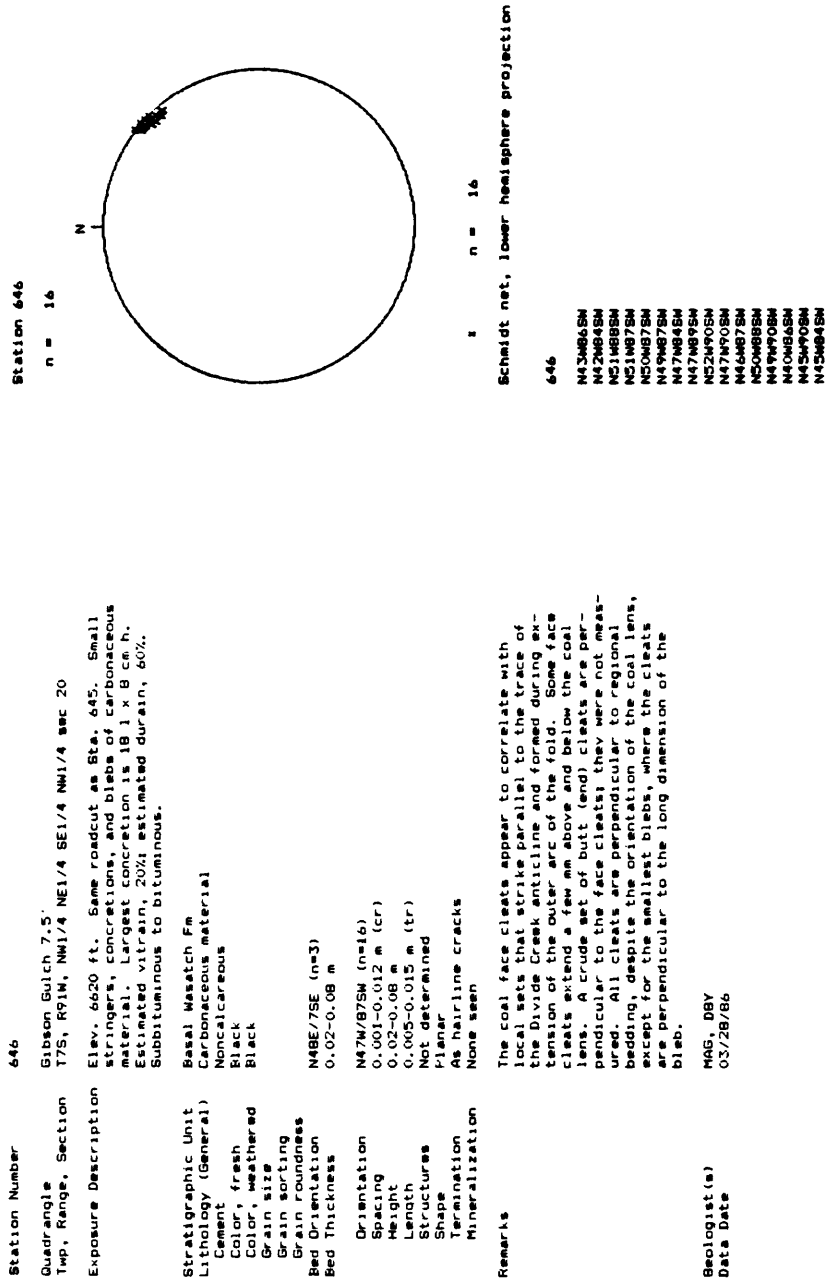
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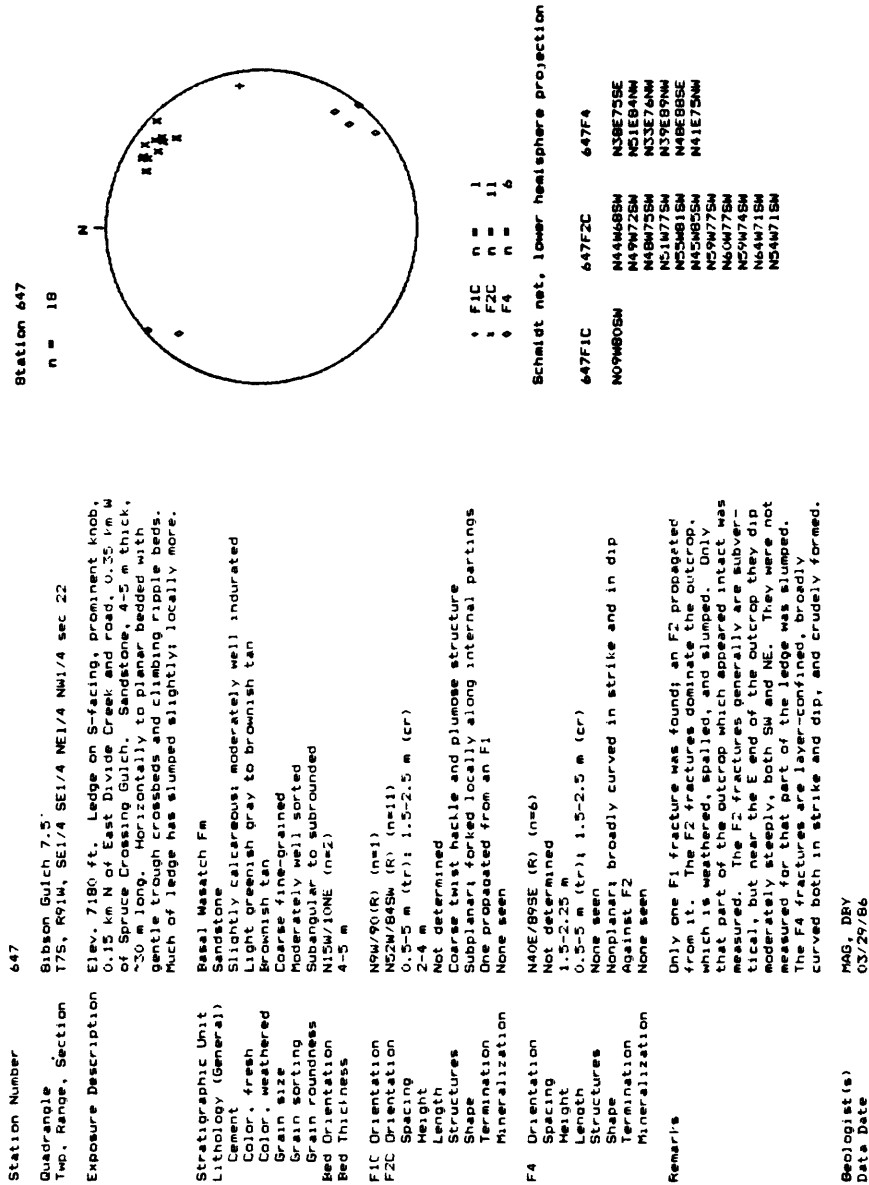


