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# PROVISIONAL GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CHAMPLIN PEAK QUADRANGLE, JUAB AND MILLARD COUNTIES, UTAH

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Base from USGS Champlin Peak 7.5' quadrangle (2001)  
Projection: UTM Zone 12  
Datum: NAD 1927  
Spheroid: Clarke 1886

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The map shows a section of land with several labeled areas. At the top left is 'Hayden'. To its right is 'Clark'. A river, labeled 'Snyder River', flows from the top left towards the bottom left. In the bottom left area, there is another 'Hayden' label. In the center, there is a large, irregularly shaped area labeled 'Lawton'.

*Index to areas of responsibility for  
geologic mapping in this quadrangle*



## INTRODUCTION

This geologic map combines and updates prior mapping in the geologically complex and diverse **Champlin Peak quadrangle**. The map and associated materials combine the 1:24,000-scale mapping and report by Hayden (Higgins, 1982), which focused on the Proterozoic and Paleozoic bedrock, and the studies of synorogenic conglomerates of the Canyon Mountains by Lawton and others (1997) including unpublished 1:24,000-scale mapping by Lawton. This map extends the mapping of Clark (2003) from the east in Sage Valley, and incorporates some interpretations of structural geology by Kwon (2004) and Kwon and Mitra (2007) in Leamington Canyon and the Gilsen Mountains. Author Clark updated the mapping of surficial deposits, Tertiary rocks, and some older bedrock units, and compiled the mapping data (see Index Map of Mapping Sources). Lawton and Clark prepared the cross section. The map also includes new stratigraphic terminology for the Canyon Range Conglomerate developed by Lawton and others (2007).

This mapping supersedes that of Higgins (1982) relative to surficial deposits and Tertiary rocks, and locally some Proterozoic and Paleozoic bedrock, supersedes that of Lawton and others (1997), and Hintze and Davis (2002) have not been fully resolved here. Although greater overall geologic detail is presented by the aforementioned references, and map unit descriptions herein supersede them, as well as those in the Delta 30' or 60' quadrangle (Hintze and Davis, 2002), the Millard County Bulletin (Hintze and Davis, 2003). Differences between Higgins' measured section (1982, appendix B) and Lawton's Canyon Range Conglomerate mapping are indicated in table 1. The part of Higgins' (1982) map north of the Leamington Canyon fault was adopted from Costain (1960) and Wang (1970). Clark interpreted some of the eastern exposures of this area, but did not revisit western exposures there.

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Finally, an important aspect of the quadrangle is the location of the Ash Grove Cement Company - Leamington plant (located at the Uicso rail siding). The cement plant was sited so that it is near a main railroad line and for ready access to feedstocks of lime, shale, and silica located within or near the quadrangle. (Abhay (1990), Costain (2003), and Tripp (Utah Geological Survey, verbal communication, December 4, 1992, 2005) reported on economic commodities in the Champlin Peak quadrangle.

## MAP UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptions for Quaternary-Tertiary, Tertiary, and Tertiary-Cretaceous map units are by author Clark. Descriptions for Cretaceous map units are from Lawton. Descriptions of older map units of the para-autochthon, Tintic Valley thrust plate, and Canyon Range thrust plate were modified from Higgins (1982) by author Clark.

## QUATERNARY

### Alluvial deposits

**Qal** **River and stream alluvium** (Holocene) – Moderately to well sorted sand, silt, and clay with local coarse lags of pebbles to boulder gravel along the Sever River and other active streams including the Gilsen Wash area and Pass Canyon; includes minor terraces up to 10 feet (3 m) above current drainage levels; total thickness unknown, up to 10 feet (3 m) exposed.

**Qat** **Stream-terrace deposits** (Holocene) – Fine- to coarse-grained deposits that form a level to gently-sloping terrace surface incised by the Sever River near the western border of the quadrangle; terrace is from 10 to 20 feet (3–6 m) above current river channel; thickness 0 to 20 feet (0–6 m).

**Qa** **Young alluvial deposits** (Holocene to upper Pleistocene?) – Fine- to coarse-grained, poorly-sorted alluvium in Dog Valley Wash below the Bonneville shoreline; includes overlapping stream and alluvial-fan deposits and some small colluvial deposits; flat bottomed, poorly-sorted, present in or near the quadrangle; grades to alluvium-colluvium; thickness variable and probably less than 100 feet (<30 m) in most places.

**Qaf<sub>1</sub>** **Young alluvial-fan deposits** (Holocene) – Poorly sorted sand and gravel with silt and clay in active alluvial fans adjacent to steeper uplands; composed of locally-derived rock types; forms broad surfaces in Leamington and Sever Canyons that are incised by the Sever River; thickness probably less than 100 feet (<30 m).

