

FIGURE 3.—GENERALIZED GEOLOGY AND LOCATION OF INVENTORIED WELLS AND SPRINGS.

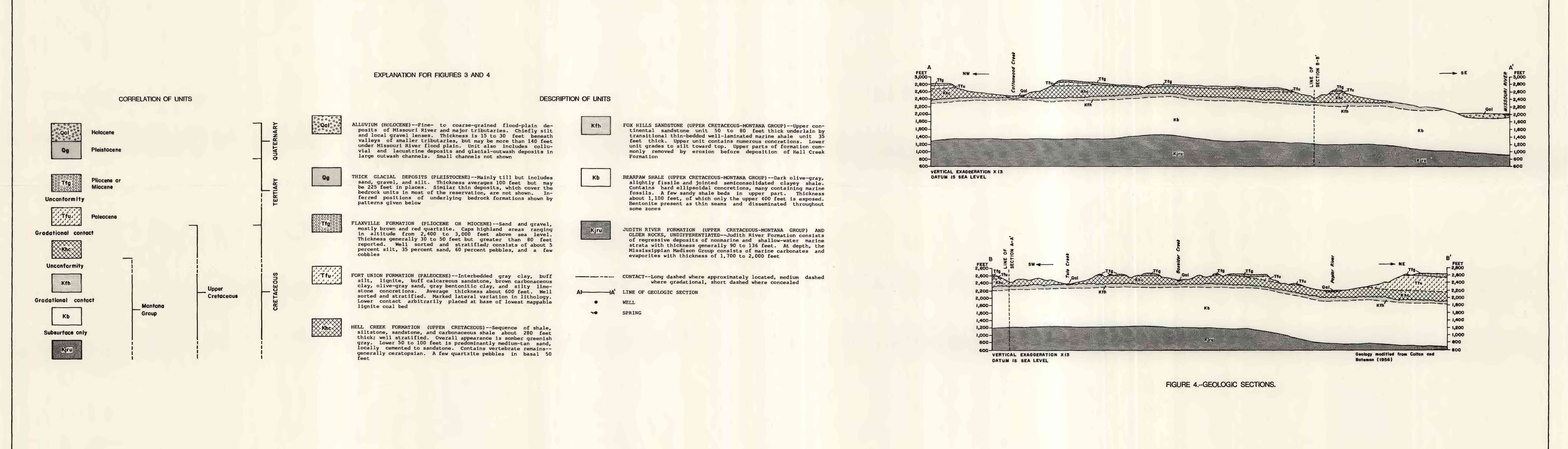


FIGURE 4.—GEOLOGIC SECTIONS.

INTRODUCTION

In many parts of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, which is located in northeastern Montana (fig. 1), ground water is the only source of water supply. Recently, some tribal residents have become concerned that the quality of water from their domestic wells has deteriorated. In response to this concern, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Water Resources Office of the Fort Peck Tribes, made a reconnaissance study of the ground-water resources of the reservation.

Purpose and Scope

This report describes the results of the reconnaissance study, which was conducted during 1989-90. Specifically, the report describes the generalized geology and ground-water resources, and presents the well-inventory and water-quality data collected during 1989. As part of the study, existing geologic and hydrologic data were compiled, additional wells and springs were inventoried, short-term water-level fluctuations in wells were monitored, water samples were collected from selected wells and analyzed for chemical quality, and all information was put in a computer-accessible format.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The Fort Peck Indian Reservation includes an area of about 3,280 mi² in parts of Daniels, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Valley Counties. The reservation is bounded by Porcupine Creek and the Milk River on the west, Big Muddy Creek on the east, and the Missouri River on the south. On the north, the border is the 48°38' parallel, which is 40 mi north of the mouth of the Milk River.

Three general types of terrain characterize the area. The Missouri River valley bottom is irrigated farmland with deciduous trees. Near the major Missouri River tributaries, which intersect the reservation, the land surface is generally rolling to rough rangeland (badlands) used primarily for livestock grazing. High benches, the third type of terrain, are characterized by relatively fertile soils, which are well suited for the production of small grains.

