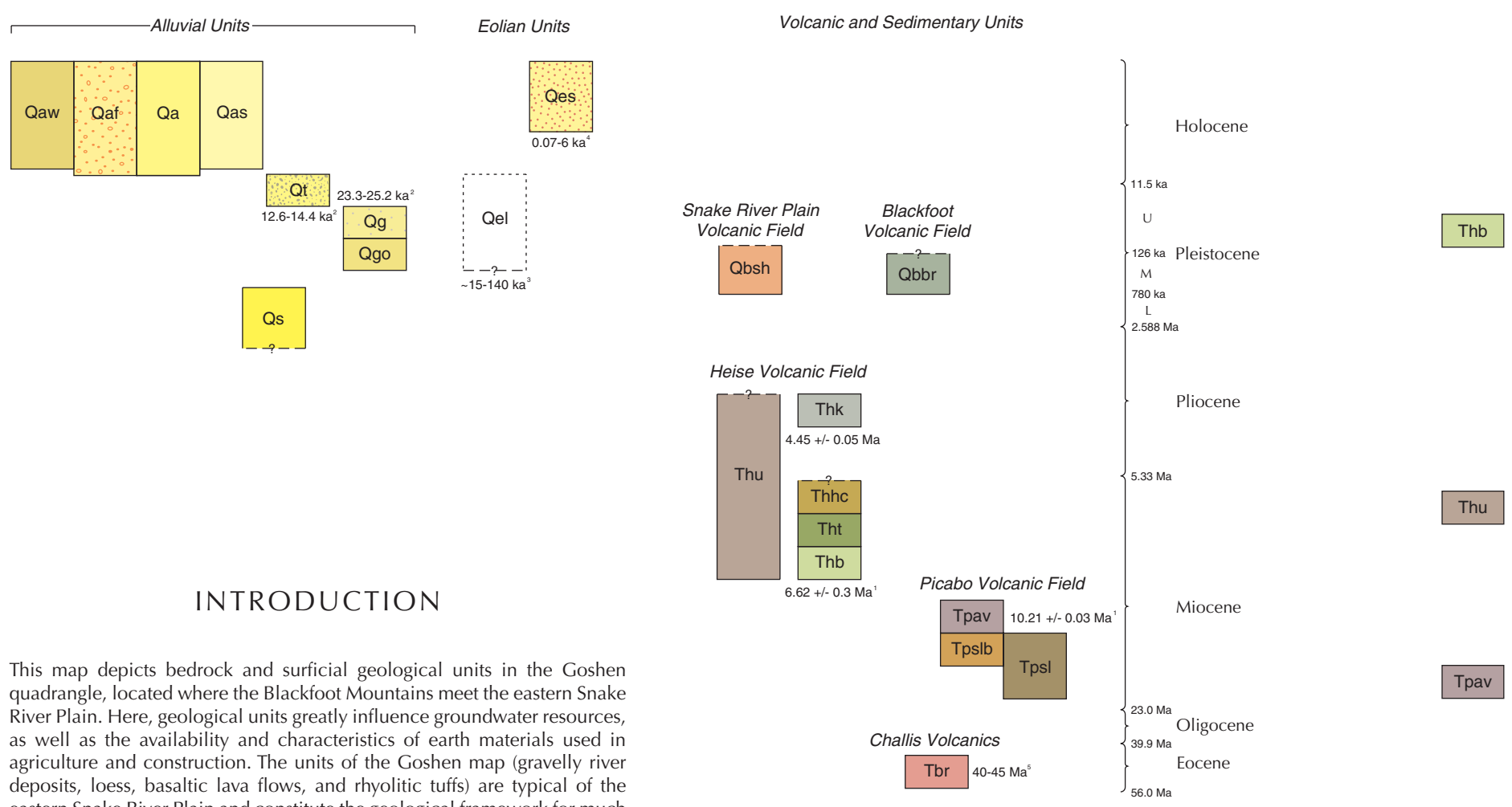


CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

2013



This map depicts bedrock and surficial geological units in the Goshen quadrangle, located where the Blackfoot Mountains meet the eastern Snake River Plain. Here, geological units greatly influence groundwater resources, as well as the availability and characteristics of earth materials used in agriculture and construction. The units of the Goshen map (gravelly river deposits, loess, basaltic lava flows, and rhyolitic tuffs) are typical of the Snake River Plain and constitute the geological framework for much of southern Idaho's agricultural economy.

