

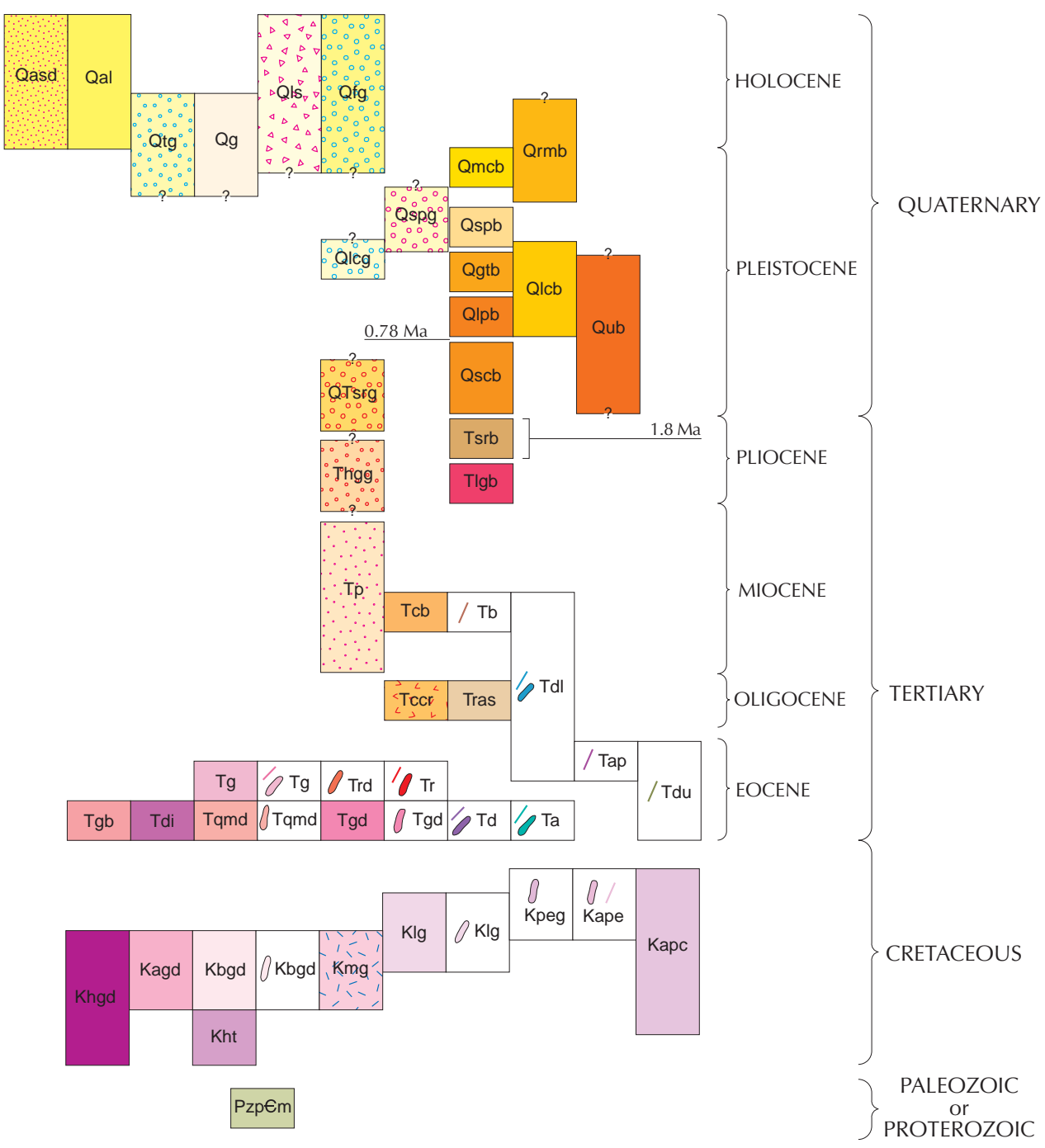
GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE IDAHO CITY 30 x 60 MINUTE QUADRANGLE, IDAHO

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INTRODUCTION

Most of this map was compiled from field work done for the Hailey 1° x 2° geologic map under the U.S. Geological Survey's CUSMAP program (Worl and others, 1991). The original geology produced on 7.5-minute field sheets by Thor Kiilsgaard for the Hailey project was digitally captured to form the basis of this map and a GIS database. Additional published and unpublished mapping, photogeology, and field work provided further information on the surficial and basalt units (see Index to Sources of Geologic Mapping).

