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Introduction

This Open-File Report is a digital geologic map database of a previous paper map Open-File Report. This pamphlet serves to introduce and describe the digital data, as well as a digital version of the original discussion pamphlet. There is no paper map included in the Open-File Report. The Report does include, however, PostScript and PDF plot files containing images of the geologic map. For those only interested in a paper plot of information contained in the database or in obtaining the PostScript plot files, please see the section entitled "For Those Who Don't Use Digital Geologic Map Databases" below.

The database delineates map units that are identified by general age and lithology following the stratigraphic nomenclature of the U.S. Geological Survey. The scale of the source maps limits the spatial resolution (scale) of the database to 1:24,000 or smaller. The content and character of the database, as well as three methods of obtaining the database, are described below.

For those who don't use digital geologic map databases

For those interested in the geology map area that do not use an ARC/INFO-compatible Geographic Information System (GIS), we have provided two sets of plot files containing images of much of the information in the database. There is a set of images in PostScript format and another in Adobe Acrobat PDF format (see the sections "PostScript plot files" and "PDF plot files" below).

Those interested who have computer capability can access the plot file packages in any of the three ways described below (see the section "Obtaining the digital database and plot file packages"). However, the plot file packages do require gzip and tar utilities to access the plot files. Therefore, additional software, available free on the Internet, may be required to use the plot files (see section "Tar files").

Those without computer capability can obtain plots of the map files through USGS plot-on-demand service for digital geologic maps (see section "Obtaining plots from USGS Open-File Services") or from an outside vendor (see section "Obtaining plots from an outside vendor").

Digital Open-File Contents

This Open-File Report consists of three digital packages. The first is the **Documentation Package**, which consists of this file in text, Postscript, and Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), and FGDC metadata for the Report, and a revision list. The second is **Digital Database Package**, which contains the geologic map database itself, and metadata. The third is the **Plotfile Package**, which contains an on-screen viewable or printable image of the geologic map created from the database in PostScript and PDF formats.

Note: filenames used in this report are based on combinations of the Open-File Report number, followed by an underscore, followed by the number of the package, followed by an alphabetic character denoting the part of that package, followed by a ".", and a three digit file extension. For example, for a text file for the first part of the documentation package (package number 1) in Open-File Report OF99-999 (a fictitious report number) would have a file name of of99-999_1a.txt

Documentation Package

The Documentation Package includes descriptions of this Report, including instructions on how to get the Report, data formats and content. It consists of 3 parts, a text description (this file), FGDC compliant metadata describing the Report, and a revision list that lists any revisions made to this report. The documentation package contains the following:

of02-274_1a.txt	a text file of the database description (this file), including the original pamphlet
of02-274_1a.eps	a Postscript file of the database description (this file), including the original pamphlet
of02-274_1a.pdf	a PDF file of the database description (this file), including the original Report pamphlet
of02-274_1b.txt	a text file of FGDC compliant metadata for this Report
of02-274_1b.html	a HTML file of FGDC compliant metadata for this Report
of02-274_1b2.html	a HTML 'FAQ' file of FGDC compliant metadata for this Report
of02-274_1revs.txt	a text file listing the revisions made to this Report

Digital Database Package

The database package includes geologic map database files for the map area. The digital maps, or coverages, along with their associated INFO directory have been converted to uncompressed ARC/INFO export files for distribution. ARC export files promote ease of data handling, and are usable by some Geographic Information Systems in addition to ARC/INFO (see below for a discussion of working with export files). The ARC export files and associated ARC/INFO coverages, and directories, as well as the additional digital material included in the database,

are described below:

ARC/INFO export file	Resultant Coverage	Description of Coverage
of02-274_2a.e00	cowc-geo	Faults, depositional contacts, and rock units in the quadrangle, including annotation for volcanic vents
of02-274_2b.e00	cowc-smp	Samples containing K/Ar analysis
of02-274_2c.e00	cowc-str	Geologic structural measurements

The database package also includes the following files:

of02-274_1b.txt	a text file of FGDC compliant metadata for this Report
import.aml	an ARC/INFO Arc Macro Language file for importing the above coverages

Converting ARC export files

ARC export files are converted to ARC coverages using the ARC command IMPORT with the option COVER. To ease conversion and maintain naming conventions, we have included an ASCII text file in ARC Macro Language that will convert all of the export files in the database into coverages and create the associated INFO directory. With the Workspace set to the directory containing the Arc Export files, from the ARC command line type:

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Arc: &run import.aml
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ARC export files can also be read by some other Geographic Information Systems. Please consult your GIS documentation to see if you can use ARC export files and the procedure to import them.

Note: consult the metadata or the **Database Specifics** section of this Report for details of the format and content of the digital database

Plotfile Package

For those interested in the geology of map area that don't use an ARC/INFO compatible GIS system we have included a separate data package of printable maps created from the database. Because this release is primarily a digital database, the plot files (and plots derived from) have not been edited to conform to U.S. Geological Survey standards. Small units have not been labeled with leaders and in some instances map features or annotation overlap. The map image is 22 by 32 inches and requires a large plotter to produce paper copies at the intended scale.

The map images were created using a technique that composites the geologic map with the U.S. Geological Survey Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) for the map area, and thus the 'collar' information contained in the DRG is presented on the geologic map.

of02-274_3a.eps	A PostScript format file containing an image of the geologic map, at a scale of 1:24000. The size of the map is 22 X 32 inch when printed at the map scale.
of02-274_3a.pdf	A PDF format file containing an image of the geologic map, at a scale of 1:24000. The size of the map is 22 X 32 inch when printed at the map scale.

Tar files

The digital database package described above is stored in a tar (tape archive) file. A tar utility is required to extract the database from the tar file. This utility is included in most UNIX systems, and can be obtained free of charge over the Internet from Internet Literacy's Common Internet File Formats Web page (<http://www.matisse.net/files/formats.html>). The tar file may have been compressed with the gzip algorithm, and may be uncompressed with decompression programs, available free of charge over the Internet via links from the USGS Public Domain Software page (<http://edcwww.cr.usgs.gov/doc/edchome/ndcddb/public.html>).

Obtaining the Digital Database and Plotfile Packages

The digital data can be obtained in any of three ways:

- a. From the USGS Web Pages.
- b. Anonymous ftp over the Internet
- c. Sending a CDR with request

To obtain tar files of database or plot file packages from the USGS web pages:

The U.S. Geological Survey web site is located at: <http://www.usgs.gov/>

The primary World Wide Web server for geologic publications of the U.S. Geological Survey in the Western Region is the "Geopubs" server, located at the following URL:

<http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov>

The direct URL to the web page for this Report is:

<http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/of02-274/>

To obtain tar files of database or plot file packages by ftp:

The files in these Reports are stored on the U.S. Geological Survey Western Region Publications FTP server.

The Internet ftp address of this server is:

<ftp://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov>

The user should log in with the user name anonymous and then input their e-mail address as the password. This will give the user access to all the publications available via ftp from this server.

The files in this Report are stored in the subdirectory:

pub/open-file/of02-274

To obtain tar files of database or plot file packages on tape or CDROM:

Database files, PostScript plot files, and related files can be obtained by sending a Recordable compact disk (CDR) or blank tape with request and return address to:

Cow Cove, California Database
c/o Database Coordinator
U.S. Geological Survey
345 Middlefield Road, M/S 975
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Do not omit any part of this address!

NOTE: Be sure to include with your request the exact names, as listed above, of the tar files you require. An Open-File Report number is not sufficient, unless you are requesting both the database package and plot file package for the Report.

The compressed tar file will be returned on the compact disk or tape.

Obtaining plots from a commercial vendor

Many commercial vendors are capable of producing large format plots for a fee. Most commercial vendors will require the plotfiles to be on a CDROM or other portable disk format. Users may download the data from the Internet and create their own CDROM, or we can provide one (See **To obtain tar files of database or plot file packages on tape or CDROM**). Make sure your vendor is capable of reading compact disks and PostScript plot files, and be certain to provide a copy of this document to your vendor.

