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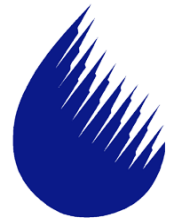
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Explanation

Geologic Units

Q7a	Quaternary and Tertiary basin-fill deposits
Q7b	Quaternary and Tertiary thin basalt flows and cinder cones
T4a	Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
T4b	Tertiary poorly-sorted welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
T4c	Tertiary andesitic and locally dikeitic lava flows, flow breccias, and mudflow breccias
T4d	Tertiary high-silica rhyolite lava flows and volcanic domes
T4e	Tertiary low-silica rhyolite lava flows and volcanic domes
T4f	Tertiary andesitic and locally dikeitic lava flows, flow breccias, and mudflow breccias
T4g	Tertiary mostly thaluffaceous sandstone and bedded airfall tuff
T4h	Tertiary poorly-sorted welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
T4i	Tertiary mostly thaluffaceous sandstone and bedded airfall tuff
T4j	Tertiary andesitic and locally dikeitic lava flows, flow breccias, and mudflow breccias
T4k	Tertiary low-silica rhyolite lava flows and volcanic domes
T4l	Tertiary poorly-sorted welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
T4m	Tertiary andesitic and locally dikeitic lava flows, flow breccias, and mudflow breccias
T4n	Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
T4o	Tertiary intramassive megabreccias
T4p	Tertiary intramassive rocks
T4q	Tertiary-Cretaceous intrusive rocks
T4r	Cretaceous intrusive rocks
U	Upper and Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, undivided
J	Jurassic intrusive rocks
Ts	Triassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
Pt	Upper and Lower Permian Park City Group, undivided
Pt1	Permian Archure Formation and Rib Hill Sandstone
Pa	Permian Archure Formation
Pt2	Lower Permian Rib Hill Sandstone
PP	Permian and Pennsylvanian Rippe Spring Limestone and Ely Limestone, undivided
P	Pennsylvanian Ely Limestone
U10a	Upper Mississippian to Upper Devonian Diamond Peak Formation, Chairman Shale, Joana Limestone, and Pilot Shale, undivided
U10b	Upper Mississippian Diamond Peak Formation
U10c	Upper Mississippian Chairman Shale
U10d	Lower Mississippian to Upper Devonian Joana Limestone and Pilot Shale, undivided
DC	Devonian to Upper Cambrian sedimentary rocks, undivided
DS	Devonian and Silurian sedimentary rocks, undivided
DU	Devonian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
DI	Upper and Middle Devonian Devils Gate Formation
Du	Upper and Middle Devonian Outimite Formation
Dv	Middle and Lower Devonian Nevada Formation
Ds	Middle and Lower Devonian Simonson and Seely Dolomites
SDU	Silurian and Upper Ordovician dolomite, undivided
O1	Middle and Lower Ordovician, mostly Baraka Quartzite and the Pogonip Group
Cc	Cambrian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
Om	Upper and Middle Cambrian limestone and shale
Cu	Lower Ordovician and Upper Cambrian limestone and shale, undivided
Cp	Middle Cambrian to Late Proterozoic sedimentary rocks
PC	Late to Early Proterozoic metamorphosed and crystalline Precambrian basement rocks
OW	Open Water

Regional Faults

	Normal Fault
	Strike-slip Fault
	Thrust Fault
	Detachment Fault
	Quaternary Normal Fault
	Caldera Boundary
	Cross Sections (Plates 4 and 5)
	Major Road
	Transverse Zone (Zone of possible disruption)
	National Park Service

Subsidiary Faults

	Normal Fault
	Strike-slip Fault
	Thrust Fault
	Detachment Fault
	Quaternary Normal Fault
	Caldera Boundary

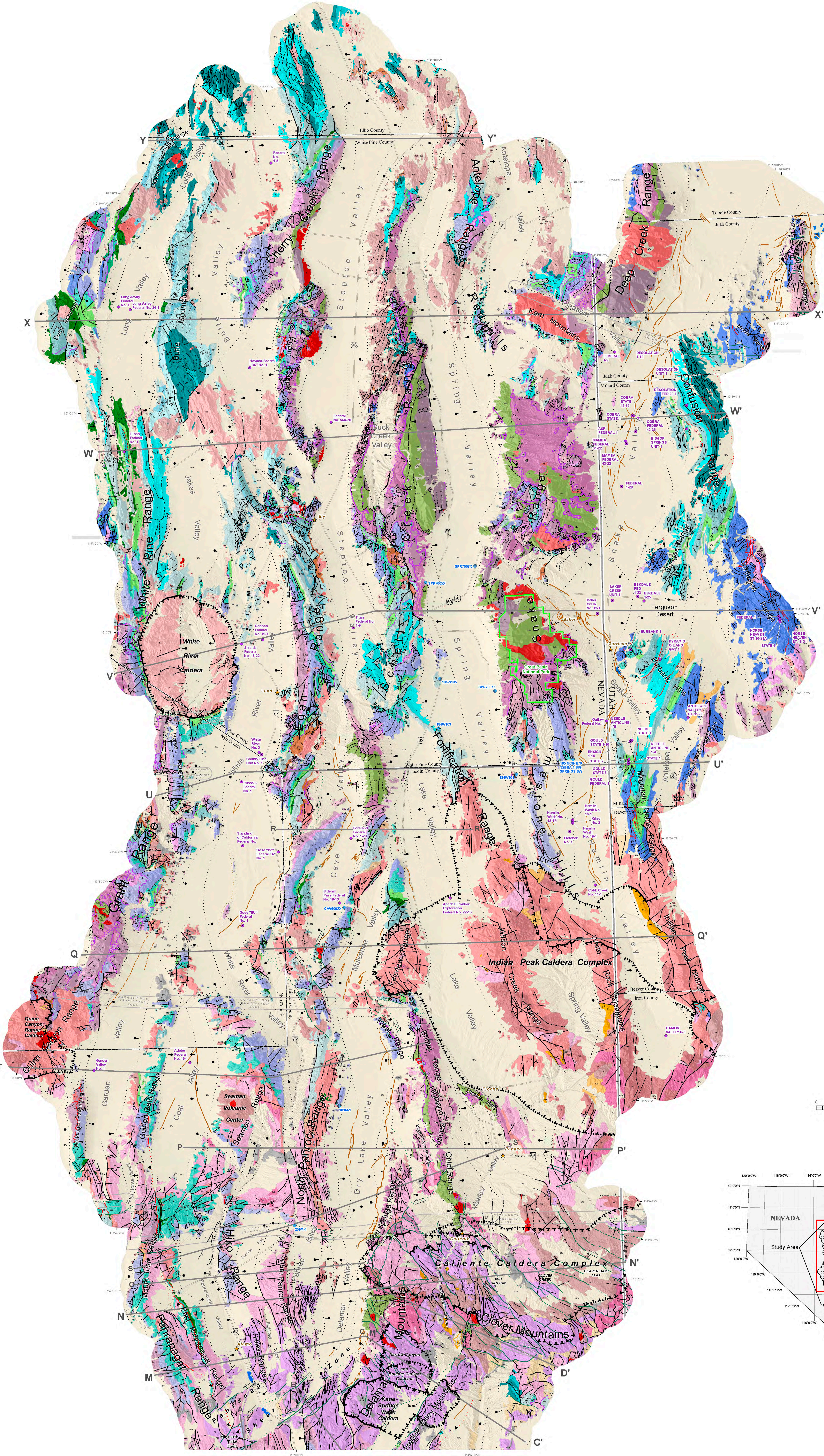
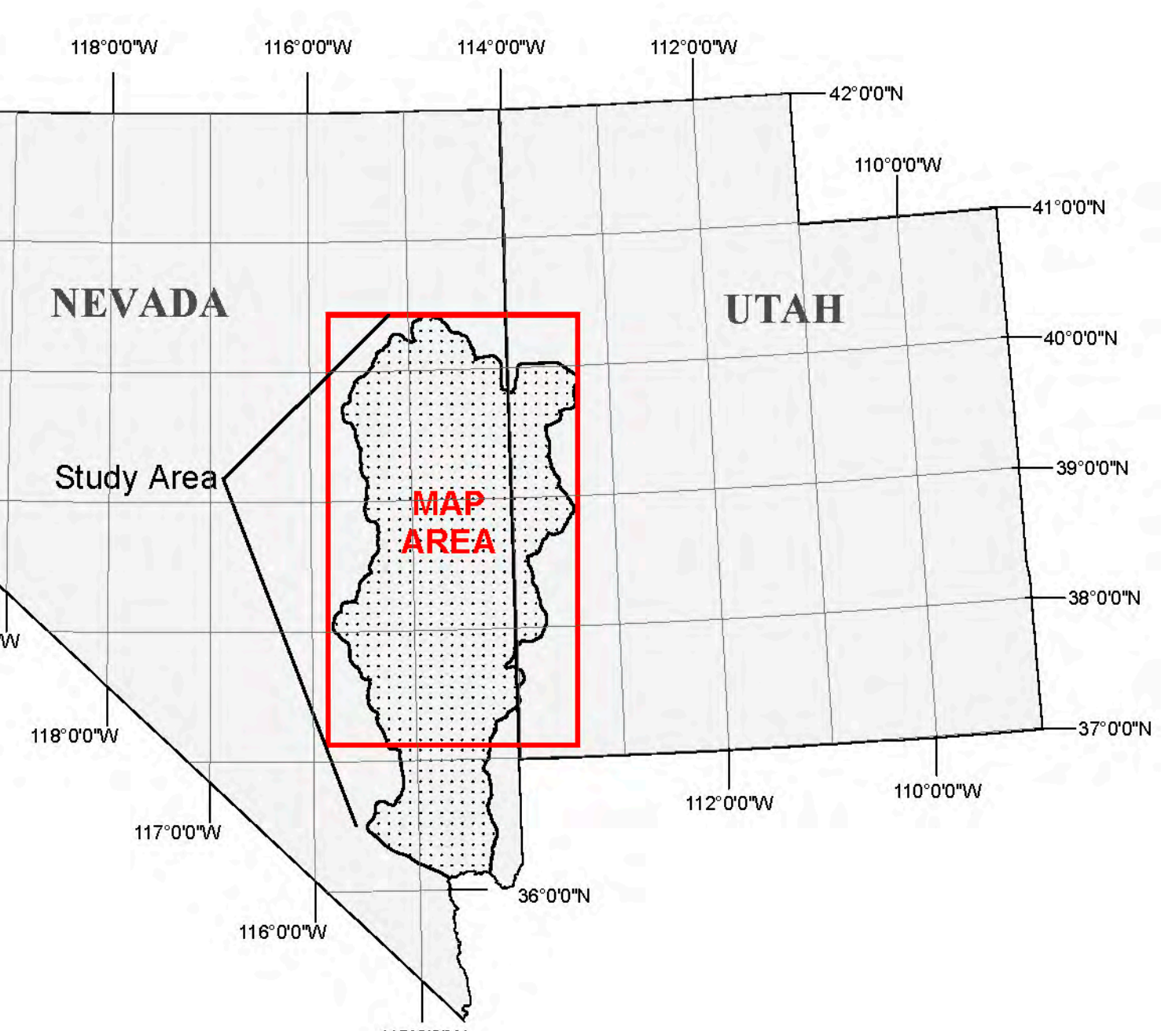
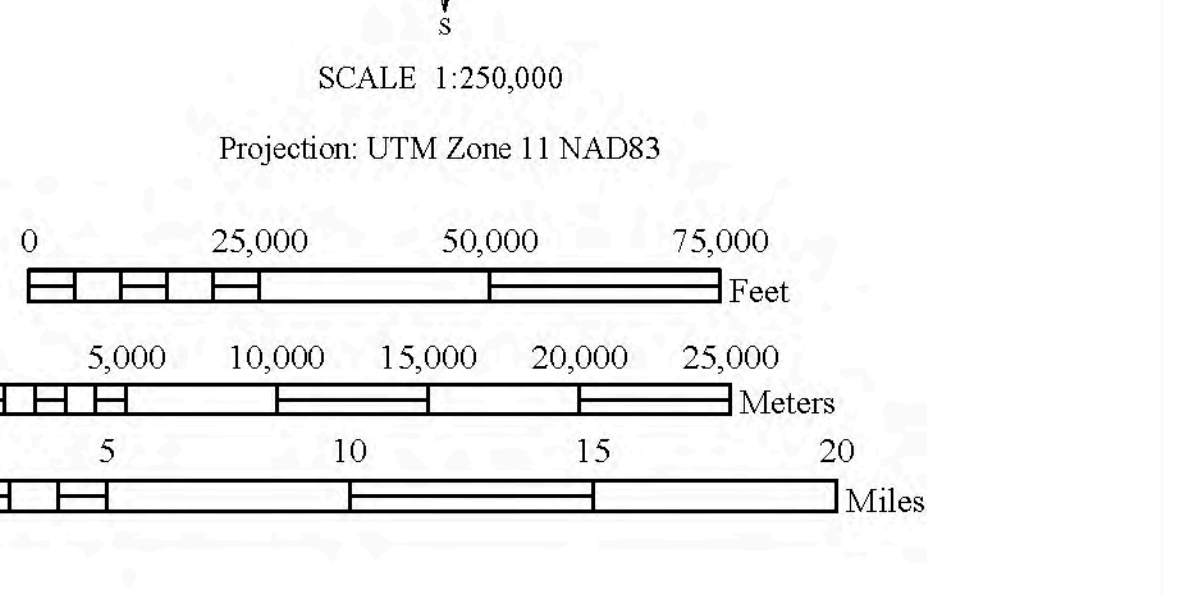
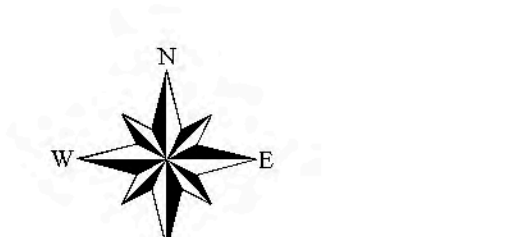
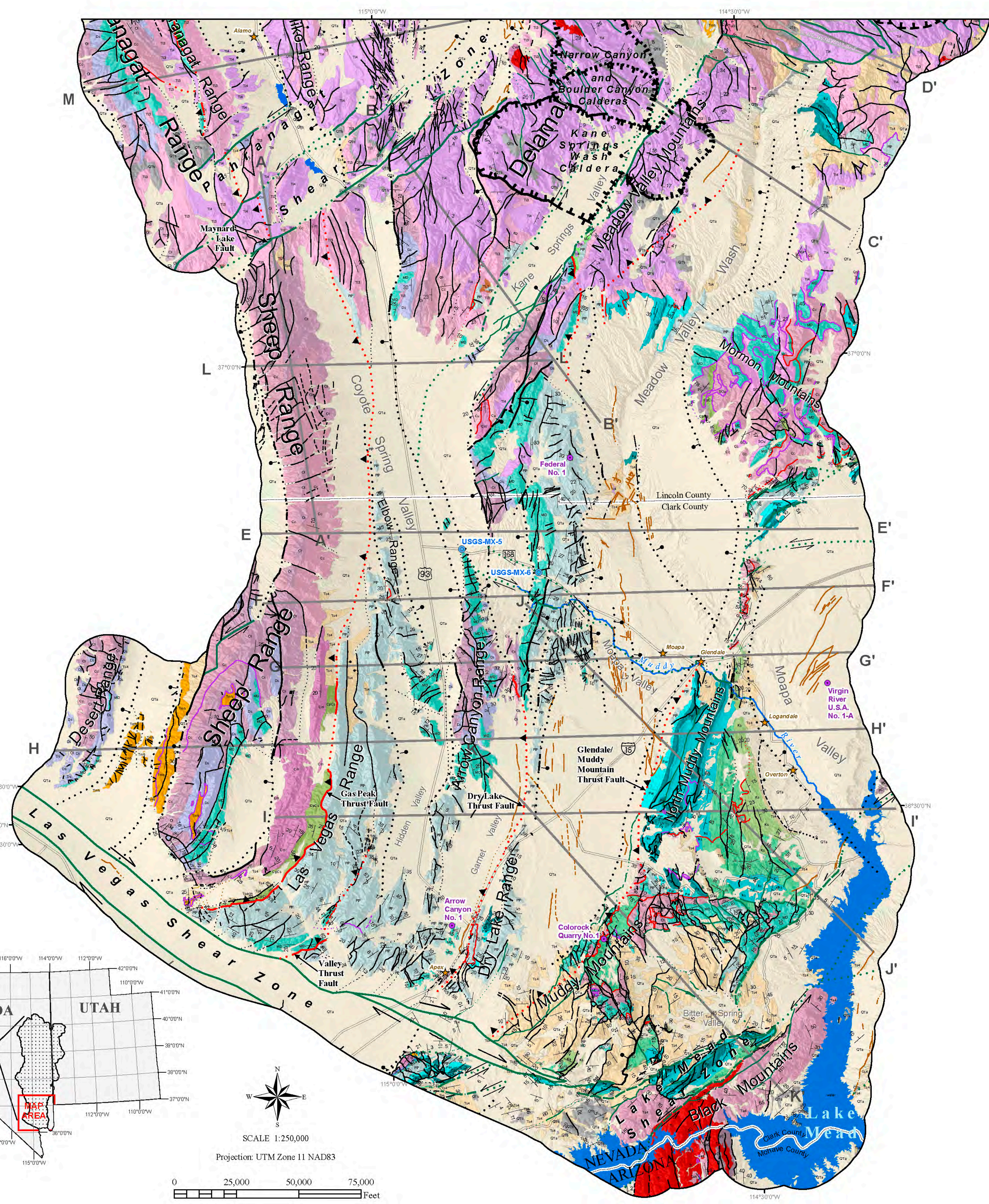


PLATE 1. GEOLOGY OF WHITE PINE AND NORTHERN LINCOLN COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, NEVADA AND UTAH





Explanation

Geologic Units

- QTa Quaternary and Tertiary basin-fill deposits
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- Tt4 Tertiary poorly-to-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Ta4 Tertiary andesitic and locally dacitic lava flows, flow breccia, and mudflow breccia
- Tr4 Tertiary high-silica rhyolite lava flows and volcanic domes
- Ta3 Tertiary andesitic and locally dacitic lava flows, flow breccia, and mudflow breccia
- Tt3 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Tt2 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Ts1 Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
- Tmb Tertiary megabreccia
- T Tertiary intrusive rocks
- Ks Upper and Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Js Jurassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Trs Triassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Pp Upper and Lower Permian Park City Group, undivided
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- Open Water

Regional Faults

- Normal Fault
Solid where known; Dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed.
Bar and ball on downthrown side.
- Strike-slip Fault
Solid where known; Dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed.
Arrows show direction of movement.
- Thrust Fault
Solid where known; Dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed.
Sawtooth on upper plate.
- Detachment Fault
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- Quaternary Normal Fault
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Subsidiary Faults

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Bar and ball on downthrown side.
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Sawtooth on upper plate.
- Detachment Fault
Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed; dotted and queried where uncertain.
Hollow sawtooth on upper plate.
- Quaternary Normal Fault
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Bar and ball on downthrown side.

- Caldera Boundary
Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed
- Cross Sections (Plates 4 and 5)

- Major Road
- Transverse Zone
(Zone of possible disruption)

- Town
- Strike and Dip of Beds
- Overturned Beds
- Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
Nevada: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Well

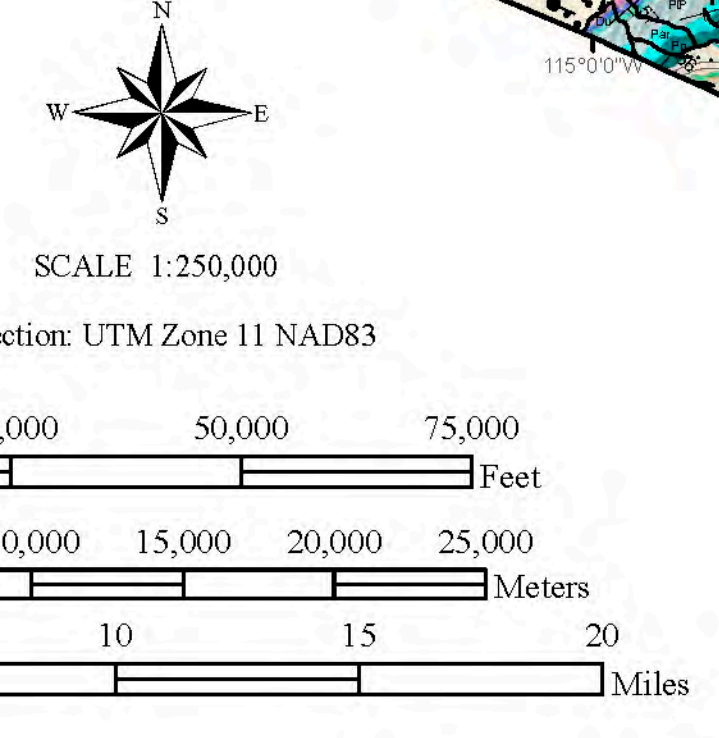


PLATE 2. GEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN LINCOLN AND NORTHERN CLARK COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, ARIZONA

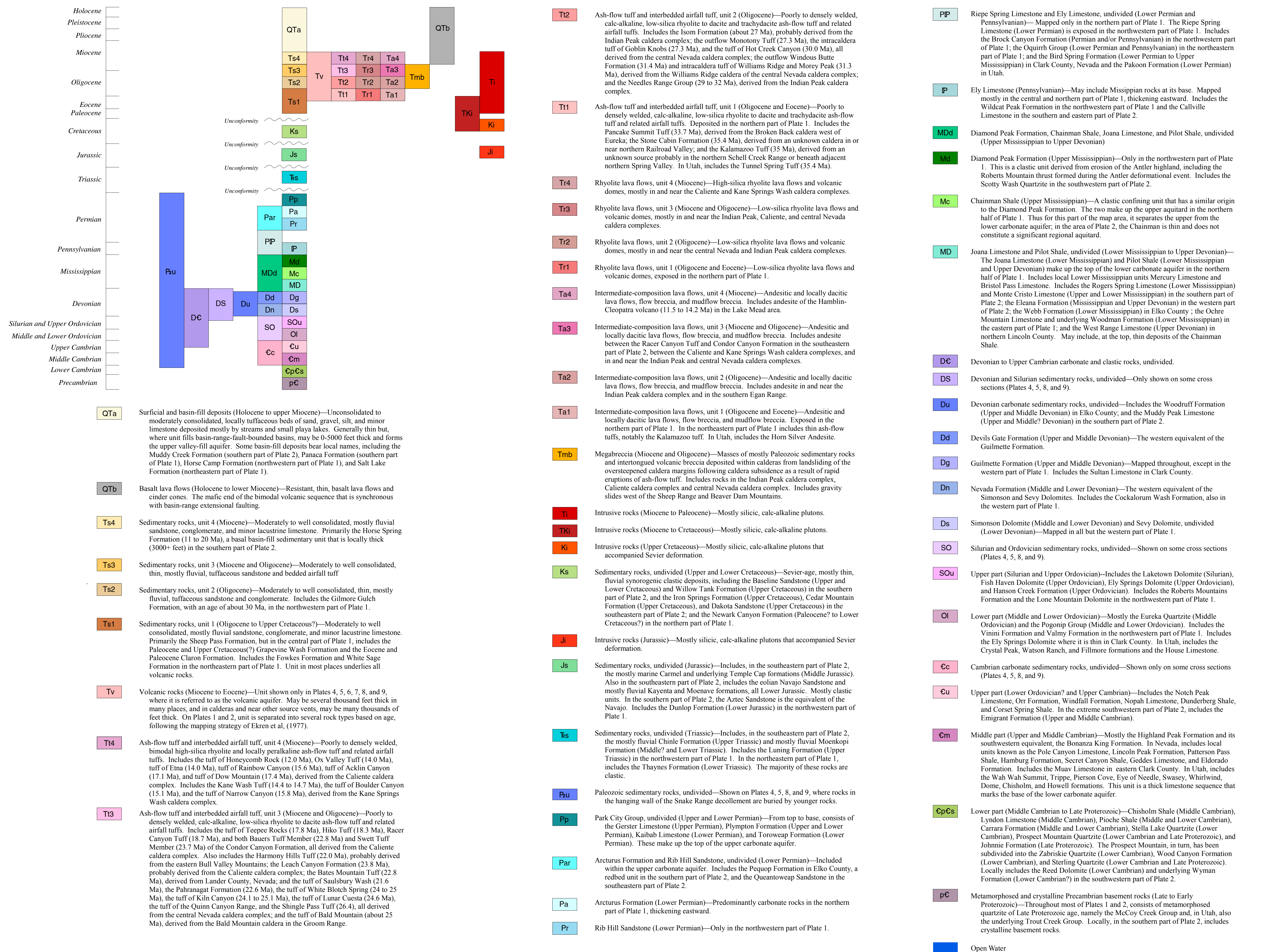
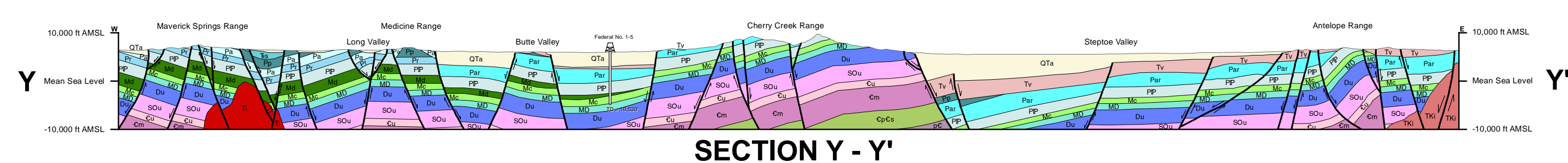
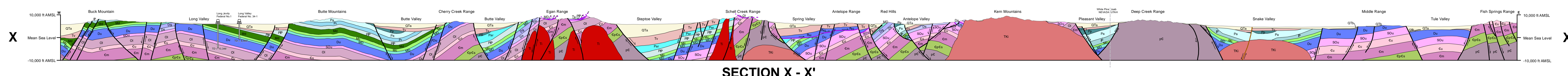


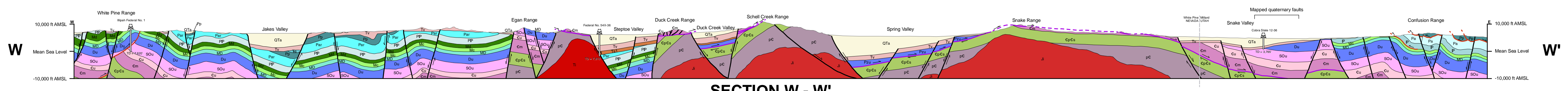
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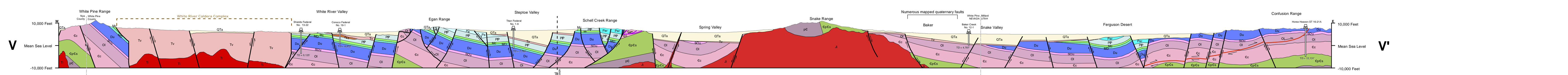
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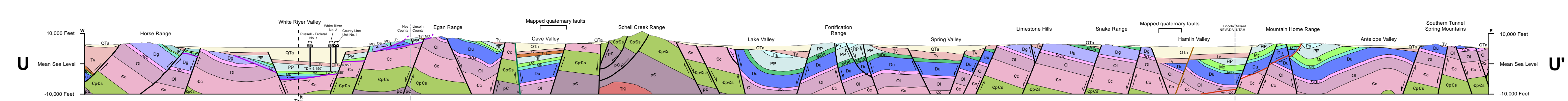
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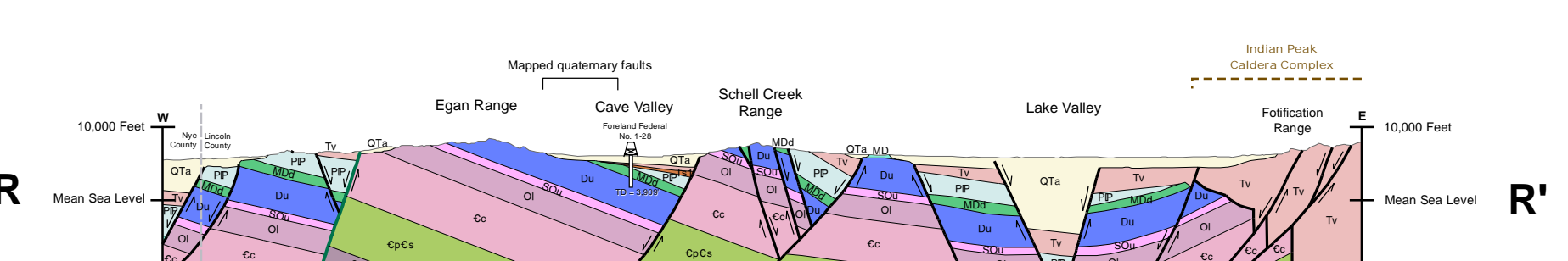
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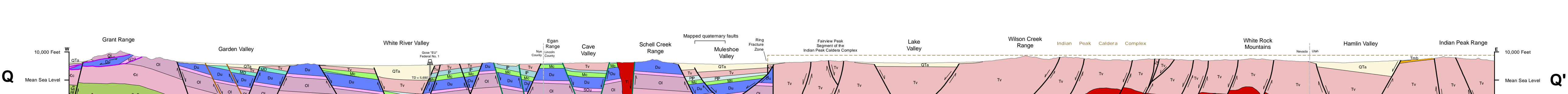
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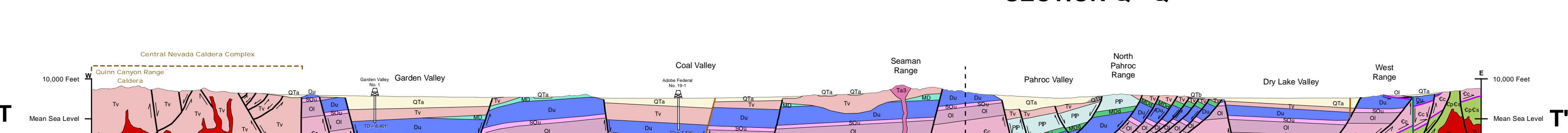
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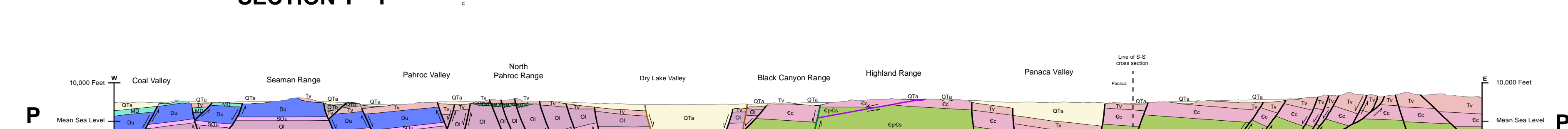
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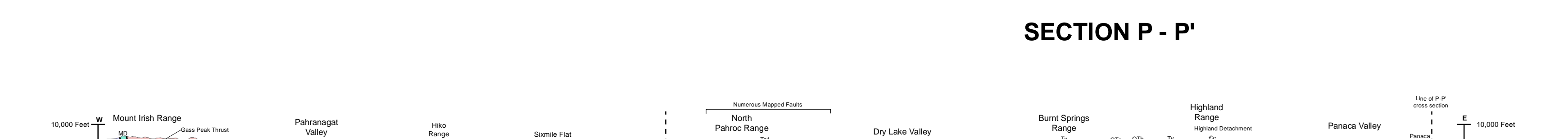
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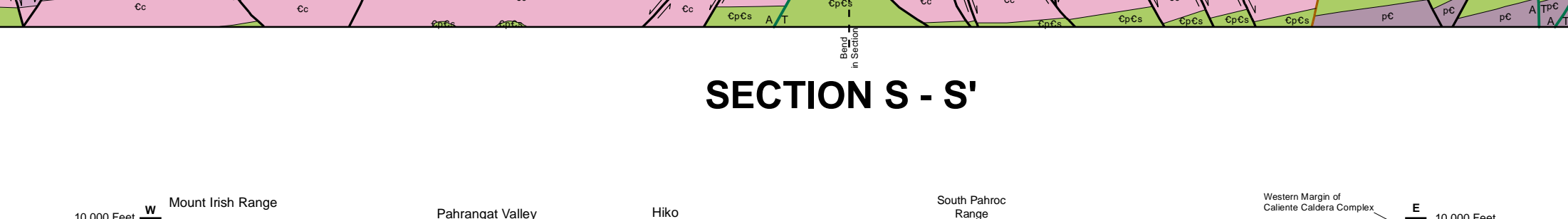
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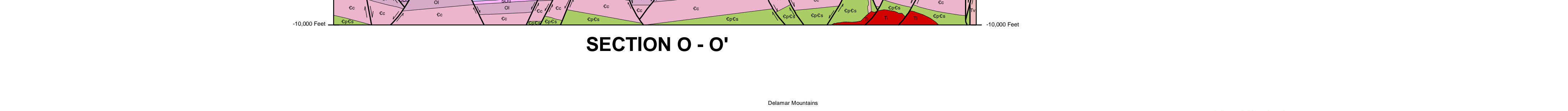
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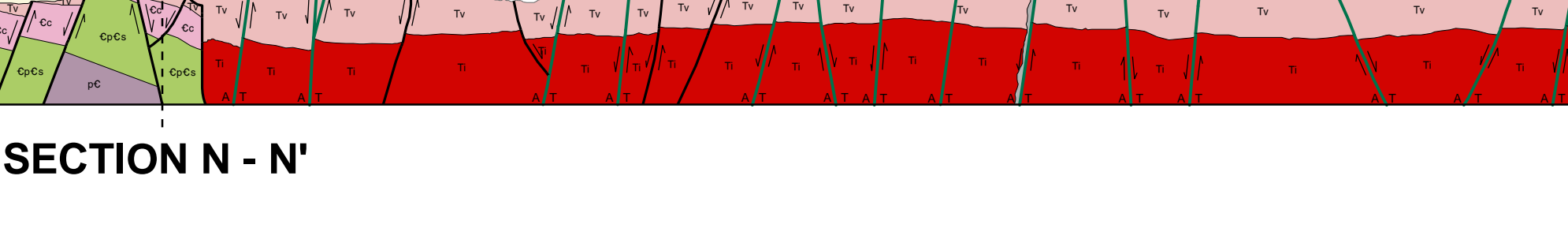
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Explanation of Geologic Units Shown on Cross Section

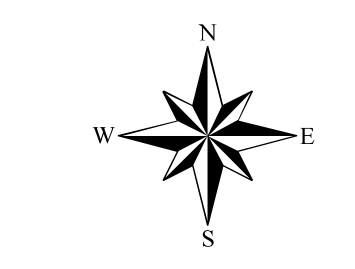
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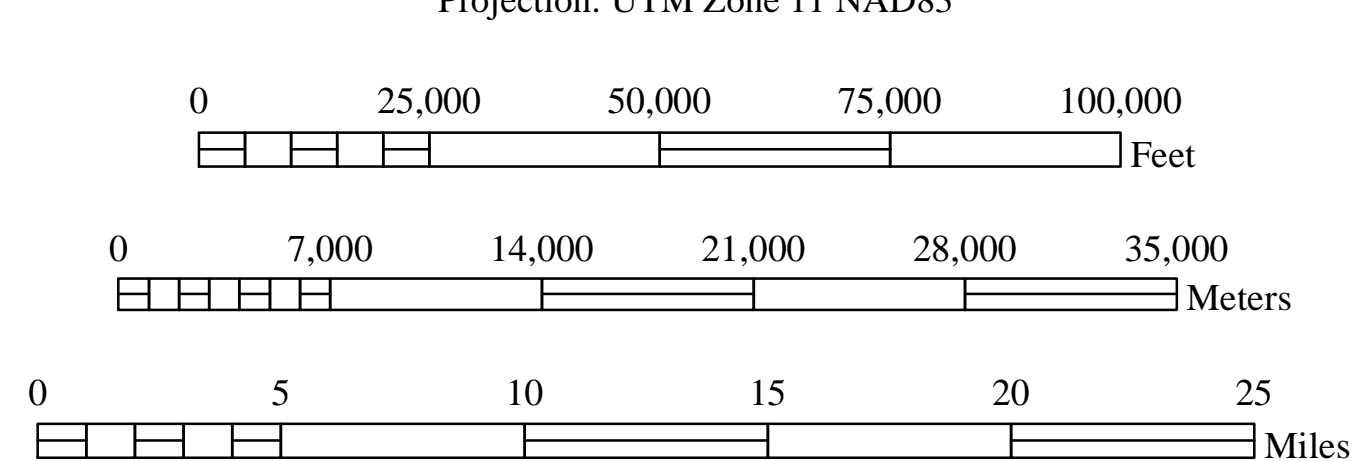
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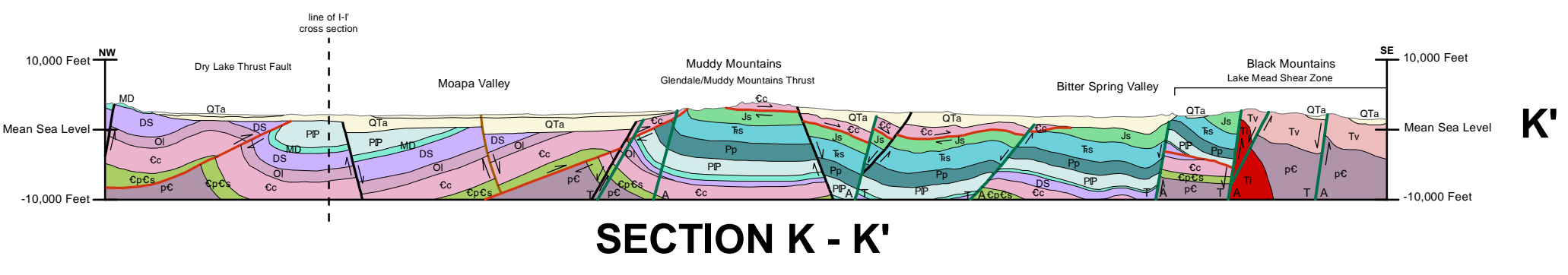
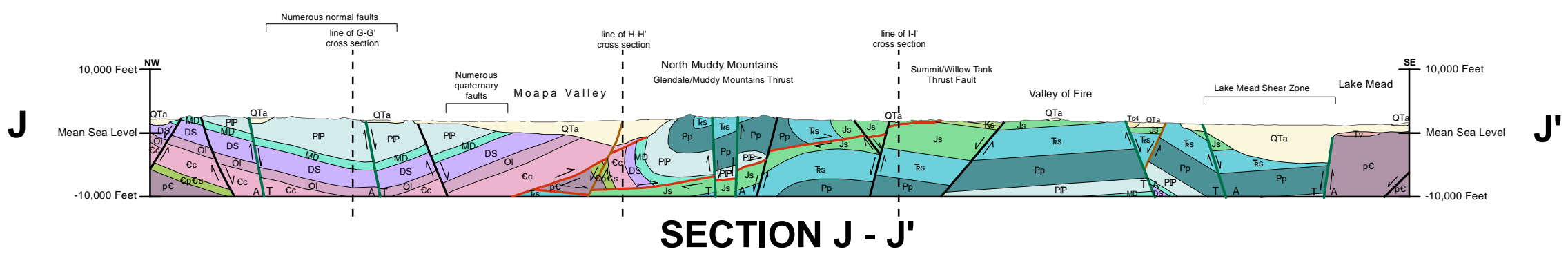
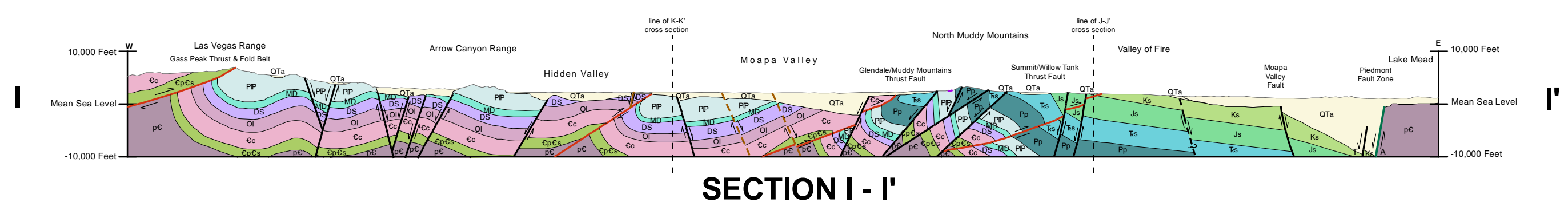
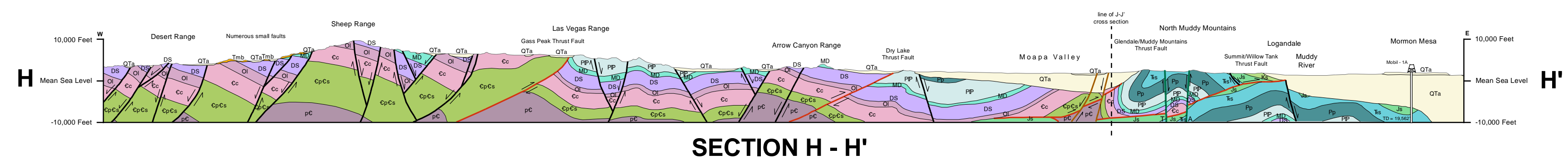
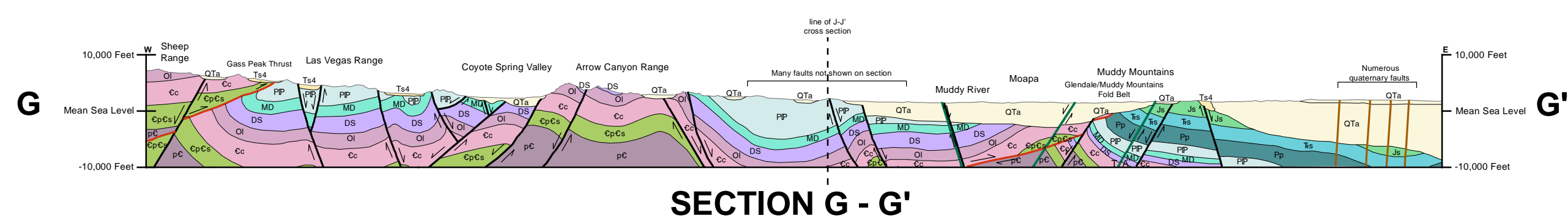
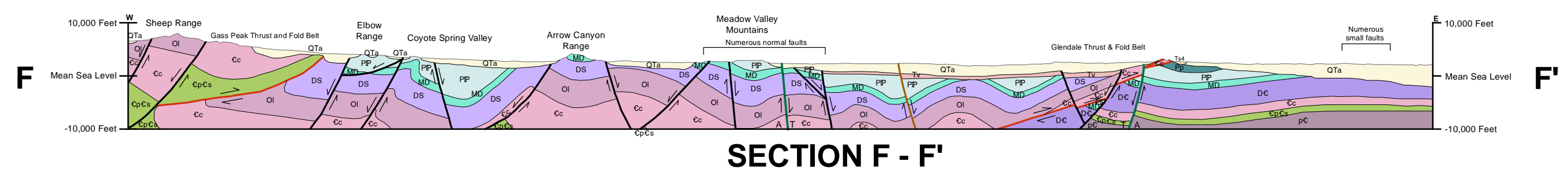
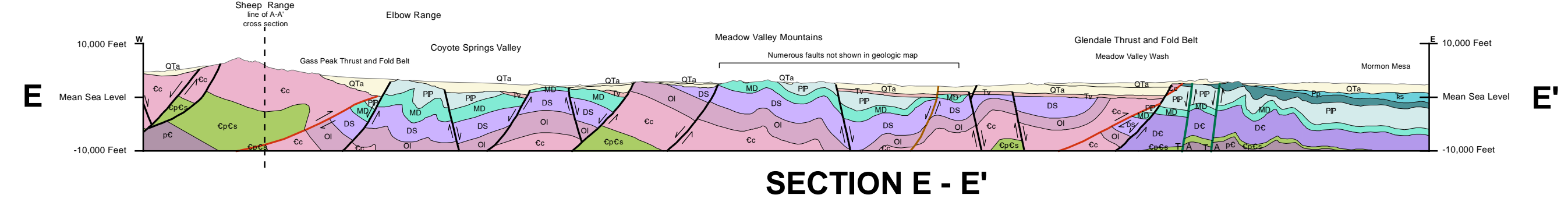
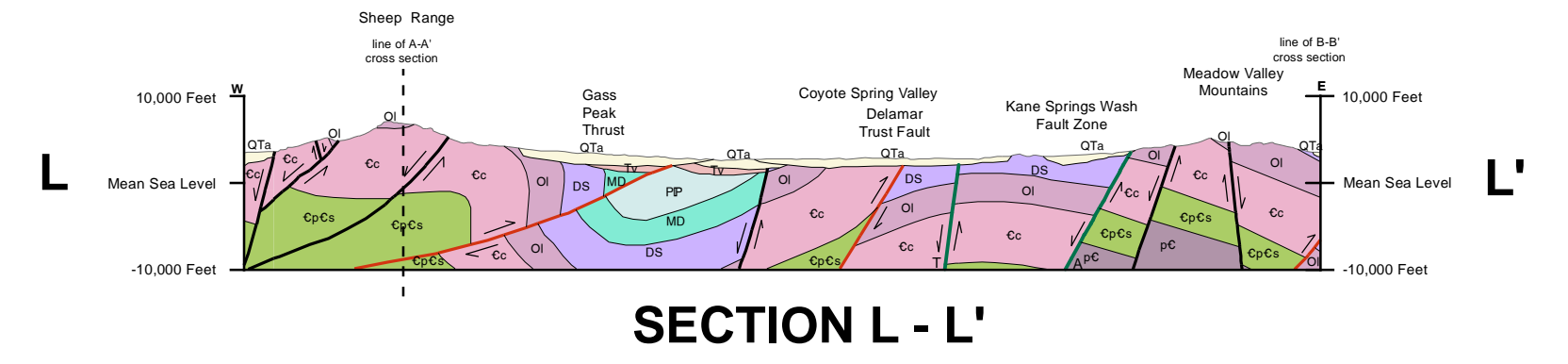
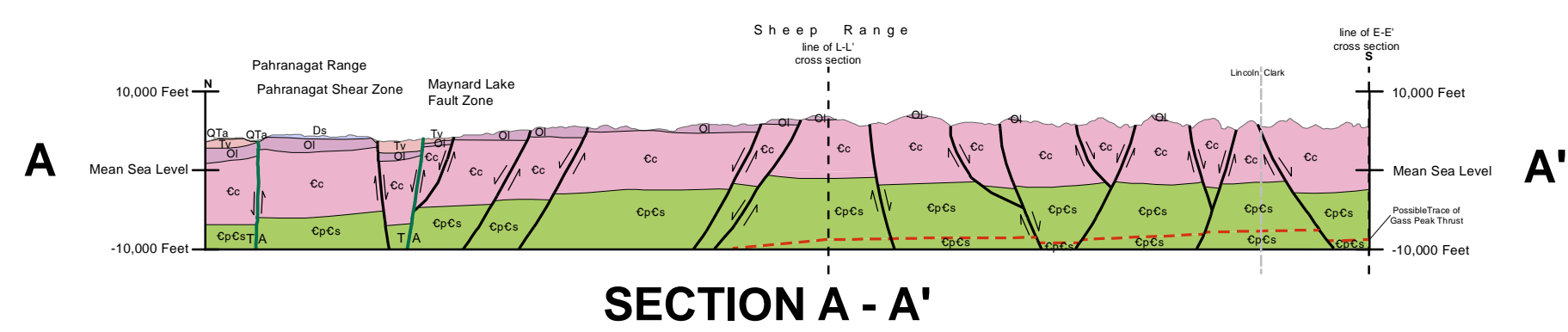
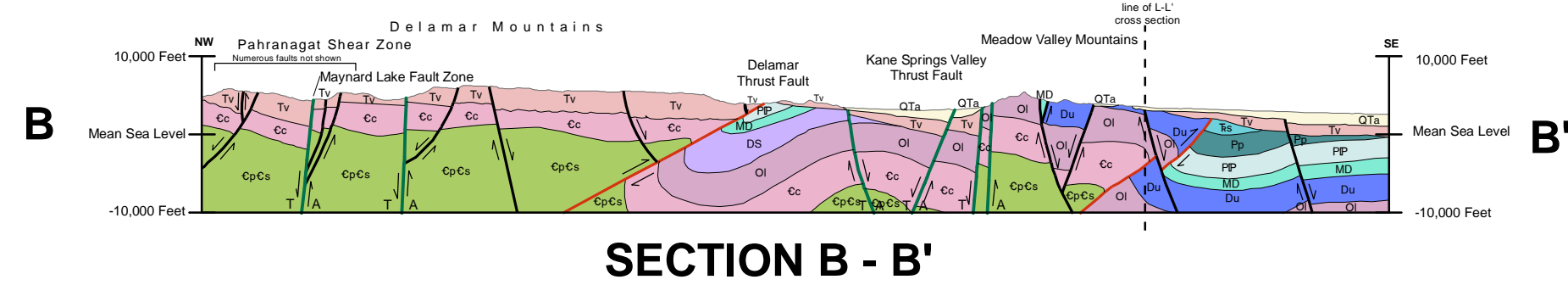
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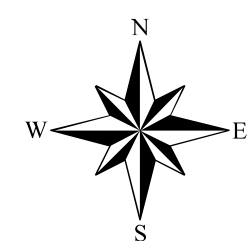
Explanation of Geologic Units Shown on Cross Section