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Qal Alluvium (Holocene)**—Modern stream alluvium: sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders. Includes some glacial outwash gravel and alluvial fans mostly composed of debris-flow deposits.
- Qsdl Sandy alluvium of side streams (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Medium to coarse sand interbedded with silt, fine sand and silt. Mostly derived from weathered granite (Ohberg and Stanford, 1992).
- Qlg Alluvial fan gravels (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Sandy pebbles and cobble gravels; sand and gravel gravel where formed from weathered granite. Primarily formed by debris flows and local high-energy streams (Pierce and Scott, 1982).
- Qls Landfill deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Slope failure in Klgd.
- Qlt Terrace gravel (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders. Partially derived from glacial advances upstream. Benches as much as 600 feet (183 m) above modern streams. Commonly capped by alluvial fans mostly composed of debris-flow deposits.
- Qg Glacial deposits, undivided (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Includes till, glaciolacustrine sediments, outwash gravel, and some stream alluvium. Landforms include mesetas, lake basins, outwash plains, and terraces. Deposited by small isolated glaciers, valley glaciers, and large ice cap-centered outlet glaciers originating in the Sawtooth and Trinity Mountains. Relative dating of deposits indicates at least three glaciations in the Sawtooth Mountains (Stanford, 1982).
- Qub Basalt, undivided (Pleistocene)**—Basalt flows of uncertain age.
- Qmb Basalt of Mores Creek (Pleistocene)**—One canyon-filling flow from unknown vent in Mores Creek valley (Howard and others, 1982). Dark gray, vesicular, olivine-rich basalt. It is composed of tabular crystals of plagioclase (labradorite) set in a matrix that is chiefly augite, ilmenite, and magnetite but which also contains olivine. Normal magnetic polarity. Thickness of 20 feet (6 m).
- Qmb Basalt of Red Mountain (Holocene or late Pleistocene)**—Basalt erupted from Red Mountain and flowed down Fall Creek (Bennett, 1980).
- Qsp Gravel overlying the Smith Prairie Basalt and basalt of Gowen Terrace (Pleistocene)**—Fan gravel and sand deposited onto, and stream deposits formed in water-dammed behind, Smith Prairie Basalt and mostly coarse sand deposited onto the basalt of Gowen Terrace. Thickness up to 100 feet (30 m) adjacent to canyon walls.
- Qsb Smith Prairie Basalt, undivided (Pleistocene)**—Includes three canyon-filling basalts (Howard and Sherwin, 1973); two porphyritic basalts separated by a microporphritic basalt. Normal magnetic polarity. Mostly dike-tectonic and dark gray. Contains plagioclase, brown clinopyroxene, olivine, and opaques. Maximum measured thickness of 400 feet (120 m).
- Qlg Gravel overlying basalt of Lava Creek (Pleistocene)**—Fan gravel deposited onto, and stream deposits formed in water-dammed behind, basalt of Lava Creek.
- Qlo Basalt of Lava Creek (Pleistocene)**—Dark to medium gray, very fine-grained basalt. Normal magnetic polarity.
- Qbo Basalt of Gowen Terrace (Pleistocene)**—Four flows of medium gray olivine basalt. Canyon-filling basalt probably erupted in Smith Prairie (Howard and others, 1982). Normal magnetic polarity. Olivine phenocrysts up to 1.3 mm in diameter. Age of 0.572 Ma \pm 0.210 Ma (potassium-argon date from Ohberg and Stanford, 1992). Forms terrace up to 600 feet (183 m) above the river. Thickness of about 200 feet (61 m).
- Qbc Basalt of Lucky Peak (Pleistocene)**—Single flow of dark gray to black, aphyric, very fine-grained basalt. Canyon-filling basalt probably erupted in Smith Prairie (Howard and others, 1982). Normal magnetic polarity. Thickness of about 121 feet (37 m).
- Qlvg Gravel overlying both the basalt of Smith Creek and Steamboat Rock Basalt (Pleistocene and Pliocene)**—Fan gravel deposited onto, and stream deposits formed in water-dammed behind, Smith Creek and Steamboat Rock basalts. Also includes some fan gravels deposited on the Steamboat Rock Basalt surface downstream from Long Gulch.
