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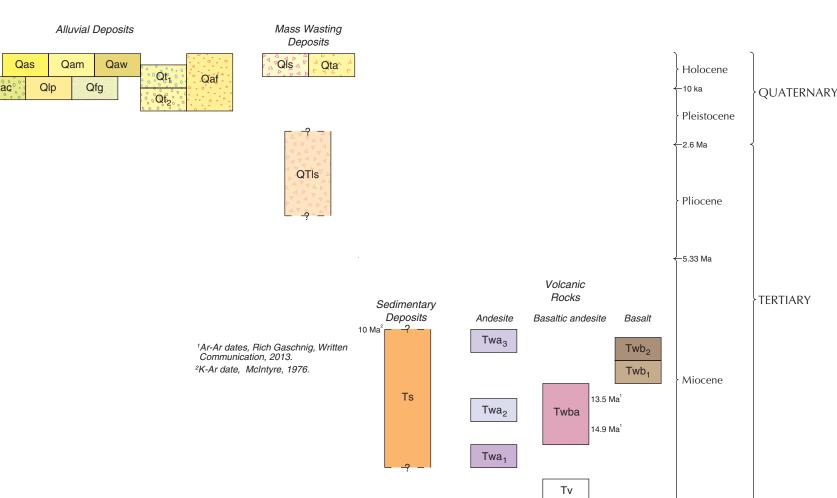
INTRODUCTION The geologic map of the Mann Creek SE quadrangle depicts rock units exposed at the surface or underlying thin surficial cover of soil and colluvium. Thicker surficial deposits are also depicted where they mask or modify the underlying rock units or form significant units. The map is the result of field work conducted in 2013 by the authors and compilation from previous work, including that of McIntyre (1976), Fitzgerald (1981, 1982), Othberg (1982), and Lund (2004). The bedrock that composes the Mann Creek SE quadrangle consists of a suite of compositionally diverse Miocene flows of the Weiser volcanics Qaf interbedded and underlain by Tertiary sedimentary deposits. Compositions of the Weiser volcanics range from rhyolite (exposed in neighboring Nutmeg Flat quadrangle, Garwood and others, 2014), andesite, basaltic andesite to basalt. Undated massive landslides (QTls) occupy much of the eastern portion of the Weiser River valley. Landslides are abundant in this map and primarily occur where the volcanic rocks are associated with, or interbedded with, poorly indurated Tertiary sediments, and may be driven by seismic activity or colder, wetter climate conditions. Large-scale normal faults trending north-northwest bound the Weiser River valley in a series of grabens and half-grabens. The proposed Galloway Dam site on the Weiser River within the project area is presently under study by Idaho Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The dam site, designed to impound 760,000 acre feet of water at an elevation of 752 m (2470 ft) (BCAL, 2013), is underlain by Weiser volcanics. Portions of Mann Creek and the Weiser River in the map area were flooded by the Bonneville Flood at circa 17.5–18.5 cal. ka (O'Connor, 1993; Miller and others, 2013). Modeling of Bonneville Flood water surface profiles along the Snake River indicate a minimum ponding level of 746 m (2447 ft) and a maximum ponding level of 760 m (2493 ft). The western part of the Crane Creek Known Geothermal Research Area (KGRA) (Spencer and Russell, 1979) overlaps the Mann Creek SE quadrangle. Sinter, silicified Ts (Spencer and Russell, 1979; McIntyre, 1976) and hydrothermally altered clay and sediments in the area indicate the widespread and long-lived nature of the geothermal area. In the 1970s and 1980s numerous studies were conducted to evaluate the potential for geothermal energy development in the KGRA (Hoover and others, 1976; Mitchell and others 1980; Mitchell and others, 1984; Spencer and Russell, 1979; Young and Whitehead, 1975). Elevated surface (92°C) and subsurface temperatures (166-176°C) put the area high on the list for potential geothermal plays in Idaho but low groundwater flow rates have kept development down. Crestesen No. A-1 (IGS, 2014 and Bond and others, 2011) was drilled by Phillips Petroleum Geothermal Operations in 1977, to a depth of 8,016 feet, just east of this quad in the southwest corner of Nutmeg Flat quadrangle. The well reached granite at 7,725 feet with the majority of material above being volcanic flows. Sediments make up the top 265 feet and a minor component between flows throughout the well. SYMBOLS ——— Contact: Dashed where approximately located. Normal fault: ball and bar on downthrown side; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed. ²⁰ Strike and dip of bedding. Λ_{e}^{B} Approximate strike and dip of bedding. $\frac{1}{12}$ Approximate strike and dip of basalt flows. Estimated strike and dip of bedding; from McIntyre (1976). Silicified Ts. 427486 - Water well showing Well ID number. 13DG017 **O** Paleomagnetic sample. 13DF330 · Geochemical sample. **(F)** Fossil locality. Landslide headwall. Line marking reservoir fill level of proposed Galloway Dam at 752 m (2470 ft) (BCAL, 2013). Line marking slackwater fill level from Bonneville floods at 760 m (2493 ft) (O'Connor, 1993). ² Patterned ground: Circular to elongate silty mounds separated by gravelly zones form a pattern of contrasting soil characteristics and vegetation that are readily mappable from aerial images. The mounds average 9-29 m (30-95 ft) in diameter and 0.3-2 m (1-6 ft) in height and they are associated with a grain size contrast that varies from silt and clay in the mounds to gravel in the intermounds. The patterned ground occurs on surfaces of gravel terraces, alluvial fans, and basalt flows with varying degrees of weathering. Malde (1964) noted that patterned ground of soil mounds and stone pavements is common in southern Idaho on gravel fans, basaltic lava flows, and rocky colluvium. His description is aptly applied to the best-developed patterned ground observed in this quadrangle: "Soil