

MAP SHOWING OUTCROPS OF BASALTIC ROCKS OF
EARLY QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY AGE,
BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE, NEVADA

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INTRODUCTION

This map report is one of a series of geologic and hydrologic maps for all or parts of States within the Basin and Range province of the western United States. The map reports contain information on subjects that characterize the geohydrology of the province, including the ground-water hydrology, ground-water quality, surface distribution of selected rock types, tectonic conditions, areal geophysics, Pleistocene lakes and marshes and mineral and energy resources. This work is a part of the U.S. Geological Survey's program for geologic and hydrologic evaluation of the Basin and Range province to identify potentially suitable regions for further study relative to disposal of high-level nuclear waste (Bedinger, Sargent, and Reed, 1984).

This map was prepared from published geologic maps and reports utilizing the project guidelines defined in Sargent and Bedinger (1984). The map shows the known occurrences of basaltic rocks of early Quaternary and Tertiary age as portrayed by Stewart and Carlson (1978). As used in this study, basaltic rocks include basaltic andesite, trachyandesite, and basalt. The Description of Map Units includes: (1) Geologic age; (2) radiometric age where available; (3) lithology; (4) thickness where available; and (5) sources of data for the basaltic units in the study area. Outcrops are outlined and numbered within each county. No information was readily available for the rock outcrops that are unnumbered. The listed radiometric ages do not necessarily represent the entire age range of the geologic unit.

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

[To convert feet (ft) to meters, multiply feet by 0.3048;
to convert miles (mi) to kilometers, multiply miles by 1.609]

County- area number	Map symbol	Geologic and radiometric age in millions of years (m.y.)	Lithology and comments	References for county area
CARSON CITY COUNTY (CC)				
CC-1	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 1.36±0.29 m.y.	McClellan Peak Olivine Basalt and Lousetown Formation: Vesicular fine- grained basaltic andesite and olivine-basalt flows interbedded with basaltic andesite scoria; unit 35 to 50 ft thick.	Bingler, 1977; Moore, 1969
CHURCHILL COUNTY (CH)				
CH-1	Tba	Pliocene	Bunejug and Truckee Formations: Basalt and andesite flows; may include interbedded sedimentary rocks.	Morrison, 1964; Willden and Speed, 1974
CH-2	Tba	Pliocene(?)	Basalt and andesite flows as much as 1,600 ft thick.	Willden and Speed, 1974
CH-3	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt of Rattlesnake Hill: Basalt flows and agglomerate, overlain predominantly by lake sediments and eolian sand.	Morrison, 1964
CH-4	Tba	Tertiary	Bunejug and Truckee Formations: Basalt and andesite flows and inter- calated sediments; overlies andesitic and rhyolitic rock.	Morrison, 1964; Willden and Speed, 1974
CH-5	Tba	Tertiary 17.6 m.y.	Bunejug Formation: Upper unit, scoriaceous olivine-basalt flows, 10 to 15 ft thick, inter- bedded with basaltic tuff and tuff breccia; aggregate thickness 50 to 150 ft. Lower unit, dense to scoriaceous basalt and andesite flows as much as 40 ft thick; interbedded tuff comprises as much as 20 percent of unit; aggregate thickness 0 to 400 ft thick. Formation thickness as much as 550 ft thick. Flows dip moderately and are largely underlain by volcanics and sediments of the Truckee Formation. Bunejug Formation desig- nated as Pliocene and Pleistocene(?) by Morrison (1964), but Willden and Speed (1974) give a 17 m.y. age for similar rocks in Cocoon Mountains.	Luedke and Smith, 1981; Morrison, 1964; Willden and Speed, 1974

CLARK COUNTY (CL)

