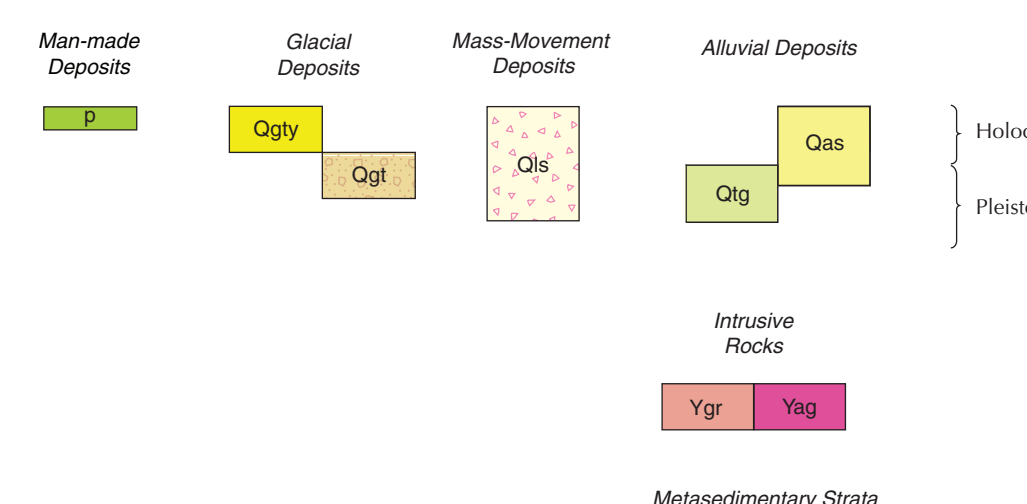


GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE PINE CREEK RIDGE QUADRANGLE, LEMHI COUNTY, IDAHO

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CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



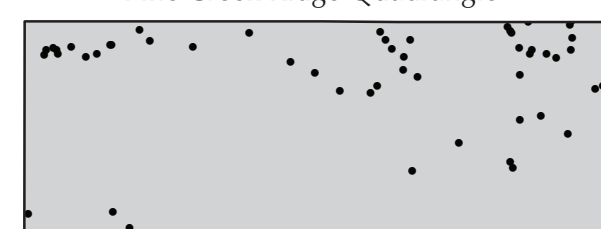
INTRODUCTION

This map is the result of field work that spanned 2014 through 2023. Many concepts for these geologic units were developed while mapping the Beaverhead Mountains to the east as part of a 1:24,000-scale collaborative mapping project started in 2007 by the Idaho Geological Survey and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. That led to publication of the western Beaverhead and others, 2016a and eastern Iron and others, 2019b parts of the Salmon 30' x 60' quadrangle east of this map, which is shown by a green outline in Figure 1. Attributes from Hillisland (1982) and Jordan (1984) were used to supplement the structural data collected by the authors; descriptive information of the alteration and mineralization in the quadrangle is largely from Hillisland (1982). Magnetic susceptibility measurements with KF-9 and KI-10 Kappameters from Exploration U.S. Ltd. and Terrapix Inc., typically on 10 millimeter paper exposure and averaged (Table 1). Results are summarized as a histogram in Figure 2.

GEOLOGIC SUMMARY

The oldest rocks in the quadrangle are Mesoproterozoic metasedimentary and intrusive rocks. The former are Lenni subvolcanic units of the Bell Super-group, which is more widespread to the north; the latter are parts of a limited intrusive suite that includes A-type granites and mafic rocks. The Mesoproterozoic rocks are cut by the southwest striking Pine Creek fault of uncertain age and the northeast striking Hot Springs fault, which is possibly Eocene. Upland areas in the southern part of the map have been modified by glaciation and landslides.

