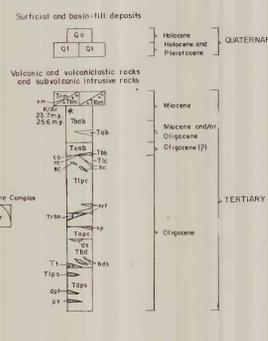


CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Q1 Alluvium (Holocene)-Poorly sorted gravel, sand, and silt; gravel contains fragments of Tertiary volcanic rock. Thickness generally less than 10 ft (3 m), but is probably as thick as 50 ft (15 m) near Faldler Ranch.
Q2 Fan deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene)-Sheet-flood fan deposits that contain chiefly subangular to angular, poorly sorted fragments of Tertiary volcanic rock. Most extensive in the northeast corner of the quadrangle. Commonly less than 65 ft (20 m) thick.
Q3 Talus (Holocene and Pleistocene)-Poorly sorted, unconsolidated, locally derived rock fragments deposited on or at the foot of a slope. Best developed in the vicinity of Apache Pass. Thickness commonly exceeds 50 ft (15 m).
Rhyolite of Mule Mountains (Miocene)
Rhyolite dikes-Light to medium-gray, flow-laminated rhyolite containing about 10 percent phenocrysts of calcic oligoclase 1 to 2 mm across. Sparse amounts of biotite locally present. Dike west of Faldler Ranch is composed with north-south-trending fault that crosses the Faldler Ranch fault. This dike is as much as 50 ft (15 m) thick. A smaller dike along the southeast side of Deer Peak is more siliceous, aphyric, and less than 10 ft (3 m) thick.
Rhyolite plug-Very light gray, aphyric to moderately porphyritic, flow-laminated rhyolite plug. The Deer Peak plug has imbricated flow laminations that suggest a cone-shaped intrusion. Some of the plug has a partial breccia zone or ring of pumiceous tuff (Tm) and pyroclastic breccia (Tb) that dips concordantly with the flow laminations of the rhyolite plug. It is probable that the plug is a former feeder vein for the rhyolite flows (Tr) in the vicinity of Cherry Creek and Alexander Canyon.
Rhyolite flow member-Very light gray, flow-laminated, aphyric rhyolite flows that commonly have thin autoclastic zones and interbedded tuff to dark gray, slightly porphyritic vitrophyres (Vp). Commonly slightly altered with aphyric texture at contact with vitrophyre. Thickness of rhyolite ranges from 3 to 20 ft (0.9 to 6.1 m), whereas the vitrophyres are generally less than 10 ft (3 m) thick and are more common at the base of the flows. Chemical from Crookson Peak has yielded K-Ar ages of 17.7±0.6 m.y. and 18.6 m.y. (Marvin and others, 1987; Weber and Bassett, 1987).
Pyroclastic member-Very light gray, light-pinkish-gray, light-greenish-gray, thin-bedded to laminated, dominantly air-fall tuff with thin interbeds of tuffaceous sandstone. Tuff contains abundant pumice fragments locally altered to light-greenish-gray and abundant reddish-brown, angular, diatitic, lentic fragments. Crystal fragments of sanidine and hyaloclastite quartz constitute less than 2 percent of the tuff. Angular, reddish-brown micaceous detritus are locally present at the base. Maximum thickness about 250 ft (75 m).
Pyroclastic breccia-Very light gray, pale-yellowish-gray, nonwelded tuff containing angular blocks of pumice and tuff up to 4 ft (1.2 m) across and angular blocks of reddened andesite country rock up to 1 ft (0.3 m) across. Breccia is developed marginally to the intrusive rhyolite (Tr) contact and has a weakly developed layering parallel to the flow laminations in the andesite rhyolite, and probably is an early lithic-rich facies of the pyroclastic member (Tr). Thickness ranges from 1 to about 300 ft (0.3 to 91.4 m).
Rhyolite and quartz latite dikes, sills, and plugs (Miocene)
Rhyolite porphyry dike-Grayish-orange tint to light-gray porphyritic dike that typically contains about 8 to 10 percent hypocrystic quartz, 5 percent oligoclase (An₂₄), and 1 percent sanidine phenocrysts in a feldspathic groundmass. Accessory minerals are biotite, sericite, and iron oxides. Dike near Faldler Spring has numerous micro-voids a few millimeters across that are lined with hematite. Maximum thickness about 50 ft (15 m).
Rhyolite dike-Very light gray, aphyric, flow-laminated, rhyolite dike in the vicinity of Ush Hill Well. Maximum thickness about 160 ft (50 m).
Rhyolite sill-Very light gray to white, aphyric and highly sericitized rhyolite that occurs as a sheet-like body within dacite porphyry of Summit Mountain (Tps). Possibly a remnant of a flow. Thickness about 100 ft (30 m) on ridge east of the Bill Hill mine.
Quartz latite porphyry plug-Light-brownish-gray, porphyritic plug containing about 10 to 15 percent phenocrysts of 3 mm across in a feldspathic groundmass. Phenocrysts are 6 percent sanidine, 5 percent highly resorbed quartz, and 1 to 2 percent oligoclase (An₂₄). One plug occurs at Apache Pass and another near Faldler Spring.
Hearshaw Mountain Andesite (Miocene and/or Oligocene)