**Qaf<sub>2</sub>** **Older alluvial-fan deposits** (middle and lower Holocene) – Similar in composition to young alluvial-fan deposits; mapped only along the Sever River near the eastern quadrangle border; locally incised by stream and river alluvium; exposed thickness probably less than 100 feet (<30 m), total thickness unknown.

**Qaf<sub>3</sub>** **Older alluvial-fan deposits, undifferentiated** (Holocene to lower Pleistocene?) – Poorly sorted sand and gravel with silt and clay; consists of a mix of coarsened older sands and younger fans that cannot be readily mapped separately; present in or near the quadrangle; present in Sever, Leamington, Wood, and Pass Canyons and may include some pre-Lake Bonneville alluvial deposits; grades to alluvium-colluvium and mixed lacustrine-alluvial deposits; locally incised by Holocene dunes; exposed thickness probably less than 200 feet (<60 m), total thickness unknown.

### Deltatic and Lacustrine deposits

These deposits likely represent the transgressive phase of Lake Bonneville, near its highest level prior to the Bonneville Flood (Oviatt, 1992; Oviatt and others, 1992).

**Qdf** **Deltatic (estuarine) fines** (upper Pleistocene) – Fine sand, silt, and clay that is thinly to very finely bedded with a local layered appearance, forms an upward-thickening sequence; deposited in the Sever River estuary of Lake Bonneville about 15,000 years ago (Oviatt, 1992); locally overlain by an expansive soil with a significant shrink-swell potential; cement plant structures built on this unit have settled (Jeffrey Tupper, Ash Grove Cement Company, verbal communication, 2004), up to about 250 feet (75 m) exposed, total thickness uncertain.

**Qdg** **Deltatic gravels** (upper Pleistocene) – Well sorted and rounded, sandy, pebble-size gravel deposits near the mouth of Leamington Canyon; deposited in a delta of the Bonneville River; gravel is from vertical to about 72 degrees southward; largely removed through excavation; up to about 30 feet (10 m) removed, total thickness uncertain.

**Qlg** **Lacustrine gravels** (upper Pleistocene) – Well sorted and rounded, sandy, pebble-size gravel deposited in Sever Canyon on east margin of map, developed at the Bonneville shoreline; less than 20 feet (<6 m) exposed, total thickness uncertain.

**Ql** **Lacustrine deposits, undifferentiated** (upper Pleistocene) – Fine-grained sediment to gravel deposited below the Bonneville-level shoreline in lacustrine or estuarine environments; derived from local rocks and deposits that form a mantle obliquely bedded; mapped in northern Sever Canyon; some unmapped older deposits occur on bedrock below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington and Sever Canyons; thickness likely less than 25 feet (<8 m).

### Colluvial deposits

**Qc** **Colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Slopewash deposits of clay- to boulder-size, locally derived sediments; poorly to moderately sorted and angular; deposited on and at the base of upland slopes; locally may include small and medium-sized alluvial deposits; grades to alluvium-colluvium and alluvial-colluvial deposits and locally upslope to mixed talus and colluvial deposits; generally less than 20 feet (<6 m) thick.

### Mixed-Erosion deposits

**Qac** **Alluvial and colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Combined alluvial and slopewash deposits of poorly to moderately sorted, generally poorly sorted, clay- to boulder-size, locally derived sediments; present along drainages in uplands, locally within larger canyons, and incised into Q<sub>af</sub> strata; grades to alluvial-fan deposits; locally incised by Holocene dunes; generally less than 20 feet (<6 m) thick.

**Qla** **Lacustrine and alluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Clay- to boulder-size deposits that consist of pre-Lake Bonneville alluvial fans partially reworked in the Sever River estuary, and Lake Bonneville deposits partially reworked and covered by post-Bonneville alluvial fans; locally grades to alluvium-colluvium; mapped below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington Canyon and west of the Canyon Mountains; thickness less than 100 feet (<30 m).

**Qmtc** **Talus and colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Poorly sorted, angular to subangular cobbles and boulders and finer grained interstitial sediment deposited by rock fall and slopewash on and at the base of steep slopes; generally grades downslope from talus to colluvial deposits; a few areas mapped near Wood and Tank Canyons; generally less than 25 feet (<8 m) thick.