- QTa Quaternary and Tertiary basin-fill deposits
- Tv Tertiary volcanic ash-flows, flows and ash-fall tuffs
- Ts4 Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
- Tmb Tertiary megabreccia
- Ti Tertiary intrusive rocks
- Ks Upper and Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Js Jurassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Ts Triassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Pp Upper and Lower Permian Park City Group, undivided
- PP Permian and Pennsylvanian Riepe Spring Limestone and Ely Limestone, undivided
- MD Lower Mississippian to Upper Devonian Joana Limestone and Pilot Shale, undivided
- Dc Devonian to Upper Cambrian sedimentary rocks, undivided
- DS Devonian and Silurian sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Du Devonian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Ds Middle and Lower Devonian Simonson and Sevy Dolomites
- Ol Middle and Lower Ordovician, mostly Eureka Quartzite and the Pogonip Goup
- Cc Cambrian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
- CpCs Middle Cambrian to Late Proterozoic sedimentary rocks
- pC Late to Early Proterozoic metamorphosed and crystalline Precambrian basement rocks

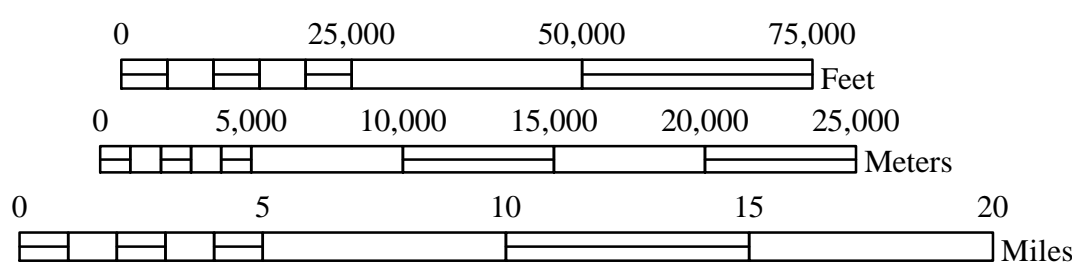


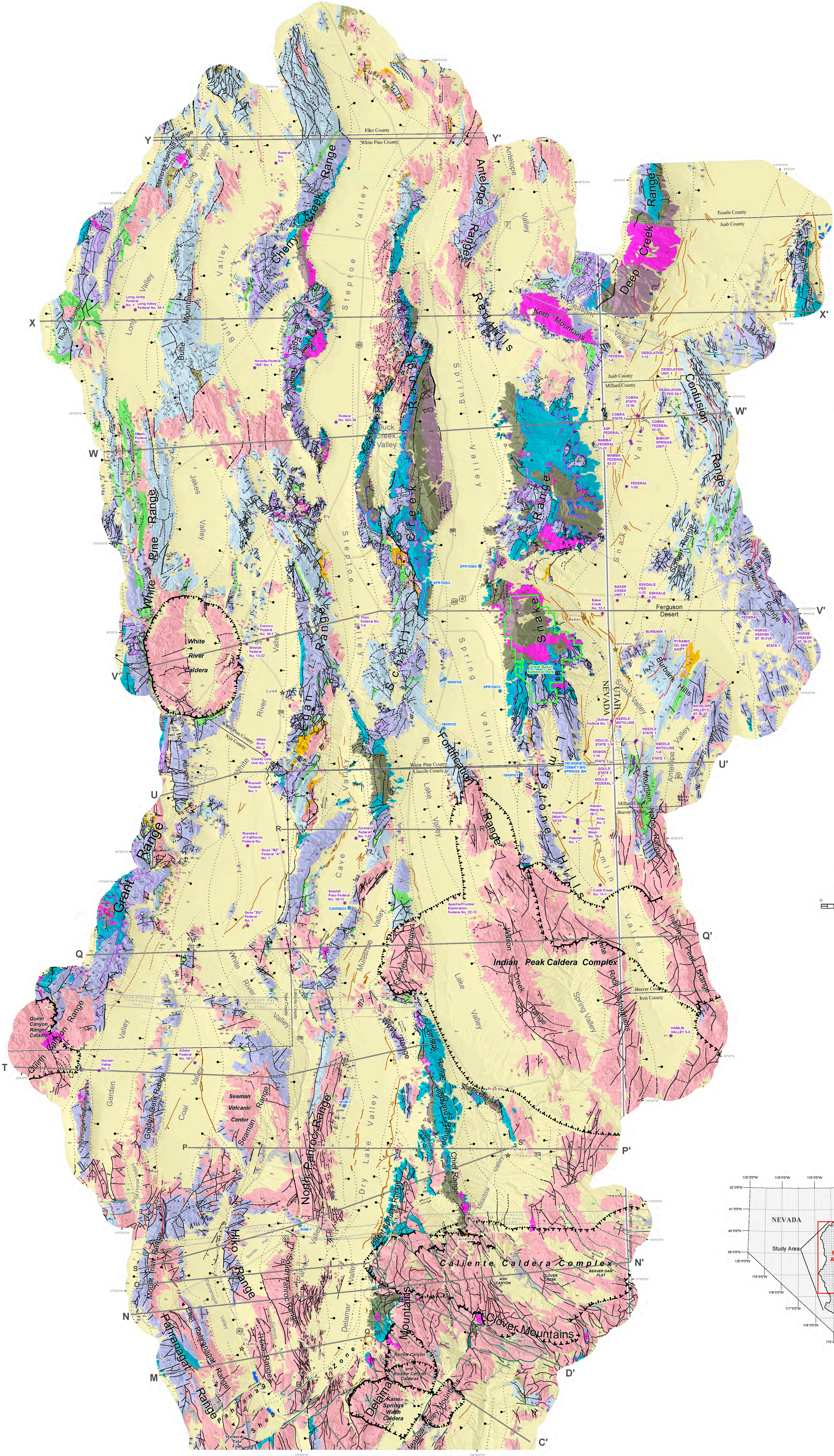
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Arrows show direction of movement.
- Well Name Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
TD = Total Depth (Feet)



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Explanation

Hydrogeologic Units

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- QTb Quaternary-Tertiary basalts
- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
- Toa Tertiary older sediments
- TJa Tertiary-Jurassic intrusives
- Kts Cretaceous-Tertiary clastic rocks
- PpC Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- Mss Mississippian siliclastic rocks
- MOC Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- SpSc Cambrian-Precambrian siliclastic rocks
- Pm Precambrian metamorphic rocks
- Open water

Regional Faults

- Normal Fault
- Strike-slip Fault
- Thrust Fault
- Detachment Fault
- Quaternary Fault

Subsidiary Faults

- Normal Fault
- Strike-slip Fault
- Thrust Fault
- Detachment Fault
- Quaternary Normal Fault

- Caldera Boundary
- Cross Sections (Plates 4 and 5)
- Major Road

- Transverse Zone (Zone of possible disruption)
- National Park Service
- Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
- Wells
- Town
- Strike and Dip of Beds
- Overturned Beds

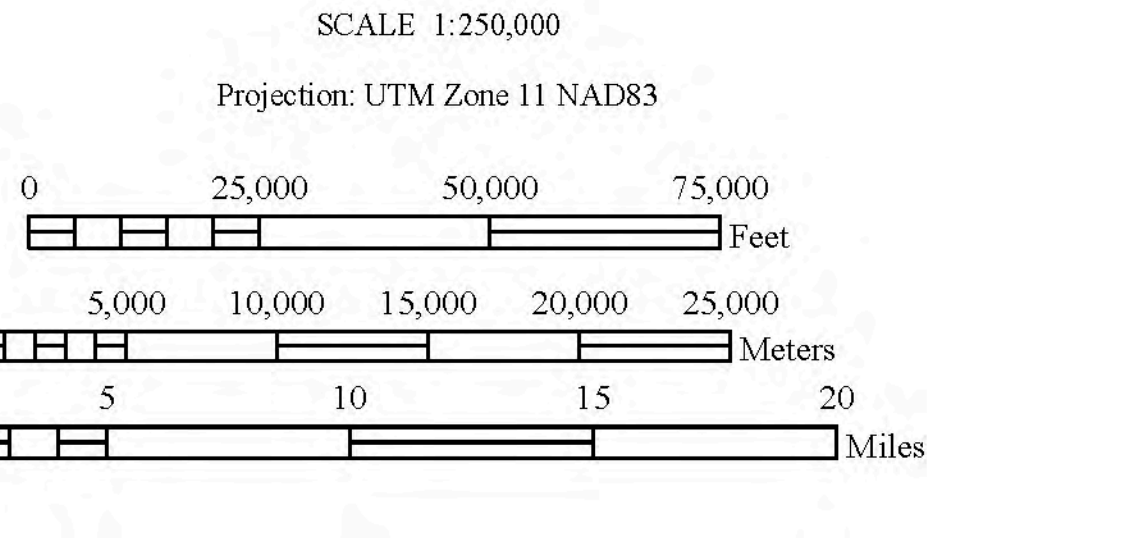
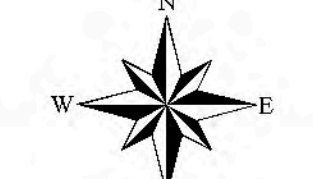
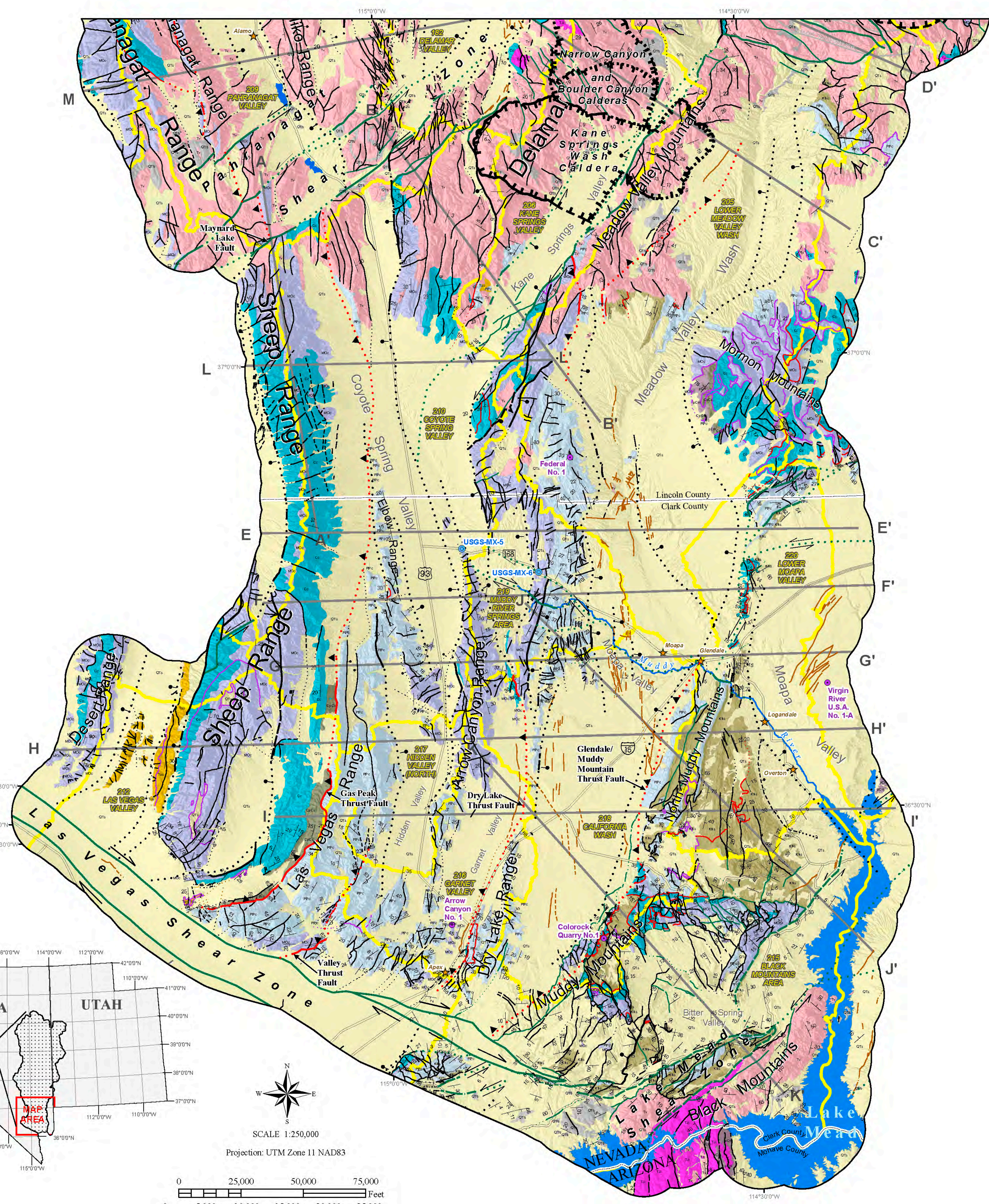


PLATE 6. HYDROGEOLOGY OF WHITE PINE AND NORTHERN LINCOLN COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, NEVADA AND UTAH



Explanation

Hydrogeologic Units

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- QTb Quaternary-Tertiary basalts
- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
- Tos Tertiary older sediments & mega breccia that is located on the western flank of the Sheep Range
- Tji Tertiary-Jurassic intrusive rocks
- KTs Cretaceous-Triassic clastic rocks
- PpC Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- Ms Mississippian siliclastic rocks
- MOC Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- CpCs Cambrian-Precambrian siliclastic rocks
- pCm Precambrian metamorphic rocks
- Open water

- ### Regional Faults
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 - Strike-slip Fault
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 - Thrust Fault
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 - Detachment Fault
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 - Quaternary Normal Fault
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- ### Subsidiary Faults
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- Caldera Boundary
Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed
- Cross Sections (Plates 8 and 9)
- Major Road
- Transverse Zone (Zone of possible disruption)
- Strike and Dip of Beds
- Overturned Beds
- Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
Nevada: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Well
- Town
- Hydrographic Basin

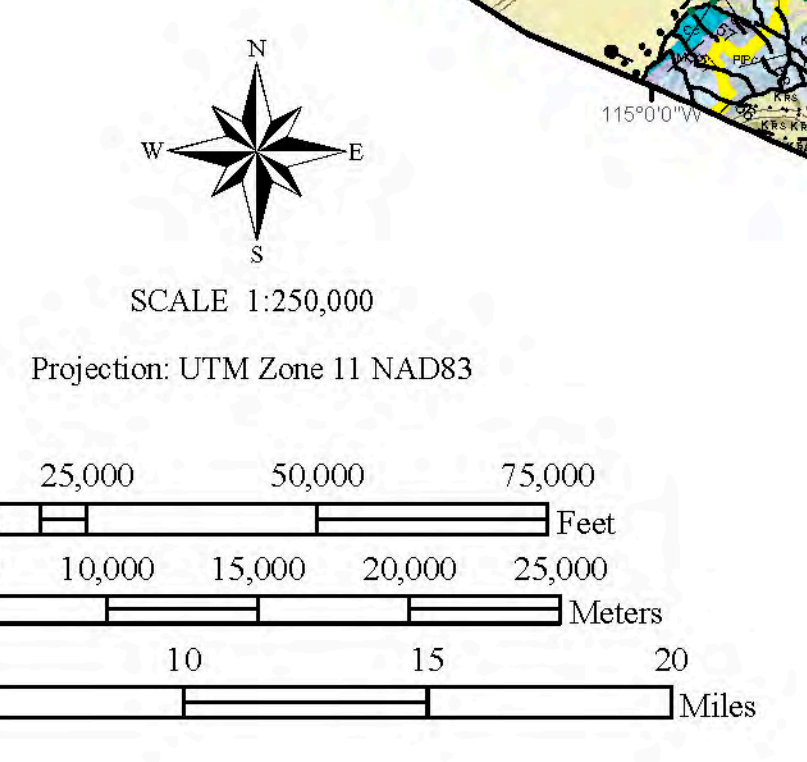
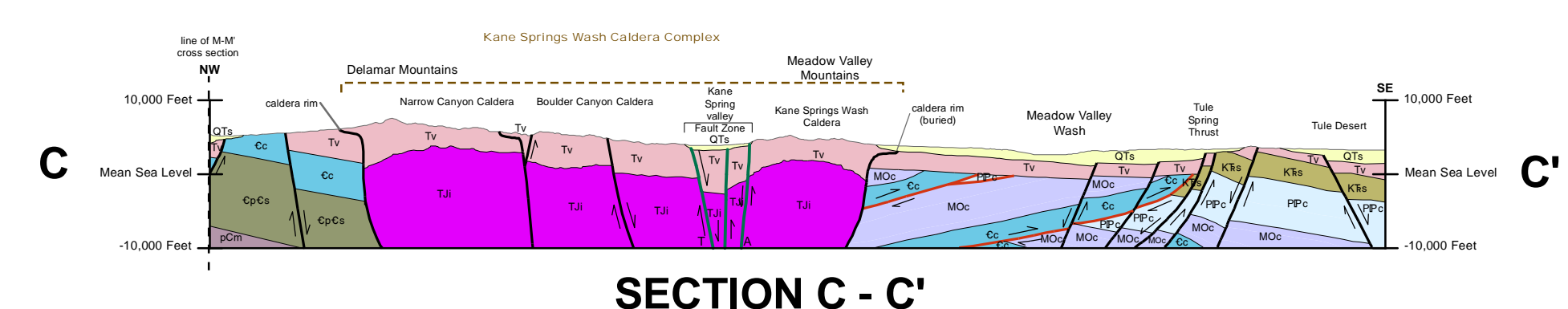
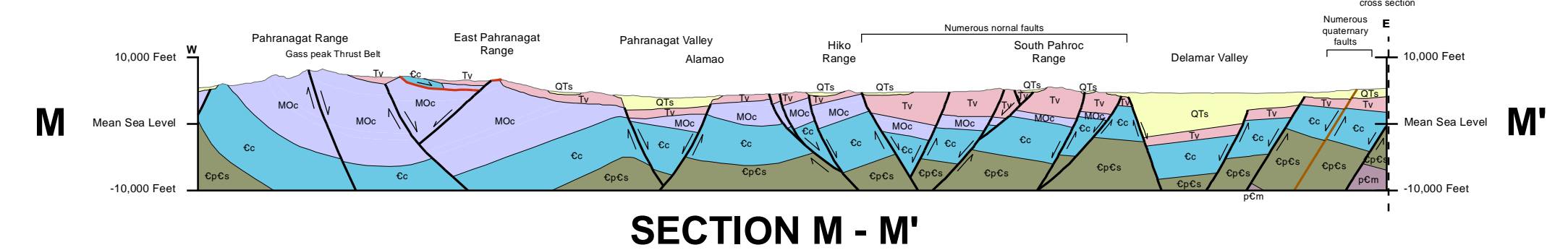
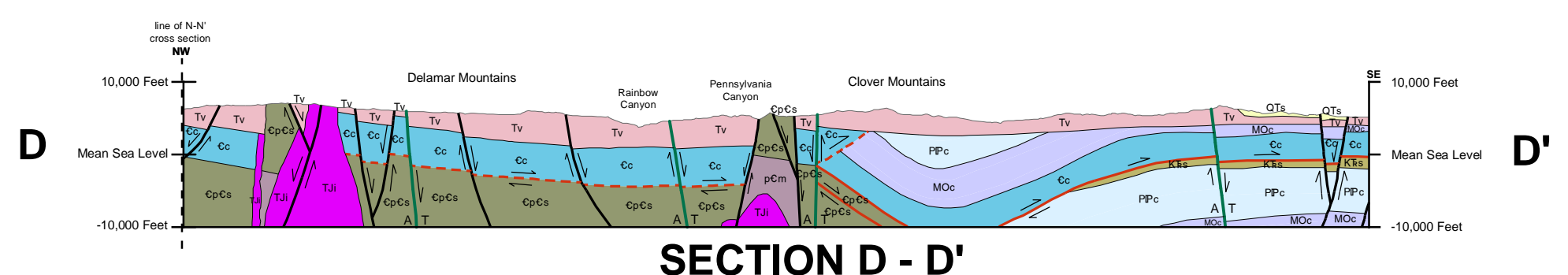
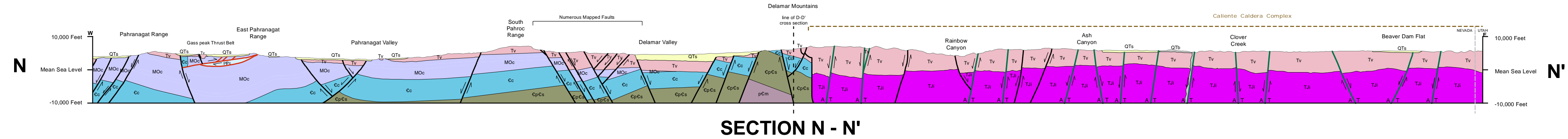
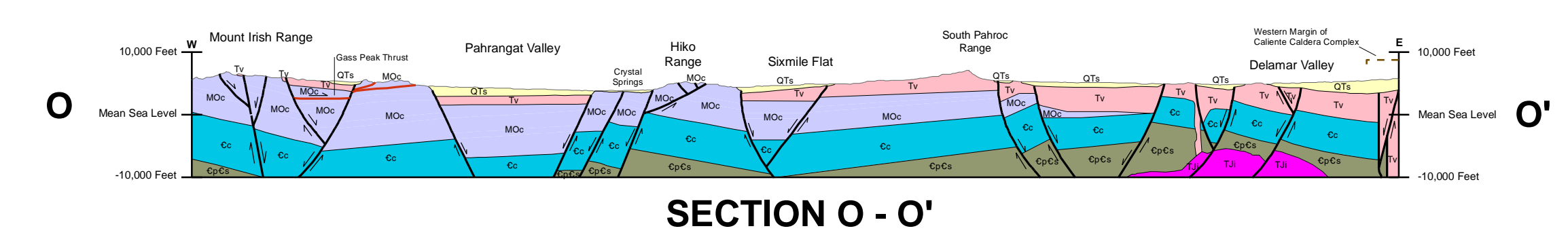
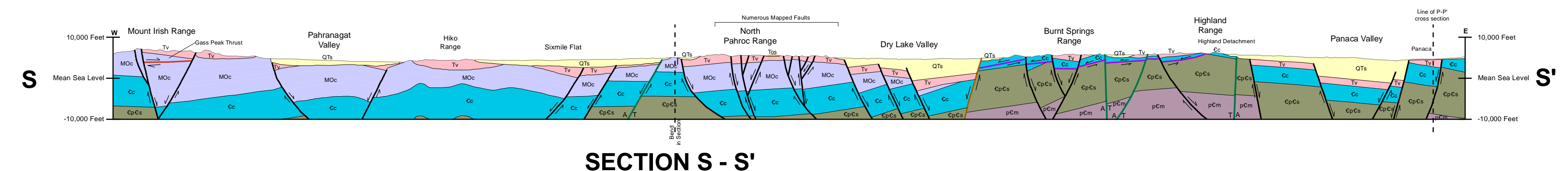
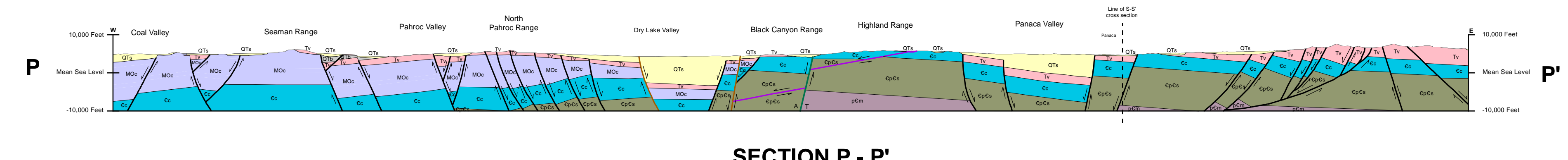
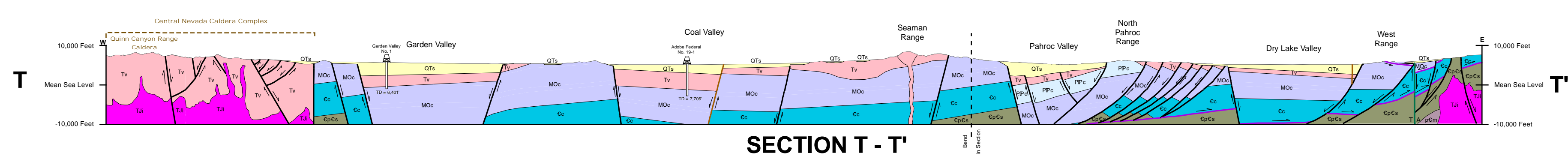
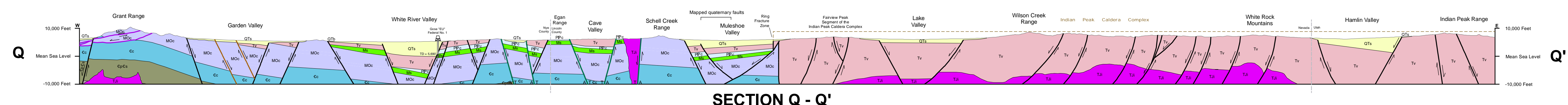
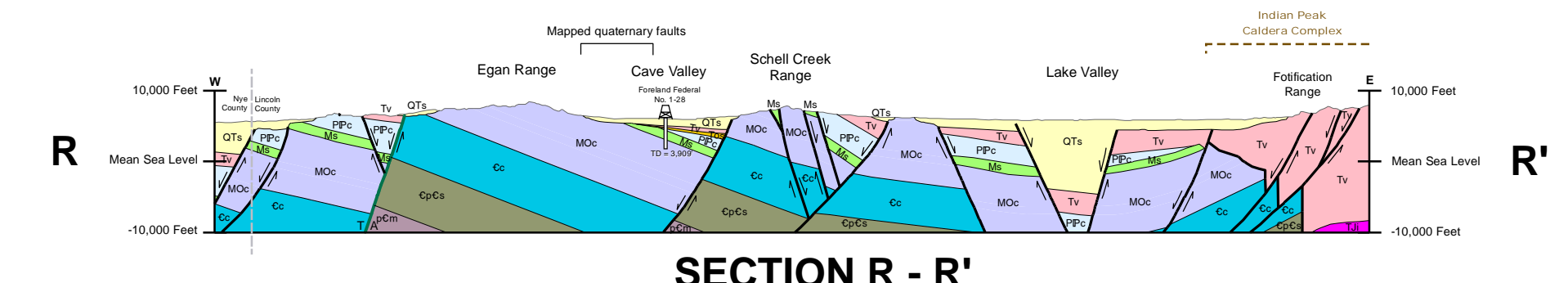
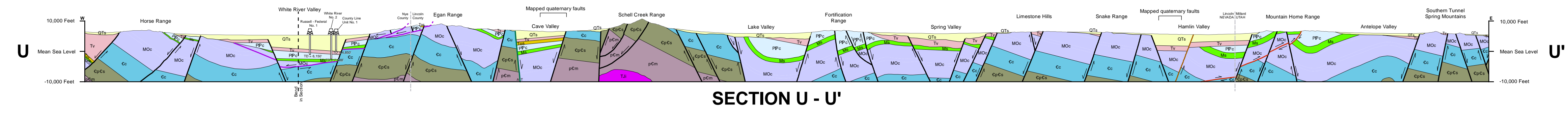
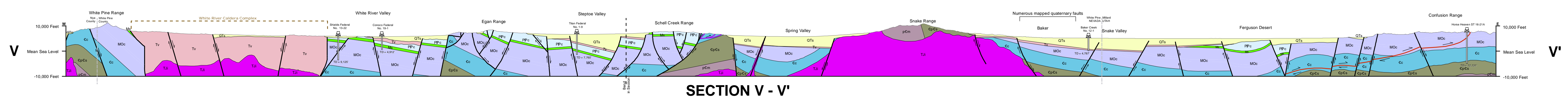
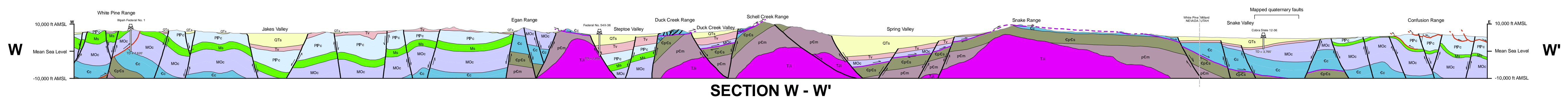
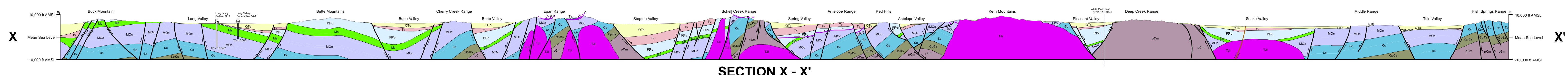
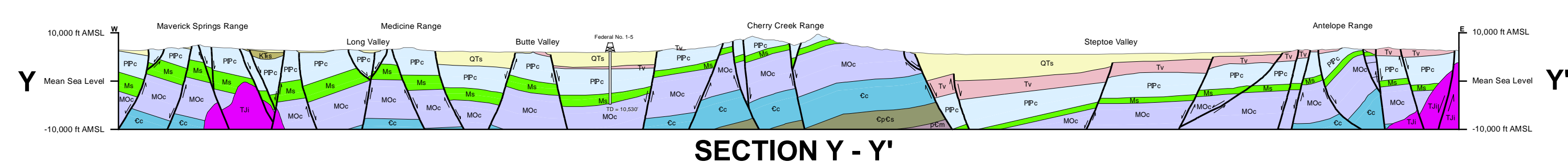


PLATE 7. HYDROGEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN LINCOLN AND NORTHERN CLARK COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, ARIZONA

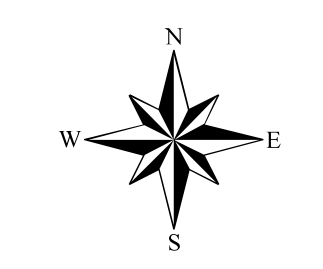


Explanation of Hydrogeologic Units Shown on Cross Section

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- QTb Quaternary-Tertiary basalts
- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
- Tos Tertiary older sediments
- Tj Tertiary-Jurassic intrusive rocks
- KTc Cretaceous-Triassic clastic rocks
- PPc Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- Ms Mississippian siliciclastic rocks
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- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
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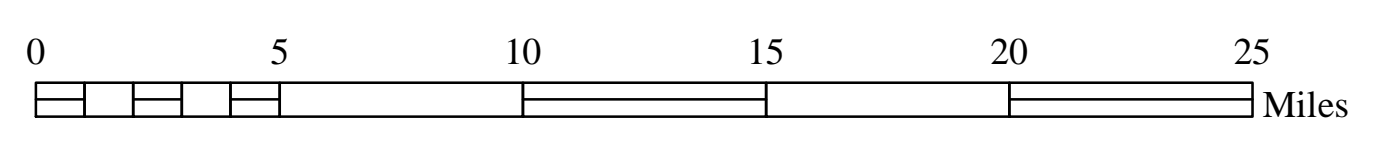
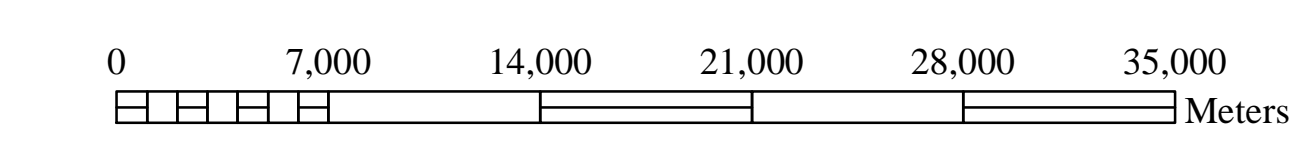
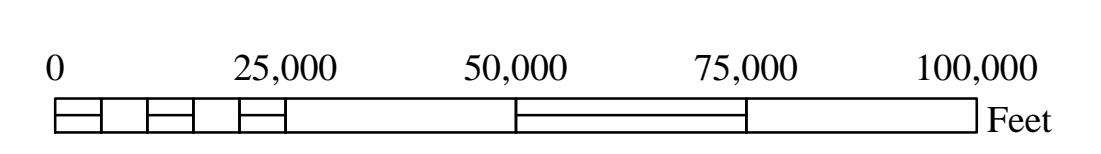
Geologic Structure

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 - Thrust Fault**
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- Well Name
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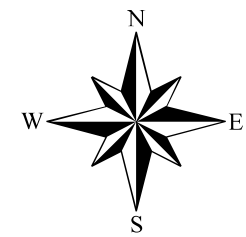


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- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
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Geologic Structure

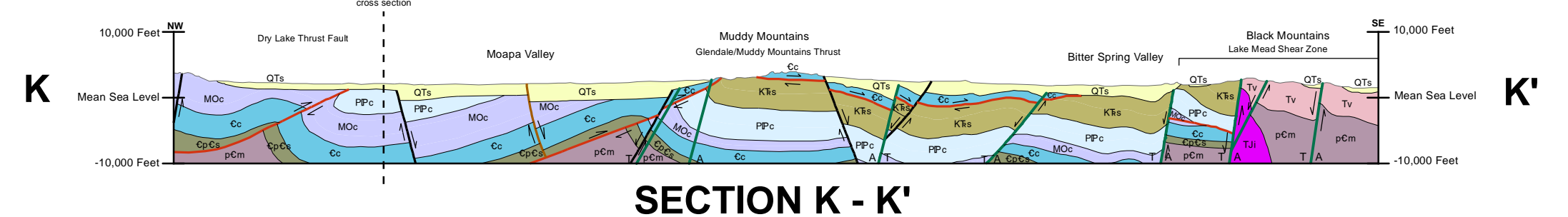
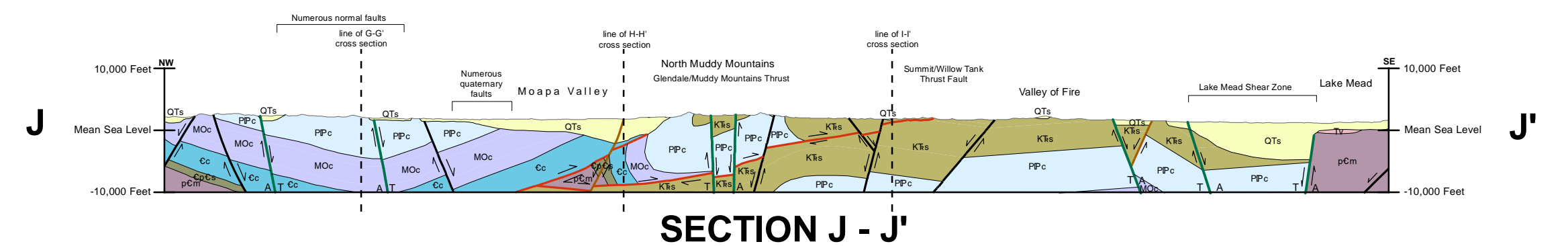
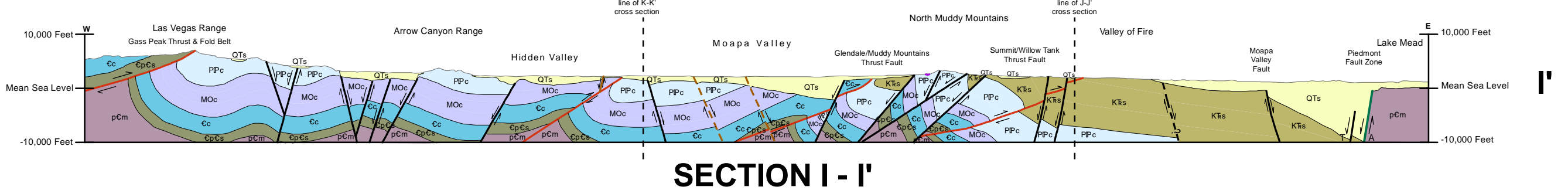
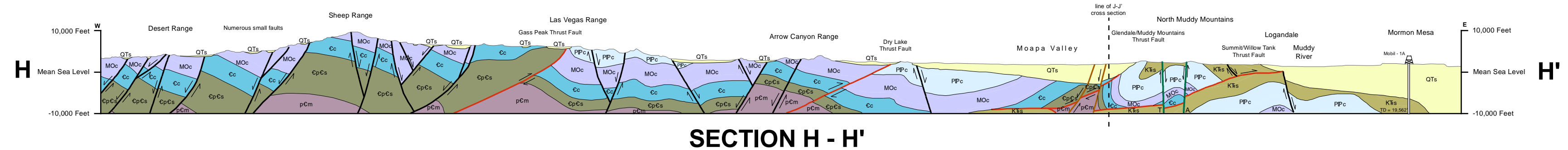
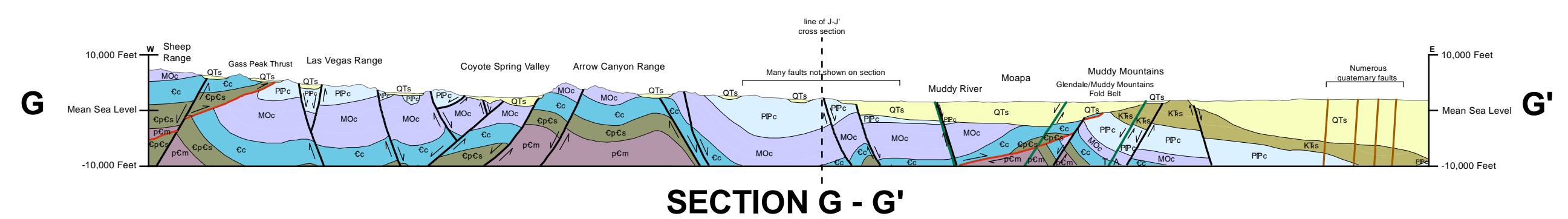
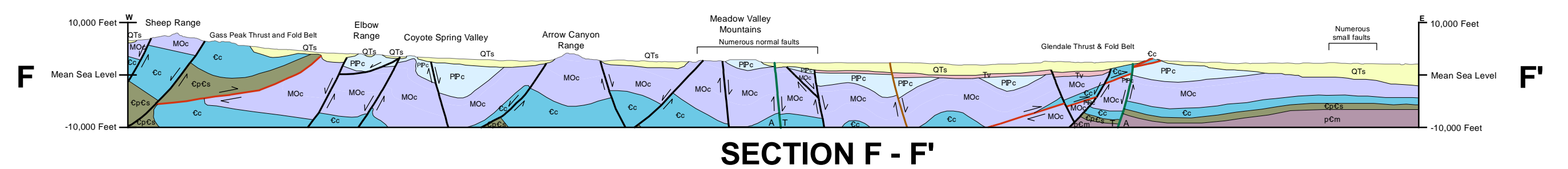
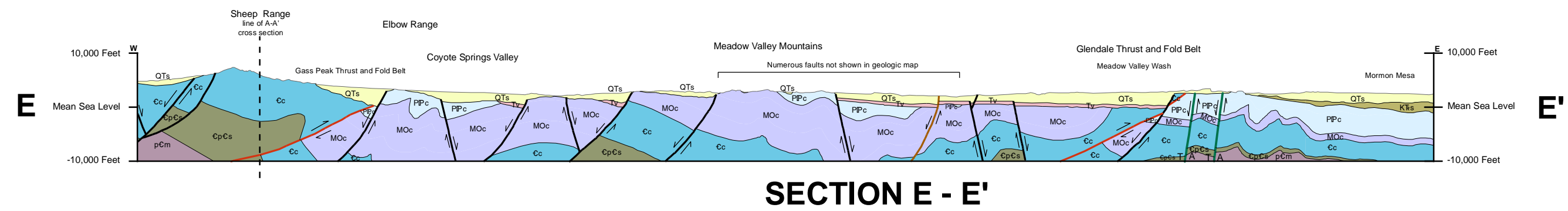
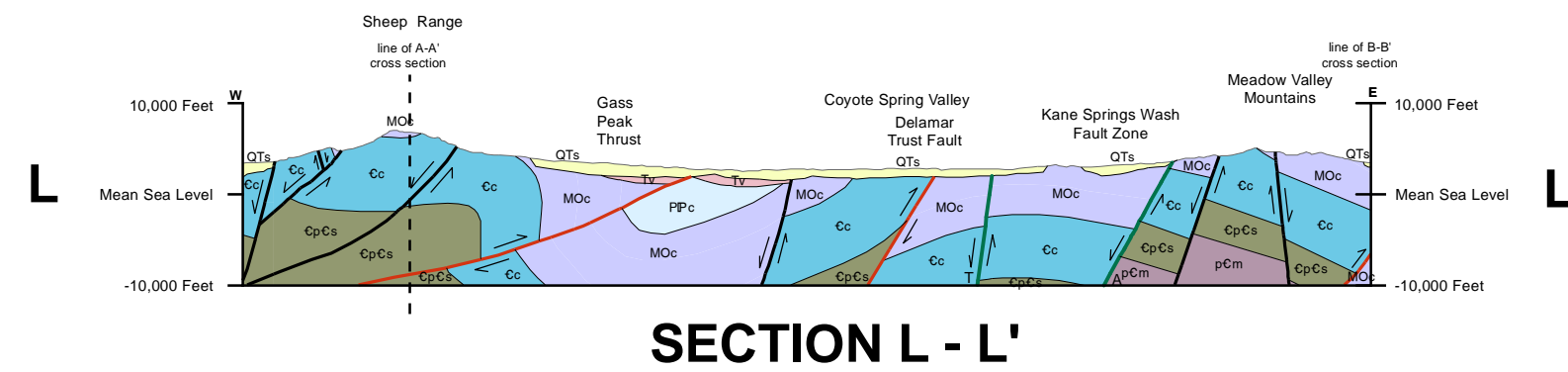
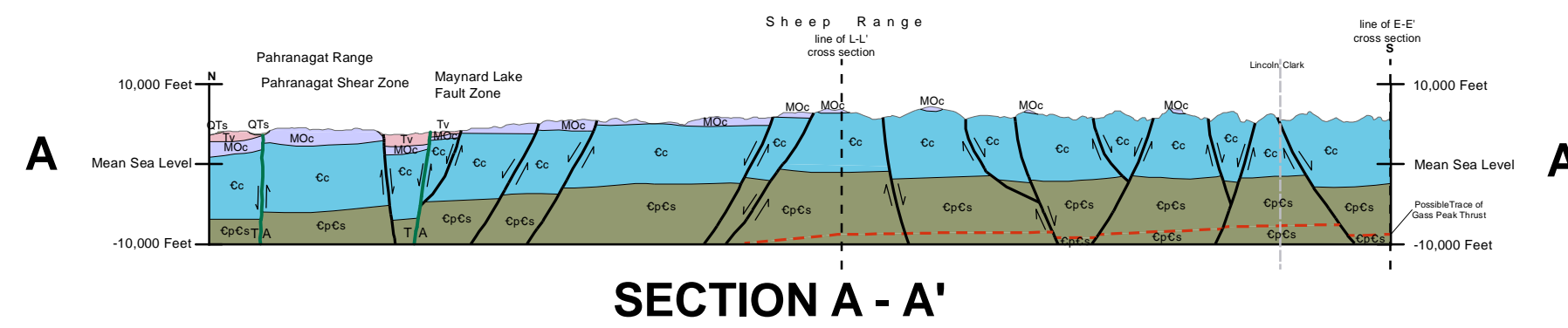
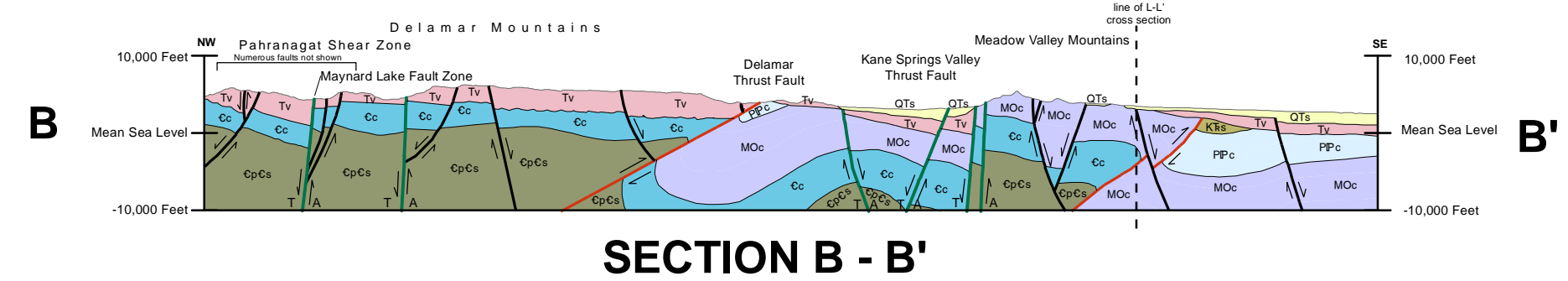
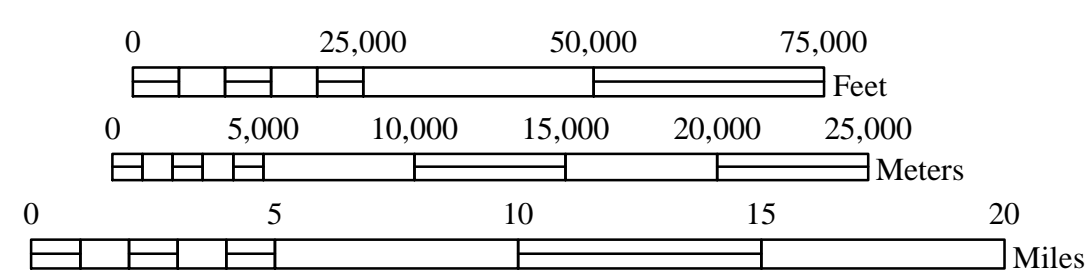
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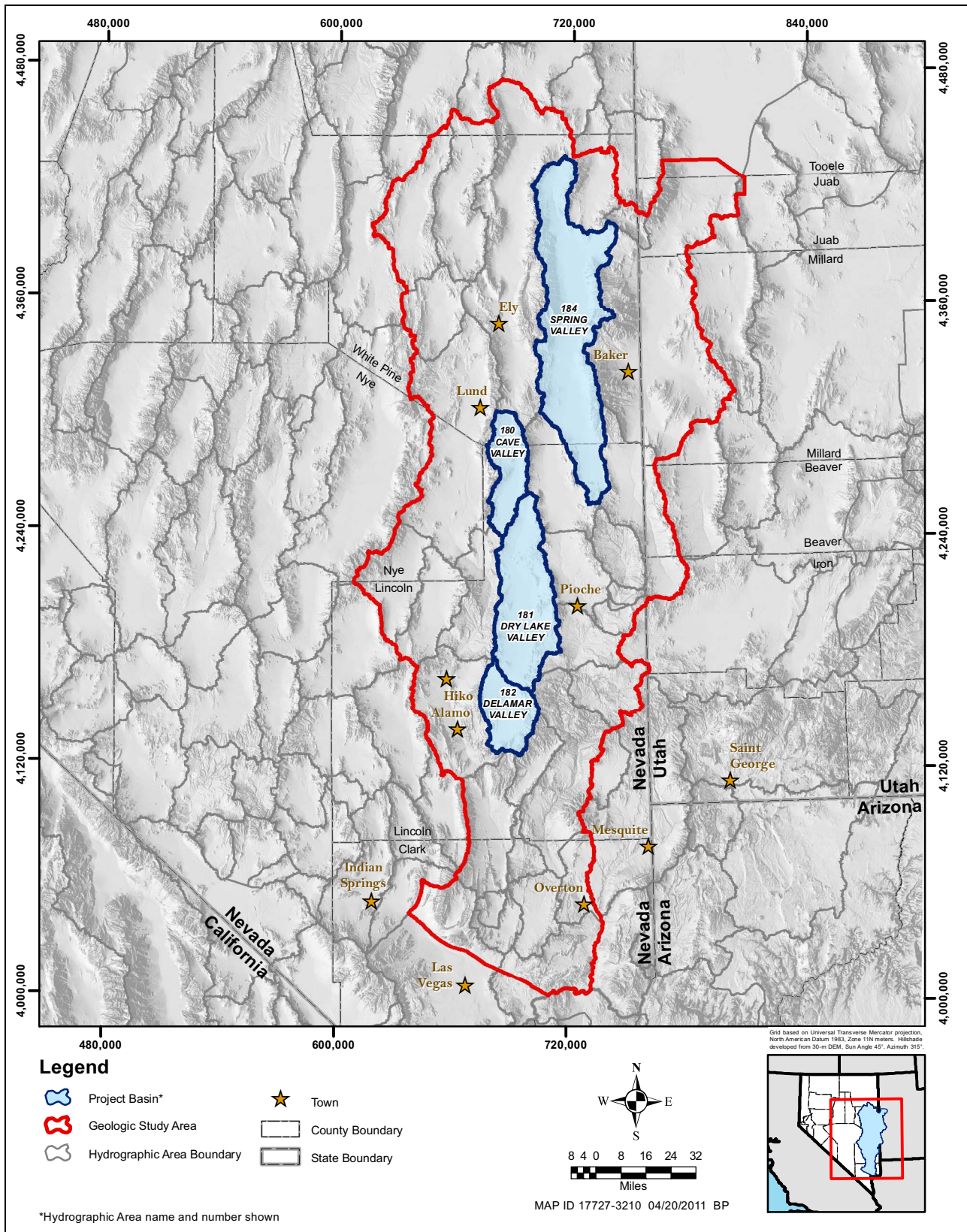
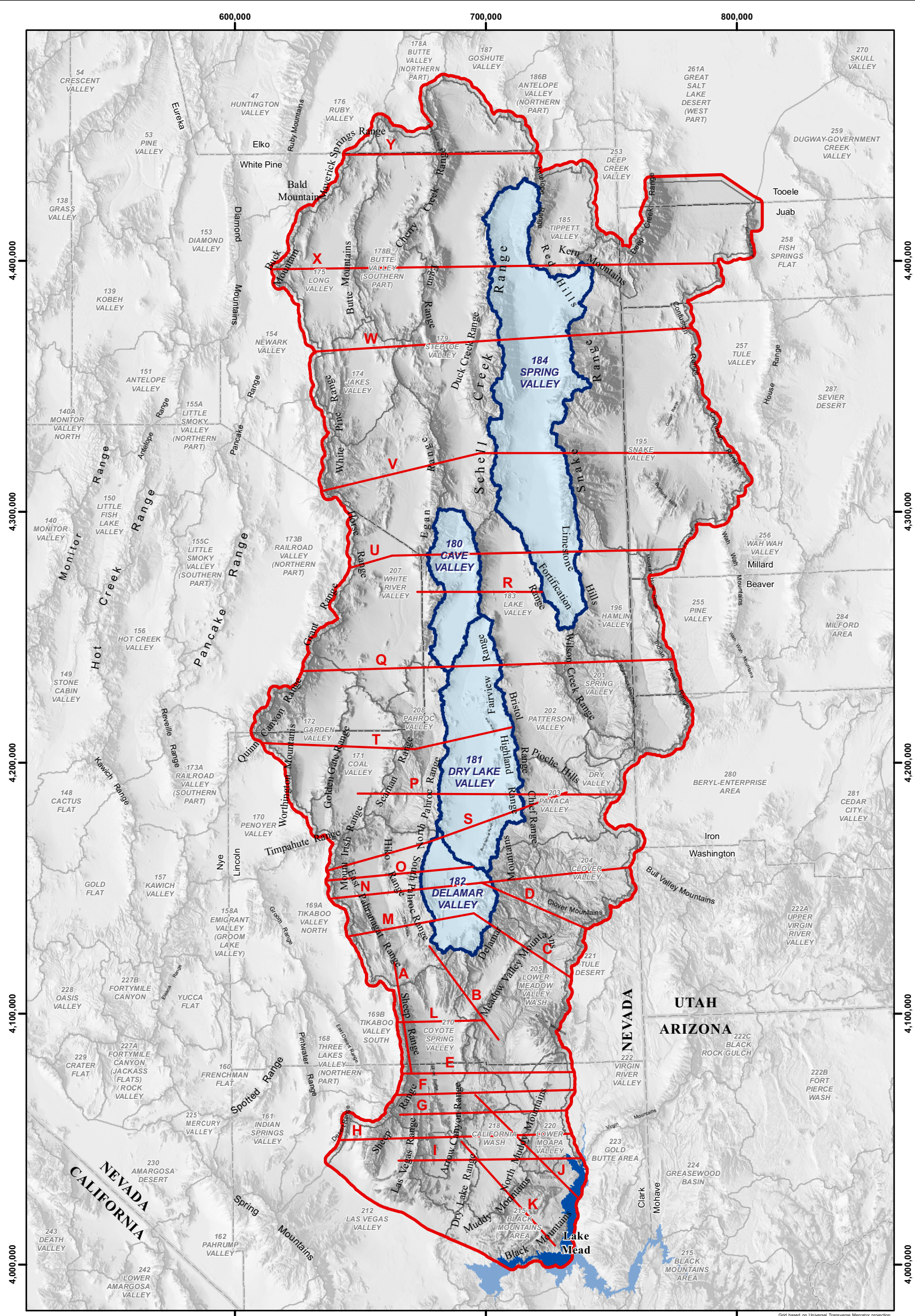