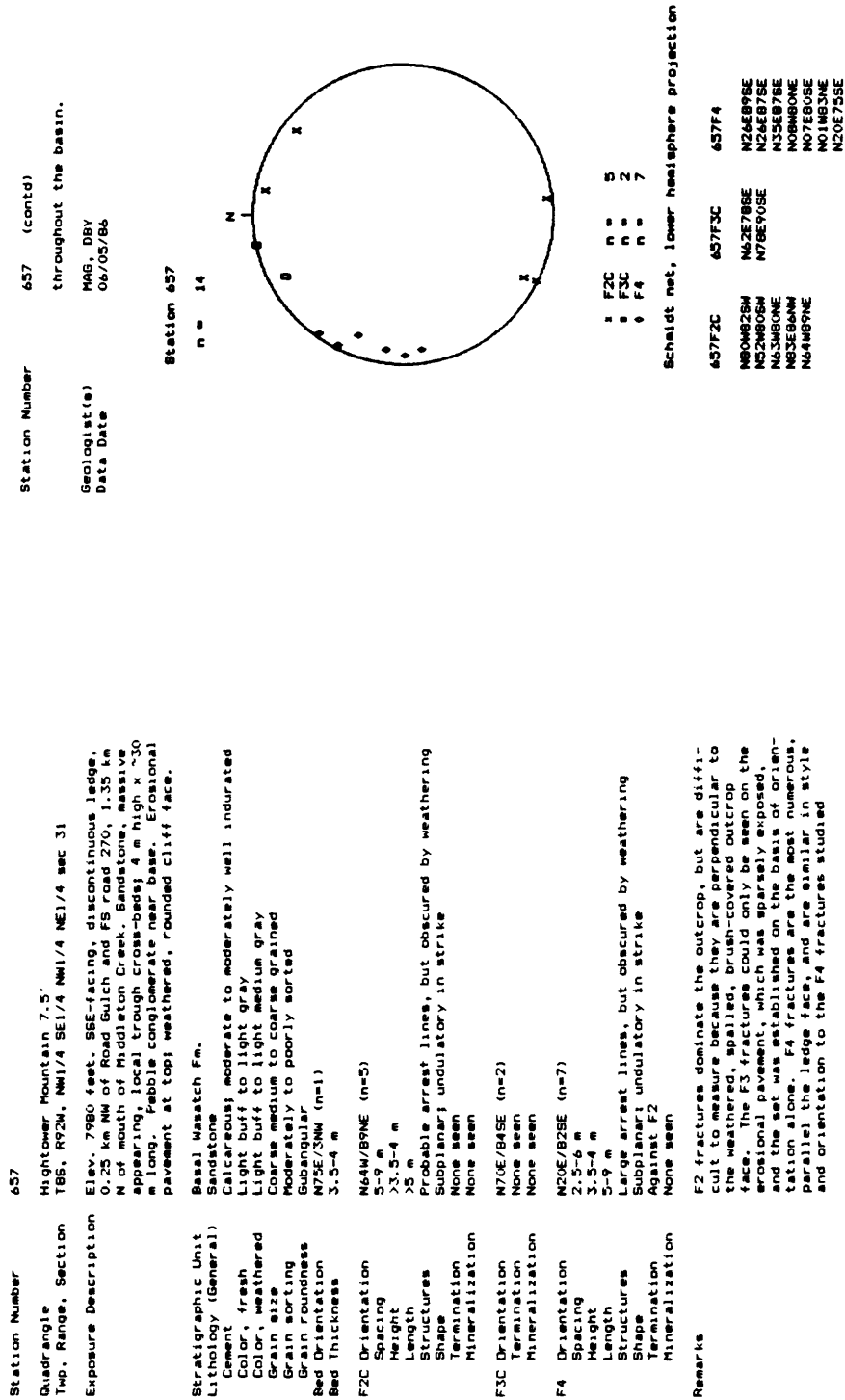


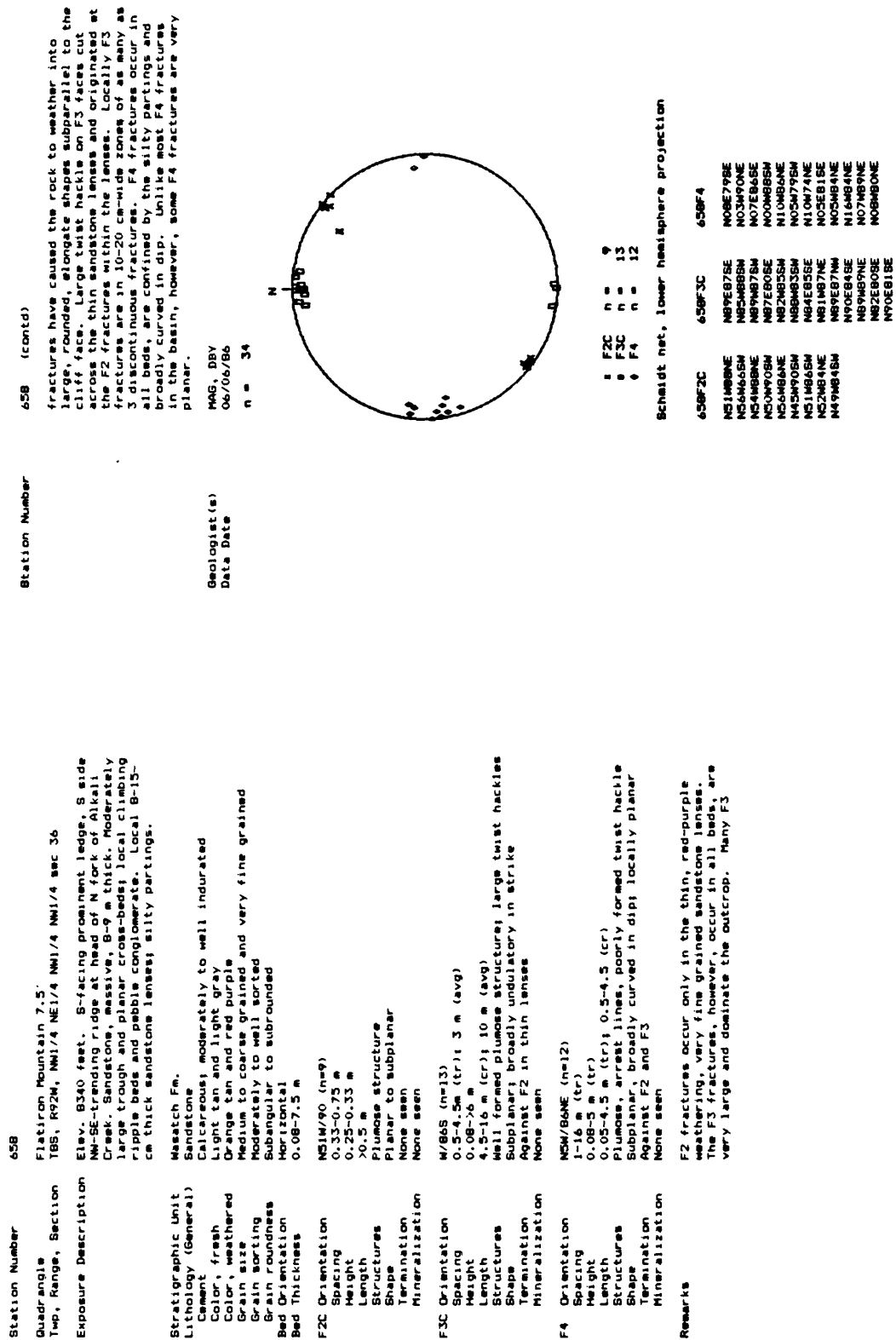










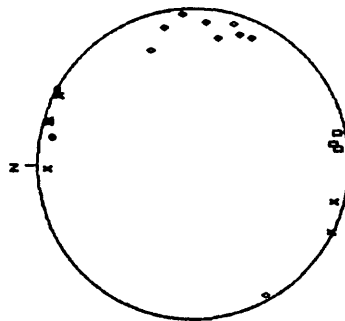




Station Number 660	Remarks	
Quadrangle Twp., Range, Section T8S, R92W, 5W1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 sec 33		
Exposure Description Elev. 8040 feet. SE-facing ledge near top of NE-SW trending knob between head of East Road Butch and a NE-flowing tributary to Alkali Creek, 225 m of high tension lines. Horizontal to low-angle trough cross-bedded sandstone lens 3-5 m high x ~60 m long. Underlain by variegated mudstone.		
Stratigraphic Unit Lithology (General) Cement Color, fresh Color, weathered Grain size Grain sorting Grain roundness Bed Orientation Bed Thickness	Wasatch Fa. Sandstone, micaceous Slightly calcareous; moderately indurated Light gray Orange brown to tan Fine grained to fine medium grained Moderately well sorted Subangular to subrounded N19E/14NW (n=1) 3-5 m	
F1C Orientation Termination Mineralization	N28W/84NE (n=2) None seen None seen	
F2C Orientation Spacing Height Length Structures Shape Termination Mineralization	N49W/84NE (n=12) 1.5-several m (tr); 2-2.5 m (cr) 3-5 m Not measured Crude arrest lines; coarse twist hackle near base Subplanar; broadly undulatory in strike None seen None seen	
F3C Orientation Spacing Height Length Structures Shape Termination Mineralization	N64E/86NW (n=10) 0.33-6 m (tr); 0.33-3 m (cr) 3-5 m 4 m Large arrest lines Subplanar; broadly undulatory in strike Against F2 Caliche	