### Mass-Movement deposits

**Qms** **Landslide deposits** (Holocene?) or upper Pleistocene?) – Rotational and complex slumps and slides; variable grain size and texture; developed on steeper slopes in the Great Blue Formation; present in and near Gilsen Wash and along the Tintic Valley thrust fault; queried where near uncertainty; thickness variable.

### Human-Derived deposits

Disturbed land associated with the Ash Grove Cement Company's Hank Allen quarry area (sections 32 and 33, T. 14 S., R. 3 W. and section 4, T. 15 S., R. 3 W.) and Nielson quarry (part 1, section 11, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.) has been mapped.

**Qf** **Fill** (Historical) – Local earth materials used to construct dams for stock ponds and berms to divert drainages; thickness 0 to 20 feet (6 m).

### Stacked-unit deposits

**Qa/Qdf** **Alluvial deposits over deltaic (estuarine) fines** (Holocene/upper Pleistocene) – Veneer of fine-grained alluvial deposits overlying Lake Bonneville deltaic fines; several areas mapped in the Leamington Canyon; surficial deposit thickness probably less than 10 feet (<3 m).

**Ql/Cpm** **Lacustrine deposits over Prospect Mountain Quartzite** (upper Pleistocene/lower Pleistocene) – Lacustrine deposits in the Paluvant Range and Leamington Canyon overlying bedrock unit of Prospect Mountain Quartzite; only mapped near Soma ridge; surficial deposit thickness probably less than 10 feet (<3 m).

## QUATERNARY-TERTIARY

**Q<sub>Taf</sub>** **Oldest alluvial-fan deposits** (lower Pleistocene? to Pliocene?) – Fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, dissected alluvial-fan deposits derived from the Canyon Mountains; Kelpy overlies the alluvium; locally grades to alluvium-colluvium; mapped below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington Canyon and west of the Canyon Mountains; thickness less than 100 feet (<30 m).

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## Unconformity

**KcQ<sub>dp</sub>** **Volcanic rocks of Sage Valley** (lower Oligocene? to middle?) Eocene) – Divided into several informal and formal (formational rank) map units in the Sage Valley (lower Oligocene? to middle?) Eocene; volcanic conglomerate unit of Clark (2003) mapped separately in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; all exposures are along the east margin of the map area.

**Tvu** **Volcanic conglomerate unit undifferentiated** – Volcanic conglomerate belonging to units A, B, and/or C, but where the position within the volcanic rocks of Sage Valley cannot be determined; forms rubble-covered slopes; crops out in one area near east map border and south of Sever River; about 50 feet (15 m) exposed, total thickness unknown.

**Tvc** **Volcanic conglomerate unit C** (lower Oligocene? to upper Eocene) – Poorly consolidated, brownish-gray, to moderate-brown-weathering volcanic conglomerate and breccia, with underlying units is an angular unconformity with diastase clasts and minor carbonate and quartzite clasts; similar to unit A (see below); rubbly slope-forming exposures; likely distal alluvial deposits and lutescent southward from the Tintic Mountains volcanic area; less than 20 feet (<6 m) exposed; mapped in the Leamington Canyon; thickness probably less than 100 feet (<30 m) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

## Fault

**Tvf** **Furner Quartz Lattice** (upper Eocene) – Light- to medium-gray, porphyritic, moderately to densely welded, rhyolitic ash-flow tuff in a simple cooling unit; crystal rich (about 50%) with phenocrysts of quartz, plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, and hornblende in a glassy matrix black to gray glassy; flame forming a extrusive texture, with lapilli and up to block-sized lithic fragments; typically crops out as rounded cliffs and large boulders, but the lone exposure in this quadrangle is poor, "Air/Pa" age of 34.83 ± 0.15 Ma in Sage Valley quadrangle (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); source likely caldera in Furner Ridge and Tintic Mountain quadrangles to the north (J.D. Keith, Brigham Young University, verbal communication, 2004), less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; regional thickness up to 1500 feet (460 m) (Morris, 1977; Clark, 2003).

## Fault

**Tvt** **Tuff of Little Sage Valley** (middle Eocene) – Grayish-pink to light-gray, poorly to moderately welded, diastase ash-flow tuff, phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, sanidine, and hornblende in a glassy matrix black to gray glassy; flame forming a extrusive texture, with lapilli and up to block-sized lithic fragments; typically crops out as rounded cliffs and large boulders, but the lone exposure in this quadrangle is poor, "Air/Pa" age of 34.83 ± 0.15 Ma in Sage Valley quadrangle (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); source likely caldera in Furner Ridge and Tintic Mountain quadrangles to the north (J.D. Keith, Brigham Young University, verbal communication, 2004), less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; regional thickness up to 1500 feet (460 m) (Morris, 1977; Clark, 2003).