The following sources were compiled and/or consulted. Major stratigraphic and structural features of the Blackfoot Mountains, particularly for Tertiary rhyolitic rocks and sediments assigned to the Salt Lake Formation, were outlined by Mansfield (1952) in his map of the Annon 15-minute quadrate. Rember and Bennett (1979) mapped the region at a scale of 1:250,000. Their map identified major outcrops of rhyolite, tuff and sedimentary rocks along the Tropic-Alto fault. The Salt Lake Formation was traced by Rember and Bennett (1979) and by Bennett (1982). Snake River alluvium, loess, and sand dunes. Almindreder (1980, 1982) mapped the Wolverine and Bone 7.5-minute quadrangles east and northeast of the Goshute quadrangle. His work separated rhyolitic units from the Salt Lake Formation. The Salt Lake Formation was mapped by show gravels to be as much as 67 m (220 ft) thick in the Goshute quadrangle. Some of the deeper gravels are partially cemented and line-shaped and may be correlative with Tropic-Alto fault gravels. They can be reliably separated from Qg in most water well logs. Covered by 0.6 to 1.8 m (2 to 6 ft) of loess-derived silt of the Bannock and Blackfoot associations (Sulzmann and Hansen 1987, Miles, 1981). Correlative deposits in the Idaho Falls area yielded OHS ages of 25.2 ± 1.5 and 23.3 ± 1.5 ka (Phillips and others, 2009).

Qu Older alluvium of the Blackfoot River (lower Pleistocene). Well-sorted gravels and sand, and massive (benches) layers of intercalary clay (200 m thick) with occasional thin layers of gravel. It is exposed along the Wokosier River in N^o 2^o sec. 7, T. 2 S., R. 38 E., and in the Blackfoot River gorge. It is overlain by the Blackfoot River gravel.

Olig Older gravelly alluvium of the Snake River (lower Pleistocene). Shown in cross section only; schematically represents gravelly outwash deposits of the Snake River in the core area. It is overlain by the glacial deposits more extensive than the Pinedale glacial deposits dated by cosmogenic nuclides. It is overlain by the Blackfoot River gravel. It is overlain by the Blackfoot River gravel (Liccardi and Pierce, 2000). For the reason, outwash of Bull Lake age may be locally present in the shallow subsurface along the

Field work was conducted in 2008 to 2009. A fluxgate magnetometer was used to determine magnetic polarities of rhyolitic rocks. Characteristic remanent magnetization was determined for basals with oriented drill cores and a spinner magnetometer (Table 1). Major and trace elements were determined for basals with whole-rock analyses (Table 2). The field work was conducted on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation south of the Blackfoot River.

The map lies on the western flank of the Blackfoot Mountains. These mountains have been affected by both Basin and Range faulting and Yellowstone-Snake River Plain hotspot volcanism and deformation. About 1 to 5 km (0.6 to 3.1 mile) east of the map, north-westward trending normal faults of the Snake River Fault (Almendinger, 1990) are active. The Snake River Paleozoic strata of Taylor Mountain form upper Miocene-Pliocene volcanic rocks with 775 to 1000 m (2540 to 3280 ft) of thickness. These Basin- and Range-style faults were most active in the late Miocene at ~10 Ma, ceasing motion by about 4.45 Ma. Rhynolic rhyolite erupted on calderas on

Strike: dashed where approximately located

Water well and clay derived from rhyolite and bedded in unweathered tuff.

Magnetometric sample

Water well and permit number.

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS

Basal flow (Holocene and upper Pleistocene) — Grayish-brown silty, very fine sand and clay derived from rhyolite and tuffaceous deposits.

Deposited along the geomorphic contact between upper basins of Neogene

Volcanic and Sedimentary Units

Basalt of Blackfoot River (middle Pleistocene)—Dark gray, dense, very fine-grained basalt. Where covered by loess, shown as *Gravelly Basalt*. Contains rare olivine phenocrysts as much as 0.25 mm in length and abundant plagioclase microlites. Basalt has normal magnetic polarity (Table 1). In roadcut along Volcanic Road in NE¼ sec. 17, T. 2 S., R. 3 E., S. 34, it is 30 to 35 ft thick with basal pillow and breccia, columnar jointing, and upper embayments overlie fluvial sediments. At least three flows and sheet contacts with an older basalt (75d) and fluvial and colic sediments (8b) are exposed in Blackfoot River gorge near the stream gaging station in NE¼ sec. 7, T. 2 S., R. 3 E. Water wells indicate that basalt is 3 to 21 m (10 to 68 ft) thick underlies secs. 1, 4, T. 2 S., R. 37 E. This basalt is interpreted as interconformal with the basal flow of the Snake River Plain upon which the Blackfoot River canyon. Tuffs for these flows have not been precisely identified but probably lie within the Blackfoot-Gem Creek field east of the map. Undated, normal polarity basaltic flow character, thick field of flows cover suggest age of >140 ka and <780 ka.

ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS

alluvial fans (Holocene overlying Pleistocene)—Grayish-brown silt, very fine sand, and clay derived from reworking of loess and tuffaceous deposits. Deposited along the geomorphic contact between upland and Neogene volcanic rocks. Holocene alluvium is thin and graded by the Blackfoot River. Also includes smaller alluvial fans along the Blackfoot River water well divide (Fig. 1). Includes the 1981-1982, 1983-1984, and 1986-1987 (T1, T5, S, S7, E, S7E) sites. The thickness of the Cedar Creek alluvial fan is as much as 30 m (100 ft), the former the parent material for the Armonion soil series (Armonion, 1981).

(Bk) or (Ck) soil horizons in this unit suggests continuing depositional development during the Holocene.

alluvium of Willow Creek (Holocene)—Reddish brown, stratified sand and silt with pebbles and Mosquito rock fragments common at upper levels. Mountains. Thickly generally 1.5 to 3 m (5 to 10 ft). Paed and Paul soils are developed on this unit (Miller, 1981). Willow Creek is a Yazoo-type stream that flows southward through the Snake River drainage basin. Plain near Ririe, Idaho. Discharge is much diminished from Creek because of irrigation water diversion and development of Ririe Dam. Most discharge on Willow Creek presently reaches the Snake River through an incised channel that flows through the city of Idaho Falls. Another former flow path of Willow Creek, as indicated by distinctive reddish brown horizontal banding in the sandstone, was toward the Snake River.

Banded Shale (late Pleistocene)—Dark gray to reddish, druse-like, wavy-bedded shale with khronite phosporites as much as 5 mm in length. Includes thin paleohorae fossils, spores, brachiopods, and crinoid indicating that edifice is a vent product of shallow-marine deposition associated with water level rise. Normal magnetic polarity (Table I). Boulders more than 1 m (3 ft) in diameter on slopes were probably detached from outcrop by periglacial processes. Contains abundant magnetite and hematite, minor carbonate and silica. Draped by loess that is thickest on north and northeast sides. Some outcrops and large boulders have fractures with lineations trending N^{30°}-60°' Undulating surface. Occasional small pits and depressions in uplands suggests that ice is younger than early Pleistocene (Pleistocene). If true, then normal magnetic polarity suggests age is <0.78 Ma. Locally thin loess and relatively coarse, pedogenic carbonate and silica coatings suggest pre-late Pleistocene age.

Heise Volcanic Field

Kilgore Tuff (Pleistocene)—Densely welded, rhyolitic, relatively crystal-poor ignimbrite containing ~2% to 10% crystals of plagioclase, quartz, sanidine,

alluvium of the central terraces (Holocene)—Sand, silt and minor gravel, deposited along Cedar Creek, Rattlesnake Canyon, and Winovine Creek. Consists of gray, silty sandstone, siltstone and claystone, locally indurated by siliceous, wavy bedded, brown, alluvial sandstone, with roots through the sand and silt. Another form of alluvium is a silty sandstone, locally indurated by siliceous, wavy bedded, brown, alluvial sandstone, with roots through the sand and silt.

alluvium of the Blackfoot River (Holocene)—Dark brown, silty sandstone, stratified silt and sand with roots, clasts of basalt, rhyolite, sandstone and limestone. Thickness 1.8 to 6 m (to 60 to ft). Poorly drained with water table within 1.2 m (4 ft) of the surface in the spring. Subject to seasonal flooding.

alluvium of the Snake River terraces (upper Pleistocene)—Well-rounded, pebble and cobble gravel with lesser sand, similar to unit Cg. Forms gently sloping dipping 11° cut terraces along the Snake River. Separated from unit Cg by a 10 to 20 m (30 to 60 ft) sand, silt and clay. Thickness 23 to 25 m (75 to 80 ft). 50 to 150 m (200 to 500 ft) of loss-derived loam soils of the Banrock and Bock soil series (Salzman and Morgan, 1977; Miles, 1981). Correlative with the 100,000 year old terrace of the OSW, ages of 14.4 ± 0.8 and 12.6 ± 0.7 ka (Phillips and others, 2009).