CL-1	Tba	Miocene 12.7±0.8 m.y.	Augite andesite and auto- clastic volcanic breccia, between 2,500 and 3,000 ft thick.	Anderson, 1973; Anderson and others, 1972; Bohannon, 1981
CL-2	Tb	Miocene 8 and 11.3 m.y.	Olivine basalt and olivine- augite basalt. Thickness, 0 to more than 300 ft.	Anderson and others, 1972; Bohannon, 1981; Eberly and Stanley, 1978
CL-3	Tba	Miocene	Mount Davis Volcanics: Basaltic to rhyolitic lava flows. Basaltic andesite common in lower part. Unit estimated as much as 1,000 ft thick (Anderson and others, 1972).	Anderson and others, 1972; Bingler and Bonham, 1973
CL-4	Tba	Miocene 11.8 to 14.6 m.y.	Mount Davis Volcanics: Basaltic to rhyolitic lavas interbedded with clastic rocks, bedded tuff, and rubble. Thickest known section about 2,000 ft thick north of Nelson.	Anderson, 1971; Anderson and others, 1972; Longwell, 1963
CL-5	Tba	Miocene 12.0±0.4 to 13.7±0.2 m.y.	Basalt.	Luedke and Smith, 1981; Marvin and others, 1973
CL-6	Tba	Tertiary	Basaltic and andesitic rocks. Corresponds to Muddy Creek Formation of Longwell (1963).	Longwell, 1963; Volborth, 1973
CL-7	Tba	Miocene 10 to 16+ m.y.	Mount Davis Volcanics: Basaltic to rhyolitic lavas; basaltic andesite common in lower part. Also, rhyolite dikes, plugs, domes, and flows, and bedded pyro- clastic rocks in lower part in northern part of area.	Anderson and others, 1972; Bingler and Bonham, 1973; Luedke and Smith, 1981

ELKO COUNTY (EL)

EL-1	Tb	Miocene 10±0.5 m.y.	Banbury Formation: Tholeiitic olivine-basalt flows partly overlain by gravel and underlain by gravel and locally tuff; includes basaltic cinder, tuff, and lava cones.	Hope and Coats, 1976
EL-2	Tb	Miocene	Basalt dipping gently south- southeastward. dip. Unit is faulted and more than 200 ft thick, as shown in cross section.	Granger and others, 1957
EL-3	Tb	Eocene	Basaltic latite flows, very fine grained and locally vesicular. Unit includes feeder dikes.	Hope and Coats, 1976

EL-4	Tb	Tertiary	Aphanitic andesite and basaltic andesite, 0 to 1,000 ft thick.	Hope and Coats, 1976; Smith and Ketner, 1978; Solomon and Moore, 1982a, 1982b
	Tba	Oligocene 30.9±1.0 and 35.2±1.1 m.y.	Dense andesite and basaltic andesite flows and minor basaltic tuffs and tuff-breccias. Thickness as much as 1,000 ft.	

ESMERALDA COUNTY (ES)

ES-1	Tba	Tertiary	Vesicular basalt flows which lack scoria. Thickness as much as 400 ft in Monte Cristo Range.	Ferguson and others, 1953
ES-2	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Olivine basalt to basalt, vesicular to non-vesicular, includes cinder cones, 0 to 200 ft thick.	Stewart, 1979
ES-3	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Fine-grained, commonly vesicular olivine basalt and basaltic andesite to trachyandesite; includes basaltic agglomerate, cinders, dikes, and plugs. Correlates with andesite of Davis Mountain to the north and with basalt of Mount Montgomery to the south. Cross section indicates thickness as much as 300 ft.	McKee and others, 1982; Robinson and Crowder, 1973; Stewart, 1979
ES-4	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Trachybasalt lava, cinders, and bombs. Contours indicate 80-ft thickness.	Robinson and others, 1976
ES-5	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt flows and cinder cone.	Albers and Stewart, 1972; Stewart and Carlson, 1978
	Tba	Pliocene	Basaltic andesite flows.	
ES-6	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 4.8 m.y.	Vesicular, porphyritic, locally scoriaceous trachybasalt flows, locally interlayered with sediments.	Krauskopf, 1971; Robinson and others, 1976; Stewart and others, 1974
ES-7	Tba	Miocene	Mira Basalt: Basalt flow interlayered in the Siebert Tuff; 100 ft thick.	Albers and Stewart, 1972; Luedke and Smith, 1981
		6.8±1.5 to 8.7±1.5 m.y.	Malpais Basalt: Olivine-basalt flow that overlies sediments of the Thirsty Canyon Tuff (7.5 m.y.) and the Rabbit Spring Formation; 0 to 100 ft thick.	
		13.5±3.0 m.y.	Basalt flows north of Goldfield.	
ES-8	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Olivine basalt, locally scoriaceous. Basalt in adjacent California is more than 200 ft thick.	McKee and Nelson, 1967