EXPLANATION FOR FIGURES 3 AND 4

CORRELATION OF UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF UNITS
QUATERNARY	
Alluvium (Holocene)—Fine- to coarse-grained flood-plain deposits of sand, gravel, and silt. Thickness averages 100 feet but may be as thin as 10 feet in places. Similar thin deposits, which cover the bedrock units in most of the reservation, are not shown. Inferred positions of carbonate drapes and glacial-outwash deposits in large outwash channels. Small channels not shown.	FOX HILLS SANDSTONE (UPPER CRETACEOUS-MONTANA GROUP)—Upper continental sandstone and siltstone, and thin-bedded clay shale. Contains hard ellipsoidal concretions, many containing marine fossils. A few sandy shale beds. In upper part, thin-bedded unit grades to silt toward top. Upper parts of formation commonly removed by erosion before deposition of Hell Creek Formation.
TERTIARY	
THICK GLACIAL DEPOSITS (PLEISTOCENE)—Mainly till but includes sand, gravel, and silt. Thickness averages 100 feet but may be as thin as 10 feet in places. Similar thin deposits, which cover the bedrock units in most of the reservation, are not shown. Inferred positions of carbonate drapes and glacial-outwash deposits in large outwash channels. Small channels not shown.	BEARPAW SHALES (UPPER CRETACEOUS-MONTANA GROUP)—Dark olive-gray, slightly fissile and jointed, semiconsolidated clay shale. Contains hard ellipsoidal concretions, many containing marine fossils. A few sandy shale beds. In upper part, thin-bedded unit grades to silt toward top. Upper parts of formation commonly removed by erosion before deposition of Hell Creek Formation.
FLAXVILLE FORMATION (PLIOCENE OR MIOCENE)—Sand and gravel, mostly brown and red quartzite. Caps highland areas, rising in altitude from 2,400 to 3,000 feet above sea level. Thickness generally 30 to 50 feet but greater than 80 feet reported. Well sorted and stratified; consists of about 5 percent silt, 25 percent sand, 60 percent pebbles, and a few cobbles.	JUDITH RIVER FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS-MONTANA GROUP) AND OLDER ROCKS, UNDIFFERENTIATED—Judith River Formation consists of massive sandstone and siltstone, and thin-bedded clay shale with thickness generally 90 to 136 feet. At depth, the Mississippian Madison Group consists of marine carbonates and evaporites with thickness of 1,700 to 2,000 feet.
FORT UNION FORMATION (PALEOCENE)—Interbedded gray clay, buff silt, lignite, buff calcareous sandstone, brown carbonaceous shale, and thin-bedded clay shale. Average thickness about 600 feet. Well sorted and stratified; consists of about 5 percent silt, 25 percent sand, 60 percent pebbles, and a few cobbles. Lower contact arbitrarily placed at base of lowest mappable lignite coal.	HELL CREEK FORMATION (UPPER CRETACEOUS)—Sequence of shale, siltstone, sandstone, and clay shale. Thickness averages 100 feet but may be as thin as 10 feet in places. Similar thin deposits, which cover the bedrock units in most of the reservation, are not shown. Inferred positions of carbonate drapes and glacial-outwash deposits in large outwash channels. Small channels not shown.
MONTANA GROUP	
SUBSURFACE ONLY	

CONTACT—long dashed where approximately located, medium dashed where gradational, short dashed where concealed

LINE OF GEOLOGIC SECTION

WELL

SPRING

DATA COLLECTION

As an initial step in establishing a monitoring-well network, 118 wells and 2 springs (fig. 3) were inventoried to supplement existing geologic and hydrologic data. The data collected during 1989 at each well in the network included: location, type of site, altitude of land surface, use of water, depth of well, water level, water-level status, altitude of water level, specific conductance, pH, water temperature, and principal aquifer (table 1). Available lithologic well logs were obtained for hydrologic analysis.

A monitoring network of 53 wells was selected using inventory data. The wells were selected to represent geographically the major aquifers in the reservation. Water levels were measured twice during 1989 at each well in the network; specific conductance, pH, and water temperature were also measured twice, where possible.

Water samples for chemical analysis were collected from 20 selected wells during July 1989. Water samples were measured for physical properties and analyzed for major-ion concentrations (table 2) and trace-element and organic-carbon concentrations (table 3). In addition, nine water samples were analyzed for the stable isotopes of oxygen and hydrogen (table 3). The water samples were analyzed by the U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory in Denver, Colo.

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GENERALIZED GEOLOGY

The generalized geology is shown in figure 3; glacial deposits thinner than about 80 ft which cover the bedrock units in most of the reservation, are not shown on the map. Except for the Bearpaw Shale, the mapped geologic units, which range in age from Late Cretaceous to Holocene, field most of the ground water used in the reservation. The generalized thickness and structure are shown in the geologic sections (fig. 4).

The Upper Cretaceous Bearpaw Shale consists of dark clayey shale. This unit underlies the entire reservation and is exposed at land surface in southern and western areas. Where exposed, the shale forms either badlands or small hills having gentle slopes (Jensen and Varnes, 1964).

The Upper Cretaceous Hell Creek Formation consists dominantly of shale, siltstone, and sandstone. The formation is exposed at land surface in areas between Little Porcupine Creek and the Poplar River, resulting from erosion of beds of the Hell Creek and Fox Hills are capped by sandstone ledges.

The Paleocene Fort Union Formation consists dominantly of gray clay, buff silt, buff sandstone, and olive-gray sand irregularly interbedded with dark carbonaceous seams and thin, discontinuous lignite coal beds (Witkind, 1959). The Fort Union Formation is exposed at land surface in areas between Little Porcupine Creek and Smoke Creek in the north-central part of the reservation and in a small area in the southeast corner. Most beds easily erode on exposure and are distinguished by the darkness of the lignite.

The Flaxville Formation, of Pliocene or Miocene age, consists of sand and gravel composed of siliceous pebbles such as quartzite, chert, opal, flint, chalcedony, and some silicified wood (Witkind, 1959). The gravels, which form the cap of even-topped plateaus and benches, are at land surface north of Cottonwood Creek and between Little Porcupine Creek and the Poplar River.