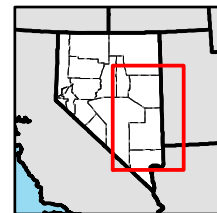
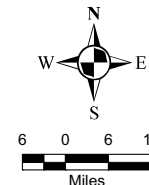
Figure 1-1
Location of Project Basins and Other Hydrographic Areas



Legend

- Cross Section
- Geologic Study Area
- Project Basin*
- Hydrographic Area*
- Lake
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

*Hydrographic Area name and number shown



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Note: Geologic cross sections are presented in [Plates 4 and 5](#). Hydrogeologic cross sections are presented in [Plates 8 and 9](#).

**Figure 2-1
Hydrographic Basins, Ranges, and Locations of Cross Sections**

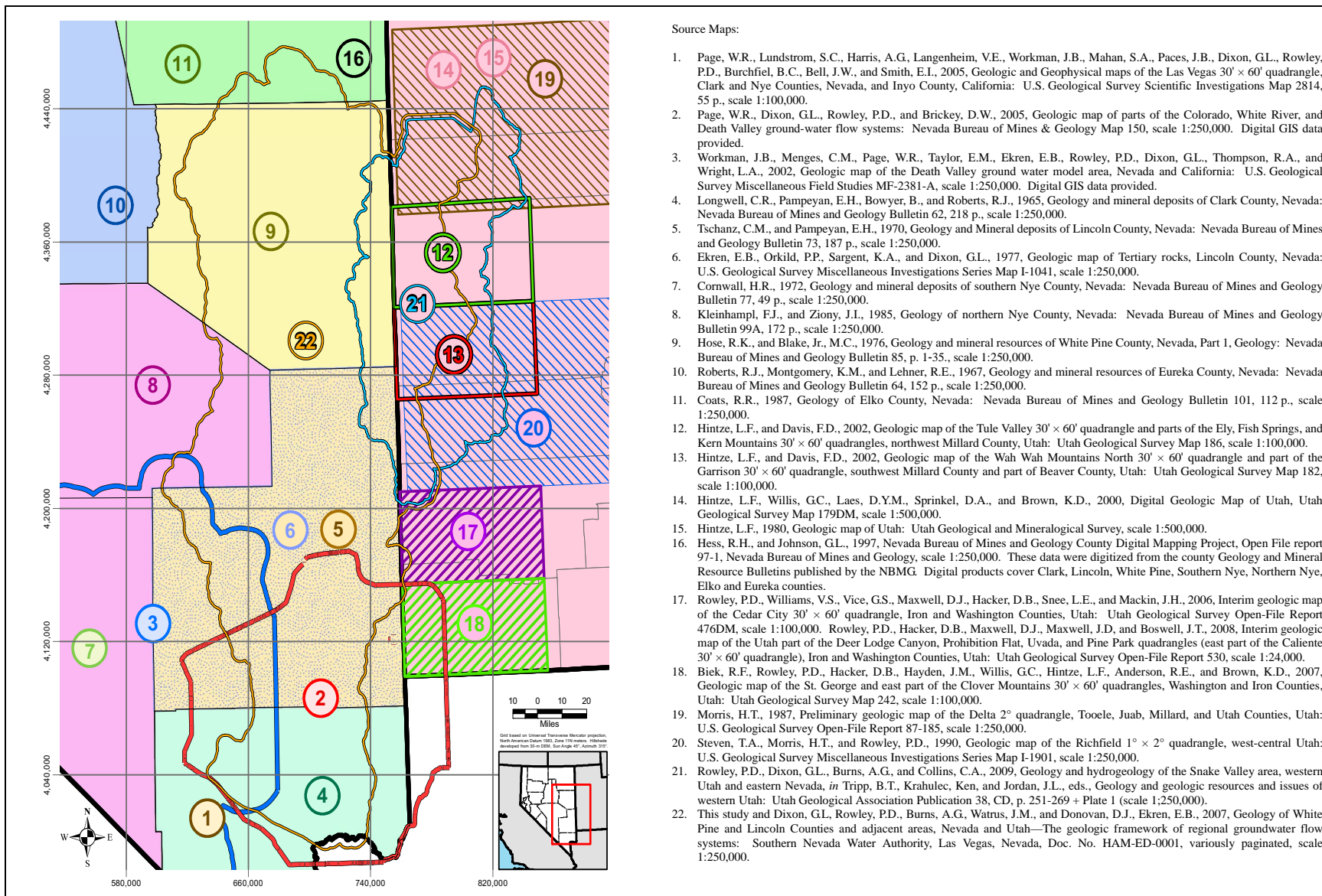
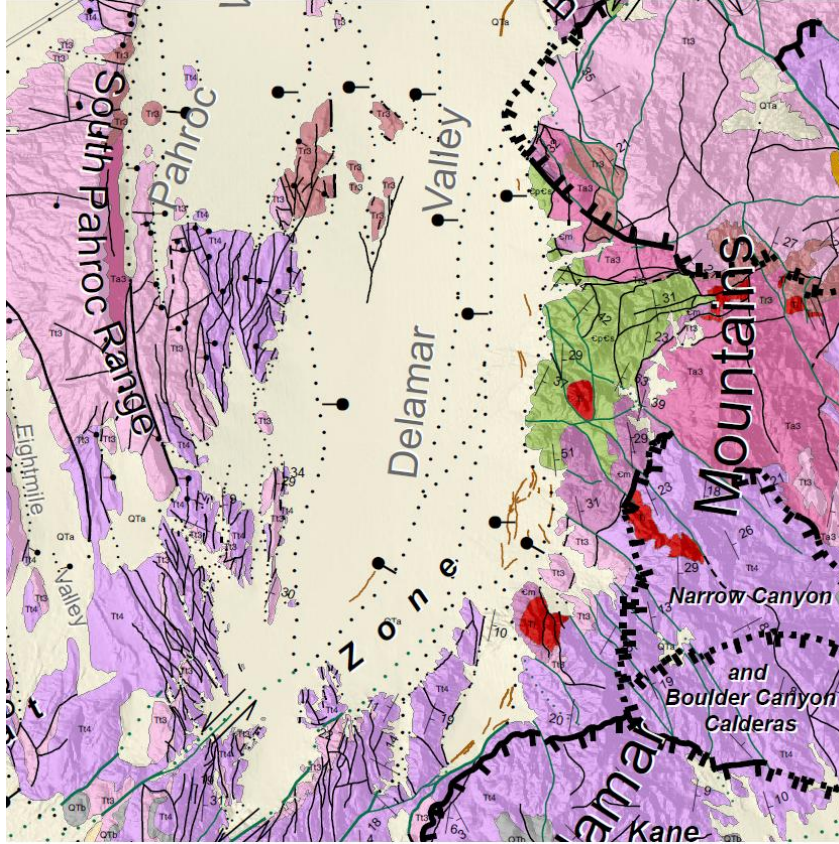
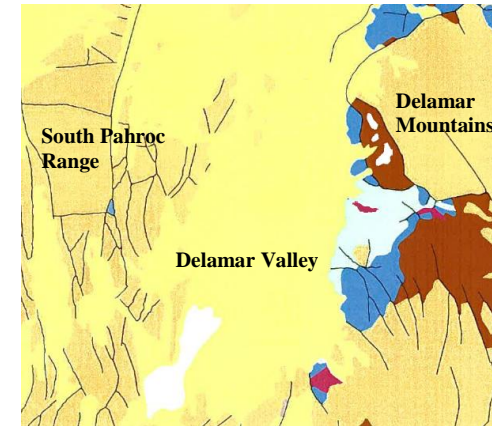


Figure 3-1
Previous Large-Scale Mapping Used to Evaluate Geology and to Create the
Geologic and Hydrogeologic Maps of Plates 1 and 2

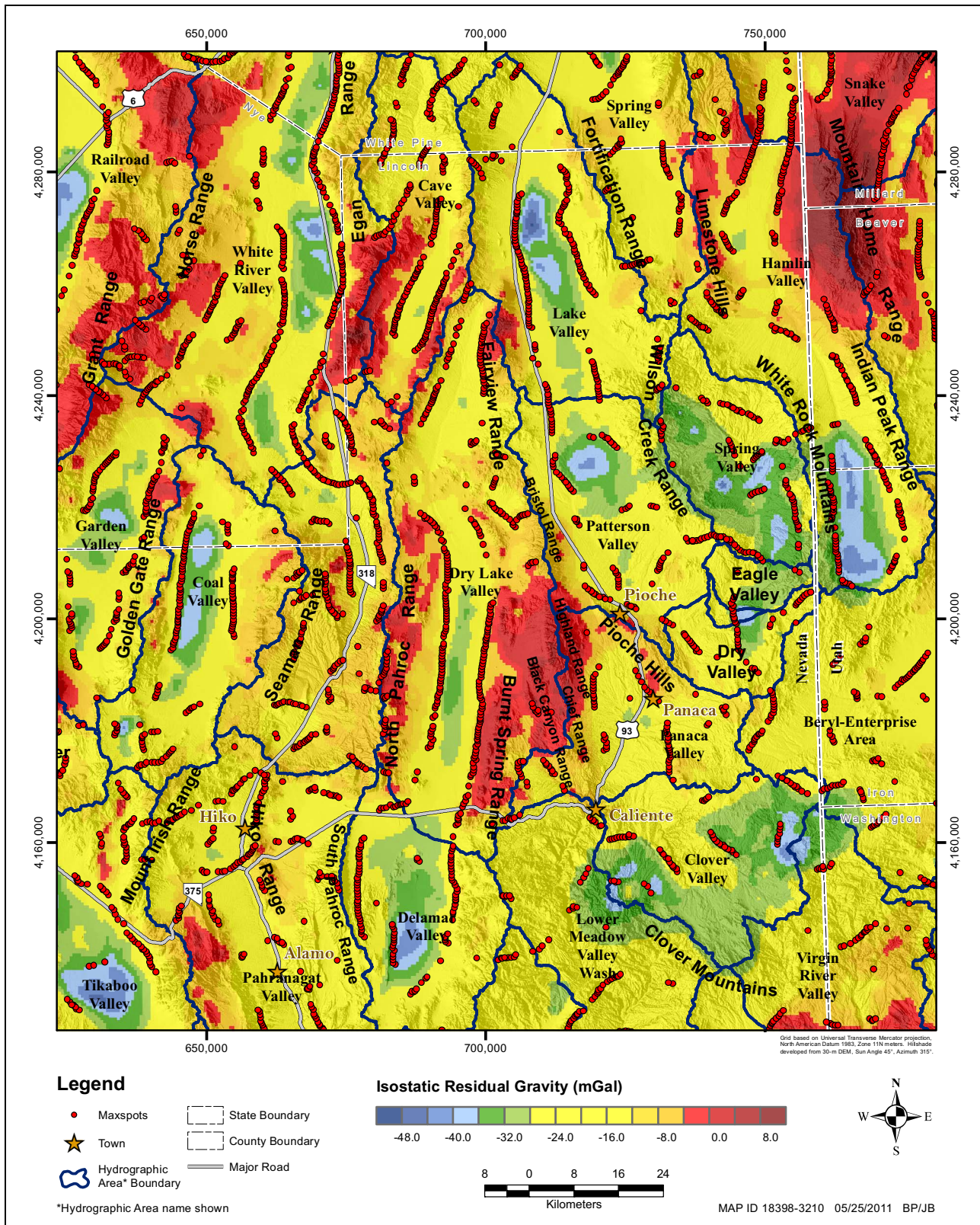
1:250,000 Geology Map of Delamar Valley and Vicinity (Rowley et al. 2011; Plate 1)



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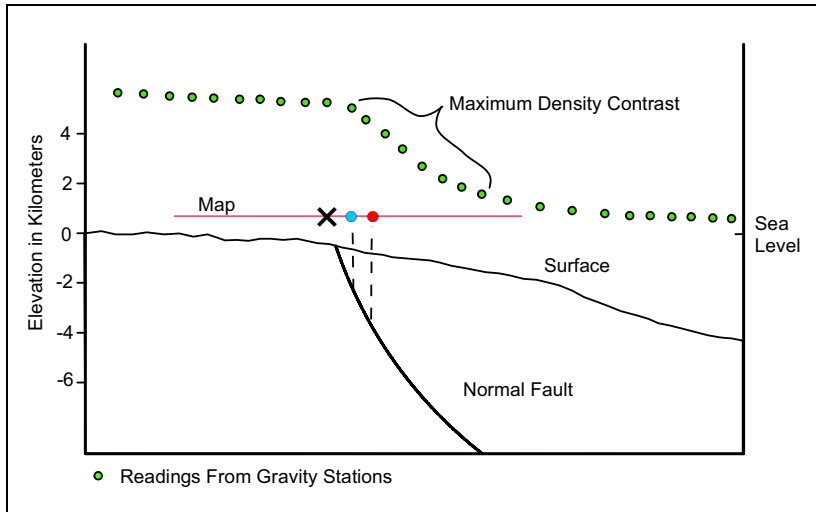


Shown above are examples of the same area of Nevada that were geologically mapped at two different scales (1:250,000 and 1:500,000). The Rowley et al. 2011 geology map was completed at a 1:250,000 scale and shows greater detail to the geologic structures and units. The 1:250,000 map illustrates interbasin structures (faults within the valley floor) and types of faults (i.e. black normal, brown quaternary, green lateral faults, and caldera boundaries), whereas the 1:500,000 map of Stewart, J.H., and Carlson, J.E., 1978 display fewer structures and does not distinguish the type of structure. The reason that the maps were completed at different scales is the 1:500,000 mapped the entire state of Nevada (which requires less detail), while the 1:250,000 scale map focused on the SNWA project area and provide greater detail to the geologic structures and units.



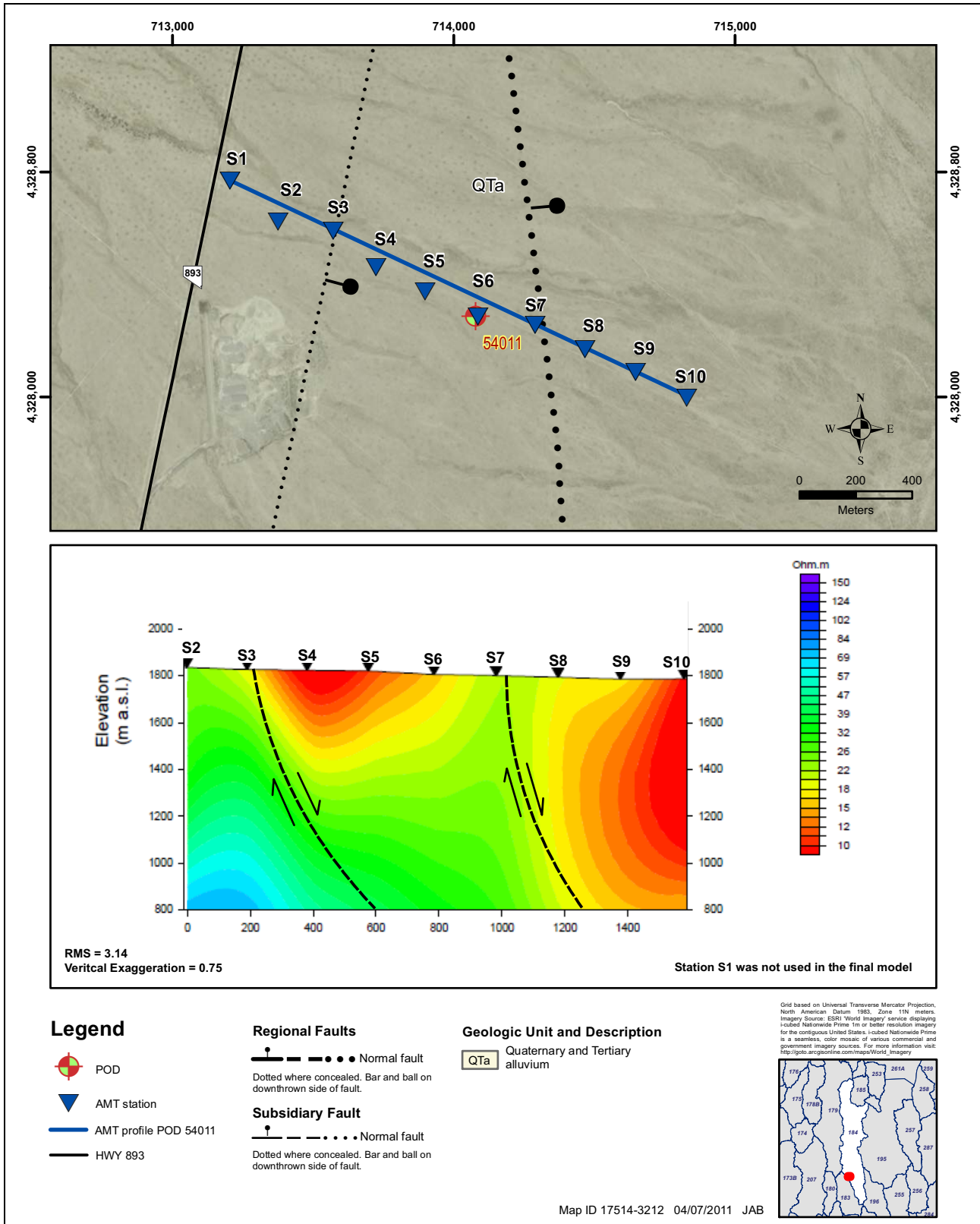
Source: Mankinen et al. (2008)

Figure 5-12
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field Showing Maxspots



Note: X at surface, blue dot from 2 km depth, red dot from 3 km depth.

Figure 5-1
Geologic Cross Section of a Normal Fault Interpreted from a Gravity Profile
across It (Black Dots), Showing Upward-Continued Maxspots Projected onto a Map



Source: Pari and Baird (2011)

Figure 5-15
Map and 2D Model of Area of POD 54011

Explanation

Geologic Units

- QTa Quaternary and Tertiary basin-fill deposits
- QTb Quaternary and Tertiary thin basalt flows and cinder cones
- Ts4 Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
- Tt4 Tertiary poorly-to-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Ta4 Tertiary andesitic and locally dacitic lava flows, flow breccia, and mudflow breccia
- Tr4 Tertiary high-silica rhyolite lava flows and volcanic domes
- Ta3 Tertiary andesitic and locally dacitic lava flows, flow breccia, and mudflow breccia
- Tt3 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Tt2 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Ts1 Tertiary fluvial and lacustrine sediments
- Tmb Tertiary megabreccia
- T Tertiary intrusive rocks
- Ks Upper and Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Js Jurassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Ts Triassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Pp Upper and Lower Permian Park City Group, undivided
- Par Permian Arcturus Formation and Rib Hill Sandstone
- PP Permian and Pennsylvanian Riepe Spring Limestone and Ely Limestone, undivided
- Md Upper Mississippian Diamond Peak Formation
- Mc Upper Mississippian Chainman Shale
- MD Lower Mississippian to Upper Devonian Joana Limestone and Pilot Shale, undivided
- Ds Middle and Lower Devonian Simonson and Sevy Dolomites
- Du Devonian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
- SOu Silurian and Upper Ordovician dolomite, undivided
- Ol Middle and Lower Ordovician, mostly Eureka Quartzite and the Pogonip Group
- Ec Cambrian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
- Cu Lower Ordovician? And Upper Cambrian limestone and shale, undivided
- Cm Upper and Middle Cambrian limestone and shale
- CpCs Middle Cambrian to Late Proterozoic sedimentary rocks
- pC Late to Early Proterozoic metamorphosed and crystalline Precambrian basement rocks
- Open Water

Regional Faults

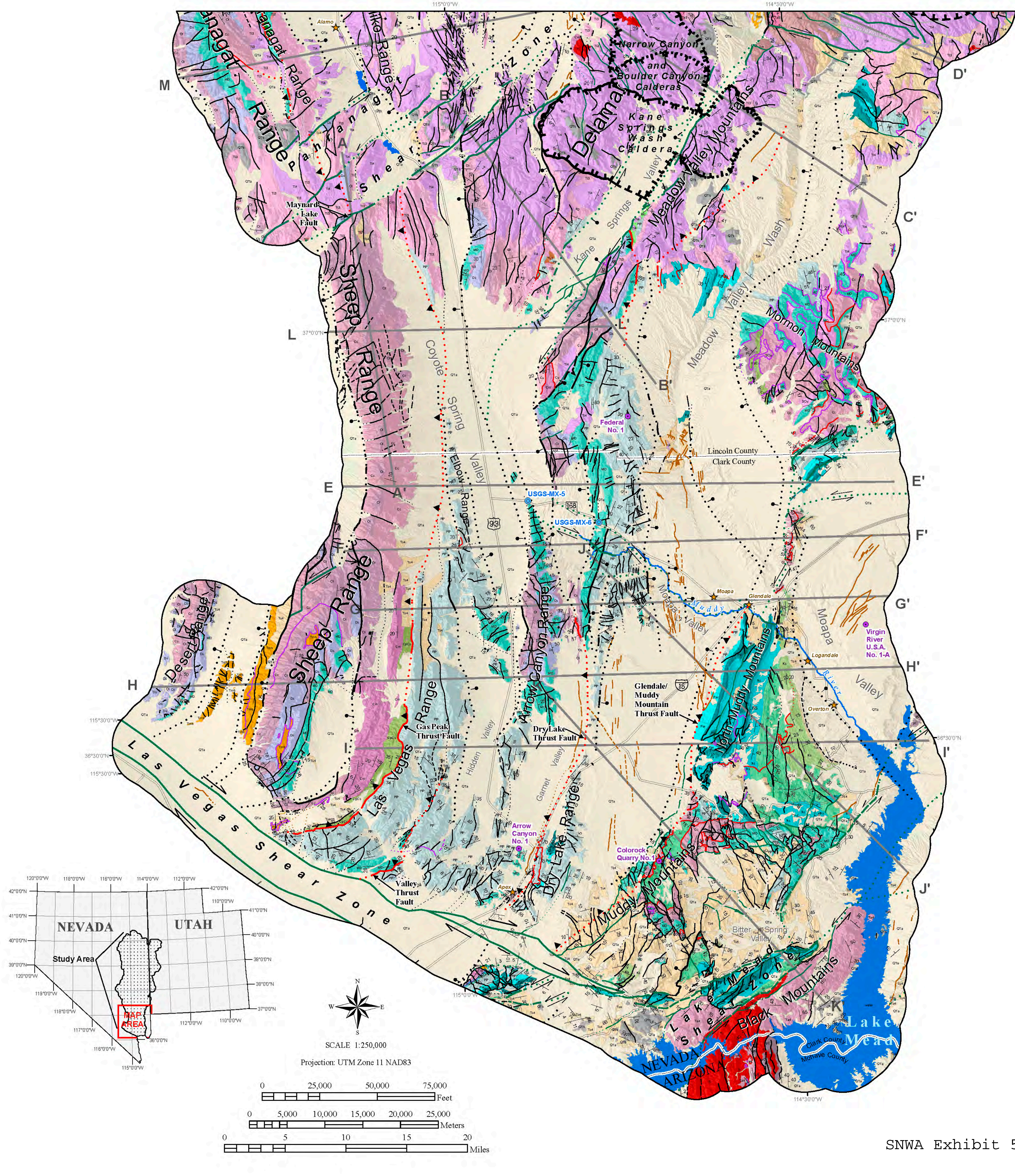
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- Caldera Boundary
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- Cross Sections (Plates 4 and 5)
- Major Road
- Transverse Zone
(Zone of possible disruption)

- Town
- Strike and Dip of Beds
- Overturned Beds
- Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
Nevada: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Well



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PLATE 2. GEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN LINCOLN AND NORTHERN CLARK COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, ARIZONA



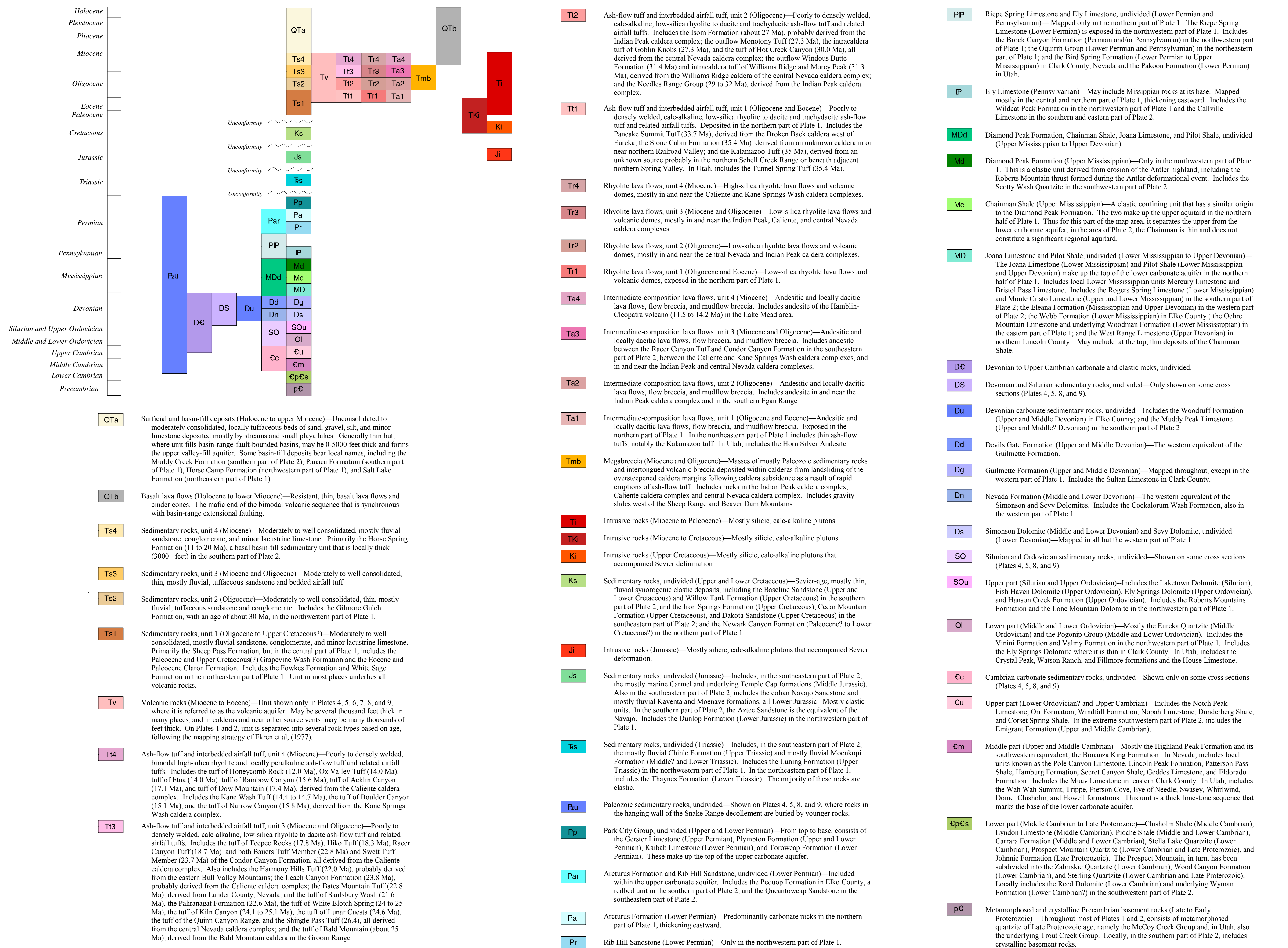
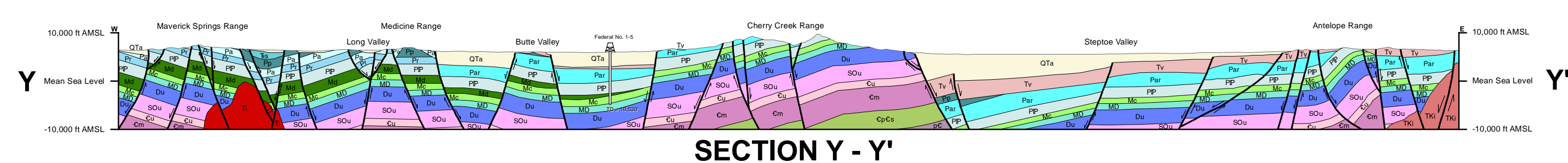
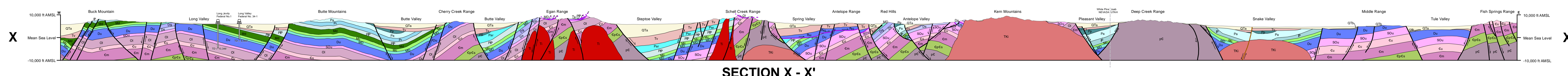


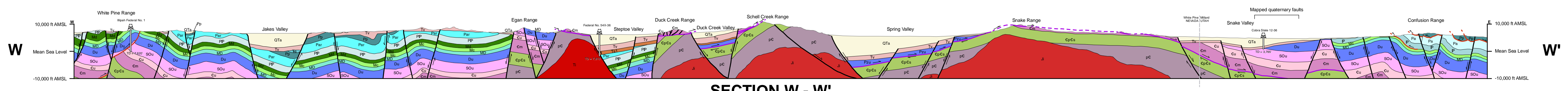
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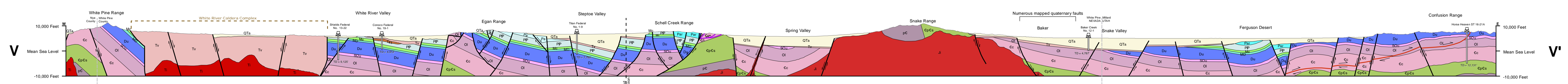
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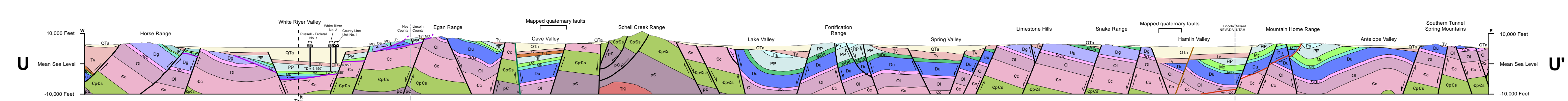
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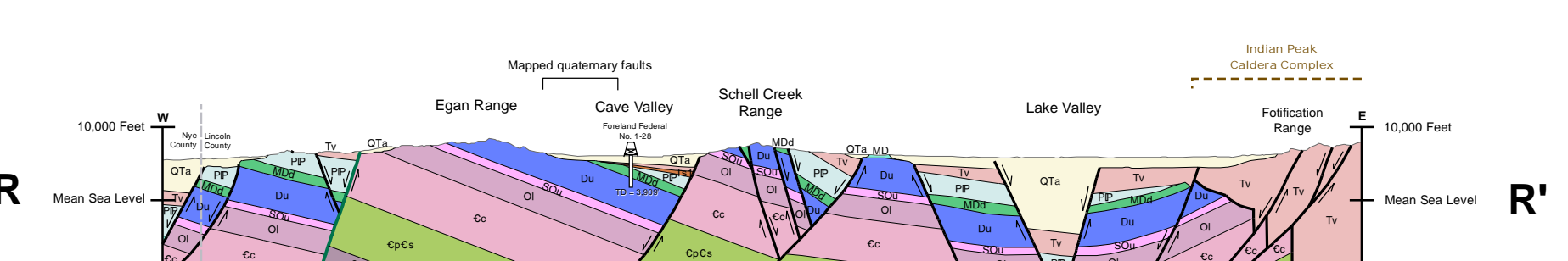
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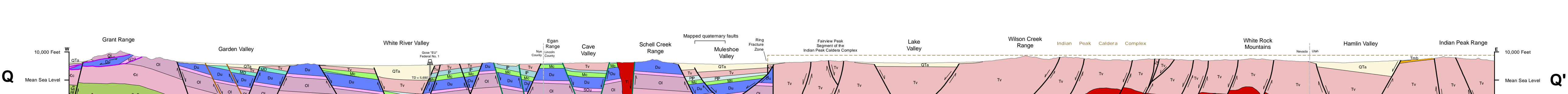
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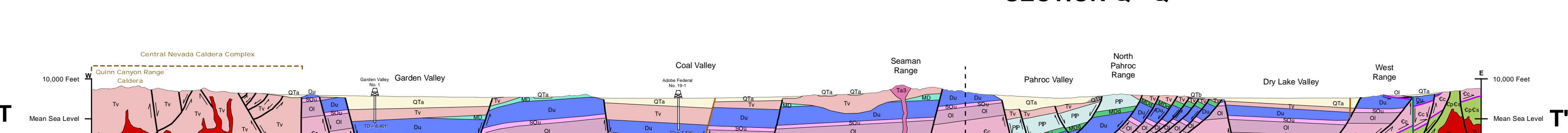
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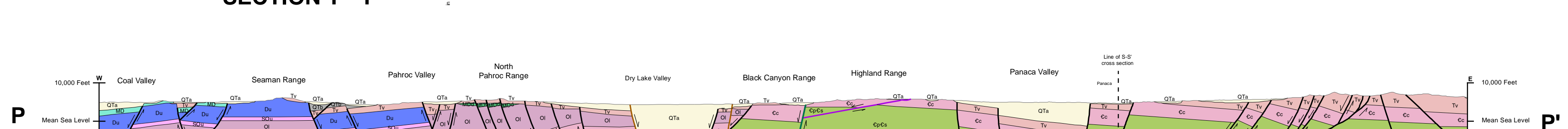
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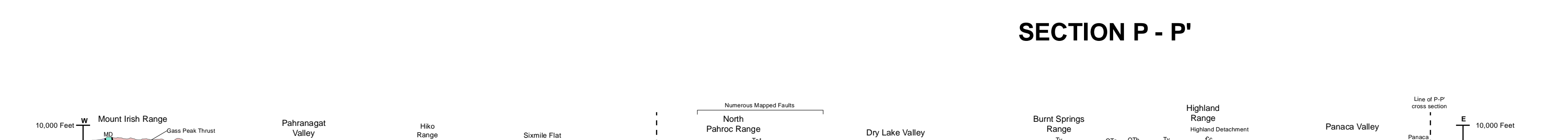
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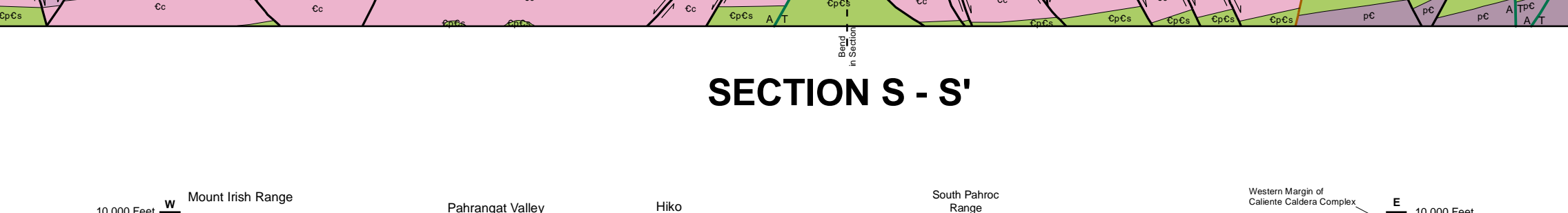
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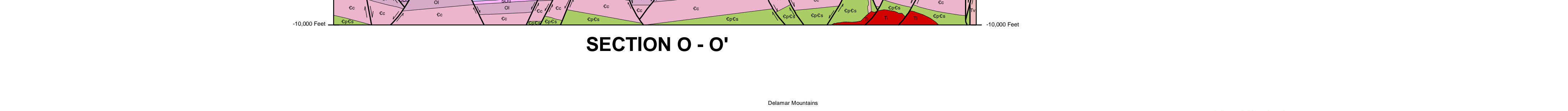
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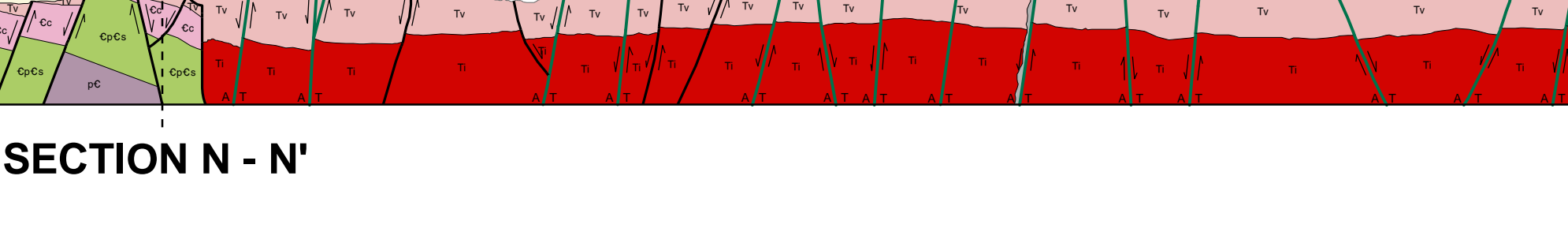
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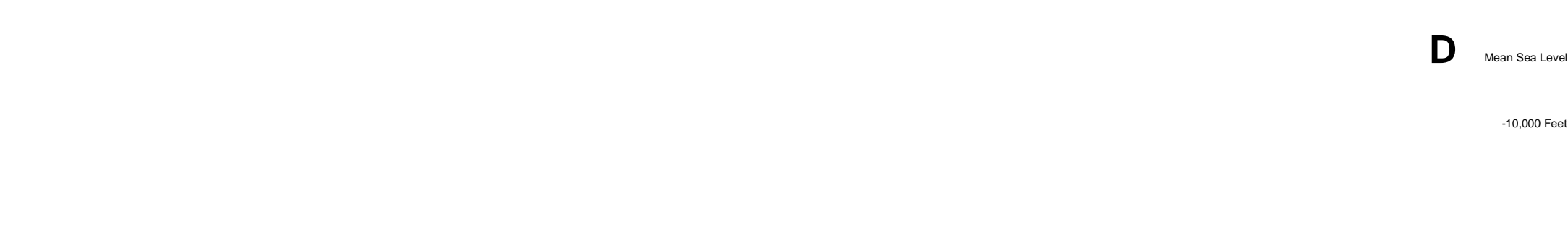
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Explanation of Geologic Units Shown on Cross Section

