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Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

corresponding 1:250,000-scale Geodetic Control Diagram

taken 1970

coordinate system, south zone

Prepared by the U.S. Army Topographic Command (AMSX), Washington

D.C. Compiled in 1954 by photogrammetric methods. Planimetry revised

from aerial photographs taken 1952. Photographs field annotated 1953

Revised in 1971 by the U.S. Geological Survey from aerial photographs

100,000-foot grids based on Oregon coordinate system, north zone and Washington

Location of geodetic control established by government agencies is shown on



CONTOUR INTERVAL 200 FEET WITH SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOURS AT 100 FOOT INTERVALS TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

FAULTS		FOLDS		
	Fault, dashed where inferred; some faults may be inferred and approximate		Fold, showing direction of plunge if any; dashed where approximately in- ferred or concealed on geologic map	
<u> </u>	High-angle fault; bar and ball on downthrown side	<	Crestline of upright anticline	
A.A.A.A. A. A. A.	Thrust fault; sawteeth on upper plate	< ~ ∩	Crestline of overturned anticline	
	Strike-slip fault, showing relative horizontal movement	<	Troughline of syncline	
	Strike-slip fault, sense of relative horizontal movement not determined	+ +	Doubly plunging anticline	
_	Oblique-slip fault, showing relative horizontal and vertical movement			

NEOTECTONIC MAP OF THE DALLES 1° BY 2° QUADRANGLE, OREGON AND WASHINGTON

NEOTECTONIC MAP SYMBOLS

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MONOCLINES

Monocline, dashed where inferred Abrupt decrease of dip in direction

Abrupt increase of dip in direction

of arrows (foot of monocline)

of arrows (top of monocline)

20 Statute Miles

15 Nautical Miles

Prominent photo or topographic lineament, possibly a strike-slip fault (from Swanson and others, 1981)

Major structural lineament

Volcanic center

Youthful volcanic centers of Pliocene or Pleistocene age. For specific geologic information see accompanying geologic

map

Earthquake epicenters to 1978

 \circ Magnitude < 3.7 • Magnitude > 3.7 < 5.0

Earthquake epicenter data from Corvallis, Oregon, Seismograph Station, 1978, Earthquake epicenters of Oregon and Washington R.W. Couch, personal communication), in Riccio, J.F., compiler, 1978, Preliminary geothermal resource map of Oregon: Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Geological Map Series map GMS-11, scale 1:500,000.

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A FOR R 22 E 72 120°00

100 000 FEET (OREG. NORTH)

R 22 E 73 120°00'

Field checked; J.L. Bela & S. Farooqui; 1982

2 100 000 FEET (WASH. SOUTH)

DISCUSSION By John D. Beaulieu

The term "neotectonic" here refers to tectonism resulting from the latest, or most recent, reorientations of plate tectonic stresses. For the Pacific Northwest in general and the study area in particular, neotectonic refers, therefore, to structural developments of mid-Miocene or younger age. Neotectonic should not be confused with Neogene, a time-stratigraphic term referring to the Miocene and Pliocene. Overview and early deformation The area of The Dalles 1°x 2° quadrangle is influenced both by Cascade tectonism and by Columbia Plateau tectonism. Cascade tectonism involves regional uplift and large-scale volcanism over a subduction zone. Columbia Plateau tectonism involves north-south compression and associated strike-slip faulting, folding, and thrusting. Structures seen at the surface in the Columbia Plateau are to be viewed as parts of complex structural systems which may vary with depth as a function of lithostatic load, pre-existing structures, and crustal inhomogeneities. Laubscher (1981) views the Columbia Plateau as a mosaic of blocks overlying a décollement at a depth of 20 km (12 mi). Structures at the surface are viewed as the result of interaction between blocks. Davis (1981) interprets Columbia Plateau structures as the result of local stress fields and as the product of localized deformation within the Columbia Plateau crust. He notes that detailed knowledge of structures on the Plateau introduces many contradictions in Laubscher's model. Price (1982) models structural geometry and strain within the Plateau in terms of deep inhomogeneities in the crust.

Folds such as the Horse Heaven Hills and the Columbia Hills are generally east-west-trending structures characteristic of much of the Plateau except near and across the Cascade Range, where they become more northeast in trend. Prominent northwest-trending strike-slip faults and photolinears occur both on the Plateau and in the Cascade Range. The density of northwest-trending structures appears greater in the west than in the east, but that impression may reflect current mapping rather than actual structural change. Distribution of basalt flows and interbeds documents regional and local deformation of the area. In a general sense, basalt flows and interbedded sediments are thickest and most numerous in the eastern parts of the study area, as opposed to the west, suggesting that Cascadian uplift, basining, and volume and frequency of basalt flows controlled this distribution. Thus, the Selah and Rattlesnake Ridge members of the Ellensburg Formation, other interbeds, and several flows of the Saddle Mountains Basalt (Umatilla, Pomona, and Elephant Mountain) are present in the east, whereas generally only the lower Wanapum flows (Frenchman Springs) are widespread in the west. The Priest Rapids (Wanapum

Basalt) and Pomona (Saddle Mountains Basalt) Merthers are also present in the west, but only as ntracanvon flows. This regional trend is a basinwide observation and does not shed light on the actual age of the earlier deformation of structures such as the Columbia Hills anticline emerging in the late Miocene. Although Bentley, Anderson, and Farooqui (1980) and Bentley, Powell, and others (1980) suggest that the Columbia Hills anticline is the result of multiple-phase deformation which may have begun 15-16 m.y. B.P. in Grande Ronde time and continued into the late Miocene, distribution of the Roza and Priest Rapids flows suggests that at least by the time they entered the area, the structure was not high enough to restrict their movement across it.