F4 Orientation Spacing Height Length Structures Shape Termination Mineralization	N30E/82SE (n=5) Not measured 3-5 m 0.33-2.5 m None seen Subplanar; broadly undulatory in strike and dip Against F2 and F3 None seen	
F5 Orientation Termination Mineralization	N70W/82NE (n=1) Against F1 and F4 None seen	
Geologist(s) Data Date	MAG, DBY 06/08/86 n = 30	
+ F1C n = 2 + F2C n = 12 + F3C n = 10 + F4 n = 5 + F5 n = 1		
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660F1C	660F2C	660F3C
N34W/83NE	N64W/76SW	N75E/84NW
N21W/84NE	N42W/77SW	N62E/84SE
	N47W/78W	N61E/79SE
	N61W/74NE	N61E/86SE
	N48W/81NE	N75E/86NW
	N58W/82NE	N49E/84SE
	N60W/84NE	N42E/88NW
	N49W/80NE	N65E/83NW
	N53W/82NE	N70E/84NW
	N41W/75NE	N72E/83NW
	N41W/86NE	
	N50W/77NE	
660F4	660F5	660F6
	N29E/75SE	N70W/82NE
	N42E/84SE	
	N55E/73SE	
	N30E/82SE	
	N14E/84SE	

F2 fractures are the most planar and dominate the outcrop. Several closely-spaced F2 fractures comprise aa- to cm-wide zones, along which the ledge weathers. F3 fractures are best developed where the F2 fractures are not present, but are broadly curved and subplanar with "lumpy" surfaces. F4 fractures are best formed where the two older sets are absent; otherwise they are layer confined, non-planar, and crudely formed. All of the F4 fractures, however, are broadly undulatory in profile. Only one fracture of the F5 set and two of the F1 set were measured; their set designation was based on their lateral terminations with other fractures.