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**Tva** **Volcanic conglomerate unit A** (middle Eocene) – Bouldery exposures of brownish-gray to brownish-brown-weathering volcanic conglomerate with interlayered lava flows (Tva<sub>1</sub>); conglomerate contains dark-gray to dark-pink, angular to subangular volcanic clasts and fragments of volcanic rocks; matrix of tuffaceous sandstone and ash; contains intermediate-composition lava flow boulders; forms rubbly slopes; exposed on east map border and northwest of Dog Valley Wash; less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed; up from 175 to 1000 feet (55–300 m) thick in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

**Tva<sub>1</sub>** **Lava flow member** (middle Eocene) – Mapped separately where thicker and better exposed; lava flows are generally angular, of intermediate composition, and mostly fractured; flows range from pink-gray to bluish-gray to dark-gray and weather to various shades of brown and gray; forms broken exposures of angular pebbles to boulders; geochemical analysis of sample CP-4 in table 2; possible source present in Jericho or Furner Ridge quadrangles (Clark, 2003); exposed thickness of flows less than 20 feet (<6 m), from 0 to 200 feet (0–60 m) thick in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

## Not in contact

**Tgs** **Sage Valley Limestone Member of the Golden's Ranch Formation** (middle Eocene) – Upper member of the Golden's Ranch Formation of Melos (1983), an original member of Maessig's (1953) Golden's Ranch Formation, and included as a member of the Canyon Range Conglomerate by Lawton and others (1997); light-gray, thin to thickly bedded, lacustrine limestone, locally includes conglomerate lenses; where-forming yellow limestone containing plant remains and chert; both indirectly (where Hagg Canyon Conglomerate Member present) and directly overlies the Furner Quartz Lattice; mapped in the Leamington Canyon (38.61 ± 0.13 Ma) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003); an outcrop near Utah State Route 132 was removed for use by the Intermountain Power Plant in flag gas desulfurization (B. T. Tripp, Utah Geological Survey, verbal communication, 2004); only about 200 feet (60 m) exposed; mapped in the Leamington Canyon (38.61 ± 0.13 Ma) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003); a volcanic clast from unit Tow (sample CP-3) yielded a disturbed "Air/Pa" age of approximately 37.86 ± 0.30 Ma (from last groundmass concentration) (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); geochemical analysis of clast sample CP-3 in table 2; along with unit Kc, is current source of silica for Ash Grove Cement (from Nielson Pit 2 quarry in Jericho quadrangle near intersection of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.) (Aaron Budmick, Ash Grove Cement Company, verbal communication, 2004), up to about 200 feet (60 m) exposed in quadrangle; total unit thickness is east to 0 to 1300 feet (400 m) (Clark, 2003).

## Not in contact

**Tow** **Conglomerate of West Fork Reservoir** (middle Eocene) – Informal unit name after Clark (2003); poorly consolidated conglomerate weathering greenish gray, brownish gray, and pinkish gray; includes predominantly quartzite clasts (Mutual and Prospect Mountains) and andesitic volcanic clasts; locally Paleozoic carbonate clasts; clasts are subangular to subrounded cobbles and boulders; slope-forming unit present in Sever Canyon; appears limited in lateral extent; unconformable(?) lower contact with map unit TK based on changes in color and clast composition; a western or northern source suggested by Clark (2003); directly underlies Chicken Creek Tuff Member of the Golden's Ranch Formation (38.61 ± 0.13 Ma) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003); a volcanic clast from unit Tow (sample CP-3) yielded a disturbed "Air/Pa" age of approximately 37.86 ± 0.30 Ma (from last groundmass concentration) (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); geochemical analysis of clast sample CP-3 in table 2; along with unit Kc, is current source of silica for Ash Grove Cement (from Nielson Pit 2 quarry in Jericho quadrangle near intersection of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.) (Aaron Budmick, Ash Grove Cement Company, verbal communication, 2004), up to about 200 feet (60 m) exposed in quadrangle; total unit thickness is east to 0 to 1300 feet (400 m) (Clark, 2003).

## Unconformity

## TERTIARY-CRETACEOUS

**TKbx** **Silica breccia** (Oligocene? or Eocene? to Upper Cretaceous?) – Typically moderate brown to dusky red, dense, vitreous, siliceous breccia; present along Dog Valley Wash and junction of Leamington and Sever Canyons; "overprints" rock units as young as TK<sub>2</sub>; mapped in the Leamington Canyon; thickness variable; "TKbx" added to map unit symbol where bedrock can be identified; origin unknown, but location suggests it is related to movement on the Leamington Canyon fault zone, which according to Lawton and others (1997) may have begun to form early in the depositional history of the Canyon Range Conglomerate; possibly the start of the Late Cretaceous, less likely is that the breccia is related to Tertiary alluvium; also mapped along an apparent out-of-syncline thrust fault in section 12, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.; thickness variable and uncertain.

