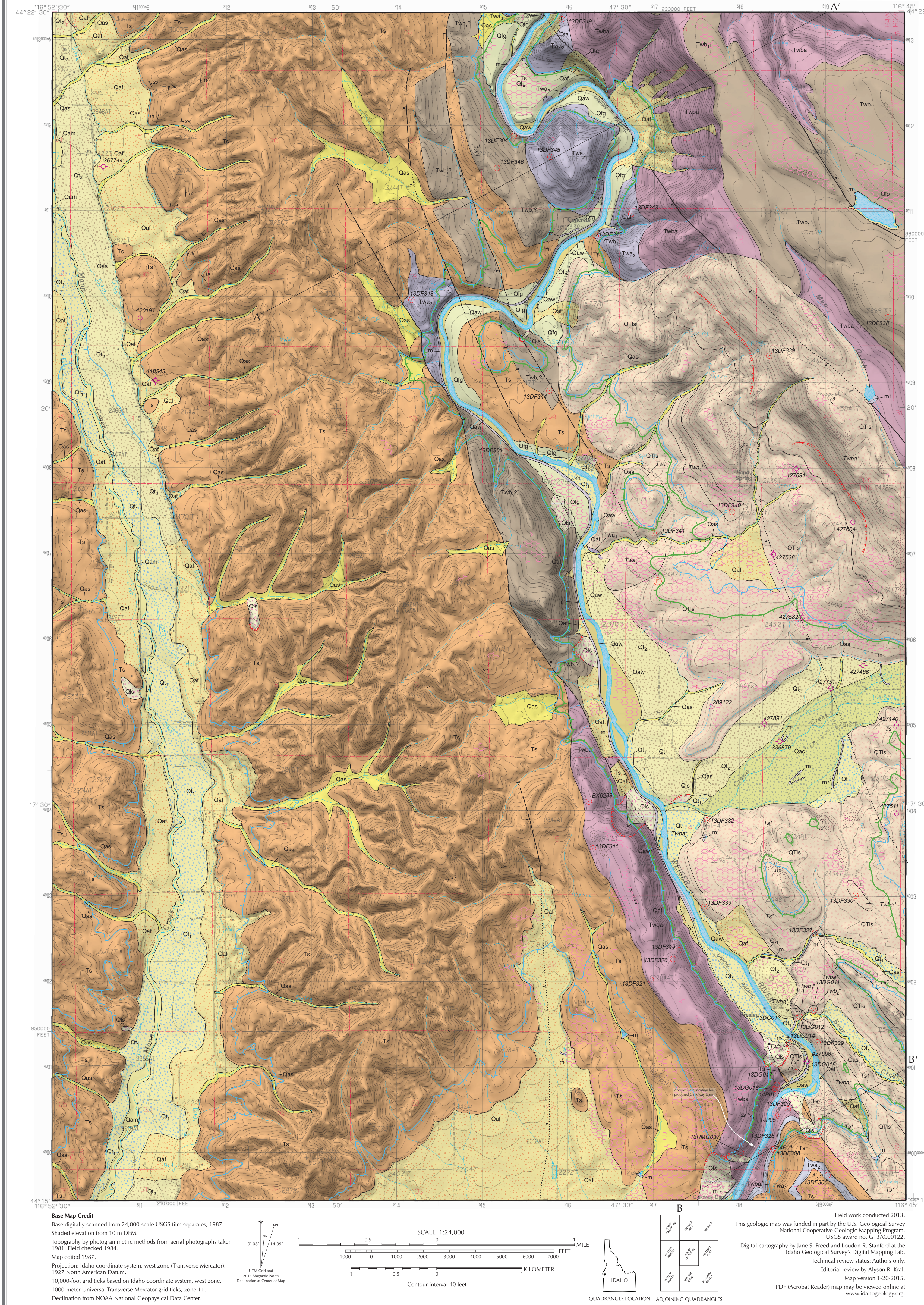


GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE MANN CREEK SE QUADRANGLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO

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INTRODUCTION

The geologic map of the Mann Creek SE quadrangle depicts rock units exposed at the surface underlying the 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), Obhrogge (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 interbedded and overlain by Tertiary sedimentary deposits. Compositions of the Weiser volcanics range from rhyolite (grouped in neighboring Nutting Flat quadrangle, Garwood and others, 2014), andesite, basaltic andesite to basalt. Undated massive landforms (OTIs) occupy much of the eastern portion of the Weiser River valley. Landforms 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 cold, 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 ka (O'Connor, 1993; Miller and others, 2013). Modeling of Bonneville Flood water surface profiles along the Snake River indicates 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 Resource Area (KGRA) (Spencer and Russell, 1979) overlaps the Mann Creek SE quadrangle. Since silicified T. Spencer and Russell, 1979; McIntyre, 1976) and hydrothermally altered clay and sediments in the area indicate the wide-spread 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 (OTI) 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.

