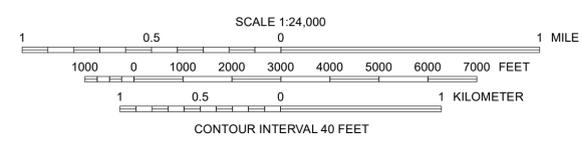
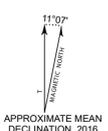


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**GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE MOUNT POWELL QUADRANGLE,
DUCHESE AND SUMMIT COUNTIES, UTAH**
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1	2	3	1 Lyman Lake
2	3	4	2 Bridger Lake
3	4	5	3 Gilbert Peak NE
4	5	6	4 Mount Lovonia
5	6	7	5 Kings Peak
6	7	8	6 Oweasp Creek
7	8		7 Garfield Basin
8			8 Mount Emmons

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

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SUMMARY

The Mount Powell quadrangle is located along the crest of the Uinta arch in the High Uintas Wilderness Area. The quadrangle's namesake, Mount Powell, is the seventh highest point in Utah at 4040 meters (13,159 feet as shown on topographic base map). It was named for Major John Wesley Powell, a pioneering geologist who was the first to explore the Green and Colorado Rivers as part of the Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region during the late nineteenth century. The Mount Powell quadrangle was previously mapped by various workers (Crittenden and others, 1967; Wallace and Crittenden, 1969; Wallace, 1972; Bryant, 1992; Munroe and Laabs, 2009; Osterhout, 2011). The quadrangle is dominated by the greater textural and compositional maturity and bed geometry characterized by the Uinta Mountain Group (UMG), a succession of middle Neoproterozoic (ca 750 to 740 Ma) sedimentary rocks several kilometers thick (Dehler and others, 2010).

Bedrock units are exposed in the high peaks and steep cliffs and include (from stratigraphic lowest to highest) the Red Castle Formation, Dead Horse Pass Formation, Mount Agassiz Formation, and the informal formation of Hades Pass. The middle UMG strata exposed in the quadrangle indicate a paleogeography characterized by offshore, shoreline, nearshore marine, deltaic, and fluvial facies and stratal architecture. The sedimentary bedrock units are interpreted to have been deposited in fluvial and shallow marine environments within an epicontinental sea at least 150 million years before the latest Proterozoic inception of the Laurentian western passive margin.

Glacial till of Smiths Fork age covers the basin floors and related well-defined headwall cirques cut into bedrock at the heads of the basins. The flanks of the basins are somewhat covered by talus or rock glaciers and much of the high tablelands are covered by thin regolith that likely resulted from periglacial processes.

The axis of the Laramide-age Uinta arch strikes through the quadrangle, gently folding the UMG bedrock units with generally shallow north and south dips (3 to 20 degrees). The Uinta Crest fault parallels the axis of the Uinta arch through the quadrangle. Regionally, the Uinta Crest fault is described as a down-to-the-north fault zone that extends from Hayden Peak, about 30 kilometers west-southwest of the Mount Powell quadrangle, to near North Burro Peak, about 13 kilometers northeast of the quadrangle (Crittenden and others, 1967; Bryant, 1992). The UMG strata are also cut by minor (several meters of offset) to moderate (several tens of meters of offset) normal and reverse faults.

