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Eastern Hot Springs Range fault zone (Class A) No. 1519

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| Synopsis | This discontinuous group of short predominately north-striking faults on the piedmont east of the Hot Springs Range in Eden Valley extends from near Dry Creek north to the Little Humboldt River. Faults are expressed as small clusters of short east- and west-facing scarps on Pleistocene alluvium. Reconnaissance photogeologic mapping of the faults is the source of data. Trench investigations and detailed studies of scarp morphology have not been completed. |
| Name comments | Refers to a group of faults mapped by Slemmons (1966, unpublished McDermitt 1? X 2? sheet) and Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #284) in eastern Eden Valley, east of the Hot Springs Range, extending from the Little Humboldt River southward to north of Dry Creek; dePolo (1998 #2845) referred to |

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| | <p>it as the Eastern Hot Springs Range fault zone.</p> <p>Fault ID: Refers to fault MD7 (Eastern Hot Springs Range fault zone) of dePolo (1998 #2845).</p> |
| County(s) and State(s) | HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA |
| Physiographic province(s) | BASIN AND RANGE |
| Reliability of location | <p>Good Compiled at 1:100,000 scale.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Fault locations are based on the 1:250,000-scale maps of Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #284) and Slemmons (1966, unpublished McDermitt 1? X 2? sheet). The map of Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #284) was produced by analysis of 1:58,000-nominal-scale color-infrared photography transferred directly to 1:100,000-scale topographic quadrangle maps enlarged to scale of the photographs. Slemmons (1966, unpublished McDermitt 1? X 2? sheet) mapped from analysis of 1:60,000-scale AMS photography transferred to mylar overlaid onto a 1:250,000-scale topographic map using proportional dividers.</p> |
| Geologic setting | This discontinuous group of short predominately north-striking piedmont faults on eastern piedmont of the Hot Springs Range in Eden Valley extends from near Dry Creek north to the Little Humboldt River (Slemmons, 1966, unpublished McDermitt 1? X 2? sheet; Dohrenwend and Moring, 1991 #284). |
| Length (km) | 16 km. |
| Average strike | N21°E |
| Sense of movement | <p>Normal</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> (Dohrenwend and Moring, 1991 #284)</p> |
| Dip Direction | E; W |
| Paleoseismology studies | |
| Geomorphic expression | Faults are expressed as small clusters of short east- and west-facing scarps on Pleistocene alluvium (Slemmons, 1966, unpublished McDermitt 1? X 2? sheet; Dohrenwend and Moring, |

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| | 1991 #284); Slemmons (1966, unpublished McDermitt 1° X 2° sheet) reported scarps as young as late Quaternary. dePolo (1998 #2845) also indicates that there are scarps on alluvium but no basal fault facets. |
| Age of faulted surficial deposits | Late Quaternary; Quaternary. Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #284) mapped faults that displace early to middle and/or late Pleistocene alluvium and Slemmons (1967 #156) mapped faults cutting deposits as young as late Quaternary. |
| Historic earthquake | |
| Most recent prehistoric deformation | late Quaternary (<130 ka) <i>Comments:</i> Although timing of most recent event is not well-constrained, a late Quaternary time is suggested based on reconnaissance photogeologic mapping of Slemmons (1966, unpublished McDermitt 1° X 2° sheet) and Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #284). |
| Recurrence interval | |
| Slip-rate category | Less than 0.2 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> No detailed data exists to determine slip rates for this fault. dePolo (1998 #2845) assigned a reconnaissance vertical slip rate of 0.01 mm/yr for the fault based on the presence of scarps on alluvium and the absence of basal facets. The late Quaternary characteristics of this fault (overall geomorphic expression, continuity of scarps, age of faulted deposits, etc.) support a low slip rate. Accordingly, the less than 0.2 mm/yr slip-rate category has been assigned to this fault. |
| Date and Compiler(s) | 1999 Kenneth Adams, Piedmont Geosciences, Inc. Thomas L. Sawyer, Piedmont Geosciences, Inc. |
| References | #2845 dePolo, C.M., 1998, A reconnaissance technique for estimating the slip rate of normal-slip faults in the Great Basin, and application to faults in Nevada, U.S.A.: Reno, University of Nevada, unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, 199 p. #284 Dohrenwend, J.C., and Moring, B.C., 1991, Reconnaissance photogeologic map of young faults in the McDermitt 1° by 2° quadrangle, Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho: U.S. Geological Survey |

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