Digital Compilation

The map from the original publication was scanned at an unknown resolution and vectorized in ARC/INFO. Vectors were edited to faithfully represent the original map. Transformation from scanner to UTM coordinates resulted in an RMS error of .003. Attributes were then assigned to points, lines, and polygons to depict the original map. No positional accuracy information was prescribed to geologic contacts in the original Report (such as approximate, concealed, etc), and thus all geologic contacts were attributed as well placed (certain, or solid lines) although the original nature of the contact is unknown. Map units, geologic line types, dip values, and other attribute data were appended with a '?' if the feature was not labeled, or clearly labeled, on the original map. Dip values in the 'dip' field of the structural geology points layer that were not clearly identifiable were calculated as the NEGATIVE assumed value, and annotation values were appended with a '?' (Such as if it is assumed that a dip was 37, but was not clear, -37 was entered into the database, and annotation of 37? was created). For instances where the dip value was absent or completely indeterminate, the value '99' was used, and no annotation was created.

The following Quality Control measures were taken: Geologic lines attributed as a 'contact' we checked so as to not separate geologic map units of the same type, except in circumstances where the original map was overly ambiguous. No lines attributed as contacts are 'dangles'. All geologic polygons are attributed with map unit designators found in the original Report.

Base Maps

The base map presented on the geologic map images in this Report is the 1:24000 scale U.S. Geological Survey Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) for the map area. DRGs are available from the U.S. Geological Survey, as well as other data providers, and are not distributed with this Report. The base map used in the original Report may not be the same as that presented in this version.

Spatial Resolution

Uses of this digital geologic map should not violate the spatial resolution of the data. Although the digital form of the data removes the constraint imposed by the scale of a paper map, the detail and accuracy inherent in map scale are also present in the digital data. The fact that this database was edited at a scale of 1:24,000 means that higher resolution information is not present in the dataset. Plotting at scales larger than 1:24,000 will not yield greater real detail, although it may reveal fine-scale irregularities below the intended resolution of the database. Similarly, where this database is used in combination with other data of higher resolution, the resolution of the combined output will be limited by the lower resolution of these data.

Database Specifics

Digital database format

The database in this report was compiled in ARC/INFO, a commercial Geographic Information System (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Redlands, California), with initial work completed with version 3.0 of the menu interface ALACARTE (Fitzgibbon and Wentworth, 1991, Fitzgibbon, 1991, Wentworth and Fitzgibbon, 1991). Final work was done in ARC/INFO version 8.1 PreRelease. The files are in ARC/INFO coverage format, and thus contain vector data. Coverages are distributed in uncompressed ARC export format (ARC/INFO version 8.0.2, and 8.1 PreRelease). ARC/INFO export files (files with the .e00 extension) can be converted into ARC/INFO coverages in ARC/INFO (see the **Digital Database Package**) and can be read by some other Geographic Information Systems, such as MapInfo via ArcLink and ESRI's ArcView (version 1.0 for Windows 3.1 to 3.11 is available for free from ESRI's web site: <http://www.esri.com>).

The map databases consist of ARC coverages and supporting INFO files, which are stored in a UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) projection (Table 1). Digital tics define a 7.5 minute grid of latitude and longitude in the

coverages

Table 1 - Map Projection

The maps are stored in UTM projection

PROJECTION	UTM
UNITS	METERS -on the ground
ZONE	11 -UTM zone
DATUM	NAD83
PARAMETERS	

The content of the geologic database can be described in terms of the lines, points, and the areas that compose the map. Descriptions of the database fields use the terms explained in Table 2.

Table 2 - Field Definition Terms

ITEM NAME	name of the database field (item)
WIDTH	maximum number of digits or characters stored
OUTPUT	output width
TYPE	B-binary integer, F-binary floating point number, I-ASCII integer, C-ASCII character string
N. DEC.	number of decimal places maintained for floating point numbers

Lines

The lines (arcs) are recorded as strings of vectors and are described in the arc attribute table (AAT) described in Table 3. They define the boundaries of the map units, faults, and the map boundaries. These distinctions, including the geologic identities of the unit boundaries, are recorded in the LTYPE field according to the line types listed in Table 4.

Table 3 – Structure of the Arc Attribute Tables

ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC	Description
FNODE#	4	5	B		starting node of arc (from node)
TNODE#	4	5	B		ending node of arc (to node)
LPOLY#	4	5	B		polygon ID to the left of the arc
RPOLY#	4	5	B		polygon ID to the right of the arc
LENGTH	4	12	F	3	length of arc in meters
<coverage>#	4	5	B		unique internal control number
<coverage>-ID	4	5	B		unique identification number
LTYPE	35	35	C		geologic line type (see Table 4)
SEL	1	1	I		user defined field
SYMB	3	3	I		user defined field

Table 4 - Line Types Recorded in the LTYPE Field of Arc Attribute Tables (listed by coverage name)

cowc-geo

- contact, certain
- crest of crater in cinder cone
- dike
- dike, Kap
- dike, Km
- dike, QTbi
- fault, certain
- map boundary

cowc-smp

No Arc Features

cowc-str

No Arc Features

Areas

Map units (polygons) are described in the polygon attribute table (PAT) described in Table 5. The identities of the map units from the original map are recorded in the PTYPE field by map label, listed in Table 6. Note that ARC/INFO coverages cannot contain both point and polygon information, so only coverages with polygon information will have a polygon attribute table, and these coverages will not have a point attribute table. A complete Description of Map Units is available in the original report, or the digital version of the original report in Appendix 1.

Table 5 - Structure of the Polygon Attribute Tables

ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC	Description
AREA	4	12	F	3	area of polygon in map units (meters)
PERIMETER	4	12	F	3	length of perimeter in map units (meters)
<coverage>#	4	5	B		unique internal control number
<coverage>-ID	4	5	B		unique identification number
PTYPE	35	35	C		map unit label
SEL	1	1	I		user defined field
SYMB	3	3	I		user defined field

Table 6 - Map Units Recorded in the PTYPE field of Polygon Attribute Tables (listed by coverage name)**cowc-geo**

CZs	QTa	QTf31-1	QTf53-1	Tf
Kap	QTbi	QTf31-2	QTf53-2	Tf?
Kt	QTbi?	QTf32,34	QTf53-3	Tpb
Kt?	QTf22-1	QTf33-1	QTf?	Tpb?
Ktm	QTf23,21	QTf34-1	QTpb	Ts
Q2	QTf24-1	QTf34-2	QTt	Tt
Q2b	QTf25-1	QTf34-3	QTt?	X1
Q3-4	QTf30-1	QTf34-4	QTta	X2
Q3a	QTf30-2	QTf34-5	QTtc	X2?
QT1	QTf30-3	QTf34-6	Qcp	

Points

Data gathered at a single locality (points) are described in the point attribute table (PAT) described in Table 7 and Table 8. The identities of the points from the original map are recorded in the PTTYPER field by map label (Table 9). For this report there are two point coverages: samples for K/Ar, and structural measurements. Note that ARC/INFO coverages cannot contain both point and polygon information, so only coverages with point information will have a point attribute table, and these coverages will not have a polygon attribute table.

Table 7 – Structure of the Point Attribute Table for Structural measurements

ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC	Description
AREA	4	12	F	3	NA
PERIMETER	4	12	F	3	NA
<coverage>#	4	5	B		unique internal control number
<coverage>-ID	4	5	B		unique identification number
PTTYPE	35	35	C		type of structural measurement
DIP	3	3	I		dip of measurement
STRIKE	3	3	I		strike of measurement (right hand rule)
SEL	1	1	I		user defined
SYMB	3	3	I		user defined

NOTE: Dip values in the 'dip' field for structural measurements that were not clearly identifiable on the original map were calculated as the NEGATIVE assumed value, and annotation values were appended with a '?' (Such as if it is assumed that a dip was 37, but was not clear, -37 was entered into the database, and annotation of 37? was created). For instances where the dip value was absent or completely indeterminate, the value '99' was used, and no annotation was created.

Table 8 – Structure of the Point Attribute Table for Sample localities.

ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC	Description
AREA	4	12	F	3	NA
PERIMETER	4	12	F	3	NA
<coverage>#	4	5	B		unique internal control number
<coverage>-ID	4	5	B		unique identification number
PTTYPE	35	35	C		type of sample
SAMPNO	35	35	C		Sample number or identifier
SEL	1	1	I		user defined
SYMB	3	3	I		user defined

Table 9 – Content of the PTTYPE field in the Point Attribute Tables for Structural Measurements (*listed by coverage name*)

cowc-str
bedding
foliation

Table 10 – Content of the PTTYPE field in the Point Attribute Tables for Sample Localities (*listed by coverage name*)

cowc-smp
sample

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Wentworth, C.M., and Fitzgibbon, T.T., 1991, ALACARTE user manual (version 1.0): U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 91-587C.