Crestless Nos. A1–IGS, 2014 and Bond and others, 2011) was drilled by Phillips Petroleum Geothermal Operations in 1977, to a depth of 8016 ft, just east of this map. The landforms are classified as 'older' due to the lack of geomorphic range. The well reached granite at 7,725 feet with the majority of material above being volcanic flows. Sediments made up the top 265 feet and a minor component between flows throughout the well.

SYMBOLS

- Normal fault: half ball and bar on downthrown side; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed.
- Strike and dip of bedding.
- Approximate strike and dip of basalt flows.
- Estimated strike and dip of bedding from McIntyre (1976).
- Silicified T.
- Water well showing Well ID number.
- Geological sample.
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- Fossil locality.
- Landslide heading.
- Line marking reservoir fill level of proposed Galloway Dam at 752 m (2470 ft) (BCAL, 2013).
- Line marking dewater fill level from Bonneville floods at 760 m (2493 ft) (O'Connor, 1993).
- 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 m (1.16 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 downhill. Each mound is composed of a lens-shaped cap of silt about 18 inches thick, abruptly overlain by the 1–2 feet brown loam clay perched on top." (p. 191). It is likely that the patterned ground formed through prehistoric processes during times of colder climate in the Pleistocene. These processes are investigated and modeled by Keeler 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 Revere Island Northern railroad grade in the Weiser River canon, canal intake structures for the Sunnyside Canal on the Weiser River (lat 44.282°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

Op **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 man-made reservoirs.

Qas **Alluvium of tributary streams (Holocene)**—Clayey sand, silt, and fragments of shale in small channels draining landscapes underlain by Tertiary sediments (Ts). 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 44.292°N, long 116.849°W, deposit is about 1.2 to 4.3 m (4.3 to 14 ft) in thickness with gravel and boulders at base (USBR, 2012).

Qac **Alluvium of Crane Creek (Holocene)**—Clayey sand and cobble gravels primarily composed of well-sorted alluvial sandstone. Numerous braided channels 0.6 to 1.5 m (2 to 5 ft) deep separated by several low terraces composed of clayey sandy silt. Minimum thickness is 1.8 to 3 m (6 to 10 ft); water and groundwater exploitation wells (136079, 427091, 427486, and 427751) indicate that area is underlain by interbedded clay and gravel (IDWR, 2014).

Qam **Alluvium of Weiser River (Holocene)**—Well-sorted cobbles and coarse- to 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. Micaceous are absent. Form cobble point bars with basaltic channels 1 to 1.5 m (3 to 5 ft) deep. Islands and tops of some bars have thin deposits of alluvial sand. Thickness estimated at 2 to 3 m (6.5 to 10 ft).

Qti **Lower terrace alluvium of Mann Creek (Late Pleistocene)**—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. Capable with 1 m (3 ft) of dark gray silt 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).

Qts **Higher 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 recent but produced floodplain. 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 44.244°N, long 116.861°W), where it is 7.6 m (25 ft) thick and consists of well-sorted imbricated cobbles with thick, planar bedding. Cobbles consist of basalt

Table 2. Paleomagnetic data for the Mann Creek SE quadrangle.

Sample number	Unit name	Latitude	Longitude	n	D	I	α_{95}	R	K	Polarity
1001	Tuffs	44.2817	-116.7902	70	177	-23	4.7	6.96	165	R
1002	Tuffs	44.2534	-116.7894	30	216	-50	14.2	2.67	7	R
1003	Tuffs	44.2590	-116.7888	48	181	-41	2.6	3.99	120	R

Number of cores used / number of cores measured.

D = site mean deviation of the core from the magneticization (D_{core}).

I = site mean inclination of CHRM.

α_{95} = confidence limit for the mean direction at the 95% level.

R = precision parameter.

K = confidence limit for R.

Polarity: N = normal; S = reversed.

Treatment method used to isolate CHRM: PCA = principal component analysis.

Analysis performed in the UCSB paleomagnetism laboratory. Moore, 1986.

*Analysis performed in the USGS paleomagnetism laboratory, Menlo Park, California.