mounds in flat areas are closely packed, monotonously uniform circular heaps 50-60 feet across and 3 feet high, but on slopes they are elliptical and lie in rows along paths of soil that trend Twa₃ downhill. Each mound is composed of a lens-shaped cap of silt about 18 inches thick, abruptly underlain by 1-2 feet of brown clay" (Malde, 1964: p. 191). It is likely that the patterned ground formed through periglacial processes during times of colder climate in the Pleistocene. These processes are investigated and modeled by Kessler and Werner (2003), who attribute the resulting landform to freeze-thaw cycles that sort stones and soil. DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS ARTIFICIAL DEPOSITS m Man-made (Holocene)—Sand, gravel, cobble, and boulder fill. Makes up the abandoned Pacific and Idaho Northern railroad grade in the Weiser River canyon, canal intake structures for the Sunnyside Canal on the Weiser River (lat 44.262°N, long 116.763°W.), dams <1.5 m (<5 ft) in the Crane Creek floodplain, and dams in Dead Man Gulch and surrounding plateau. Thickness where mapped is generally less than 2 m (6.5 ft). ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS Qlp Lake and playa deposits (Holocene)—Fine sand, silt, and clay sorted into thin laminated beds. Sediments derived from Tertiary sediments (Ts). Deposited during periodic floods around small manmade reservoirs. Qas Alluvium of tributary streams (Holocene)—Clayey sand, silt, and fragments of shale in small channels draining landscapes underlain by Tertiary sediments (*Tsp*); in basaltic landscapes, deposits are silty sands derived from eolian sediments with lesser basaltic sand and cobbles. Thicknesses range from <1 m to 2 m (<3 ft to 6.5 ft). Many tributary streams are ephemeral. Subject to seasonal flooding during spring snowmelt and summer thunderstorms. Qam Alluvium of Mann Creek (Holocene)—Clayey sand and silt, locally organic rich; contained in a narrow, incised, meandering channel. Poorly exposed in map; based upon data from below the Mann Creek dam at lat Field work conducted 2013. 44.392°N., long 116.894°W., deposit is about 1.2 to 4.3 m (4.5 to 14 ft) in This geologic map was funded in part by the U.S. Geological Survey thickness with gravel and boulders at base (USBR, 2012). National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, **Qac** Alluvium of Crane Creek (Holocene)—Clayey sand and cobble gravels primar-USGS award no. G13AC00122 Digital cartography by Jane S. Freed and Loudon R. Stanford at the ily composed of well-rounded basalt with lesser silicified sandstone; forms numerous braid channels 0.6 to 1.5 m (2 to 5 ft) deep separated by several Idaho Geological Survey's Digital Mapping Lab. low terraces composed of clayey sandy silt. Minimum thickness is 1.8 to 3 Technical review status: Authors only. m (6 to 10 ft); water and geothermal exploration wells (336870, 427891, Editorial review by Alyson R. Kral. 427486, and 427751) indicate that area is underlain by interbedded clay Map version 1-20-2015. and gravel (IDWR, 2014). PDF (Acrobat Reader) map may be viewed online at www.idahogeology.org. Qaw Alluvium of Weiser River (Holocene)—Well-rounded cobbles and coarse- to QUADRANGLE LOCATION ADJOINING QUADRANGLES medium-grained subrounded sand; cobbles dominated by dark gray to black basalt, with rare light gray to yellowish tuffs and granitic rocks. Sand consists of quartz, feldspar, and black and orange-gray lithic fragments. Micas are absent. Forms cobble point bars with braided channels 1 to 1.5 m (3 to 5 ft) deep. Islands and tops of some bars have thin deposits of arkosic sand. Thickness estimated at 2 to 3 m (6.5 to 10 ft). **Other Service Allower terrace alluvium (Holocene)**—Along Weiser River, brown silty sand and clayey sand; indistinctly to medium bedded; about 1.8 to 3 m (6 to 10 ft) in thickness. Capped with 1 m (3 ft) dark gray soil horizon. Along Mann Creek, consists of brown clayey sand and silt poorly exposed in irrigation ditches. Thickness estimated at 2 to 4 m (6.5 to 13 ft). Ligher terrace alluvium of Weiser River and Mann Creek (Late Pleistocene)-Along Weiser River, consists of cobbles and sand capped with eolian sediments and sandy colluvium about 6 m (20 ft) above floodplain. May represent, in part, distal outwash of event that produced flood gravels (unit Qfg). Along Mann Creek, consists of poorly exposed gravel and sand capped with eolian sediments and sandy colluvium. Best exposed at confluence of Mann Creek with Weiser River valley (lat 44.24464°N., long 116.86149°W.) where it is 7.6 m (25 ft) thick and consists of well-rounded imbricated cobbles with thick, planar bedding. Cobbles consist of basalt Table 2. Paleomagnetic data for the Mann Creek SE guadrangle.