Pleistocene glacial deposits consist mainly of till, but also contain deposits of sand, gravel, and silt. These glacial deposits generally are present throughout the reservation, except for a gravel-capped plateau at the heads of Wolf Creek and Tule Creek drainages. The location of glacial deposits thicker than about 80 ft is shown in figure 3.

Holocene alluvium consists of flood-plain deposits of silt and local gravel lenses. These deposits are present along the Missouri River and major tributaries.

AQUIFERS

Aquifers that are commonly used in the Fort Peck Indian Reservation for water supply exist in the Quaternary deposits (alluvium and glacial deposits), Flaxville Formation, Fort Union Formation, and a combination of the Fox Hills Sandstone and the lower part of the Hell Creek Formation. The alluvial aquifers are present mainly along the major stream valleys. Glacial aquifers are present in most of the reservation, but water yields differ greatly with location. The Flaxville aquifer is present in the northern and central parts of the reservation, and the Fort Union aquifer is present in the north-central and eastern parts. The Fox Hills lower Hell Creek aquifer is present in all areas of the reservation, except the extreme south-central and western parts.

The median specific conductance of representative samples of water collected from wells and springs in the reservation was 1,270 μ S/cm. The median pH was 7.4, and the median temperature was 9.5 °C. Water from 10 wells completed in Quaternary aquifers and in the Madison Group and located in an area of water-quality concern north of Poplar had specific-conductance values greater than 4,500 μ S/cm.

Water samples from wells in the area of water-quality concern contained chloride concentrations that were much larger than from wells elsewhere in the reservation. Values of dissolved organic carbon also were larger in the area of water-quality concern than elsewhere.

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CONVERSION FACTORS, ABBREVIATED WATER-QUALITY UNITS, AND VERTICAL DATUM

Multiply	By	To obtain
acre (ft)	0.047	square meter
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter
gallon per minute	0.06309	liter per second
gal/min (in)	25.4	millimeter
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer
square mile (mi ²)	2.59	square kilometer

Temperature can be converted to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) or degrees Celsius (°C) by the equations:

°F = 9/5 (°C) + 32
°C = 5/9 (°F) - 32

Abbreviated water-quality units used in report:

µg/L micrograms per liter
µS/cm microsiemens per centimeter at 25 °C
mg/L milligrams per liter

Sea level: In this report "sea level" refers to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD of 1929)—A geodetic datum derived from a general adjustment of the first-order level nets of the United States and Canada, formerly called Sea Level Datum of 1929.

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GROUND-WATER RESOURCES

Aquifers

Principal aquifers in the reservation exist in Quaternary deposits, Flaxville Formation, Fort Union Formation, and a combination of the Fox Hills Sandstone and the lower part of the Hell Creek Formation. The Quaternary aquifers include alluvium and glacial deposits. Generalized areas of occurrence of the principal aquifers are shown in figure 5-B. The boundaries of the aquifers were interpreted from geology mapped by Colton (1955, 1963-1, 1964) and Colton and Bateman (1956).

The alluvial aquifers are present mainly along major stream valleys (fig. 5). The aquifers are recharged by infiltration of precipitation and streamflow and by lateral flow from adjacent aquifers, and are discharged by streamflow, evapotranspiration, leakage to underlying aquifers, and water withdrawals. Rivers occupying the alluvial valleys affect the hydraulic gradient within the aquifer.

The glacial aquifers are present in most of the reservation. Because water yields from these aquifers differ greatly with location, their areal extent was not interpreted in this study. However, the location of wells completed in glacial aquifers is shown in figure 5. These aquifers are recharged by infiltration of precipitation and streamflow and are discharged by streamflow, evapotranspiration, springs, leakage to underlying aquifers, and water withdrawals. By hydraulic gradients in the glacial aquifers fluctuate according to local flow systems.

The Flaxville aquifer is present in the northern and central parts of the reservation (fig. 6) and is mostly unconfined. The aquifer is recharged by infiltration of precipitation, is discharged by evapotranspiration, springs, leakage to underlying aquifers, and water withdrawals. The flow system of the aquifer is affected by the many streams that cut through the aquifer. Springs are common in the lower part of the aquifer near stream channels.

The Fort Union aquifer is present in the north-central and eastern parts of the reservation (fig. 7). The aquifer is recharged by infiltration of precipitation on the outcrop and by leakage from the underlying aquifers. The aquifer is discharged by evapotranspiration, springs, and water withdrawals. The flow system of the aquifer is affected by the many streams that cut through the aquifer. Springs are common in the lower part of the aquifer near stream channels.

The lower part of the Hell Creek Formation is hydraulically connected to the Fox Hills Formation. Together, these two units compose the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer. The aquifer is present in all areas of the reservation except the extreme southern and western parts (fig. 8). The aquifer is recharged by infiltration of precipitation on the outcrop and by leakage from the underlying aquifers. The aquifer is discharged by evapotranspiration, springs, and water withdrawals. The flow system of the aquifer is affected by the many streams that cut through the aquifer. Springs are common in the lower part of the aquifer near stream channels.