LOCATION OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS



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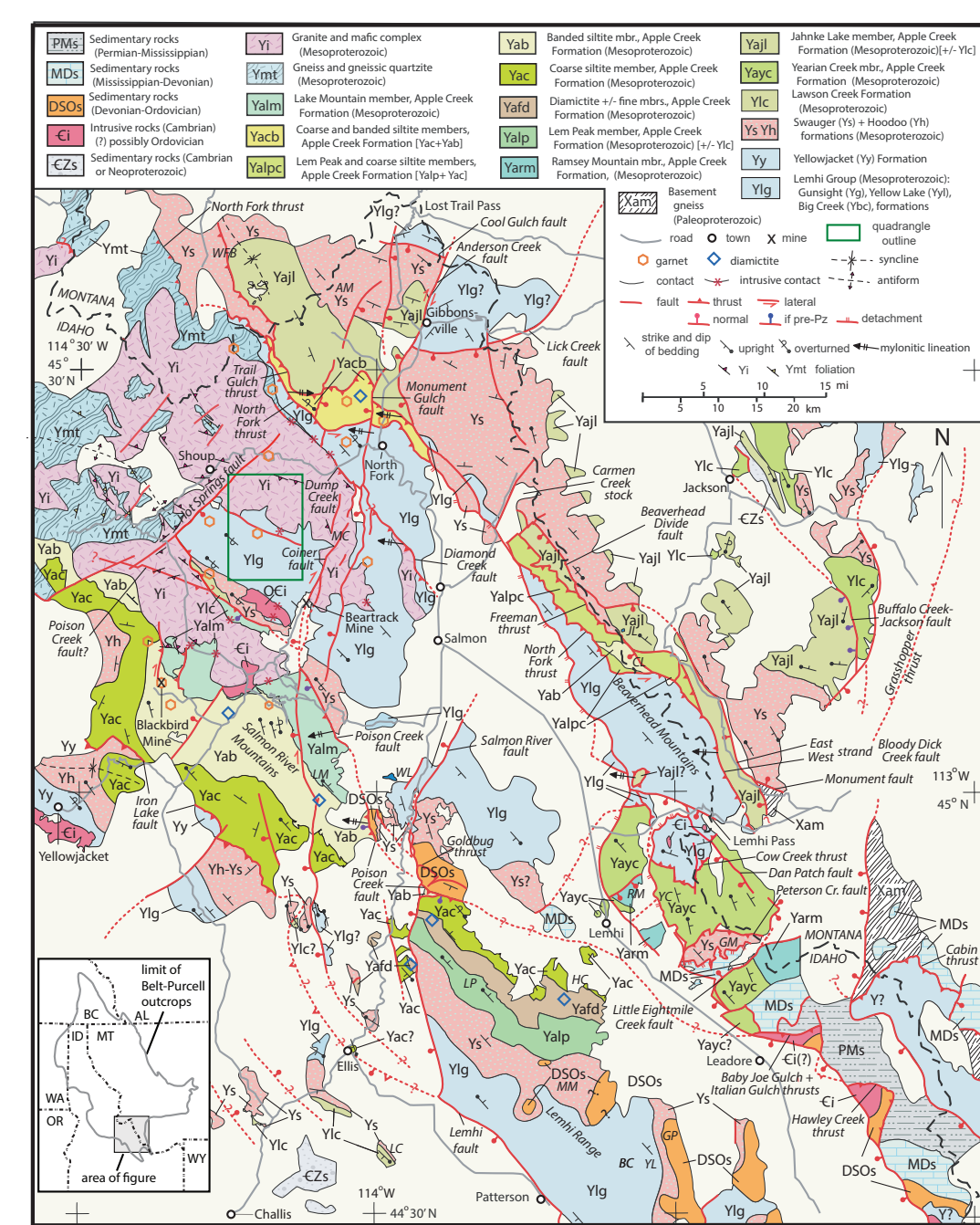