The Tygh Ridge structural system may have been rising since post-Frenchman Springs times. Uppermost Wanapum Basalt flows (Roza and Priest Rapids Members) are restricted well to the north, either as a result of concurrent deformation on the structure or, more likely, as a result of regional basining. J. L. Anderson (written communication, 1982) notes the presence of pillows and interbeds at Tygh Ridge in the Frenchman Springs section. Both features suggest a topographic low in Frenchman Springs times. Thus, the structure is probably younger than Frenchman Springs age. Latest ages of deformation Ages of deformation within the Plateau and in the study area may vary from structure to structure and from place to place on structures. Styles of deformation in individual structures may vary through

time as a natural consequence of the nature and distribution of rock types. Interpretations of age, therefore, may require arduous field work and significant supporting data even for single structures. In a general sense, the latest age of faulting in the study area is poorly defined, although rocks as young as the Chenoweth Formation and some of the Simcoe volcanics (4.5 m.y.) (Shannon and Wilson, 1973; Kienle and others, 1978) are cut by mapped faults. In the Cascades Province, exposed rocks as young as 2.1 m.y. associated with the Hood River fault zone are cut by a fault (N.M. Woller, oral communication, 1982). On the Columbia Hills anticline, flows dated at 0.9 m.y. overlie a thrust but are unfaulted (Shannon and Wilson, 1973). Outside the study area, Quaternary faults are reported at the surface in the Toppenish Ridge, Washington, area (Bentley, Anderson, Campbell, and Swanson, 1980; Campbell and Bentley, 1981); near Wallula Gap, Washington (Farooqui, 1979); and near Milton-Freewater, Oregon (Kienle and others, 1979). Focal mechanism studies of earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest indicate predominantly strikeslip and normal faulting, with a north-south orientation of P1 for recent earthquakes. This general tectonic observation is consistent with the stress directions derived from neotectonic structures such as east-west folds and thrusts and northwesterly strike-slip faults seen at the surface. The implication also is that rock deformation continues in the subsurface, even though mapped evidence of continued faulting at the surface is relatively sparse.

Deformation rates For the Pasco Basin northeast of the study area, Reidel and others (1980) summarize deformation rates as follows: "The thickness of sedimentary interbeds and basalt flows indicated subsidence and/or uplift began in post-Grande Ronde time (14.5 m.y. B.P.) and continued through Saddle Mountains time (10.5 m.y. B.P.). Maximum subsidence occurred 40 km (24 mi) north of Richland, Washington, with an approximate rate of 25 m (81 ft) per million years during the eruption of the basalt. Maximum uplift along the developing ridges was 70 m (230 ft) per million years." Bentley (1980) estimates total north-south compression of the Columbia Plateau west of longitude 120° W. to be 15 km (9 mi). This corresponds to an average rate of horizontal deformation of 1 mm (0.04

in) per year, although rates of deformation probably have varied with time (Davis, 1981).

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The Dalles 1° x 2° Quadrangle

According to Davis (1981), deformation on the Plateau was greatest between 10.5 and 3-4 m.y. B.P., a time span that corresponds in general with changes in spreading direction in the Basin and Range. Accumulations of thick sediments (Ringold Formation) of late Miocene and possible Pliocene age in the Pasco Basin indicate ponding of the Columbia River behind Yakima Ridge structures in that area.

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GEOLOGIC COMPILATION MAP OF THE DALLES 1° BY 2° QUADRANGLE, OREGON AND WASHINGTON



le Location lumber	Age (m.y.)	Source			
1	7.6 ± 0.8	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
2	8.0 ± 0.8	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
3	7.2 ± 0.7	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
4	4.9 ± 0.5	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
5	41.1 ± 2.8	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
6	47.5 ± 5.7	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
7	5.1 ± 0.5	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
8	5.7 ± 0.6	Farooqui, Bunker and others, 1981			
9	10.7 ± 0.4	Priest and others, 1982			
10	3.2 ± 0.3	Wise, 1969			
11	5.8 ± 0.8	Wise, 1969			
12	7 ± 2	Wise, 1969			
13	5.5 ± 0.7	Wise, 1969			
14	11.6 ± 1.2	Wise, 1969			
	8.2 ± 0.2	Bikerman, 1970			
15	7.0 ± 0.8	Wise, 1969			
16	3.0 ± 0.2	Wise, 1969			
17	4.1 ± 0.6	Wise, 1969			
18	2.7 ± 0.2	Priest and others, 1982			
19	2.1 ± 0.2	Priest and others, 1982			
		(Neil Woller, personal communication)			
20	0.9 ± 0.1	Shannon and Wilson, 1973			
21	3.5 ± 0.1	Shannon and Wilson, 1973			
22	4.5 ± 0.1	Shannon and Wilson, 1973			
23	2.0 ± 0.3	Shannon and Wilson, 1973			

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