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Results of a gravity survey in the Southern White River Valley of Central Nevada indicates there are major ranges bounding normal fault systems on both sides of the valley. The major system on the east is the Egan fault and is generally close to the mountain block. The western fault system is several miles east of the mountain front. The primary graben block is calculated to be between 5500 feet deep in the north end of the valley and 8200 feet deep near the valley center.

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FOREWORD

Methodology and Characterization studies during fiscal years 1977 and 1978 included gravity surveys in ten valleys in Arizona (five), Nevada (two), New Mexico (two), and California (one). The gravity data were obtained for the purpose of estimating the gross structure and shape of the basins and the thickness of the valley fill. There was also the possibility of detecting shallow rock in areas between boring locations. Generalized interpretations from these surveys were included in Fugro National's Characterization Reports (FN-TR-26a through e).

During the FY 77 surveys, measurements were made to form an approximate one-mile grid over the study areas and contour maps showing interpreted depth to bedrock were made. In FY 79, the decision was made to concentrate on verifying and refining suitable area boundaries. This decision resulted in a reduction in the gravity program. Instead of obtaining gravity data on a grid, the reduced program consisted of obtaining gravity measurements along profiles across the valleys where Verification Studies were also performed.

The Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), St. Louis was requested to provide gravity data from their library to supplement the gravity profiles. For Big Smoky, Reveille and Railroad valleys, a sufficient density of library data is available to permit construction of interpreted contour maps instead of just two-dimensional cross sections.

In late summer of FY 79, supplementary funds became available to begin data reduction. At that time inner zone terrain corrections were begun on the library data and the profiles from Big Smoky Valley, Nevada, and Butler and La Posa valleys, Arizona. The profile data from Whirlwind, Hamlin, Snake East, White River and Garden Coal valleys, Nevada became available from the field in early October, 1979.

A continuation of gravity interpretations has been incorporated into the FY 80 program and the results are being summarized in a series of valley reports. In reports covering Nevada-Utah gravity studies will be numbered, "FN-TR-33-", followed by the abbreviation for the subject valley. In addition, more detailed reports of the results of FY 77 surveys in Dry Lake and Ralston valleys, Nevada are being prepared. Verification studies are continuing in FY 80 and gravity studies are included in the program. DMA will continue to obtain the field measurements and it is planned to return to the grid pattern. The interpretation of the grid data will allow the production of contour maps which will be valuable in the deep basin structural analysis needed for computer modeling in the water resources program. The

gravity interpretations will also be useful in Nuclear Hardness and Survivability (NH&S) evaluations.

The basic decisions governing the gravity program are made by BMO following consultation with TRW Inc., Fugro National and the DMA. Conduct of the gravity studies is a joint effort between DMA and Fugro National. The field work, including planning, logistics, surveying, and meter operation is done by the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center (DMAHTC), head-quartered in Cheyenne, Wyoming. DMAHTC reduces the data to Simple Bouguer Anomaly (see Section A1.4, Appendix A1.0). The Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (DMAAC), St. Louis, calculates outer zone terrain corrections.

Fugro National provides DMA with schedules showing the valleys with the highest priorities. Fugro National also recommended locations for the profiles in the FY 79 studies within the constraints that they should follow existing roads or trails. Any required inner zone terrain corrections are calculated by Fugro National prior to making geologic interpretations.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OBJECTIVE

Gravity measurements were made in Southern White River Valley for the purpose of estimating the overall shape of the structural basin, the thickness of alluvial fill, and the location of concealed faults. The estimates will be useful in modeling the dynamic response of ground motion in the basin and in evaluating ground-water resources.

1.2 LOCATION

White River Valley is located principally in northeastern Nye county with portions in Lincoln and White Pine counties in east central Nevada (Figure 1). The study area covered by this report is the southern part of the valley which is approximately 60 miles (97 km) south-southwest of Ely, Nevada. The nearest town is Lund, Nevada along the northern edge of the valley. Although the only paved road within the site is State Highway 38, which traverses the eastern side of the valley, access is fair along a system of unmaintained roads.

White River Valley is bounded by mountain ranges on three sides and open to Jakes Valley on the north (Figure 2). The Egan Range forms the eastern boundary of the valley. The Horse and Grant Ranges comprise the western side and the Golden Gate and Seaman Ranges form the southern boundary. Most of the valley is undeveloped rangeland with several ranches and agricultrual fields.

EXPLANATION

AREA COVERED BY THIS REPORT

SCALE 1:2,500,000

STATUTE MILES

KILOMETERS

UTAH
ARIZONA

NEVADA
ARIZONA

NEVADA
CALIFORNIA

SEVIER DESERT

DUGWAY VALLEY

DELTA

WHIRLWIND VALLEY

MILFORD

WAH WAH VALLEY

FISH SPRINGS FLAT

TULE VALLEY

SNAKE VALLEY

PINE VALLEY

HAMLIN VALLEY

SNAKE VALLEY

CAVE VALLEY

SPRING VALLEY

LAKE VALLEY

MULESHOE VALLEY

CALIENTE

STEPTOE VALLEY

ELY

WHITE RIVER VALLEY

WHITE RIVER VALLEY

DRY LAKE VALLEY

DELAMAR VALLEY

COAL VALLEY

PAHROC VALLEY

RAILROAD VALLEY

GARDEN VALLEY

NELLIS AIR FORCE RANGE

ANTELOPE VALLEY

HOT CREEK VALLEY

PENOYER VALLEY

LITTLE SMOKY VALLEY

BIG SAND SPRINGS VALLEY

REVEILLE VALLEY

RAILROAD VALLEY

NEVADA TEST SITE

STONE CABIN VALLEY

NELLIS AIR FORCE RANGE

AUSTIN

RALSTON VALLEY

BIG SMOKY VALLEY

TONOPAH

LOCATION MAP
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FIGURE
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WR-2 ——————— GRAVITY PROFILE LINE

SCALE 1: 250,000

GRAVITY PROFILE LOCATION MAP
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FIGURE
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1.3 SCOPE OF STUDY

The Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic-Topographic Center/
Geodetic Survey Squadron (DMAHTC/GSS) obtained 152 gravity
measurements along four cross valley profiles used in this study
(Appendix A2.0).   Profile positions are shown in Figure 2 and
the locations of the individual stations are shown in Drawing 1.
The profiles are oriented approximately east-west.   They are
between 10 miles and 20 miles (16 to 32 km) long and are spaced
approximately 7 miles (11 km) apart.   The gravity sampling
interval was 1 mile (1.6 km) over the central valley section
and .25 mile (.4 km) near the valley margins. The more dense
sampling was used on the valley flanks to define any steep
gravity gradients associated with boundary faults and to resolve
anomalies with high spatial frequency that could be associated
with shallow bedrock.

The tolerance for establishing station elevations was 5 feet
(1.5 m), which limits the gravity precision to 0.3 milligals.

2.0 GRAVITY DATA REDUCTION

DMAHTC/GSS obtained the basic observations and reduced them to Simple Bouguer Anomalies (SBA) for each station as described in Appendix A1.0. Up to three levels of terrain corrections were applied to convert the SBA to the Complete Bouguer Anomaly (CBA). First, the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (DMAAC), St. Louis, used its library of digitized terrain data and a computer program to calculate corrections out to 104 miles (167 km) from each station. When the program could not calculate the terrain effects near a station, a ring template was used to estimate the effect of terrain within approximately 3000 feet (914 m) of the station. The third level of terrain corrections was applied to those stations where 10 feet (3 m) or more of relief was observed within 130 feet (40 m). In these cases, the elevation differences were measured in the field at a distance of 130 feet (40 m) along six directions from the stations. These data were used to calculate the effect of the very near relief. The CBA data for the Southern White River Valley stations are listed in Appendix A2.0.

3.0   GEOLOGIC SUMMARY

The structural geologic setting, major rock types, and depositional regime of the valley fill material are important considerations in the interpretation of gravitational field data.

White River Valley is an elongate, north-south trending, alluvial basin which was formed as a result of Basin and Range, extensional block faulting. The basin is a graben which is separated from its adjacent mountain ranges (horsts) by steeply dipping normal fault systems. The mountain blocks are composed of Paleozoic rocks which dip eastward from 20 to 40 degrees (Kleinhample and Ziony, 1967). This regional dip is primarily a result of late Tertiary, tilt-block faulting. This Basin and Range-type normal faulting continued well into the late Quaternary and is probably active today as indicated by young faults and scattered earthquakes (Fugro National, Inc., FY 80, FN-TR-38).

The major fault in White River Valley is the Egan fault system which lies along the eastern side of the valley. The Egan fault displaces late Quaternary alluvial fans forming a fairly continuous escarpment within about 1 mile of the base of the bedrock mountain block (FNI, FY 80, FN-TR-38; Stewart and Carlson, 1978).

The mountain ranges along the east and west sides of the valley are composed predominantly of thick, sequences of complexly faulted Paleozoic limestone and dolomite with interbedded shales

and quartzites. Tertiary welded ash-flow tuffs and rhyolitic and andesitic flows primarily occur in the southeastern and southern portions of the valley in the Grant, Golden Gate, and Seaman ranges. A few volcanic outliers occur locally in the northeastern and northwestern parts of the valley.