**TKr** **Red beds of Sever Canyon** (Eocene or Paleocene? to Upper Cretaceous?) – Informal unit name after Clark (2003); equivalent to TK of Lawton and others (1997), and upper part of conglomerate of Leamington Pass map unit of Higgins (1982); poorly to moderately sorted, reddish-brown to reddish-orange, possibly the start of the Late Cretaceous, less likely is that the breccia is related to Tertiary alluvium; also mapped along an apparent out-of-syncline thrust fault in section 12, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.; thickness variable and uncertain.

## Unconformity

## CRETACEOUS

**Canyon Range Conglomerate** (Paleocene? to Upper Cretaceous [Maasrichtian? to Lower Cretaceous [Maasrichtian?]) – Previously referred to as the Indiana Group (Christiansen, 1952), Canyon Range conglomerate (Armstrong, 1968), Canyon Range conglomerate (Stolle, 1978), Canyon Range Formation (Holladay, 1984), Canyon Range Conglomerate (Michals and Hintze, 1994), and Canyon Range Conglomerate (Lawton and others, 1997). Replaced the lower and middle members of Leamington Pass map unit of Higgins (1982). Lawton and others (1997) previously divided the formation into numerous informal lithostratigraphic units of member rank (also referred to as lithosomes) in the Canyon Mountains. Lawton and others (2007) developed a new stratigraphic terminology including five formal members with the prior members/lithosomes changed to informal bed rank. These map units are based on physical stratigraphy and three petrofacies defined by the relative proportions of quartzite and carbonate clasts (quartzite, mixed (quartzite/carbonate) sandstone), carbonaceous sandstone, and alluvium-colluvium. The Canyon Range Conglomerate members are exposed in this quadrangle. Bed Kelm, provides the basis for physical correlation in the Canyon Mountains. Beds underlying Kelm, in the Canyon Range syncline of the hanging wall (Canyon Range thrust) were identified by counting downward from Kelm, and were probably never continuous with their roughly correlative counterparts on the eastern range front.

Quartzite petrofacies almost exclusively contain quartzite clasts and generally consist of poorly sorted, clast-supported cobble and boulder conglomerates with bedsets up to 30 feet (10 m) thick, and bed bases that are sharp and erosive. These quartzite conglomerate beds are more laterally restricted than the mixed-clast variety, typically pinch out between mixed-clast petrofacies, and the beds Kc<sub>4a</sub>, Kc<sub>4b</sub>, Kc<sub>4c</sub> are locally sourced. Mixed petrofacies have quartzite and Paleozoic carbonate/sandstone clasts in subequal proportions, and are dominantly pebble and cobble conglomerate. Carbonate petrofacies consist of pebble to boulder conglomerate of Paleozoic clasts, and are restricted to part of the eastern range front south of the Champlin Peak quadrangle.

The Canyon Range Conglomerate was involved in interfingering alluvial-fan and braided-fluvial environments (DeCelles and others, 1995); southeasterly sediment transport is indicated (Lawton and others, 1997). Contacts between beds are typically marked by concave-upward, erosional, and/or irregular surfaces and sorting. Beds are locally separated by surface markings by pedogenesis and early cementation.