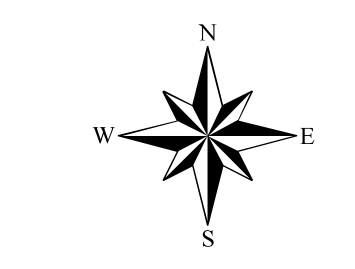
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T	Tertiary intrusive rocks
Tki	Tertiary-Cretaceous intrusive rocks
Ki	Cretaceous intrusive rocks
Ks	Upper and Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, undivided
J	Jurassic intrusive rocks
Js	Jurassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
Trs	Triassic sedimentary rocks, undivided
Pu	Paleozoic Rocks, Undifferentiated
Pp	Upper and Lower Permian Park City Group, undivided
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IP	Pennsylvanian Ely Limestone
MDd	Upper Mississippian to Upper Devonian Diamond Peak Formation, Chainman Shale, Joana Limestone, and Pilot Shale, undivided
MD	Upper Mississippian Diamond Peak Formation
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MD	Lower Mississippian to Upper Devonian Joana Limestone and Pilot Shale, undivided
DS	Devonian and Silurian sedimentary rocks, undivided
Du	Devonian carbonate sedimentary rocks, undivided
Dd	Upper and Middle Devonian Devils Gate Formation
Dg	Upper and Middle Devonian Guilmette Formation
Dn	Middle and Lower Devonian Nevada Formation
Ds	Middle and Lower Devonian Simonson and Sevy Dolomites
SOU	Silurian and Upper Ordovician dolomite, undivided
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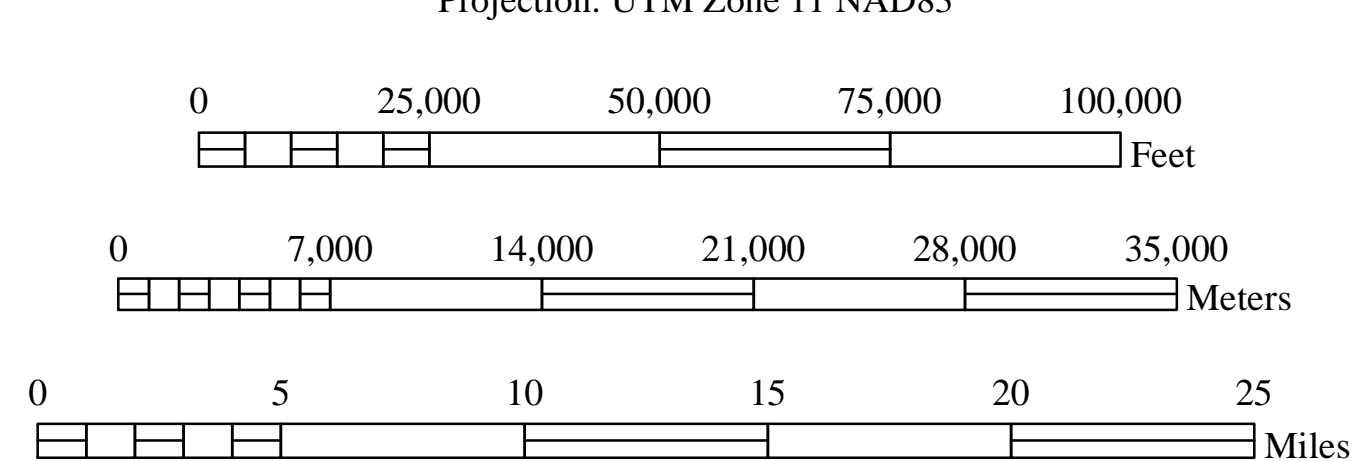
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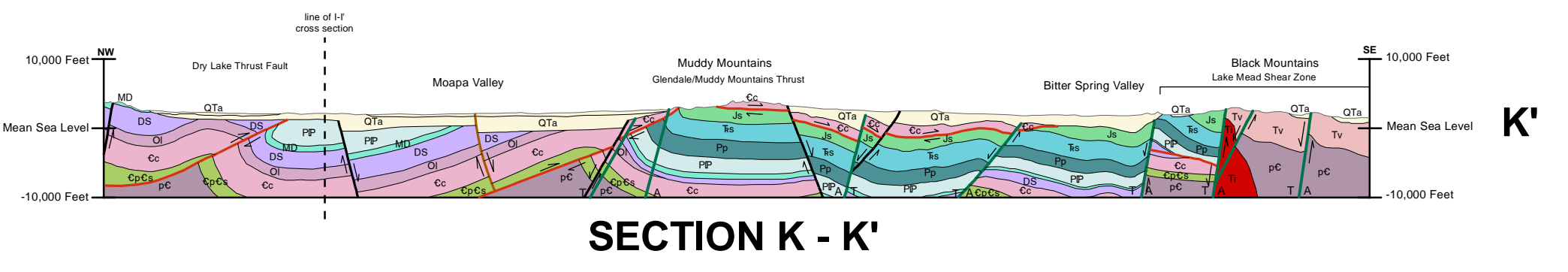
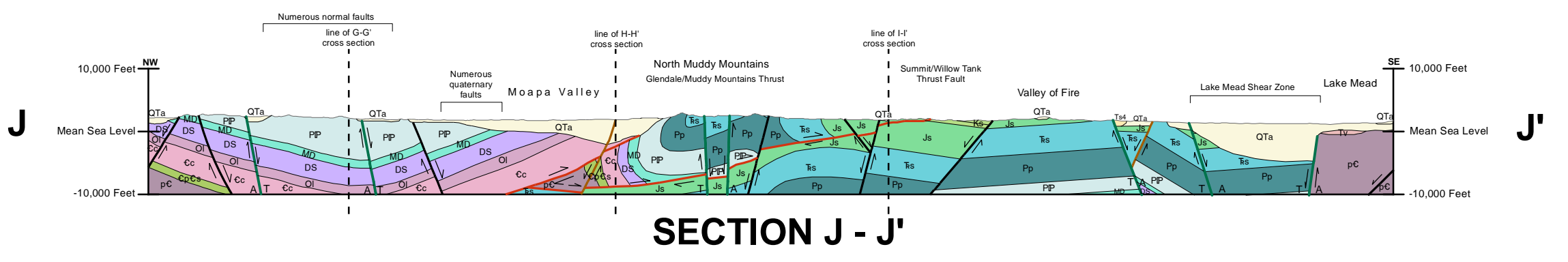
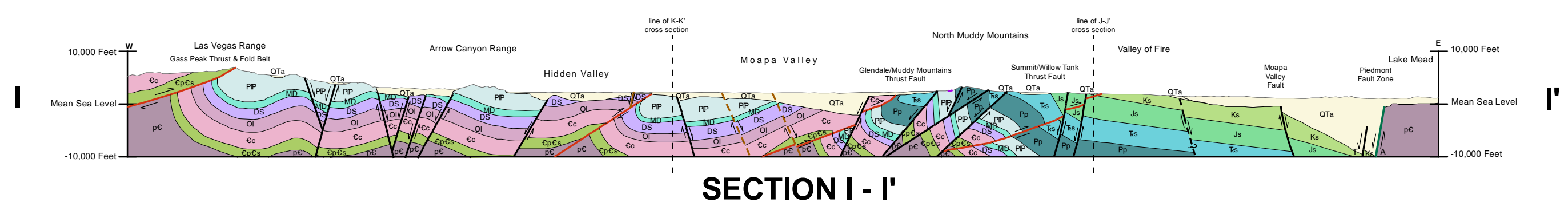
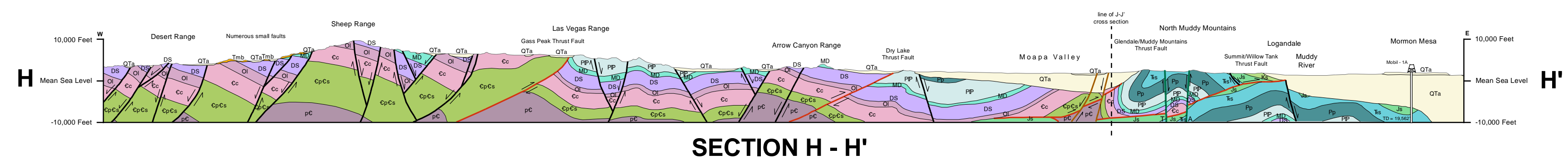
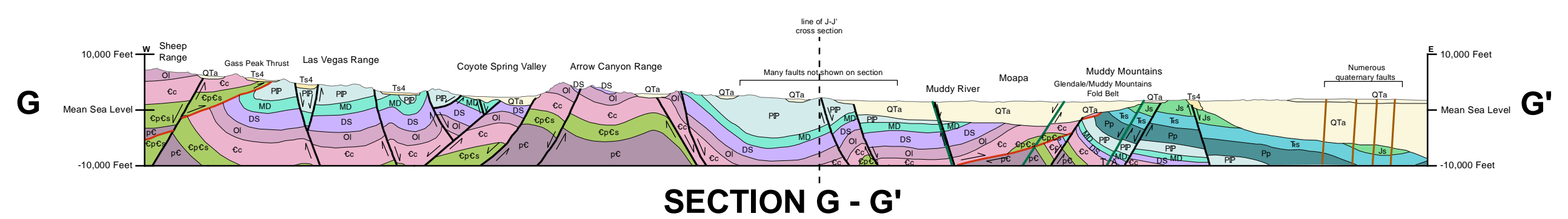
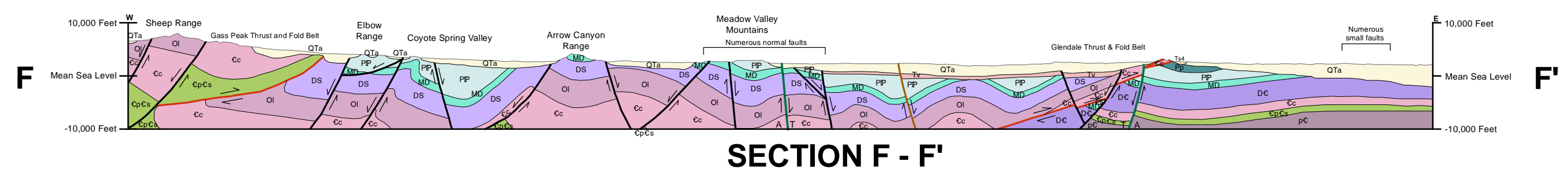
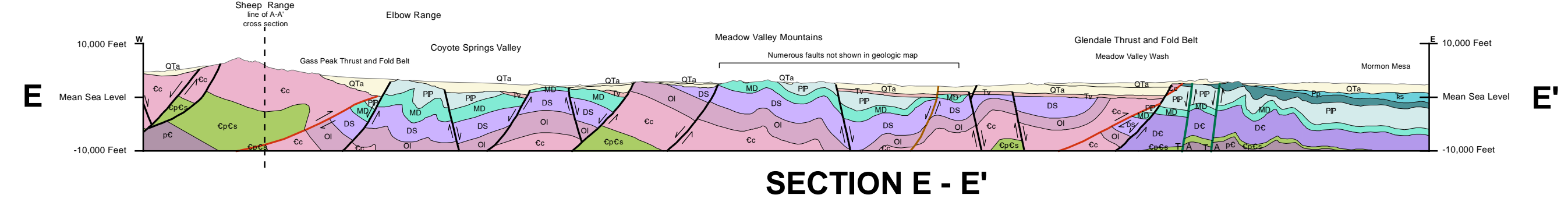
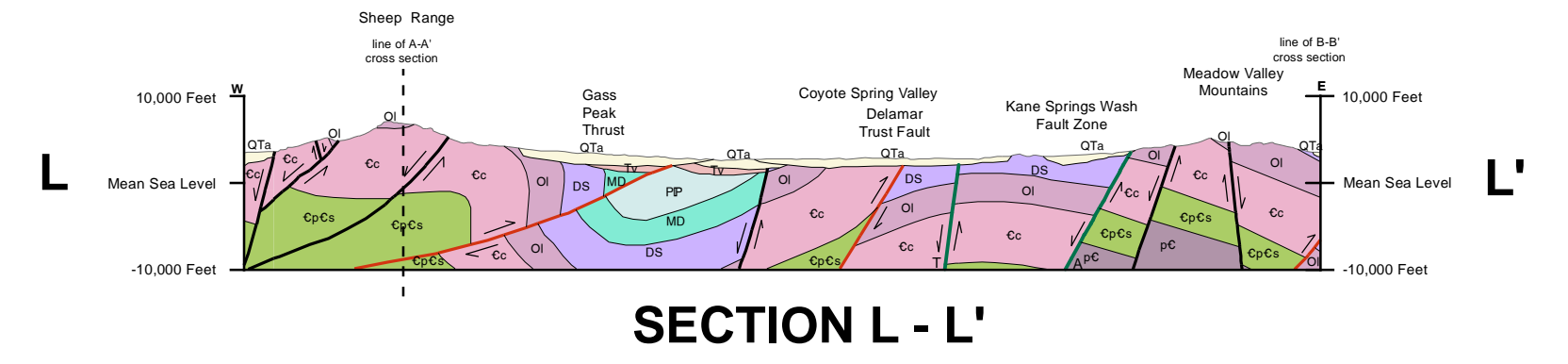
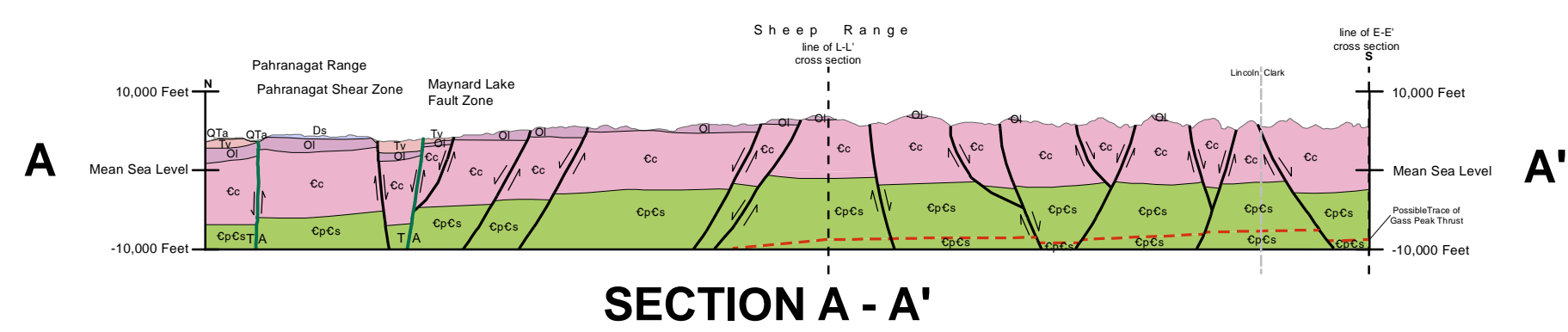
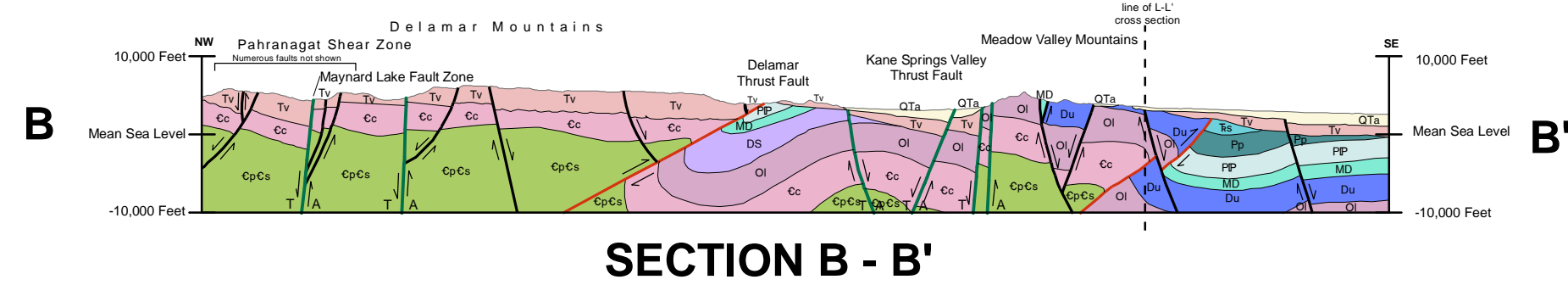
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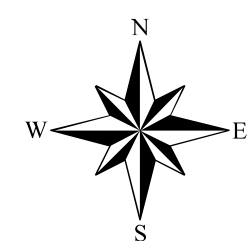
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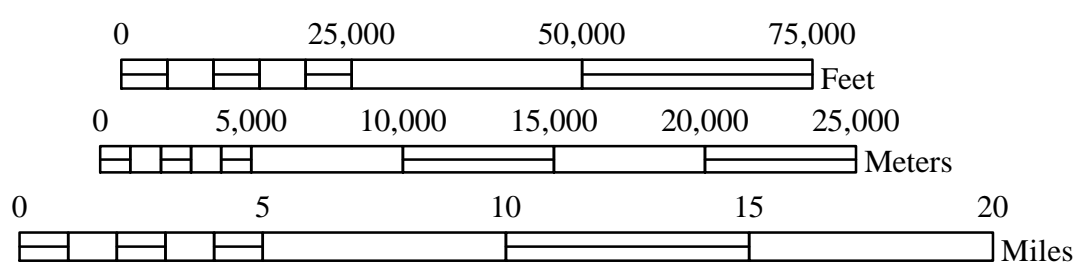


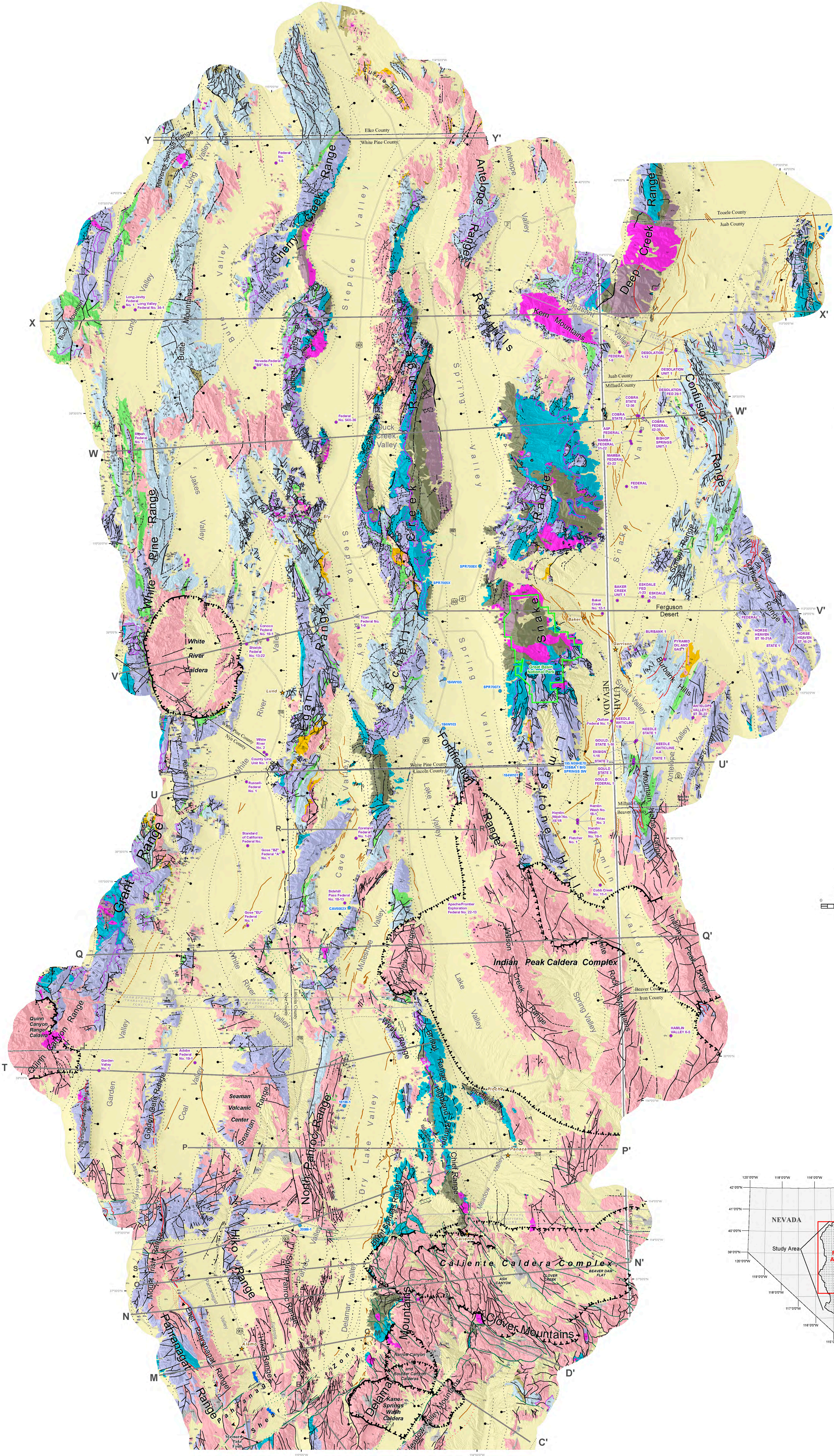
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- Well Name Oil Well Data Used in Cross Sections
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Explanation

Hydrogeologic Units

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- QTb Quaternary-Tertiary basalts
- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
- Tso Tertiary older sediments
- Tsj Tertiary-Jurassic intrusive rocks
- Kts Cretaceous-Tertiary clastic rocks
- PPs Permin-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- Mss Mississippian siliclastic rocks
- MOC Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- SpSc Cambrian-Precambrian siliclastic rocks
- Pm Precambrian metamorphic rocks
- Open water

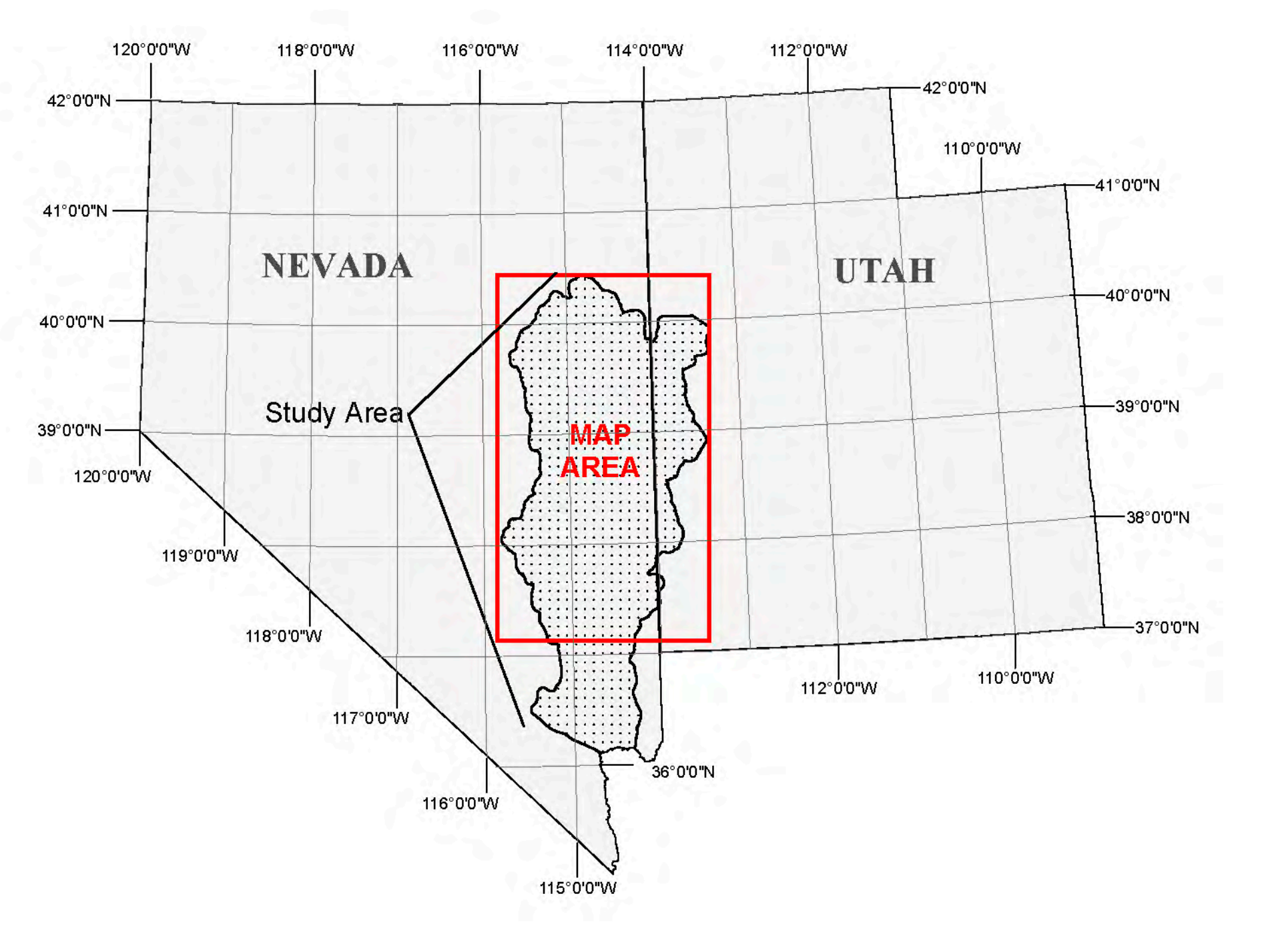
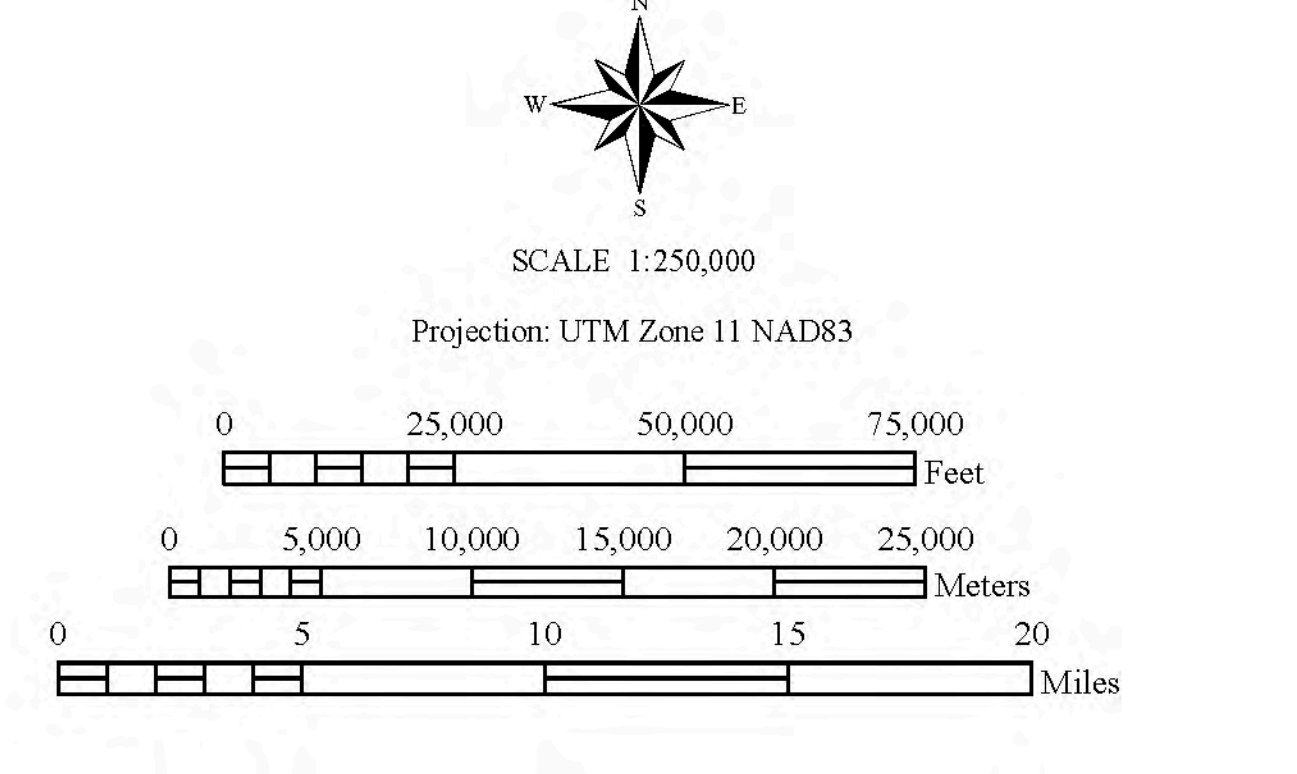
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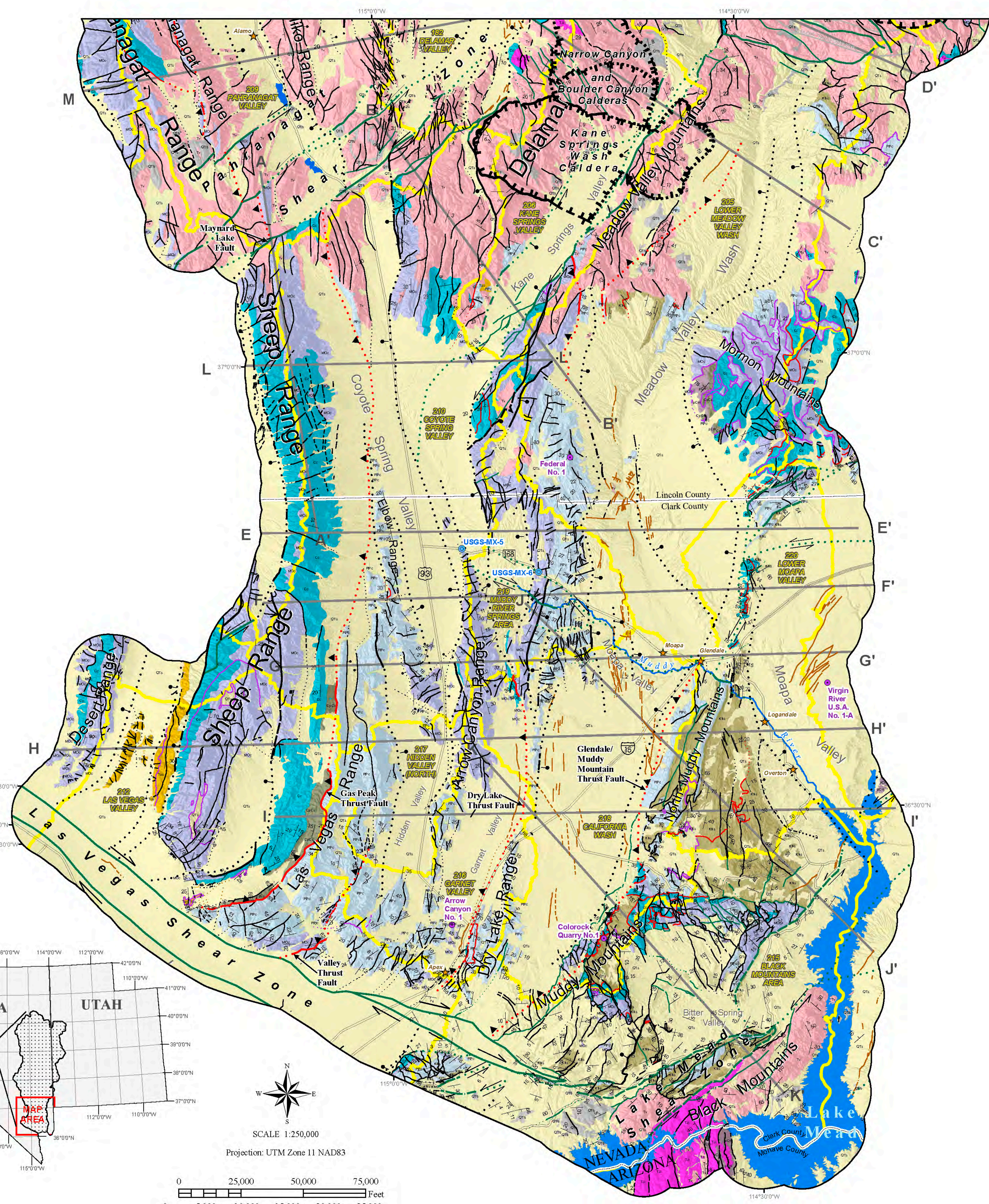
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- Overturned Beds





Explanation

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- QTb Quaternary-Tertiary basalts
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- Transverse Zone (Zone of possible disruption)
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- Well
- Town
- Hydrographic Basin

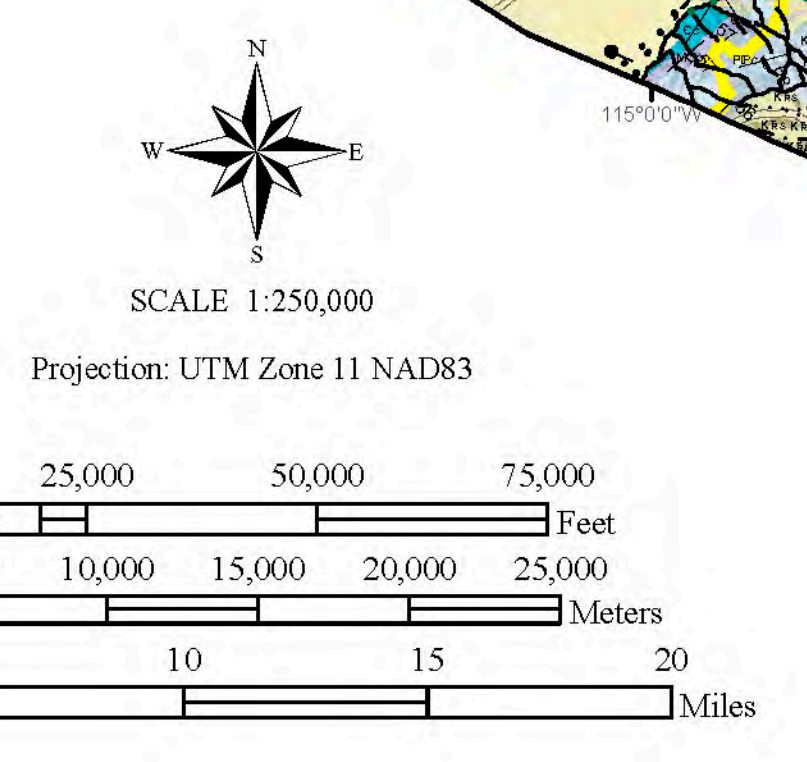
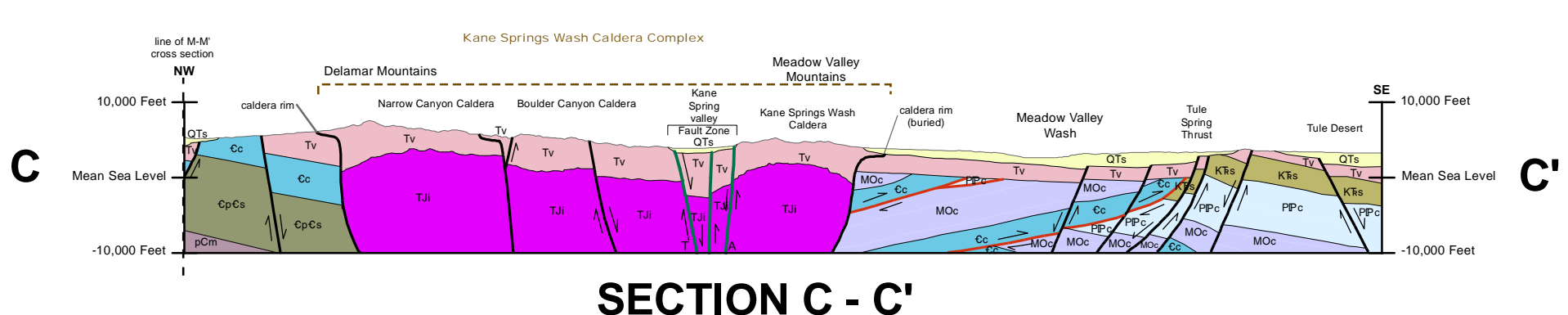
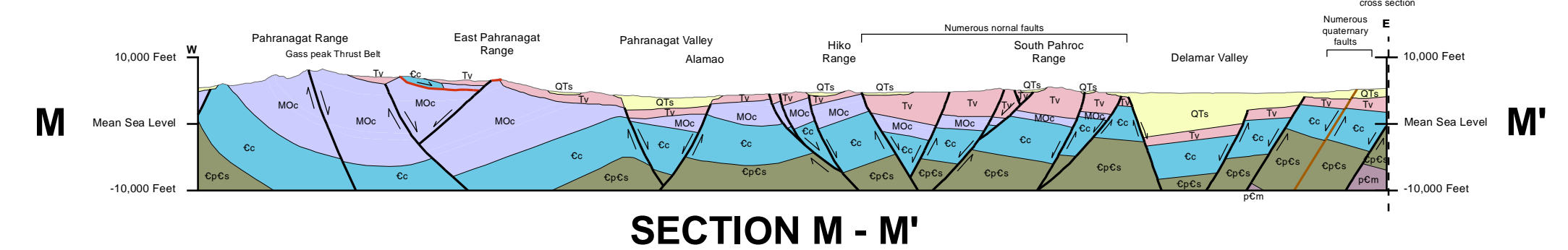
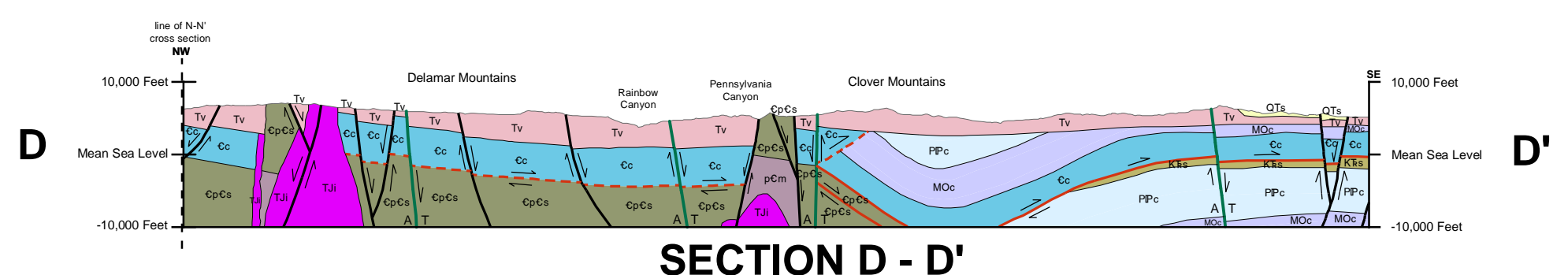
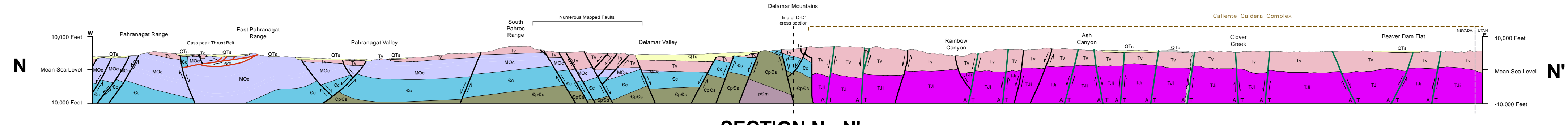
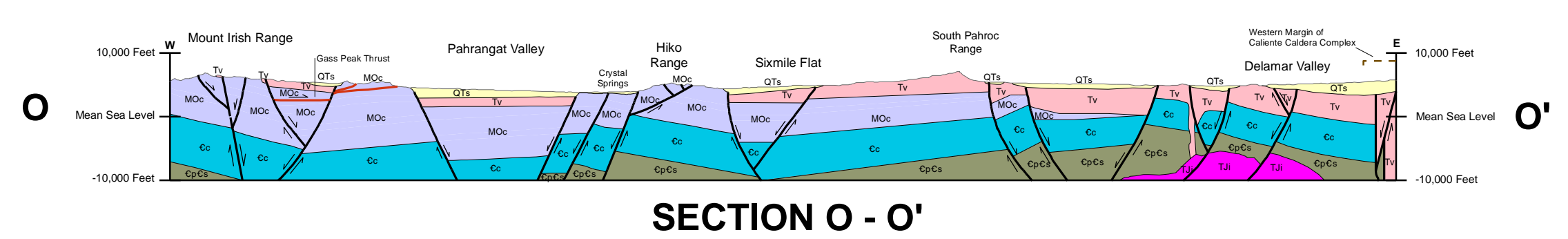
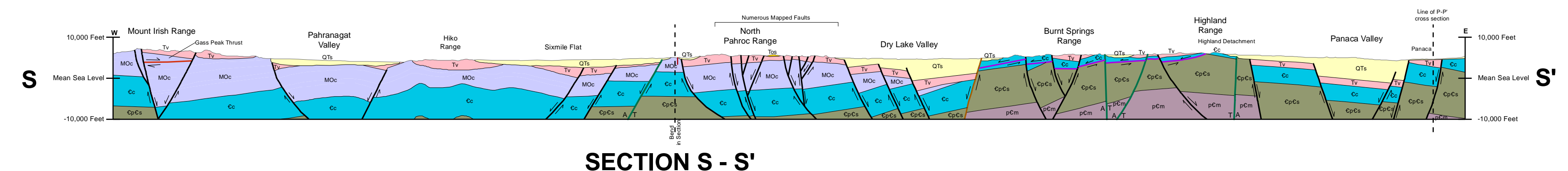
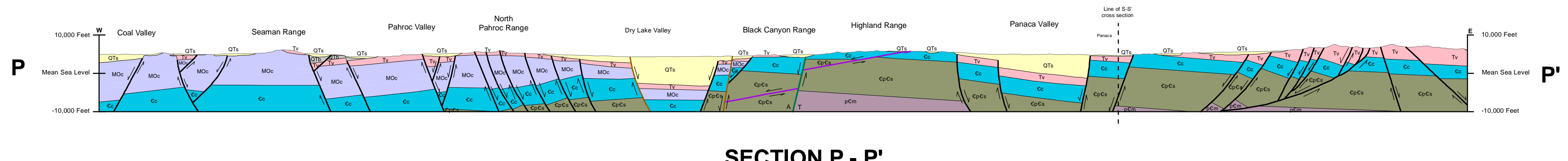
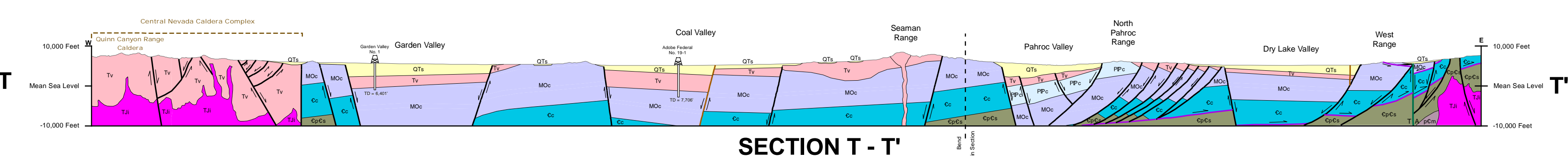
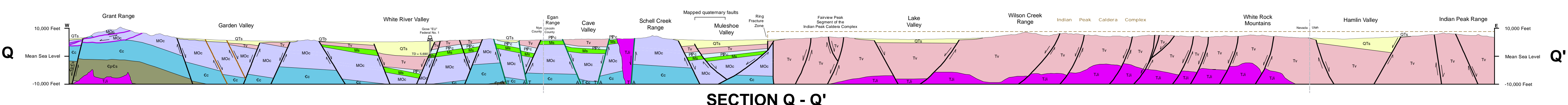
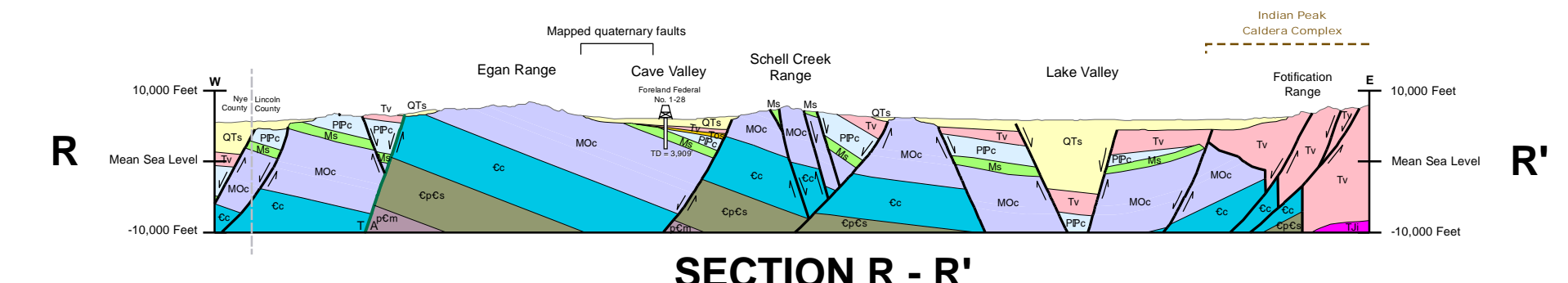
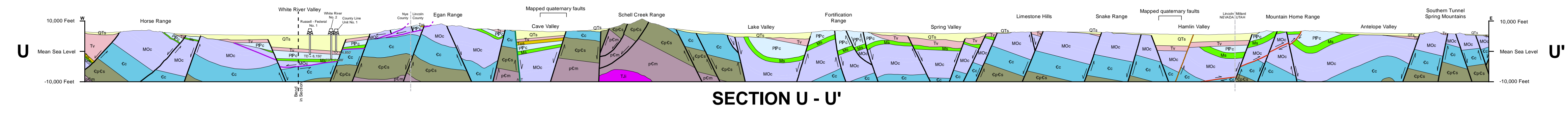
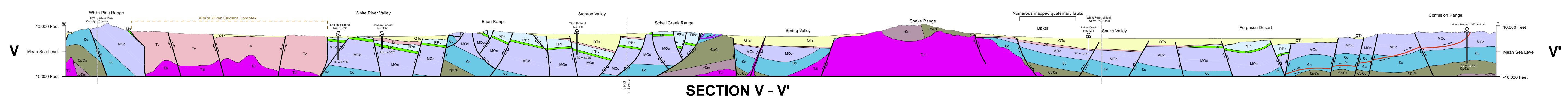
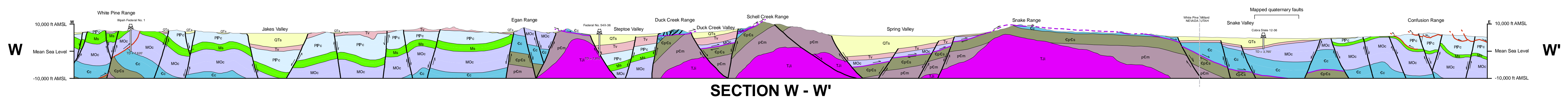
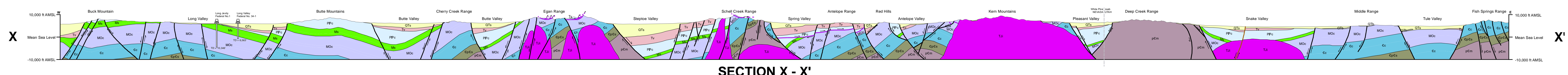
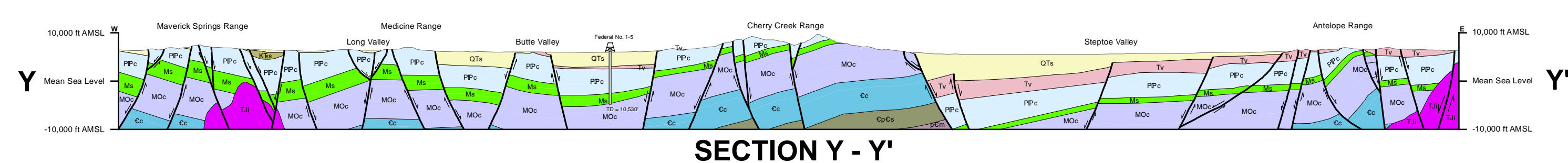


PLATE 7. HYDROGEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN LINCOLN AND NORTHERN CLARK COUNTIES, NEVADA, AND ADJACENT AREAS, ARIZONA

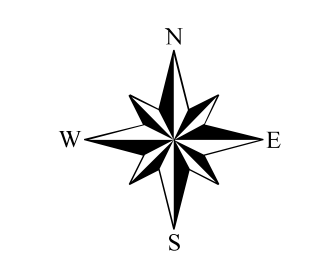


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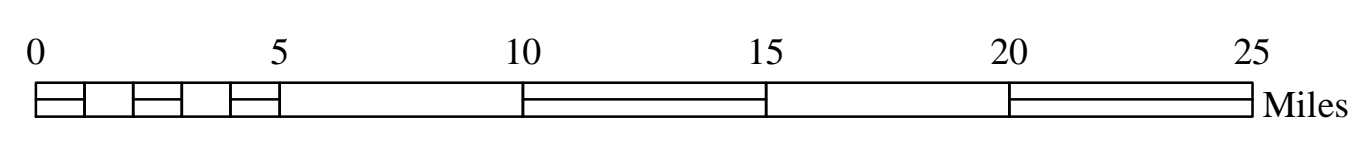
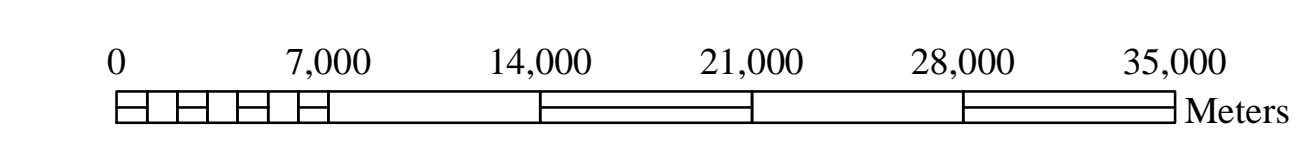
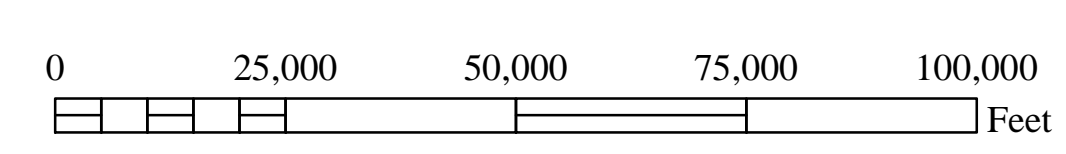
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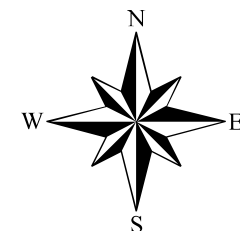