Most of the surficial deposits in White River Valley are late Tertiary lake deposits and younger alluvial fans (Eakin, 1966). Basin fill deposits are described in the Verification Studies (FNI, FY 79, FN-TR-27-V). The older lacustrine deposits cover approximately one-half of the valley's surface area. This unit is concentrated primarily in a band along the valley axis and is composed of predominately fine-grained deposits such as silt-stone, mudstone, and travertine but some sand and gravel may be included near the edges of the lake deposits. Two ages of alluvial fans are recognized in the valley based on geomorphic analysis. The intermediate fans, chiefly gravelly sands, form a narrow strip along the valley margins and cover about one-sixth of the site. The younger alluvial fans and modern stream channel deposits are quite similar in composition to the older fans but may be finer grained with greater distances from the mountain block. These units occupy about one-third of the valley and are located basinward of the intermediate alluvial fans.

4.0 <u>INTERPRETATION</u>

A valley filled with alluvium which has a low-density relative
to the surrounding bedrock creates a negative gravity anom-
aly. Gravity profiles across such valleys are often U-shaped,
low in the middle of the valley where the fill is thickest and
high on the ends where the fill thins and bedrock emerges.
Interpretation requires removal of regional trends leaving
the gravity reflection of the valley fill. The gravity data
and interpreted geologic models for the four profiles across
Southern White River Valley are shown in Figures 3 through 6.

4.1 <u>REGIONAL-RESIDUAL SEPARATION</u>

A fundamental step in gravity interpretation is isolation of
the part of the CBA which represents the geologic feature of
interest, in this case the relatively low density valley fill.
The portion of the CBA which corresponds to this alluvial
material is called the "residual anomaly".

The CBA contains long-wavelength components from deep and broad
geologic structures extending far beyond the valley. These
long-wavelength components, called the regional gravity, have
been approximated by linear interpolation between CBA values at
bedrock stations on opposite ends of the profiles. Where only
one end of a profile was on bedrock, the regional value on the
other end was assigned a quantity consistent with the regional
trend of the valley. The regional gravity was subtracted from
the CBA and the resulting residual anomaly profiles were used
to model the valley. This regional separation technique is

only approximate. Some regional effects may still remain after the subtraction but the error is probably small compared to the large residual anomaly values of these profiles.

The CBA values and the straight line regional field for each profile is shown in the top portion of Figures 3 through 6. The residual gravity anomaly (interpolated at evenly spaced points) is shown by the crosses (x) in the second block of Figures 3 through 6.

4.2   DENSITY SELECTION

The construction of a geologic model from the residual anomaly, requires selection of density values representative of the alluvial fill and of the underlying rock. Since only very generalized density information is available, the geologic interpretation of the gravity data can be only a coarse approximation. Average in situ density of the fill material was measured between depths of 100 to 160 feet (30 to 49 m) by five shallow borings in White River Valley. The observed density range for the soil was 1.7 to 2.3 g/cm^3. These borings were drilled during the Verification Studies of White River Valley (FNI, FY 79, FN-TR-27-V). The larger density value was used in the modeling process to approximate the overall alluvium density increase due to compaction with depth (compaction with depth and age is discussed by Woollard, 1962 and Grant and West, 1965).

The basement material underlying the White River basin is believed to be the Paleozoic carbonate rocks which are found in the surrounding mountain ranges. The Tertiary volcanic outcrops

along the west side of the valley (Grant Range) are considered to be isolated flow material and not representative of basement material. Published values for carbonate rocks typically range between 2.6 and 2.8 g/cm^3. The Paleozoic carbonate rocks in Nevada are generally reported to be relatively high in density, on the order of 2.8 g/cm^3. This value was selected to represent the density of the basement rock.

Relative to a given basement density, the calculated basin depth is inversely proportional to the density value assigned to the valley fill materials. A one percent change in the average alluvial fill density will result in a five percent change in the calculated fill thickness.

4.3 MODELING

An iterative computer program that calculates the gravitational field for two-dimensional models was used to approximate the thickness of alluvium beneath each profile. The cross-sectional models appear as a set of 0.5-km-wide blocks whose tops are at surface elevation and whose bottoms represent the alluvium-bedrock boundary. The elevations at the bottoms of the blocks were adjusted by iterative computation until the computed gravity anomaly for the valley fill differed by less than one-half milligal from the observed residual anomaly. Several borings and seismic refraction lines are located along the four gravity profiles. These activities were performed during the Verification Studies of White River Valley (FNI, FY 79, FN-TR-27-V)

and the results are shown in Table 1. These data were used as constraints in the modeling process.

The computed gravity anomaly from the final model is shown as a continuous line in the second block of Figures 3 through 6. The resulting basin models are shown in the third block of Figures 3 through 6. The cross sections have a five times vertical exaggeration so that gentle slopes appear steep.

The gravity survey of Southern White River Valley indicates a complex structural basin which was formed as a deep graben bounded by steep normal faults. The interpretation shows the basin to be approximately 5600 feet (1707 m) deep in the northern narrow portion of the valley around profiles WR-1 and WR-2. The depth increases to a maximum of 8200 feet (2499 m) beneath the eastern side of profile WR-3 and decreases slightly under profile WR-4.

Steep gravity gradients in this basin and range valley are interpreted as being caused by bedrock faults. See Figure 7 for an interpretation of possible fault relationships between the gravity profiles. Major range bounding faults can be identified with confidence on the eastern end (Egan Range) of profiles WR-1,2,4. There is an indication of the eastern boundary fault on profile WR-3 but the data are incomplete in this area. The gravity interpretation indicates a relative narrow pediment-like feature on the east side of the valley where the Egan Range extends westward from the rock outcrop line at shallow depths for 1.3 to 2.8 miles (2.1 to 4.5 km) before being faulted downward.

SELECTIVE BORING RESULTS		
BORING NUMBER	TOTAL HOLE DEPTH feet (meters)	REMARKS
WR-B1	163 (50)	NO ROCK ENCOUNTERED
WR-B3	162 (49)	NO ROCK ENCOUNTERED
WR-B5	54 (16)	NO ROCK ENCOUNTERED
WR-B7	51 (16)	NO ROCK ENCOUNTERED
WR-ET1	51 (16)	NO ROCK ENCOUNTERED

SELECTIVE SEISMIC REFRACTION RESULTS				
LINE NUMBER	DEEPEST LAYER			EXCLUSION DEPTH*
	fps (mps)	@	feet (meters)	feet (meters)
WR-S4	3350 (1021)	@	10 (3)	146 (45)
WR-S5	8150 (2484)	@	44 (13)	—
WR-S12	5050 (1539)	@	30 (9)	117 (36)
WR-S14	9900 (3018)	@	140 (43)	—
WR-S15	4950 (1509)	@	23 (7)	116 (35)
WR-S17	6350 (1935)	@	37 (11)	90 (27)
WR-S18	5050 (1539)	@	24 (7)	121 (37)
WR-S24	9700 (2957)	@	6 (2)	—

*APPROXIMATE DEPTH ABOVE WHICH THERE IS NO INDICATION OF MATERIAL WITH A
VELOCITY AS GREAT AS 7000 fps (2134 mps). SEE THE APPENDIX OF THE
VERIFICATION REPORT (FUGRO NATIONAL, INC., FN-TR-27-IA,B) FOR AN EXPLANATION
OF HOW THIS EXCLUSION DEPTH IS CALCULATED WHEN OBSERVED VELOCITIES
ARE ALL LESS THAN 7000 fps (2134 mps).