Station Number	661	(contd)	Station Number	661	(contd)
Quadrangle	Hightower Mountain 7.5'		Remarks	Fractures of the F2 set are the best formed and the most planar. Their heights are not controlled by prominent partings within the sandstone layers. F3 fractures are best developed where the F2 fractures are not present and are much less planar than the F2 fractures. F4 fractures are nonplanar, confined by the mudstone partings, and terminate against the F2 and F3 fractures. Some nonplanar F5 fractures are present but are so irregular in shape and so variable in their characteristics that they were excluded. The fractures of all of the sets are undulatory in both strike and dip; their surfaces therefore appear to be "lumpy".	
Top, Range, Section	T9S, R92W, SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 sec 18		Geologist(s)	MAE, DBV	
Exposure Description	Elev. 7600 feet. SW-facing roadcut, N side Buzzard Creek and road, 2.5 km SE of Road Gulch, 3 m above road, 25 m long. Sandstone lens, 0.3-0.5 m thick with mudstone partings. Overlain and underlain by very poorly indurated variegated mudstones. The sandstone surfaces are moderately weathered.		Data Date	06/08/86	
Stratigraphic Unit	Wasatch Fm.		n	20	
Lithology (General)	Sandstone				
Color, fresh	Slightly calcareous; moderately well indurated				
Color, weathered	Light olive tan				
Grain size	Fine grained to coarse fine grained				
Grain sorting	Moderately well sorted				
Grain hardness	Subangular to subrounded				
Bed Orientation	Subhorizontal				
Bed Thickness	0.3-0.5 m				
F2C Orientation	N73W/86SW (n=6)				
Spacing	0.15-0.4 m				
Height	0.3-0.5 m				
Length	>0.4 m				
Structures	Rough surfaces but no structures visible				
Shape	Subplanar; somewhat undulatory in strike and dip				
Termination	None seen				
Mineralization	Caliche on all surfaces				
F3C Orientation	N82E/82NW (n=3)				
Spacing	Variable; not measured				
Height	0.3-0.5 m				
Length	>0.33 m				
Structures	Surfaces are rough but structures not visible				
Shape	Subplanar; quite undulatory in both strike and dip				
Termination	None seen				
Mineralization	Caliche on most surfaces				
F4 Orientation	N5E/79NW (n=9)				
Spacing	Not measured				
Height	<0.3-0.5 m				
Length	0.15-0.35 m				
Structures	Surfaces are rough but structures not visible				
Shape	Nonplanar; several hook laterally to other F4				
Termination	Against F2, F3, and some F4				
Mineralization	Caliche				
F5 Orientation	N70W/85SW (n=2)				
Termination	Against F4				
Mineralization	None seen				



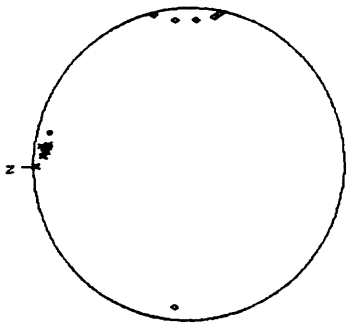
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 1 F4 n = 9  
 1 F5 n = 2

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N64W89NE	N84E83NW	N25E78NW	N79W81SW
N75W83NE	N78E84NW	N11E71NW	N62W90SW
N74W86SW	N82E80NW	N20E77NW	
N63W86SW		N20W67SW	
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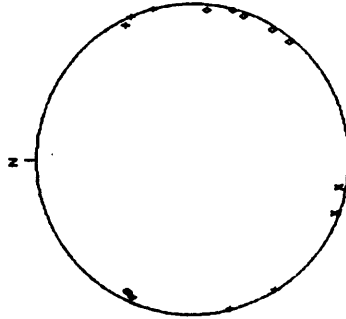




Station Number	667	Station Number	667	(contd)
Quadrangle	Hightower Mountain 7.5'	Geologist(s)	MAG	
Top, Range, Section	T9S, R92W, NW1/4 NW1/4 sec 16, unsurveyed	Data Date	06/18/86	
Exposure Description	<p>Elev. 7800 feet. SSE-facing slump scar, W end, N side Hightower Creek and road, 1.7 km NE of Hightower Guard Station. Vertical exposure of several sandstone lenses with interbedded muddy partings. Overlain and underlain by nonindurated planar-bedded mudstones. Measured along ~10 m ± 2.5 high.</p>			
Stratigraphic Unit	Wasatch Fm	Station 667	n = 14	
Lithology (General)	<p>Sandstone, micaceous partings Very calcareous; moderately well indurated Light medium gray Light pink gray Fine medium- to coarse medium-grained Moderately sorted Subangular to subrounded Subhorizontal 0.33-1.25 m</p>			
F2C Orientation	N84W/B35W (n=7)			
Spacing	0.05-0.33 m (tr)			
Height	0.33-1.25 m			
Length	<0.5- >5 m			
Structures	Crude plumose structure and arrest lines			
Shape	Subplanar; broadly undulatory in profile	<p>           x F2C n = 7            † F4 n = 6            • F5 n = 1</p>		
Termination	Some hook into other F2	Schmidt net, lower hemisphere projection		
Mineralization	None seen			
F4 Orientation	N5E/B5NW (n=6)			
Spacing	0.25- >5 m (tr)			
Height	0.33-1.25 m			
Length	0.05-0.33 m			
Structures	None seen			
Shape	Nonplanar			
Termination	Against F2C			
Mineralization	None seen			
F5 Orientation	N77W/B35W (n=1)			
Termination	Against F4			
Mineralization	None seen			
Remarks	<p>Fractures of the F2 set are quite closely spaced but parallel the cut face; it is not certain that true spacings were obtained. Lengths are extremely variable. F4 fractures are typically crudely formed and layer-confined, similar to the F4 fractures measured elsewhere in the basin. In the thickest sandstone layer the F4 fractures are so widely spaced that they appear to not be present.</p>			

667F2C    667F4    667F5  
 N82W/B55W    N13W/B5W    N77W/B35W  
 N81W/B55W    N12E/B5W  
 N81W/B55W    N12E/B5W  
 N81W/B55W    N12E/B5W  
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 N81W/B55W    N12E/B5W  
 N81W/B55W    N12E/B5W