EUREKA COUNTY (EU)

EU-1	Tba	Miocene 14.5±1.5 to 16.3±0.9 m.y.	Basaltic andesite flows dipping gently eastward. Mostly underlain by gravel but in northern part under- lain by the Ordovician Vinini Formation. Thickness 0 to 350 ft.	Gilluly and Masursky, 1965; Luedke and Smith, 1981
EU-2	Tb	Tertiary	Olivine basalt and basalt flows and cones.	Roberts and others, 1967
	Tba	Tertiary	Andesite flows 0 to 200 ft thick underlain by 0 to 700 ft of rhyolitic tuff and breccia; overlain by thick quartz-latitude flows.	
EU-3	Tba	Miocene 14.7±1.0 m.y.	Basaltic andesite.	Luedke and Smith, 1981

HUMBOLDT COUNTY (H)

H-1	QTb	Quaternary(?) and Tertiary 1.2 and 9.87±1.2 m.y.	Mesa Basalt and basalt of Catnip Creek: Basalt and minor andesitic basalt, scoriaceous; minor inter- beds of tuffaceous sedi- mentary rocks. Date of 1.2 m.y. from near Big Springs Butte may be inaccurate (Cathrall and others, 1978). Individual flows 0 to 10 ft thick; overall thickness as much as 130 ft.	Cathrall and others, 1978; Merriam, 1910; Walker and Repenning, 1965; Walker and Swanson, 1969
H-2	Tba	Miocene 16.5±1.5 m.y.	Steens Basalt: Basalt and andesite flows and minor interbeds of tuff- aceous sedimentary rocks, volcanics, and scoria. Individual flows 0 to 25 ft thick; aggregate thickness of as much as 1,700 ft on northeast side of Disaster Peak.	Greene, 1976; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Walker and Repenning, 1965
H-3	Tba	Miocene 15.6±0.3 m.y.	Basalt.	Luedke and Smith, 1981
H-4	Tb	Tertiary	Thin, porphyritic and vesicular flows. Unit thickness as much as 50 ft as indicated by cross section.	Smith, 1973
H-5	Tba	Pliocene and Miocene	Basalt flows interbedded with sediments and overlain by rhyolite in the northeast part of Jackson Mountains. Aerial magnetic map indicates basalt extends from the north- east part of the mountains eastward for 2 mi under a thin alluvial cover. Cross section near Buff Peak shows unit approximately 1,000 ft thick, but generally flows are 600 ft thick.	Roberts, 1940; Willden, 1963
H-6	Tb	Miocene 14.7±0.5 m.y.	Basalt.	Luedke and Smith, 1981

H-7	Tba	Miocene 22.0±0.7 m.y.	Basaltic andesite, andesite, and olivine-basalt flows, fine grained to aphanitic, and locally highly vesicular. Total thickness as much as 1,250 ft, but generally only 300 ft thick, as determined from cross section.	Erickson and Marsh, 1974b; Hotz and Willden, 1964
H-8	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 4.98±0.15 m.y.	Vesicular basalt and dense, olivine-basalt flows, fine grained to aphanitic; locally scoriaceous. Maximum exposed thickness is 200 ft, but a cross section shows thickness as much as 300 ft.	Erickson and Marsh, 1974a; Hotz and Willden, 1964; Luedke and Smith, 1981
H-9	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt flows, 0 to 100 ft thick.	Ferguson and others, 1951; Gilluly, 1967
	Tba	Tertiary	Basalt flows, 100 ft exposed.	