WHITE RIVER VALLEY VERIFICATION ACTIVITY RESULTS	
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GRANT RANGE

EGAN RANGE

WEST

EAST

Railroad Valley

Southern White River Valley

Regional Tilt

Basin Fill

Railroad Valley Fault

Bedrock Block

Basin Fill

Egan Fault

Bedrock Block
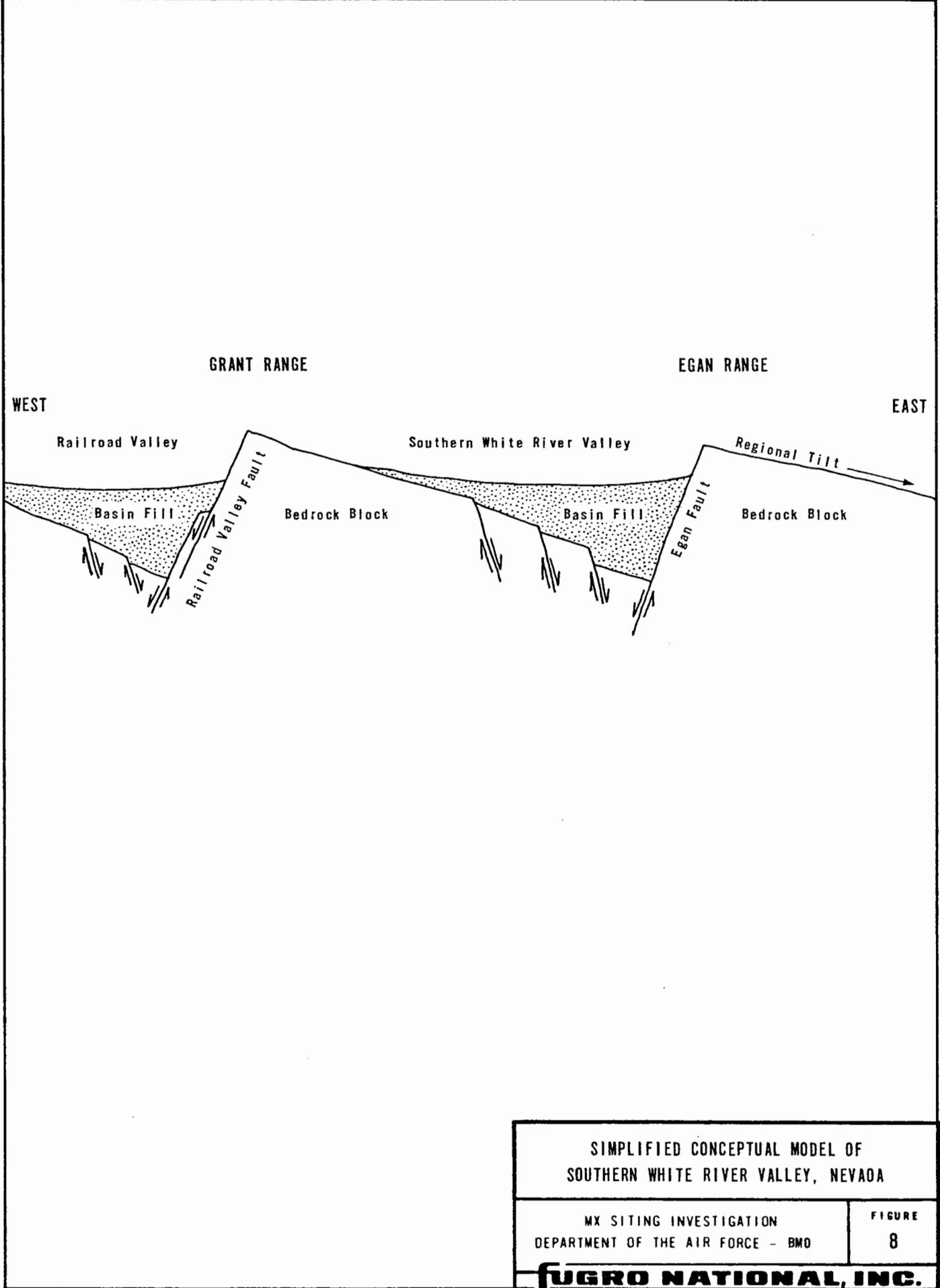
SIMPLIFIED CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF
SOUTHERN WHITE RIVER VALLEY, NEVADA

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The range bounding faults in the northwest section of the valley near the Horse Range can be easily recognized on profiles WR-1 and WR-2 about 6.5 miles (11 km) east of the outcrop line. A shallow pediment shelf between 100 and 300 feet (30 to 91 m) deep extends from the base of the Horse Range to the boundary fault. A soil density of 2.1 g/cm^3, measured at a nearby boring, was used in modeling the pediment depth. No density increase due to soil compaction with depth was added to this value since the bedrock is very shallow throughout this region. The range bounding faults are not as easily identified along the Grant Range in the southwest portion of the basin because the basement topography in this region is complex. The interpreted boundary fault is located about 9 miles (14 km) east (basinward) of the rock outcrop line forming a much broader pediment than on the eastern side of the valley. Two separate horst structures are interpreted to cross the western end of profiles WR-3 and WR-4. The basin depth in this portion of the valley ranges between 1300 and 3600 feet (396 to 1097 m) and the horsts are located about 800 feet (244 m) below the surface.

There are several short faults throughout the valley, such as the one on the west end of profile WR-1. This fault, like many others, represents a steep step of several hundred feet (tens of meters) in the bedrock depth. A horst formation traversing N-S through the center of the valley is interpreted from the gravity data on profiles WR-2,3,4. This narrow bedrock ridge outcrops at the center of profile WR-4 and about 1.5 miles (2.4 km)

south of profile WR-3. The horst ranges in depth from 2100 feet
(640 m) at profile WR-3 to 660 feet (201 m) at WR-2.

4.4 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Although the major, basin bounding fault systems trend north-
south, forming a large, deep central graben, there appears to be
numerous smaller faults in the subsurface below the alluvium.
These smaller faults appear to bound smaller bedrock blocks and
form a sometimes complex network of horsts and grabens.

The general picture of the White River Valley area is that of an
assymetric, tilt-block, normal-fault system which is quite
typical of the Basin and Range area (Figure 8). The gravity
data indicates this simplified model is complicated by differen-
tial movements between the smaller blocks underlying the basin
fill. These differential movements have resulted in subsurface
horsts as well as smaller, local grabens and perhaps some
transverse faults bounding the smaller fault blocks. The
complexity of the subsurface faulting is illustrated by the
block-model interpretation of the gravity profiles shown in the
lowest section of Figures 3 through 6. Detailed interpretation
may not be warranted from data so widely spaced, therefore
a simplified version of the faulting is shown. The faults shown
on the residual gravity profile (second block of Figures 3
through 6) should be considered as fault systems rather than
specific faults or fault splays.

Even though the major fault trends are in a north-south direc-
tion there are several anomalous areas which indicate transverse

trends. The major bounding fault on the east side of the valley (Egan fault) appears to shift position westward between profiles WR-4 and WR-3 (Figure 7). This shift is also reflected in the bedrock-alluvium contact. Whether this deflection in position is due to lateral faulting or merely a result of left-stepping en echelon faulting cannot be determined by the resolution of this gravity survey. However, geologic field reconnaissance (FNI, FY 80, FN-TR-38) has shown that surface faulting along the trace of the Egan fault has a left-stepping en echelon pattern in this area.

Aerial photograph analysis revealed several lineaments in the lake deposits of the central valley region. These lineaments are quite obvious on the aerial photographs but generally could not be found during the field reconnaissance because they do not have significant relief. These features coincide quite closely with the subsurface bounding fault systems which suggests that there may be deep seated movement on some of the subsurface faults resulting in only slight surface effects. Such an interpretation, however, should be regarded as speculative until trenching can verify a tectonic origin for these lineaments.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

The interpretation of the gravity survey in Southern White River Valley indicates there are major range bounding normal fault systems on both sides of the valley. The major system on the east is the Egan Fault and is generally close to the mountain block. The western fault system is several miles east of the mountain front. The primary graben block between these boundary faults is oriented N-S and lies on the eastern side of the valley. It is calculated to be between 5600 feet (1707 m) deep in the north end of the valley and 8200 feet (2499 m) deep near the valley center.

Several smaller localized structures complicate the subsurface configuration in White River Valley. A narrow bedrock ridge or horst lies near the center of the valley and trends in a N-S direction. Several smaller horst-graben combinations can be identified along the western portion of the valley.

There is a large well defined negative gravity anomaly associated with Southern White River Valley. An average density contrast of 0.50 g/cm^3 between the alluvium and bedrock was used to calculate the thickness of the valley fill material. The calculated bedrock depth can only be an approximation since little is known about the actual density distribution in and around the valley. Future studies that acquire better density data or depth to bedrock in deep parts of the valley can be used to refine the gravity interpretation.

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APPENDIX   A1.0

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE

GRAVITY EXPLORATION METHOD

A1.0   GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE GRAVITY
EXPLORATION METHOD

A1.1   GENERAL

A gravity survey involves measurement of differences in the gravitational field between various points on the earth's surface. The gravitational field values being measured are the same as those influencing all objects on the surface of the earth. They are generally associated with the force which causes a 1 gm mass to be accelerated at 980 cm/sec^2. This force is normally referred to as a 1 g force.

Even though in many applications the gravitational field at the earth's surface is assumed to be constant, small but distinguishable differences in gravity occur from point to point. In a gravity survey, the variations are measured in terms of milligals. A milligal is equal to 0.001 cm/second^2 or 0.00000102 g. The differences in gravity are caused by geometrical effects, such as differences in elevation and latitude, and by lateral variations in density within the earth. The lateral density variations are a result of changes in geologic conditions. For measurements at the surface of the earth, the largest factor influencing the pull of gravity is the density of all materials between the center of the earth and the point of measurement.

To detect changes produced by differing geological conditions, it is necessary to detect differences in the gravitational field as small as a few milligals. To recognize changes due to

geological conditions, the measurements are "corrected" to account for changes due to differences in elevation and latitude.