Station Number	668	Station Number	668 (contd)
Quadrangle	South Mamm Peak 7.5'	Remarks	F1 fractures are the largest in the exposure, are fairly planar but irregularly spaced. F2 fractures terminate against no other joints but are not in the same part of the lens as F1 fractures. The F4 fractures are the most abundant and terminate against the F2 fractures. Fractures of all three sets generally are as high as the lens, but some extend as much as 0.25 m above or below the lens. F3 fractures parallel the F2 set in orientation but are lens confined and terminate against the F4 fractures.
Exposure Description	T95, R93W, SE1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 sec 15 Elev. 7270 ft. SE-facing, slumped roadcut scar, NW side Buzzard Creek and FS Rg 270, 1.4 km NE of Carter Gulch. Sandstone lens, 6-16 cm thick, within 2.5-m thick, nonindurated, weathered sandstone; overlain and underlain by variegated mudstone. Cut is approx. 10 m long by 2.5 m high.	Geologist(s)	MAG
Stratigraphic Unit		Date	06/18/86
Lithology (General)	Sandstone, micaceous	Station	668
Cement	Moderately calcareous; well indurated	n	19
Color, fresh	Light pink tan		
Color, weathered	Light pink to coarse-grained		
Grain size	Very fine to coarse-grained		
Grain sorting	Moderately well sorted		
Grain roundness	Slightly to subrounded		
Bed Orientation	N48W/35W (n=2)		
Bed Thickness	0.06-0.16 m		
F1C Orientation	N24W/90 (n=5)		
Spacing	Not determined; very irregular		
Height	0.06-0.5 m		
Length	Not determined		
Structures	Not visible due to weathered surfaces		
Shape	Subplanar, locally planar; undulatory profile		
Termination	None seen		
Mineralization	None seen		
F2C Orientation	N75W/B6NE (n=2)		
Termination	None seen		
Mineralization	None seen		
F4 Orientation	N23E/88NW (n=8)		
Spacing	0.05-0.25 m		
Height	0.06-0.3 m		
Length	Determined by F2 spacing		
Structures	Not visible due to weathered surfaces		
Shape	Nonplanar, undulatory; locally planar or forked		
Termination	Against F2		
Mineralization	None seen		
F5 Orientation	N78W/87SW (n=4)		
Spacing	Irregularly spaced		
Height	0.06-0.16 m		
Length	Not determined		
Structures	None seen		
Shape	Nonplanar; irregular profile		
Termination	Against F4		
Mineralization	None seen		

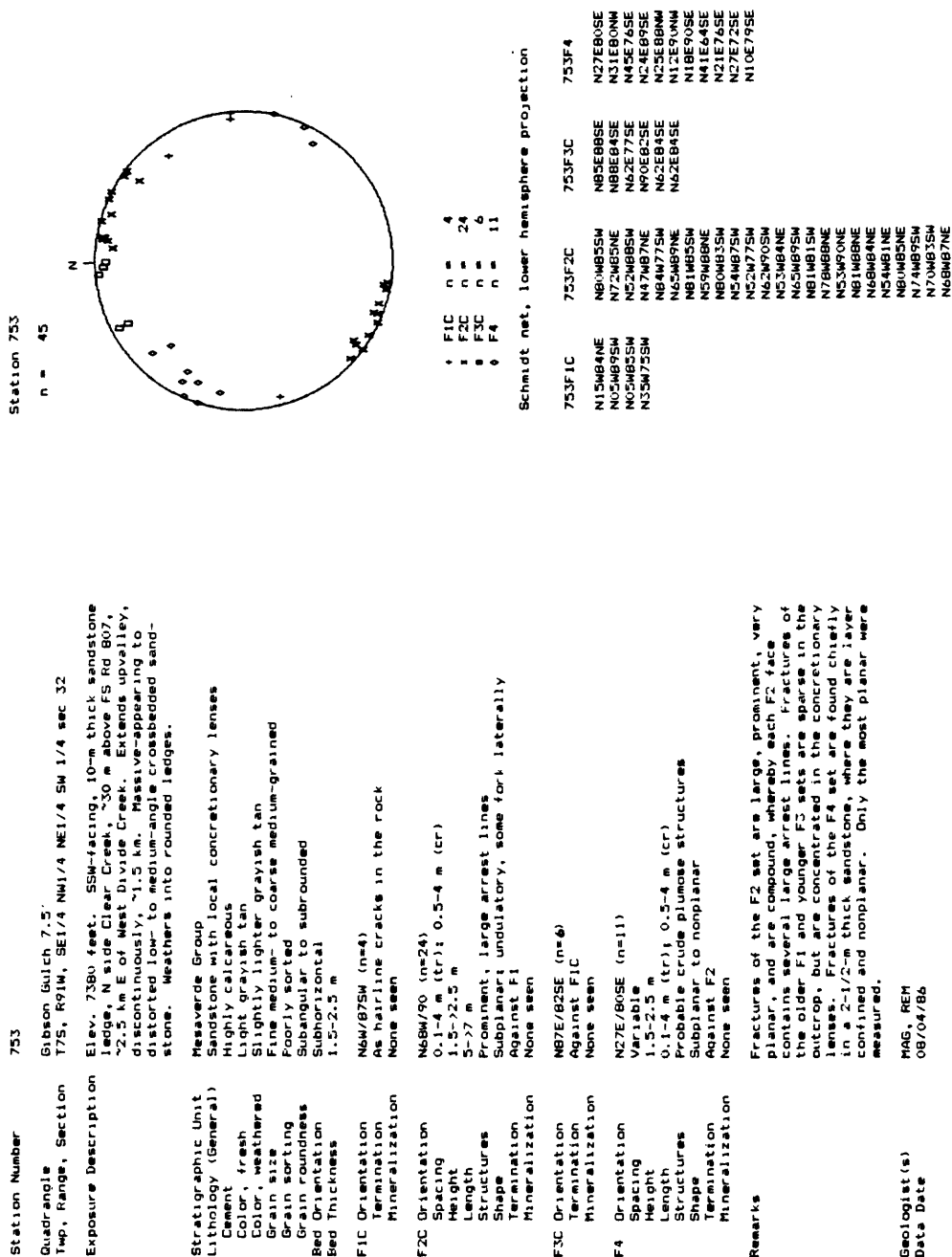


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 \* F2C n = 2  
 \* F4 n = 8  
 \* F5 n = 4

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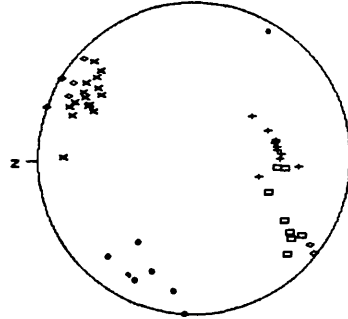
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N15W90SW	N70W87NE	N25E84SE	N63W49SW
N15W89NE		N26E84SE	N70W89NE
N27W86SW		N31E87NW	
		N25E86SE	
		N15E89NW	
		N39E87NW	







