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INTRODUCTION

This report contains field and laboratory data from a trench study of the Santa Rosa Range fault zone was conducted in 2005 as part of paleoseismic investigations of active faults in the northern Basin and Range region of the Quinn River Valley in the Basin and Range province of northern Nevada and southern Oregon. The trench was excavated in June, 2005, as part of paleoseismic investigations (Personius and others, 2002a, 2002b) of Quaternary faults along several recently established geodetic transects in the northern Basin and Range (for example, Thatcher and others, 1999). Although several investigations of Quaternary faulting have been conducted in the Santa Rosa Range (Wallace, 1978; Wesnousky and Caskey, 1994; Caskey and others, this volume, 1998; Nawwab, 1999, 2001), our study is the first to obtain detailed paleoseismic data from a trench investigation. We located the trench just west of Santa Rosa Peak, the highest point in the footwall of the fault zone, in hopes of obtaining slip and paleorthquake timing data from the most active part of the fault zone. The trench was excavated across an 8.5-m-high scarp on the westernmost of two strands that form a 1.5-km wide left step in the fault zone. The trench exposed a 40° west-dipping normal fault that displaces Quaternary alluvial fan deposits and carsters along this part of the Santa Rosa Range. Luminescence dating indicates that the faulted fan is at least as old as the Ezrza cycle (MIS 6; Adams and Wesnousky, 1999) of pluvial Lake Lahontan. The trench exposed a thick sequence of silty carbonate-faulted against sandy gravelly fan deposits that comprise the fan.

The purpose of this report is to present photo mosaics and detailed trench logs, scarp profiles, soils data, gamma-ray spectrometer data, luminescence ages, and detailed unit descriptions obtained in this investigation. We do not attempt to use the primary data presented herein to construct a paleoseismic history of this part of the Santa Rosa Range fault zone; that history will be the subject of a future report.

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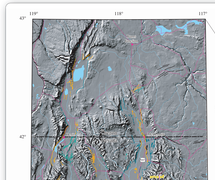
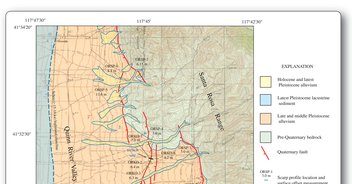
Map of Quaternary faults in the region. Faults in the northern part of the map are from Personius and others (2003); faults in the southern part of the map are from Quaternary fault database of U.S. Geological Survey (MacKenzie and others, 2003).