Appendix 1: Original Open-File Report Text

Note: The original text was scanned and converted to text using Optical Character Recognition technology. The document has been proof read, but conversion errors may exist

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INTRODUCTION

Eruptive rocks of the Cima volcanic field occur almost entirely within six 7.5 minute quadrangles, Indian Spring, Marl Mountains, Granite Spring, Cow Cove, Solomons Knob, and Valley Wells. The following description applies to all six quadrangles.

The Cima volcanic field is a small (~300 km²) Tertiary-Quaternary alkaline basalt field in the Ivanpah highlands (Hewett, 1956), in east-central Mojave Desert (Fig. 1). The basaltic rocks, which range from late Miocene to Holocene, were erupted from at least 71 vents. The younger vents are well-formed cinder cones, whereas older vents are marked by degraded cinder cones, plugs, and crater-fill lava flows.

The volcanic rocks were described in a general geologic study by Hewett (1956). The southern part of the field was mapped by Barca (1966), and the northern part by DeWitt (1980). Topical studies of the volcanic field include the geomorphology of pediment domes (Sharp, 1957; Dohrenwend and others, 1984a,b), geomorphic and

soil evolution of the lava flows (Wells and others, 1984; McFadden and others, 1984), paleontology and stratigraphy of Tertiary and Quaternary deposits of the Shadow Valley Basin (Reynolds and Nance, 1988), structural studies (Hewett, 1956; Dunne, 1977; Reynolds, 1990; Skirvin and Wells, 1990), polycyclic volcanism (Renault and Wells, 1990), and evolution of the upper mantle and lower crust beneath Cima based on xenoliths in the basalts (Wilshire, 1990; Wilshire and others, 1991). Mineral resource assessments entailed new geologic mapping in the volcanic field (Greenwood, 1984; Wilshire and others, 1987), and a number of these have been written on various aspects of the area. The present mapping began as part of a Wilderness Study Area mineral resource assessment, and will be combined with new mapping by R.E. Reynolds in the Solomons Knob and Valley Wells quadrangles, which include the northern part of the Cima volcanic field. Other current studies include isotopic and trace element investigation of the basalts (Farmer and others, 1991), and investigations of detachment faulting (Reynolds, 1990; Davis and others, 1990).

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GEOLOGIC SETTING

The Cima volcanic field is located near the eastern boundary of the Mojave structural province (Fig. 1), an area thought to be characterized by Quaternary NW-trending strike-slip or dextral faults and Tertiary detachment faults (Dokka, 1983, 1986; Glazner and others, 1989; Skirvin and Wells, 1990; Brady, 1990; Howard and Miller, 1991).

The volcanic field is underlain by metamorphic and igneous rocks (DeWitt, 1980; Wooden and Miller, 1990), Proterozoic and lower Paleozoic sedimentary rocks (Calzia, 1991), Cretaceous granitic rocks and dikes of the Teutonia batholith (Beckerman and others, 1982), and Miocene terrestrial basin deposits (Reynolds and Nance, 1988). The occurrence of thin septa of Proterozoic rocks in rocks of the Teutonia batholith and the great abundance of dikes of the Cretaceous rocks in adjacent Proterozoic rocks indicate that rocks of the Teutonia batholith lie at shallow depth throughout most of the map area. Gravity data (Wilshire and others, 1987) indicate the presence of rocks of the Teutonia batholith to depths of about 10 km (R.C. Jachens, oral comm., 1991).

The Miocene basin-fill deposits range from freshwater limestone and fine-grained clastic rocks to extremely coarse fanglomerates, and avalanche deposits; the coarse-grained sediments contain a spectacular array of interspersed landslide blocks composed of Proterozoic, Paleozoic, and Mesozoic rocks derived from outside the area of the volcanic field (Hewett, 1956; Dunne, 1977; Reynolds and Nance, 1988; Wilshire, 1991; Reynolds, 1992). The 18.5 Ma Peach Springs tuff (Nielson and others, 1990) occurs locally in the oldest deposits of the Miocene basins, and 12.8 Ma andesite flows (the 12.8 Ma age is a K/Ar date on a plagioclase separate from altered andesite; a whole rock K/Ar date on very fresh pyroxene andesite from the Granite Spring quadrangle yielded an age of 12.1 Ma) (Table 1) and breccias provide a useful marker higher in the section. The character of deposits in the middle and upper basin fill indicates the presence of steep slopes and active tectonism at the basin margins. Internal unconformities indicate that basin-forming processes and infilling were contemporaneous, as inferred by Nielson and Baratan (1990) and Duebendorfer and Wallin (1991) for Miocene basins along the Colorado River extensional corridor (Howard and John, 1987).

Formation of pediment domes on topographically high areas of the Teutonia batholith probably began before eruption of the oldest basalts at about 7.5 Ma (Turrin and others, 1985) as inferred by Sharp (1957), Dohrenwend and others (1984), and Turrin and others (1984) for the Cimacito dome (Fig. 2). Dohrenwend and others (1984b) and current mapping results indicate that at least the Granite Spring, Halloran Wash, Indian Spring, Valley Wells, and Solomons Knob domes (Fig. 2) also predate the basaltic volcanism and are now being exhumed from beneath the coarse Miocene sediments and the younger basalts. Formation of the pediment domes may have begun during development of the older erosion surface recognized in the Halloran Hills by Reynolds (1992); this surface is older than the 18.5 Ma Peach Springs tuff and basal Miocene sediments that lie between the tuff and the erosional surface. Pedimentation is, however, a continuing process, and is now actively affecting exposed parts of all of the domes (Dohrenwend and others, 1984). The Shadow Valley dome (informally named here; Fig. 2) is unique in that its southern part is underlain dominantly by Proterozoic rocks. The Valley Wells dome (informally named here; Fig. 2) has very low relief and is mostly buried beneath Tertiary sedimentary rocks and younger alluvium; the overlapping Tertiary rocks include fine-grained lacustrine clastic rocks such as occur in the deeper parts of the

Miocene basins; these rocks are overlain by gravels intercalated with carbonate breccia slide blocks.

Partial (Granite Spring dome) to complete (Halloran Wash dome, and probably also the Valley Wells dome) burial of pediment domes by fine- to coarse-grained Miocene sediments suggests that pedimentation was underway at the time of mid-Miocene sedimentation and doubtless contributed to it. However, the extremely coarse character of much of the mantling sediment, as well as the presence of large gravity slide blocks on the tops of the Squaw Mountain and Solomons Knob domes, indicate that the domes lay within the Miocene basins and most of the Miocene deposits were derived from outside of the present area of the domes, as inferred by Reynolds (1991).

The thickest sections of Miocene deposits occur in the Solomons Knob quadrangle toward the north end and west of the Cima volcanic field, and in the Indian Spring quadrangle south of the southern limits of the volcanic field. The northern section consists of three units: (1) discontinuous basal conglomerate rich in quartzite clasts, lacustrine shale, fine-grained sandstone, limestone, and pyroxene andesite breccia overlying the Peach Springs tuff on the east flank of the Squaw Mountain dome; (2) gravity slide blocks that lie directly on the erosional surface developed on rocks of the Teutonia batholith; and (3) an upper unit of coarse gravel beds intercalated with gravity slide blocks of Paleozoic carbonates, Proterozoic gneisses, and Cretaceous granitic rocks (Reynolds, 1991, 1992). The gravity slide blocks attain dimensions larger than 1.5 km long and 150 m thick. Slide blocks deposited directly on rocks of the Teutonia batholith or the basal lacustrine sediments, were then surrounded by coarse gravels and breccias that attain a thickness of as much as 1.5 km (unless the section is duplicated by undetected faults). Pyroxene andesite flows, considered to be equivalents of the pyroxene andesite breccia to the north, crop out a short distance south of Interstate Highway 15 in the southern part of the Solomons Knob quadrangle and locally in the southern part of the Granite Spring quadrangle, but the Peach Springs Tuff and representatives of the fine-grained lacustrine sediments are only very locally present near Squaw Mountain. Small outcrops of the Peach Springs Tuff without associated lacustrine sediments also occur in the Granite Spring quadrangle. Distinctive oxidized coarse sand and gravel beds belonging to unit (3) occur only north of Interstate Highway 15.