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

QUATERNARY-TERTIARY UNITS

- Ql** **Lacustrine and marsh deposits (Holocene)** – Unconsolidated, laminated fine sand, silt and clay, and fine colluvium with buried organic layers common; deposits infill closed ovoid depressions damaged by end moraines, till ridges, and hummocks, associated with meadows, marshes, and small lakes. Generally less than 10 meters (30 ft) thick but may locally exceed 10 meters (30 ft).
- Qmt** **Talus (Holocene and upper Pleistocene?)** – Unconsolidated, poorly sorted, mostly angular boulders located at the base of cirque headwalls along north-facing cliff walls and along glacial valley sides; extensively coarsened with most fines having been removed by meltwater; accumulations of fine colluvium are common down slope from many talus deposits, especially where cliffs contain a large component of shale; include small avalanche cones, protalus ramparts, and sheet-like deposits that blanket and skirt cliff faces; rock falls are common, especially following precipitation, and indicate many talus deposits remain active; 1 to 50 meters (3–165 ft) thick.
- Qgr** **Rock glacier (Holocene and upper Pleistocene?)** – Unconsolidated, poorly sorted, angular boulders and fine-grained materials; fine-grained materials are more common in these deposits than in talus; lichen-covered boulders typify more stabilized rock glaciers, characterized by steep-sloped lobate bulges that protrude into basins and on the floor of high-altitude cirque basins; characteristic surface morphology of transverse ridges and furrows results from slow, imperceptible flow by deformation and mobilization of interstitial ice; rock glaciers in the Mount Powell quadrangle are present on north-facing slopes near Cliff Lake and Red Castle Lake; surface/meltwater pond emanates from a rock glacier west of Trail Rider Pass; as much as 30 meters (100 ft) thick.
- Qg** **Glacial till, undivided (Holocene?) and upper Pleistocene** – Unconsolidated, poorly sorted diamict of uncertain age that is similar to Smiths Fork till, mapped on Flat Top Mountain in the northern part of the quadrangle; forms steep hummocky topographic relief and exhibits linear patterned ground suggesting the deposit was modified by periglacial processes; thickness uncertain but generally forms thin veneer over bedrock.
- Qgs** **Smiths Fork Till (upper Pleistocene)** – Unconsolidated, matrix-supported, poorly sorted diamict that consists of pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of Uinta Mountain Group lithologies; sandstone and quartzite clasts at the surface are abundant; clasts are commonly angular to subangular, especially the larger boulders; stratified clasts are locally abundant; forms broad deposits on basin floors that are topographically variable, ranging from smooth to hummocky with small ridges or knolls and kettles; deposited during the last glaciation (ca. 32,000 to 14,000 years ago) and considered correlative with the Pinedale Glaciation elsewhere in the Rocky Mountains (Phillips and others, 1997); samples collected for cosmogenic ¹⁰Be surface-exposure dating reveal that terminal moraines were abandoned by retreating glaciers before 16,000 years ago (Munroe and others, 2006; Laabs and others, 2007; Refsnider and others, 2009); till in the northern part of the basin centers is generally quite stable due to low surface slopes but lateral moraines and till deposits on steeper bedrock slopes are prone to mass wasting, especially when water-saturated (Munroe and Laabs, 2009); includes post-glacial (Holocene) stream alluvium deposited along creeks, local colluvium, and small lacustrine/marsh deposits; as much as 50 m (165 feet) thick.
- Qgu** **Pre-Smiths Fork Till, Undivided (upper or middle Pleistocene)** – Glacial diamict of Munroe and Laabs (2009); they described it as having similar physical properties and composition to Smiths Fork Till, but located beyond the Smiths Fork glacial limit in a position where it is not possible to determine whether these sediments were deposited during the Blacks Fork or an earlier glaciation, displays a greater degree of soil development than Smiths Fork Till; includes post-glacial (Holocene) stream alluvium deposited along creeks, local colluvium, and small lacustrine/marsh deposits; as much as 50 m (165 feet) thick.

- Qtr** **Residual deposits (Holocene? to Tertiary?)** – Unconsolidated, poorly sorted, angular boulders to silt developed mostly on the 34 million-year-old Gilbert Peak erosion surface (Hansen, 1986; Kowallis and others, 2005); characterized by planar, grass-covered slopes; boulders are commonly concentrated in linear and anastomosing patterns suggesting deposits may be modified by periglacial processes; boulders are typically lichen-covered; may be similar to older piedmont gravel deposits mapped by Sprinkel (2006), which included deposits modified by periglacial processes; unit thinly covers bedrock in some areas and is generally less than 1 meter (3 ft) thick, but may be locally as much as 3 meters (10 ft) thick.