Most ground-water withdrawals are from wells completed in the alluvial aquifers. The second most common source of water is the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer. East of 106° 10' W, well yields are 10 to 25 gal/min for alluvial aquifers, 10 to 50 gal/min for glacial aquifers, 10 to 25 gal/min for the Flaxville aquifer, 2 to 10 gal/min for the Fort Union aquifer, and 10 to 25 gal/min for the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer (Colton, 1988, p. 34). The water withdrawn is used mostly for livestock watering and domestic purposes.

Secondary aquifers in the reservation are those deeper than the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer. In this study, the deeper units inventoried were the Judith River Formation, the Madison Group, and the Madison Group of Mississippian age. These secondary aquifers generally are not used for water sources in the reservation because of their depth and the thickness of the overlying Bearpaw Shale, which is difficult to drill.

Water Levels and Physical Properties of the Water

At each site inventoried during 1989, water level, specific conductance, and temperature were measured where possible. Each aquifer has a distinct range in altitude of water levels and a distinct median specific conductance; therefore, each is discussed separately. Median values of specific conductance were calculated for water from the principal aquifers. Median values of specific conductance were calculated for water from the principal aquifers. Median values of specific conductance were calculated for water from the principal aquifers.

The median specific conductance of representative samples of water collected from wells and springs in the reservation was 1,270 µS/cm. Water from 10 wells completed in Quaternary aquifers and the Madison Group in an area of water-quality concern north of Poplar (wells 32, 34, 36, 38, 58, 59, 61) had specific conductance values that were greater than 4,500 µS/cm. The median specific conductance of water from these wells was 7.4 and the median temperature was 9.3 °C.

During 1989, 35 wells completed in the alluvial aquifer were inventoried. Depth of wells ranged from 12 ft near Poplar River (well 57) to 132 ft near Tule Creek (well 70). Altitudes of water level ranged from 1,895 ft near the Missouri River (well 40) to 2,743 ft near West Fork Wolf Creek (well 66). The median specific conductance was 1,460 µS/cm.

Eighteen wells and 2 springs producing water from glacial aquifers were inventoried during 1989. Depth of wells ranged from 13 ft in the northeastern part of the reservation (well 48) to 150 ft in the southeast (well 33). Altitudes of water level ranged from 1,924 ft in the southeast (well 33) to 2,840 ft in the central part (well 83). The median specific conductance was 1,270 µS/cm.

During 1989, 17 wells completed in the Flaxville aquifer were inventoried. Depth of wells ranged from 18 ft in the northeastern part of the reservation (well 78) to 100 ft in the central part (well 48 and 49). Altitudes of water level ranged from 2,652 ft in the central part (well 88) to 2,899 ft in the northwest (well 106). The median specific conductance was 712 µS/cm.

Eighteen wells completed in the Fort Union aquifer were inventoried during 1989. Depth of wells ranged from 20 ft (well 117) to 310 ft (well 104) in the north-central part of the reservation. Altitudes of water level ranged from 1,912 ft in the southeast (well 39) to 2,840 ft in the central part (well 83). The median specific conductance was 1,270 µS/cm.

During 1989, 17 wells completed in the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer were inventoried. Depth of wells ranged from 18 ft in the northeastern part of the reservation (well 78) to 100 ft in the central part (well 48 and 49). Altitudes of water level ranged from 2,652 ft in the central part (well 88) to 2,899 ft in the northwest (well 106). The median specific conductance was 712 µS/cm.

During 1989, 27 wells completed in the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer were inventoried. Depth of wells ranged from 51 ft in the north-central part of the reservation (well 99) to 360 ft in the east-central part (well 72). Altitudes of water level ranged from 2,068 ft in the east-central part (well 72) to 2,975 ft in the north-central part (well 108). The median specific conductance was 940 µS/cm.

Two wells completed in deeper, secondary aquifers were inventoried during 1989--well 20 in the Judith River Formation, which is used for livestock watering, and well 32 in the Madison Group, which is used for oil production. Water levels were not measured in either well. The specific conductance was 4,200 µS/cm in well 20 and 200,000 µS/cm in well 32.

Chemical Quality

Of the 20 water samples analyzed during 1989, 12 are considered to be representative of the chemical quality of water in the principal aquifer in the reservation. However, only generalized statements can be made about the water quality of each aquifer owing to the small number of analyses. The remaining eight analyses are from wells in the area of water-quality concern north of Poplar (wells 32, 34, 37, 38, 58, 59, 61); these analyses are described separately in the 12 representative analyses.

The ionic composition of the 20 water samples is depicted in a trilinear diagram (fig. 9) suggested by Piper (1944). Points on the diagram identify percentage composition rather than concentration. Therefore, two samples containing equal percentage distributions of calcium, magnesium, and sodium plus potassium would plot at the same point regardless of differences in actual concentrations.