The Miocene section south of Interstate Highway 15 is separable only into Peach Springs tuff, a moderately extensive basal conglomerate rich in clasts of quartzite, probably less than 50 m thick, and an upper unit of coarse gravel beds and avalanche deposits dominated either by clasts of Proterozoic rocks or of rocks of the Teutonia batholith. Gravity slide blocks of Proterozoic (?) carbonates, quartzite, and gneiss occur only in the southwestern basin deposits in the Indian Spring quadrangle, but no slide blocks of Cretaceous granitic rocks are present. The Miocene basins south of Interstate Highway 15 were apparently not as deep as those to the north so that the basal lacustrine sediments are absent. Quartzite clasts in the basal gravel beds commonly are well rounded and must have been transported substantial distances. They may represent residual deposits formed before the onset of Miocene basin formation; such deposits may have been reworked and concentrated in the initial stages of basin infilling.

The locations of basalts dated by Turrin and others (1984) and new K/Ar dates of basalts and other rocks in the map area are shown on each quadrangle; relevant data are provided in Table 1. Basalts were erupted from about 7.5 Ma to as recently as 60 ± 30 ka based on whole rock K/Ar dating (Turrin and others, 1984), or about 20 to 30 ka based on the less well-tested method of cosmogenic ^3He and ^{21}Ne in varnish on flow surfaces (Wells and others, 1991), or 330 to 400 yr based on ^{14}C of charcoal in the base of flow f2-1, Indian Spring Quadrangle (Katz and Boettcher, 1980); flow f2-1 has been dated by $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ at 119 ± 38 ka by Turrin and Champion (1991). These inferred ages are conflicting ages for the same flow units, or flows whose relative ages are known, and remain to be resolved. There is a well-documented hiatus of eruption between 3 and 1 Ma, and an overall difference in composition between older and younger basalts, the older ones being generally hypersthene-normative and younger ones nepheline-normative (Turrin and others, 1985; Wilshire and others, 1991). There is no systematic geographic distribution of eruptions with time in the field, except that no volcanic rocks younger than about 4.5 Ma occur in the northern part of the field (north of Interstate Highway 15). Vents within areas of Miocene sediments commonly began with a phreatic (maar) cratering phase, which subsequently was supplanted by cinder and flow eruptions. The common occurrence of multiple flows (2 to 6), some of distinctly different geomorphic age, from the same vent (Turrin and others, 1984), as many as three overlapping craters in the same cinder cone, and several cinder cones within a single maar crater, all point to polycyclic volcanism, rather than a single eruptive episode for each vent, but there is no evidence for a significant time lapse between eruptions. (Reneault and Wells, 1990, infer major time lapses between "polycyclic" eruptions from individual Cima vents, their Crater A and Crater U study sites (Vents 1-2 and 24-25 of this study) are not appropriately used to assess the time elapsed during polycyclic eruptions, because each of them is composed of two distinctly different vents).

Eruption of the basalts in a setting of active downwasting inferred by Dohrenwend and others (1984) is amply confirmed by this mapping. Evidence cited by Dohrenwend and others (1984) for contemporaneous

volcanism and erosion was that active erosion between eruptions not greatly separated in time caused diversion of younger flows around higher older flows. A good example of this are the flows from vents 28 and 29 in the Granite Spring Quadrangle. Additional evidence includes remnants of maar beds at the bottom of a drainage that dissects flow 15-1 in the Marl Mountains Quadrangle. More impressive evidence is found in the southwestern Solomons Knob Quadrangle, where vents 59 and 61-68 formed on the sides and at the bottom of a 150 m deep canyon cut through slightly older basalt flows.

There is no evident structural control on volcanism in the Cima field. What appear to be essentially contemporaneous vents fall on "alignments" varying by more than 90°. Although it has been suggested that extensional deformation caused the formation of the Miocene basins, and may have continued after filling of the basins (Reynolds, 1990; Davis and others, 1990; Wilshire, 1988), the evidence remains inconclusive.

Evidence of young deformation is seen in the relative uplift of Pliocene lacustrine sediments (Valley Wells quadrangle). These lake beds, which include an ash bed tentatively correlated with the 2.2 Ma Huckleberry Ridge ash, and younger deposits have been uplifted about 60 m on the east side of the volcanic field (Reynolds, 1990). Other evidence of young tectonism is provided by relative downwarping of the Soda Lake trough on the west side of the volcanic field after 3.9 Ma, as indicated by perched gravel beds (Granite Spring quadrangle) containing clasts of 3.9 m.y. basalt lying 40 m above active washes (Wilshire, 1991). Several other workers have mapped faults offsetting basalts of Miocene (Hewett, 1956) or younger age (Greenwood, 1984; Skirvin and Wells, 1990), but these have not been confirmed in the present mapping. Tight folds with NE-trending axes occur locally in fine-grained sediments of late Miocene age in the northern part of the Cima field. Such folds could reflect N-S contraction in the Mojave structural province as suggested by Bartley and others (1990), but the exposed structures in the Cima volcanic field are quite small. Moreover, subdomains of compressional deformation in a general setting of extension has been documented by Pettinga (1991).

The broad domal uplifts shown by orientation of foliations in Proterozoic rocks in the Halloran Hills (DeWitt, 1980) do not occur south of Interstate Highway 15. Although foliations in the Proterozoic rocks commonly have shallow dips, they generally have the same direction of dip within continuous outcrops. Irregularities in attitudes of foliations most commonly result from faulting, but in some areas (e.g., the largest outcrops of Proterozoic rocks in the Granite Spring and Cow Cove quadrangles) the foliations are complexly deformed on a scale of meters. Many steep faults, with gouge zones to several meters wide, cut the Proterozoic rocks. A few of these offset Miocene sediments against Proterozoic rocks, and are normal faults or have apparent lateral offsets of no more than a few 10s of meters. Steep zones of intense brecciation and faulting as wide as 300 m affect Proterozoic rocks in the Indian Spring quadrangle.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

Proterozoic and Paleozoic Rocks

Early Proterozoic rocks of the area were metamorphosed in the Ivanpah orogeny approximately 1.7 Ga (Wooden and Miller, 1990). These rocks are gneisses derived from a variety of protoliths, including sedimentary, plutonic igneous, and volcanic rocks (DeWitt and others, 1984, 1989; Nielson and others, 1987; Wooden and Miller, 1990). Quartzose and pelitic sedimentary protoliths are inferred from highly siliceous gneisses, such as are common in the Seventeen Mile Point area along the southwestern edge of the Indian Spring quadrangle, and from aluminous gneisses common in the southern part of Indian Spring and Marl Mountains quadrangles. Meta volcanic rocks are mostly greenstones that likely are intrusives whose age is not known; amphibolites are uncommon. Metaplutonic rocks include mafic gneisses, commonly with well-developed pygmatic folding of felsic segregations, strongly banded gneisses of intermediate composition, and less common strongly foliated gneisses of granitic composition.

Late Proterozoic and/or lower Paleozoic sedimentary rocks occur locally, and consist of quartzite, quartzite conglomerate, medium-grained white marble, fine-grained weakly metamorphosed limestone and dolomite, and green to black slate. Some of these rocks may represent the Pahrump Group (Hewett, 1966; Dunne, 1977), possibly including members of the Crystal Spring and Kingston Peak Formations (Calzia, 1991). In places the rocks rest unconformably on Early Proterozoic gneisses, and in others are in fault contact with the gneisses. The two occurrences of white marble (one in the Solomons Knob quadrangle north of Interstate Highway 15, the other in the Cow Cove quadrangle) are both in contact with mafic plutonic rocks of the Teutonia batholith; the contacts are parallel to bedding of the marbles. In both occurrences, relatively thin marble beds are interbedded with a dark, quartz-rich gneiss, and in both places sills of the Cretaceous rocks occur among the interbedded marbles and

gneisses.