NEOPROTEROZOIC

- Zuh** **Formation of Hades Pass (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Reddish-brown, medium- to very coarse grained quartzite to feldspathic arenite with minor meter-scale interbeds of very light gray to purplish-brown, fine- to medium-grained quartz arenite; bed geometry is characterized by laterally amalgamated, amalgamated channels and sparse interbedded siltstone greater than 10 cm thick; rare channel-form, white arenite and siltstone (greater than 10 meters (30 ft) thick) occur in high cliff wall exposures at the top of the section exposed in the quadrangle; has soft-sediment deformation (slump folds), planar and trough cross-bedding, and abundant secondary alteration including Liesegang banding; although no paleocurrent measurements were taken in formation of Hades Pass within this quadrangle, 18 measurements in the adjoining Kings Peak 7.5-minute quadrangle yielded an average paleoflow direction of 127° (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2013); primarily braided fluvial depositional environment, lower contact with the upper member of the Red Castle Formation north of the Uinta arch and the Mount Agassiz Formation south of the Uinta arch is regionally mappable; sharp, and erosive and represents a stratal discontinuity (composite sequence boundary); upper contact with the overlying Red Pine Shale is not exposed in the quadrangle; informal formation name first used by Wallace (1972); at least 1500 meters (4920 ft) thick, estimated from mapped exposure within the Kings Peak quadrangle (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2015).
- Zuma** **Mount Agassiz Formation (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Very light gray to light-purple-gray, fine- to coarse-grained quartz arenite and pink sub-feldspathic arenite with centimeters to tens-of-meters thick interbeds of reddish-brown feldspathic siltstone and gray claystone to shale; soft-sediment deformation (slump folds and flame structures), planar cross-beds, bi-directional planar cross-beds (0.5 cm to 1.5 cm (about 0.2–4.5 in) thick), mud chips, parting lineations, and interference ripples; although no paleocurrent measurements were taken in the Mount Agassiz Formation within this quadrangle, 80 measurements in the adjoining Kings Peak 7.5-minute quadrangle yielded a broad span of directions with an average paleoflow direction of 224° (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2013); offshore to nearshore marine depositional environment, although not mapped, the formation can be divided into four fine-grained subunits and three coarse-grained subunits, all meters to tens-of-meters thick, coarse-grained subunits on the east-facing wall of Kings Peak have large-scale (several meters high) prograding foresets (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2013); fine- and coarse-grained subunits stack in upward-coarsening cycles interpreted as depositional sequences that consist of retrogradational and aggradational-progradational systems tracts (after Neal and Abreu, 2009), which in the traditional terminology of Mitchum and Van Wagoner (1991) are transgressive and highstand systems tracts; lower contact is a stratal discontinuity interpreted as a sequence boundary with the underlying Dead Horse Pass Formation (see Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2013, for details on internal lithologic descriptions and sequence stratigraphy); the Mount Agassiz Formation is distinguished from the underlying Dead Horse Pass Formation by thicker interbeds of gray shale and light-brown sandstone, which gives the formation a comparatively lighter color; grades laterally to the west into the upper part of the member of the Red Castle Formation (see correlation chart and stratigraphic column); informal formation name first used by Wallace (1972) but has been formalized by Kingsbury-Stewart and others (2013); ~130 to 300 meters (425–985 ft) thick.
- Zud** **Dead Horse Pass Formation (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Reddish-brown to very light gray quartz arenite and feldspathic arenite with interbedded green gray to gray claystone and maroon siltstone; shale and maroon siltstone; flaser bedding, ripple marks, and hummocky to swaley cross-stratification; paleocurrent measurements (11 measurements) yield an average paleoflow direction of 282°; offshore to nearshore marine depositional environment; although not mapped, the formation can be divided into three fine-grained subunits (fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, and shale) and two coarse-grained subunits (mostly coarse-grained sandstone), up to a few tens of meters thick; fine- and coarse-grained subunits stack in upward-coarsening cycles that are interpreted as retrogradational and aggradational-progradational systems tracts (after Neal and Abreu, 2009), which in the traditional terminology of Mitchum and Van Wagoner (1991) are transgressive and highstand systems tracts; see Kingsbury-Stewart and others (2013) for details on internal lithologic descriptions and sequence stratigraphy); the Mount Agassiz Formation is distinguished from the underlying Dead Horse Pass Formation by the greater textural and compositional maturity and bed geometry characterized by stratal terminations (overlap, downlap, and truncation); grades laterally westward to the lower part of the upper member of the Red Castle Formation (see correlation chart and stratigraphic column); informal formation name first used by Wallace (1972) but has been formalized by Kingsbury-Stewart and others (2013); 150 to 235 meters (495–770 ft) thick.