Analyses of the water samples in table 2 are compared to primary and secondary drinking-water regulations established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1991a,b). Primary drinking-water regulations, which are mandatory for public water supplies, specify a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 mg/L for nitrate (as nitrogen). Secondary drinking-water regulations, which apply to all public water supplies unless no better supply is available, include secondary maximum contaminant levels (SMCL) of 250 mg/L for sulfate, 500 mg/L for dissolved solids, 300 µg/L for iron, and 50 µg/L for manganese. The analyses of water samples in table 2 also are compared to a classification system for livestock watering developed by Montana State College (now Montana State University), Agricultural Experiment Station (Great Falls, 1971, p. 133). This classification system is based on dissolved-solids concentration of the water:

- 0-2,500 mg/L, good
- 2,500-3,500 mg/L, fair
- 3,500-4,500 mg/L, poor
- >4,500 mg/L, unfit

Of the four representative water samples from alluvial aquifers, one (well 10) is dominated by the sodium and calcium cations and the sulfate anion; one (well 24) is dominated by the calcium cation and the bicarbonate and sulfate anions; and one (well 73) is dominated by the sodium cation and the bicarbonate anion. The water samples from wells 10 and 24 exceeded the SMCL's for sulfate (wells 10 and 24) and dissolved solids (wells 10, 24, 40, and 73). In addition, the concentration (mg/L) of the sample from well 24 exceeded the MCL for nitrate, and the concentrations (table 3) of the water samples from wells 10 and 40 exceeded the SMCL's for iron and manganese. The suitability of water for livestock watering is good, on the basis of dissolved-solids concentration.

Of the two representative water samples from glacial aquifers, both (wells 7 and 21) are dominated by the sodium cation and the sulfate anion. Water samples from both wells had concentrations that exceeded the SMCL's for sulfate and dissolved solids. Water from well 7 also had concentrations that exceeded the SMCL's for iron and manganese. The suitability of water for livestock watering is good, on the basis of dissolved-solids concentration.

Of the two representative water samples from the Flaxville aquifer, both (wells 69 and 97) are dominated by the calcium cation and the bicarbonate anion. Both water samples had concentrations that exceeded the MCL for nitrate. The suitability of water for livestock watering is good, on the basis of dissolved-solids concentration.

Of the two representative water samples from the Fort Union aquifer, one (well 89) is dominated by the magnesium cation and the bicarbonate anion, and one (well 104) is dominated by the sodium cation and the bicarbonate and sulfate anions. Water from well 104 had concentrations that exceeded the SMCL's for sulfate and dissolved solids. The suitability of water for livestock watering is good, on the basis of dissolved-solids concentration.

Of the Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer, both (wells 65 and 93) are dominated by the sodium cation and the bicarbonate anion. Water from well 93 had concentrations that exceeded the SMCL's for sulfate, dissolved solids, and iron. The suitability of water for livestock watering is good, on the basis of dissolved-solids concentration.

Of the eight water samples from wells in the area of water-quality concern north of Poplar, six (wells 32, 34, 36, 38, 59, 61) are dominated by the sodium cation and the chloride anion and two (wells 37 and 39) are dominated by the magnesium cation and the chloride anion; in contrast, water containing principally the sodium cation and the bicarbonate anion was sampled from well 73, which is upgradient from the eight sites and can be considered to be a control site. Percentage composition of chloride may be an indicator of water-quality contamination. Water samples from the eight wells in the area of water-quality concern contained percentage compositions of chloride greater than 70, whereas water samples from all other wells contained percentage compositions of chloride less than 25. Water samples from the eight wells had concentrations of chloride that ranged from 1,100 to 60,000 mg/L.

Analytical results for trace-element concentration and stable-isotope ratios for 20 water samples are given in table 3. These results provide background information for ground water in the study area. The detection limits for trace elements are affected by dissolved solids; generally the larger the dissolved-solids concentration of the water sample, the larger the detection limit for the analytical method used.

The results of analysis for dissolved organic carbon (DOC) also are given in table 3. In water samples from the eight wells having large percentage compositions of chloride in the area of water-quality concern, the concentrations of DOC were larger (median of 5.2 mg/L) than from other wells in the reservation (median of 2.6 mg/L), which indicates a source of DOC that may not be naturally occurring. Further investigation of the types of organic carbon dissolved in these waters could aid in determining the sources.

EXPLANATION

Aquifer--Solid symbol is for representative sample. Open symbol is for sample from area of water-quality concern. Numerical well number.