These synorogenic rock units contain progressive unconformities and growth structures that record the evolution of the Canyon Range Conglomerate. Growth strata are locally present in amalgamated complexes of quartzite beds. These growth strata, which indicate concurrent depositional and structural deformation, take the form of dip "fans," in which successively younger beds dip progressively less steeply than underlying beds. The beds are mapped in the Leamington Canyon; unconformities (for example, between beds Kc<sub>4a</sub> and Kc<sub>4b</sub>; northeast of cement plant), which become increasingly concordant with distance from the growing structure or uplift. An example of this is the base of Kelm, which is an angular unconformity with a discordance of as much as 15 degrees with the underlying strata of bed Kc<sub>4a</sub> in the northern part of the Fool Creek Peak quadrangle, but which is concordant where the contact enters the southern part of the Champlin Peak quadrangle in section 20, T. 15 S., R. 3 W. Furthermore, Kc<sub>4b</sub> and Kc<sub>4c</sub> interfinger extensively in the southern part of the Leamington Canyon Range Pass and thus illustrate the potential lateral variability of contacts in these alluvial and fluvial conglomeratic rocks. Large coherent, brecciated slide blocks (labeled "blocks" on map), typically Paleozoic quartzite or limestone, locally lie on the upper surfaces of the quartzite petrofacies. Evidence indicates that unconformities are at the base of most of the Canyon Range Conglomerate beds, most conspicuously underlying beds Kc<sub>4a</sub>, Kc<sub>4b</sub>, Kc<sub>4c</sub>, Kc<sub>4d</sub>, Kc<sub>4e</sub>, Kc<sub>4f</sub>, and Kc<sub>4g</sub>. All of these beds except Kc<sub>4g</sub> directly overlie Paleozoic strata at least locally; Kc<sub>4g</sub> overlies Kc<sub>4f</sub> and Kc<sub>4e</sub> in the Leamington Canyon and Kc<sub>4g</sub> overlies Kc<sub>4f</sub> and Kc<sub>4e</sub> in the Leamington Canyon; dominantly limestone clasts, including thin-bedded crinkly and mottled gray varieties, and common dolostone clasts, including light-gray cryptocrystalline (Sevy Dolomite) and mottled brown coarsely crystalline, and dark- and light-gray mottled and micaceous limestone clasts of bed Kc<sub>4g</sub> are present in the Leamington Canyon and Mutual quartzite and boulders of undifferentiated Cambrian carbonate as much as 8 feet (2.5 m) long are present near the base of the map unit; near the head of Wood Canyon, the conglomerate contains boulders (20 to 40 inches (50–100 cm) in diameter) of dolomite-pebble conglomerate eroded from older conglomerate beds not now exposed in the quadrangle; **slide blocks** of Cambrian carbonate strata, mostly Swasey Limestone, are common in the lower part of Kc<sub>4g</sub> with blocks oriented parallel with bedding and as much as 100 feet (30 m) long and 30 feet (10 m) thick; the blocks are extensively brecciated, with brecciation being more extensive and pervasive in the lower parts of the blocks, such that texture ranges from monomitic carbonaceous breccia with an "injected" sandstone matrix near block bases to fractured carbonate in upper parts; the slide blocks occupy a single stratigraphic horizon about 65 feet (20 m) above the base of Kc<sub>4g</sub>; the slide block horizon also contains deposits of angular monomitic carbonate breccia in a reddish-brown sandstone matrix; the breccia is 100 to 130 feet (30–40 m) thick, locally rests directly on subangular Paleozoic strata and locally buries the slide blocks; the slide blocks and breccia are deposits of rock and debris avalanches locally derived from Paleozoic strata of the hanging wall of the Canyon Range thrust; Kc<sub>4g</sub> thickness 0 to 1000 feet (0–300 m).

The ages shown on the lithologic column are interpretive and are based on correlation with Canyon Range Conglomerate units in the Paluvant Range and Valley Mountains (refer to figures 3 and 7 of Lawton and others, 2007); the map units in the Canyon Mountains have not been directly dated through paleontologic or other means.

Thicknesses of map units are quite variable along strike (refer to table 1 and cross section A-A'). The total thickness of the formation in the Champlin Peak quadrangle is estimated from cross sections as up to approximately 10,000 feet (3050 m); in general, the unit thickness southward in the subsurface. The Canyon Range Conglomerate is divided into the following formal members and informal beds after Lawton and others (2007) in the Champlin Peak quadrangle: **Pass Canyon Member, Canyon Range Conglomerate** (Pliocene? to Miocene?/Upper Cretaceous?) – Veneer of high-level fine- to coarse-grained alluvial deposits overlying bedrock unit; one area mapped in sections 15, T. 15 S., R. 3 W., which stands above map unit Q<sub>Taf</sub>; surficial deposit thickness probably less than 20 feet (<6 m).

**Kc<sub>4m</sub>** **Wide Canyon Member, red mixed conglomerate and sandstone** (bed m<sub>4</sub>) – Red to brown pebble conglomerate and sandstone with abundant upper Paleozoic clasts; contains approximately 80% carbonate clasts, of which 1/3 are dolostone and 2/3 are limestone, and 20% quartzite clasts; conspicuous sandstone interbeds as much as 6 feet (2 m) thick overlie conglomerate beds and give the member a well-bedded aspect; conglomerate is locally cross-bedded; locally imbricated clasts indicate subaerial paleosolprints; exposed only in southermost part of quadrangle, but crops out extensively on east side of Canyon Mountains in Fool Creek Peak quadrangle to south; equivalent to the lower part of the North Horn Formation of Hintze and Davis (2003); possibly equivalent to red beds of Sever Canyon (TK<sub>1</sub>); 0 to approximately 1000 feet (0–300 m) thick.