LANDER COUNTY (LA)

LA-1	Tb	Miocene 10.0±0.3 and 8.5±0.7 m.y.	Massive, slightly vesicular olivine-basalt flows. Overlie lenticular sedimentary body that rests on a thick sequence of basaltic andesite flows.	Luedke and Smith, 1981; Stewart and McKee, 1977
	Tba	14.8 and 16.3 m.y.	Basaltic andesite flows, weakly columnar and platy jointing. Flows 10 to 100 ft thick, aggregate thickness as much as 1,000 ft.	
LA-2	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt and olivine-basalt flows, dikes, and cinder cones. Flow tops are scoriaceous; bottoms, vesicular; locally weak columnar jointing. Flows dip gently to south. Individual flows 25 to 60 ft thick; aggregate thickness of 150 ft.	Roberts, 1964; Stewart and McKee, 1977
LA-3	Tb	Pliocene(?)	Basalt flows, locally vesicular and scoriaceous. Total thickness of the unit as much as 130 ft in cross section.	McKee, 1968

LINCOLN COUNTY (LI)

LI-1	Tb	Miocene 8.5±0.3 m.y.	Olivine-basalt flows less than 100 ft thick. Locally, flows may be as old as 17 m.y. (Ekren and others, 1977).	Armstrong, 1970; Ekren and others, 1977; Luedke and Smith, 1981
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LYON COUNTY (LY)

LY-1	Tba	Miocene 7.25±0.30 to 12.2 m.y.	Basalt and olivine-basalt flows, intensely faulted; underlain by gravels and Tertiary andesitic and sedimentary rocks.	Gilbert and Reynolds, 1973; Knopf, 1918; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Moore, 1969
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LY-2	Tba	Miocene 6.57±0.27 to 12.2 m.y.	Lousetown Formation: Basalt and basaltic andesite flows and inter- beds of scoriaceous basalt breccia and diatomaceous sediments.	Luedke and Smith, 1981; Moore, 1969; Stewart and others, 1981
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MINERAL COUNTY (M)

M-1	Tba	Miocene 7.3±0.4 m.y.	Basaltic andesite flows, cross section through the Wassuk Range indicates a thickness of more than 200 ft. In Gray Hills, flows are about 30 ft thick.	Bingler, 1978
M-2	Tba	Pliocene and Miocene 5.7±0.2 and 8.5±0.3 m.y.	Vesicular basalt flows over- lain by minor aphyric or porphyritic latite. Latite flows 0 to 200 ft thick; basalt flows 0 to 1,000 ft thick.	Ekren and Byers, 1978c; Ferguson and others, 1954; Luedke and Smith, 1981
M-3	Tba	Miocene	Aphyric to porphyritic latite (Ekren and Byers, 1978b); des- cribed as basalt by Stewart and Carlson (1978) and Luedke and Smith (1981); 0 to 160 ft thick.	Ekren and Byers, 1978b; Ferguson and others, 1953; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Stewart and Carlson, 1978
M-4	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 2.8±0.1 m.y.	Andesite and basalt of Beauty Peak volcano.	Kleinhampl and others, 1975; Luedke and Smith, 1981
M-5	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 1.1±0.2 to 4.5±0.2 m.y. and 5 to 10 m.y.	Alkali(?)-olivine basalt and basalt. Youngest age dates from southern outcrops.	Kleinhampl and others, 1975; Luedke and Smith, 1981
M-6	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 2.8±0.1 to 3.9±0.4 m.y.	Basalt-scoria cones.	Ferguson and others, 1954; Luedke and Smith, 1981
M-7	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 2.7±0.1 and 3.1±0.1 m.y.	Basalt of Mount Montgomery: Very vesicular olivine- basalt flows, cinders and agglomerate. In northeast part of area flows overlies conglomerate and are inter- layered with the rhyolite of Sugarloaf Canyon. May be correlative with basalt of Benton Range (3 m.y.). Individual flows 30 to 50 ft thick; total thickness generally 150 ft but may be as much as 1,000 ft.	Crowder and others, 1972; Dalrymple and Hirooka, 1965; Ferguson and others, 1954; Luedke and Smith, 1981; McKee, 1982; Stewart, 1979, 1981a, 1981b