Explanation of Hydrogeologic Units Shown on Cross Section

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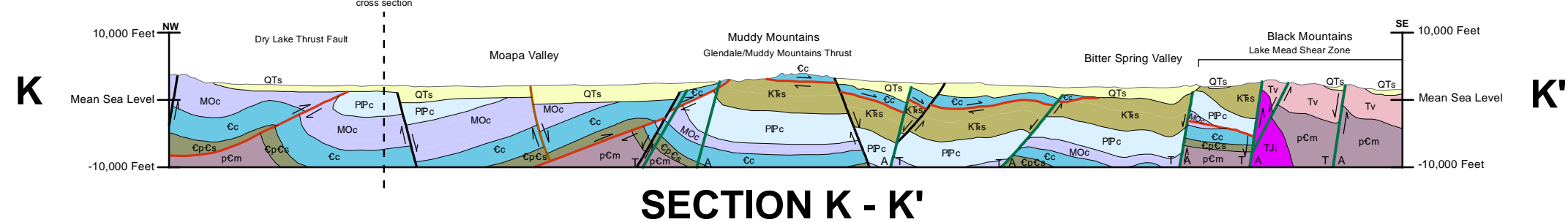
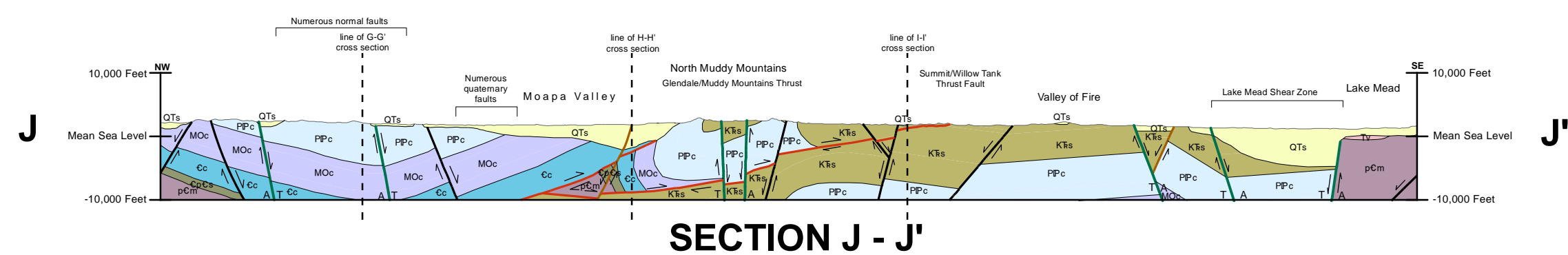
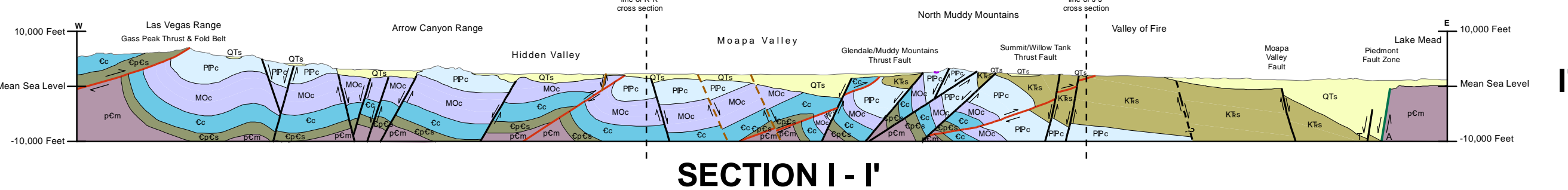
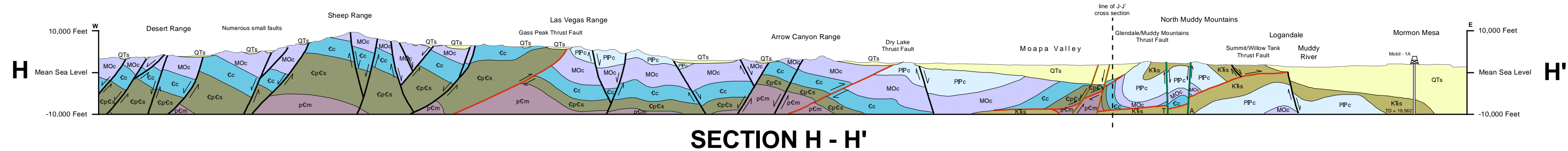
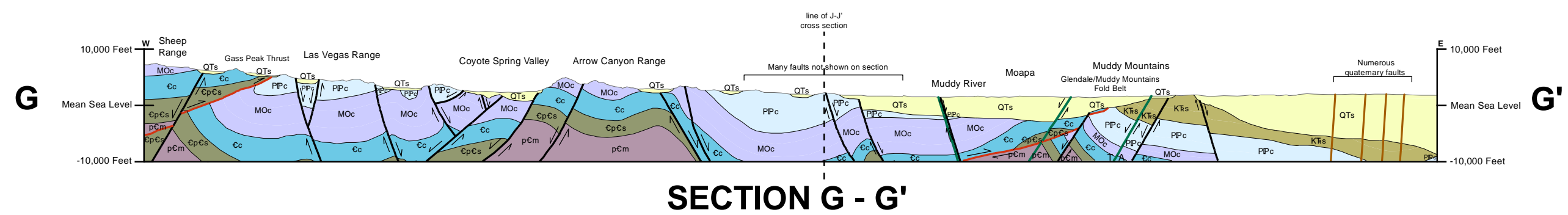
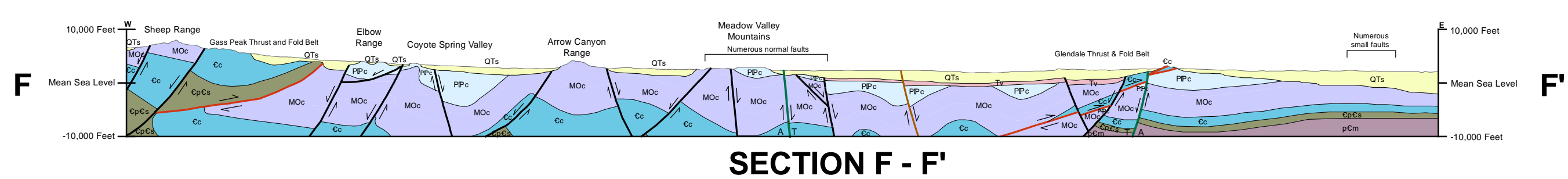
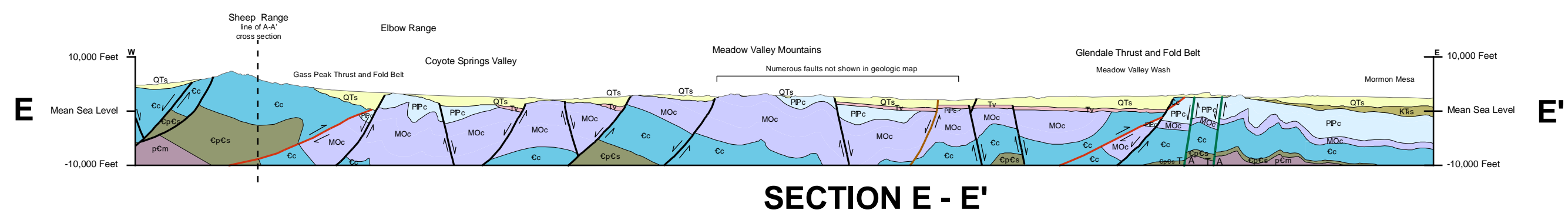
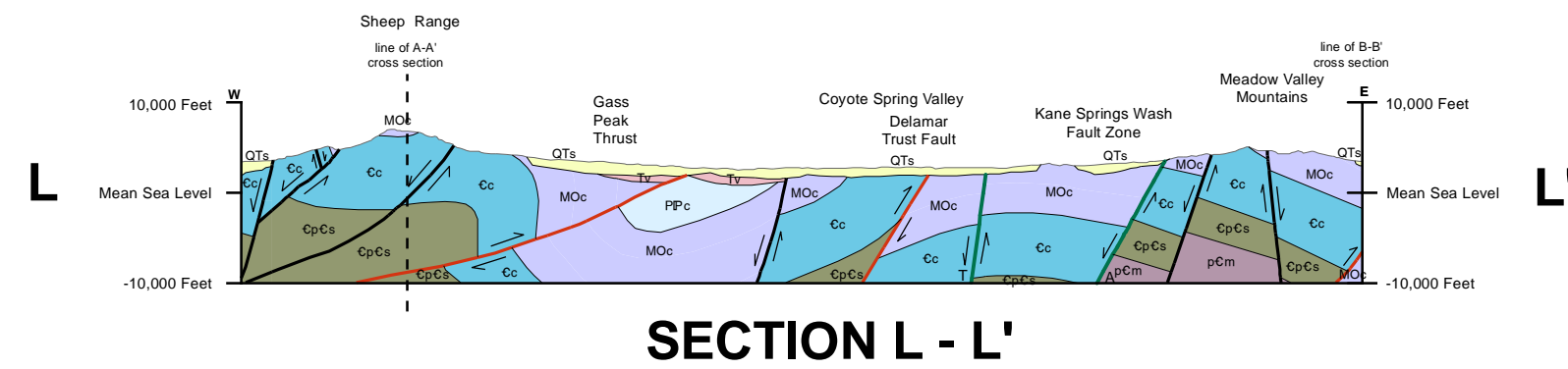
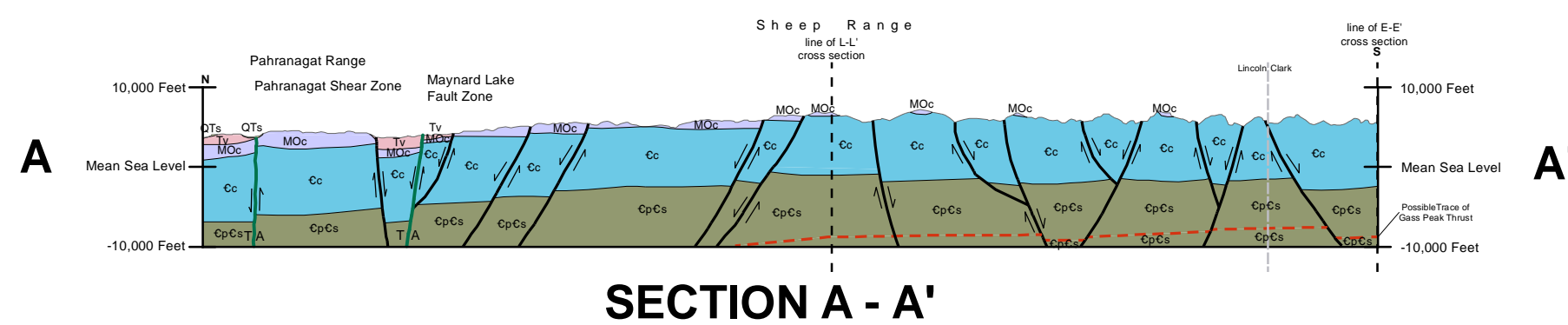
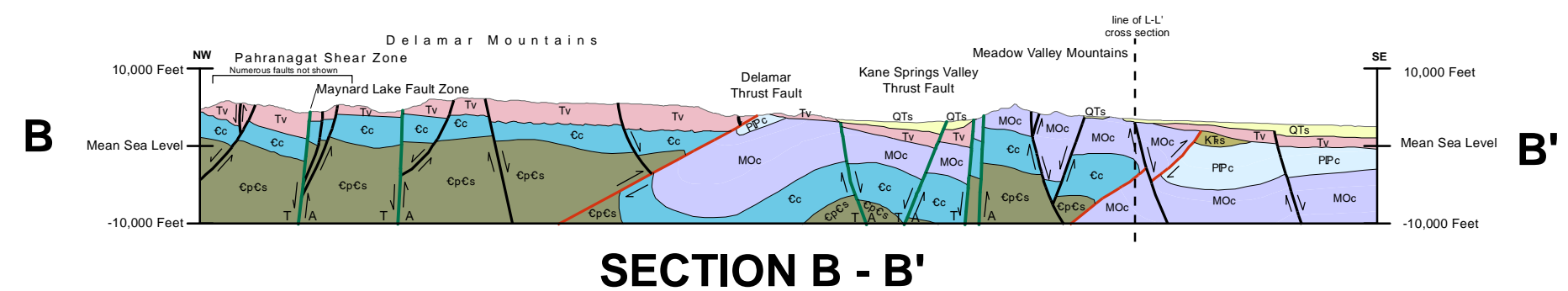
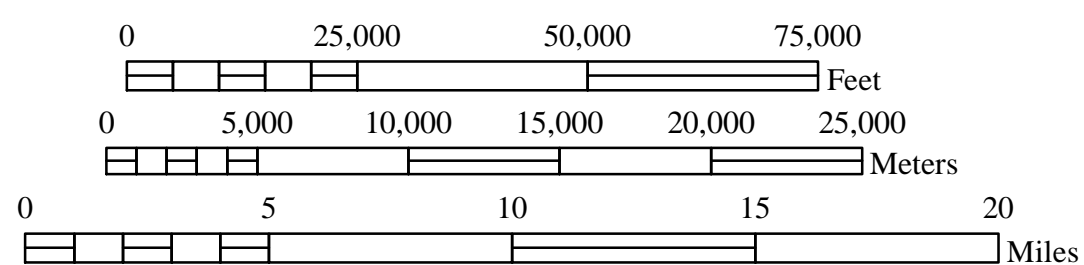
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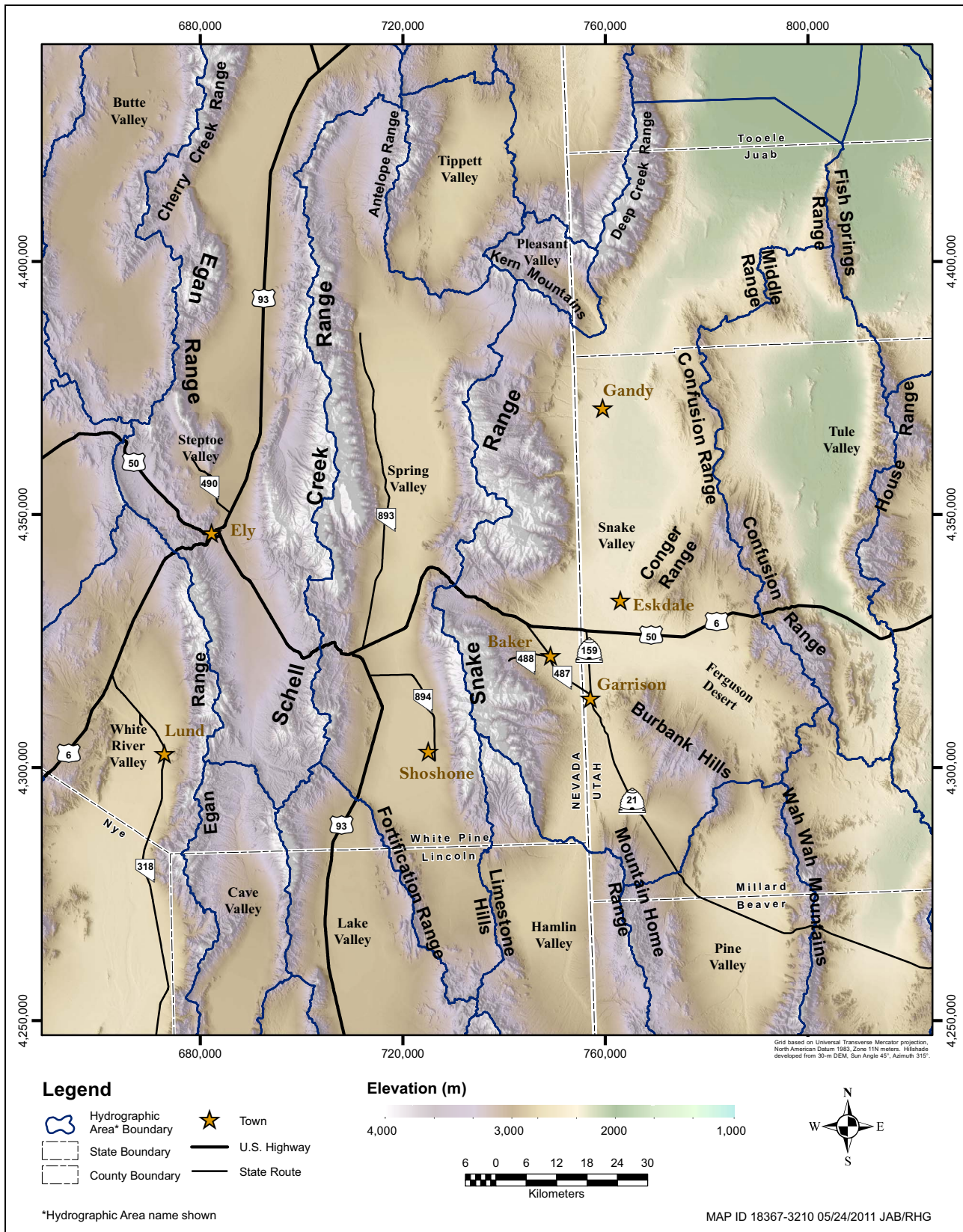


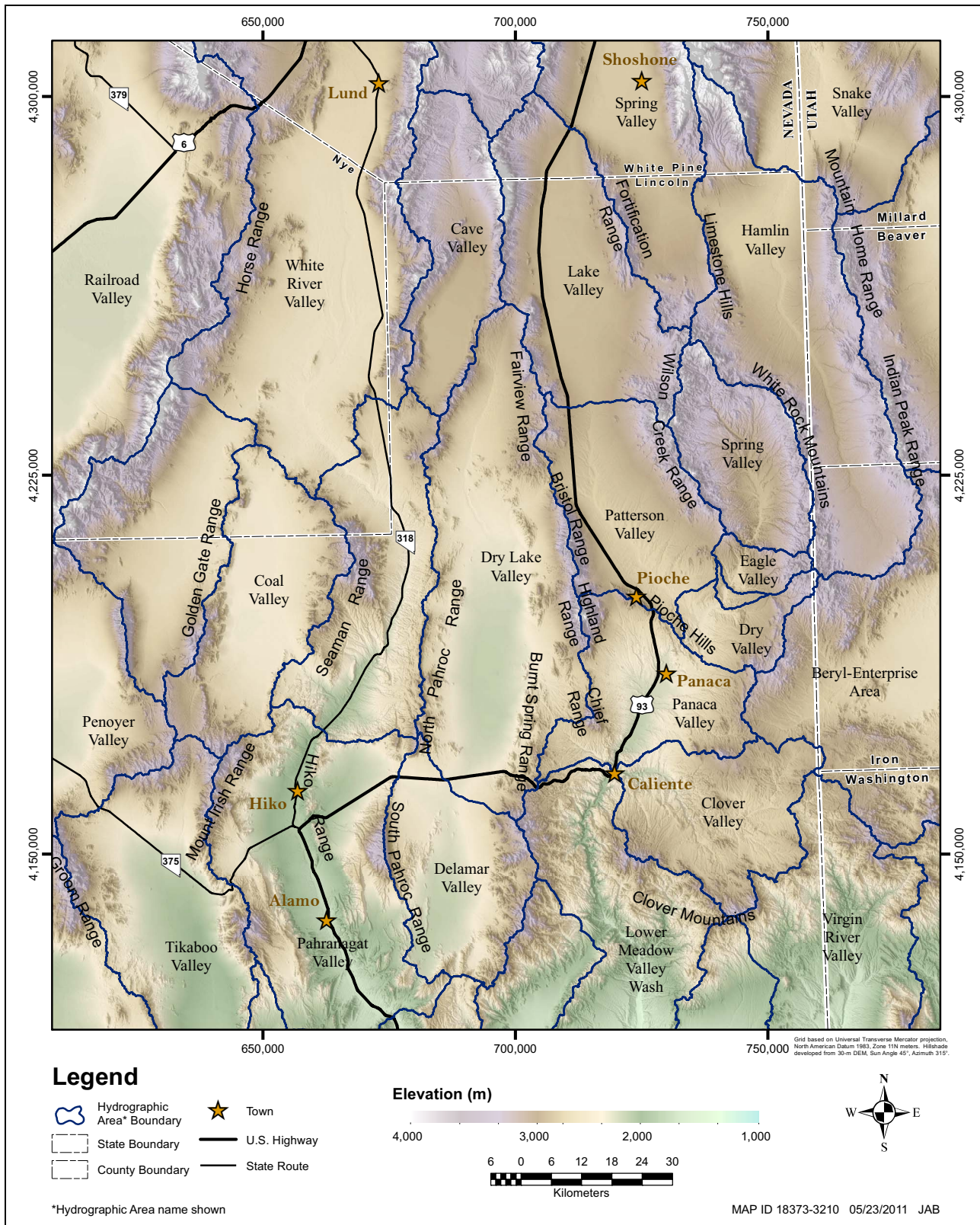
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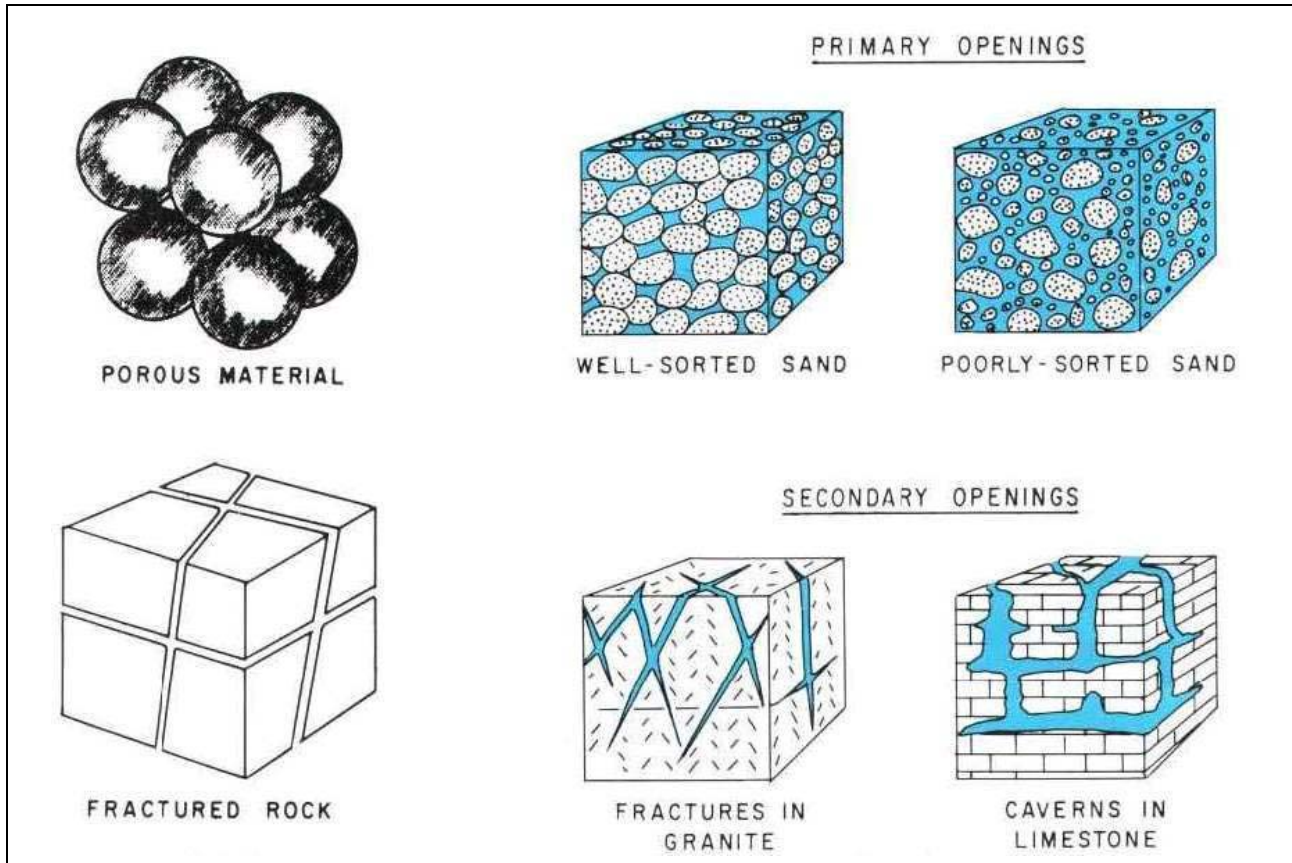






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Figure 5-10
Shaded Relief Map of Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys and Vicinity, Nevada



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Figure 2-3
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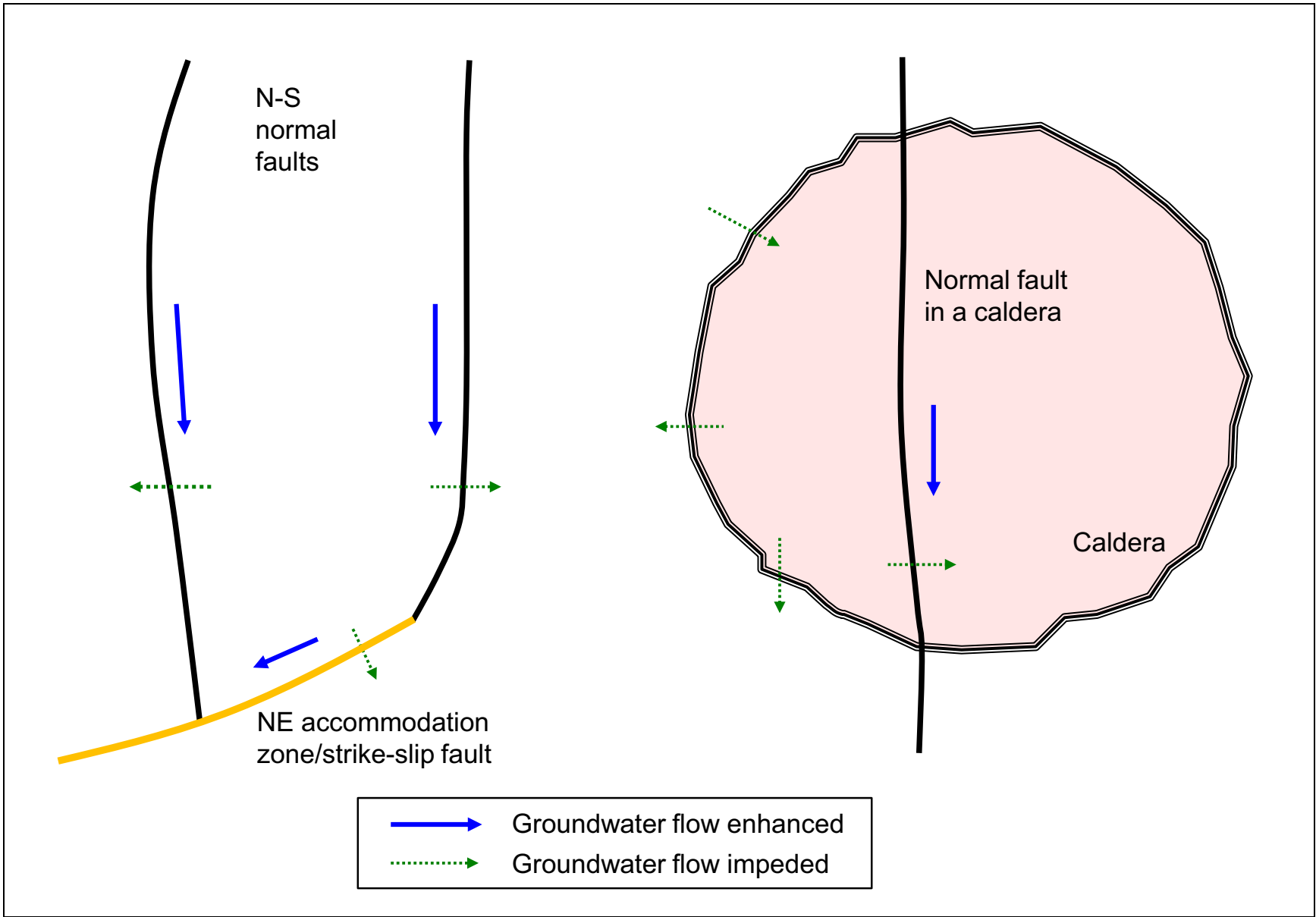
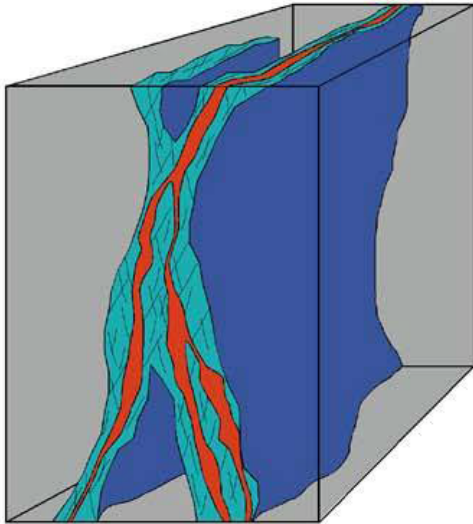


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Map Showing Enhancement/Impedance of Groundwater Flow along or across Faults and Calderas

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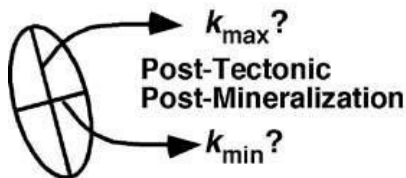
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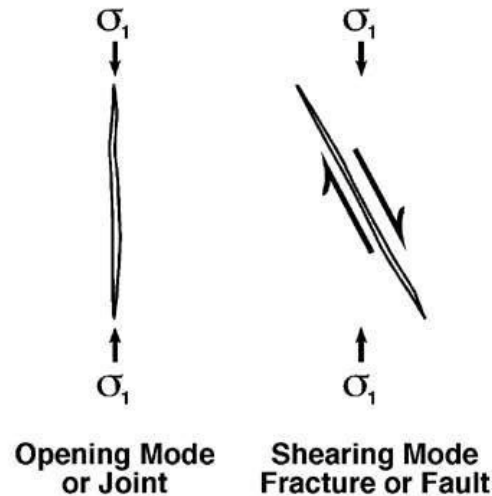
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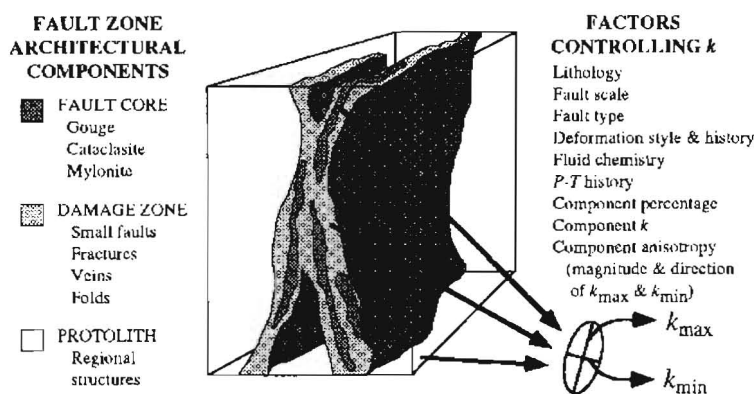


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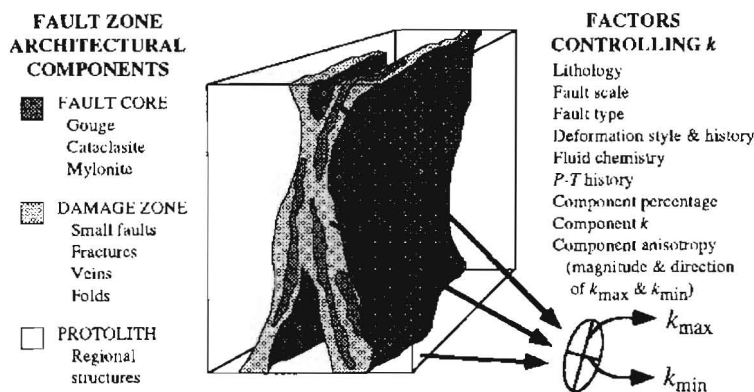
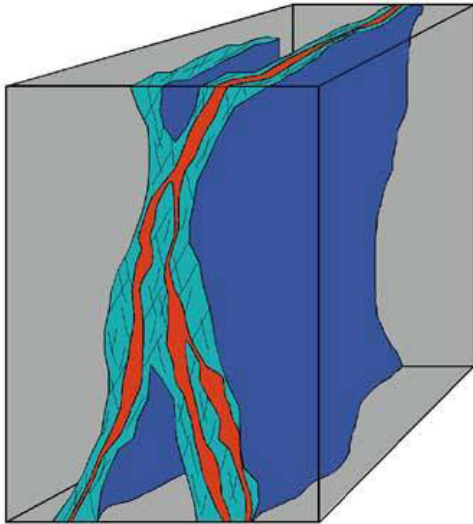


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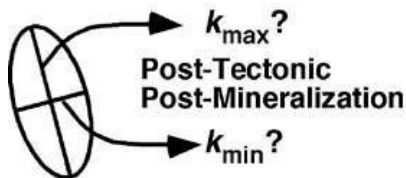
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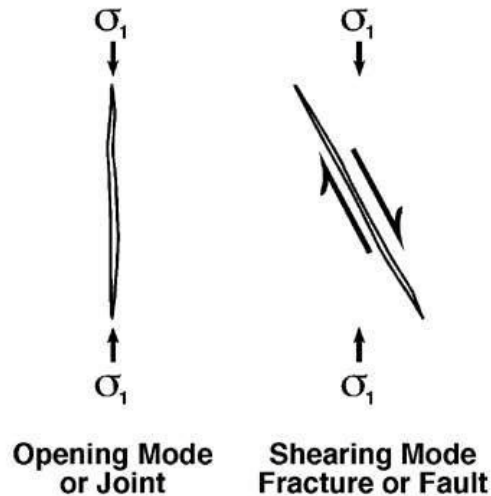
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component of the fault zone from which samples and related data are collected.

Field observations of unfractured fault core materials suggest that they are dominated by grain-scale permeability. Laboratory-determined permeabilities for natural fault core materials show a range of variation of approximately 10 orders of magnitude (10^{-12} to 10^{-22} m² from Smith et al., 1990). These data suggest that the permeability of fault core materials depends, in part, on lithology and the degree to which that lithology has been chemically altered. Rocks with the lowest phyllosilicate content tend to have the highest permeability. If there is a direct correlation between protolith rock type and the types of fault core materials that develop in a given deformation environment, then a predictive link may be made with the resulting conduit-barrier systematics.

Although fault zone core materials often have low matrix permeability, they may not always act as a barrier to flow, particularly during deformation. For example, work on the Dixie Valley fault zone shows that the fault core acted as a short-lived, syndeformational, fluid flow conduit that then rapidly sealed to form a barrier to flow. This history is also indicated from work on fault 6, Traill Ø, East Greenland. In contrast, damage zones tend to be conduits compared with both the fault core and the often lower or "background" permeability of the protolith.

In spite of the dearth of laboratory-determined grain-scale permeability values from samples of damage zone materials, our field observations suggest that damage zone permeability is fracture dominated. The juxtaposition of highly fractured damage zone materials with undeformed protolith and generally unfractured fault core materials forms major permeability contrasts within a fault zone. Preliminary estimates of damage zone fracture permeability, using the fracture-permeability estimation methods of Oda et al. (1987) and Bruhn (1993), in both the Dixie Valley fault zone and fault 6, are two to three orders of magnitude greater than the permeability of fractured protolith and four to six orders of magnitude greater than the fault core grain-scale permeabilities. The magnitude and spatial variability of this permeability contrast may be the primary control on fault zone barrier-conduit systematics.

Additional controls on fault zone architecture and permeability structure may include deformation conditions and the chemistry of fault zone fluids. Understanding the combined impact of mechanical and chemical changes in each of the three fault zone components on overall architecture and permeability structure is crucial to a better un-

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CONCLUSIONS

Fluid flow in upper-crustal, brittle fault zones depends on fault zone architecture and permeability structure. We represent these aspects of fault zone structure and hydrogeology in the qualitative and quantitative schemes presented in this paper. The schemes are based on a three-component fault zone model that includes a fault core, damage zone, and protolith. This conceptual model is used to delineate the distinct structural and hydrogeologic regimes of a fault zone. A conceptual scheme with four end members is used to identify the range of possible and observed configurations of the three fault zone components. A second, more quantitative scheme, represents variations in fault zone structure by using architectural indices. Adopting these schemes provides a consistent framework for evaluating how the permeability structure of fault zones controls fluid flow in diverse structural regimes.

There is a clear need to continue field-based characterization and sample collection to determine the factors that control fluid flow in fault zones. This work should be done in each fault zone component, on a variety of fault zone types developed within different lithologies over a broad range of scales. Once refined quantitative data are added to the scheme, new axes may be added. These might include time or lithology axes that would make the schemes more comprehensive and possibly provide a predictive tool for better understanding fault zone architecture and permeability structure. The role of fluids in faulting processes, as well as the growing concerns of fault-related utilization of ground-water, hydrocarbon, mineral, and geothermal resources, makes understanding and characterizing fault zone architecture and permeability structure critical at various times throughout the evolution of a fault zone.

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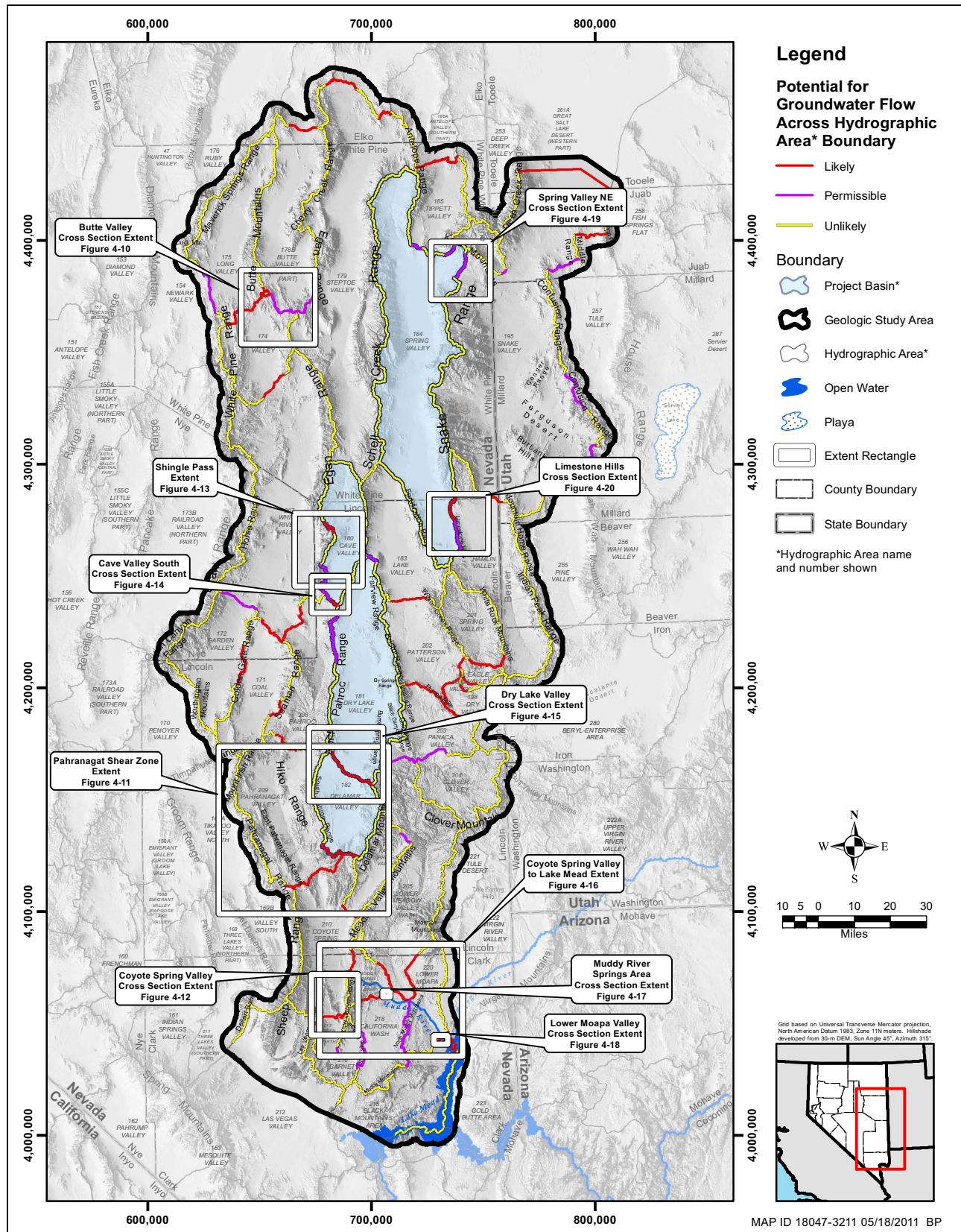
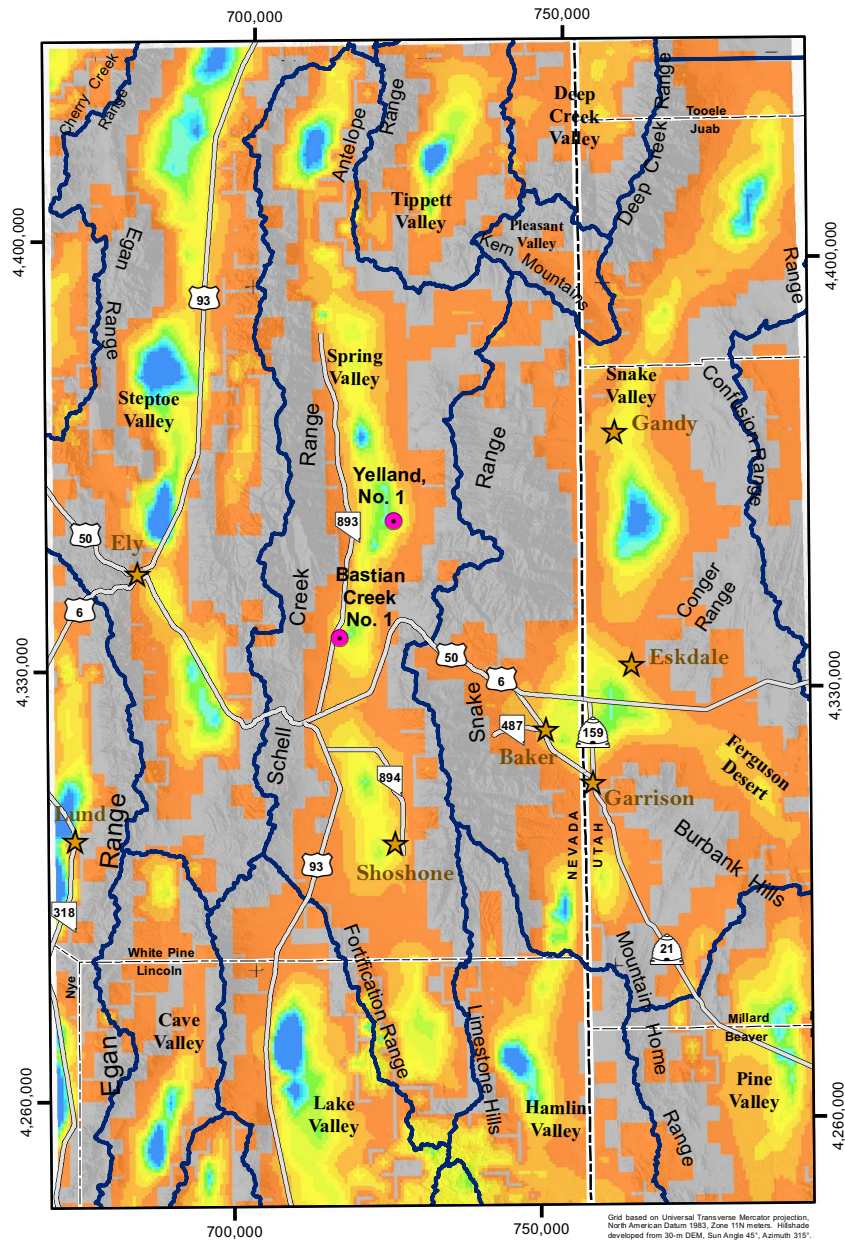


Figure 4-9
Potential for Interbasin Groundwater Flow within the Geologic Study Area



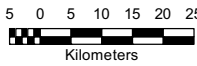
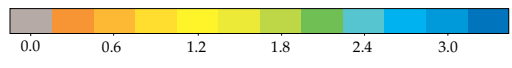
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Legend

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- ★ Town
- Major Road
- Hydrographic Area* Boundary
- State Boundary
- County Boundary

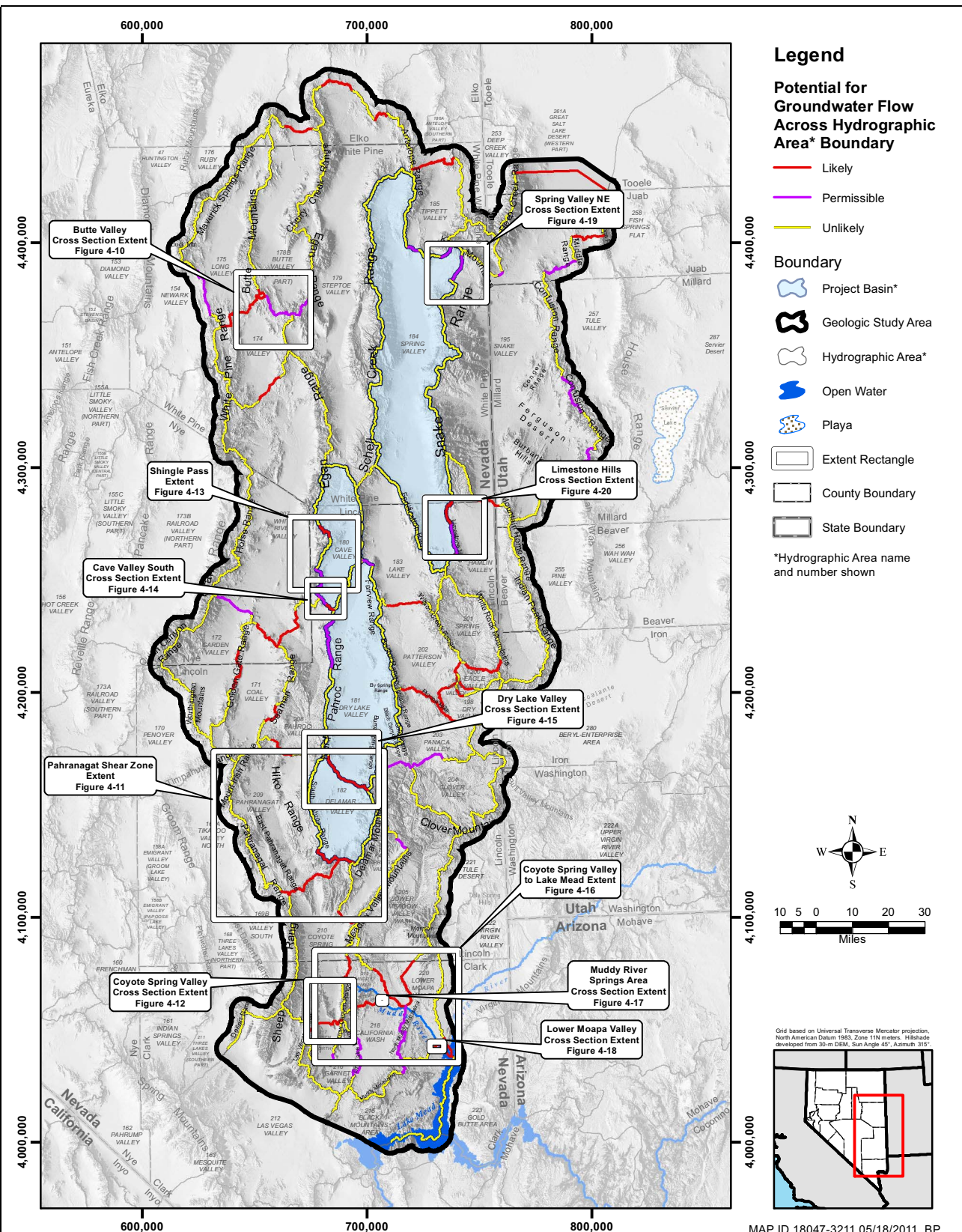
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Basin Depth (km)