▲ Alluvium

▲ Glacial deposits

▲ Flaxville aquifer

● Fort Union aquifer

● Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer

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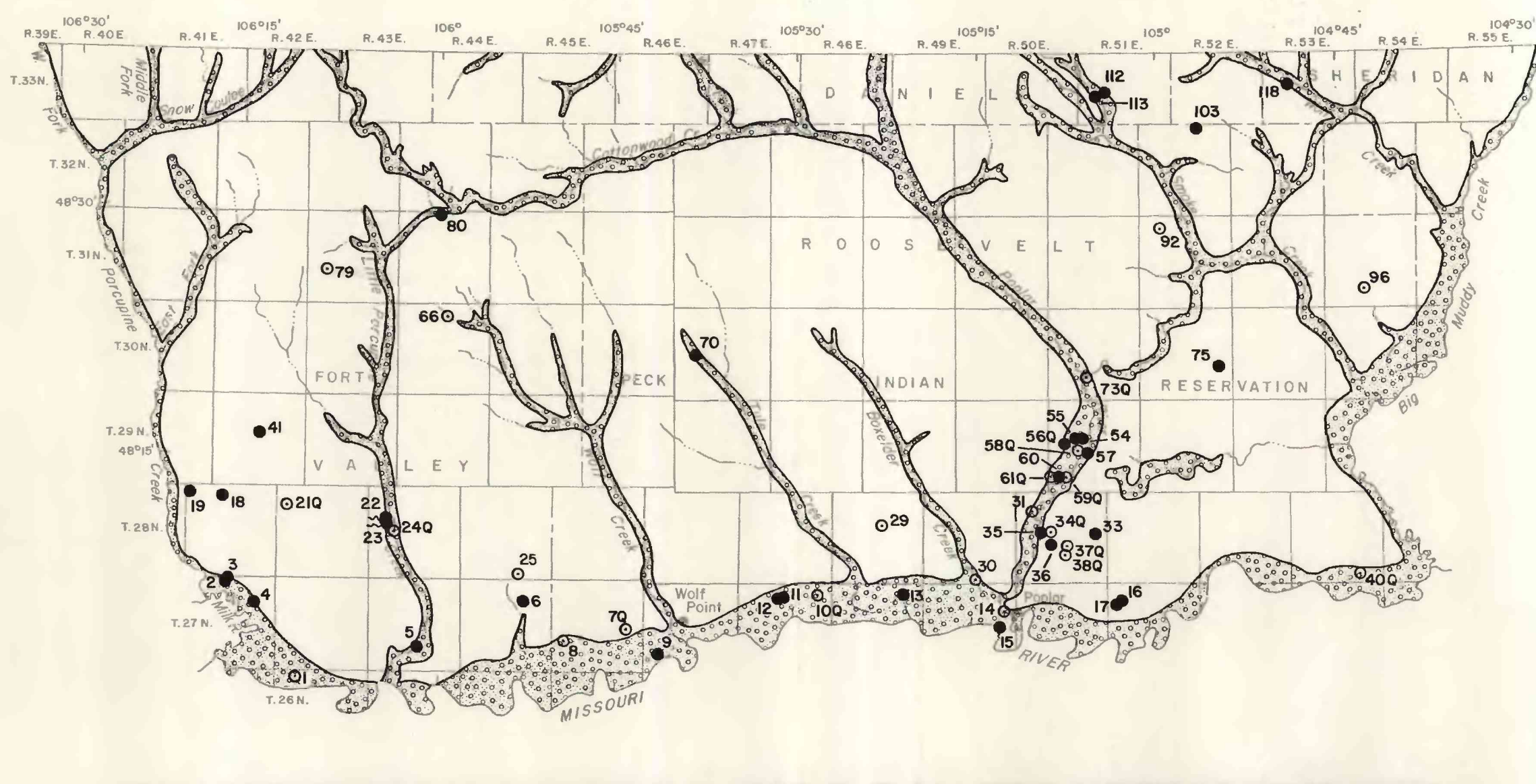


FIGURE 5.--GENERALIZED AREA OF THE ALLUVIAL AQUIFERS AND LOCATION OF WELLS AND SPRINGS COMPLETED IN QUATERNARY AQUIFERS.



FIGURE 6.--GENERALIZED AREA OF THE FLAXVILLE AQUIFER AND LOCATION OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE AQUIFER.