Cretaceous Rocks

Rocks of the Teutonia batholith (Beckerman and others, 1982) in the Cima area are plutonic representatives of late Mesozoic calcalkaline arc magmatism (Burchfield and Davis, 1981). Ages range from 97 to 90 Ma (DeWitt, and others, 1984). The rocks consist mostly of biotite monzogranite, with less abundant biotite-rich granodiorite, biotite-hornblende quartz diorite, and very felsic granite. The rocks generally are coarse grained, but locally are interleaved with fine grained varieties. They are either nonporphyritic or contain K-feldspar phenocrysts. Quartz diorite and granodiorite, which form the oldest intrusives, are complexly intruded and partially assimilated by the monzogranite. Rocks of intermediate composition commonly have abundant inclusions of quartz diorite and granodiorite. Aplite, pegmatite, and fine-grained granite dikes occur in at least two generations, one emplaced in mafic plutonic rocks, the other emplaced in both mafic and felsic plutonic rocks; crosscutting relations between the two sets occur in the Cow Cove quadrangle. Complex intrusive contacts between rocks of the Teutonia batholith and Proterozoic rocks are well-displayed. In addition to abundant aplite and pegmatite dikes, the waning stages of Cretaceous magmatism are represented by dike swarms that are especially well-displayed in the Granite Spring pediment dome. The dikes range from hornblende/biotite andesite(?) through intermediate dacite (some with distinctive large pink K-feldspar phenocrysts) to rhyolite. Two dikes in the Granite Spring quadrangle yielded K/Ar ages of 88.2 and 90.7 Ma (Table 1). The quartz diorite, granodiorite, and monzogranite host rocks of the dikes commonly are deeply weathered, and, in places, only the continuity of less weathered dikes allows distinction of the plutonic rocks from overlying Miocene and Quaternary sediments.

Cenozoic Rocks

The oldest known Cenozoic rocks in the Cima volcanic field are middle Miocene sedimentary and volcanic rocks, including the 18.5 Ma Peach Springs Tuff (Nielson and others, 1990). In the northern part of the field, the Peach Springs Tuff nonconformably overlies Teutonia granitic rocks or is locally interbedded with conglomerate, and is itself overlain by freshwater limestones, fine-grained clastic sedimentary rocks, and 12.1 to 12.8 Ma andesitic volcanic rocks. The fine-grained sediments and andesite breccias and flows are unconformably overlain by coarse terrigenous sediments, with locally interspersed fine-grained sediments. Where the Peach Spring Tuff is absent, either lacustrine sediments or coarse Miocene conglomerate overlies Precambrian and Cretaceous rocks in nonconformable depositional contact. The coarse sediments were derived from rocks like those now exposed within pre-Tertiary units of the study area, but also include, and may locally be dominated by, rock types introduced from more distant sources. For example, in the southwestern Indian Spring quadrangle, altered granitic rock is commonly a dominant clast type, but no source of sufficient volume occurs within the map area. A possible source is the Sands granite, which occurs 10-15 km to the west and south. In the northern part of the field, Miocene gravels contain clasts of Paleozoic limestone, Mesozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks, and Proterozoic syenite. These clasts appear to have their sources in the southern dark Mountains and Mescal Range, some 30 km to the east (Reynolds and Nance, 1988).

The coarse-grained sediments include debris flows with boulders as much as 10 m or more across, derived from the Teutonia batholith and Precambrian sources. These deposits are interlayered with finer-grained fluvatile strata and coarse, essentially monolithologic avalanche deposits (Wilshire, 1991). Intercalated with these rocks is a great variety of gravity slide blocks, as large as 1.5 km long. The most conspicuous of these consist of dolomite or limestone breccia, which is resistant to erosion and stands out in the poorly consolidated, easily eroded gravel beds. However, in the Indian Spring and Solomons Knob quadrangles, the slide blocks commonly contain breccias of other metasedimentary, metavolcanic, and Precambrian gneisses, in addition to dolomite, but which are not as well exposed (Dunne, 1977; Wilshire, 1991). In the northern part of the study area, spectacular gravity slide blocks of brecciated Proterozoic and Paleozoic sedimentary rocks, Proterozoic gneisses, and Cretaceous granitic rocks occur (Hewett, 1956; Reynolds and Nance, 1988).

After extensive erosion and bevelling of tilted Miocene sedimentary rocks, alkaline basalt volcanism began in the late Miocene, about 7.5 Ma (Turrin and others, 1985). The oldest rocks form a small group of flows on the west flank of Cima dome in the Marl Mountain quadrangle. The source vents for these flows have not been identified. The old basalt flows are partly buried by younger flows and an associated cinder cone (vent 15). Isolated and clustered vents were active throughout the volcanic field until about 3 Ma, when eruptions apparently ceased for

about 2 m.y. Numerous vents were active after about 1 Ma. This volcanic activity provided a rich variety of landforms, allowing important constraints to be placed on erosion rates of the granitic and metamorphic basement rocks (Dohrenwend and others, 1984), rates of surface modification of the lava flows (Wells and others, 1984), and on rates of pedogenic processes (McFadden and others, 1984). In addition, the volcanic rocks brought to the surface an unusually rich assortment of fragments of lower crustal and upper mantle rocks through which their conduits passed (Wilshire, 1990; Wilshire and others, 1991).

A thin (7-8 m) section of lacustrine sediments was deposited in the Valley Wells basin between about 2.4 Ma and 0.4 Ma (Reynolds, 1992), which consists of siltstone, claystone, silty peat, and carbonate tufa. A tuff in the lower part of the section may be correlative with the 2.2 Ma Huckleberry Ridge Ash (Reynolds and Jefferson, 1988).

Erosion following initiation of basalt volcanism yielded a variety of fanglomerate deposits, ranging from late Miocene(?) to present. Older deposits generally are deeply dissected so that no original depositional surface remains. Consequently they retain little or no record of soil development. Fragments of caliche generally are important members of surface clast populations. Fans of intermediate age generally have well-developed soils mantled by desert pavements. Pavements may be well-varnished where mafic clast-types are abundant, or only weakly varnished where silicic clast-types are abundant. Soils typically consist of moderately thick (2-3 cm) vesicular A horizons over argillaceous, and calcic B horizons, with petrocalcic horizons at the base of the profile (Skirvin, 1990). Young deposits commonly have bar-and-swale surface textures except where granitic rocks dominate their source areas, in which case the deposits are bedded arkosic sands with smooth surfaces. Soils are poorly developed or not present. Locally in the eastern Valley Wells and northern Solomons Knob quadrangles, Q1? and Q2 surfaces have a distinctive ribbon texture formed by alignments of shrubs approximately normal to the slope of fan surfaces; the origin of these alignments is not known.

Where basalt flows cap steep scarps, talus deposits of possible Pliocene or Pleistocene age extensively mantle slopes below the flows. Basalt boulders on the slopes are moderately- to well-varnished. In places a platy to laminar petrocalcic horizon (Stage IV or V, Bachman and Machette, 1977) is exposed in avalanche scars; the laminae are parallel to the slope.