- Zucm** **Upper member of Red Castle Formation (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Reddish-brown silty mudstone to medium-grained quartz arenite, and intervals of coarse-grained to pebbly arkosic arenite; intervals of silty shale are dark reddish gray to green gray (~5 meters (15 ft) thick); sandstone is thin bedded (0.1 to 0.5 meters (0.3–1.5 ft) thick) with planar lamination, trough cross-bedding, mud rip-up clasts, lag deposits, scour, hummocky cross-stratification, and herringbone cross-bedding; laterally continuous beds are 0.1 to 10 meters (0.3–30 ft) thick; sparse coarse-grained to granular quartz arenite is present in intervals less than 1 meter (3 ft) thick with abundant mud rip-up clasts and lag deposits; beds 0.5 to 6 meters (1.5–20 ft) thick; 10 paleocurrent measurements in the arkosic arenite yielded an average paleoflow direction of 182° whereas 11 measurements in the quartz arenite facies yielded an average paleoflow direction of 302°; lower contact with the middle member of the Red Castle Formation is sharp to erosive (base of green-gray shale of upper member overlying reddish-brown arkosic sandstone or red siltstone of middle member); offshore marine and deltaic depositional environment, the formation can be divided into three, tens-of-meter-scale, upward coarsening, silty sandstone or mudstone to quartz or arkosic arenite; fine- and coarse-grained subunits stack in upward-coarsening cycles that are interpreted as retrogradational and aggradational-progradational systems tracts (after Neal and Abreu, 2009); the arkosic arenite beds are much thicker in the north and west but become thinner in quartz arenite as they grade laterally to the Mount Agassiz and Dead Horse Pass Formations in the Gunsight Pass area of the Kings Peak quadrangle (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2015) and south along Tungsten Ridge; erosional upper contact; less than 30 meters thick (100 ft) in the Kings Peak quadrangle, but ~170 meters (565 ft) thick in the Henrys Fork drainage to ~335 meters (1100 ft) thick in the Smiths Fork drainage of this quadrangle.

Zucm **Middle member of Red Castle Formation (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Reddish-brown, medium-grained to granular, submatte arkosic arenite; laterally continuous cyclic beds of sandstone-siltstone couples that fine upward; abundant trough and planar cross-beds overlain by thin beds of reddish-brown, very fine grained sandstone interbedded with silty mudstone; bedding thickness is tens of centimeters to meter scale; horizontal to gently dipping (less than ~30°) tabular; meter-scale beds, contains preserved bed forms on the tops of bed sets (ripples and dunes centimeter to meter scale), mud rip-up clasts (as much as 4 cm (1.5 in)), and rare channel forms; 285 paleocurrent measurements in the arkosic arenite yielded an average paleoflow direction of 185°; tidal flat to tidal-influenced braided delta depositional environment; lower contact with the lower member of the Red Castle Formation is sharp to gradational and is placed where lenticular bedding of the lower member becomes tabular; member coarsens to the west from the Henrys Fork to the Smiths Fork drainages within this quadrangle and loses much of the interbedded fines; Kingsbury-Stewart and others (2015) could not separate the middle and lower members with certainty through the adjoining Kings Peak quadrangle, in which they combined it as a single map unit (Zucm); unit Zucm is shown on the stratigraphic column and correlation of map units (on plate 2 of this publication) for correlation purposes; member (Zucm) is extensively exposed south of the Uinta arch around the Red Castle Lakes, the Red Castle, Castle Peak, Smiths Fork Pass above the Smiths Fork drainage, and south in the Henrys Fork drainage; middle member also has limited exposure at the head of the Yellowstone drainage; the exposure north of the Uinta arch is limited to the Smiths Fork drainage, mainly on the west side of the basin; middle member crops out in great, striking rock cliffs and when the sun is on it, it is clear how the Red Castle got its name; thickness northward from about 95 to 300 meters (~310–985 ft) thick.

