GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE DEER QUADRANGLE, NEWTON COUNTY ARKANSAS

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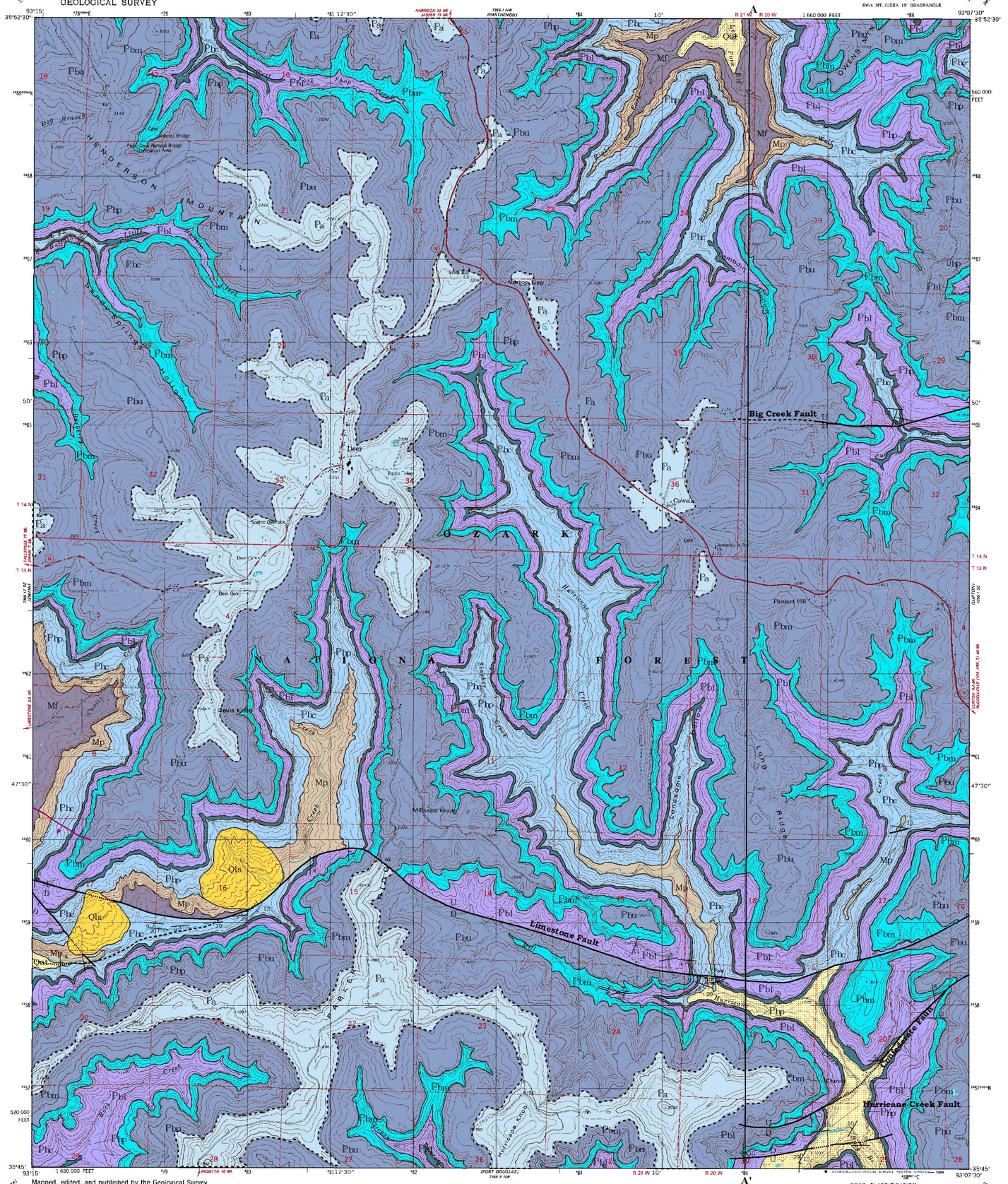
DEER QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS–NEWTON CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW4 MT. JUDEA 15' QUADRANGLE



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1975. Field checked 1976. Map edited 1980

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 5 meters south and 16 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1980 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route · U.S. Route · State Route

DEER, ARK.
SW4 MT. JUDEA 15' QUADRANGLE
35093-GZ-TF-024
1980
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Correlation of Map Units

Qat, Qls	Holocene and Pleistocene	Quaternary	
Unconformity			
Pa	Atokan	Pennsylvanian	
Pbu, Pbm	Morrowan		
Unconformity			
Pbl, Php	Morrowan		
Unconformity			
Phc	Morrowan		
Unconformity			
Mp, Mf	Chesterian	Mississippian	

Descriptions of Map Units

Qls **Landslide deposits (Quaternary)** - Mostly blocks of sandstone derived from Morrowan units.