Given this background, the basic concept of the gravitational exploration method, the anomaly, can be introduced. If, instead of being an oblate spheroid characterized by complex density variations, the earth were made up of concentric, homogeneous shells, the gravitational field would be the same at all points on the surface of the earth. The complexities in the earth's shape and material distribution are the reason that the pull of gravity is not the same from place to place. A difference in gravity between two points which is not caused by the effects of known geometrical differences, such as in elevation, latitude, and surrounding terrain, is referred to as an "anomaly."

An anomaly reflects lateral differences in material densities. The gravitational attraction is smaller at a place underlain by relatively low density material than it is at a place underlain by a relatively high density material. The term "negative gravity anomaly" describes a situation in which the pull of gravity within a prescribed area is small compared to the area surrounding it. Low-density alluvial deposits in basins such as those in the Nevada-Utah region produce negative gravity anomalies in relation to the gravity values in the surrounding mountains which are formed by more dense rocks.

The objective of gravity exploration is to deduce the variations in geologic conditions that produce the gravity anomalies identified during a gravity survey.

A1.2 INSTRUMENTS

The sensing element of a LaCoste and Romberg gravimeter is a mass suspended by a zero-length spring. Deflections of the mass from a null position are proportional to changes in gravitational attraction. These instruments are sealed and compensated for atmospheric pressure changes. They are maintained at a constant temperature by an internal heater element and thermostat. The absolute value of gravity is not measured directly by a gravimeter. It measures relative values of gravity between one point and the next. Gravitational differences as small as 0.01 milligal can be measured.

A1.3 FIELD PROCEDURES

The gravimeter readings were calibrated in terms of absolute gravity by taking readings twice daily at nearby USGS gravity base stations. Gravimeter readings fluctuate because of small time-related deviations due to the effect of earth tides and instrument drift. Field readings were corrected to account for these deviations. The magnitude of the tidal correction was calculated using an equation suggested by Goguel (1954):

$$C = P + N\cos\phi\ (\cos\phi + \sin\phi) + S\cos\phi\ (\cos\phi - \sin\phi)$$

where C is the tidal correction factor, P, N, and S are time-related variables, and ϕ is the latitude of the observation point. Tables giving the values of P, N, and S are published annually by the European Association of Exploration Geophysicists.

The meter drift correction was based on readings taken at a designated base station at the start and end of each day. Any difference between these two readings after they were corrected for tidal effects was considered to have been the result of instrumental drift. It was assumed that this drift occurred at a uniform rate between the two readings. Corrections for drift were typically only a few hundredths of a milligal. Readings corrected for tidal effects and instrumental drift represented the observed gravity at each station. The observed gravity values represent the total gravitational pull of the entire earth at the measurement stations.

A1.4 DATA REDUCTION

Several corrections or reductions are made to the observed gravity to isolate the portion of the gravitational pull which is due to the crustal and near-surface materials. The gravity remaining after these reductions is called the "Bouguer Anomaly." Bouguer Anomaly values are the basis for geologic interpretation. To obtain the Bouguer Anomaly, the observed gravity is adjusted to the value it would have had if it had been measured at the geoid, a theoretically defined surface which approximates the surface of mean sea level. The difference between the "adjusted" observed gravity and the gravity at the geoid calculated for a theoretically homogeneous earth is the Bouguer Anomaly.

Four separate reductions, to account for four geometrical effects, are made to the observed gravity at each station to arrive at its Bouguer Anomaly value.

a. Free-Air Effect: Gravitational attraction varies inversely as the square of the distance from the center of the earth. Thus corrections must be applied for elevation. Observed gravity levels are corrected for elevation using the normal vertical gradient of:

$$FA = -0.09406 \text{ mg/ft} \ (-0.3086 \text{ milligals/meter})$$

where FA is the free-air effect (the rate of change of gravity with distance from the center of the earth). The free-air correction is positive in sign since the correction is opposite the effect.

b. Bouguer Effect: Like the free-air effect, the Bouguer effect is a function of the elevation of the station, but it considers the influence of a slab of earth materials between the observation point on the surface of the earth and the corresponding point on the geoid (sea level). Normal practice, which is to assume that the density of the slab is 2.67 grams per cubic centimeter was followed in these studies. The Bouguer correction (B_c), which is opposite in sign to the free-air correction, was defined according to the following formula.

$$B_c = 0.01276 \ (2.67) \ h_f \ \text{(milligals per foot)}$$

$$B_c = 0.04185 \ (2.67) \ h_m \ \text{(milligals per meter)}$$

where h_f is the height above sea level in feet and h_m is the height in meters.

c. <u>Latitude Effect</u>: Points at different latitudes will have different "gravities" for two reasons. The earth (and the geoid) is spheroidal, or flattened at the poles. Since points at higher latitudes are closer to the center of the earth than points near the equator, the gravity at the higher latitudes is larger. As the earth spins, the centrifugal acceleration causes a slight decrease in gravity. At the higher latitudes where the earth's radii are smaller, the centrifugal acceleration diminishes. The gravity formula for the Geodetic Reference System, 1967, gives the theoretical value of gravity at the geoid as a function of latitude. It is:

$$g = 978.0381 \ (1 + 0.0053204 \ \sin^2 \phi - 0.0000058 \ \sin^2 2\phi) \ \text{gals}$$

where g is the theoretical acceleration of gravity and ϕ is the latitude in degrees. The positive term accounts for the spheroidal shape of the earth. The negative term adjusts for the centrifugal acceleration.

The previous two corrections (free air and Bouguer) have adjusted the observed gravity to the value it would have had at the geoid (sea level). The theoretical value at the geoid for the latitude of the station is then subtracted from the adjusted observed gravity. The remainder is called the Simple Bouguer Anomaly (SBA). Most of this gravity represents the effect of material beneath the station, but part of it may be due to irregularities in terrain (upper part of the Bouguer slab) away from the station.

d. <u>Terrain Effect</u>: Topographic relief around the station has a negative effect on the gravitational force at the station. A nearby hill has upward gravitational pull and a nearby valley contributes less downward attraction than a nearby material would have. Therefore, the corrections are always positive. Corrections are made to the SBA when the terrain effects were 0.1 milligal or larger. Terrain corrected Bouguer values are called the Complete Bouguer Anomaly (CBA). When the CBA is obtained, the reduction of gravity at individual measurement points (stations) is complete.

A1.5 INTERPRETATION

The first step in interpretation is to separate the portion of the CBA that might be caused by the lightweight, basin-fill material overlying the heavier bedrock material which forms the surrounding mountains and presumably the basin floor. Since the valley-fill sediments are absent at the stations read in the mountains, the CBA values at these bedrock stations are used as the basis for constructing a regional field over the valley. A regional field is an estimation of the values the CBA would have had if the light weight sediments (the anomaly) had not been there.

The difference between the CBA and the regional field is called the "residual" field or residual anomaly. The residual field is the interpreter's estimation of the gravitational effect of the geologic anomaly. The zero value of the residual anomaly is not exactly at the rock outcrop line but at some

distance on the "rock" side of the contact. The reason for this is found in the explanation of the terrain effect. There is a component of gravitational attraction from material which is not directly beneath a point.

If the "regional" is well chosen, the magnitude of the residual anomaly is a function of the thickness of the anomalous (fill) material and the density contrast. The density contrast is the difference in density between the alluvial and bedrock material. If this contrast were known, an accurate calculation of the thickness could be made. In most cases, the densities are not well known and they also vary within the study area. In these cases, it is necessary to use typical densities for materials similar to those in the study area.

If the selected average density contrast is smaller than the actual density contrast, the computed depth to bedrock will be greater than the actual depth and vice-versa. The computed depth is inversely proportional to the density contrast. A ten percent error in density contrast produces a ten percent error in computed depth. An iterative computer program is used to calculate a subsurface model which will yield a gravitational field to match (approximately) the residual gravity anomaly.