Zucd **Lower member of the Red Castle Formation (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Reddish-brown to reddish-purple, channelized, immature to sub-mature, medium-grained arkosic arenite to pebble conglomerate and sparse, discontinuous beds of red silty shale and fine sandstone; channelized sandstone beds have well- and sub-ovoidal quartz grains up to 1 cm (0.4 in) and subrounded to subangular feldspar grains up to 2 cm (0.8 in); rip-up clasts up to 5 cm (2 in) in diameter are common; bedding consists of sub-meter-scale amalgamated channel forms that are laterally continuous on a 1- to 10-meters (3- to 33-ft) scale; within the channel forms are coesets of trough or planar cross-beds and (or) moderately dipping (~20° to 35°) lateral accretion macrowedges with internal cross-bedding; contains abundant trough cross-beds that are commonly normally graded (centimeters to tens of centimeters) with pebble- to coarse sand-sized grains at the base and fining up to mixed coarse- to fine-grained sand; the size of the cross-beds generally decreases up section within the unit and sometimes within a single coeset; reddish-brown silty to very fine grained sandstone forms beds 2 to 5 cm (0.8–2 in) thick with occasional mud cracks; contains lenticular feldspathic arenite facies; 159 paleocurrent measurements yielded an average paleoflow direction of 162°; lower member includes interbedded quartzite of the informal Island Lake tongues (Zucil); basal contact of each tongue is sharp and interpreted as a flooding surface; braided fluvial depositional environment with interbedded matrix quartzite (Island Lake tongues); basal contact not exposed; Kingsbury-Stewart and others (2015) could not separate the middle and lower members with certainty throughout the adjoining Kings Peak quadrangle, in which they combined it as a single map unit (Zucm); unit Zucm is shown on the stratigraphic column and correlation of map units (on plate 2 of this publication) for correlation purposes; excellent exposures of Zucd are on the west side of the Red Castle near the head of Smiths Fork drainage (south limb of the Uinta arch) and on both limbs of the Uinta arch in the Henrys Fork drainage, especially near Island Lake (mislabelled as Grass Lake on topographic base) on the south limb; at least 230 meters (755 ft) thick.

Zucil **Island Lake tongues (Neoproterozoic, Cryogenian)** – Medium- to very coarse grained quartz arenite; dark purple to white on fresh surfaces; weathers to gray purple; sparse pebbles of polycrystalline quartz, red jasper, and black chert; sub-mature, normally graded beds and lenticular to tabular, medium (0.3 to 2 m [1–6.5 feet]), structureless beds; rare scoured beds with sharp contacts; sparse mud chips; mud cracks; slump features; and trough cross-bedding; interbedded with micaceous silty shale, siltstone and very fine grained quartz arenite; greenish gray on fresh surfaces, weathers green and orange, contains sand-starved ripples, asymmetrical ripples, mud-draped symmetrical ripples, quartz lenses less than 1 cm thick to less than 1 m (less than 3 feet) long that are often mud draped; 0.5 cm to 3 cm (0.2–1.2 m) pinch and swell beds are in the shale and 1 cm (0.4 in) siltstone and 3 to 10 cm (1.2–4 m) of quartzite are interbedded; 9 paleocurrent measurements in the quartz arenite facies show multidirectional flow but an average paleoflow direction of 311°; tongues of marine deposits that repeatedly flooded across a braided fluvial depositional system; in Henrys Fork drainage, two tongues are exposed (approximately greater than 25 m and 2 m (80 and 105 feet) thick); basal contact not exposed; in Smiths Fork drainage, three tongues (approximately 2 m, 11 m, and 22 m [6, 36, and 72 feet] thick) are interbedded within the lower member of the Red Castle Formation (the lowest tongue is not mappable at map scale); contains quartz arenite, silty sandstone, and silty mudstone facies; exposed in small cliffs and slopes at the crest of the Uinta arch; all three tongues are exposed to the west of the Red Castle near the head of Smiths Fork drainage and two are exposed near Island Lake in the Henrys Fork drainage; in the Henrys Fork drainage the base of the lowest tongue is not exposed; lower contacts with the lower member of the Red Castle Formation are sharp and upper contacts are sharp to erosional.

Older Uinta Mountain Group and Red Creek Quartzite (Neoproterozoic and Paleoproterozoic) – Shown on cross section only.