Qat **Alluvium and terrace deposits (Quaternary)** - Unconsolidated clay, silt, sand and gravel including deposits on one or more terrace levels.

Pa **Atoka Formation (Middle Pennsylvanian, Atokan)** - Consists of black to tan shales, interbedded with very thin to thin ripple-bedded micaceous siltstones, and fine to very fine-grained sandstones with sub-rounded to rounded grains. The sandstones are tan to buff colored on fresh and weathered surfaces and contain clay pebbles, liesegang bands, horizontal trace fossils, and cross-beds. Occasionally the sandstones contain pebble conglomerate zones with external molds of fossils. The sandstones vary from 10 - 20 ft. (3 - 6 m) thick. This contact is tentative and will be resolved with future mapping. Approximately 40 - 300 ft. (12 - 91 m) thick.

Bloyd Formation (Lower Pennsylvanian, Morrowan) - In this quadrangle the individual members within the Bloyd Formation cannot be recognized because its limestone units (Brentwood and Kessler Limestones) are either missing or have become shaly and sandy. There are no other "marker zones" to divide the section into the recognizable members known from the type section in northwest Arkansas. Therefore the Bloyd Formation is divided informally into lower and upper parts (Hudson et al., 2001) separated by the "middle Bloyd sandstone" Zachry and Haley, 1975. Approximately 440 - 660 ft. (134 - 201 m) thick.

Pbu **Upper part** - Consists of thin ripple-bedded to thick micaceous sandstones interbedded with clay to silty shales. The sandstones consist of fine to coarse-grained sub-angular to sub-rounded quartz. They are light- brown to gray on fresh surface but weather dark-gray. The shales are dark-gray to black on fresh and weathered surfaces. This interval contains many trace fossils and load features. Approximately 200 - 280 ft. (60 - 85 m) thick.

Pbm **"middle Bloyd sandstone"** - A thin to massive, medium to coarse-grained, cross-bedded quartz or iron-cemented sandstone with sub-angular to sub-rounded quartz grains. Reddish, gray, or light-tan on fresh surfaces but weathers brown to orange-brown due to iron content. The cross-bedded packages can be up to three feet thick and occasionally "overturned". Contains abundant lycopod fossils and rounded quartz pebbles. This sandstone forms a prominent bluff throughout this quadrangle and separates the upper from the lower part of the Bloyd Formation. A pebble clast conglomerate is present at the base of this sandstone. The "middle Bloyd sandstone" is unconformable with the lower part of the Bloyd Formation. Approximately 120 - 140 ft. (36 - 43 m) thick.

Pbl **Lower part** - Consists of interbedded very thin to thin ripple-bedded micaceous siltstones and sandstones that are fine to medium-grained. Throughout the lower part are interbedded black fissile clay to silty shales and thin sandstones with thin to thick-bedded fossiliferous carbonate to sandy carbonate layers. Thin pebble conglomerates are present within the interbedded shales and sandstones. The carbonate zones vary from red to gray on fresh and weathered surfaces and can be mottled. Sometimes the fossiliferous sandy zones look "rotten" due to decalcification. The sand grains are medium and sub-angular to sub-rounded. The contact between the lower part of the Bloyd Formation and the Prairie Grove is placed below a shaly layer conformable with the underlying massive calcareous sand of the Prairie Grove Member of the Hale Formation. Approximately 120 - 240 ft. (36 - 43 m) thick.

Hale Formation (Lower Pennsylvanian, Morrowan) - The Hale Formation consists of two Members; the Prairie Grove Member and the underlying Cane Hill Member. Approximately 170 - 340 ft. (51 - 104 m) thick.

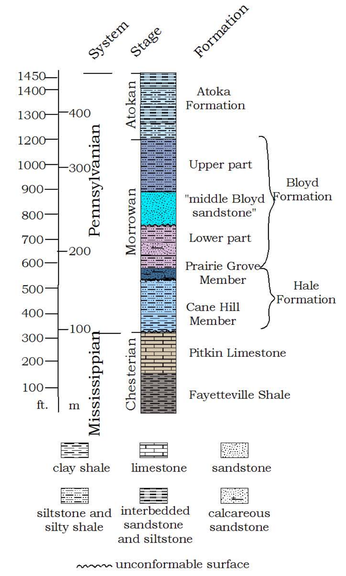
Php **Prairie Grove Member** - A fine to coarse-grained quartz sandstone with varying amounts of carbonate, crinoidal fragments and quartz pebbles. Reddish-gray to brown or mottled on fresh surfaces but weathers dark reddish-brown. Bedding varies from thin to massive and exhibits a rounded weathering profile. This unit is a prominent bluff former that often contains cross-beds, liesegang bands, and a pitted surface that is referred to as honeycomb weathering. The base of the Prairie Grove Member contains a fossiliferous quartz pebble conglomerate that contains clay drapes, limonite pebbles, and clasts of shale, siltstone, and sandstone. The Prairie Grove Member is unconformable with the Cane Hill Member. Approximately 30-60 ft. (9 - 18 m) thick.