Station Number	755 (contd)
Quadrangle	structures diagnostic of extension-fracture propagation, and most cut across the MVI fractures. The moderately steeply dipping F2B and vertical F2C fractures are sparse, but contain similar surface structures. The F4 fractures are the most irregularly shaped, smallest, and terminate against all other fractures.
Exposure Description	MAG, REM 08/05/86 n = 50
Stratigraphic Unit	
Lithology (General)	
Cement	
Color, fresh	
Color, weathered	
Grain size	
Grain sorting	
Bed Orientation	
Bed Thickness	
MVI Orientation	
Spacing	
Height	
Length	
Structures	
Shape	
Termination	
Mineralization	
F2A Orientation	
Spacing	
Height	
Length	
Structures	
Shape	
Termination	
Mineralization	
F2B Orientation	
Spacing	
Height	
Length	
Structures	
Shape	
Termination	
Mineralization	
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F4 Orientation	
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Termination	
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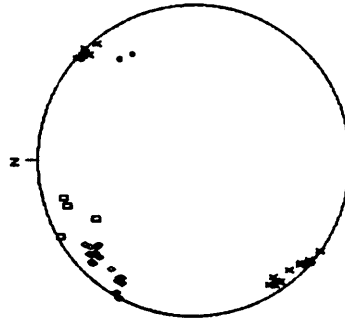


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 2 F2A n = 15  
 3 F2B n = 8  
 4 F2C n = 7  
 5 F4 n = 8

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N70E42NW	N54W73SW	N52W67NE	N70W90SW	N07E75SE
N89W46NE	N46W71SW	N63W44NE	N57W80SW	N31E84NW
N79E45NW	N89W72SW	N54W74NE	N53W82NE	N42E72SE
N88E47NW	N62W64SW	N44W75NE	N58W85SW	N03E72SE
N78E45NW	N64W73SW	N55W86NE	N63W79SW	N45E48SE
N82E45NW	N60W69SW	N50W70NE	N51W86NE	N21E48SE
N85E45NW	N53W65SW	N53W85NE	N47W85SW	N24E74SE
N74W36NE	N63W65SW	N63W45NE		N27E75SE
N89W46NE	N58W71SW			
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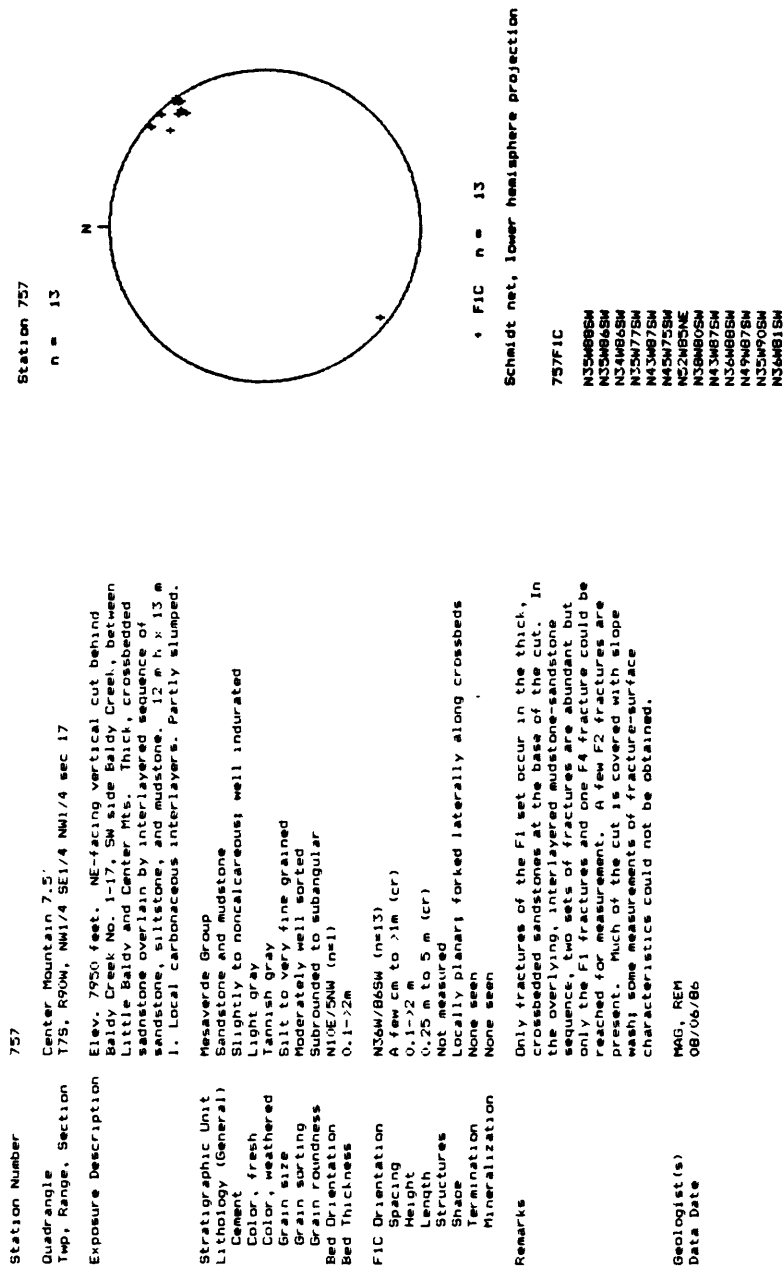
Station Number	755 (contd)	Station Number	755 (contd)
Quadrangle	Gibson Gulch 7.5'	Geologist(s)	MAG, REM
Twp, Range, Section	T75S, R91W, SE1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 sec 10	Data Date	08/06/86
Exposure Description	Elev. 7220 feet. SSE-facing, 4-7-m thick sandstone ledge exposed for 100s of m along N side of Gibson Gulch, ~150 ft above Amoco New Castle Unit No. 3. Planar to low-angle crossbedded; local rip-up clasts, coaly stringers. Prominent mudstone partings. Over- and underlain variegated mudstone.	n	43
Stratigraphic Unit	Wasatch Fm		
Lithology (General)	Sandstone		
Cement	Highly calcareous; well indurated		
Color, fresh	Light gray		
Color, weathered	Light tanish gray		
Grain size	Very fine to coarse fine-grained		
Grain sorting	Moderately poorly sorted		
Grain roundness	Subrounded to subangular		
Bed Orientation	Subhorizontal		
Bed Thickness	0.1-4 m		
F2C Orientation	N45W/89NE (n=19)		
Spacing	0.04-3.5 m (tr)		
Height	1-4 m (tr)		
Length	4-7 m		
Shape	Arrest lines, crude twist hackles; possible plumes		
Structures	Subplanar; undulatory in strike, lateral hooks		
Termination	As hairline cracks in rock		
Mineralization	Elongated, euhedral, small, white calcite crystals		
F3A Orientation	N65E/75SE (n=4)		
Termination	None seen		
Mineralization	None seen		
F4 Orientation	N44E/77SE (n=18)		
Spacing	<0.01-4 m (tr)		
Height	0.25-4 m (tr); 0.25-1 m (cr)		
Length	0.02-4 m		
Shape	Surfaces too weathered for data collection		
Structures	Subplanar to nonplanar; locally large and planar		
Termination	Against F2C or across min. F2C		
Mineralization	None seen		
F5 Orientation	N33W/69SW (n=2)		
Termination	Against F4		
Mineralization	None seen		
Remarks	Fractures of the F2 set are large, prominent, undulatory, and filled with calcite. They dominate the outcrop. Fractures of the layer-confined F4 set either terminate laterally against the F2 set or cut across the calcite-filled F2 fractures. Other, smaller fractures, but not enough to constitute a set, terminate against the F4 fractures; probably the F5 set. Thin stringers of coal contain face cleats that parallel the fractures of the F2 set; butt cleats, intermediate in orientation to that of the F3 and F4 sets, are mostly out		