Andesite to dacite flows-Dark-gray, medium-gray, and dark-purple-gray, scoriaceous, porphyritic lava flows that comprise the shield volcano of Brassy Mountain. The volcano is centered near Old Basin and has distinctive radial drainage patterns. Lava flows contain 15 to 35 percent labradorite (An₆₄) phenocrysts up to 2 mm across and 4 to 7 percent clinopyroxene phenocrysts less than 1 mm across. As much as 6 percent diatite is locally present as granules interstitial to the plagioclase microcline. The groundmass is feldspathic to slightly porphyritic. One chemical analysis indicates 61.1 percent SiO₂, 3.8 percent Na₂O, and 3.3 percent K₂O (table 1). Two whole rock K-Ar ages from the NE flank are 24.7±1.5, 21.7±1.5 m.y. and 25.6±1.5 m.y. (Strangway, Simpson, and York, 1978, p. 121; Marvin and others, 1987).
Andesite flow-Medium-light gray to light-brownish-gray, flow-laminated, rhyolite-like andesite containing about 20 percent biotite (An₂₄) phenocrysts 2 to 3 mm across and 1 to 2 percent highly oxidized biotite set in a feldspathic groundmass. Accessory minerals are plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and orthopyroxene. Lava flow has a limited outcrop just south of the Faldler Ranch.
Intrusive andesite of Title Hall Canyon (Miocene and/or Oligocene)-Medium-gray, porphyritic andesite containing 10 to 30 percent andesine-labradorite (An₅₄) phenocrysts up to 2 cm long in a "turkey track" arrangement. Forms small stocks of about 4 km² (1.5 km²) in the vicinity of Title Hall Canyon. In places the andesite has numerous microcline cavities lined with subhedral quartz crystals as large as several centimeters. Chemical analyses range up to 1 mm across comprise about 2 to 3 percent of the rock, and apatite is a common accessory. Intrusion probably correlates with the Hearshaw Mountain Andesite and shows intimate contacts with the andesite flows of Pine Cleng (Tpc) and with the rhyolite of Hole Hole (Tr). A plagioclase concentration has yielded a K-Ar age of 24.5±0.5 m.y. (Marvin and others, 1987; Raitt and Hodland, 1981).
Coarsely porphyritic andesite lava flows (Oligocene)-Dark gray to medium-light gray, coarse-grained lava flow with a highly irregular texture formed by abundant subhedral plagioclase laths as much as 2 cm long. Locally weathers dark reddish brown with a groundmass that is slightly sugary. Rock typically contains 25 to 27 percent andesine (An₅₄) phenocrysts, 1 percent orthopyroxene, and 0.3 to 2 percent clinopyroxene in a finely plagioclase groundmass. Accessory apatite is common. The andesite laths have a pitted texture owing to the abundance of ferric oxide inclusions. One chemical analysis indicates 56.1 percent SiO₂, 4.1 percent Na₂O, and 4.2 percent K₂O (Analyst: N. Skinner; U.S. Geological Survey, written commun., 1979) (table 1). Flow probably represents initial extrusion from the Brassy Mountain volcano. Lath ranges from 0 to 400 ft (0-120 m) thick.
Sedimentary breccia (Oligocene)-Light-brownish-gray, massive breccia and pumiceous sandstone with locally abundant angular fragments of latite porphyry and andesite. Poorly bedded breccia grades laterally into tuffaceous sandstone containing slightly compressed white pumice lapilli. Disconformity occurs at base of andesite (Tdb) southeast of Wood Yard Windmill. Thickness ranges from 0 to 30 ft (0-10 m).
Lava flows of Crookson Peak (Oligocene)
Dacite to andesite flows-Brownish-gray, grayish-red-purple to grayish-red porphyritic rock containing 8 to 25 percent phenocrysts 1 to 4 mm across. Flows are generally more andesitic to southward and lower in the section, whereas the more siliceous flows are higher in the section. Phenocrysts of the play weathering, flow-laminated dacite porphyry include 4 to 10 percent oligoclase-andesine (An₂₄), 0 to 2 percent andesine, and 1 to 2 percent biotite. Accessory minerals are orthopyroxene, quartz, and iron oxides. Andesite flows are more grayish red, weather to dark red, rocky outcrops, and typically contain 20 percent oligoclase-andesine (An₂₄), 4 to 5 percent clinopyroxene, and 1 to 1 percent biotite phenocrysts. The dacite flow has a distinctive radial cluster habit. The groundmass is feldspathic and contains abundant disseminated ferric oxide. Locally at the top of the formation there are thin discontinuous sandstone (ss) and rhyolite units (rs). The sandstone is a yellowish-gray, thin-bedded to laminated, medium-grained, poorly sorted volcaniclastic unit with moderate clay. In places, the dark-gray basalt flows (bc) are interbedded with the more siliceous flows (Tpc and Tq). The accretion, highly amphibolized basalt flows are discontinuous lava flows. Thickness ranges from 0 to 50 ft (0-15 m).
Rhyolite flows-Light-brownish-gray, slightly porphyritic lava flows containing 7 to 10 percent phenocrysts in a feldspathic, poorly-sorted groundmass. Phenocrysts include 5 percent andesine and 1 to 2 percent biotite. Accessory oligoclase (An₂₄) and iron oxides. Maximum thickness about 320 ft (95 m).
Breccia and sandstone member (Oligocene)-Light-brownish-gray, massive to block-bedded, and flow-laminated breccia containing rhyolite fragments as much as 1 ft (30 cm) across. Also includes some well-bedded basaltic sandstone beds in upper part of unit. Probably an erosional unit derived from the Hole Hole dome prior to the eruption of the Crookson Peak flows. Thickness ranges from 0 to 500 ft (0-150 m).