Phc **Cane Hill Member** - Consists of a gray to black fissile clay to silty shale in the lower portion that contains iron nodules and small limonitic box work fragments. The upper portion consists of thin-bedded, ripple-marked, micaceous siltstones and sandstones. Varies from black to dark-gray on fresh surfaces and light-gray and light-orange-brown on weathered surfaces. Trace fossils and lycopod fragments are abundant. The Cane Hill Member is unconformable with the Pitkin Limestone. Approximately 140 - 280 ft. (42 - 85 m) thick.

Mp **Pitkin Limestone (Upper Mississippian, Chesterian)** - A fine to coarsely crystalline often fossiliferous limestone containing crinoidal fragments, Archimedes bryozoans, gastropods, coral (rugose and colonial), and ooliths. Coiled and straight nautiloids are present throughout the Pitkin Limestone in this quadrangle. Varies from light-gray to dark-gray on fresh surfaces, but usually weathers light or medium-gray and is medium to massive-bedded. Often has a petroliferous odor on freshly broken surfaces. A black anastomosing to nodular chert is present near the upper and lower contacts. Black clay shale occurs at the top of the Pitkin just beneath the Cane Hill Member of the Hale Formation at a few localities. An interbedded sequence of fossiliferous black shales with thin to medium-bedded sandy limestone is present near the top of the Pitkin in Hurricane Creek. The Pitkin Limestone is conformable with the Fayetteville Shale. Approximately 120 - 200 ft. (36 - 61 m) thick.

Mf **Fayetteville Shale (Upper Mississippian, Chesterian)** - A black fissile clay shale. Alternating beds of micrite with shale occur in the upper portion of the formation to the contact with the overlying Pitkin Limestone. Black chert can be found within the micrite. The interbedded micrite and shale beds in the upper portion of this unit form resistant and sometimes steep ledges. Septarian concretions are present near the base of the shale. The Fayetteville Shale is conformable with the underlying Batesville Sandstone. Approximately 140 - 180 ft. (42 - 55 m) thick.

Stratigraphic Column



Symbols

- Contact
- Contact - inferred
- Fault (U - upthrown, D - downthrown)
- Fault - approximately located
- Fault - concealed
- Monocline
- Strike and dip

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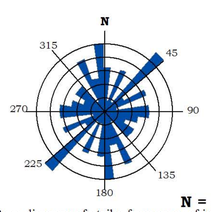
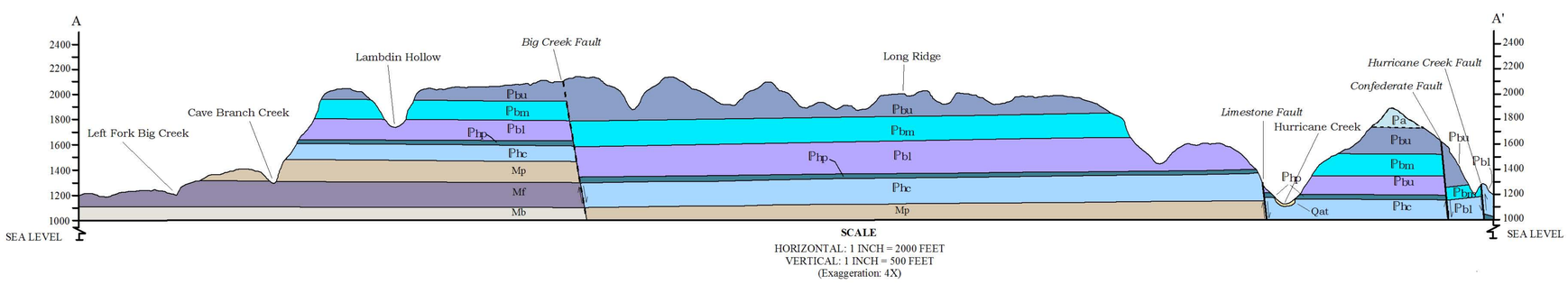


N = 61

Rose diagram of strike frequency of joints recorded within the Deer Quadrangle.



SCALE
HORIZONTAL: 1 INCH = 2000 FEET
VERTICAL: 1 INCH = 500 FEET
(Exaggeration: 4X)

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