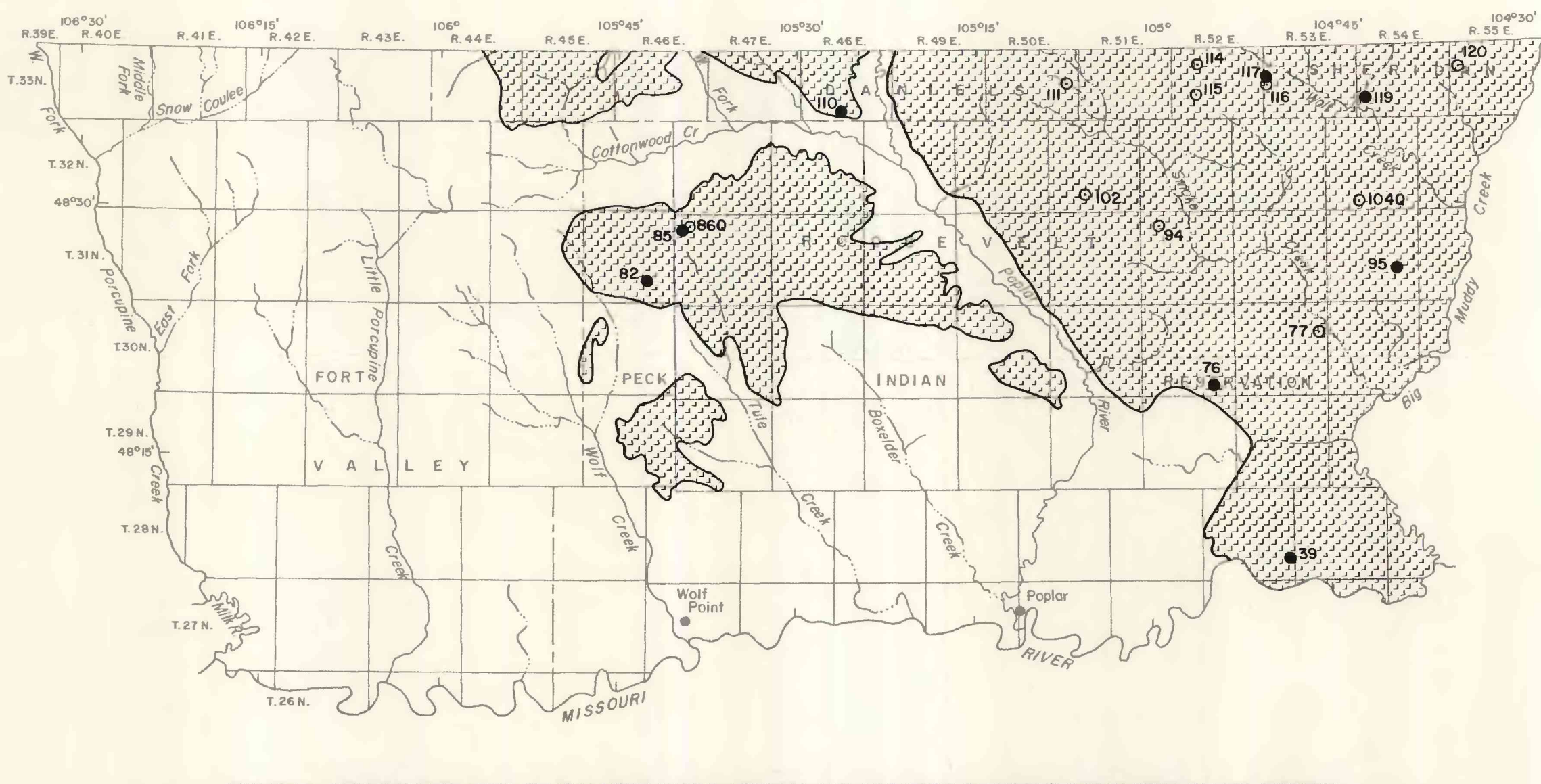


FIGURE 7.--GENERALIZED AREA OF THE FORT UNION AQUIFER AND LOCATION OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE AQUIFER.