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Figure 5-5
Depth to Pre-Cenozoic Basement in Spring and Snake Valleys and Vicinity, Nevada and Utah



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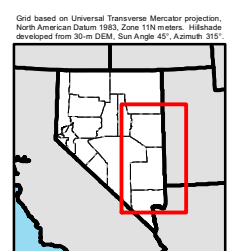
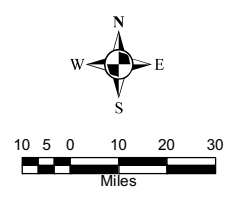
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- Likely
- Permissible
- Unlikely

Boundary

- Project Basin*
- Geologic Study Area
- Hydrographic Area*
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- Extent Rectangle
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

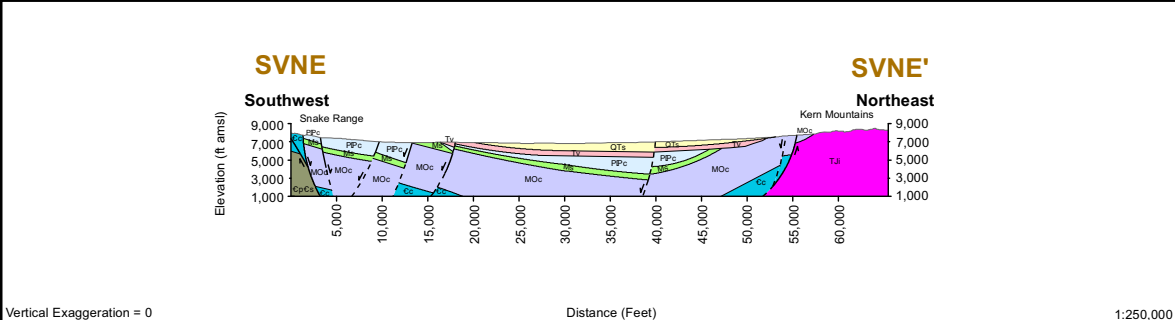
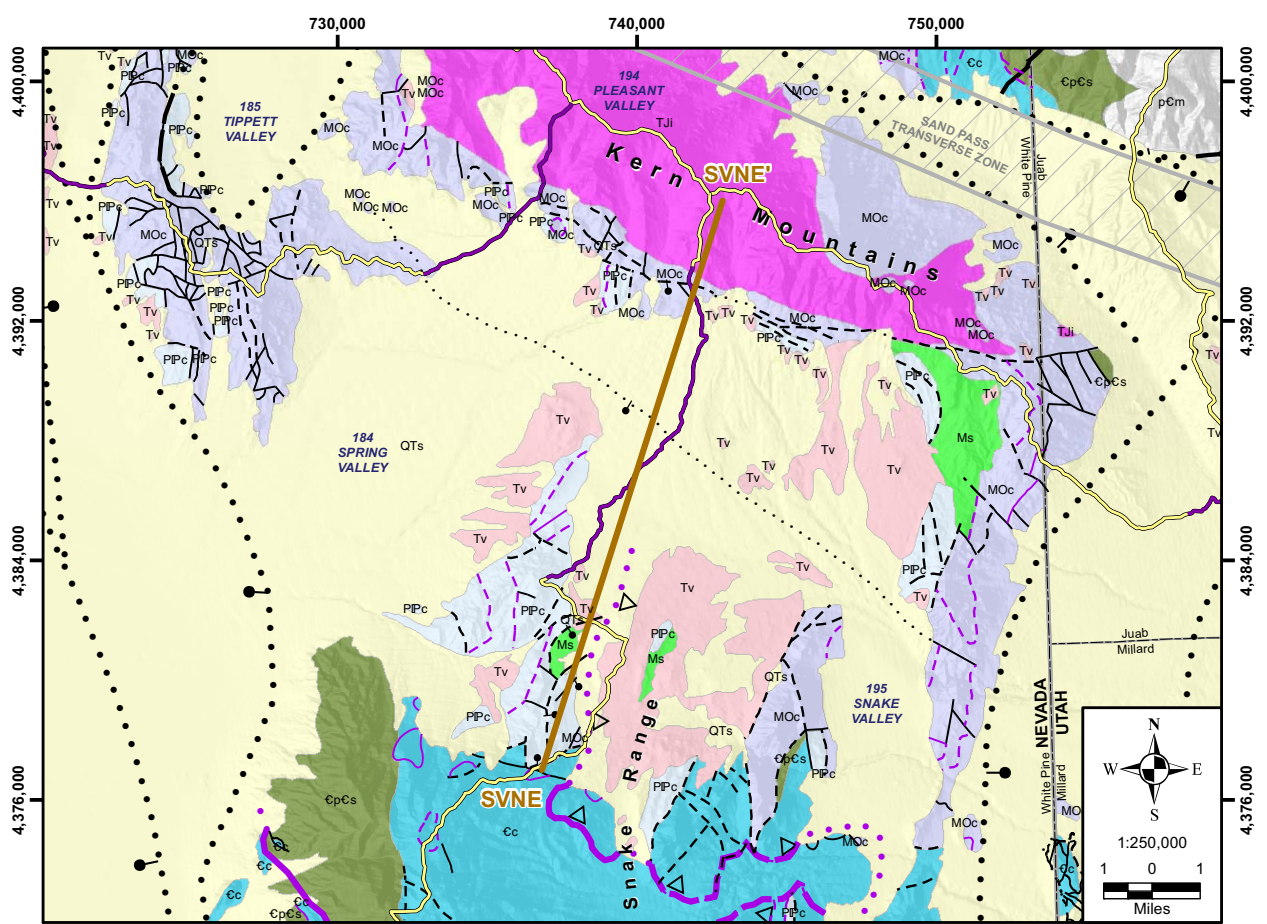
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Hydrogeology

Map Unit - Description

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- Tv Tertiary volcanic rocks
- TJi Tertiary-Jurassic intrusive rocks
- PPc Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- Ms Mississippian clastic rocks
- MOC Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- CpCs Cambrian-pre-Cambrian clastic rocks

Regional Faults

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Subsidiary Faults

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- Detachment fault

Potential for Groundwater Flow Across Hydrogeologic Area* Boundary

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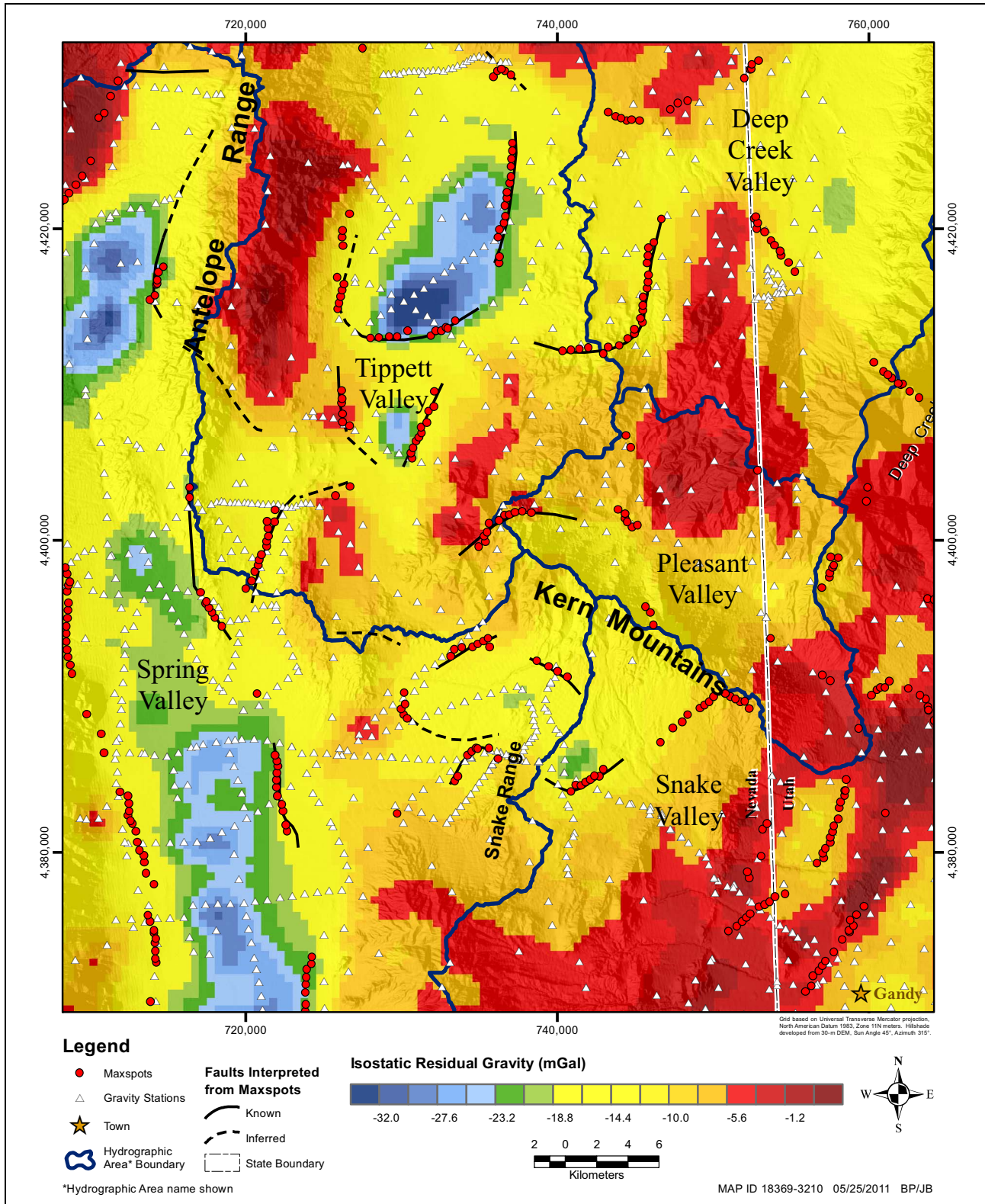
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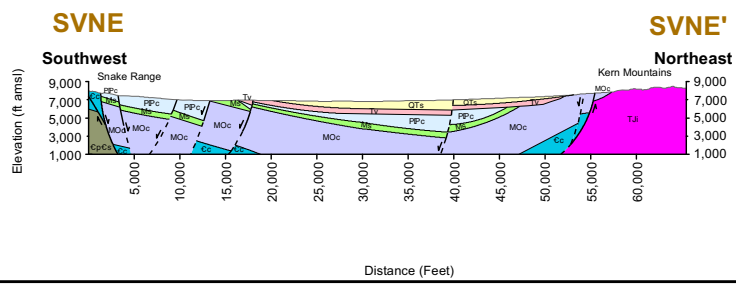
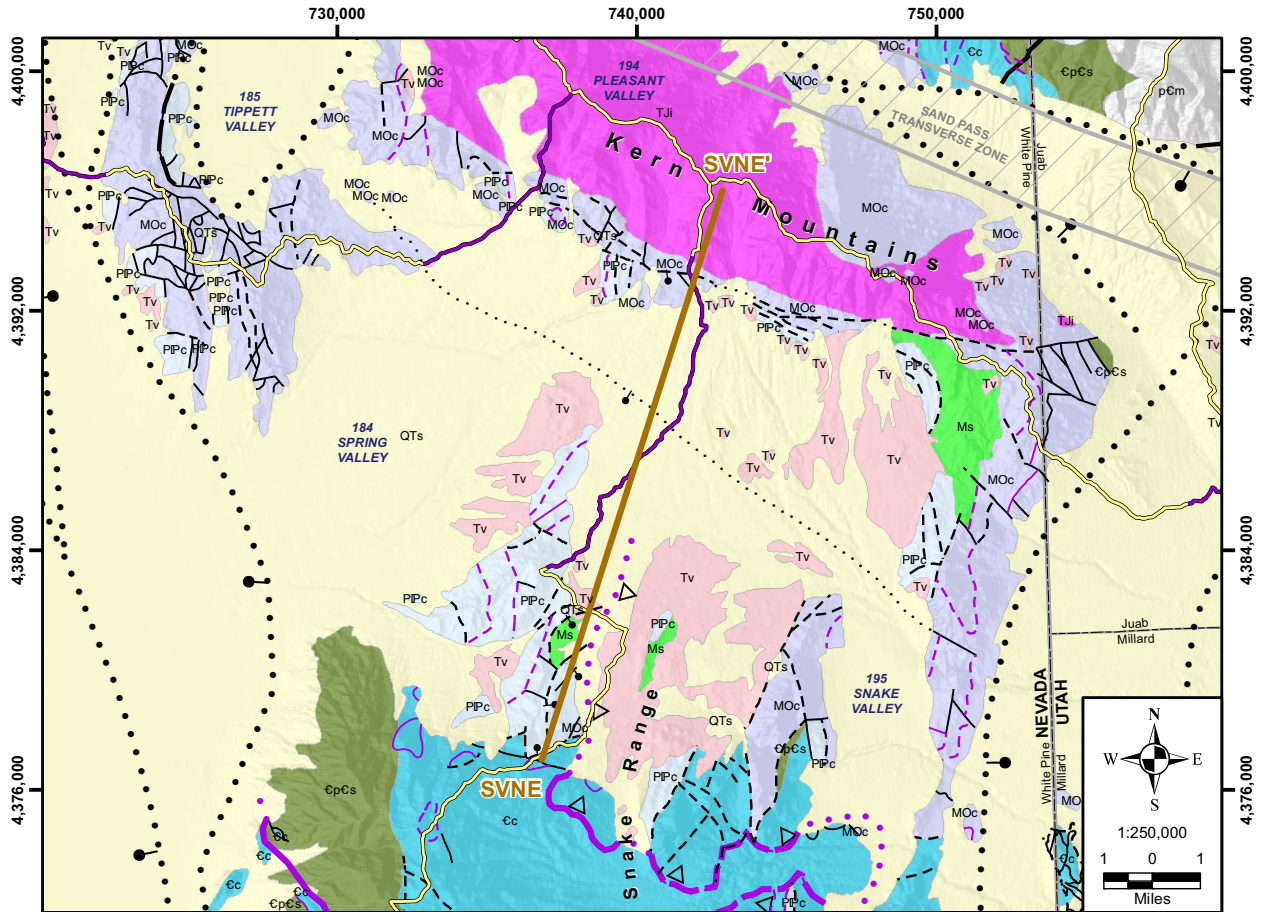
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Figure 4-19
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of Northeastern Spring Valley



Note: Red maxspots are upward-continued from 3 km depth. Black lines are faults interpreted from maxspots.

Figure 5-6
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field and Maxspots in Tippett Valley, Western Kern Mountains, and Vicinity, Nevada



Vertical Exaggeration = 0 1:250,000

Legend

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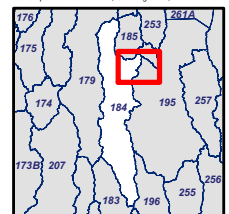
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- State Boundary
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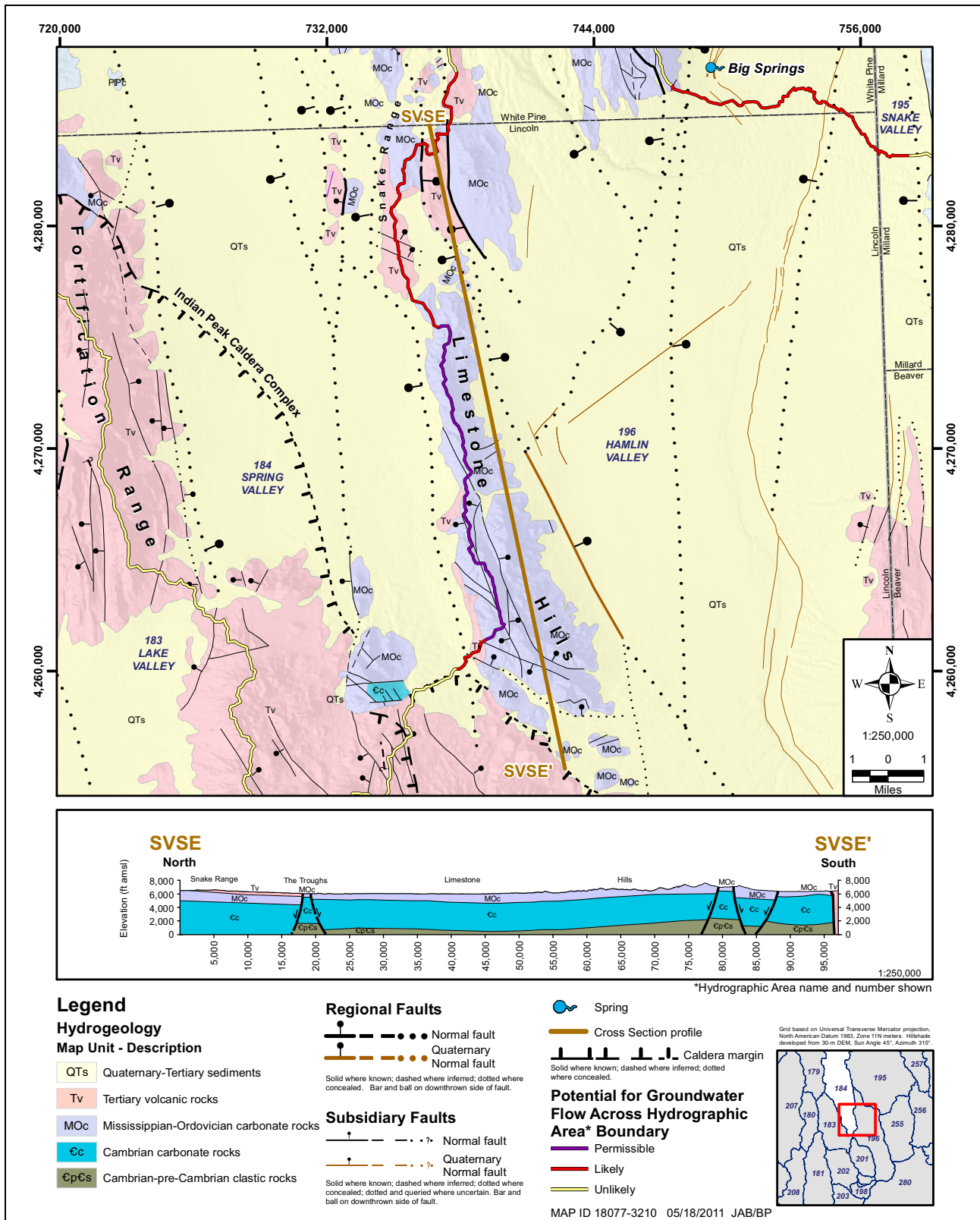
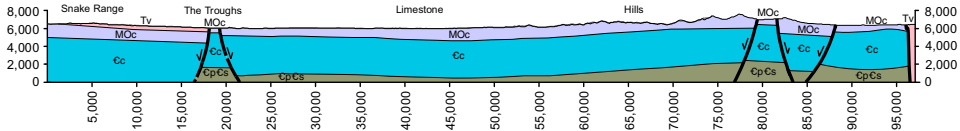


Figure 4-20
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of the Southern Snake Range and Limestone Hills and Vicinity

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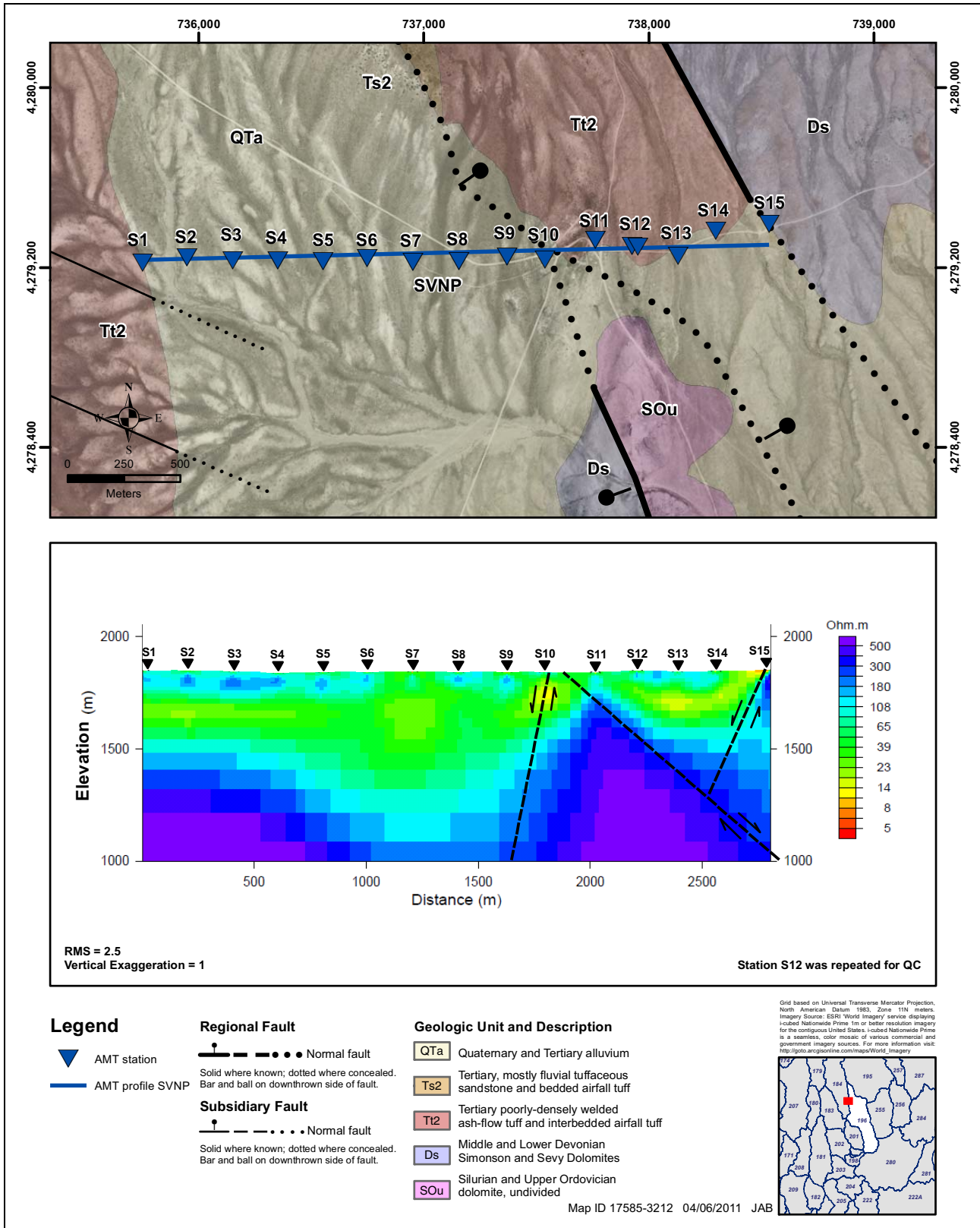
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SVSE'
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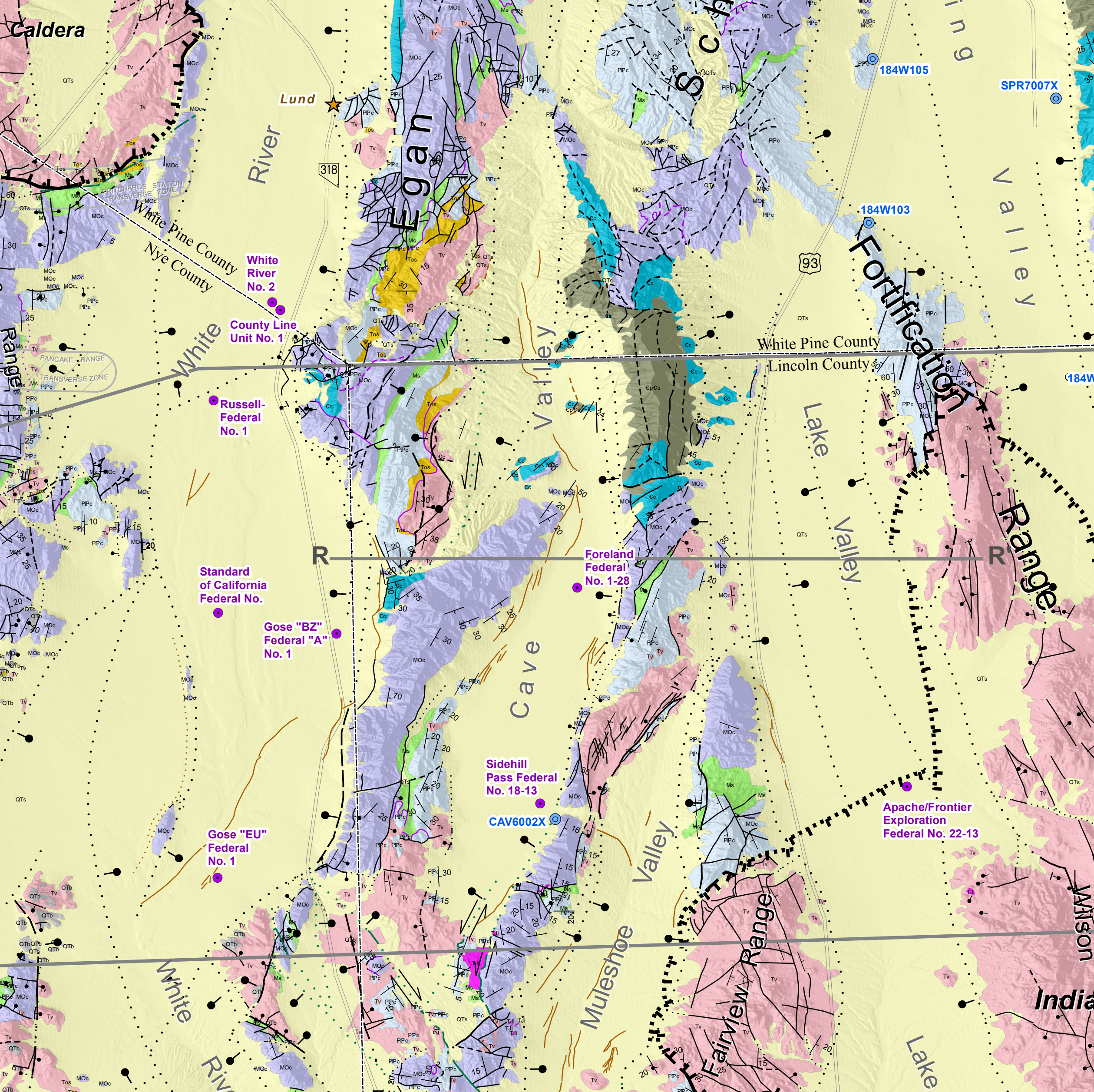
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Source: Pari and Baird (2011)

Figure 5-20
Map and 2D Model of SVN



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Nye County

White River No. 2

County Line Unit No. 1

Russell-Federal No. 1

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Valley

Cave

Muleshoe Valley

Fairview Range

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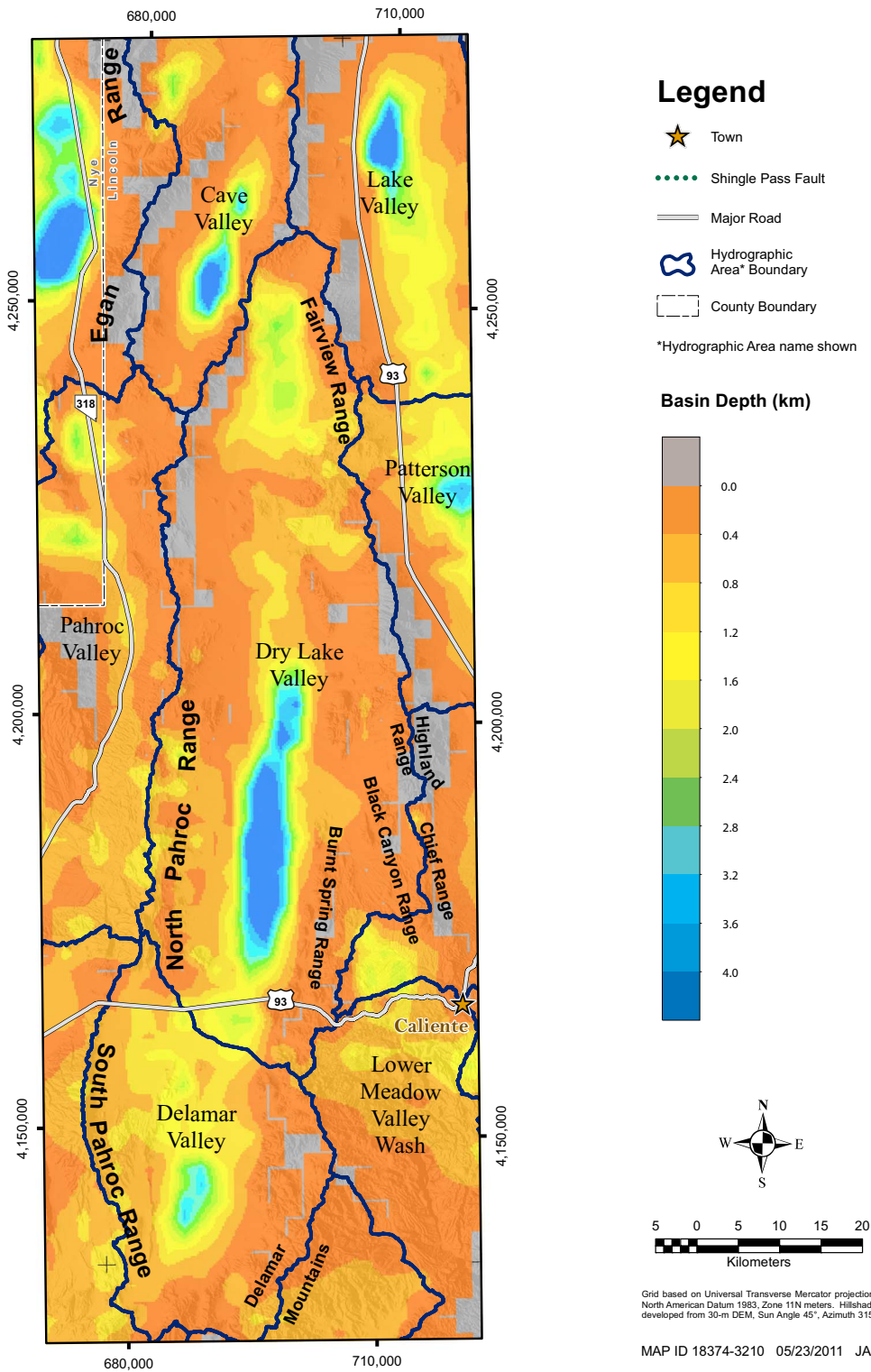
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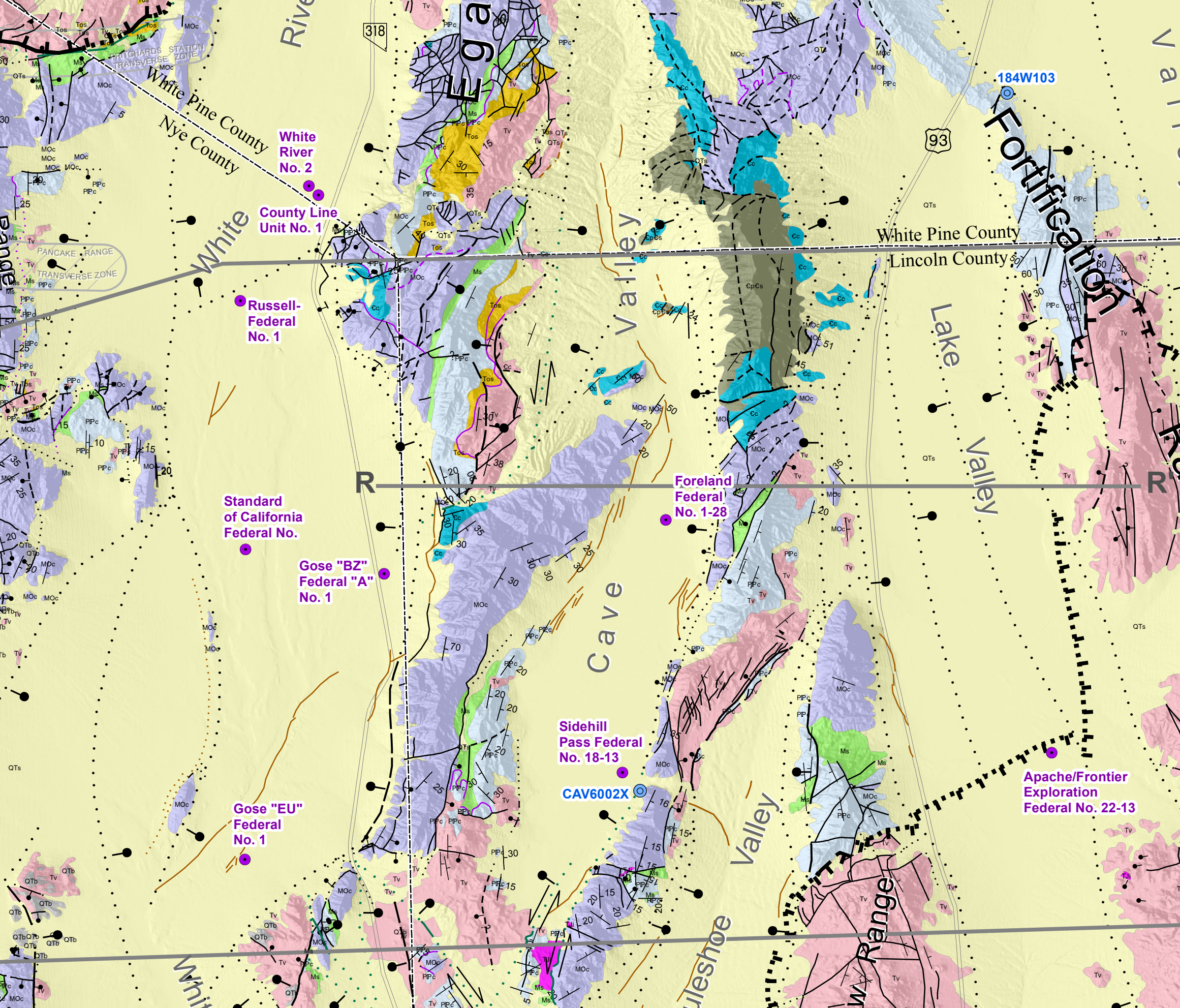
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Source: Mankinen et al. (2008)

Figure 5-13
Depth of pre-Cenozoic Basement of Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys and Vicinity, Nevada



White River No. 2

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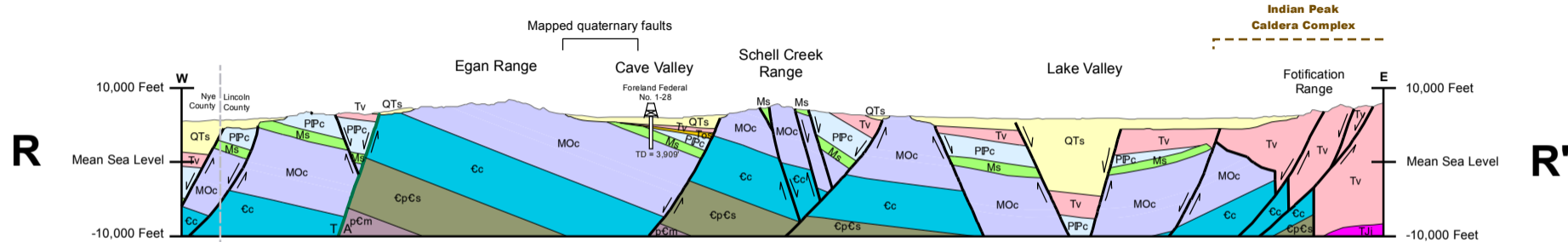
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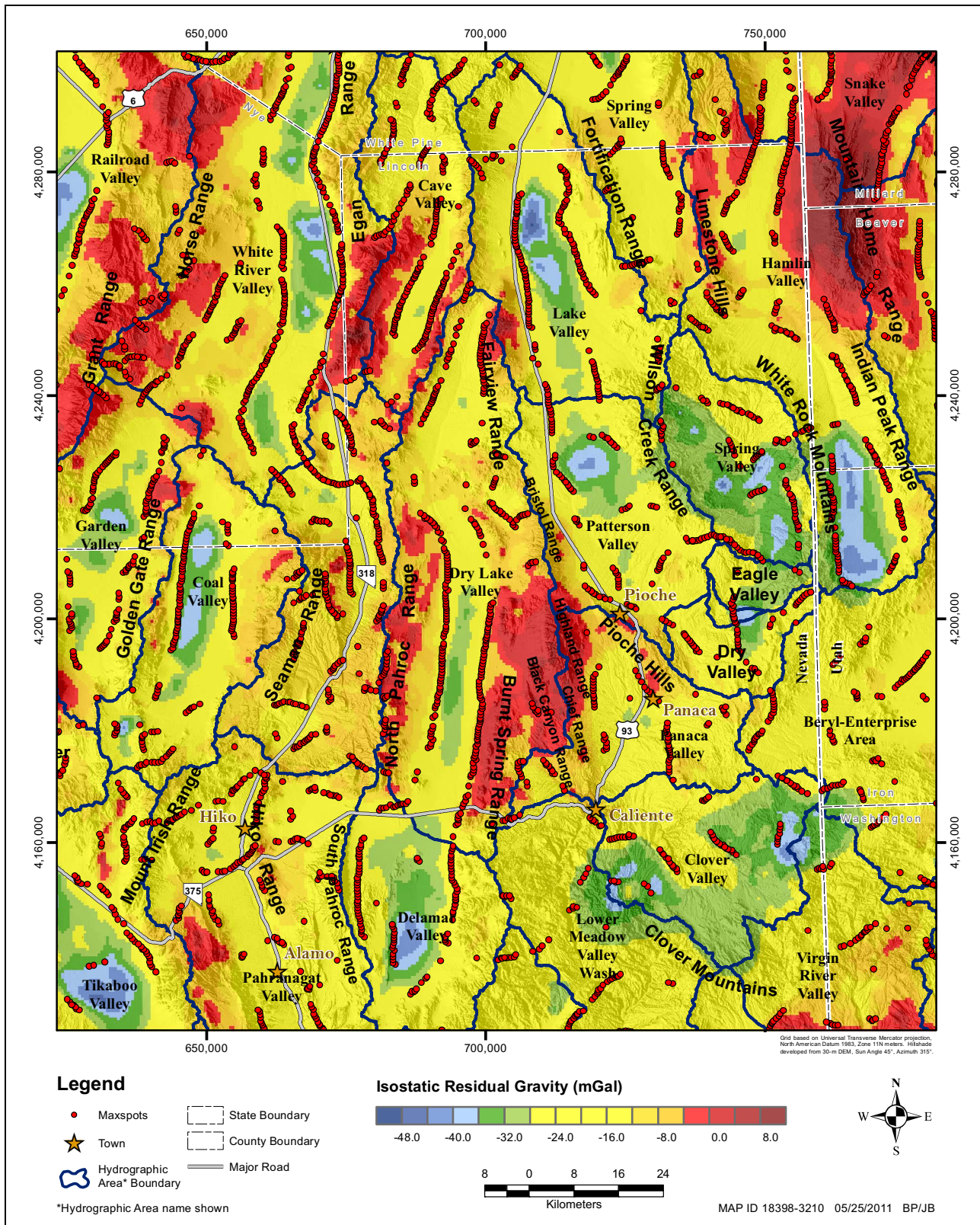
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White Pine Range
White Pine Range

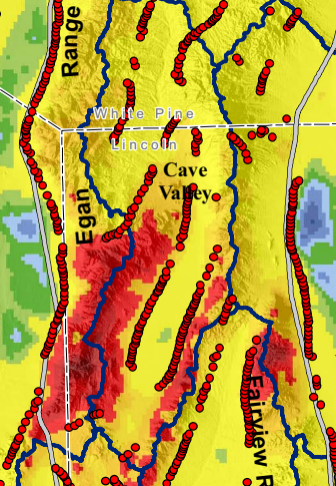


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Figure 5-12
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field Showing Maxspots



Egan Range

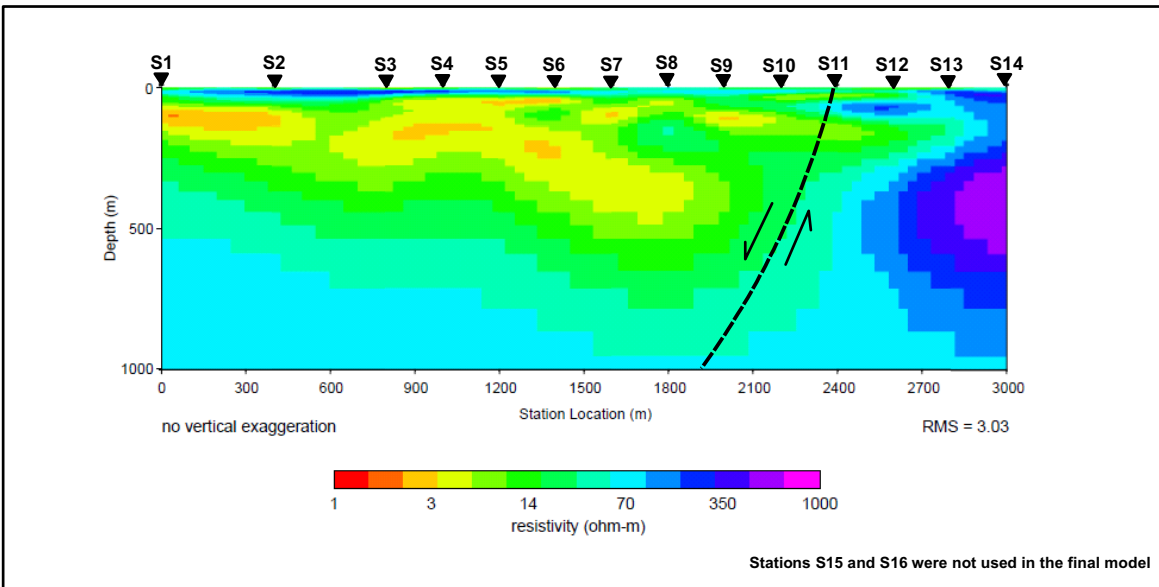
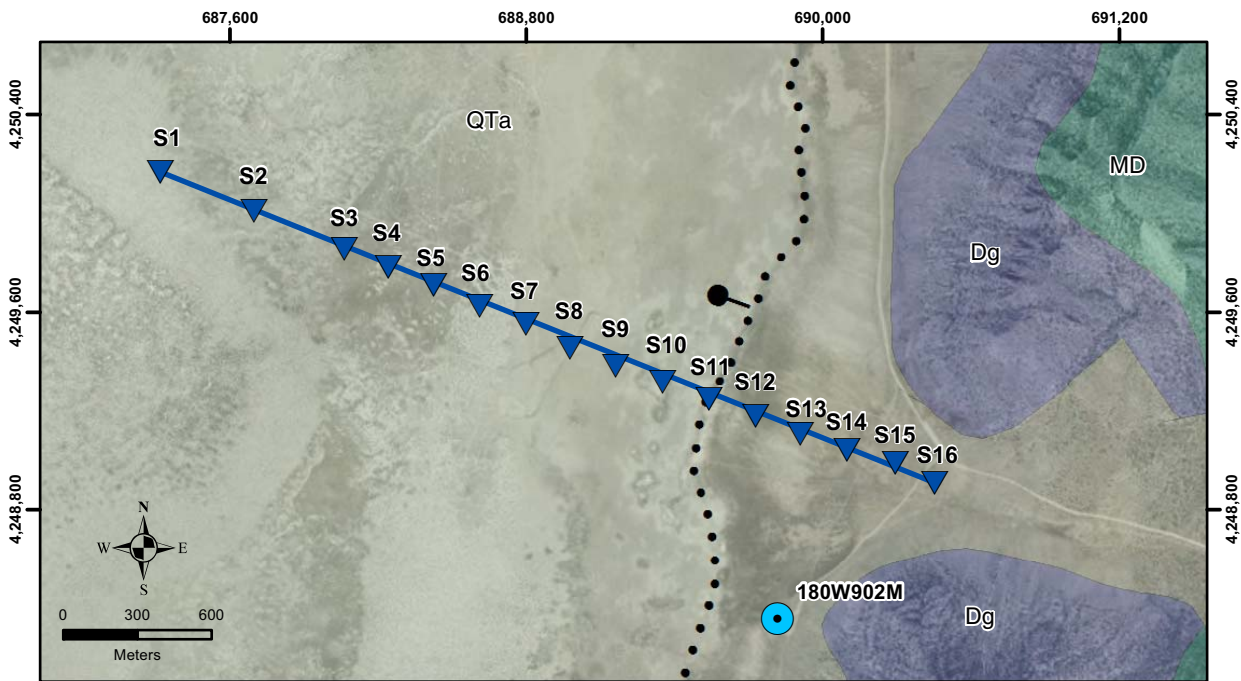
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Cave Valley

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Legend

- AMT station
- AMT profile CVE
- SNWA test well 180W902M

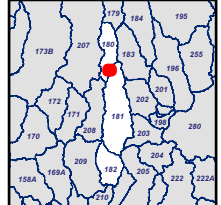
Regional Fault

- Normal fault
- Dotted where concealed.
- Bar and ball on downthrown side of fault.

