

Preliminary Geologic Map of the Buxton 7.5' Quadrangle, Washington County, Oregon By Philip A. Dinterman and Alison R. Duvall 2009

Grande Ronde units on the combined basis of stratigraphic position, lithology, geochemical composition (see table 1), and paleomagnetic polarity (see Reidel and others, 1989; Beeson and others, 1989). Unit thickness within the map area is variable, ranging from 0 to > 40 m-thick Ortley Member (lower Miocene)-At least two flows of entablature-jointed dark-gray basalt. Fresh exposures are dark gray to black; weathered surfaces are greenish gray to dark gray. Ortley flows are commonly glassy to very finely crystalline and aphyric but are commonly microphyric in map area. This unit is distinguished from other Grande Ronde units on the combined basis of stratigraphic position, lithology, geochemical composition (see table 1). Unit thickness is variable, ranging from 0 to >90 m thick

uneven. Winter Water flows are distinguished from other

N2 flows, undifferentiated (lower to middle Miocene)—One to three flows of normal polarity entablature-jointed, lightgray, commonly microphyric basalt. This unit contains basalt flows from normal polarity (N2) flows in the upper part of the Grande Ronde sequence as described by Reidel and others (1989). This unit includes probable Winter Water and Ortley flows. These flows cannot be differentiated due to extensively weathered outcrops and are, therefore, grouped in this unit Wapshilla Ridge Member (lower Miocene)—One or two flows

that typically display entablature jointing. Fresh exposures are dark gray to black; weathered surfaces are greenish gray to dark gray, commonly glassy to very fine grained with distinctive abundant acicular microphenocrysts of plagioclase. The unit shows an increase in TiO₂ upsection with two distinct chemical signatures; an underlying unit with lower TiO₂ values and an overlying sequence of flows with higher TiO_2 values (table 1). It is likely that Tgwr deposits in this area have filled in remnant topography as intracanyon flows, because basal basalt conglomerates are observed. This unit is distinguished from other Grande Ronde units on the combined basis of stratigraphic position, appearance, and reversed paleomagnetic polarity. Unit thickness is variable, ranging up to 100 m thick. Deeply weathered to deep-darkred, crumbly, altered basalt with spheroidal to ellipsoidal corestones

Downey Gulch Member (lower Miocene)—At least three flows of entablature colonnade jointed basalt. Exposures are dark gray to black, very fine-grained with acicular microphenocryts of plagioclase. Three normal polarity flows underlie reversed polarity Tgwr flows on Wildcat Mountain. It is likely that Tgdg flows in this area have filled in remnant topography as intracanyon flows. This unit is distinguished from other Grande Ronde units on the combined basis of stratigraphic position and normal paleomagnetic polarity. Unit thickness within the map area is up to 75 m thick

Tsd Scappoose Formation of Warren and others (1945, 1946) (Oligocene)—Massive to parallel-laminated, light-gray to yellow tuffaceous fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, claystone and some tuffs interbedded with medium- to coarse-grained, micaceous, arkosic-tuffaceous sandstone. Cliff-forming unit. Some tuff beds observed, 1-2 m thick. Tuffaceous siltstone is commonly micaceous, heavily bioturbated (small hook-shaped *helminthoidia*), with burrows filled with coarser, darker grains of fecal pellets and carbonized wood fragments. Tuffaceous-arkosic sandstone is commonly orange to buff colored, pumiceous, quartz-rich. Dominantly shallow marine environment. A diverse assemblage of molds and casts of shallow marine mollusks has been correlated to the Blakely Stage (late Oligocene to early Miocene) (Warren and others, 1945; Warren and Norbisrath, 1946)

> Pittsburg Bluff Formation, Divide member of Niem and others (1992) (lower to middle Oligocene)—Fine to coarse-grained, yellow to orange-brown arkosic sandstone, commonly trough to planar crossbedded, contains some mudstone rip-up clasts, channelized deposits. Sandstone is micaceous, quartz and feldspar rich, and rarely pebbly

> Pittsburg Bluff Formation, East Fork member of Niem and others (1992) (lower Oligocene and upper Eocene)—Massive to rarely laminated, light gray tuffaceous siltstone and very fine grained sandstone with minor fine-grained arkosic sandstone, thin burrowed, white to very light gray tuff beds and calcareous concretions. Thick, cliff-forming unit. Some asymmetrical rippled horizons indicating wave action. Commonly thoroughly bioturbated, including large Thalassinoides and rinconela burrows. Contains wood fragments and disseminated organic matter, carbonaceous and pumiceous. Locally fossiliferous beds include mollusks and gastropods. Fossils indicate shallow marine environment (Moore, 1976). Unit is up to 200 m thick Pittsburg Bluff Formation, Pebble Creek member of Niem and others (1992) (upper Eocene)—Fine- to coarse-grained, yellow to orange-brown, micaceous, arkosic sandstone, commonly trough to planar crossbedded, contains common

mud rip-up clasts, channelized deposits. Sandstone is micaceous, quartz and feldspar rich, and locally pebbly. Unit is 0 to 40 m thick

Tk Keasey Formation (upper Eocene)—Massive to rarely laminated, bioturbated, light gray to white tuffaceous siltstone, claystone, and fine-grained sandstone with minor thin (<10 cm) arkosic beds and white tuff beds, commonly bioturbated with some burrows filled with coarser-grained sandstone, common spheroidal calcareous concretions. Locally fossiliferous containing dominantly mollusks (usually in the form of casts and molds), gastropods, scaphopods. Dominantly deep marine environment based on fossils (McDougall, 1975) Tidb **Diabase (middle Eocene)**—Aphyric to plagioclase-phyric, amyg-

daloidal diabase with smectite clays and zeolite vesicle fillings; locally pillowform with radial columnar joints, more commonly tabular bodies with well-developed columnar joints and a layered appearance. Sills are cut by the regional dike swarm that fed overlying Tillamook Volcanics but intrude strata as young as Yamhill Formation, suggesting a minimum age of about 43 Ma; unit may include some basalt and diabase correlative with the Tillamook Volcanics (unit description from Wells and others, 1995). Inferred from adjacent mapping Contact—Dashed where approximately located; short-dashed

where inferred; dotted where concealed **Fault**—Dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Ball and bar on downthrown side

Strike and dip of inclined beds **Scappoose megafossil locality**—From Warren and Norbisrath; • **Chemical analysis**—see table 1

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7.27	6.86	6.86	6.98	7.04	7.15	6.92	8.53	6.77
3.18	3.15	3.09	3.06	3.01	3.16	3.35	2.94	3.18
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34.0	33.0	32.0	32.0	31.0	31.0	33.0	38.3	32.3
360.0	358.0	363.0	386.0	301.0	322.0	347.0	327.6	355.7
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38.0 337.0	49.0 310.0	44.0 307.0	50.0 324.0	48.0 302.0	50.0 335.0	50.0 325.0	27.2 304.8	51.1 303.7
194.0	188.0	179.0	177.0	172.0	183.0	192.0	159.7	184.7
42.0	43.0	49.0	37.0	40.0	45.0	41.0	41.3	40.0
12.8	12.3	11.2	11.1	11.1	12.8	12.7	10.4	12.1
21.0	22.0	23.0	21.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	21.2	20.3
22.0	23.0	20.0	21.0	9.0	14.0	6.0	25.0	22.6
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58.0	55.0	62.0	57.0	56.0	57.0	53.0	51.1	54.9
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	Trace el	ements, parts per milli	on (ppm)					
10.0	8.0	7.0	12.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	
13.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	7.0	18.0	22.0	7.0	
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