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Audio-magnetotelluric data log and station-location map
for Vulcan Hot Springs Known Geothermal Resource Area, Idaho

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Access was limited therefore only six audiomagnetotelluric (AMT) soundings were made in the Vulcan Hot Springs Known Geothermal Resource Area, Idaho (fig. 1). These soundings were made to assess the geothermal potential in the hot-springs area. For a description of equipment, data acquisition, and reduction, see Hoover and others (1976, 1978).

Scalar resistivities from the data log (table 1) indicate that the thermal waters have not altered a large area around the hot springs. This is indicated by the relatively high resistivities (100 ohm-meters or greater) over the whole area of the survey. Thermal waters are probably leaking upward along a north-south fault on the west side of the valley; the scalar resistivities of sounding no. 5 & no. 2 (fig. 1) are indicative of such a fault. The large difference in the apparent resistivity of the two telluric-line orientations (NS and EW) is indicative of a laterally inhomogeneous earth. Separations between two soundings curves obtained with the two orientations could indicate a north-south fault in the Cretaceous quartz monzonite. Therefore any potential geothermal system would probably be along the north-south fault near the existing hot spring.

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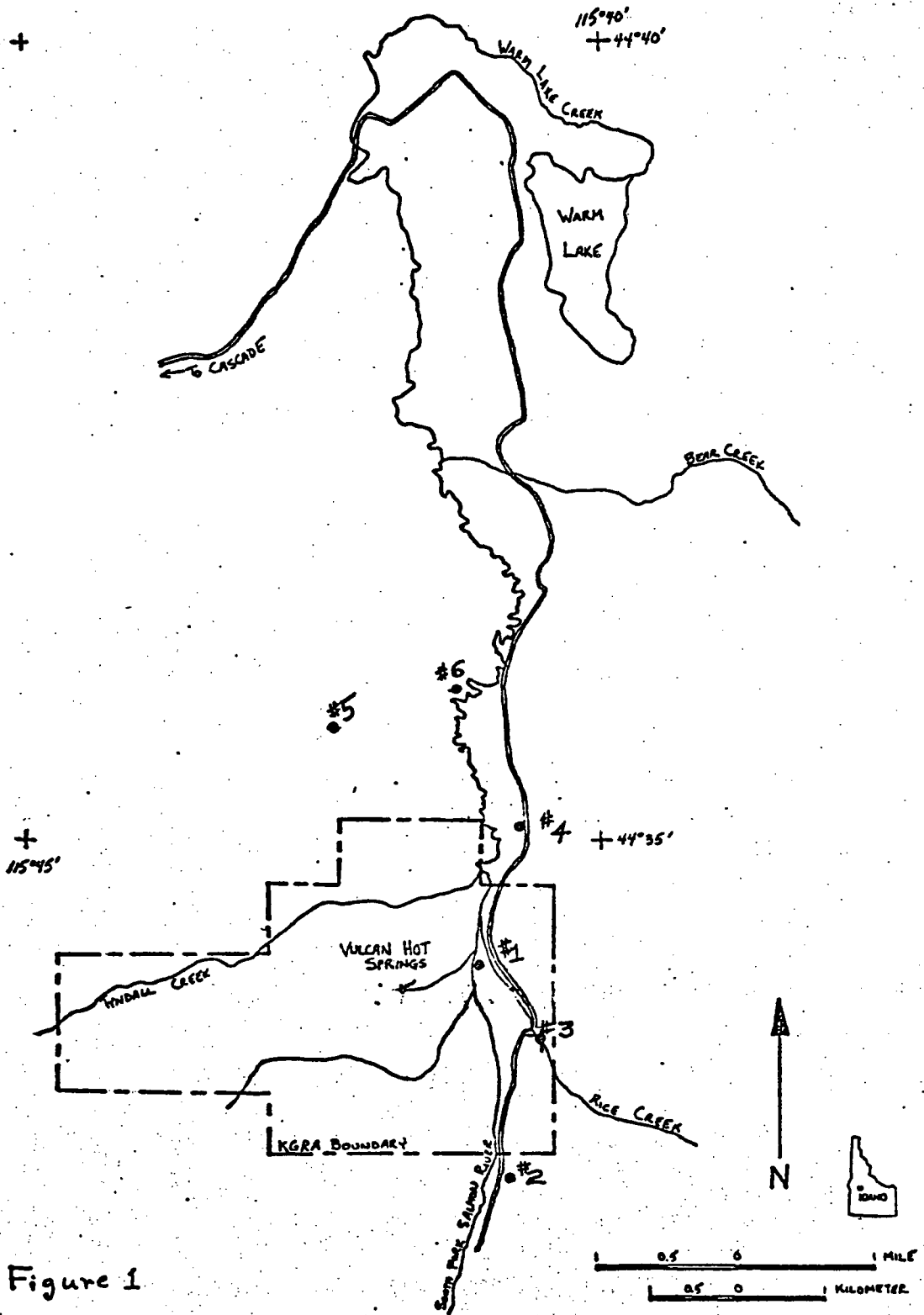


Figure 1

Audio-magnetotelluric Station Location map
of Vulcan Hot springs, Idaho K.G.R.A.

Vulcan, Idaho

Table 1 - U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY A.M.T. DATA LOG

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pa = observed apparent resistivity in ohm-meters

N = number of observations

Er = standard error in ohm-meters

- = no data

"NOTE" - Telluric-line orientation indicated with station numbers.

Sta. No.		FREQUENCY											
		7.5	10	14	27	76	285	685	1.2K	3.3K	6.7K	10.2K	18.6K
1 _S	pa	916.	776.	590.	357.	186.	107.	-	-	-	-	-	169.
	N	12	12	11	10	12	10						1
	Er	66.0	59.8	10.9	15.6	8.20	8.15						-
1 _W	pa	555.	371.	243.	198.	215.	206.	-	-	-	130.	217.	233.
	N	12	11	11	6	9	11				12	1	1
	Er	47.6	41.1	34.6	57.1	36.9	18.7				5.23	-	-
2 _S	pa	1245.	1090.	719.	459.	283.	200.	-	-	-	-	298.	154.
	N	8	10	9	12	12	10					3	1
	Er	96.2	144.	62.5	20.4	28.7	40.0					112.	-
2 _W	pa	7744.	5847.	5383.	2403.	1679.	1444.	-	-	-	397.	770.	652.
	N	9	11	12	10	12	12				10	1	1
	Er	594.	436.	276.	124.	173.	128.				37.0	-	-
3 _S	pa	1420.	928.	847.	737.	395.	289.	-	-	-	203.	202.	744.
	N	11	9	8	10	12	11				11	7	1
	Er	179.	176.	89.8	54.2	40.0	25.7				8.73	19.8	-
3 _W	pa	2227.	1590.	1462.	905.	834.	617.	-	-	-	496.	660.	448.
	N	12	9	11	11	11	13				11	1	1
	Er	162.	202.	84.2	44.9	73.8	24.2				17.5	-	-
4 _S	pa	778.	512.	446.	281.	158.	94.9	-	-	-	158.	141.	580.
	N	12	14	15	11	11	12				13	8	1
	Er	74.2	40.3	34.4	19.1	8.49	6.85				7.10	4.78	-
4 _W	pa	447.	305.	265.	131.	165.	155.	-	-	-	272.	206.	393.
	N	12	9	8	7	12	11				11	1	1
	Er	25.7	31.6	22.0	9.22	7.79	16.3				6.13	-	-