Geologic Unit and Description

- QTa Quaternary and Tertiary alluvium
- MD Lower Mississippian to Upper Devonian limestone and shale
- Dg Upper and Middle Devonian Guilmette Formation

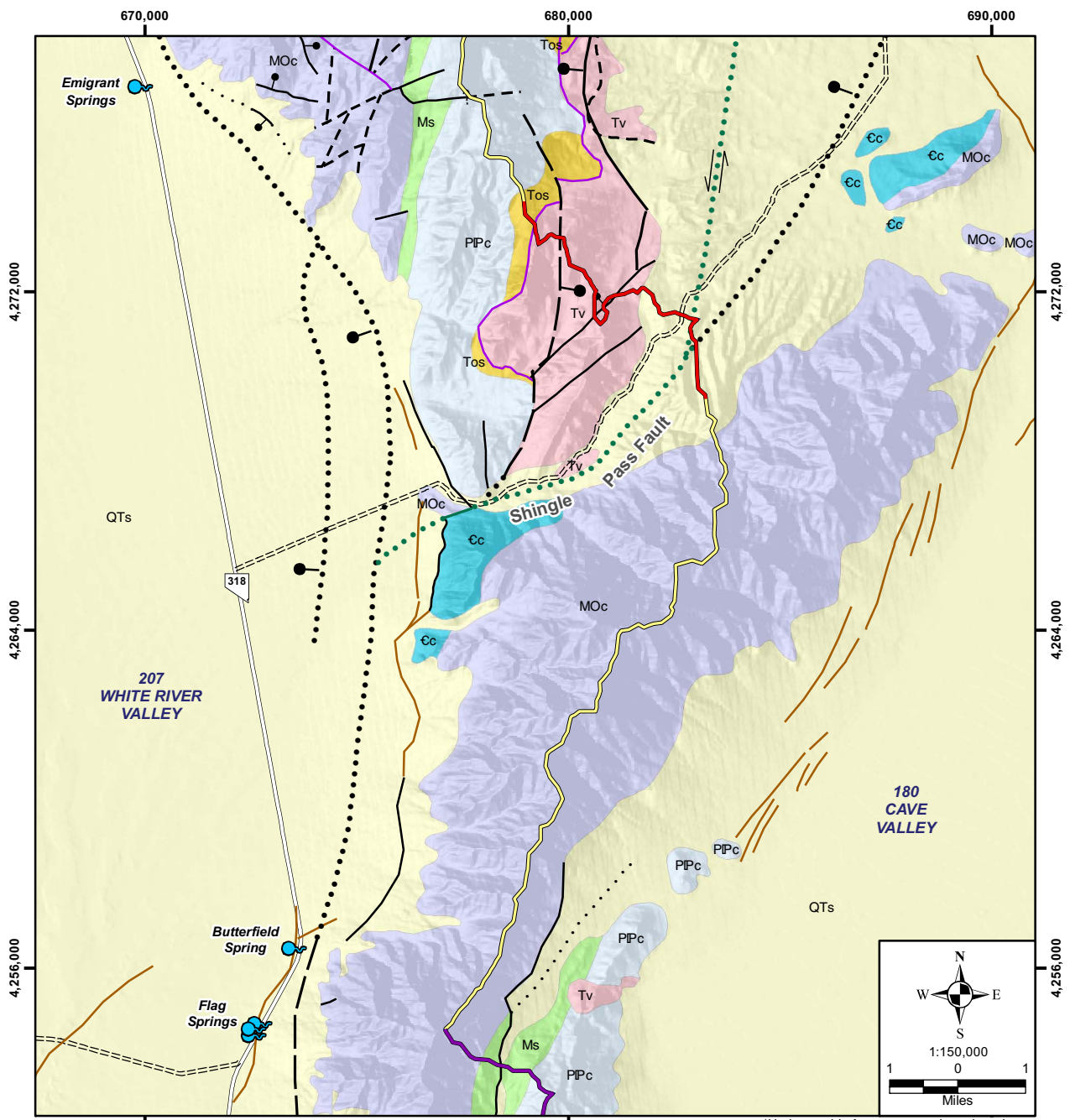
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Source: Pari and Baird (2011)

Figure 5-23
Map and 2D Model of CVE



Legend

Hydrogeology

Map Unit - Description

QTs	Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
Tv	Tertiary volcanic rocks
Tos	Tertiary older sediments
PIPc	Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
Ms	Mississippian clastic rocks
MOc	Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
Cc	Cambrian carbonate rocks

Regional Faults

	Normal fault
	Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault

Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Arrows show direction of lateral movement. Bar and ball on downthrown side of fault.

Potential for Groundwater Flow Across Hydrographic Area* Boundary

	Permissible
	Likely
	Unlikely

Subsidiary Faults

	Normal fault
	Detachment fault
	Quaternary Normal fault

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	State Route
	Secondary Route
	Spring

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Figure 4-13
Hydrogeologic Map and Basin Boundaries of Shingle Pass Area

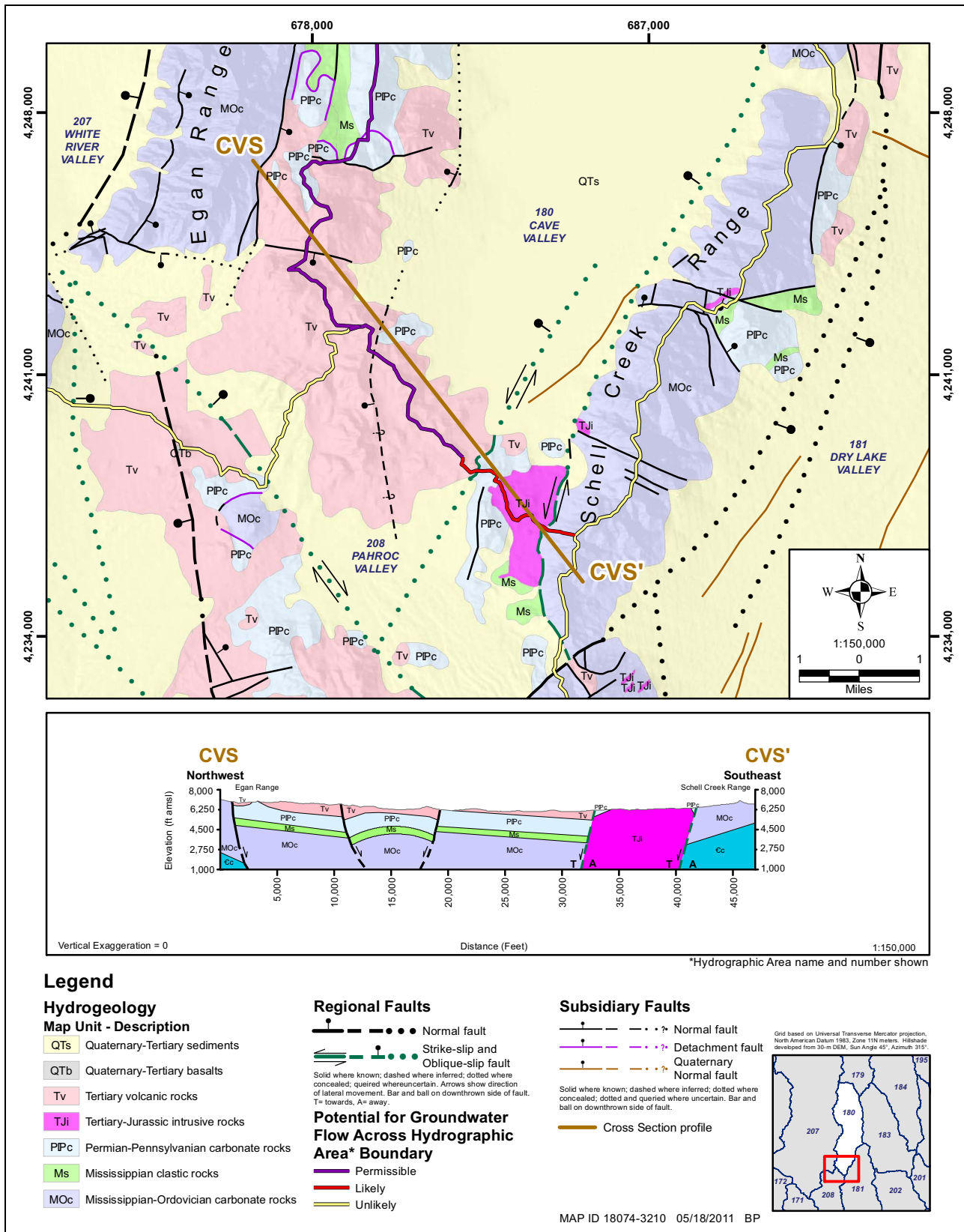
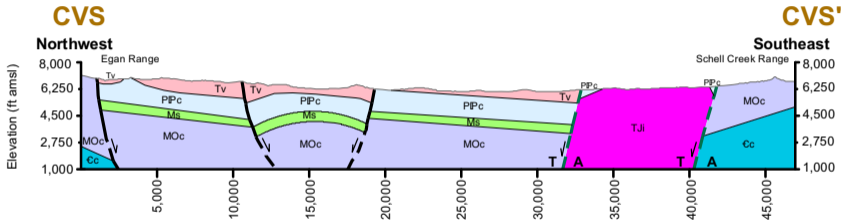


Figure 4-14
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of Southern Cave Valley and Vicinity

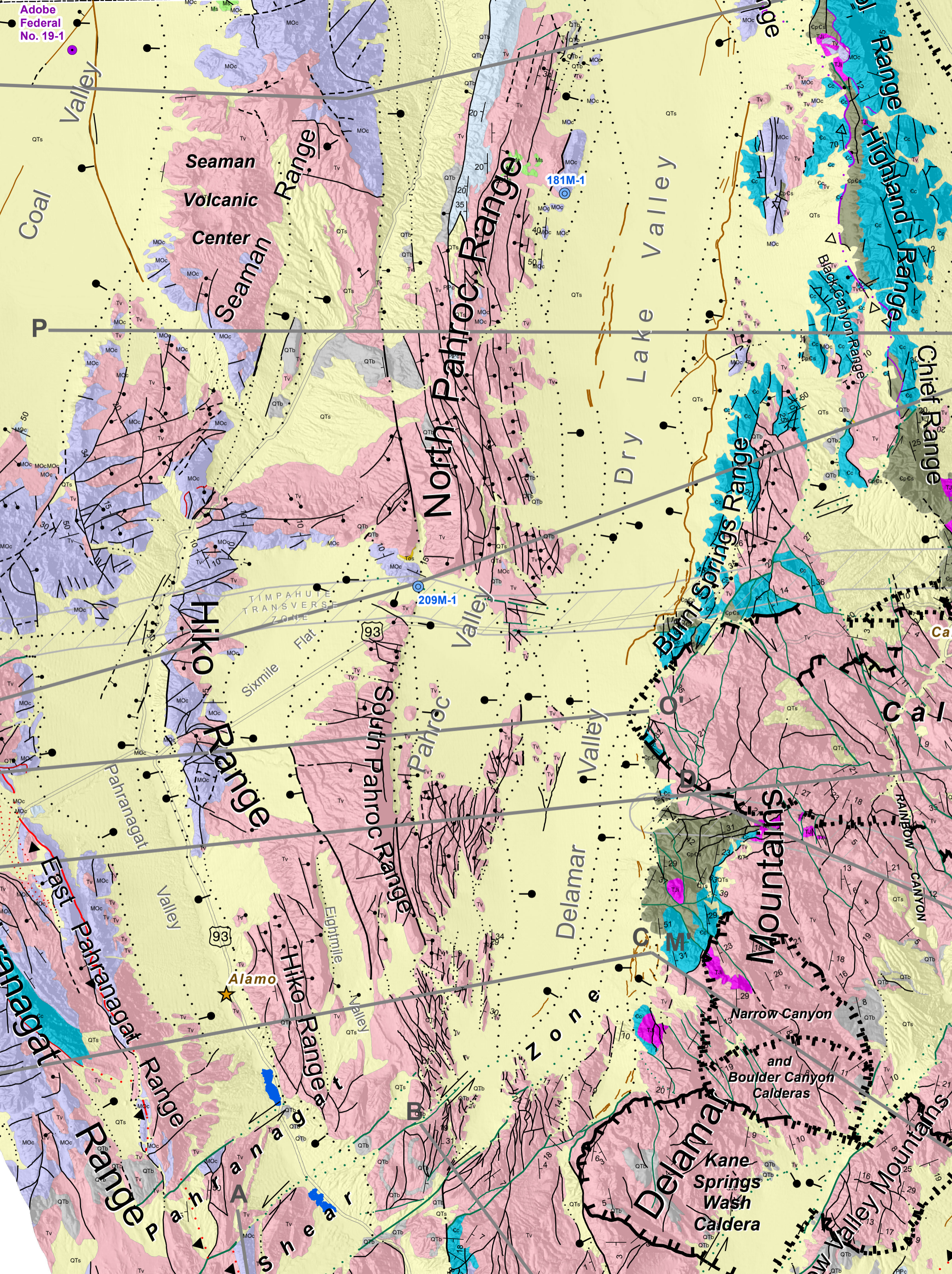


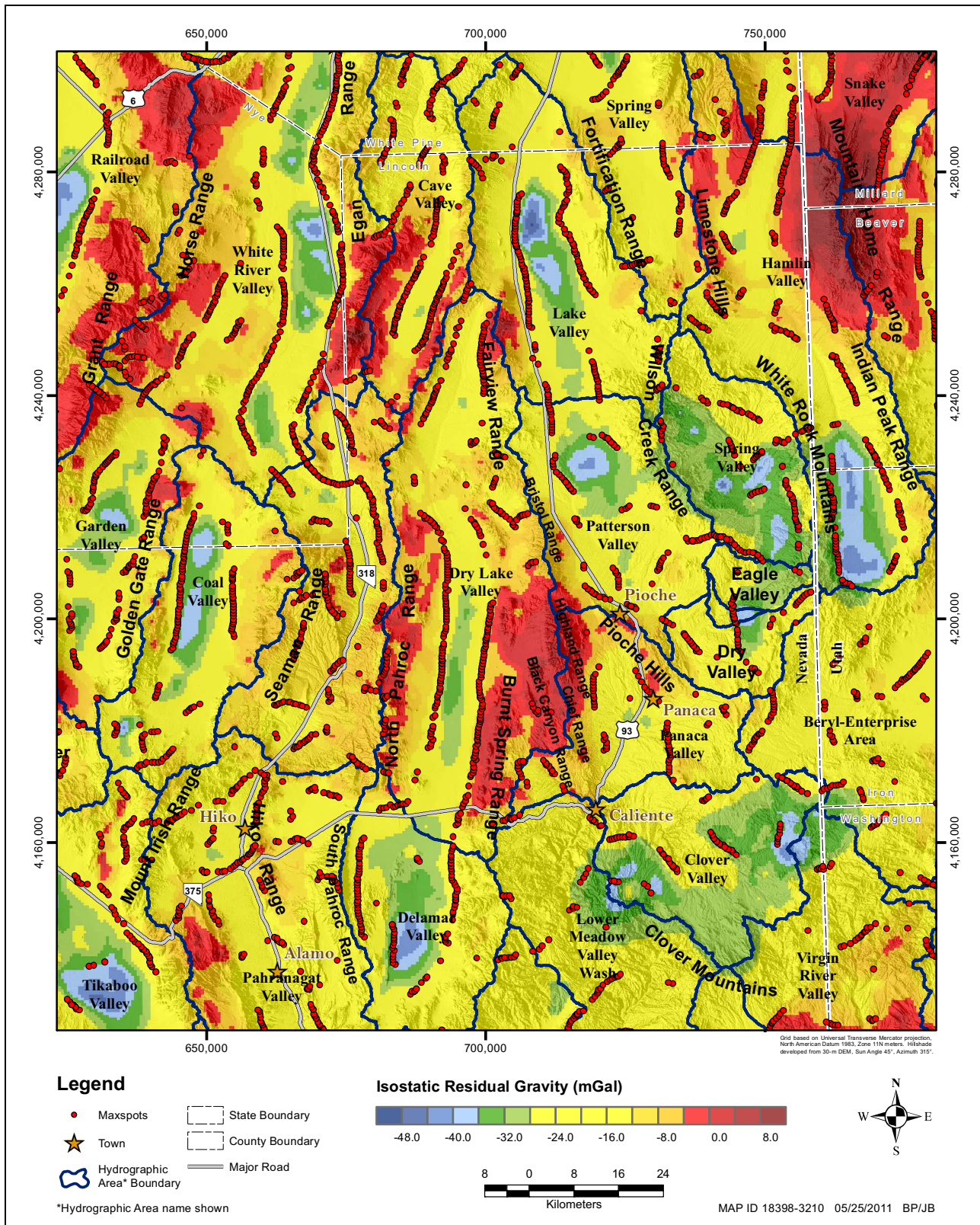
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Figure 5-12
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field Showing Maxspots

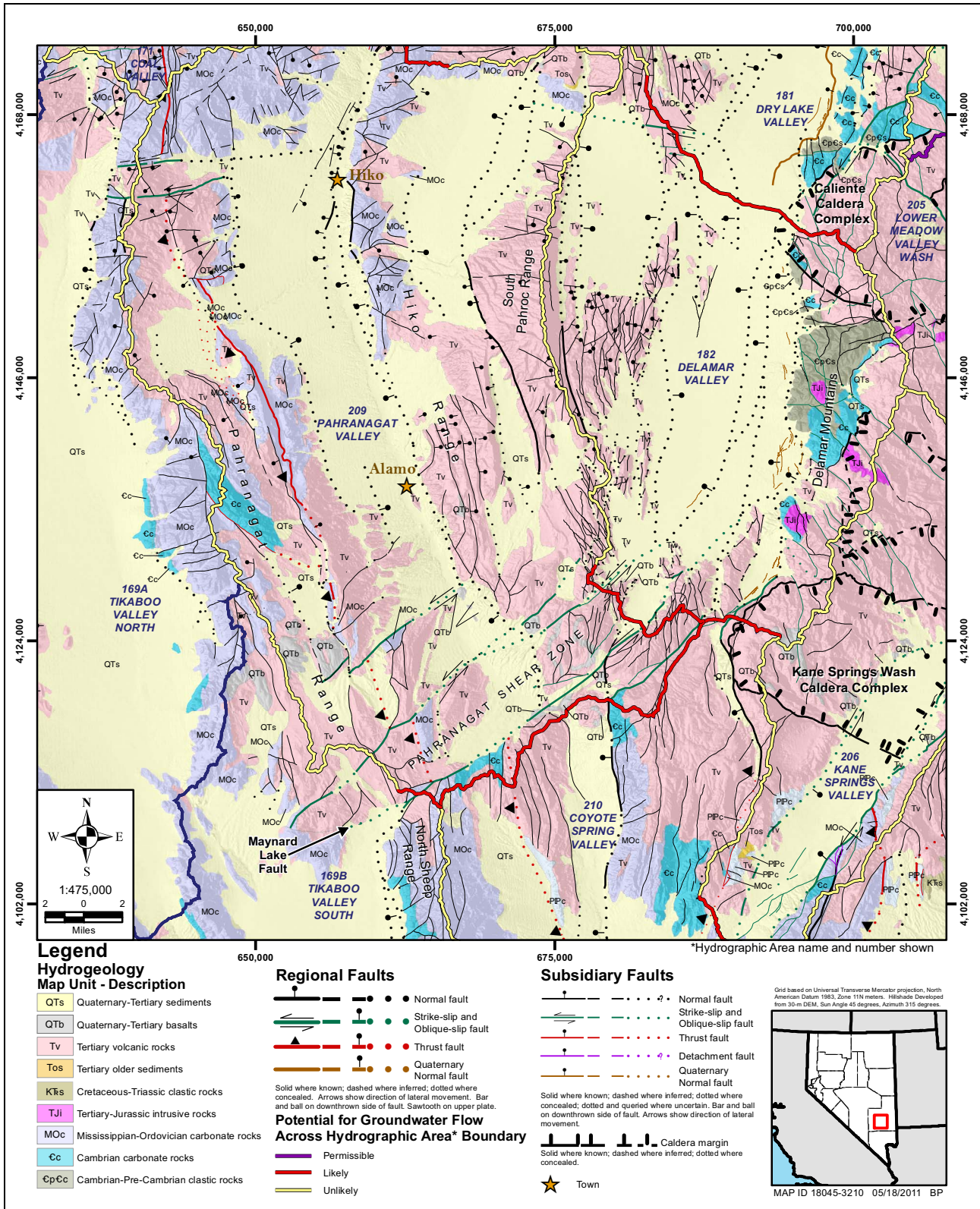


Figure 4-11
Hydrogeologic Map and Basin Boundaries of Pahrnagat and Delamar Valleys and Vicinity



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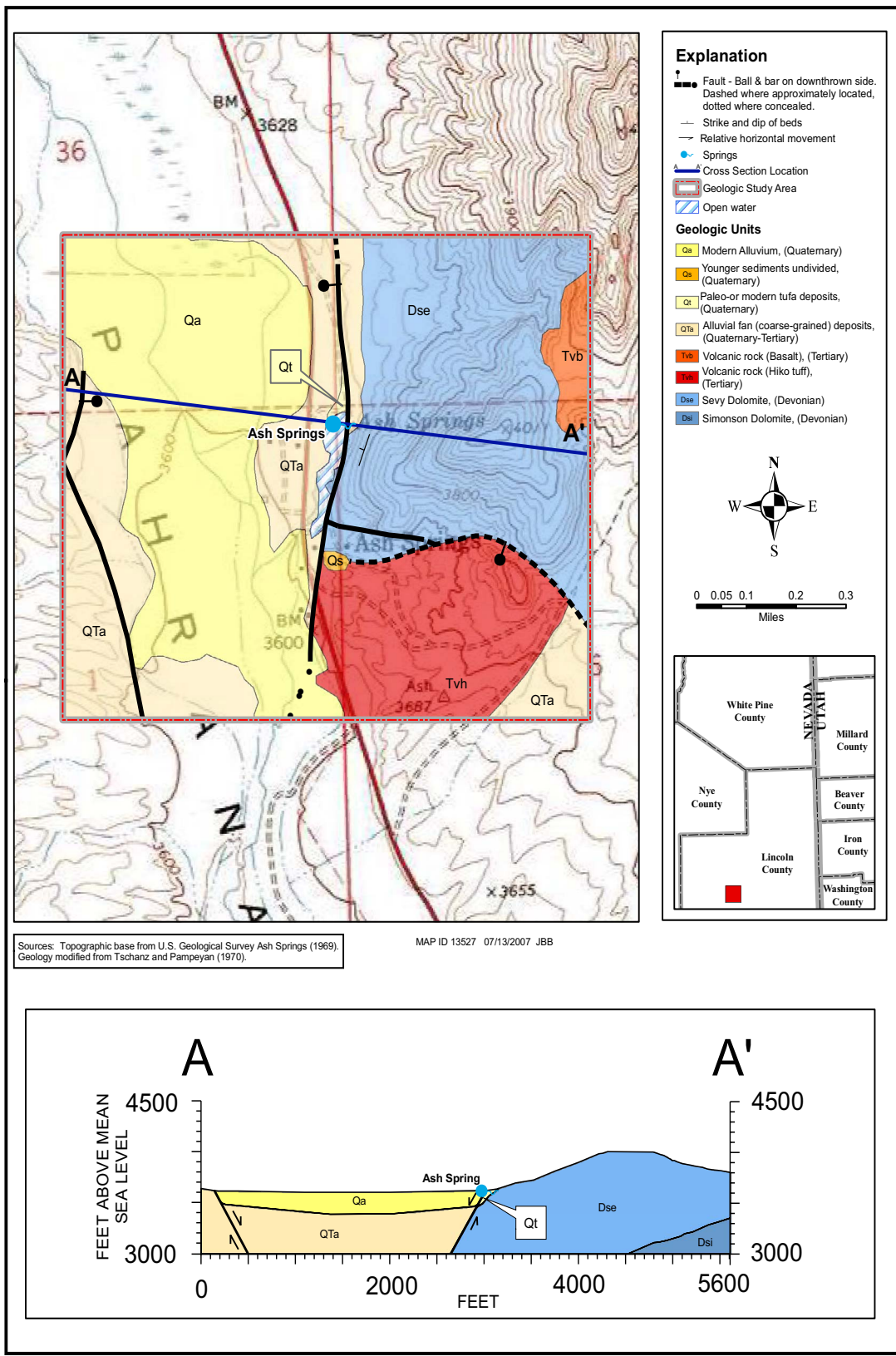
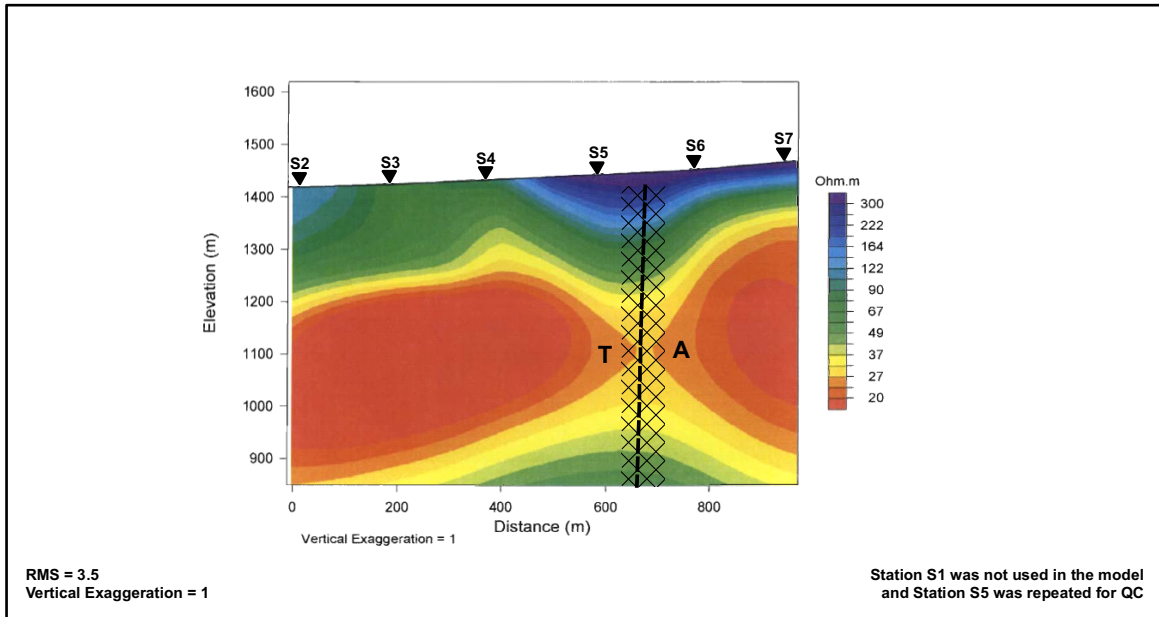
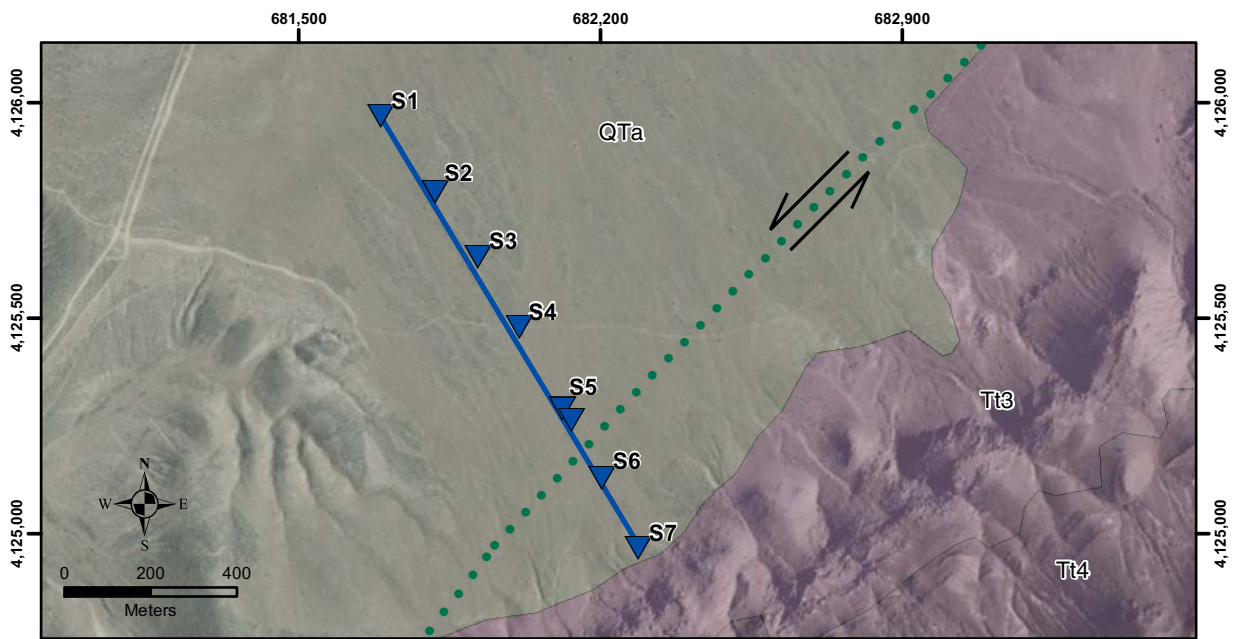


Figure 3-71
Geologic Map and Cross Section of Ash Springs, Lincoln County, Nevada



Legend

- AMT station
- AMT profile DELA1
- PSZ alteration and fractures

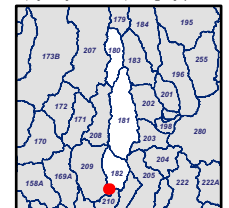
Regional Fault

- Strike-slip and oblique-slip fault
- Dotted where concealed. Arrows show direction of lateral movement.
- T= towards, A= away

Geologic Unit and Description

- QTa Quaternary and Tertiary alluvium
- Tt4 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff
- Tt3 Tertiary poorly-densely welded ash-flow tuff and interbedded airfall tuff

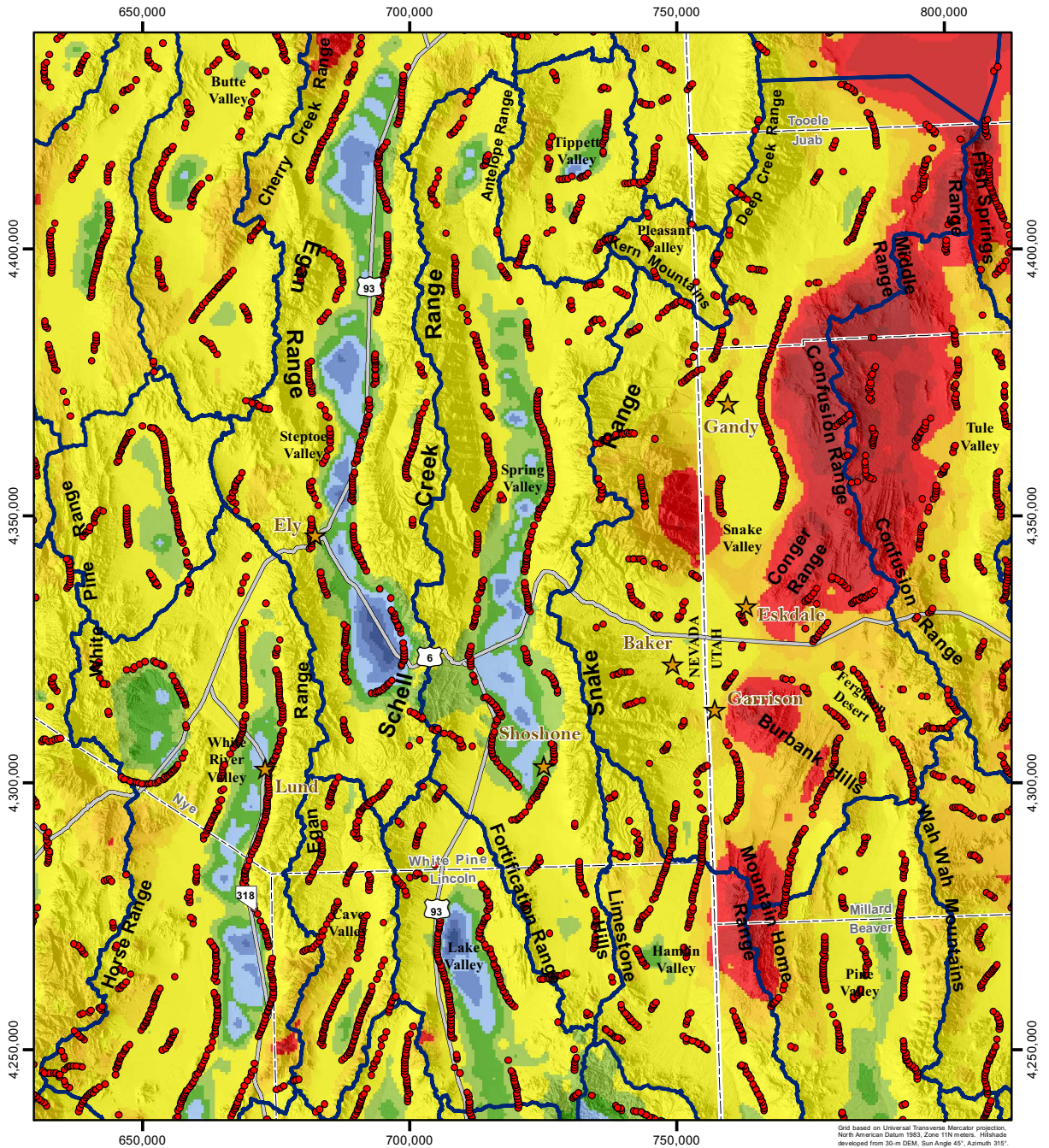
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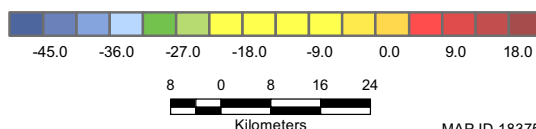
Figure 5-28
Map and 2D Model of DELA1



Legend

- Maxspots
- ★ Town
- Hydrographic Area Boundary
- Major Road
- State Boundary
- County Boundary

Isostatic Residual Gravity (mGal)



*Hydrographic Area name shown

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Note: Maxspots calculated from the 3-km upward-continued gravity grid.

Figure 5-4
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field and Maxspots in Spring and Snake Valleys and Vicinity, Nevada and Utah

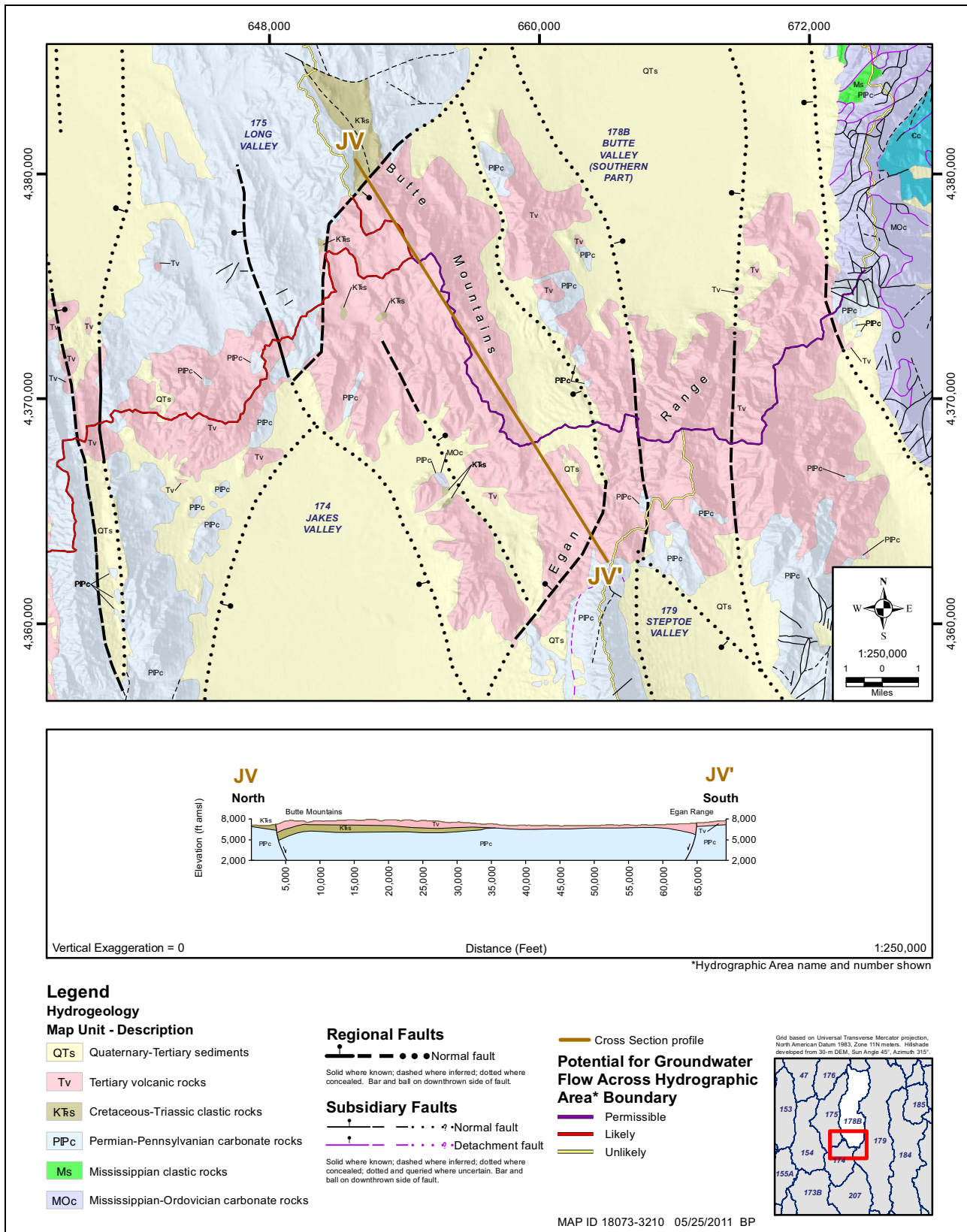
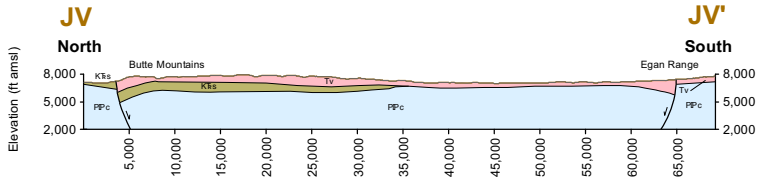


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Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of Area between Butte Valley and Jakes Valley

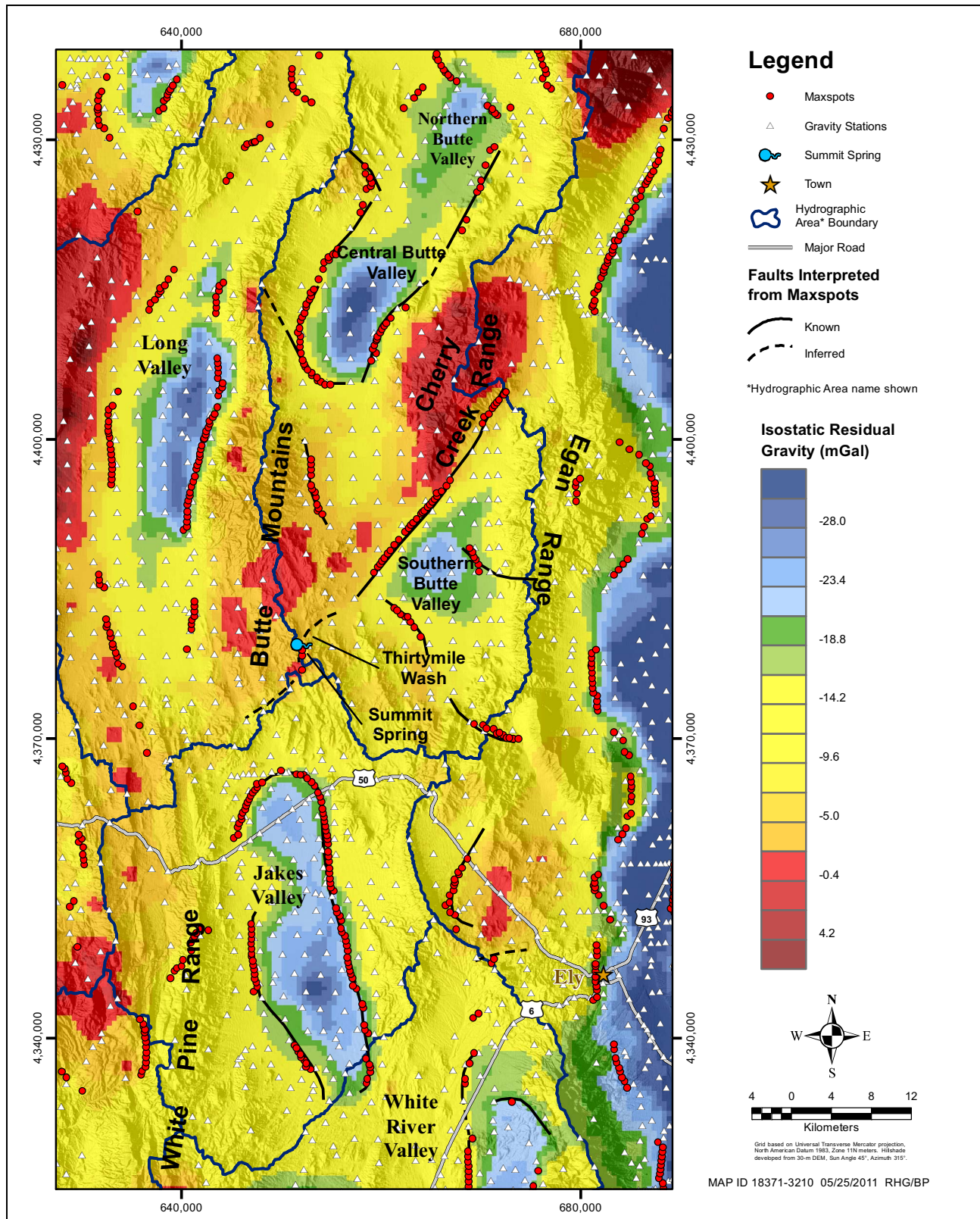


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Note: Red maxspots are upward-continued from 3 km depth. Black lines are faults interpreted from maxspots.

Figure 5-8
Isostatic Residual Gravity Field in Butte and Jakes Valleys and Vicinity, Nevada

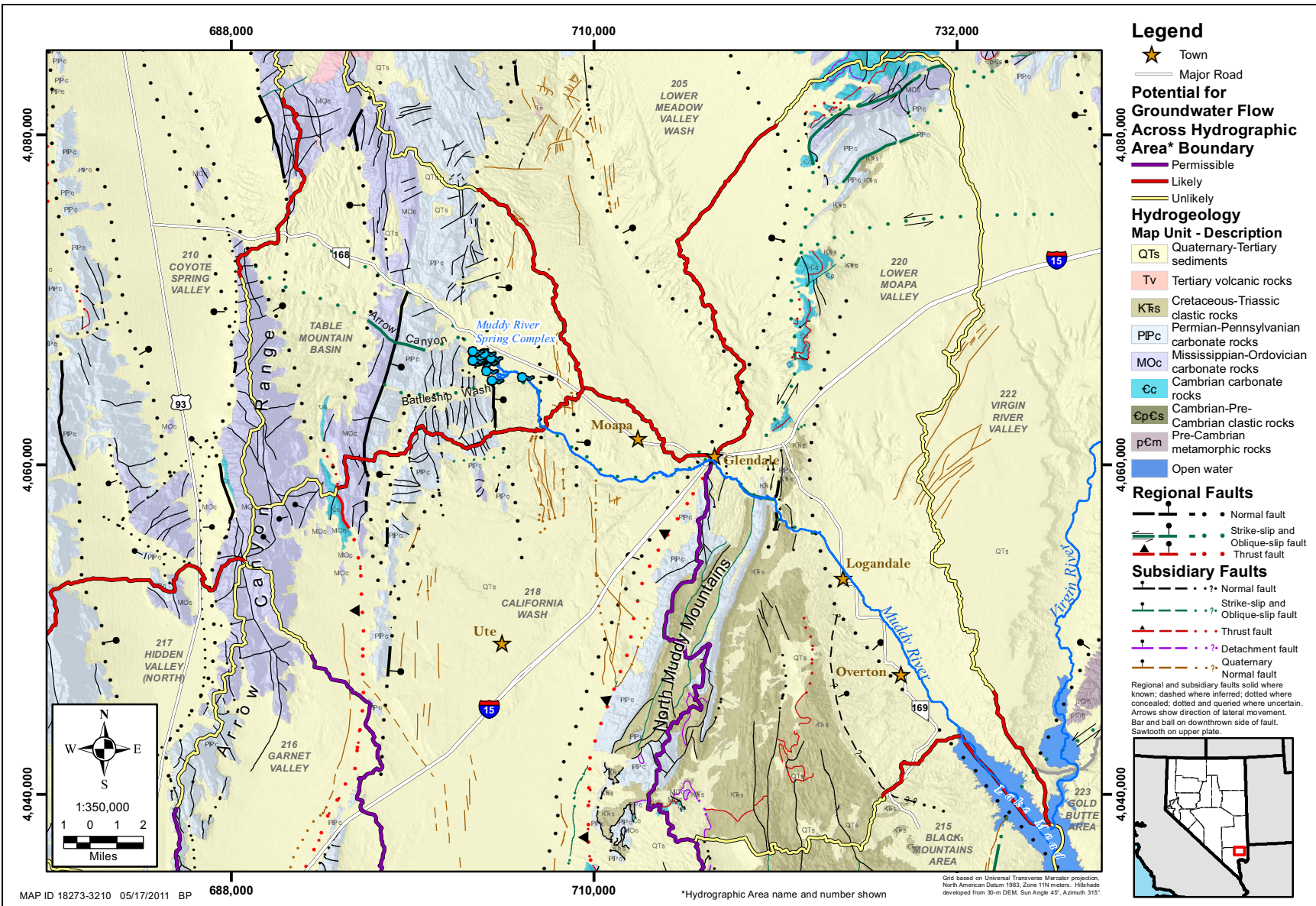
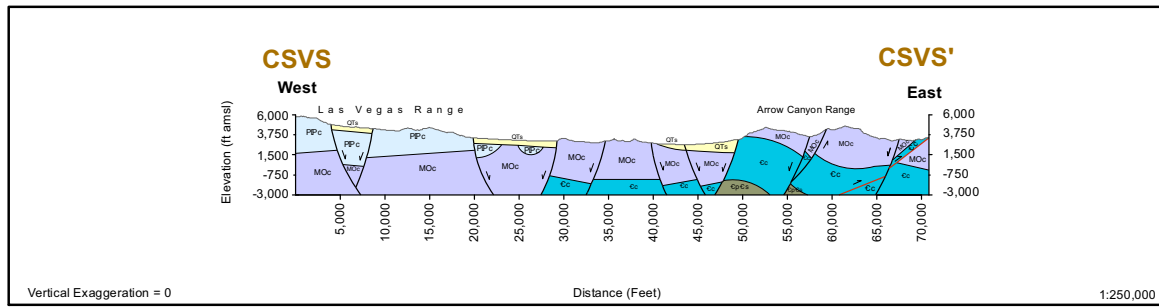
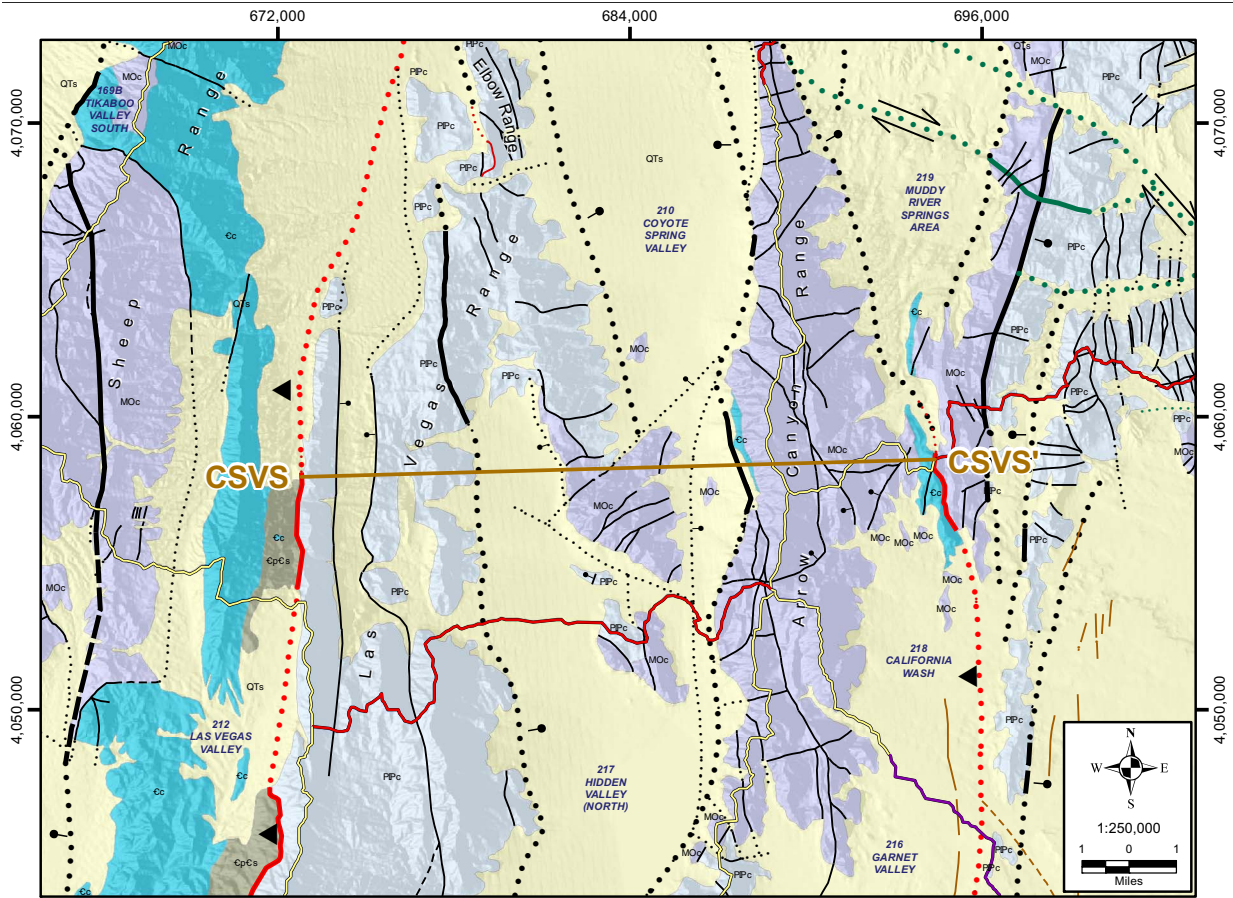


Figure 4-16
Hydrogeologic Map of Coyote Spring Valley to Lake Mead



Legend

Hydrogeology Map Unit - Description

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- PPc Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- MOc Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- CpCs Cambrian-Pre-Cambrian clastic rocks

Regional Faults

- Normal fault
 - Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
 - Thrust fault
- Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed. Sawtooth on upper plate. Arrows show direction of lateral movement. Bar and ball on downthrown side of fault.