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 κ = precision parameter. Polarity: N = normal; R = reverse. Treatment: method used to isolate ChRM; PCA = principal component analysis Analyses performed in the IGS paleomagnetism laboratory, Moscow, Idaho. *Analyses performed in the USGS paleomagnetism laboratory, Meno Park, California.

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and granite, and are clast-supported with light brown medium- to coarsegrained arkosic sand matrix. Locally interbedded with orange-brown, coarse- to medium-grained arkosic sand. The sand beds are cross-bedded and form lenticular, discontinuous beds as much as 0.6 m by 4 m (2 ft by 13 ft) in height and length. The deposit is capped by about 1 m (3 ft) of light brown sandy silt. Clasts in the upper portion of exposure are partially coated with silica-carbonate. Terrace surface is as much as 9 to 15 m (30 to 50 ft) above lower terrace and alluvium of Weiser River. Alluvial fans (Holocene-Late Pleistocene)-Crudely bedded, poorly sorted, brown to red, subangular to angular gravel in a matrix of granules of sand, silt, and clay. Fans vary compositionally and appear as volcanic colluvium on steep canyon slopes. Form where small streams exit uplands. Deposits of individual fans have coalesced into semi-continuous fan aprons. Apparent thickness from topography and water wells (e.g. wells 418543, 420191, 367744) is 6 to 12 m (20 to 40 ft) with poor prospects for encountering sufficient water for domestic use (IDWR, 2014).