NYE COUNTY, NORTHERN HALF (NN)

NN-1	Tba	Tertiary	Porphyritic andesite, olivine- bearing trachyandesite, and vesicular basalt flows, 0 to more than 800 ft thick. At Sherman Peak, trachyandesite overlies ash-flow tuff. Aggregate thickness 1,800 ft.	Bonham, 1970; Ferguson and Cathcart, 1954; Vitaliano, 1963; Vitaliano and Callaghan, 1963; Vitaliano and Vitaliano, 1972
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NN-2	Tba	Miocene	Hornblende andesite and hornblende rhyodacite, both slightly porphyritic. Total thickness as much as 250 ft.	Ekren and Byers, 1978a
NN-3	Tb	Miocene 10.2±0.9 m.y.	Porphyritic basalt lavas and dikes, 0 to 100 ft thick.	Ekren, Hinrichs and others, 1973; Luedke and Smith, 1981
NN-4	Tba	Tertiary	Basaltic andesite and dacite flows of uncertain age relationship. Locally covered by veneer of alluvium. Cross sections indicate thickness of 0 to 150 ft.	Scott, 1965
NN-5	Tba	Miocene 14.7±0.5 to 18.9±1.5 m.y.	Porphyritic trachyandesite flows, intrusives, vents, and scoria. Minor sedimentary and pyroclastic rocks; local deuteric alteration. Flows overlie volcanics of Lime Mountain and the Siebert Formation. Individual flows 10 to 15 ft thick; total thickness 0 to 1,000 ft.	Armstrong and others, 1972; Bonham and Garside, 1979
NN-6	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Aphanitic basaltic andesite, 0 to 100 ft thick.	Ekren and others, 1972
NN-7	Tba	Tertiary	Basalt, 0 to 70 ft thick in cross section.	Scott, 1965
NN-8	Tba	Miocene	Glassy basaltic andesite flows showing hackly jointing; maximum thickness 65 ft.	Gardner and others, 1980
NN-9	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 5.7±0.2 m.y.	Porphyritic olivine-basalt flows, 0 to 200 ft thick, locally intercalated with beds of colluvium and alluvium as much as 100 ft thick.	Ekren, Rogers, and others, 1973; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Marvin and others, 1973

NYE COUNTY, SOUTHERN HALF (NS)

NS-1	Tba	Miocene ~12 and <15 m.y.	Olivine-basalt and trachyandesite flows and locally plugs. Younger than Donovan Peak volcanics (15 m.y.) and probably similar in age to basalt of Black Cap Mountain (12 m.y.). Individual flows 10 to 35 ft thick; maximum exposed thickness 365 ft.	Albers and Stewart, 1972; Bonham and Garside, 1979
NS-2	Tba	Miocene	Olivine-basalt flows and some interbedded basalt cinders; less than 400 ft thick.	Gardner and others, 1980
NS-3	Tba	Tertiary <7.5 and 12.0±0.5 m.y.	Basalt flows that overlie the Thirsty Canyon Tuff (7.5 m.y.). Contours indicate greater than 800 ft in thickness. Date of 12 m.y. reported by Armstrong and others (1972).	Armstrong and others, 1972; Cornwall, 1972; Luedke and Smith, 1981
NS-4	Tb	Pliocene	Basalt of Basalt Ridge: Porphyritic basalt.	Ekren and others, 1971

