

Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

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unnamed faults near Millican Valley (Class A) No. 841

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Synopsis	This northwest-trending group of faults offsets upper Miocene to Pleistocene volcanic rocks in south-central Oregon. They are located near the northwestern end of the Brothers fault zone, a 250– to 300-km-long zone of high-angle faulting that may have a surface manifestation of a regional-scale right-lateral shear zone. Individual faults in this zone form escarpments 150–200 m high on Miocene through Pleistocene volcanic rocks. No fault scarps on Quaternary sediments have been described along these faults.
Name comments	These unnamed normal faults are located near Millican Valley in central Oregon (Walker and others, 1967 #3564; MacLeod and Sherrod, 1992 #3566; Pezzopane and others, 1995 #3544; MacLeod and others, 1995 #3557; Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3559; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165).
County(s) and State(s)	DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON
Physiographic	

Geographic province(s)	COLUMBIA PLATEAU
Reliability of location	Good Compiled at 1:24,000 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 1:24,000-scale mapping of Tucker (1975 #3564) and 1:250,000-scale mapping of Walker and others (1967 #3564).
Geologic setting	This northwest-trending group of faults offsets late Miocene to Pleistocene volcanic rocks in south-central Oregon (Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; MacLeod and Sherrod, 1992 #3566; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; MacLeod and others, 1995 #3557; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165). They are located near the northwestern end of the Brothers fault zone, a 250- to 300-km-long zone of high-angle faulting that may be the surface manifestation of a regional-scale right-lateral shear zone (Walker, 1969 #4296; Stewart and others, 1975 #3769; Lawrence, 1976 #3506; Walker and Nolf, 1981 #4310, 1981 #4311).
Length (km)	40 km.
Average strike	N54°W
Sense of movement	Normal, Right lateral <i>Comments:</i> These faults are mapped as normal or high-angle faults by Walker and others (1967 #3564), Walker and MacLeod (1991 #3646), MacLeod and Sherrod (1992 #3566), Pezzopane (1993 #3544), MacLeod and others (1995 #3557), and Sherrod and Smith (2000 #5165). If they are part of the Brothers fault zone, then they may represent part of the surface manifestations of a regional right-lateral shear zone (Lawrence, 1976 #3506)
Dip Direction	SW; NE
Paleoseismology studies	
Geomorphic expression	These faults can be separated into two groups, a northwest group near Horse Ridge and a southeast group near Pine Mountain. Individual faults near Horse Ridge form escarpments as much as 150 m high on upper Miocene to lower Pliocene volcanic rocks, and faults near Pine Mountain form escarpments as much as 200 m high on Pliocene through Pleistocene volcanic rocks (Walker and others, 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; MacLeod and Sherrod, 1992 #3566; MacLeod and others, 1995 #3557; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165). No fault scarps on Quaternary sediments have been described along these faults, but Weldon and others (2002 #3564) map lineaments across Quaternary deposits based on interpretation of 1:100,000-

	DEMs of the area.
Age of faulted surficial deposits	These faults offset late Miocene to Pleistocene volcanic rocks (Walker and others 1967 #3564; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; MacLeod and Sherrod, 1992 #3: Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; MacLeod and others, 1995 #3557; Sherrod and Smith, 2 #5165), but fault scarps on Quaternary sediments have not been described.
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) classified the group of faults near Horse Ridge as active in the middle late Quaternary (<700–780 ka), and the group of faults near Pine Mountain as active in the Quaternary (<1.6–1.8 Ma).
Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	Less than 0.2 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> No published slip data are available for the unnamed faults near Milli Valley. However, the most prominent faults near Pine Mountain at the southeastern end of the zone are marked by 200-m-high escarpments on Plio-Pleistocene volcanic rocks (Walker and others, 1967 #3564). Such slip data indicate low rates of long-term slip.
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