

Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

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Faults north of Summer Lake (Class A) No. 833

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Synopsis	These northwest- and northeast-striking normal faults form a complex of prominent escarpments on a volcanic highland of Pliocene and Miocene volcanic rocks that lies between the north end of the Chewaucan-Summer Lake basin or graben and the south end of the Fort Rock and Christmas Lake Valley basins in the Basin and Range province of south-central Oregon. No fault scarps on Quaternary deposits have been described. Quaternary displacement is inferred, probably based on the prominent bedrock escarpments associated with these faults.
Name comments	This group of faults is located north of the Chewaucan-Summer Lake basin or graben. Some of these faults were originally mapped by Russell (1884 #5099), Donath (1962 #3771), Walker (1963 #3565), Hampton (1964 #3790), Walker and others (1967 #3564), Walker and MacLeod (1991 #3646), and Simpson (1990 #3504); six of the faults, from east to west, the Christmas Lake Valley, Sheep Rock, Sagebrush Flat, Juniper Canyon, Watson Draw, and Sheep Lick Draw faults, were named by Donath (1962 #3771). This group of faults is included in but not described in Pezzopane (1990 #3544) and subsequent compilations (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; M

	and Mabey, 1996 #3575; Weldon and others, 2002 #5648).
County(s) and State(s)	LAKE COUNTY, OREGON
Physiographic province(s)	COLUMBIA PLATEAU BASIN AND RANGE
Reliability of location	Good Compiled at 1:100,000 scale. <i>Comments:</i> Location of fault from ORActiveFaults (http://www.oregongeology.org/arcgis/rest/services/Public/ORActiveFaults/MapServer downloaded 06/02/2016) attributed to Walker and others (1967 #3564), and 1:48,000 scale mapping of Diggles and others (1990 #3589).
Geologic setting	These northwest- and northeast-striking normal faults form a complex of prominent escarpments on a volcanic highland of Pliocene and Miocene volcanic rocks that separates the Chewaucan-Summer Lake basin and the south end of the Fort Rock and Christmas Lake Valley basins in the Basin and Range of south-central Oregon (Walker, 1963 #3565; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLellan, 1991 #3646).
Length (km)	50 km.
Average strike	N10°W
Sense of movement	Normal <i>Comments:</i> These faults are mapped as normal or high-angle faults by Donath (1962 #3771), Walker (1963 #3565), Walker and others (1967 #3564), Walker and MacLellan (1991 #3646), and Pezzopane (1993 #3544). Donath (1962 #3771) used a variety of structural relations to infer that the faults developed as strike-slip faults and later became primarily dip slip.
Dip	>60° W; E <i>Comments:</i> Donath (1962 #3771) used map patterns to infer that fault dips were greater than 60° and most were near vertical.
Paleoseismology studies	
Geomorphic expression	These northwest- and northeast-striking normal faults form a complex of 100- to 200-m-high escarpments (Dead Indian, Egli, Burma Rims) and fault-bound blocks on Pliocene and Miocene volcanic rocks (Walker, 1963 #3565; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLellan, 1991 #3646).

	#3564; Simpson, 1990 #3504; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646). No fault scarps on Quaternary deposits have been described along these faults, but a lineament on airphotos extends several hundred meters northward onto the playa floor on the fault that forms the Burma Rim (I.P. Madin, pers. commun., 2001). Weldon and others (2002 #5648) observed lineaments across Quaternary deposits on 1:100,000-scale DEMs of the area.
Age of faulted surficial deposits	These northwest- and northeast-striking normal faults form a complex of prominent escarpments on Pliocene and Miocene bedrock (Walker, 1963 #3565; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Simpson, 1990 #3504; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646), but fault scarps on Quaternary deposits have been described along their traces.
Historic earthquake	
Most recent prehistoric deformation	middle and late Quaternary (<750 ka) <i>Comments:</i> Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and subsequent compilations (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; Madin and Mabey, 1996 #3575; Weldon and others, 2002 #5648) infer Quaternary (<1.6–1.8 Ma) or middle or late Quaternary (<700-ka) displacement on these faults, probably based on the prominent bedrock escarpments associated with these faults. Madin and others (1996 #3479) infer Holocene displacement on the Sheep Rock fault, but do not discuss the basis for the age assignment.
Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	Less than 0.2 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> No published slip data are available for the unnamed faults north of Summer Lake. The largest of these faults are marked by 300-m-high escarpments on Pliocene and Miocene volcanic rocks; such slip data indicate low rates of long-term slip.
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