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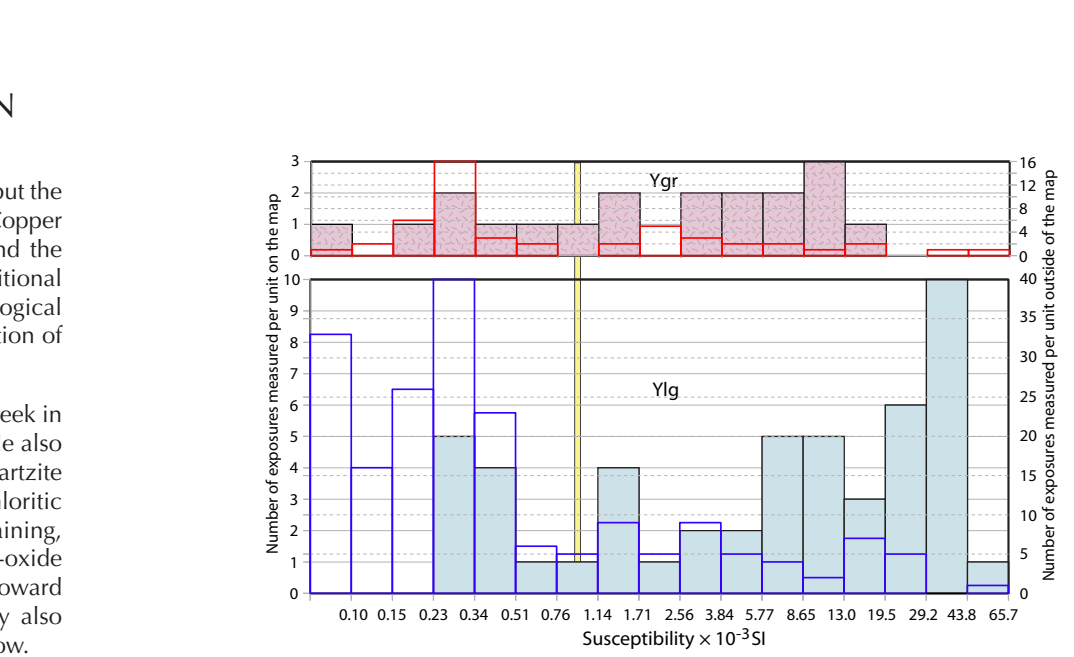


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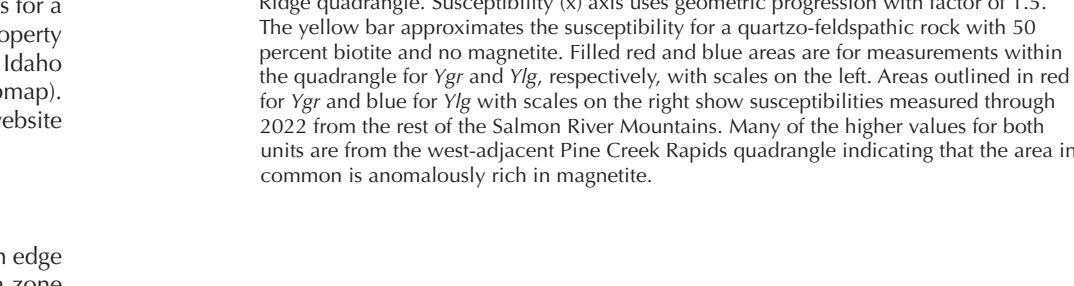


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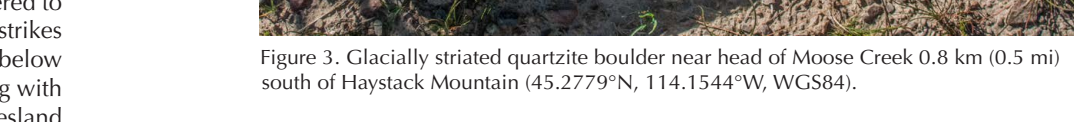


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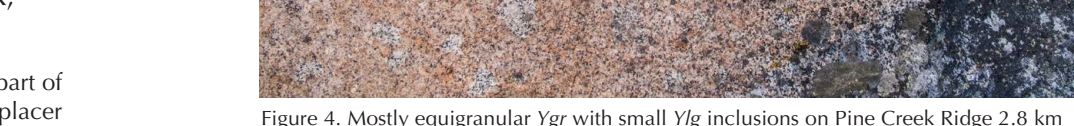


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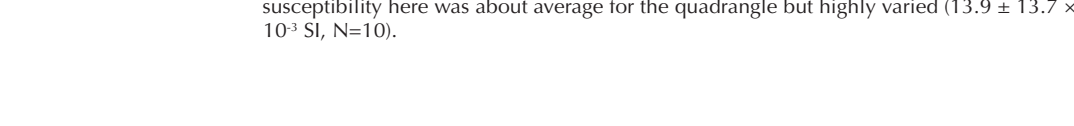


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