

erry Reservoir 30 km east  
r geothermal potential.  
lled for mineral explo-  
s cover a distance of about  
heat flow values range from  
over  $7 \mu\text{cal}/\text{cm}^2\text{sec}$ .

tonites, tuffaceous sand-  
st and overlie folded  
zoic rocks crop out 150 to  
th-northwest trending  
lect a major deep-seated  
f the Paleozoic outcrop  
aleozoic rocks and may  
alous drill holes lie  
rsection with the east  
cedony, and minor fluorite  
Tertiary rocks.

he drill holes indicates a  
ed by dilution from shall-  
al anomaly may be water  
c aquifers or faults and  
ervoir potential may exist  
y beds. Thus, the area  
assessment of the geo-

OF ASH-FLOW TUFFS  
and Mineral Resources,  
ary R., Department of  
e University, Cape

ing and visible stratifi-  
products of turbulent flow.  
ole degree of preferred  
and some exhibit mega-  
Swanson, 1967). This  
ics of transportation and  
Fisher (1966) presented  
ved turbulent flowage and  
ndary layer. We suggest  
laminar and that the resultan  
usage of many individual

lar flow structures depends  
es entering the boundary  
temperature. If above, the  
form a viscous fluid with  
lf below, the particles fall  
flow in loose ash. In the  
after deposition as in-  
welding temperature to, or  
es. Thus, there are both  
ained at the rolling front  
ay be trapped in the bound-  
pockets ("lenticules",  
nice cavities.

SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAMINAR FLOW STRUCTURES IN THE WALL MOUNTAIN  
TUFF, CENTRAL COLORADO

Chapin, C. E., New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources,  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801 and Lowell, Gary R., Department of  
Earth Sciences, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape  
Girardeau, Missouri 63701

The Wall Mountain Tuff (Oligocene) developed a eutaxitic fabric and  
laminar flow structures during the transition from turbulent flow to  
rest state in a laminar boundary layer. This conclusion and the fol-  
lowing sequence of events are interpreted from exposures in a paleoval-  
ley where the transport vector is known: 1) agglutination and incipient  
collapse of glassy particles; 2) laminar shearing of the compacting and  
welding mass to form a primary flow foliation; 3) expulsion of gases  
from the collapsing, spongy mass and concentration of these gases along  
shear planes; 4) formation of gas pockets where the volume of gases ex-  
pelled exceeded that which could be accommodated on shear planes; 5)  
elongation of gas pockets and pumice to form a lineation in the plane  
of the foliation; 6) formation of gas flotation planes on shear planes  
which accumulated unusually large volumes of gases; 7) development of  
primary flow folds with axes perpendicular to the lineation; 8) stretch-  
ing of the completely collapsed, densely welded, highly viscous fluid  
with formation of tension cracks that dip steeply "downstream" and  
strike approximately perpendicular to the lineation; 9) end of forward  
motion. Preservation of delicate primary structures permits no second-  
ary compaction.

More rapid deposition along the sides of the paleovalley than  
along its axis caused inward accretion of tuff with steep primary flow  
foliation resulting in a u-shaped channel cross profile. Secondary  
folds, whose axes parallel the lineation, and concurrent growth fault-  
ing occurred locally by creep towards the valley axis. Internal un-  
conformities are visible where less deformed tuff overlies either  
primary or secondary folds. All the tuff welded together to form a  
simple cooling unit.

ORIGIN AND GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL OF ISLAND PARK, EASTERN IDAHO

Christiansen, Robert L., U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA  
94025

Island Park is a topographic basin of compound origin related to the  
three rhyolitic cycles of the Yellowstone Plateau volcanic field. Big  
Bend Ridge, the southwestern rim of Island Park, bounds a segment of  
the first-cycle caldera, which formed by collapse during the Huckle-  
berry Ridge Tuff eruption 1.9 m.y. ago and which extended 90 km east-  
ward into Yellowstone National Park. Thurmon Ridge, the northwestern  
rim of Island Park, bounds part of a second-cycle caldera 20 km across  
that formed 1.2 m.y. ago as a result of the Mesa Falls Tuff eruption  
and is nested within the older caldera. This collapse event reactiv-  
ated caldera faults on Big Bend Ridge. The rest of the first- and  
second-cycle calderas are buried by the third-cycle 0.6 m.y.-old Lava  
Creek Tuff and younger volcanic rocks. The eastern rim of Island Park  
is not a caldera scarp but is formed by large rhyolite flows of the  
third cycle. These flows all vented on the Madison Plateau farther  
east.

The youngest major rhyolitic eruptions at Island Park occurred about a  
million years ago. Subsequent solidification of the rhyolitic magma  
bodies that sustained the first two cycles allowed tectonic fracturing  
of the resulting plutons and eruptions of mantle-derived basaltic magma

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
EARTH SCIENCE LAB.**



through the caldera floor during the last 300,000 years. Because no major silicic magma body now lies beneath Island Park, a high-temperature geothermal system similar to Yellowstone is not likely. The granitic plutons are still cooling, however, and a lower-temperature geothermal resource might exist at moderate depth.