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Qcp **Playa deposits in volcanic craters (Holocene)**--Clay and silt of eolian origin redeposited by slope wash on crater floors
- Piedmont sedimentary deposits (Holocene to Miocene?)**--Light gray to reddish fanglomerate deposits about 1 m to more than 25 m thick; detritus consists of variable proportions of volcanic, plutonic, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. The units are subdivided on basis of geomorphic expression and degree of patination of clasts. Divided into:
- Q4 **Unit 4 (Holocene)**--Alluvial fill of active channels: sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders affected by modern floods. Channels unvegetated or sparsely occupied by trees and abrasion-tolerant shrubs. No soil development
- Q3 **Unit 3 (Holocene to Pleistocene)**--Undissected to little dissected alluvial deposits of unstratified to weakly stratified sand and gravel. Little or no soil development. Includes colluvial and alluvial veneers 1-3 m thick on pediment domes formed on granitic rocks of the Teutonia batholith (Fig.2). Locally divided into:
- Q3b **Subunit 3b**—Little dissected deposits about 1 to 2 m above active channels. Bar-and-swale surface texture where boulders and cobbles present. Clasts unvarnished; little or no soil development. Unstratified to crudely bedded sand and sandy gravel, and boulder lenses. Moderately to well-vegetated by shrubs; where sandy, generally have intershrub lichen cover
- Q3a **Subunit 3a**--Little dissected deposits 1 to 3 m above active channels. Bar and swale surface texture where boulders and cobbles present. Clasts lightly to moderately varnished; where present, soil horizons include: vesicular A horizon as much as 1.5 cm thick; nonargillic B horizon; thin carbonate coatings on pebbles. Sparsely to moderately vegetated by shrubs
- Q2 **Unit 2 (Pleistocene)**--Moderately to well dissected alluvial deposits of sand and gravel. Surface pavements well developed, weakly to strongly varnished. Soil horizons moderately to well developed. Locally divided into:
- Q2c **Subunit 2c**--Moderately dissected alluvial deposits about 1 to 5 m above adjacent drainages. Moderately dense pavement of pebbles, cobbles, and boulders over a substrate of crudely bedded sand and gravel, with lenticular boulder beds. Surface clasts weakly varnished. Soil horizons include: vesicular A horizon as much as 3 cm thick, weakly argillic to nonargillic B horizon. Sparsely vegetated by shrubs, local lichen cover
- Q2b **Subunit 2b**—Moderately dissected alluvial deposits about 2 to 6 m above adjacent drainages. Surface has dense pavement of pebbles, cobbles, and boulders over a substrate of crudely bedded sand and gravel, with lenticular boulder beds; on basalt flows, varnished pavements cover relatively clast-free eolian deposits (McFadden and others, 1984). Surface clasts well-varnished except where dominated by silicic igneous and metamorphic rock types. Soil horizons include: vesicular A horizon as much as 3 cm thick, argillic B horizon (details of soil horizons given by McFadden and others, 1984). Unvegetated to sparsely vegetated

by shrubs

- Q2a **Subunit 2a**—Generally well-dissected alluvial deposits 5 to 10 m above adjacent drainages, or 1 to 5 m above adjacent Q2b deposits. Sparsely vegetated by shrubs, diverse vegetation in drainages. Surface has poorly developed pavement of pebbles, cobbles, and boulders, which include caliche, except where weakly dissected. Where present, soil horizons include: vesicular A horizon as thick as 2.5 cm, over argillic B horizon
- QTa **Talus and colluvial deposits derived from cinder cones and basalt flows (Holocene to early Pliocene)**—Pebble, cobble, and boulder veneer on slopes at base of cinder cones and beside eroded flows. Discontinuous aprons of scoria fragments on lower slopes of cinder cones. Petrocalcic horizons below basalt boulder talus attain stage IV to V and are as thick as 1 m; laminae are parallel to slope, suggesting the talus deposits form stable surfaces as old as several million years. Mapped only where identity or relations of older rocks obscured
- QT1 **Unit 1 (Pleistocene to Pliocene)**--Dissected deposits with no relic pavement, 5 to 10 m above adjacent drainages. Bouldery surface material with intervening coarse sand and pebbles overlying crudely bedded sand, sandy gravel, and lenticular boulder beds. Surface clasts weakly varnished; generally no soil development
- QTs **Conglomerate and arkosic sandstone (Quaternary or Pliocene?)**— Remnants of fluvial deposits containing clasts of Teutonia granitic rocks and Pliocene basalt, 1-2 m thick, 40 m above present drainage. Restricted to Granite Spring quadrangle
- QTI **Lake deposits of Valley Wells basin (Pleistocene to Pliocene)**—Lacustrine and fluvial siltstone, claystone, silty peat, gravelly sandstone, carbonate tufa, more than 7 m thick (Reynolds and Jefferson, 1988)
- Younger volcanic deposits of the Cima volcanic field (Pleistocene and Pliocene)—Alkaline basalt and hawaiite lava flows and associated pyroclastic rocks. Individual vents numbered sequentially from west to east in strips starting at south end of volcanic field. Divided into:**
- QTa **Coarse ash and lapilli tuff (Pleistocene)**—Basalt ash and lapilli deposits, generally less than 1 m thick; particle sizes dominantly 1-5 mm diameter. Consist of airfall deposits' reworked downslope by rainfall and mass wasting. Restricted to vicinity of vent 13
- Unconsolidated tephra deposits (Pleistocene to late Pliocene)—Cinder cone deposits ranging from about 5 to 40 m thick. Divided into:**
- QTt Deposits of red oxidized scoria and black unoxidized scoria consisting of pebble to cobble size fragments
- QTtb Deposits of blocks and bombs, consisting of boulder-size fragments as much as 5 m in diameter. Restricted to vicinity of vent 13
- QTpb **Pyroclastic breccia (Pleistocene to late Pliocene)**-Consolidated deposits of oxidized scoria and bombs, consisting of pebble to boulder size fragments
- QTf **Lava flow (Pleistocene to late Pliocene)**—Alkaline basalt and hawaiite flows, generally 1-3 m thick. Contain phenocrysts of olivine, plagioclase, and/or augite in an intersertal or intergranular groundmass of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, and opaque minerals, with or without glass. Flows are numbered to indicate source vent and sequence of eruption (from 1 to n, oldest to youngest) where known or reasonably inferred (for example, f14-2 is the second flow erupted from vent 14)
- QTtc **Tuffaceous breccia (Pleistocene to late Miocene)**—Deposits of basalt lapilli and bombs, arkosic sand,

and blocks of granitic and metamorphic rock, produced by phreatic eruptions in early stage of vent opening. Deposits range up to at least 5 m thick

Older volcanic deposits of the Cima volcanic field (early Pliocene to late Miocene)—Alkaline basalt and hawaiite lava flows and associated pyroclastic deposits. Discrete cinder cones, clusters of cones, and plugs numbered separately, continuously with Quaternary vent numbers. Divided into:

- Tt **Tephra (early Pliocene to late Miocene)**—Unconsolidated deposits of red oxidized and black unoxidized scoria fragments, pebble to cobble size; about 5-30 m thick
- Tpb **Pyroclastic breccia (early Pliocene to late Miocene)**—Consolidated deposits of red oxidized scoria fragments and bombs, pebble to boulder size; about 1-20 m thick
- Tf **Lava flow (early Pliocene to late Miocene)**—Alkaline basalt and hawaiite lava flows, generally 1-3 m thick- Contain phenocrysts of olivine, plagioclase, and/or augite in an intersertal or intergranular groundmass composed of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, and opaque minerals, with or without glass
- Ta **Volcanic rocks (middle Miocene)**—Pyroxene andesite lava flows and breccias, 1-3 m thick, interbedded with Ts
- Tp **Peach Springs Tuff of Young and Brennan (1974) (early Miocene)**—Welded crystal-lithic ashflow tuff, 3-5 m thick. Contains adularite blue sanidine crystals, with biotite, plagioclase, hornblende, quartz, and sphene. Exposed only locally. Age of the Peach Springs Tuff is about 18.5 Ma (Nielson and others, 1990)

Sedimentary rocks (early to middle Miocene)—Fresh water limestone, siltstone, silty claystone, sandstone, gravelly sandstone, conglomerate, breccia, and gravity slide blocks, 1-[300+] m thick. Divided into:

- Ts **Sedimentary rocks**—Fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, shale, fresh water limestone locally present near base of deposits. Higher in section poorly consolidated extremely coarse boulder beds (clasts to 10 m) are interbedded with monolithologic breccia (avalanche deposits), heterolithologic breccia (avalanche and debris flow deposits), coarse arkosic sandstone, and sandy conglomerate. Interbedded gravity slide blocks as much as 1.5 km long, 1 to more than 150 m thick, divided into:

- d Dolomite, limestone breccia
- c Chert breccia
- v Unaltered volcanic rock breccia
- gs Greenstone breccia
- gr Granitic rock, brecciated and unbrecciated
- gn Gneiss, brecciated and unbrecciated
- q Interbedded quartzite, shale, and dolomite or limestone, brecciated and unbrecciated

