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Southeast Newberry fault zone (Class A) No. 835

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Synopsis	This northwest-trending fault zoned is a group of relatively short, mostly normal that form small escarpments and fault scarps on Plio-Pleistocene volcanic rocks a Pleistocene and Holocene sediments on the floor of Fort Rock Valley. The most-r events on at least two faults in the zone, the Viewpoint and Crack-In-The-Ground faults, occurred in the Holocene.
Name comments	This fault zone was named by Pezzopane (1993 #3544) for a group of northwest-trending faults that lie southeast of Newberry Volcano; named faults in this zone include Crack-In-The-Ground, Viewpoint (or Viewpoint Ranch), and Fandango Canyon faults (Donath, 1962 #3771; Peterson and Groh, 1964 #3777; Pezzopane #3544). Fault ID: This group of structures consists of fault numbers 32 and 33 of Pezzop (1993 #3544) and fault number 48 of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593).

County(s) and State(s)	LAKE COUNTY, OREGON DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON
Physiographic province(s)	COLUMBIA PLATEAU
Reliability of location	Poor Compiled at 1:100,000 and 1:250,000 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. Supplemental traces are from 1:100,000-scale mapping of Weldon and others (2002 #5648), based on 1:500,000-scale mapping of Pezzopane (1993 #3544).
Geologic setting	This northwest-trending fault zone is a group of relatively short, mostly normal faults that offset Plio-Pleistocene volcanic rocks and Pleistocene and Holocene sediments on the floor of Fort Rock Valley (Donath, 1962 #3771; Peterson and Groh, 1964 #3777; Hampton, 1964 #3790; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1967 #3646; Pezzopane and Weldon, 1993 #149; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544).
Length (km)	58 km.
Average strike	N34°W
Sense of movement	Normal, Left lateral <i>Comments:</i> These faults are presumed to be primarily normal, with a component left-lateral strike slip apparent on some faults in the zone (Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593).
Dip	70–90° SW <i>Comments:</i> Dip based on exposures of Viewpoint fault (Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593); Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) used a dip of 70° in their analysis of earthquake hazards associated with faults in Southeast Newberry fault zone.
Paleoseismology studies	Three trenches at one site on the Viewpoint fault (site 835-1) near the southern end of the Southeast Newberry fault zone were excavated; apparently only one of these trenches (trench 3) was logged (Pezzopane, 1993 #3544). Site 835-1. All the trenches exposed anastomosing, high-angle fault zones that juxtapose late Quaternary lacustrine, eolian, and colluvial sediments against basaltic bedrock (Weldon and others, 1992 #3540; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Pezzopane and others, 1993 #3544).

	<p>Weldon, 1993 #149). The lowest units in the hanging wall are deep-water lacustrine sediments that have been intensely deformed and liquefied during earlier earthquakes when the trench site was under water. The deformed lacustrine deposits are overlain by several packages of eolian sand and colluvium; the lower two units are faulted deposits of eolian sand, the lower of which contained a camel bone which yielded a radiocarbon age of $11,050 \pm 160$ yr BP. The faulted units are overlain by two thin unfaulted deposits of colluvium, possibly reworked by lake waters. The sequence is capped by an eolian deposit containing possible fragments of reworked Mazama pumice. Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and (S.K. Pezzopane, written commun., 1994, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) interprets these relations as evidence of several late Pleistocene surface faulting events; the most recent event occurred in the early to middle Holocene.</p>
<p>Geomorphic expression</p>	<p>Individual faults in the Southeast Newberry fault zone form small escarpments and fault scarps on Plio-Pleistocene volcanic rocks and late Quaternary alluvial and lacustrine deposits on the floor of Fort Rock basin (Weldon and others, 1992 #3544; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593). Weldon and others (2002 #5648) map lineaments across Quaternary deposits based on interpretation of 1:100,000-scale DEMs of the area.</p>
<p>Age of faulted surficial deposits</p>	<p>Fault scarps are formed on Pleistocene and Holocene alluvial and lacustrine deposits and Holocene volcanic rocks of the Four Craters volcanic center (Peterson and Groves, 1964 #3777; Hampton, 1964 #3790; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544). Crack-In-The-Ground offsets 7000-ka Green Mountain lava flows but offset of post-Mazama Four Corners lava flow is equivocal (Jordan and others, 2002 #5167). Pezzopane (1993 #3544), and Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) infer Holocene movement based on offset of the Four Corners lava.</p>
<p>Historic earthquake</p>	
<p>Most recent prehistoric deformation</p>	<p>latest Quaternary (<15 ka)</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and (S.K. Pezzopane, written commun., 1994, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) found evidence for Holocene displacement on the Viewpoint fault; displacement along the Crack-In-The-Ground fault is equivocal in Holocene volcanic rocks of the Four Craters volcanic center (Peterson and Groves, 1964 #3777; Hampton, 1964 #3790; Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Jordan and others, 2002 #5167). Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and subsequent compilations (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; Madin and Mabey, 1996 #3575) infer middle or late Quaternary (<780 ka) displacements on the rest of the faults in the Southeast Newberry fault zone. Weldon and others (2002 #5648) infer late Quaternary (<120 ka) displacement on faults in this zone.</p>

Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	<p>Between 0.2 and 1.0 mm/yr</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Slip rate estimates of 0.1–0.5 mm/yr across the Viewpoint and Crack-The-Ground faults have been determined by Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) assigned those rates to the entire South Newberry fault zone.</p>
Date and Compiler(s)	<p>2016</p> <p>Stephen F. Personius, U.S. Geological Survey</p>
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