**Kc<sub>4p</sub>** **Pass Canyon Member, orange quartzose conglomerate** (bed q<sub>4</sub>) – Unit referred to as Kc<sub>4p</sub> in Lawton and others (1997); orange-weathering quartzite cobble and boulder conglomerate on eastern slope of Prospect Mountain in the quadrangle; contains meter-scale rounded clasts of Prospect Mountain, Mutual, and white quartzite (possibly from the Canyon Range Conglomerate) and coarse-grained sandstone; contains growth structures (see Lawton and others, 1997, figure 2 and p. 50; Lawton and others, 2007); tan Prospect Mountain clasts typically dominated the conglomerate, ranging in abundance from 50–80%; south of the Leamington Pass Road, it consists of poorly sorted, subangular to subrounded pebbles and large cobbles (9 inches diameter [23 cm]) in 20–25% matrix of coarse-grained sandstone locally stained with pervasive red-brown hematite cement; angular fragments of white to light-gray chert as much as 1 inch (3 cm) in diameter are present in the sandstone matrix; uncommon sandstone beds are laminated to convolute; upper part is white-weathering, matrix-poor cobble and boulder conglomerate, locally containing about 40% clasts of Pioche Formation, which are recognized by their reddish-purple color and *Skolithos* burrows; basal contact with underlying units is an angular unconformity with diastase ranging from slight to about 15 degrees and increasing northward from southern part of quadrangle where it overlies Kelm, toward the Sever River where it overlies the older Kc<sub>4p</sub>; a conspicuous progressive unconformity is present in Kc<sub>4p</sub> at the Sever River (Soma saddle) where strata within the conglomerate member decrease in dip upward through the section (Lawton and others, 1997, figure 15); the strata are folded into an antiform over a likely reverse fault in the steep west limb of the previously formed Canyon Range syncline; stratal dips within the antiform range from 10 to 17 degrees on the main ridge southeast of the cement quarry, suggesting that growth structures are present there as well; may be partial equivalent of Castlegate Sandstone in central Utah (Lawton and others, 2007); up to about 3000 feet (915 m) thick.

## Unconformity

**Leamington Canyon Member**: Divided into several beds mapped separately including q<sub>4</sub>, m<sub>4</sub>, q<sub>5</sub>, and m<sub>4</sub>.

**Kc<sub>4d</sub>** **Quartzose conglomerate with Prospect Mountain clasts** (bed q<sub>4</sub>) – Cross section only; may be present in the subsurface of the Champlin Peak quadrangle; restricted to an alluvial-fan deposit of limited extent in Fool Creek Peak quadrangle to the south (Lawton, unpublished mapping, for Lawton and others, 1997).

## Unconformity

**Kc<sub>4f</sub>** **Quartzose conglomerate west of Wild Horse Peak** (bed q<sub>4</sub>) – White-weathering, very thick bedded cobble and boulder conglomerate with depositional local to south near Wild Horse Canyon in Fool Creek Peak quadrangle; best developed in section 34, T. 14 S., R. 3 W. and section 3, T. 15 S., R. 3 W.; contains conspicuous, large-scale, low-angle, eastward-dipping, andesitic dewatering in SW 1/4 section 34 where it is overlain by Kc<sub>4p</sub>; basal contact is an angular unconformity west of Wild Horse Peak in northern part of Fool Creek Peak quadrangle; this contact grades to a concordant, perhaps conformable, contact in the southern part of the Champlin Peak quadrangle; forms an array of tuffaceous sandstone and ash; contains intermediate-composition lava flow boulders; forms rubbly slopes; exposed on east map border and northwest of Dog Valley Wash; less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed; up from 175 to 1000 feet (55–300 m) thick in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

## Local angular unconformity

**Kc<sub>4m</sub>** **Mixed conglomerate and lenses of quartzose pebble sandstone** (bed m<sub>4</sub>) – Pebble and cobble conglomerate with laterally extensive lenses of quartz-rich pebble sandstone; consists of pebbles and boulders of sandstone and limestone (1–3 m) thick interbedded with 24– to 30-inch (60–75 cm) beds of medium-grained sandstone with trough cross-beds and horizontal lamination; some beds of pebble conglomerate are horizontally laminated and cross-bedded; clasts include gray and brown dolostone, sandy dolostone (Guilmette Formation), light-gray cherty dolomite with brachiopods and crinoids, black to dark-gray limestone with light- and dark-gray chert, and white quartzite (Eureka or Cove Fort Quartzites); approximate clast percentages are 60% dolostone, 40% limestone, 1% chert, and 1% quartzite; basal contact is a light-gray to tan, thin quartzite clasts and Cambrian limestone clasts are present but subordinate; thickest in south part of quadrangle where it interfingers with Kc<sub>4g</sub>; south of Leamington



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**Table 2.** Major- and trace-element whole-rock analyses.