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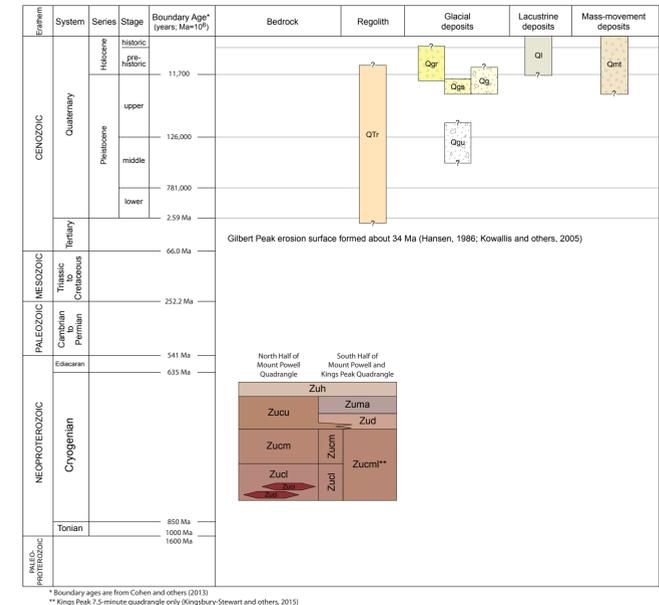
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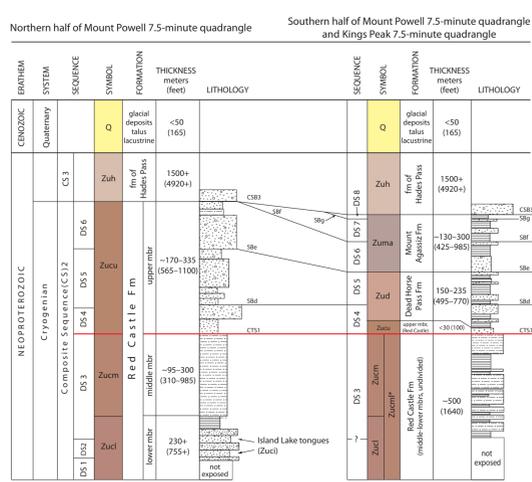
MAP SYMBOLS

- Contact – Solid where well located; dashed where approximately located on map; dashed and queried (?) where approximately located on cross section
- Normal fault – Dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; queried where existence is uncertain; bar and ball on downthrown side where offset is known
- Reverse fault – Solid where well located; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed
- Anticline (upright) – Solid where well located; dotted where concealed
- Cirque headwall, well located
- Moraine crest – Crest of prominent end moraines and lateral moraines; moraines of Smiths Fork age are most topographically prominent due to their relatively young age; moraines of pre-Smiths Fork age are more topographically subdued due to their longer period of weathering and possibly by more intense periglacial processes during the Smiths Fork Glaciation.
- Strike and dip of bedding (inclined)
- Cross section, A-A'

CORRELATION OF UNITS



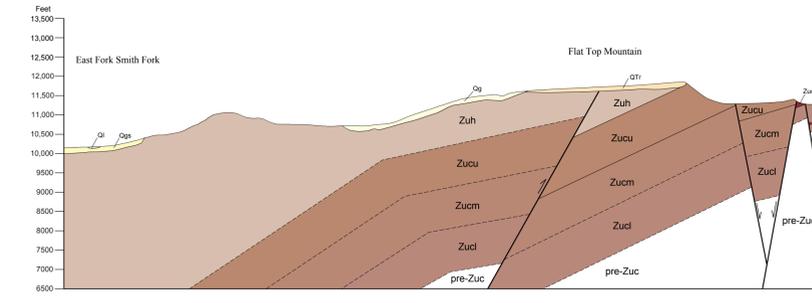
KINGS PEAK AND MOUNT POWELL 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLES - STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS



*Kings Peak 7.5-minute quadrangle only (Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2015)

- Siltstone
- Medium-grained quartz arenite
- Interbedded medium-grained sandstone and siltstone
- Medium-grained sandstone, feldspathic
- Coarse and pebbly sandstone, feldspathic
- Dam
- SB Sequence boundary
- DS Depositional sequence
- CS Composite transgressive surface
- CSB Composite sequence boundary
- (see Kingsbury-Stewart and others, 2013, for details on sequence stratigraphy)

A NORTH



SOUTH A'