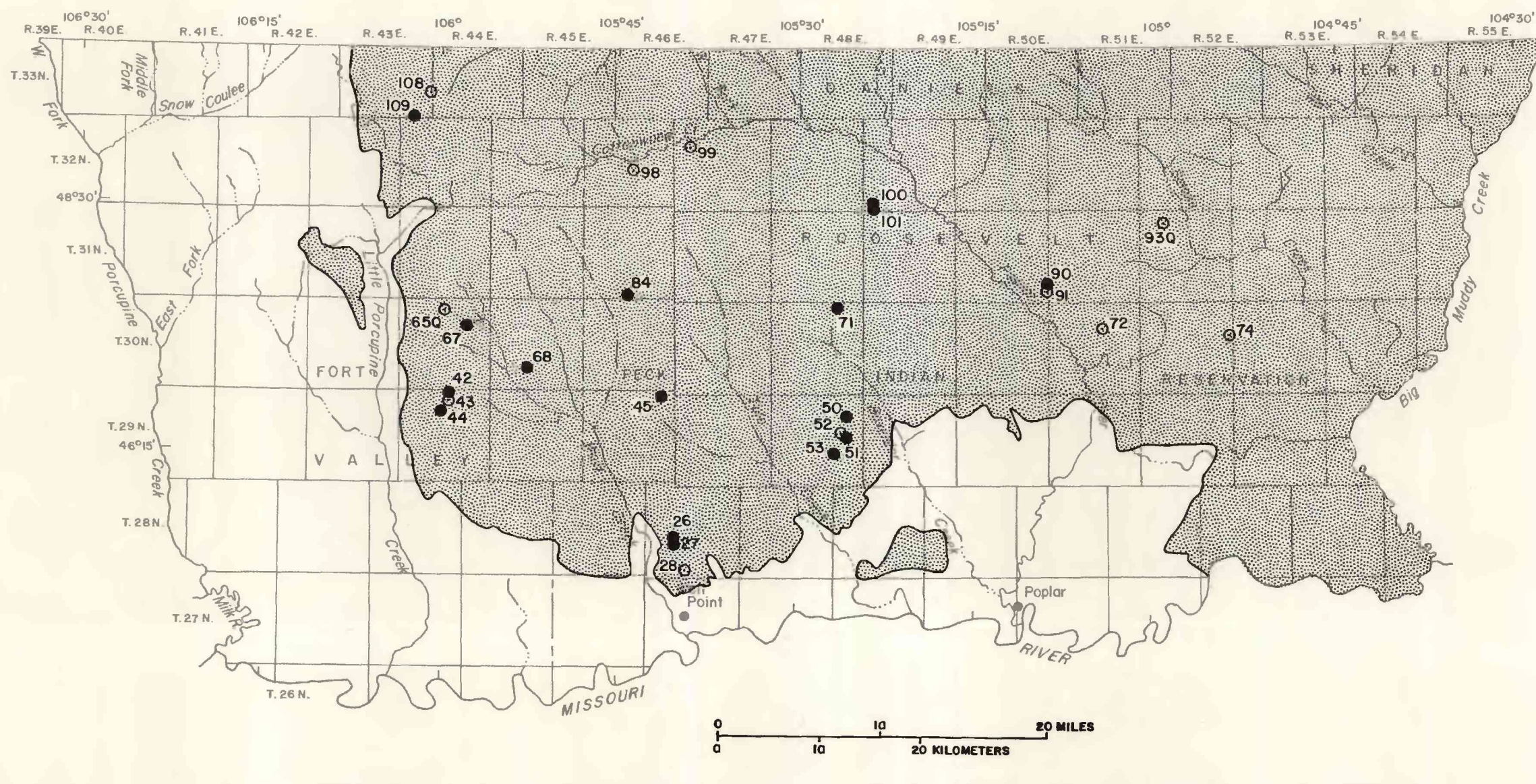


FIGURE 8.--GENERALIZED AREA OF THE FOX HILLS-LOWER HELL CREEK AQUIFER AND LOCATION OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE AQUIFER.

EXPLANATION FOR FIGURES 5-8

- AREA OF ALLUVIAL AQUIFERS--Small areas not shown
- AREA OF FLAXVILLE AQUIFER
- AREA OF FORT UNION AQUIFER
- AREA OF FOX HILLS-LOWER HELL CREEK AQUIFER
- GENERALIZED CONTACT
- INVENTORIED WELL
- INVENTORIED WELL--Water level measured twice during 1989
- INVENTORIED SPRING
- NUMERICAL WELL OR SPRING NUMBER
- WELL WITH WATER-QUALITY ANALYSIS

TABLE 1.--RECORDS OF INVENTORY WELLS AND SPRINGS

[-- or --, no data or not applicable]
Local number--numbering system described in text.
Type of site--C, collection well; S, spring; W, well.
Altitude of land surface--in feet above sea level.
Primary use of water--C, commercial; H, domestic; I, irrigation; S, livestock.
Depth of well--in feet below land surface.
Water level--in feet below land surface.
Water-level status--P, pumping; R, recently pumped.
Water-level source--A, measured by Fort Peck Tribes; S, measured by U.S. Geological Survey.
Altitude of water level--in feet above sea level.
Specific conductance--in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius; onsite measurement.
pH--on-site measurement.
Water temperature--in degrees Celsius.
Principal aquifer--Q, Quaternary alluvium; G, Pleistocene glacial deposits; Tfg, Flaxville Formation; Tfu, Fort Union Formation; Kfh-Khc, Fox Hills-lower Hell Creek aquifer; Mm, Madison Group.

water temperature—in degrees Celsius															
Principal aquifer—Og.															
Secondary alluvium															
Og. Pleistocene glacial deposits															
Flaxville Formation															
TfU, Fort Union Formation															
Kfh-Bc, Fox Hills-low Hell Creek aquifer															
Kjr, Judith River Formation															
Nm, Madison Group															
Well or spring number	Local number	Type of site	Altitude of land surface (feet)	Primary use of well	Depth of well (feet)	Water level (feet)	Water level status	Water level source	Altitude of water level (feet)	Date of measurement	Specific conductance (µS/cm)	pH	Water temperature (°C)	Principal aquifer	Well or spring number
1	270100AC000001	W	2,035	H	18	16.36	--	S	2,019	04-24-89	1,500	7.4	10.0	Qal	1
2	270100AC000002	W	2,095	U	90	--	--	--	2,013	04-24-89	1,400	7.0	10.0	Qal	2
3	270100AC000003	W	2,095	U	90	--	--	--	2,013	04-24-89	1,400	7.0	10.0	Qal	3
4	270100AC000004	W	2,095	U	90	--	--	--	2,013	04-24-89	1,400	7.0	10.0	Qal	4
5	270100AC000005	W	2,040	H	43	22.30	--	S	2,048	06-08-89	3,020	8.1	10.5	Qal	5
6	270100AC000006	W	2,040	H	43	22.30	--	S	2,048	06-08-89	3,020	8.1	10.5	Qal	6
7	270100AC000007	W	2,040	H	43	22.30	--	S	2,048	06-08-89	3,020	8.1	10.5	Qal	7
8	270100AC000008	W	2,040	H	43	22.30	--	S	2,048	06-08-89	3,020	8.1	10.5	Qal	8
9	270100AC000009	W	1,920	R	60	19.96	--	S	1,996	04-27-89	1,940	7.7	9.0	Qal	9
10	270100AC000010	W	1,920	R	60	19.96	--	S	1,996	04-27-89	1,940	7.7	9.0	Qal	10
11	270100AC000011	W	1,980	H	32	23.05	--	P	1,993	10-24-89	1,180	7.2	11.0	Qal	11
12	270100AC000012	W	1,980	H	32	23.05	--	P	1,993	10-24-89	1,180	7.2	11.0	Qal	12
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21	270100AC000021	W	2,440	S	64	56.18	--	S	2,384	06-07-89	1,520	7.5	9.0	Qal	21
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