APPENDIX   A2.0

SOUTHERN WHITE RIVER VALLEY

GRAVITY DATA

SOUTHERN WHITE RIVER VALLEY PROFILE LINE NO. 1

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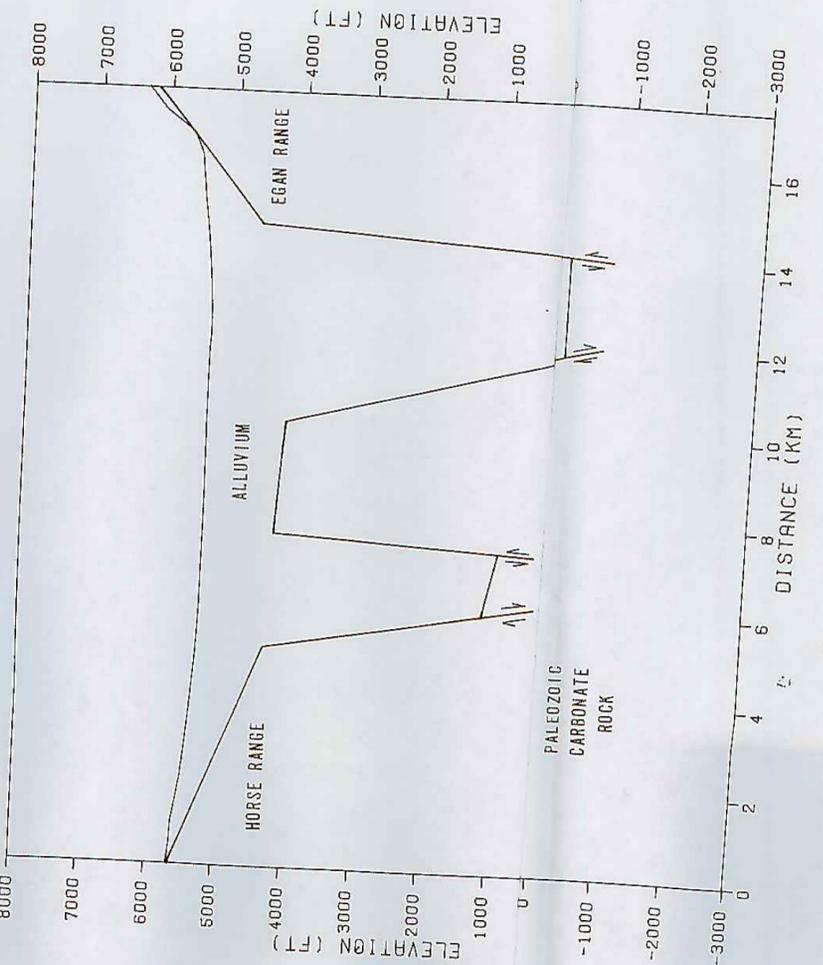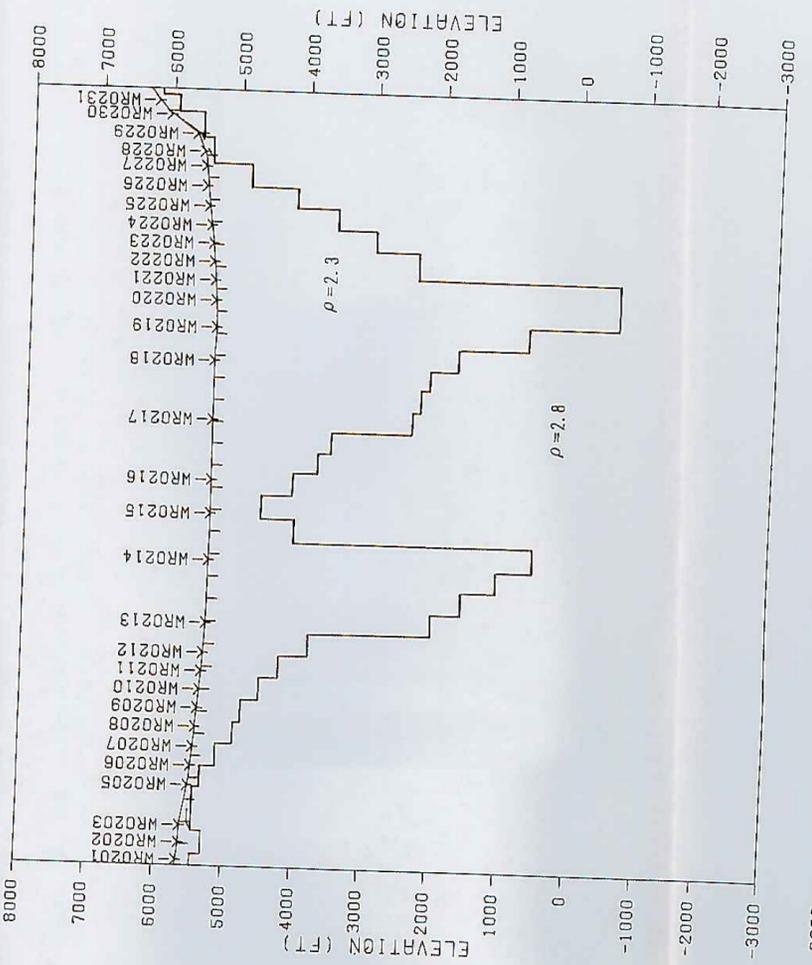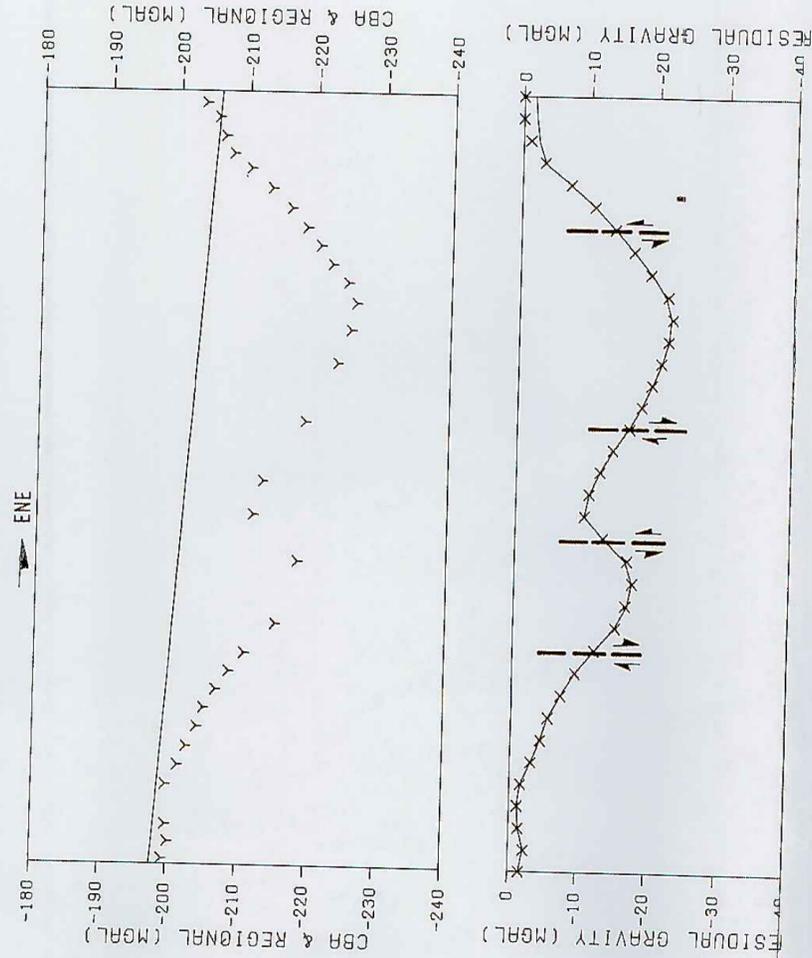| STATION IDENT.	LAT. DEG MIN	LONG. DEG MIN	ELEV. +CODE	TER-COR. IN/OUT	NORTH UTM	EAST UTM	OBSV GRAV	THEO GRAV	FAA	CBA +1000
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INTERPRETED GRAVITY PROFILE WR-2
SOUTHERN WHITE RIVER VALLEY, NEVADA