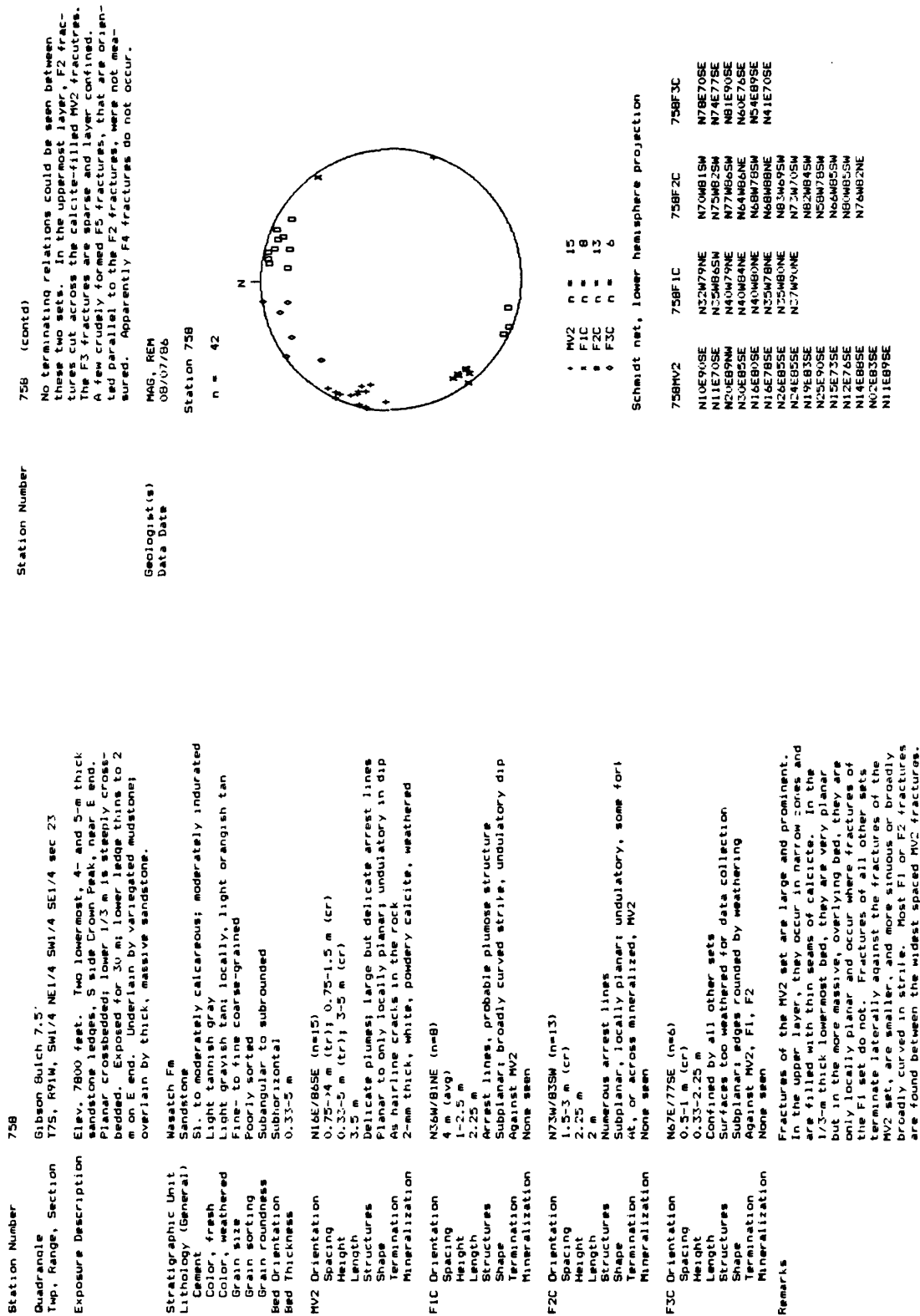
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 2 F3A n = 4  
 3 F4 n = 18  
 4 F5 n = 2

