

## GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES MAP OF THE MT. IRELAND QUADRANGLE, BAKER AND GRANT COUNTIES, OREGON

Quaternary	Holocene and Pleistocene Pliocene	Qal	Qgn	n		of
	Pliocene					
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	Oligocene			rgi		
	Eocene					32
	Paleocene					- 54
Cretaceous Ologo Jurassic	upper					- 65
	lower					
	upper	KJDM KJgp				13
	middle and lower					20
Triassic	upper		ALL SAL			20
	middle and lower		_		mt	
Permian		TPer				24
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## EXPLANATION

Alluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene): Unconsolidated, poorly sorted fluviatile deposits consisting of gravel, sand, and silt in channels and flood plains of the present drainage sys-

Glacial deposits (Holocene and Pleistocene): Unconsolidated, unsorted accumulations of boulders, cobbles, sand, and silt deposited by glaciers. Boulders are predominantly tonalite and granodiorite of unit KJbm and range up to 30 ft in diameter

Gravel, tuff, and tuffaceous sediments (Miocene-Oligocene): Unconsolidated to

weakly consolidated interlayered deposits of gravel and pale-brown, gray, and green waterlaid silicic and andesitic tuff and tuffaceous sand and silt. Also includes local mudflow deposits and thin basalt flows. The gravels consist mainly of stream-rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of chert, argillite, greenstone, and granitic rocks with generally lesser amounts of clasts representative of one or more of the Tertiary volcanic units in a matrix of volcanic ash, sand, and silt. Locally, the deposits have been worked for placer gold, especially where the gravels have been reworked by modern streams

Basalt (Miocene-Oligocene): Black and dark-gray, brown- and red-weathering, finegrained, locally porphyritic, holocrystalline basalt flows. Most of the rocks contain olivine. Locally, silicic tuff and gravel deposits occur between flows. Three analyzed samples from lifferent flows range from 48.39 to 50.10 percent Si02, 0.09 to 0.67 percent K20, and 2.09 to 2.68 percent Na<sub>2</sub>0

Silicic tuff (Miocene-Oligocene): Pink and light-gray porphyritic and nonporphyritic hornblende-bearing, crystal-vitric and vitric tuff of rhyodacitic composition. (Two typical samples averaged 70.91 percent Si02, 1.34 percent K20, and 2.84 percent Na20.) Porphyritic varieties contain relict plagioclase and crudely aligned euhedral hornblende phenoins resorbed crystals of feldspar and quartz crysts in a glassy matrix which

Silicic flows (Miocene-Oligocene): Light- and medium-gray porphyritic dacite, silicic andesite, and rhyodacite flows. Predominantly dacite with large spongy phenocrysts of plagioclase, smaller euhedral hornblende phenocrysts, and irregular quartz phenocrysts in an aphanitic groundmass. Biotite and orthopyroxene also occur as phenocrysts. Analyzed samples range from 66.27 to 69.83 percent  $Si0_2$ , 1.76 to 2.10 percent  $K_20$ , and 2.98 to 3.11 percent Na<sub>2</sub>0. Correlative with the "Olive Butte Andesites" of Perkins (1976) and "Olive Butte Volcanics" of Mullen (1979)

Bald Mountain Batholith (Lower Cretaceous and Upper Jurassic): Dominantly tonalite and granodiorite, with small amounts of norite and quartz monzonite (Taubeneck, 1957). Dikes and sills of similar compositions occur along the borders of the batholith. Rb-Sr and K-Ar ages for the batholith range from 131 to 158 m.y. (Armstrong and others, 1977)

Grays Peak Stock (Lower Cretaceous and Upper Jurassic): Satellite of the Bald Mountain Batholith consisting chiefly of norite and tonalite (Taubeneck, 1957, p. 191)

Mixed rock terrane: A structurally chaotic assemblage of rocks of different compositions and ages consisting of tectonically juxtaposed blocks and slices of altered serpentinite, peridotite, pyroxenite, basalt, gabbro, diorite, quartz diorite, argillite, chert, volcaniclastic breccia and conglomerate, and limestone, all metamorphosed to the greenschist facies. The unit consists predominantly of greenstone, gabbro, and serpentinized ultramafic rocks. Locally, serpentinite is recrystallized to talc-chlorite and talc-carbonate rock. Blocks range from a few meters to several hundred meters in longest dimension. Tectonism responsible for development of the terrane probably occurred in Early to Middle Triassic time. This conclusion is based on the assumption that the included argillite, chert, and limestone are correlative with similar rocks in the Elkhorn Ridge Argillite and the fact that similar terranes near John Day are overlain unconformably by Upper Triassic sedimentary rocks

Elkhorn Ridge Argillite (Triassic, Permian, and Pennsylvanian): Mainly dark-colored argillite, siliceous argillite, and chert, with small amounts of fine-grained felsic tuff, sandstone, and conglomerate. Some argillites are nearly black due to high carbon content. Some siliceous rocks are light gray, pale brown, or reddish. Rocks rich in volcanic material vary from grayish green to pale yellow. Argillite and siliceous argillite are the most abundant rock types; chert predominates locally. Many exposures consist of alternating siliceous and argillaceous layers ranging from a fraction of an inch to several feet thick. The siliceous layers commonly pinch and swell between layers of argillite. The tuffs generally are aphanitic, flinty-textured rocks. Tiny quartz and feldspar phenocrysts are barely discernable in some hand specimens. Rare pebble conglomerate beds consist of poorly sorted, subrounded fragments of felsic and mafic volcanic rocks, chert, and argillite up to 3 in. in diameter in a matrix of similar composition. The rocks underwent complex deformation and regional greenschist facies metamorphism prior to emplacement of the Bald Mountain Batholith and Grays Peak Stock. The most prominent structural features are a penetrative shear cleavage and small contorted folds with associated boudinage structures which generally trend easterly and dip steeply to the south. Intricate small-scale brecciation is common. Rocks in the thermal aureole of the Bald Mountain Batholith and Grays Peak Stock have been hornfelsed. Within a few hundred meters of the contact, argillite has been recrystallized to quartz-biotite-garnet schist. Biotite occurs in argillites as much as 1.5 mi from the intrusive

Fossils of Pennsylvanian, Permian, and Triassic age have been found in limestone pods in Elkhorn Ridge Argillite outside the Mt. Ireland quadrangle. The diverse age and structural complexity show that the Elkhorn Ridge Argillite is not a simple stratigraphic

## **GEOLOGIC SYMBOLS**

	Contact approximately located
•	Fault — ball and bar on downthrown side
	Strike and dip of bed
	Strike of vertical bed
_	Strike and dip of foliation
-	Strike of vertical foliation
	Quartz veins and mineralized fault zones — dashed where approximately located
■76	Mine and prospect locations — numbers correspond to map numbers in Table 1

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Buck Gul

26. Big Pine

40. Mammoth

45. Sheridan

50. Lead Lode

52. Elk Heaven

56. Mile High

58. Black Dike

59. Red Dike

61. Herculear

62. Black Dwar

63. Red Chie

70. Ivy Mae

71. California

73. Stibnite

74. Rob Roy

48. Ophir 49. Summit

28. Ibex



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