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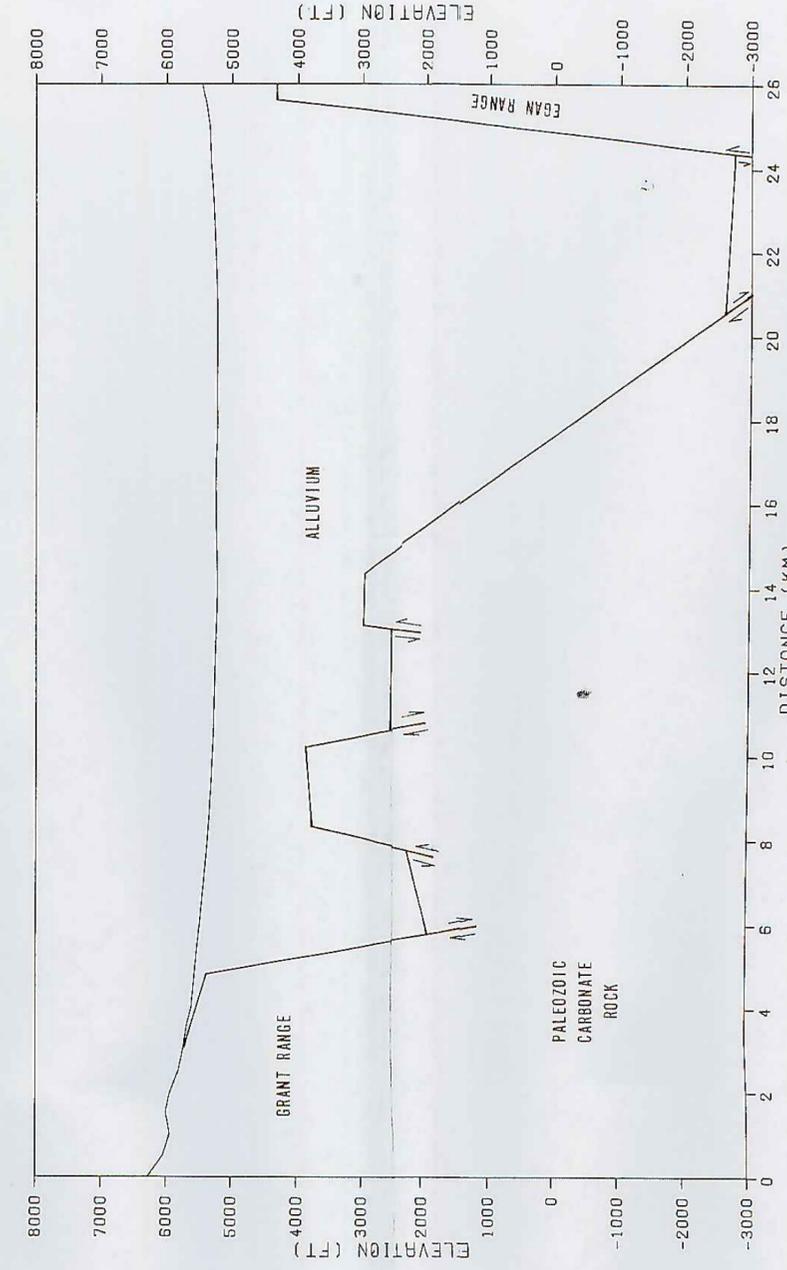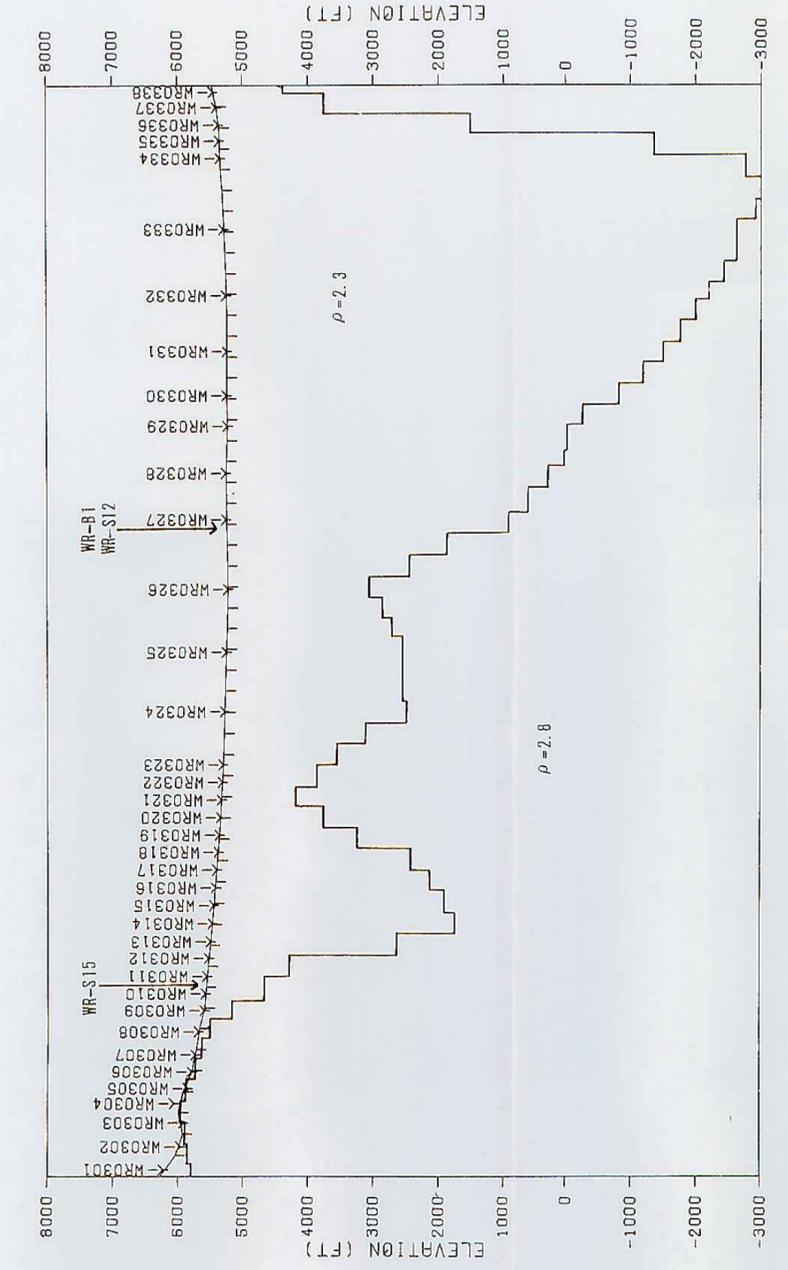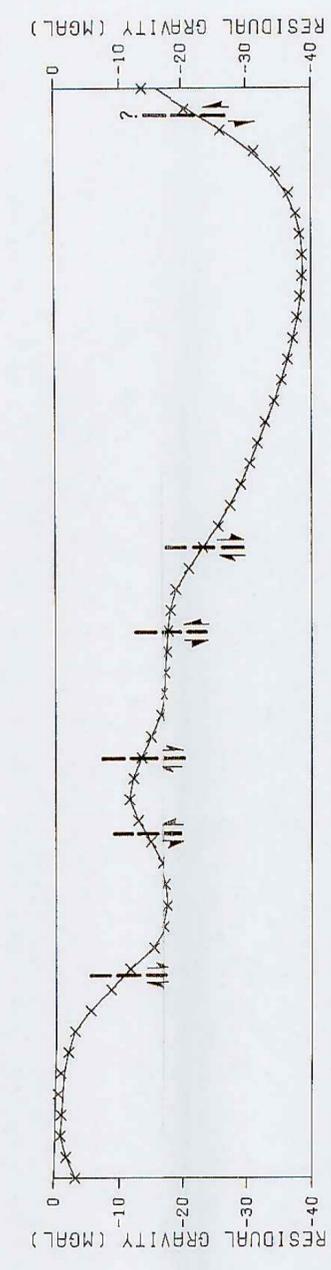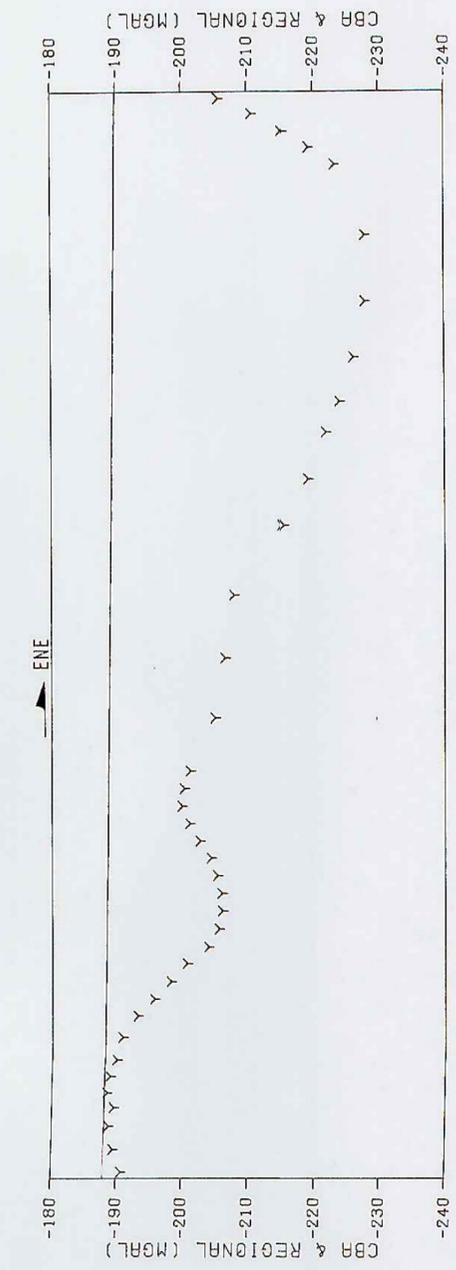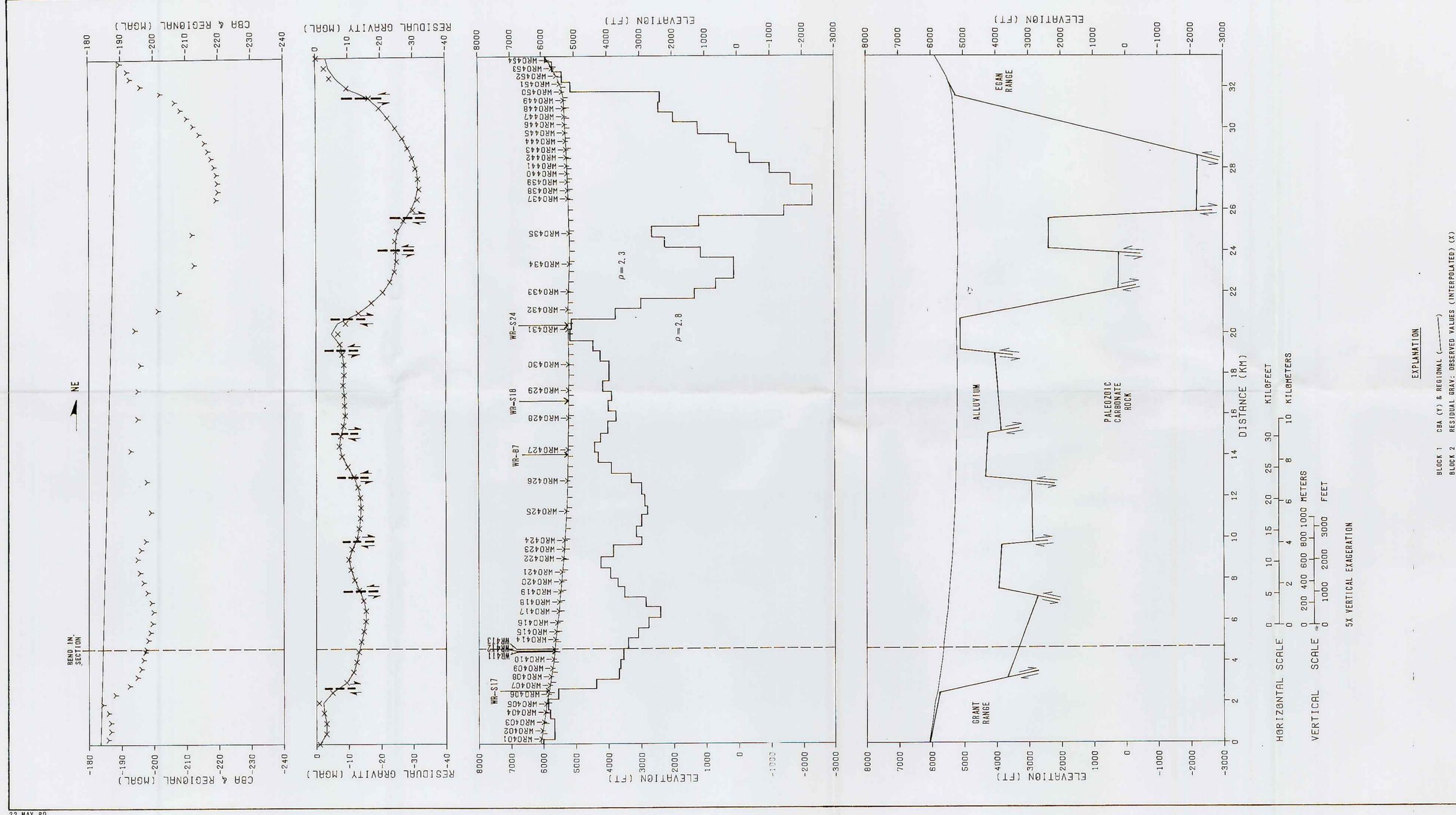| MX