very alluvium of the Snake River (upper Pleistocene)—Well-rounded, pebble and cobble gravel, clay-supported with a sandy matrix. The gravel is massive to planar bedded, with minor cross-bedded coarse to medium grained sandstone, locally indurated by siliceous, wavy bedded, brown, alluvial sandstone, with roots through the sand and silt. The matrix is composed of quartzite with lesser sandstone, limestone, granitic rocks, porphyritic igneous rocks, and basalt. Sand grains are composed of subangular obsidian, quartzite, quartz, sandstone and rhyolite. This unit is the youngest alluvium of basalt and rhyolite. This unit is part of the outwash plain deposited by the

Kilgore Tuff (Pliocene)—Densely welded, rhyolite, relatively crystal-poor ignimbrite containing 2% to 10% crystals of plagioclase, quartz, sanidine, microcline, nepheline, and biotite. Locally indurated by siliceous, wavy bedded, brown, alluvial sandstone, with roots through the sand and silt. In the Goshute map, most exposures consist of resistant, ridge-capping, rounded outcrops 10 to 1.5 m (30 to 5 ft) thick of brown welded tuff with 1 to 3 cm (0.4 to 1.2 in) of fine-grained, clayey sandstone. The tuff is composed of vertically welded tuff, and a black vitrophyre. Morsum magnetic fragments are locally present in upper part of unit. Reverse magnetic polarity. The Kilgore tuff is the youngest ignimbrite in the Snake River valley. The tuff is widely distributed in the upper Snake River Plain. Dated by ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar on sandstone at 44.5 ± 0.05 Ma (Morgan and McIntosh, 2005).

tuff (upper Pleistocene)—Unwelded lapilli matrix containing abundant black obsidian, pink, gray and white sandstone, and locally moderately abundant phenocrysts of plagioclase, sanidine and quartz. In SE₁₆, sec. 6, T. 1 S., R. 36 E., consists of about 0.5 m (1.6 ft) thick vitrophyre capped by a brown to tan sandstone. In SE₁₆, sec. 6, T. 1 S., R. 36 E., there is about 2 m (6.6 ft) thick. Limited exposures suggest thickness of ~360 m (~196 ft). Correlated with thick pebble deposits and a thin phenocryst-poor welded tuff lying between the tuff and the 100,000 year old terrace of the OSW. Also has sharp quadrangles (WMA, Phillips, unpublished mapping, 2012; Phillips and Welton, 2011). The 7th stratigraphic unit can contain both the 5 to 10 m (15 to 30 ft) of Winovine sandstone and the 100,000 year old terrace of the OSW. (Morgan and McIntosh, 2005). East of Goshute in SE₁₆, sec. 24, T. 1 S., R. 37 E., and in SW₁₆, sec. 19, T. 1 S., R. 38 E., consists of rounded boulders and cobbles of welded tuff, and a thin sandstone. The tuff is placed within this deposit, mounting works for the former Goshute landfill and nearby water wells in secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 S., R. 37 E., indicate that unit is at least 10 to 90 m (30 to 300 ft) thick, clay, sand, and partially cemented.

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Sample number	Unit name	Latitude	Longitude	n	D	α_m	α_c	Polarity	Demag Level (mT)	
0808	Qbbr	41.26299	-112.04750	6	130	6.87	3.79	312	N	40
0809*	Tpbb	41.26307	-112.04573	7	198	4.88	1.94	971	R	30
0770	Qbbh	41.34835	-112.10066	6	5	57	14.5	378	N	60

n = number of cores used / number of cores measured.
 D = site mean deviation of characteristic remanent magnetization (°RMS).
 α_m = mean inclination of characteristic remanent magnetization.
 α_c = confidence limit for the mean direction at the 95% level.
 * = pre-crisis sample.
 Polarity: N = normal; R = reverse.

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The Butte (known locally as Shelley Butte)

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Snake River

Snake River Plain aquifer system

5X vertical exaggeration.

Water wells shown with Idaho Department of Water Resources WellID number. Water well logs can be found at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/openweb/ReleasedDocs.asp?WellID=xxxxxx> where "xxxxxx" is the six-digit WellID.