#### GEOLOGIC SECTION ACROSS CENTRAL SONORA, MEXICO.

Clark, K.F., Department of Geology, University of Iowa,  
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

A 280 km long section, oriented SW-NE from Bahia Kino through Hermosillo and Moctezuma, straddles the Sonoran Desert Province (Raisz, 1959) on the west, and the northward continuation of King's (1939) Province of Parallel Ranges and Valleys to the east.

Structurally, the ranges are uplifts, many bordered by parallel faults, that expose volcanic and batholithic rocks at their crests and in their cores. Laramide and Middle-to-Late Tertiary tectonic events contribute much to the present landscape.

Comparison with adjacent areas reveals that the oldest rocks are metamorphosed and deformed sediments of Paleozoic age unconformably overlain by the lowermost (?) Tertiary volcanic units. Widespread emplacement of plutons, commonly near granodiorite in composition, are displayed in a zone of dispersed and elongated batholiths ranging in age from Late Cretaceous to Early Tertiary (Anderson and Silver, 1974). Post batholith units include a swarm of basic dikes, best displayed 90 km east of Hermosillo in a major pluton. The Late Tertiary (? Pliocene) Baucarit Formation, consisting of basalt and conglomerate, unconformably overlies the plutonic and Tertiary volcanic units, forming the flanks and fill of intermontane basins. The latest flows are basalts that overlie valley fill. Alluvium and gravel of Quaternary age cover much of the surface from Hermosillo to the coast between isolated ridges of Tertiary volcanic rock.

#### THE INFLUENCE OF ROCK ALTERATION ON RIVER BASIN GEOMORPHOLOGY IN THE SOUTHERN IDAHO BATHOLITH

Clayton, J.L., Intermountain Forest and Range Experimental Station, Boise, Idaho 83706; Cochrane, A.M. and Nichols, C.R., Department of Geology, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho 83725

An analysis of two major drainage basins in the southern Idaho batholith reveals a strong influence of rock alteration on their morphologic characteristics. The Middle Fork of the Payette River and the North Fork of the Boise River have similar drainage areas and total drainage discharges. Both drainages are developed on similar rock types: the quartz diorites, granodiorites, and quartz monzonites of the Idaho Batholith. Geomorphologic characteristics of the two basins, however, differ markedly.

Granitic wall rock within a 30-mile long portion of the drainage of the Middle Fork of the Payette River is characteristically sheared and argillized. Wall rock alteration along the drainage of the North Fork of the Boise is less pervasive, and argillization is localized. This reflects a generally high angle of intersection between the river valley and the structurally controlled tributary drainages. Drainages paralleling major argillized linear trends, such as the Middle Fork of the Payette, tend to develop wider valleys with gently sloping canyon walls. Drainages perpendicular to linear trends, such as the North Fork of the Boise River, exhibit steeper canyon walls with a larger proportion of exposed fresh bedrock.

These differences influence the type of material in the drainages and are especially applicable to slope failures. Within the more or less continuous zone of the Middle Fork of the Payette, landslides are common and present a continuing road maintenance problem. The road of the North Fork of the Boise is more susceptible to landslides. These differences should be considered in construction.

#### TEPHRA DEPOSITS IN THE CENTRAL IDAHO BATHOLITH

Clayton, James L. USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, 316 East 1st Street, Boise, Idaho; Wendt, George, USDA Forest Service, Boise, Idaho 83706

Soils containing a thin, discontinuous ash layer on gently sloping upland sites in the central Idaho batholith have not been radiometrically dated, but their ages (post-Pleistocene) on the basis of stratigraphic and geochronological data. There is some indication of soil horizon mixing has obscured positive identification of one tephra without more detailed sampling. The ash is within the reported fallout zone of both Mazama and St. Helens, but position of the ash deposits in the refractive index of the glass indicate these are not Mazama. Presence of cumingtonite phenocrysts coupled with the presence of St. Helens as a possible origin. Soil management with these ash deposits are discussed.

#### INTERPRETIVE GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTIONS ALONG GREAT SALT LAKE, UTAH

Cook, Kenneth L., Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112; Iversen, C. W., Manor Park Court, Rockville, Md. 20853; Gray, Edward F., Department of Geology, Army Topographic Command, Washington, D. C. 20813; Gray, Edward F., Department of Geology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

During 1968, a reconnaissance gravity survey of the Great Salt Lake, Utah was made with a LaCoste and Romberg gravimeter in a joint project by the Army Topographic Command and the U.S. Geological Survey (Cook, Iversen, and St. Helens, 1966), four interpretive east-west geologic cross sections across the lake were compiled. Using an assumed density contrast of 0.5 gm/cc between the Cenozoic and Precambrian rocks, maximum thicknesses of the Cenozoic rocks along the lake were determined from the following approximate locations: (A) 3,600 feet, in the area west-northwest of Rock Island; (B) 7,000 feet, in the area east of Rock Island; (C) 40° 57'--7,600 feet, in the area between Rock Island and Antelope Island; and (D) 40° 50'--7,600 feet, midway between Stansbury Island and Antelope Island. A larger density contrast would result in larger thicknesses, respectively. The gravity anomaly northward-trending Great Salt Lake graben is comprised of at least two separate Cenozoic basins (one with a density contrast by gravity lows) which are divided by a structural high.