SITING INVESTIGATION | FIGURE |
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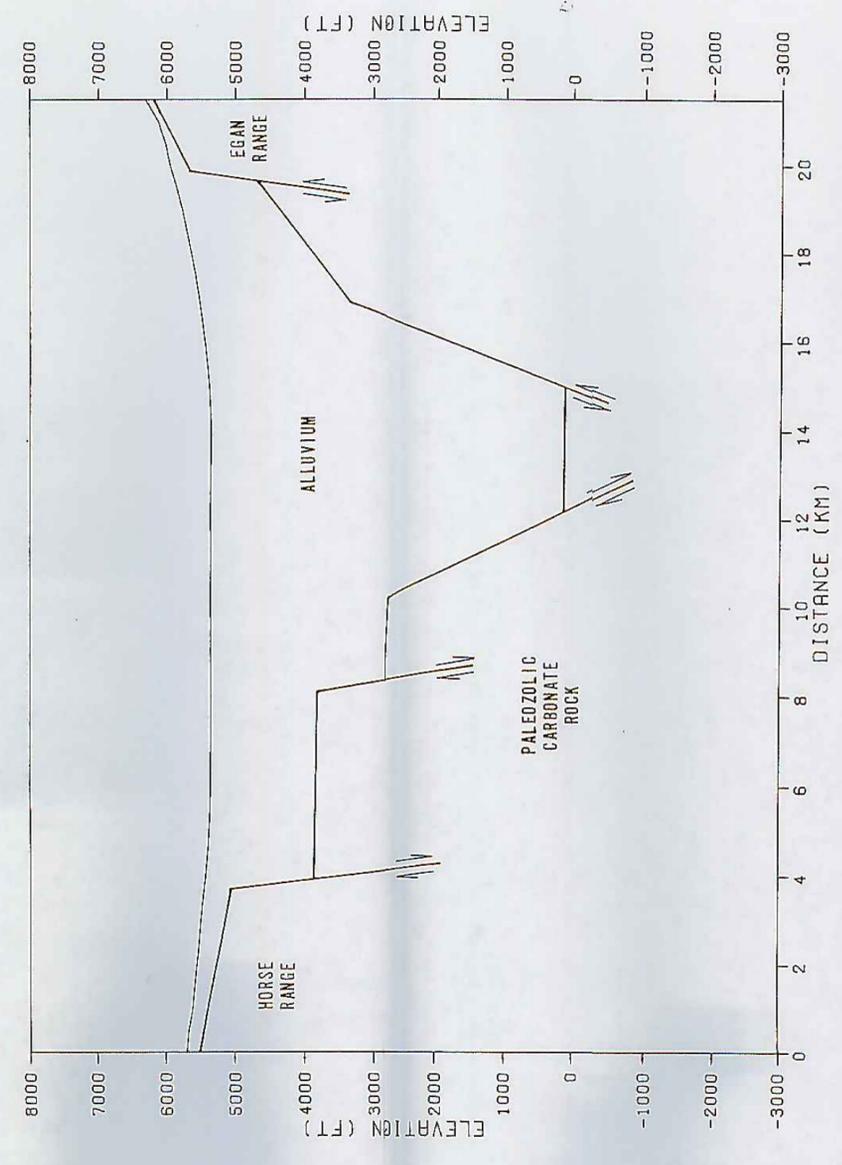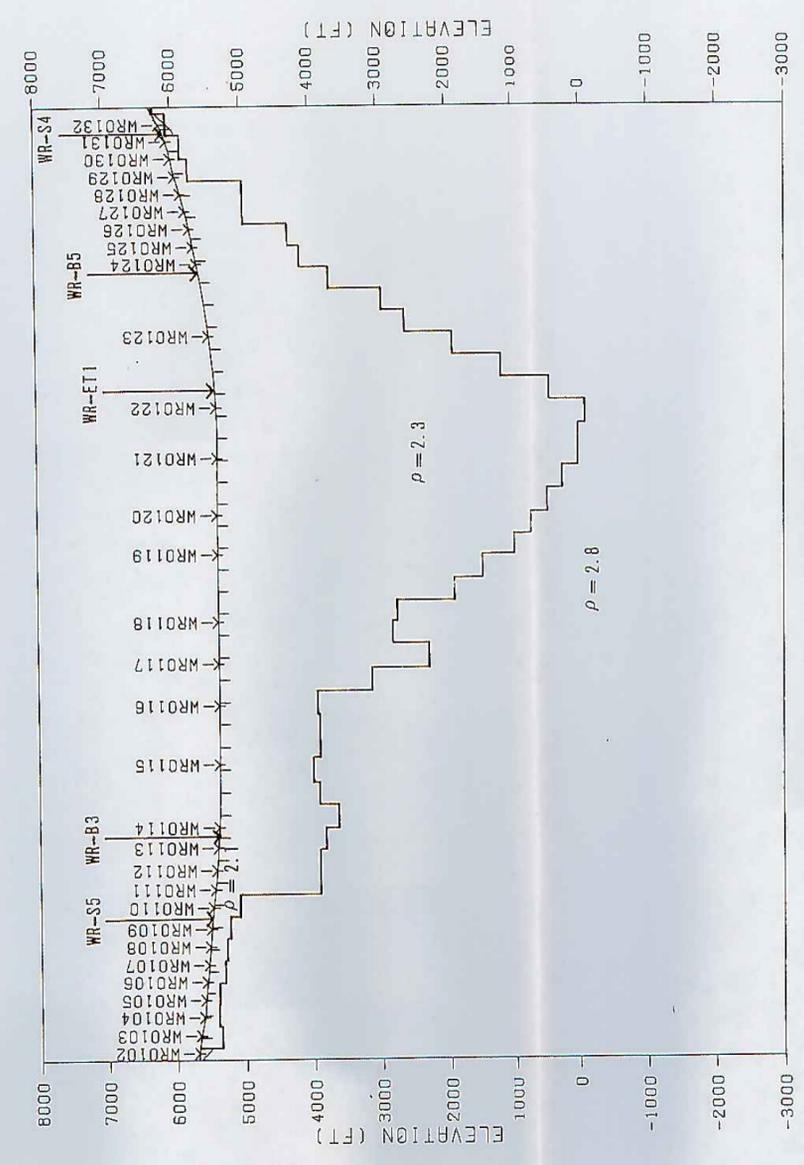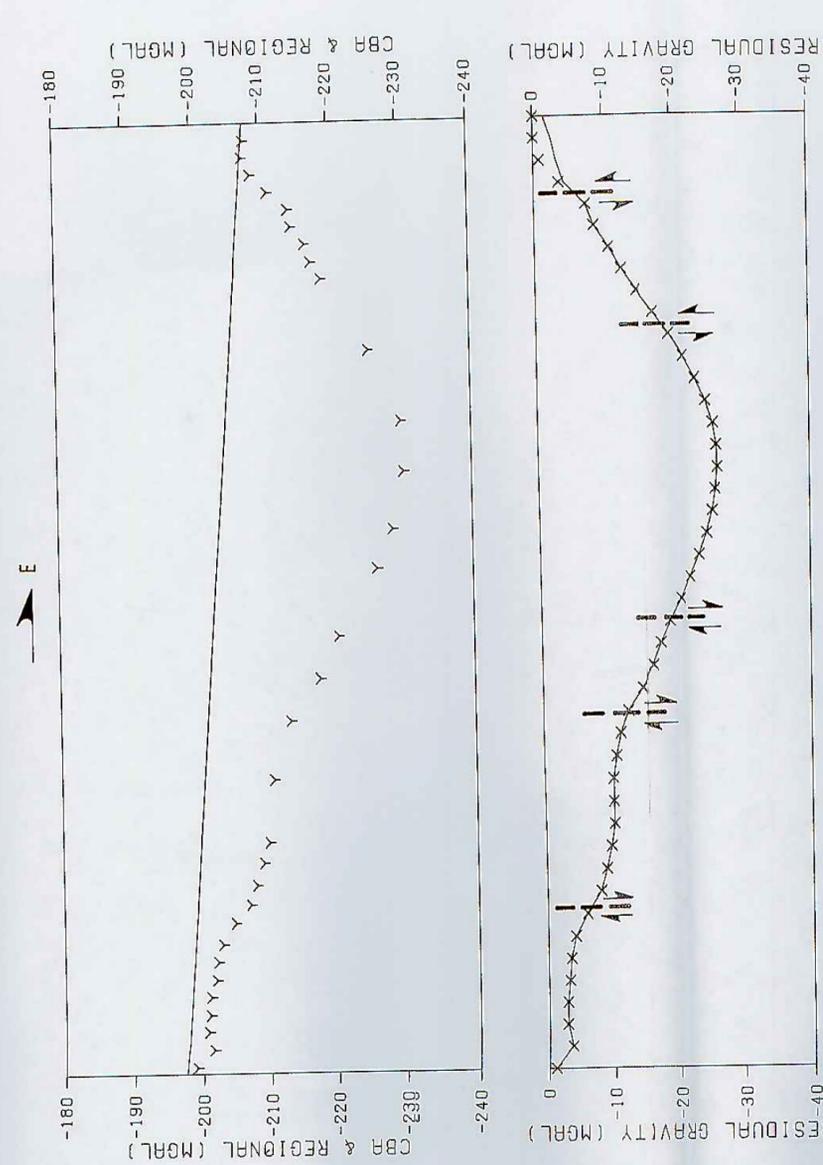
EXPLANATION