Notes:  
 Oxides reported in weight percent by x-ray fluorescence (XRF); minor and trace elements reported in parts per million (ppm) by inductively-coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICPMS)  
 Analyses performed by ALS Chemex, Inc., Sparks, NV, report dated January 6, 2005.  
 Latitude and longitude based on NAD27.  
 Sample CP-1 is from the Jericho quadrangle, while CP-3 and CP-4 are from the Champlin Peak quadrangle.  
 Rock name using TAS diagram of LeBas and others (1986).  
 LOI is Loss on Ignition.

Notes:  
Oxide and element data reported in mass percent by x-ray fluorescence (XRF).  
ND = not detected.  
Analyses performed December 12, 2002, by the Utah Geological Survey.  
Samples collected by B.T. Tripp, UGS, on September 18, 2001.  
UTM Zone 12, datum NAD27

Table 3. Major-element whole-rock analyses for Prospect Mountain Quartzite from Soma area quarry.

Notes:  
Oxide and element data reported in mass percent by x-ray fluorescence (XRF).  
ND = not detected.  
Analyses performed December 12, 2002, by the Utah Geological Survey.  
Samples collected by B.T. Tripp, UGS, on September 18, 2001.  
UTM Zone 12, datum NAD27

**Table 1.** Comparison of Canyon Range Conglomerate map units to Higgins (1982) measured section.

		Higgins (1982)		Map and Cross Section A-A'		
Map unit	Higgins section units	feet	meters	feet	meters	Comments
Kcwm <sub>6</sub>	not measured					Lawton notes provenance in Gilson Mountains North Horn Fm. of Hintze and Davis (2002)
Kcpq <sub>9</sub>	71-61	1725	526	<1750	<540	
Kclm <sub>5</sub>	missing			900-3500	280-1100	
Kclq <sub>7</sub>	60-59	154	47	0-350	0-110	Kchq <sub>3</sub> ?, Higgins missed carbonate clasts?
Kclm <sub>5</sub> lower part	missing					
Kclq <sub>5</sub>	58	200	61	100-400	30-120	Kclm <sub>5</sub> ?, Higgins missed carbonate clasts?
Kclm <sub>5</sub> ? &Kclm <sub>4</sub>	57-43	492	150	450-1000	140-300	57-56, Kclm <sub>5</sub> , map thickness too large relative to measured thickness unless units 59-58 actually contain limestone clasts and are part of Kclm <sub>5</sub> 55-54, Kclq <sub>7</sub> 53-51, Kclm <sub>4</sub> lower tongue 50, Kclq <sub>6</sub> , exaggerated thickness on map 49-45, Kclm <sub>4</sub> , rugose coral (Mississippian) in 45 indicates uplift of Gilson Mountains
Kchq <sub>3</sub>	missing					44, Kchq <sub>3</sub> tongue 43, Kclm <sub>4</sub> or Kchm <sub>3</sub>
Kchq <sub>3</sub> & block	42	26	8	300-600	90-180	exaggerated thickness on map
Kchm <sub>3</sub>	41-40	410	125	100-500	30-150	measured thickness too large relative to map thickness
Kccq <sub>4</sub> & block	39	49	15	150-500	45-150	exaggerated thickness on map
Kccm <sub>2</sub>	38	394	120	600-800	180-240	
		3450	1052	variable		total measured

*Index to previous geologic mapping in the Champlain  
Peak quadrangle and adjacent areas.*



Aerial view eastward of the north end of the Canyon Mountains. Cement plant and State Route 132 at left center of photo. Steeply dipping section of Proterozoic and Cambrian strata are overlain by the Cretaceous Canyon Range Conglomerate. Rock unit labels are near Higgins' line of measured section. Lighter-colored deposits are deltaic fines. Wood Canyon is in the right part of the photo. Photo by Janice Higgins.

*View southwestward of the progressive unconformity (growth strata) in the Canyon Range Conglomerate along the Sevier River at the Soma rail siding. Conglomerate beds in center of photo dip steeply to viewer; while beds on the left decrease in dip upsection. Photo by Don Clark.*