Deposits

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Flood gravels of Weiser River (Late Pleistocene)—Boulders and cobbles forming streamlined point and pendant bars composed almost entirely of basalt. Boulders are subangular 0.5 to >1.5 m (1.6 to >5 ft) in length; cobbles are sub-rounded to rounded. Surface of deposits are littered with boulders and partially covered by thin (<15 cm; 6 in) brown soil. Thickness is as much as 25 m (82 ft). Best exposures are near lat 44.372°N., long 116.809°W. where streamlined bars block confluence of Thousand Springs Creek with Weiser River (Fig. 1). Boulder gravel deposits are traceable upstream to large landslide scarp (Midvale Hill quadrangle at lat 44.402°N., long 116.783°W. (SE¼, SE¼, sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 4 W.) near the maximum extent of ponded Bonneville Flood waters. Below this, unit Qt, occupies similar landscape position but lacks large boulders. The gravels may have formed when a landslide dam on the Weiser River failed. MASS WASTING DEPOSITS

Talus (Holocene)—Blocks of basalt at base of cliffs in Weiser River canyon. Landslides (Holocene-Late Pleistocene)—In the Weiser River canyon, rotational and translational slides involving competent basalt over less competent, weakly consolidated sediments. Main body of slide typically consists of basalt blocks or intact sections in diamict matrix with hummocky surface. Elsewhere, consists of small flows and spreads of weakly consolidated Tertiary sediments.

QTIs Older Landslides (Quaternary – Tertiary)—Two rotational slides composed of mega-blocks of intact sections of volcanic flows (*Twa*, *Twba*, *Twb*, *Twb*), sandstones and sediments of Ts, steeply dipping, with variant strikes and dips. The landslides are classified as 'older' due to the lack of geomorphic evidence seen in younger landslides. Two slides occupy much of the eastern Weiser River valley, both slides are approximately 3.5 km (2.2 mi) long; the southern landslide covers 24.2 km² (9.3 mi²) and the northern landslide covers 16.8 km² (6.49 mi²). Slides are likely caused by the overburdening of poorly indurated sediment with multiple volcanic flows. The original head scarp of the southern landslide is in the southwest corner of Nutmeg Flat quadrangle (Garwood and others, 2014), while the headscarp of the northern unit likely originated in both the Mann Creek SE and the Nutmeg Flat quadrangles

SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS

Ts Tertiary Sediments (Tertiary)—(*Ts** on map indicates unit is within landslide and not in place.) Undifferentiated Idaho Group and Payette Formation, clayey silt, fine- to coarse-sand rich sediment. Poorly sorted to well sorted, subangular sand composed of quartz, potassium feldspar, plagioclase feldspar, and in places to a minor degree biotite, muscovite, tuffaceous material and volcanic ash, occasional laminar beds and thin (<5 cm) organic beds, and frequent sets of climbing ripples and cross-cutting beds. Strike and dip of bedding varies in the area; the general trend is flat with dips less than 15° to the west- southwest. An active sand quarry found at lat 44.3717°N., long 116.8616°W., (S¹/₂ sec. 18, T. 12 N., R. 4 W.), has 12 m (40 ft) of exposed fluvial Tertiary sediments. At the top of the section there is a fine white chalky layer, ranging from 0.5 to 2 m (1.5 to 6.5 ft) thick that has limited lateral continuity; this layer likely is related to the diatomite deposit noted by Powers (1947) that has been mined on a small scale. The unconsolidated sediments of the Payette Formation and Idaho Group have been well described (Kirkham (1931), Malde and Powers (1962), Shah (1968), McIntryre (1976), Fitzgerald (1982) and Smiley and others (1975)) however a definitive break between the two is not obvious in the Mann Creek SE quadrangle. More analytical work on ash and fossils in the area could help differentiate the units. Leaf fossils were found at lat 44.3163°N., long 116.7821°W. (S¹/2 sec.2, T. 11 N., R. 4 W.), in an ashy-clay layer, but no effort was made to identify the leaf or correlate the unit member since it was found within a landslide. Patterned areas on the map represent zones of outcropping silicified sandstone. The presence of hot springs at the mouth of the Crane Creek canyon and the continued interest in geothermal exploration points to geothermal processes as the likely source of the silicic lithification and mineralization of the Almaden mine (Forester and Wood, 2012). Included in the map are several apparent strike and dip measurements of sediments across the central portion of the map taken by McIntyre (1976). McIntyre (1976) suggests most if not all the Ts with in Mann Creek SE predates a cross-cutting basaltic andesite dike dated at 10 Ma (K-Ar).