Potential for Groundwater Flow Across Hydrographic Area* Boundary

- Permissible
- Likely
- Unlikely

Subsidiary Faults

- Normal fault
 - Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
 - Thrust fault
 - Quaternary Normal fault
- Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed; dotted and queried where uncertain. Bar and ball on downthrown side of fault.

— Cross Section profile

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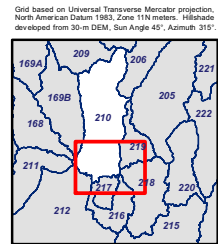


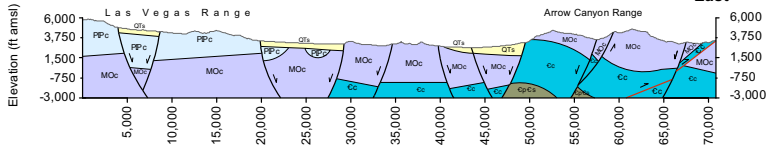
Figure 4-12
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of
Southern Coyote Spring Valley and Hidden Valley

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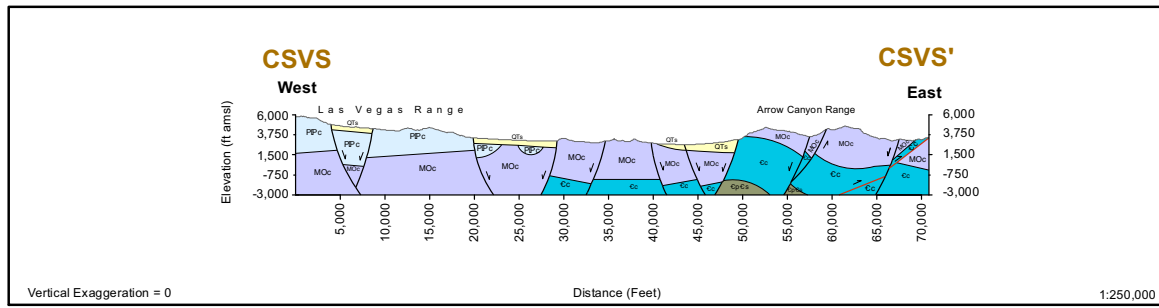
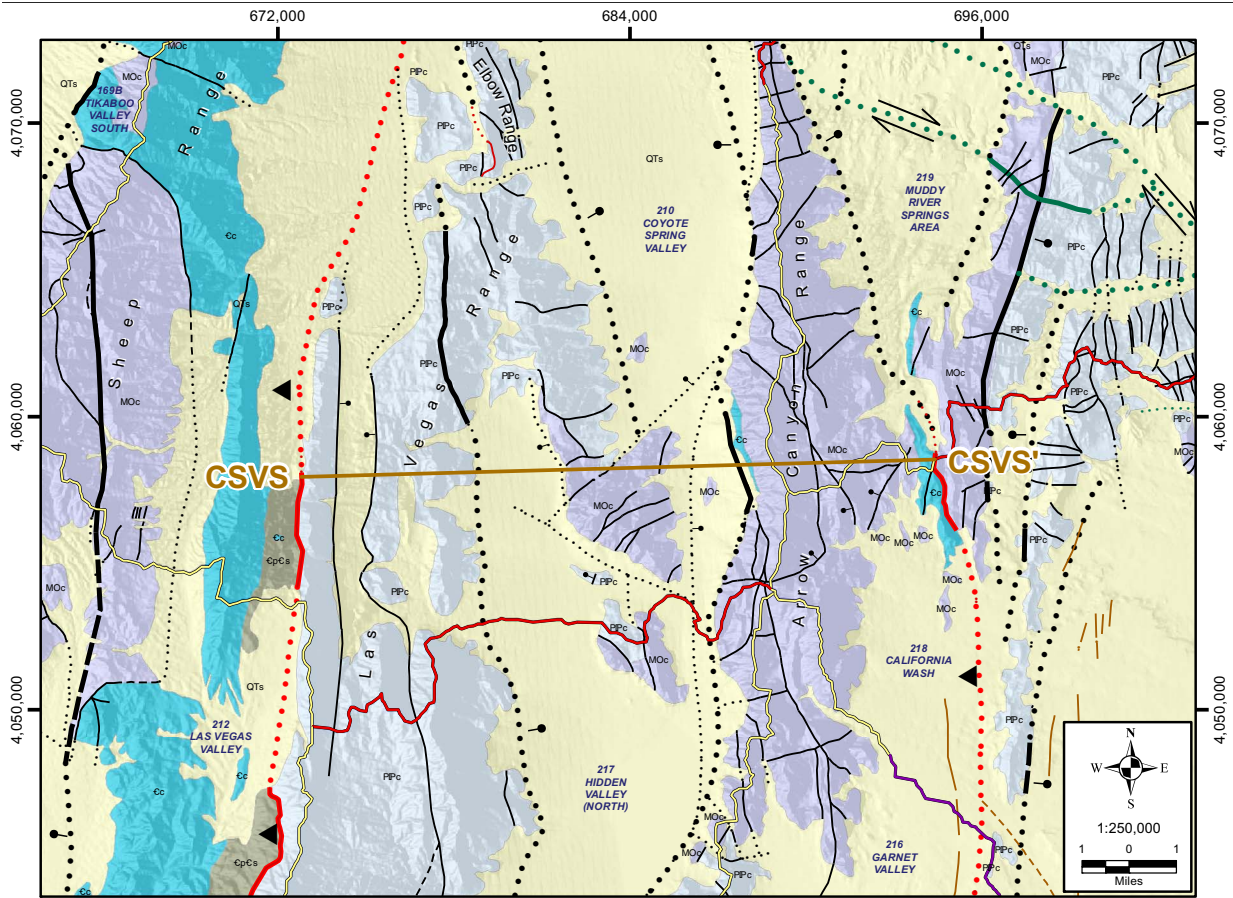
West

CSVS'

East



*Hydrographic Area name and number shown



Legend

Hydrogeology Map Unit - Description

- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
- PPc Permian-Pennsylvanian carbonate rocks
- MOc Mississippian-Ordovician carbonate rocks
- Cc Cambrian carbonate rocks
- CpCs Cambrian-Pre-Cambrian clastic rocks

Regional Faults

- Normal fault
- Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
- Thrust fault

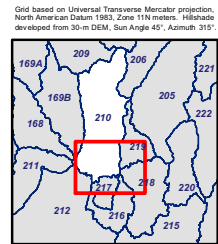
Potential for Groundwater Flow Across Hydrographic Area* Boundary

- Permissible
- Likely
- Unlikely

Subsidiary Faults

- Normal fault
 - Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
 - Thrust fault
 - Quaternary Normal fault
- Solid where known; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed; dotted and queried where uncertain. Bar and ball on downthrown side of fault.

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**Figure 4-12
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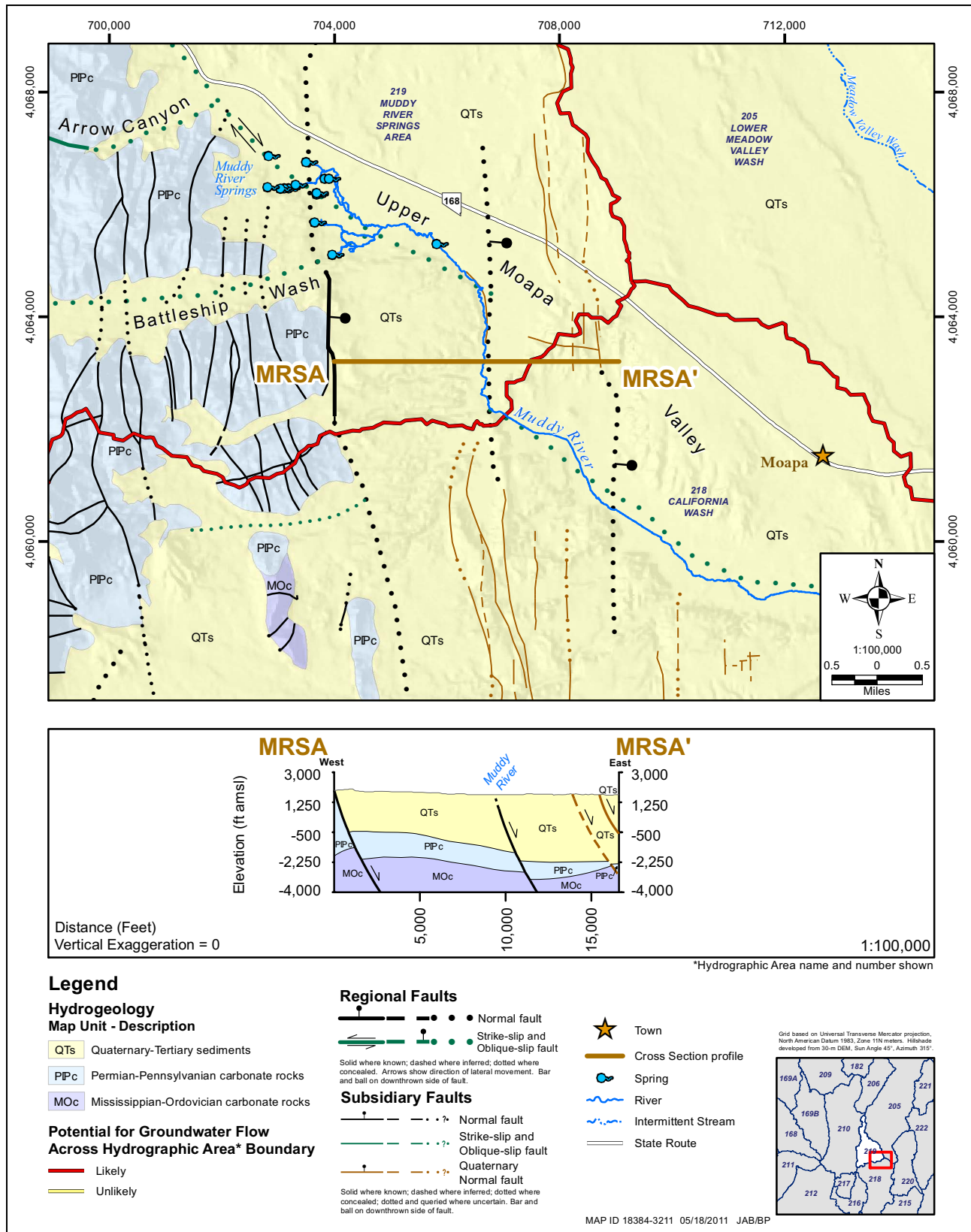
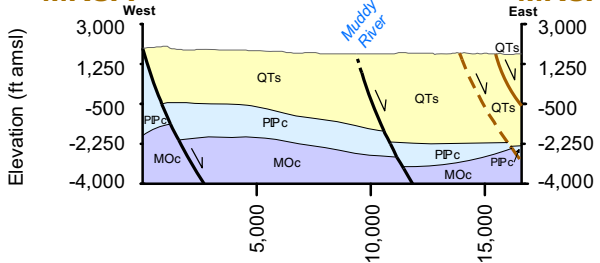


Figure 4-17
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of the Muddy River Springs Area

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MRSA'



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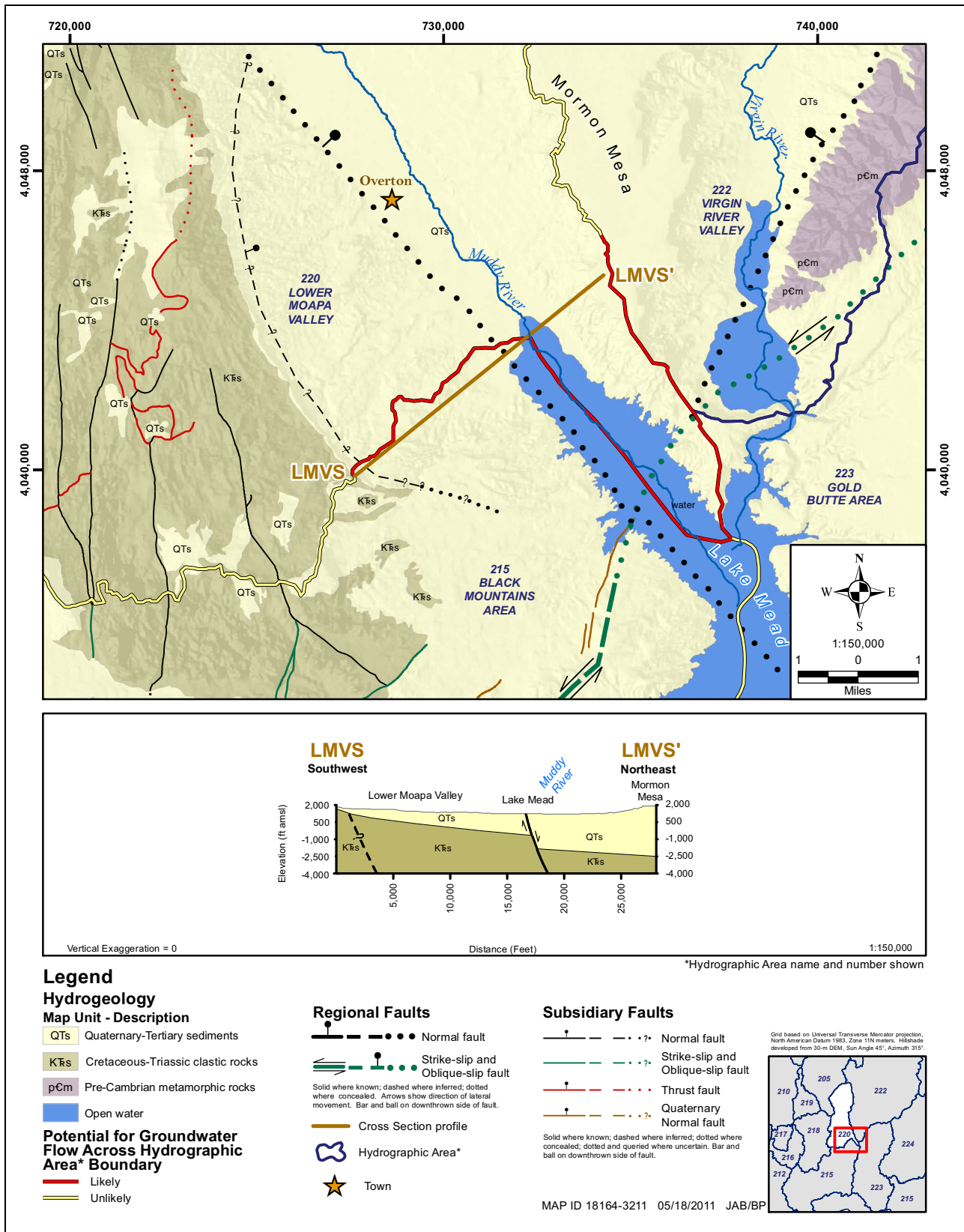
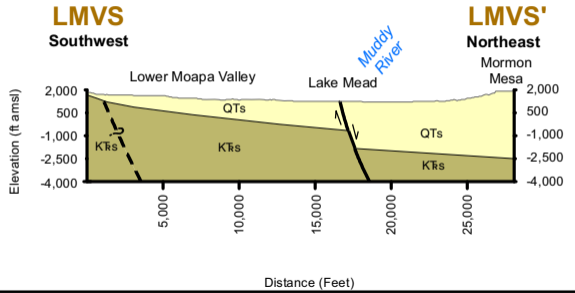


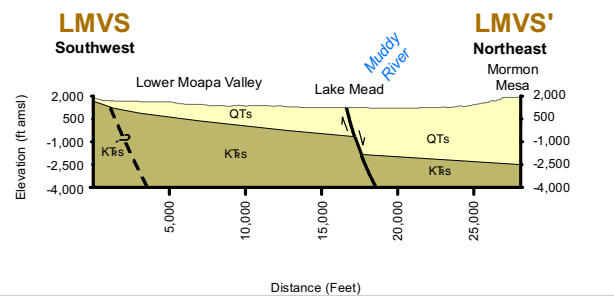
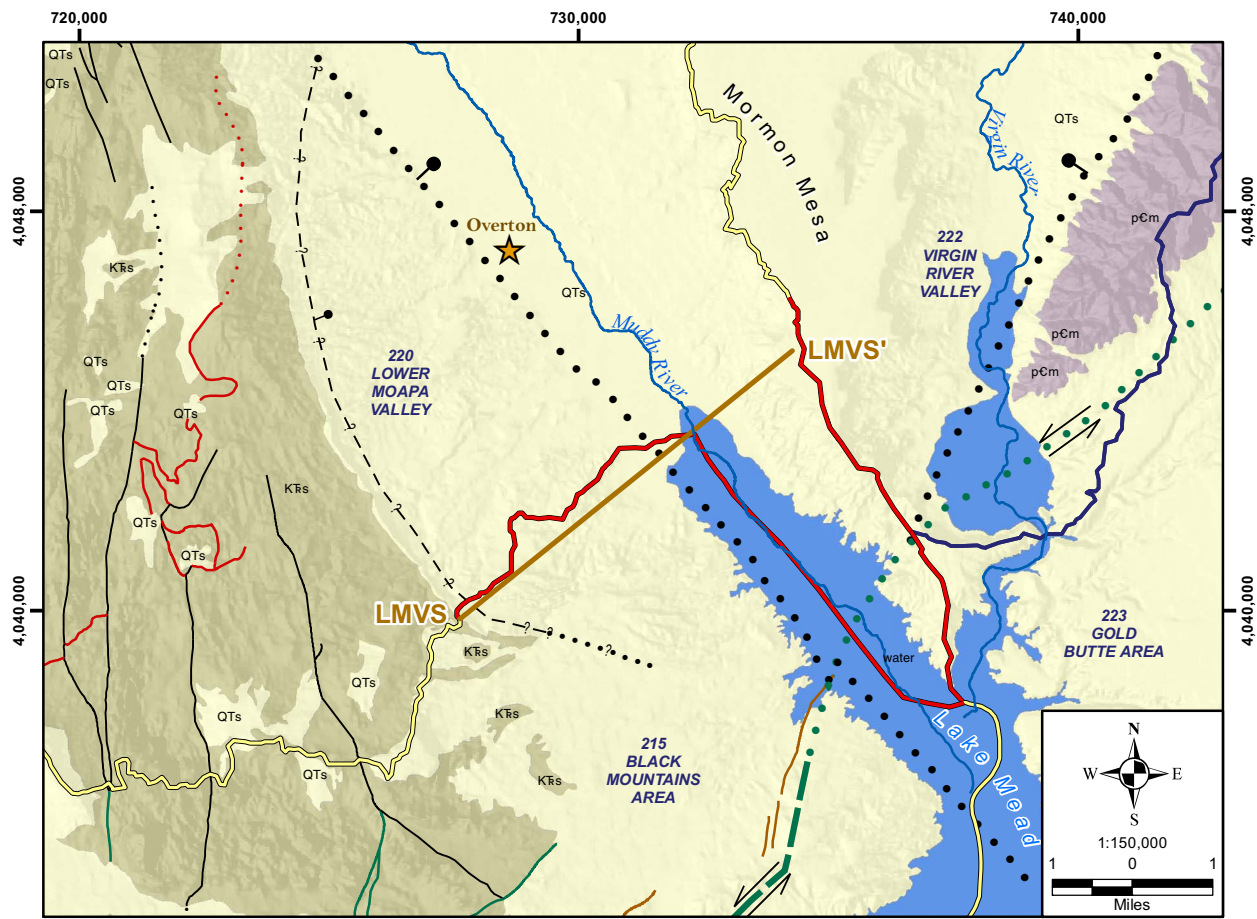
Figure 4-18
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of the Lower Moapa Valley SNWA Exhibit 58



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*Hydrographic Area name and number shown



Legend

Hydrogeology

- Map Unit - Description**
- QTs Quaternary-Tertiary sediments
 - KRs Cretaceous-Triassic clastic rocks
 - pCm Pre-Cambrian metamorphic rocks
 - Open water

Potential for Groundwater Flow Across Hydrogeographic Area* Boundary

- Likely
- Unlikely

Regional Faults

- Normal fault
- Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
- Cross Section profile
- Hydrogeographic Area*
- Town

Subsidiary Faults

- Normal fault
- Strike-slip and Oblique-slip fault
- Thrust fault
- Quaternary Normal fault

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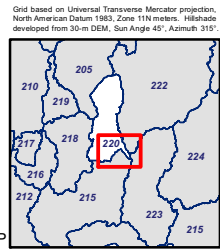


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Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of the Lower Moapa Valley

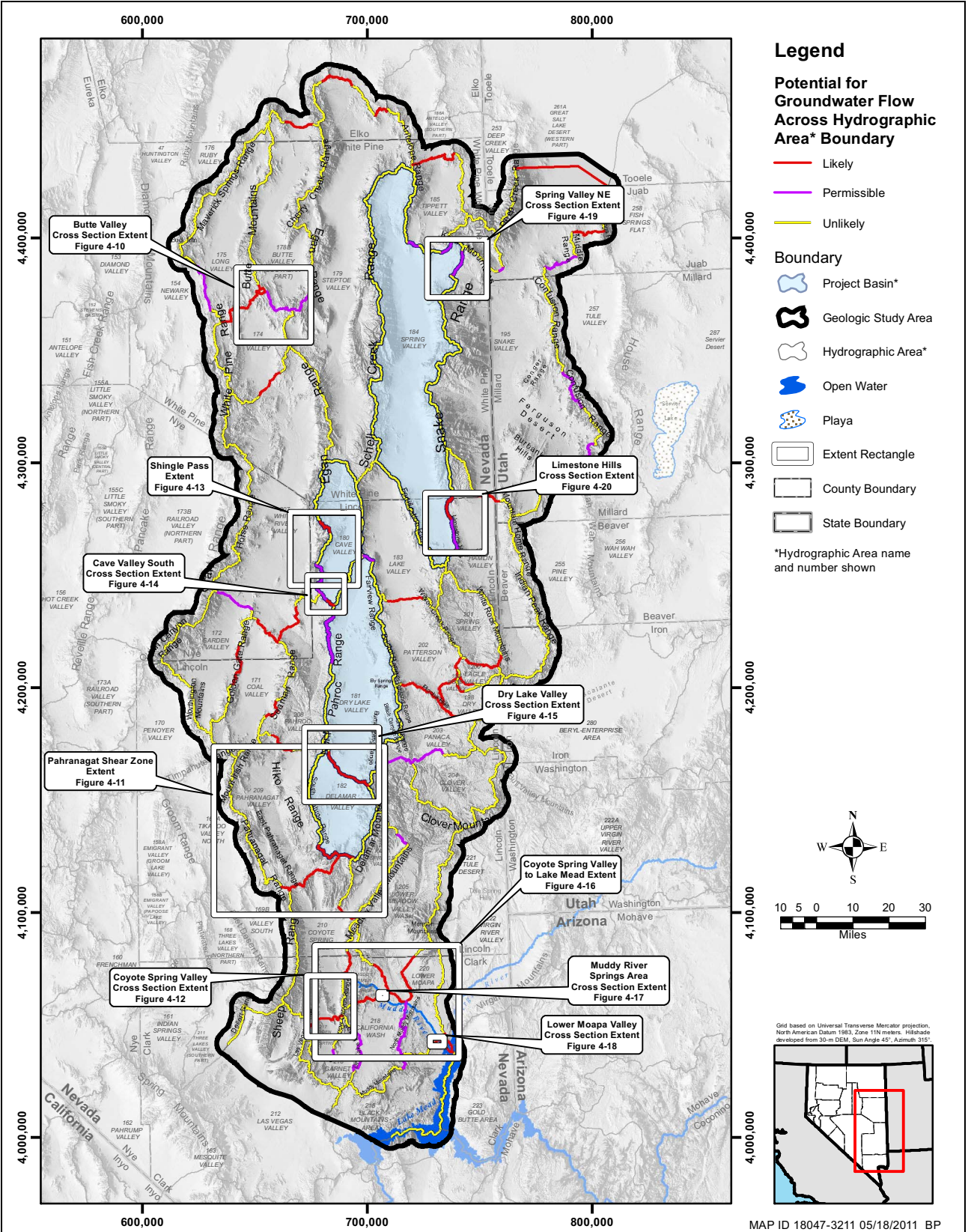


Figure 4-9

Potential for Interbasin Groundwater Flow within the Geologic Study Area



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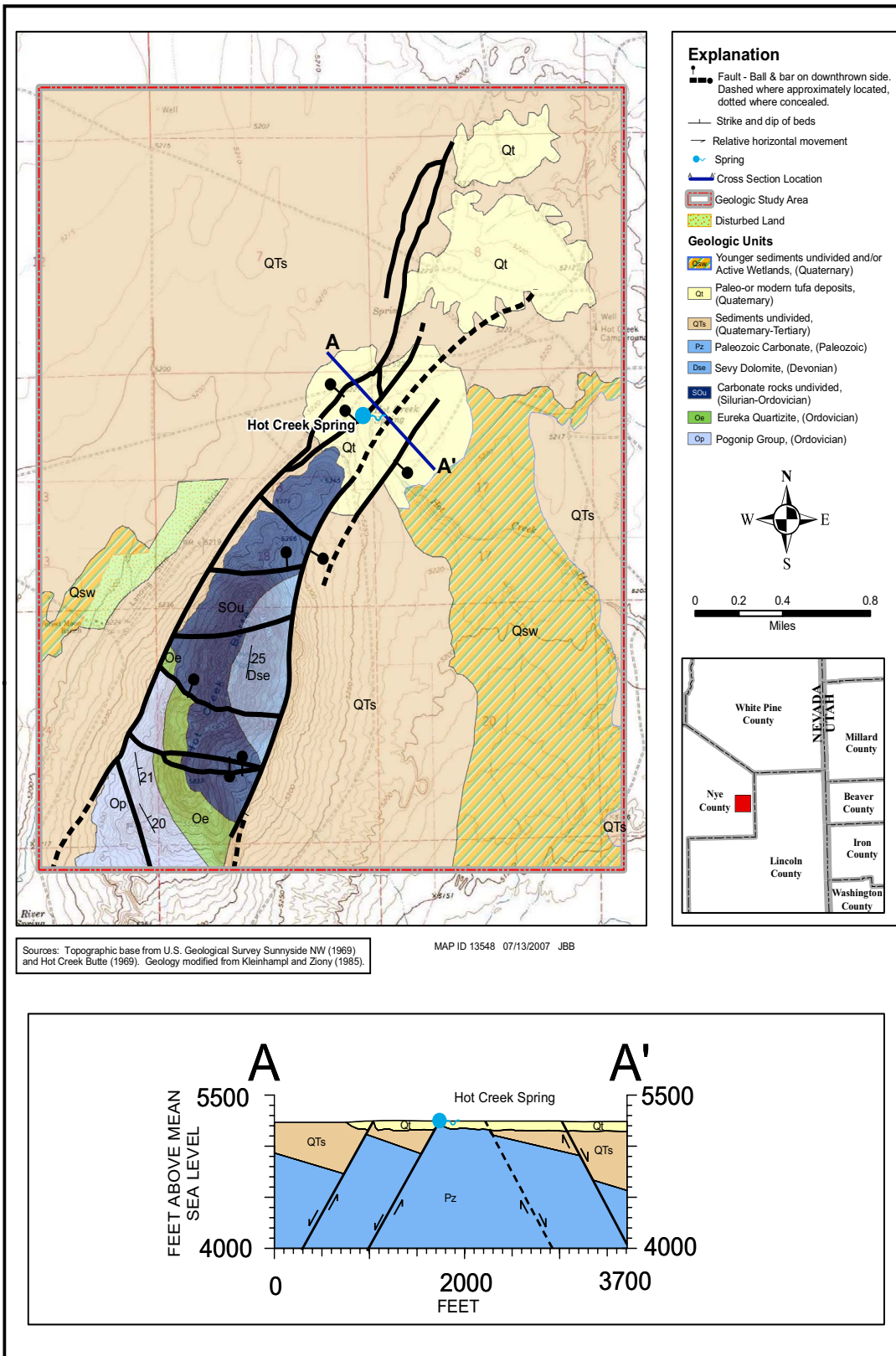
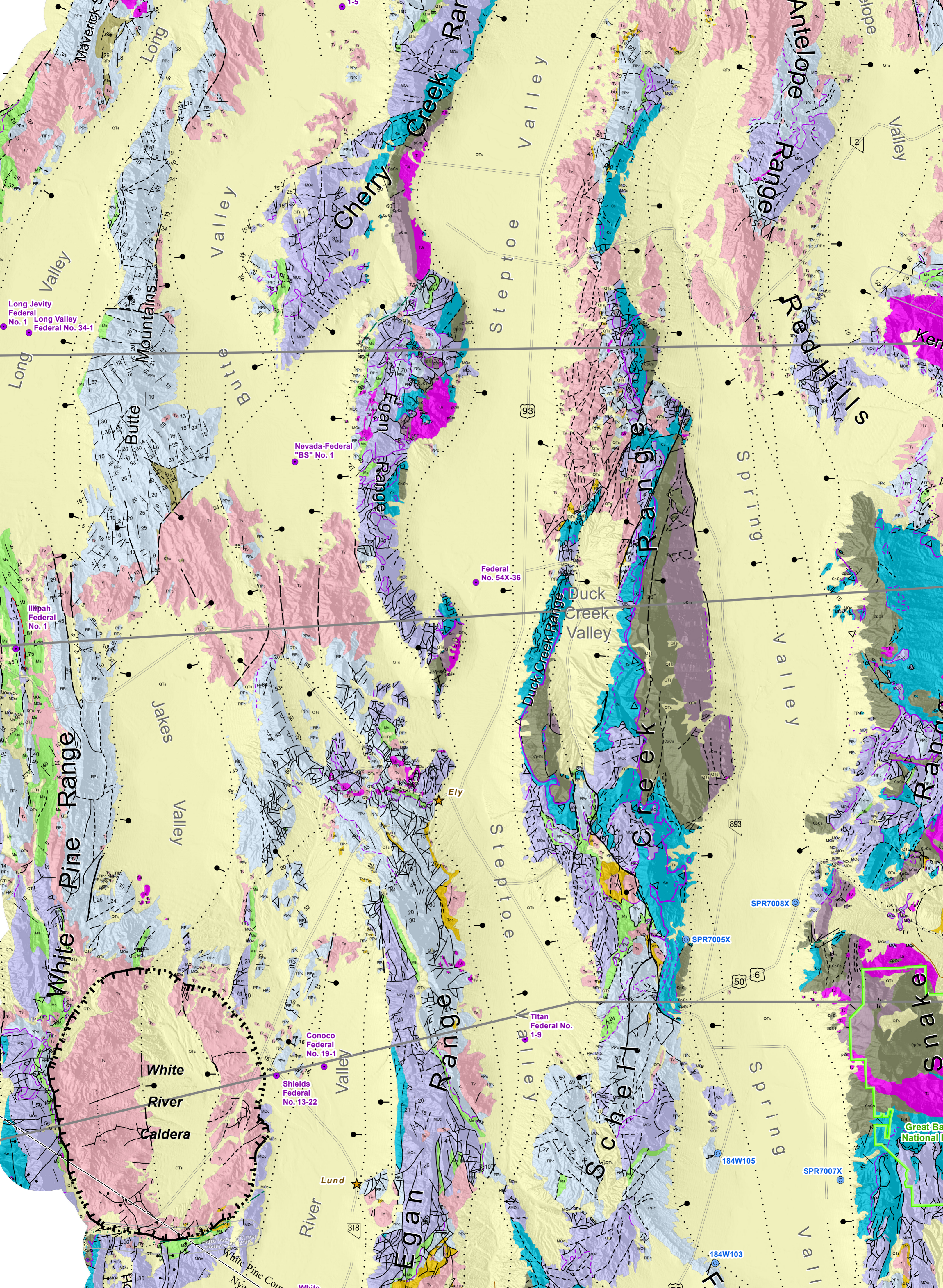
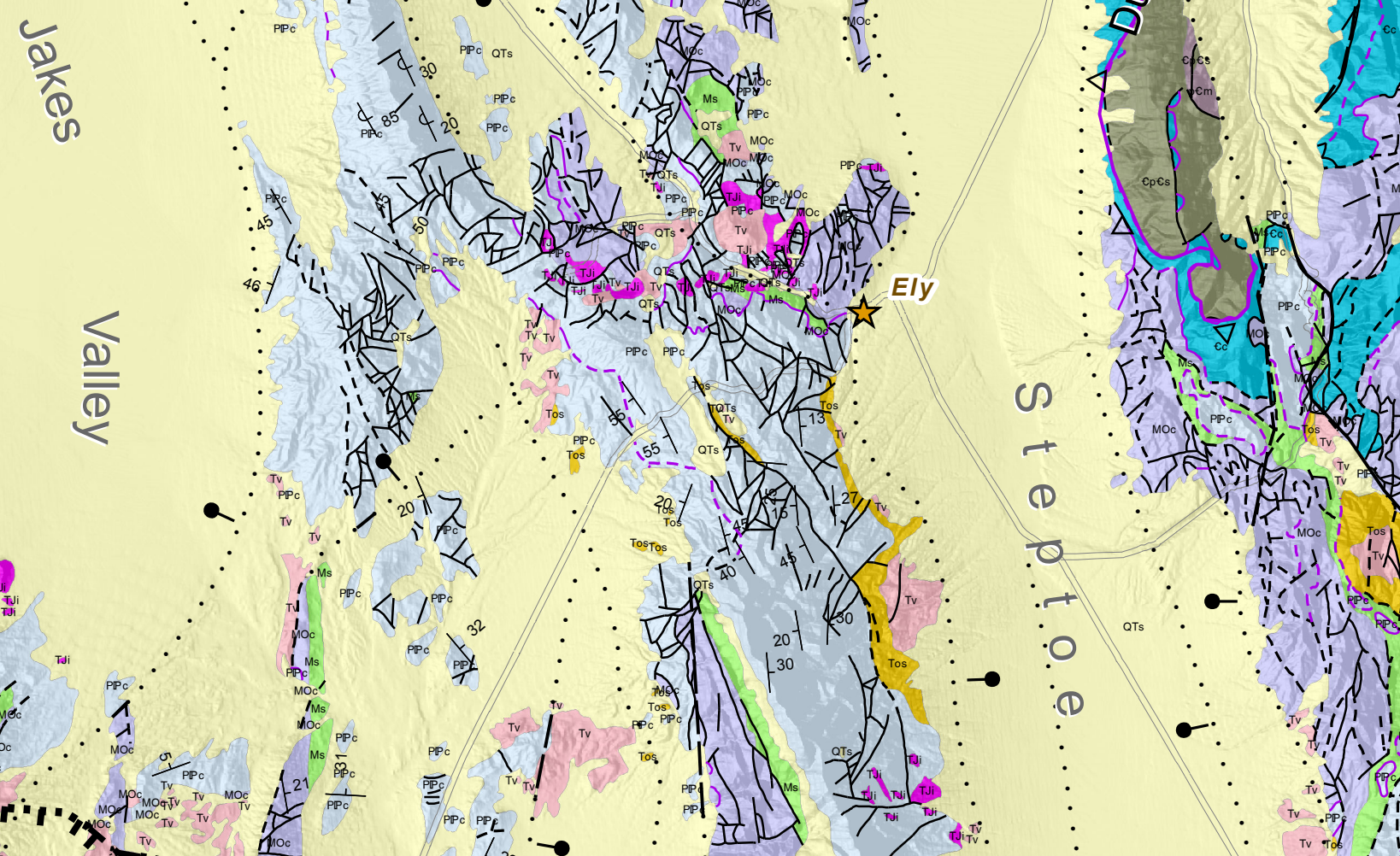


Figure 3-61
Geologic Map and Cross Section of Hot Creek Spring, Nye County, Nevada





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GROUND-WATER CONDITIONS IN
THE VICINITY OF THE DEEP RUTH
MINE AT RUTH, NEVADA

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Kennecott Copper Corporation
Nov. 1959

Leggette, Brashears & Graham
Consulting Ground-Water Geologists
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posed mine workings.

A field inspection was made during January 1959 to investigate surface conditions and to observe ground-water conditions in the Deep Ruth Mine. An inspection was made of the various open pits in the area and the underground workings of the Deep Ruth Mine. In addition to the field inspection, a study was also made of the ground-water information in the files of the Nevada Mines Division at Ruth and in U. S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 96 (The Geology and Ore Deposits of the Ely, Nevada, by Arthur C. Spencer). The ground-water problem was discussed with J. C. Kinnear, Jr., R. C. Nispel, L. A. Green, H. L. Bauer, Jr., and other mining officials. Following the field inspection, the problem was discussed with S. D. Michaelson and C. B. Michaelson at the Kennecott Copper Corporation offices in Salt Lake City.

The ore body at the Deep Ruth Mine consists of weathered monzonitic porphyry. It is surrounded by beds of shale and limestone. The monzonite and the beds of shale are relatively impermeable and yield very little ground water. The limestones, however, contain many fractures, faults and solution openings that contain large quantities of ground water in storage. Some of the fracture systems include openings that are closely interconnected and can readily transmit large quantities of ground water.

The limestones that produce water in the Deep Ruth Mine crop out extensively at the land surface, where they are readily recharged whenever moderately heavy precipitation occurs. Ruth, Nevada is located in a semi-arid region where the yearly

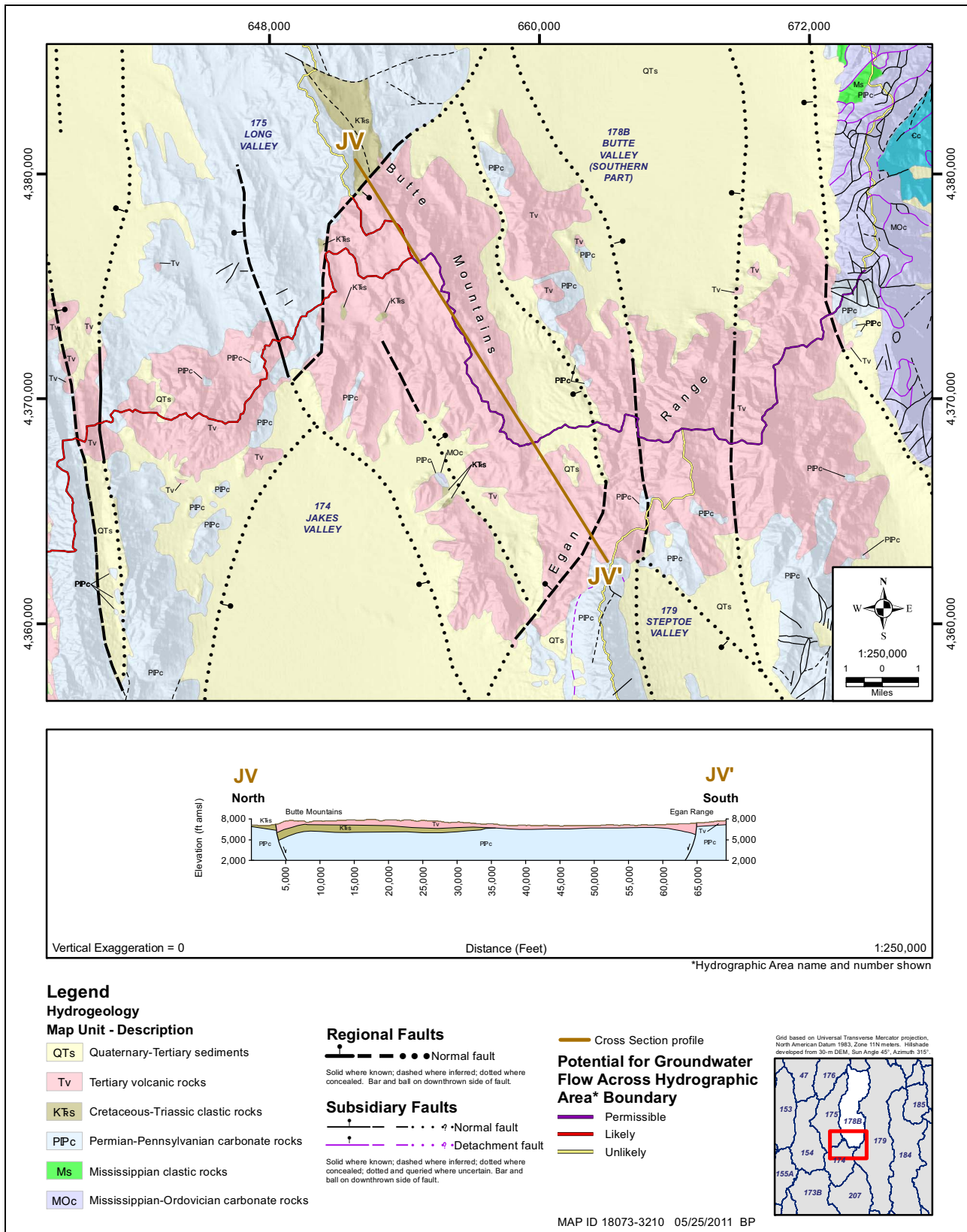
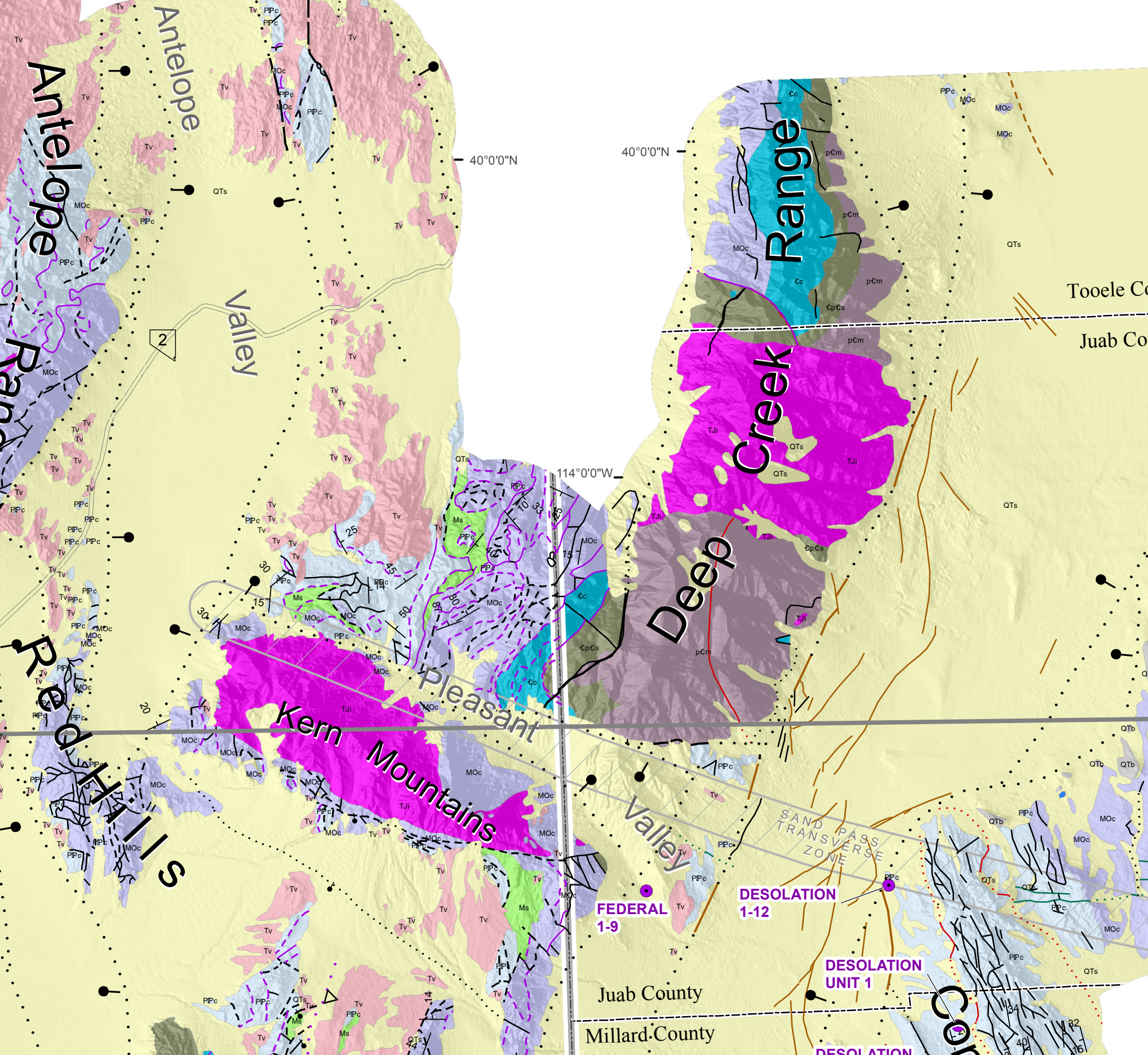


Figure 4-10
Hydrogeologic Map and Cross Section of Area between Butte Valley and Jakes Valley



Antelope Range

Antelope Valley

Range

Creek

Deep

Kern Mountains

Pleasant Valley

Valley

SAND PASS TRANSVERSE ZONE

Red Hills

FEDERAL 1-9

DESOLATION 1-12

DESOLATION UNIT 1

DESOLATION

Juab County

Millard County

Carbon

Tooele Co

Juab Co

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