- Qbc Basalt of Smith Creek (Pleistocene)**—Medium to light gray and almost aphyric basalt. Xenocrysts and xenoliths of granitic rocks are common. Reverse magnetic polarity.
- Tsb Steamboat Rock Basalt (Pliocene)**—Numerous flows of olivine basalt. Upper flows are medium gray plagioclase-aphyric basalt and diatexes. Lower flows are dark to medium gray microporphritic basalt. Reverse magnetic polarity. Maximum thickness of 580 feet (180 m) (Howard and Sherwin, 1973). Age of 1.8 Ma \pm 0.3 Ma (potassium-argon date from Howard and others, 1982).
- Tlg Basalt and gravel of Long Gulch (Pliocene)**—Two basalt flows and gravel above and between the flows. Light gray and very fine-grained aphyric upper flow. The lower flow is black and mostly glass. Normal magnetic polarity. May be basalt of Lucky Peak (Ohberg and others, 1995).
- Tlvg High gravel (Pliocene)**—Consists of poorly sorted to unsorted sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders eroded from rocks of the Idaho batholith and from various dikes. Gravel may be equivalent to the gravel of Bonneville Point of Ohberg and Stanford (1992).
- Tp Payette Formation (Miocene)**—Stratified, tan to gray, loosely consolidated argillaceous sandstone and siltstone and interstratified conglomerate and thin bedded, dark gray to black shale in which are abundant impressions of upper middle to lower upper Miocene leaves and plant fragments. Minimum thickness of 574 feet (175 m).
- Tcb Columbia River Basalt Group (Pliocene)**—Dark gray to black basalt, commonly porphyritic with euhedral labilike phenocrysts of plagioclase (andesite to labradorite) up to 4 mm in length. Olivine is a common mineral in most samples, occurring as phenocrysts larger than those of plagioclase.
- Tb Basaltic dikes (Miocene)**—Dark green microporphritic basaltic andesite and basalt dikes consisting mostly of labradorite and augite. Most probably correlate with the Columbia River Basalt Group, but those in the southernmost part of the Idaho batholith may be younger.
- Tcd Rhyolite of Clear Creek (Oligocene)**—Light gray, almost white, very fine-grained, crystal poor rhyolite. It consists of a matrix of quartz and potassium feldspar in which are angular pieces of quartz, sanidine, and oligoclase that range from 1 to 3 mm long. Age of about 34 Ma \pm 2.4 Ma (zircon using the fission track method; Kiilsgaard and others, 1997).
- Tas Rhyolitic ash and arkose (Oligocene)**—Water-lain rhyolitic ash, conglomerate, and arkose. Age of 32.7 Ma \pm 2.7 Ma (zircon using the fission track method; Kiilsgaard and others, 1997).
- Ta Andesite (Eocene)**—Dark gray to black, fine-grained, and weakly porphyritic. The phenocrysts are plagioclase and commonly 2 to 4 mm long.

- Kagp Altered biotite granodiorite (Cretaceous)**—Iron-stained, medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular to porphyritic granodiorite. Biotite is altered to chlorite or iron oxides, which account for the characteristic reddish stain. Feldspars in the rock are altered to clay minerals or sericite.
- Kgh Hornblende biotite granodiorite (Cretaceous)**—Gray, medium-grained hornblende-biotite granodiorite. Present only as two small exposures southwest of Atlanta.
- Kgt Tonalite (Cretaceous)**—Gray to dark gray, medium-grained, equigranular tonalite in which andesite is the principal component. May contain as much as 20 percent biotite and hornblende. Contains primary epidote. Locally isolated grades to granodiorite.
- Papem Roof pendant (Proterozoic or Paleozoic)**—Garnet-dioctase gneiss, quartzite, and biotite-sillimanite schist of uncertain age.

SYMBOLS

- Contact dashed where approximately located or inferred
- Fault: dashed where approximately located, dotted where concealed; bar and ball on downthrown side
- Strike and dip of beds
- Strike and dip of foliation
- Quartz vein: arrow indicates dip of vein
- Igneous breccia
- Volcanic crater or vent

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