VOLCANIC ROCKS

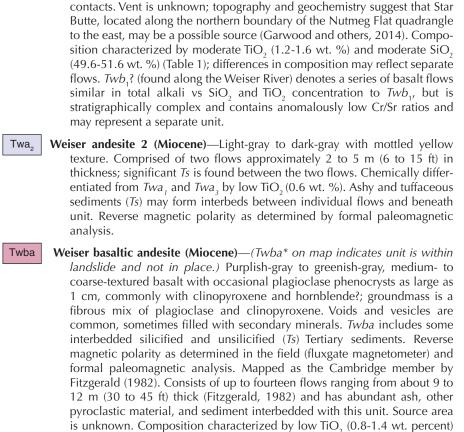
Weiser andesite 3 (Miocene?)—Medium- to dark-gray, fine-grained andesite, occasional small (<1 mm) grains of plagioclase. Lies uncomfortably on Twb, and Twba. Two lithological zones are present, the western unit appears to form as flow while the larger north central unit appears more as dome or knob-like. Fitzgerald (1979) describes a vent, just north of the map, as 350 meters long and partially dissected by the Weiser River, comprised of an outer zone of loosely welded scoria with bombs and an inner zone of greatly welded core of splatter. Compared to the rest of the Weiser volcanics this unit is significantly smaller in volume. Chemically differentiated from *Twa*, and *Twa*, by moderate TiO, values (1.5 wt. %). **Veiser basalt 2 (Miocene)**— $(Twb_{2}^{*} \text{ on map indicates unit is within landslide})$ and not in place.) Medium- to dark-gray, fine- to medium-grained basalt with scarce rusty weathered olivine/iddingsite grains 1-2 mm in diameter, hornblende? phenocrysts up to 3mm long, and fibrous plagioclase phenocrysts generally <2 mm long. Normal magnetic polarity as determined in the field (fluxgate magnetometer) and formal paleomagnetic analysis. Mapped as the Star Butte member by Fitzgerald (1982). Consists of up to four flows ranging from about 1.5 to 9 m (5 to 30 ft) in thickness (Fitzgerald, 1982). Forms the capping flow in the Nutmeg Flat quadrangle to the east (Garwood and others, 2014). Outcrops typically are small knobs or patches

of rounded or vesicular, blocky boulders. Source areas uncertain, but

probably erupted to the northeast, along northwest-trending structures.