NS-5	Tba	Miocene 10.4±1.4 to 12.9±1.2 m.y.	Andesite and basalt flows.	Luedke and Smith, 1981
NS-6	QTb	Miocene 9.2 and 10.4 m.y.	Aphanitic olivine-basalt flows and dikes, some scoria; locally, probable cone or vent; 0 to more than 200 ft thick.	Ekren and others, 1967, 1971; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Rogers and others, 1967
NS-7	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt of Basalt Ridge: Porphyritic, alkaline olivine basalt, commonly vesicular, 0 to more 150 ft.	Ekren and others, 1971; Noble and Christiansen, 1968; Rogers and others, 1968
	Tb	Pliocene	Porphyritic basalt and trachyandesite, 0 to 50 ft thick.	
	Tb	Pliocene	Andesitic basalt of Mount Helen: Andesitic basalt flows and dikes, porphyritic, glassy to finely crystalline groundmass, 0 to 50 ft thick. Restricted to northern part of area.	
NS-8	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary >7.5 m.y.	Dense, porphyritic basalt, includes feeder dike. Generally 0 to 100 ft thick, but largest body, a basalt dome, could be more than 800 ft thick as indicated by contours (Cornwall, 1972). This body underlies the Thirsty Canyon Tuff (7.5 m.y.).	Cornwall, 1972; Ekren and others, 1966, 1971; Lipman and others, 1966
NS-9	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 2.8 m.y.	Non-porphyritic trachy- basalt flows, cinder beds, and spatter cones, 0 to 250 ft thick.	Byers and Cummings, 1967; Byers and others, 1966, 1976; Carr and Quinlivan, Christiansen and Lipman, 1965; Hinrichs and others, 1967; Kistler, 1968; Luedke and Smith, 1981
	Tb	Pliocene	Rubbly, scoriaceous trachy- andesite and trachybasalt flows and vents. Locally interbedded with gravels and tuffaceous sediments. Individual flows 0 to 100 ft thick; aggregate thickness 0 to 1,000 ft. 1,000 ft.	
	Tb	Miocene 10.6±0.34 to 10.9±0.45 m.y.	Northernmost Tb outcrop is olivine-basalt flows. Contours indicate 0 to 120 ft thick.	
NS-10	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Turnridge stock: Microgabbro and basalt intrusives as dikes and plugs. Byers and Barnes (1967) describe unit as basalt flows and note cinder cones at base. Cross-sectional thickness is more than 200 ft.	Byers and Barnes, 1967; Spengler and others, 1979

NS-11	Tb	Tertiary	Easternmost outcrops are fine-grained to aphanitic, porphyritic basalt flows interbedded with tuff tilted and faulted. Porphyritic latite flows and latite intrusives are also present.	Cornwall, 1972; Cornwall and Kleinhampl, 1961, 1964
		Miocene 10.8 to <13.5 m.y.	Porphyritic, fine grained basalt flows and dikes; local basanite facies. Interlayered with Paintbrush and Timber Mountain Tuffs (10.8 to 13.5 m.y.) and some flows overlie Timber Mountain Tuff. Cross-sectional thickness more than 200 ft.	
NS-12	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 3.7 m.y.	Basalt flows and locally pyroclastics.	Crowe and Carr, 1980; Crowe and others, 1983; Ekren and Sargent, 1965; McKay and Williams, 1964; Sargent and others, 1970; Sargent and Stewart, 1971
	Tb	Pliocene	Basalt of Kiwi Mesa: Dense to scoriaceous, amygdaloidal olivine basalt. Locally deuterically altered, and weathers crumbly; 0 to 250 ft thick. Basalt of Skull Mountain: Dense, amygdaloidal, locally scoriaceous olivine basalt; 0 to 300 ft thick.	

PERSHING COUNTY (P)

P-1	Tba	Tertiary	Basalt flows and breccias, some interbedded sediments. Cross section shows southernmost outcrop to be more than 100 ft thick, but thickness may include some tuff.	Silberling and Wallace, 1967
P-2	Tba	Miocene 11.8±0.4 and 13.2±0.4 m.y.	Basalt flows, scoriaceous, ropy to massive. Dates are from McKinney Pass area. Cross section shows thickness as much as 500 ft.	Ferguson and others, 1951; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Muller and others, 1951
P-3	Tba	Miocene 10.6±0.3 to 11.2±0.3 m.y.	Basalt and minor andesite flows, breccias, vents, and pyroclastics. Flows have scoriaceous tops, and locally are interbedded with gravel and tuffaceous material. Basalts partly overlie metasediments, and have undergone slope failure. Cross section shows thickness as much as 250 ft.	Luedke and Smith, 1981; Wallace, Silberling, and others, 1969; Wallace, Tatlock, and others, 1969
P-4	Tb	Oligocene	Massive and blocky olivine-basalt flows, locally vesicular. The five or six flows average about 30 ft thick; aggregate thickness of 150 ft. Flows underlie Caetano Tuff (Oligocene).	Johnson, 1977