- Tsb **Sedimentary rocks**—Conglomerate containing a moderate to large proportion of quartzite boulders and cobbles; some clasts consist of crossbedded quartzite, and others of quartzite conglomerate; most are finely bedded quartzite; quartzites are commonly well rounded in contrast to the angularity of clasts of locally derived gneisses
- PD1 **Limestone (Permian to Devonian)**—May include the Permian and Pennsylvanian Bird Spring Formation, sandy and pure limestone; the Mississippian Monte Cristo Limestone, massive pure limestone, locally cherty; and the Devonian Sultan Formation, layered limestone and dolomite
- CZs **Siliciclastic rocks (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic)**—Interbedded limestone and shale in upper part of unit and quartzitic rocks in lower part. May include the Carrara Formation, Zabriskie Quartzite, Wood Canyon Quartzite, and Stirling Quartzite

INTRUSIVE ROCKS

- QTbi **Basalt dikes and plugs (Holocene? to late Miocene)**--Dikes and plugs of massive basalt emplaced in rocks of Cretaceous to Holocene? age. Dikes typically about 0.5 m wide
- Mafic, intermediate, and felsic dikes (Tertiary? to Cretaceous)**—**Isolated dikes and swarms of parallel and en echelon dikes in granitic rocks of the Teutonia batholith, and, locally, in Proterozoic rocks. Includes dike-form pseudotachylite of tectonic origin in rocks of Teutonia batholith. Divided into:**
- TKpt **Pseudotachylite (Tertiary? or Cretaceous?)**--Forms black, irregular veins from a few mm to 0.5 m wide in granitic rocks of the Teutonia batholith; veins of dense flinty rock contain debris of the granitic host rock in various stages of disaggregation. Local fluidal banding. Mapped zone in southeastern Marl Mountains quadrangle is 10 to 20 meters wide, and is exposed over a distance of 1 km. Smaller veins occur in Teutonia rocks south of Marl Springs
- TKr **Rhyolitic dikes (Tertiary? or Cretaceous?)**--Isolated dikes in Proterozoic rocks and granitic rocks of Teutonia batholith. Leucocratic, with sparse feldspar and quartz phenocrysts, in aphanitic groundmass. Locally found within swarms of mafic dikes
- TKm **Mafic dikes (Tertiary? or Cretaceous?)**--Form isolated dikes in Proterozoic rocks and granitic rocks of Teutonia batholith. Melanocratic, with sparse clinopyroxene and altered feldspar phenocrysts in intergranular groundmass of plagioclase laths, greenish biotite, and granular material
- Km **Mafic and intermediate dikes (Cretaceous)**--Form swarms in rocks of Teutonia batholith; individual dikes generally less than 0.5 m thick. Includes dark mafic (andesitic?) dikes with abundant zoned hornblende and plagioclase phenocrysts, commonly with biotite; coarser grained varieties have interstitial quartz in groundmass. Also includes light gray dacitic dikes with plagioclase, quartz, and biotite phenocrysts in groundmass of equidimensional feldspars, opaque minerals; some dikes have large pink alkali feldspar phenocrysts. One andesite(?) dike dated at 90.7 Ma; Table 1. no.55
- Kap **Aplite, pegmatite, and fine- to medium-grained biotite monzogranite dikes (Cretaceous)**--Isolated dikes in granitic rocks of the Teutonia batholith and in Proterozoic rocks near intrusive contacts with Teutonia granitoids. Two generations of aplite-pegmatite dikes occur as swarms in mafic members of the Teutonia batholith in the northeastern part of Cow Cove quadrangle; the older dikes include fine-grained monzogranite, aplite, and pegmatite, with segregations of vein quartz; in addition to these rock types, the younger dikes also include medium-grained monzogranite, of both felsic and biotite-rich varieties
- Teutonia Adamellite of Beckerman and others (1982) (Cretaceous)-Divided into:**
- Kt **Felsic members of Teutonia batholith**-White equigranular to porphyritic biotite monzogranite; generally medium or coarse grained hypidiomorphic-granular texture; locally contains phenocrysts of pink alkali feldspar. Plagioclase typically shows normal or weak oscillatory zoning. Common weak deformational features include patchy extinction in quartz, kink bands in biotite. Composition ranges to syenogranite and quartz monzonite
- Kti **Intermediate members of Teutonia batholith**-Gray, medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular to porphyritic biotite-rich granodiorite with hypidiomorphic-granular texture; locally contains small phenocrysts of pink alkali feldspar; lath shaped plagioclase has oscillatory zoning. Intermediate in composition between Kt and Ktm. Common weak deformation shown by kink bands in biotite. Locally contains abundant schlieren rich in biotite and hornblende. Intrudes Ktm, intruded by Kt.
- Ktm **Mafic member of Teutonia batholith**-Melanocratic medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular to

porphyritic hornblende/biotite quartz diorite with hypidiomorphic-granular texture; locally contains small pink alkali feldspar phenocrysts; lath-shaped plagioclase has oscillatory zoning. Common weak deformation shown by kink bands in biotite. Forms numerous small enclaves in Kt; more extensive masses in Solomons Knob quadrangle. Complexly intruded and locally partially assimilated by more felsic rocks of the batholith

Zya **Alaskite dike (Late Proterozoic? or Middle Proterozoic?)**—Form dikes to 5 m wide in Proterozoic metamorphic rocks; commonly parallel to foliation of host rocks. Medium- to coarse-grained rocks composed of quartz and alkali feldspar; sparse opaque oxides.

METAMORPHIC ROCKS

Metamorphic rocks (Early Proterozoic)—Locally divided into:

X2 **Mafic gneiss**—Generally strongly foliated biotite and biotite-hornblende gneiss, medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular. Commonly banded, with alternating medium-grained mafic and coarse-grained felsic layers a few mm to cm thick. Two subunits contain parallel bands of felsic rock 2-10 cm thick with spectacular pygmatic folding; these rocks are most prominent in the Indian Spring and Granite Spring quadrangles

X1 **Felsic gneiss-Biotite gneiss**, fine to medium grained, equigranular, with mosaic to allotriomorphic-granular texture; includes rocks of granitic composition and very quartz-rich varieties with probable sedimentary protoliths. Commonly finely laminated with alternating felsic and mafic layers a few mm to a few cm thick. Layering commonly contorted

Xu **Undivided mafic and felsic gneiss**--Complexly interlayered mafic and felsic gneisses of the types subdivided into Pc1 and Pc2

Table 1. K-Ar Ages of Cima volcanic rocks, Solomons Knob, Valley Wells, Granite Spring, Cow Cove, Indian Spring, and Marl Mountains quadrangles.

Location No.	Sample NO. ¹	Occurrence	K ₂ O (wt. %) ²	⁴⁰ Ar _{rad} 10 ⁻¹¹ mol/gm	Percent ⁴⁰ Ar _{rad}	Calculated Age (Ma) ³	Assigned Age (Ma) ³
				Solomons Knob Quadrangle			
1	Ci-60	flow	(2.13)	1.191	59	3.88 +- 0.04	
				1.227	67	3.99 +- 0.04	3.94 +- 0.04
2	Ci-58	do	(2.09)	1.140	70		3.79 +- 0.04
3	Ci-57	do	(2.13)	1.139	55	3.71 +- 0.04	
				1.328	66	4.33 +- 0.05	4.02 +- 0.04
4	Ci-74	do	(1.99)	1.234	49	4.71 +- 0.05	
				1.350	57	4.31 +- 0.05	4.51 +- 0.05
5	Ci-76	do	(1.97)	1.065	64		3.75 +- 0.06
6	MC3	do	1.64	1.274			4.48 +- 0.15
7	Ci-77	do	(1.86)	1.153	49		4.31 +- 0.05
8	Ci-73	do	(2.07)	1.195	32		4.04 +- 0.09

9	Ci-78	do	(2.03)	1.381	61		4.72 +- 0.06
10	Ci-71	do	(1.60)	0.856	58		3.71 +- 0.04
11	Ci-55	plug	(2.35)	1.411	75		4.17 +- 0.04
12	Ci-56	flow	(2.42)	1.358	62	3.90 +- 0.04	
				1.448	69	4.16 +- 0.04	3.98 +- 0.04
13	MC5	do	1.91	1.406			4.24 +- 0.17
14	MC5a	do	1.78	1.586			5.12 +- 0.16
15	Ci-24	do	(0.38)	0.704	54	12.92 +- 0.37	
				0.694	17	12.73 +- 0.62	12.83 +- 0.50
				Valley Wells Quadrangle			
1	Ci-25	flow	(1.85)	1.215	60	4.55 +- 0.09	
				1.167	46	4.37 +- 0.09	4.46 +- 0.09