low SiO, (48.2-49.9 wt. %) (Table 1); differences in composition may reflect

by moderate to high TiO₂ (1.7-2.6 wt. %) and



Weiser basalt 1 (Miocene)—(*Twb*.* on map indicates unit is within landslide

and not in place.) Purplish-brown to dark-gray, coarse-textured basalt with

very abundant plagioclase phenocrysts as interlocking crystals as large as 8

mm, or as glomerocrysts, commonly with clinopyroxene; groundmass is

fine grained. Voids are common among the interlocking crystals. Reverse

magnetic polarity as determined in the field (fluxgate magnetometer) and

formal paleomagnetic analysis. Mapped as the Sugarloaf member by

Fitzgerald (1982). Consists of up to nine flows ranging from about 9 to 18

m (30 to 60 ft) in thickness (Fitzgerald, 1982) and has abundant ash, other

pyroclastic material, and sediment associated with top and bottom

and high SiO₂ (52.6-57.0 wt. %) (Table 1); differences in composition may reflect separate flows. Unit correlates to Tac and Tab in Forester and Wood (2012). Forester and Wood (2012) have two ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dates from *Twba* within Nutmeg Flat; they are not included in this map due to large error bars, but a minimum age of 12 Ma is suggested from their work. Twa **Weiser andesite 1 (Miocene)**—(*Twa*^{*} on map indicates unit is within landslide and not in place.) Mottled reddish-gray to dark-gray. Chemically classified as trachy-andesite. Unit not found outside of QTIs boundary. Tertiary sediments (Ts), ashy and tuffaceous sediments may form interbeds between individual flows and beneath unit.

Τv **Unknown volcanics**—Unknown volcanic material reported in geothermal well log (Chrestesen No. A-1) at depths 98 to 2,237 m (322 to 7,460 ft) (IGS, 2014) below surface, and in water wells 427668, 427511, 427140, 427604, 427691, 427751, 427486, 427891, 427582, and 427538 (IDWR, 2014). Only shown in cross section.

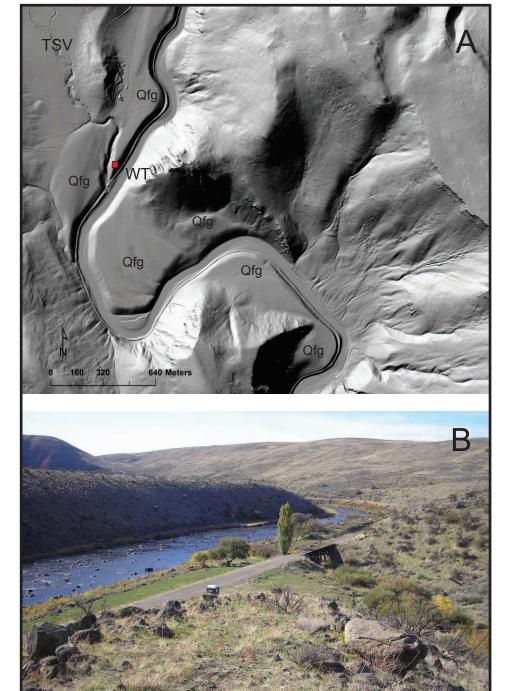
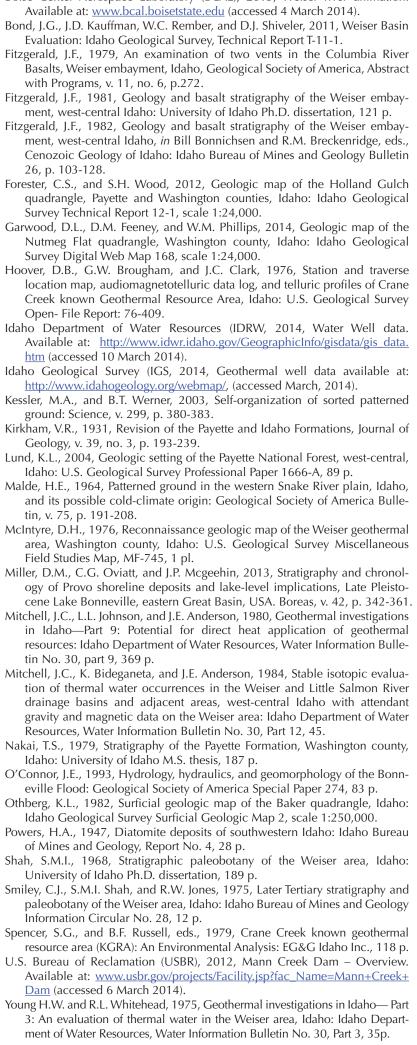