Table 1 - Chemical analyses of Miocene and Oligocene volcanic rocks from the Crookson Peak quadrangle, Grant County, New Mexico. (1 sample = 1-ft (30-cm) core)

Field No.	Andesite Porphyry	Andesite Porphyry	Andesite Porphyry
Map Unit	SRX-118-78	SRX-157-78	SR-616-79
Depth	Top	Top	Top
Depth	2.55	2.55	2.55
SiO ₂	63.0	56.1	60.1
Al ₂ O ₃	16.4	18.3	N
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.5	5.9	N
FeO	1.6	.50	N
MgO	1.6	1.4	N
CaO	4.7	4.0	N
Na ₂ O	3.8	4.1	1.5
K ₂ O	3.3	4.2	2.7
TiO ₂	.80	1.4	N
P ₂ O ₅	2.9	.57	N
F ₂ O	.04	.08	N
H ₂ O ⁺	.95	1.5	N
H ₂ O ⁻	.28	1.1	N
CO ₂	.02	0	N
(Cl) ⁻	N	N	N
Total	101	100	66

- EXPLANATION
- Contact
 - Fault--Showing dip where known. Cross-hatched where fault zone is oblique and apparently vertical. Dashed where approximately horizontal or inferred, dotted where concealed; queried where uncertain. U, upstream side; D, downstream side.
 - Strike and dip of beds--inclined
 - Strike and dip of joints
 - Inclined
 - Vertical
 - Quartz vein--Commonly contiguous with major faults
 - Areas of alteration--Chiefly with some alteration of the dacite porphyry of Summit Mountain (Tps)
 - Inferred margin of Brassy Mountain volcano
 - Approximate center of shield volcano (Brassy Mountain)
 - Prospect pit
 - Shaft
 - Adit
 - Diamond drill site
 - Sample locality--Location on Brassy Mountain of K-Ar age whole rock (Strangway, Simpson, and York, 1978)
 - Breccia zone indicating probable fault breaks
 - Autobreccia related to viscous flowage
 - Vitrophyre zones--Especially well developed near Alexander Windmill

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Di = not determined; (L) = loss on ignition; 100°C. Analyses: X-ray spectroscopy by N. Skinner (1979); single solution methods by F. Briggs (1980)

SAMPLE LOCATIONS

Sample	Location
SRX-118-78	Andesite flows of Brassy Mountain
SRX-157-78	Andesite of Summit Mountain
SR-616-79	Andesite of Pine Cleng

PRELIMINARY GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CROOKSON PEAK QUADRANGLE, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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