All determinations are on whole rock samples except Ci-24, which is a plagioclase separate; all samples are basalts except Ci-24, which is andesite

Location No.	Sample NO. ¹	Occurrence	K2O (wt. %) ²	⁴⁰ Ar _{rad} 10 ⁻¹¹ mol/gm	Percent ⁴⁰ Ar _{rad}	Calculated Age (Ma) ³	Assigned Age (Ma) ³
				Granite Spring Quadrangle			
1	Ci-70	flow	(1.85)	1.096	69		4.11 +- 0.05
2	29-39-1	dike	(2.68)	34.737	91		88.19 +- 0.77
3	MC59	do	1.43	0.902			3.64 +- 0.16
4	Ci-16	do	(2.14)	1.838	58	5.96 +- 0.08	
				1.912	33	6.20 +- 0.09	6.08 +- 0.12
5	Ci-23	do	(0.76)	10.239	52	90.76 +- 1.18	
				10.212	80	90.54 +- 1.06	90.65 +- 1.12
6	MC1	flow	1.95	1.317			
7	MC1a	do	1.43	0.96		3.86 +- 0.12	
						3.83 +- 0.12	3.85 +- 0.12
8	Ci-15	do	(1.42)	0.185	20	0.91 +- 0.03	
				0.161	10	0.79 +- 0.04	0.85 +- 0.06
9	Ci-14	do	(2.28)	0.107	2	0.33 +- 0.07	
				0.095	4	0.29 +- 0.04	0.31 +- 0.06
10	MC51	do	1.53	0.07			0.27 +- 0.05
11	MC50	do	1.4	0.184			0.70 +- 0.06
12	25-44-1	do	(4.25)	7.437	72		12.11 +- 0.09

Sample 29-39-1 is hornblende biotite dacite; Ci-23 is hornblende andesite(?); 25-44-1 is pyroxene andesite; all other samples are basalt All determinations on whole rock samples

Location No.	Sample NO. ¹	Occurrence	K2O (wt. %) ²	⁴⁰ Ar _{rad} 10 ⁻¹¹ mol/gm	Percent ⁴⁰ Ar _{rad}	Calculated Age (Ma) ³	Assigned Age (Ma) ³
				Cow Cove Quadrangle			
1	MC115	flow	1.2	0.681			3.27 +- 0.13
2	MC4	do	1.93	0.159			4.76 +- 0.17
3	Ci-9-102	do	(2.28)	1.865	61	5.67 +- 0.06	
				1.777	43	5.40 +- 0.07	5.54 +- 0.07
4		bomb	(2.17)	1.917	38	6.13 +- 0.08	
				1.972	38	6.31 +- 0.08	6.22 +- 0.08
5	Ci-10-101	flow	(2.35)	1.987	37	5.86 +- 0.07	
				2.033	39	6.00 +- 0.07	5.93 +- 0.07
6	Ci-12	do	(1.83)	0.825	38	3.13 +- 0.04	
				0.823	41	3.12 +- 0.04	3.13 +- 0.04
7	MC43	do	1.61	0.184			0.32 +- 0.02
8	MC42	do	1.58	0.073			0.27 +- 0.07
9	Ci-6-1	ejected block	(1.64)	0.071	13	0.30 +- 0.02	
				0.054	10	0.23 +- 0.02	0.27 +- 0.02
10	MC41	flow	1.6	0.074		0.27 + 0.10	
						0.26 +- 0.12	0.27 +- 0.11
11	MC40	do	1.52	0.177			0.67 +- 0.13
12	MC6	do	1.6	0.092			0.33 +- 0.05
13	MC36	do	1.35	0.078			0.33 +- 0.16
14	MC37	do	1.59	0.069			0.25 +- 0.05

All determinations on whole rock samples. All samples are basalt

Location No.	Sample NO. ¹	Occurrence	K2O (wt. %) ²	⁴⁰ Ar _{rad} 10 ⁻¹¹ mol/gm	Percent ⁴⁰ Ar _{rad}	Calculated Age (Ma) ³	Assigned Age (Ma) ³
				Indian Spring Quadrangle			
1	MC25	flow	1.73	0.117			0.39 +- 0.08
2	MC24	do	1.57	0.206			0.75 +- 0.22
3	MC58	do	1.91	0.052			0.16 +- 0.07
4	MC21	do	1.56	0.171			0.63 +- 0.11
5	MC19	do	1.54	0.341			0.13 +- 0.06
6	MC90	do	1.58	0.038			0.14 +- 0.04
7	MC56	do	1.52	0.045			0.17 +- 0.04
8	Sb-4-101	ejected block	(1.66)	0.043	7	0.18 +- 0.02	
				0.036	5	0.15 +- 0.02	0.17 +- 0.02
9	MC75	flow	1.5	0.057			0.22 +- 0.03

10	MC111	do	1.56	0.127		0.47 +- 0.05	
						0.45 +- 0.04	0.46 +- 0.05
11	MC76	do	1.36	0.035			0.15 +- 0.06
12	MC20	do	1.7	0.138			0.46 +- 0.08
13	MC70	do	1.36	0.083			0.35 +- 0.04
14	MC26	do	1.78	0.019			0.06 +- 0.03
15	MC66	do	1.4	0.057			0.24 +- 0.04
16	MC121	do	1.57	0.042			0.15 +- 0.04
17	MC13	do	1.61	0.046			0.17 +- 0.06
18	MC14	do	1.76	0.052		0.16 +- 0.04	
						0.17 +- 0.04	0.17 +- 0.04
19	MC12	do	1.46	0.147			0.58 +- 0.16
20	MC16	do	1.43	0.077			0.32 +- 0.09
21	MC123	do	1.64	0.145			0.51 +- 0.04
22	MC86	do	1.54	0.034			0.13 +- 0.03
23	MC85	do	1.56	0.024			0.09 +- 0.07
24	MC1	do	1.95	1.317			3.88 +- 0.09

All determinations on whole rock samples. All samples are basalt

Location No.	Sample NO. ¹	Occurrence	K ₂ O (wt. %) ²	⁴⁰ Ar _{rad} 10 ⁻¹¹ mol/gm	Percent ⁴⁰ Ar _{rad}	Calculated Age (Ma) ³	Assigned Age (Ma) ³
				Marl Mountains Quadrangle			
1	MC100	flow	1.26	0.239			1.09 +- 0.08
2	MC61	do	1.43	0.147			0.59 +- 0.12
3	Ki-5-101	ejected block	(1.58)	0.109	18.1	0.48 + 0.02	
				0.12	22.7	0.53 + 0.02	0.51 +- 0.03
4	MC55	flow	1.59	0.193			0.70 +- 0.06
5	MC88	do	1.3	0.074			0.33 +- 0.04
6	Ci-2-101	ejected block	(1.86)	0.016	3	0.06 +- 0.02	
				0.018	3	0.07 +- 0.02	0.07 +- 0.02
7	MC2	flow	1.66	1.861			6.47 +- 0.18
8	MC2a	do	1.17	1.54			7.55 +- 0.17
9	MC91c	do	1.67	2.011			6.92 +- 0.32
10	MC62	do	1.4	0.207			0.85 +- 0.05
11	Ci-1-101	do	(1.99)	0.098	25		0.34 +- 0.01
12	MC87	do	1.64	0.144			0.50 +- 0.03
13	MC124	do	1.31	0.258			1.14 +- 0.12

14	MC28	do	1.68	0.097			0.33 +- 0.03
15	MC29	do	1.4	0.184			0.70 +- 0.06

All determinations on whole rock samples. All samples are basalt

¹MC numbers are data from Turrin et al (1985)

²For multiple determinations, value in parentheses is arithmetic mean used in age calculation

³K-Ar ages were calculated using the constants for the radioactive decay and abundance of ⁴⁰K recommended by the International Union of Geological Sciences Subcommittee on Geochronology (Steiger and Jager, 1977). These constants are:

$$\lambda_e = 0.5801 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}, \lambda_b = 4.962 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}, \text{ and } ^{40}\text{K}/\text{K}_{\text{total}} = 1.167 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/mol.}$$

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