STOREY COUNTY (S)

S-1	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary 1.2 to 2.3 m.y.	Vesicular, olivine-basalt to pyroxene-andesite flows, pyroclastics, and intrusives; overlie gravels and volcanics and sediments of the Truckee Formation. Unit called Lousetown Formation by Rose (1969), Thompson (1956) and Thompson and White (1964), but Bonham (1969) states that the age is too young. Aggregate thickness as much as 350 ft.	Bonham, 1969; Luedke and Smith, 1981; Rose, 1969; Thompson, 1956; Thompson and White, 1964
	Tb	Miocene 6.90±0.19 m.y.	Lousetown Formation: Vesicular, olivine-basalt to pyroxene-andesite flows, pyroclastics, and intrusives; overlie gravels and volcanics and sediments of the Truckee Formation. Aggregate thickness is as much as 350 ft.	
	Tba	Miocene 13.9 m.y.	Chloropagus Formation: Locally brecciated basalt and andesite flows interbedded with sediments, tuffs, and intrusives. Overlies Old Gregory Formation and overlaps both the Alta Formation and Hartford Hill Rhyolite Tuff Formation 0 to more than 2,500 ft thick.	

WASHOE COUNTY (WS)

WS-1	QTb	Quaternary(?) and Tertiary 9.87±1.2 m.y.	Basalt of Catnip Creek and Mesa Basalt: Basalt flows, 0 to 10 ft thick; total thickness as much as 135 ft.	Bonham, 1969; Cathrall and others, 1978; Merriam, 1910; Walker and Repenning, 1965
	Tb	Pliocene and Miocene 8.84±1.1 m.y.	Includes basalt of Catnip Creek: Vesicular to scoriaeous olivine-basalt flows, dikes, and plugs; local columnar jointing. Individual flows 10 to 20 ft thick; aggregate thickness as much as 135 ft. Basalt of Catnip Creek is in northeast part of area.	
	Tba	Miocene 15.3±0.9 m.y.	Andesite of Bald Mountain and andesite of Round Mountain: Predominantly andesite but also basalt and trachyte flows and breccias. Interbedded with tuffaceous sedimentary rocks; overlain by tuffs and basalts; unit as much as 1,500 ft thick.	
WS-2	Tba	Pliocene and Miocene	Basaltic flows, basalt lapilli tuffs, and lapillistones intercalated with tuffs and sediments in the High Rock sequence.	Bonham, 1969

WS-3	QTb	Quaternary and Tertiary	Basalt and andesite flows.	Bonham, 1969
	Tb	Pliocene and Miocene	Vesicular to scoriaceous olivine-basalt flows, dikes, and plugs. Flows intercalated with sediments and volcanics of Pliocene(?) age; locally columnar jointed. Individual flows 10 to 20 ft thick; aggregate thickness more than 1,000 ft.	
WS-4	Tb	Pliocene and Miocene	Olivine basalt, vesicular to scoriaceous.	Bonham, 1969; Luedke and Smith, 1981; MacJannet, 1957; Willden and Speed, 1974
	Tba	Miocene 12.4 to 15.2±2.4 m.y.	Pyramid Formation of MacJannet (1957) and Chloropagus and Old Gregory Formations: Olivine basalt, basaltic andesite, and andesite flows, vents, and dikes; some local scoria; flow partings and very vesicular flow tops. Intercalated with siliceous pumice and lapilli tuff as well as sediments and volcanics of the Coal Valley and Truckee Formations. Locally cut by faults with as much as 1,000 ft vertical displacement. Thickness 0 to 3,000 ft.	

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