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N48W88SW	N70E73SE	N30E88SE	N30W48SW
N42W83NE	N74E74SE	N50E73SE	N30W70SW
N47W85NE	N60E88SE	N47E78SE	
N50W89NE	N59E67SE	N50E80SE	
N43W85SW		N31E77SE	
N34W85NE		N32E78SE	
N44W90SW		N32E80SE	
N52W90NE		N28E90SE	
N33W80NE		N44E81SE	
N49W87NE		N44E81SE	
N40W87SW		N37E76SE	
N34W85NE		N48E72SE	
N47W88SW		N48E79SE	
N32W83NE		N44E73SE	
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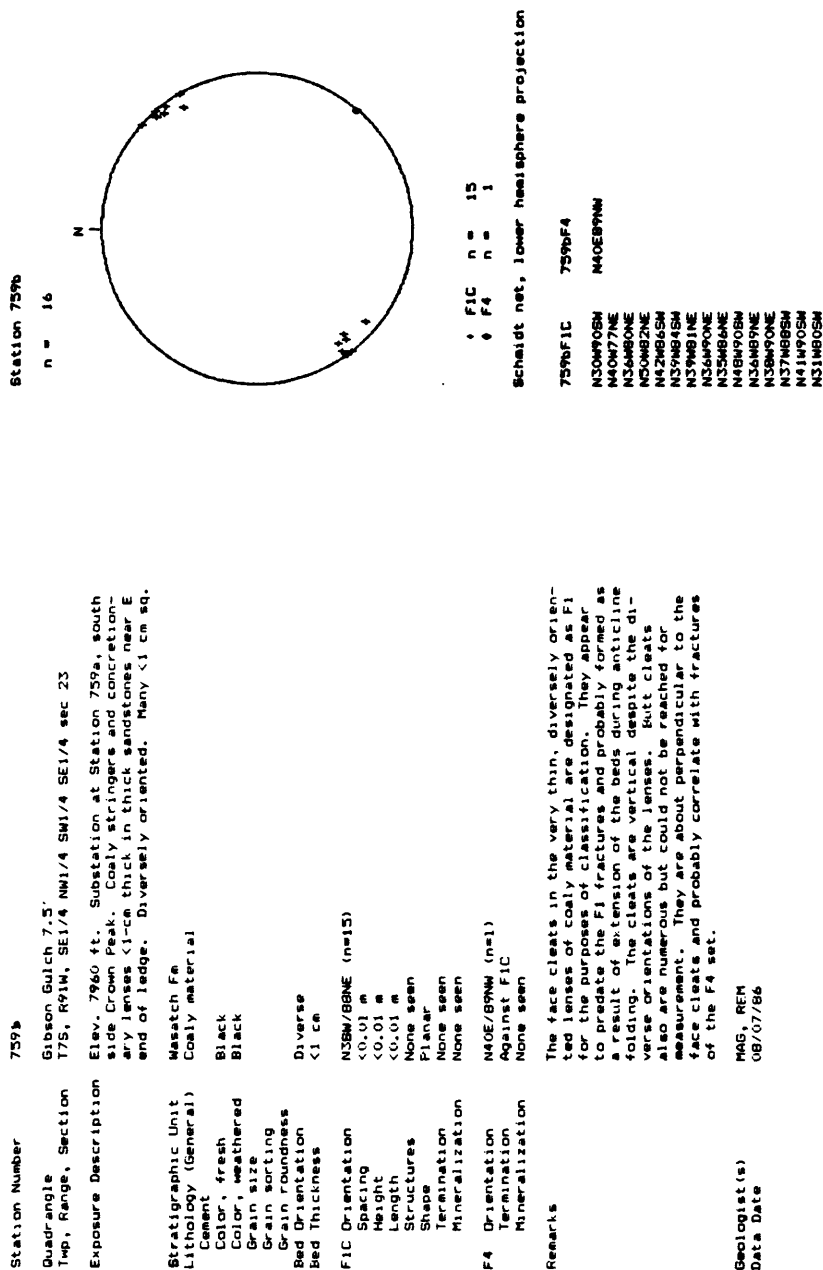






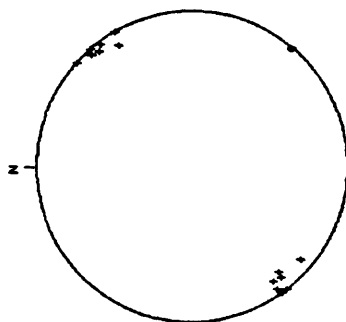
Station Number	758	Gibson Bulch 7.5'
Quadrangle	T1/5, R91W, S1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 sec 23	
Exposure Description	Elev. 7800 feet. Two lowermost, 4- and 5-m thick sandstone ledges, S side Crown Peak, near E end. Planar crossbedded; lower 1/3 m is steeply cross-bedded. Exposed for 30 m; lower ledge thins to 2 m on E end. Underlain by variegated mudstone; overlain by thick, massive sandstone.	
Stratigraphic Unit	Mesatch Fm	
Lithology (General)	Sandstone	
Cement	SI. to moderately calcareous; moderately indurated	
Color, fresh	Light tannish gray	
Color, weathered	Light grayish tan locally, light orangish tan	
Grain size	Fine- to fine coarse-grained	
Grain sorting	Poorly sorted	
Grain roundness	Subangular to subrounded	
Bed Orientation	Subhorizontal	
Bed Thickness	0.33-5 m	
MV2 Orientation	N16E/86SE (n=15)	
Spacing	0.75-2.4 m (tr); 0.75-1.5 m (cr)	
Length	3.25-5 m (tr); 3-5 m (cr)	
Height	2.5 m	
Structures	Delicate plumes; large but delicate arrest lines	
Shape	Planar to only locally planar	
Termination	As hairline cracks in the rock	
Mineralization	2-mm thick, white, powdery calcite, weathered	
F1C Orientation	N35W/81NE (n=8)	
Spacing	4 m (avg)	
Length	1-2.5 m	
Height	2.25 m	
Structures	Arrest lines, probable plumose structure	
Shape	Subplanar; broadly curved strike, undulatory dip	
Termination	Against MV2	
Mineralization	None seen	
F2C Orientation	N73W/83SW (n=13)	
Spacing	1.5-3 m (cr)	
Length	2-25 m	
Height	2 m	
Structures	Numerous arrest lines	
Shape	Subplanar, locally planar; undulatory, some forl	
Termination	At, or across mineralized, MV2	
Mineralization	None seen	
F3C Orientation	N67E/77SE (n=6)	
Spacing	0.5-1 m (cr)	
Length	0.33-2.25 m	
Height	Confined by all other sets	
Structures	Surfaces too weathered for data collection	
Shape	Subplanar; edges rounded by weathering	
Termination	Against MV2, F1, F2	
Mineralization	None seen	
Remarks	Fractures of the MV2 set are large and prominent. In the upper layer, they occur in narrow zones and are filled with thin seams of calcite. In the 1/3-m thick lowermost bed, they are very planar but are more massive, overlying bed, they are only locally planar and occur where fractures of the F1 set terminate. Fractures of all other sets terminate laterally against the structures of the MV2 set, are smaller, and more sinuous or broadly curved in strike. Most F1 or F2 fractures are found between the widest spaced MV2 fractures.	





Station 759b

n = 16



• F1C n = 15  
♦ F4 n = 1

Schmidt net, lower hemisphere projection

759bF1C 759bF4

N30W4908W N40E89NW

N40W77NE

N36W80NE

N50W82NE

N32W85SW

N37W84SW

N37W81NE

N34W81NE

N35W81NE

N34W80NE

N34W80NE

N35W80NE

N37W80NE

N41W80SW

N31W80SW