BLOCK 1   CBA (Y) & REGIONAL (———)

BLOCK 2   RESIDUAL GRAV. OBSERVED VALUES (INTERPOLATED) (X)
          CALCULATED FROM MODEL (———)

BLOCK 3   ELEVATION STATION ELEVATIONS (Y) & IDENTIFICATION (WRO11B)
          INTERPOLATED SURFACE ELEVATIONS (———)
          MODEL OF BEDROCK SURFACE (———)

BLOCK 4   SUGGESTED GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE (———)
          DENSITY VALUES ($\rho = 2.3$) g cm^3
          DISTANCE SCALE 1:125,000

          GRAVITY INTERPRETED FAULT LOCATION

WR-B1   VERIFICATION ACTIVITY LOCATION

HORIZONTAL SCALE

VERTICAL SCALE

5X VERTICAL EXAGERATION

CBA & REGIONAL (MGAL)

RESIDUAL GRAVITY (MGAL)

ELEVATION (FT)

ELEVATION (FT)

ENE

ρ = 2.3

ρ = 2.8

WR-B1
WR-S12

WR-S15

GRANT RANGE

ALLUVIUM

PALEOZOIC
CARBONATE
ROCK

EGAN RANGE

DISTANCE (KM)

KILOFEET

KILOMETERS

HORIZONTAL SCALE

VERTICAL SCALE

5X VERTICAL EXAGERATION

1000 2000 3000 FEET

200 400 600 800 1000 METERS

0 2 4 6 8 10

0 5 10 15 20 25 30

EXPLANATION

BLOCK 1   CBA (Y) & RESIDUAL (————————)

BLOCK 2   RESIDUAL GRAV. OBSERVED VALUES ((INTERPOLATED) (X))
           CALCULATED FROM MODEL (————————)

BLOCK 3   ELEVATION   STATION ELEVATIONS (Y) & IDENTIFICATION (WR0318)
                        INTERPOLATED SURFACE ELEVATIONS
                        MODEL OF BEDROCK SURFACE

BLOCK 4   SUGGESTED GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE
           DENSITY VALUES (ρ = 2.3) g cm³
           DISTANCE SCALE 1:25,000
           GRAVITY INTERPRETED FAULT LOCATION
           VERIFICATION ACTIVITY LOCATION

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INTERPRETED GRAVITY PROFILE WR-3
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INTERPRETED GRAVITY PROFILE WR-4
SOUTHERN WHITE RIVER VALLEY, NEVADA

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FIGURE 6

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INTERPRETED FAULT RELATIONSHIPS
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FIGURE
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EXPLANATION

○ GRAVITY STATIONS

— — FAULTS INFERRED FROM GRAVITY DATA

– – – FAULTS SELECTIVELY EMPHASIZED FROM FAULT STUDY (FUGRO NATIONAL, INC. FN-TR-38)

•–•– PHOTO LINEMENTS

—— CONTACT BETWEEN GEOLOGIC UNITS

☐ ALLUVIAL MATERIAL

■ ROCK (ALL PATTERNS)

SCALE 1:125,000

STATUTE MILES
0   2   4

KILOMETERS
0   2   4

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PROFILE WR-2

PROFILE WR-3

PROFILE WR-4

EXPLANATION

SURFICIAL BASIN-FILL UNITS

A1f
A1s
Younger Fluvial Deposits - Modern stream channel and flood-plain deposits of A1f, sandy clay and sandy silt (CL,ML), and A1s, silty sand and gravelly sand (SM,SP).

A2s
A2g
Older Fluvial Deposits - Older stream channel and flood-plain deposits in terraces composed of: A2s, silty sand and gravelly sand (SM,SP); and A2g, sandy gravel (GP).

A4of
A4os
Older Lacustrine Deposits - Older bed lake and abandoned shoreline deposits of A4of, sandy silt and sandy clay (CL,ML); and A4os, weakly cemented silty sand (SM)

A5yf
A5ys
A5ig
Younger Alluvial Fan Deposits-Active, younger alluvial fan deposits of: A5yf, sandy silt (ML); A5ys, silty sand and gravelly sand (SM); and A5yg, sandy gravel (GM,GP).

A5is
A5ig
A5ic
Intermediate Alluvial Fan Deposits - Inactive, intermediate-age alluvial fan deposits of: A5is, weakly cemented silty sand and gravelly sand (SM); A5ig, weakly cemented sandy gravel (GP,GM); A5ic, weakly cemented gravelly sand with greater than 30 percent cobbles

ROCK UNITS

Igneous (I)

I2   Rhyolite, quartz latite, rhyodacite, and andesite flows and plugs

I4   Welded ash-flow tuff

Sedimentary (S)

S?   Orthoquartzite

S2   Dolomite and limestone, locally cherty, with interbedded shale
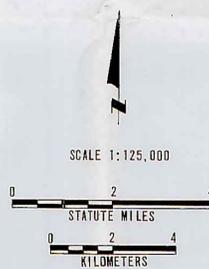
A5ig/A5is   Combination of geologic unit symbols indicates a mixture of either surficial basin-fill or rock units inseparable at map scale.

A5i (I2)   Parenthetic unit underlies surface unit at shallow depth.

SYMBOLS

——————   Contact between rock and basin-fill.

- - - - -   Contact between surficial basin-fill or rock units.

———•———   Fault, trace of surface rupture of faults offsetting surficial basin-fill deposits, ball on downthrown side.

⊙   Gravity Station

SCALE 1:125,000

0   2   4
STATUTE MILES

0   2   4
KILOMETERS

NOTES: 1. Surficial basin-fill units pertain only to the upper several feet of soil. Due to variability of deposits and scale of map presentation, unit descriptions refer to the predominant soil types. Varying amounts of other soil types can be expected within each geologic unit.
2. The distribution of geologic data stations is presented in Volume X, Drawing 1. A tabulation of all station data and generalized description of all geologic units is included in Volume X, Section 1.0.
3. Geology in areas of exposed rock from Hose and Blake (1976), Kleinhampl and Ziony (1967), Tschanz and Pampeyan (1970).