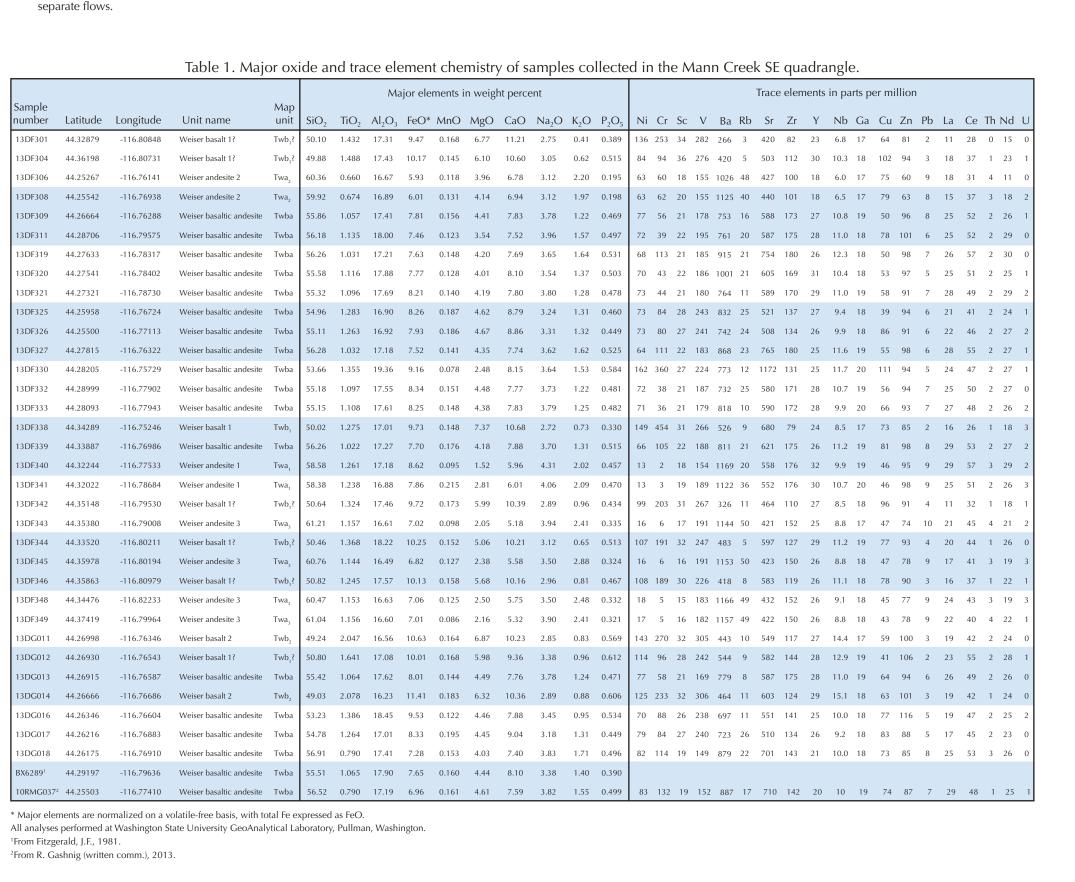
Figure 1. A: LiDAR image showing flood gravel deposits (unit Qfg) in the canyon of the Weiser River. River flows from north to south. Red rectangle marks photo (B) position next to Weiser Trail (WT). Thickness of Qfg is about 25 m (82 ft) here. Note blocking of Thousand prings Valley (TSV) by streamlined flood gravel deposits. B: Photo looking south of Qfg point bar. Note large basalt boulders on bar surface in foreground.



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