

Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

As of January 12, 2017, the USGS maintains a limited number of metadata fields that characterize the Quaternary faults and folds of the United States. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the [interactive fault map](#).

unnamed faults on Tygh Ridge (Class B) No. 850

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Synopsis	The faults on Tygh Ridge are east-west-trending reverse or thrust faults that parallel the trend of Tygh Ridge and the Tygh Ridge anticline; these structures deform Miocene rocks of the Columbia River Basalt Group and younger Miocene volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks near the southern margin of the Yakima fold belt. The faults on Tygh Ridge were originally mapped as a down-to-the-north normal faults, but later maps show these faults as south- and/or north-dipping reverse or thrust faults; the sharp north-trending jog near the village of Tygh Valley may be related to right-lateral strike-slip faulting between north and south dipping reverse or thrust faults. No evidence of fault scarps on Quaternary deposits has been described along these faults. Herein we classify these faults as Class B structures until further studies are conducted.
Name comments	Faults associated with the Tygh Ridge anticline have been mapped by numerous authors (Waters, 1968 #3755; Newcomb, 1970 #3761; Swanson and others, 1981 #3496; Bela, 1982 #3584; Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1990 #3550; Pezzopane, 1991 #3551).

	#3544; Sherrod and Scott, 1995 #3495; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165).
County(s) and State(s)	WASCO COUNTY, OREGON
Physiographic province(s)	COLUMBIA PLATEAU
Reliability of location	Good 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 1:100,000-scale mapping of Sherrod and Scott (1995 #3495) and 1:250,000-scale mapping of Swanson and others (1981 #3496)
Geologic setting	The faults near Tygh Ridge are east-west-trending reverse or thrust faults that parallel the trend of Tygh Ridge and the Tygh Ridge anticline; these structures deform Miocene rocks of the Columbia River Basalt Group and younger Miocene volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks near the southern margin of the Yakima fold belt (Waters, 1968 #3755; Newcomb, 1970 #3761; Swanson and others, 1981 #3496; Bela, 1982 #3584; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Sherrod and Scott, 1995 #3495; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165).
Length (km)	26 km.
Average strike	N83°E
Sense of movement	Reverse, Right lateral <i>Comments:</i> The faults near Tygh Ridge were originally mapped as down-to-the-normal faults (Waters, 1968 #3755; Newcomb, 1970 #3761), but later maps show faults as south- and/or north-dipping reverse or thrust faults (Swanson and others #3496; Bela, 1982 #3584; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Sherrod and Scott, 1995 #3496). The sharp north-trending jog near the village of Tygh Valley may be related to right-lateral strike-slip faults (Swanson and others, 1981 #3496; Bela, 1982 #3584) that are tear faults between a south-dipping reverse or thrust fault to the west and a north-dipping reverse or thrust fault to the east (Pezzopane, 1993 #3544; Weldon and others 2002 #5648).
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Paleoseismology studies	
Geomorphic expression	Weldon and others (2002 #5648) observed lineaments across Quaternary deposits on 1:100,000-scale DEMs of the area, but no other evidence of Quaternary faulting is

	been described.
Age of faulted surficial deposits	The faults near Tygh Ridge offsets Miocene rocks of the Columbia River Basalt Group and younger Miocene volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks (Waters, 1968 #3755; Swenson and others, 1981 #3496; Bela, 1982 #3584; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Sherrod and Scott, 1995 #3495; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165). No evidence of faulting in Quaternary deposits has been described along these structures.
Historic earthquake	
Most recent prehistoric deformation	undifferentiated Quaternary (<1.6 Ma) <i>Comments:</i> No evidence of Quaternary displacement has been documented along faults near Tygh Ridge. D.R. Sherrod (pers. commun., 1989, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1990 #3550) indicated that latest movement on the Tygh Valley faults predates Pliocene, but Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and subsequent compilations (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; Madin and Mabey, 1996 #3575; Weldon and others, 2002 #5648) classify these faults as active in the Quaternary (<1.6–1.8 Ma). Here we classify these faults as Class B structures until further studies are conducted.
Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	Less than 0.2 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> No slip data are available for the faults near Tygh Ridge, but the lack of significant evidence of Quaternary displacement suggests low rates of Quaternary slip.
Date and Compiler(s)	2002 Stephen F. Personius, U.S. Geological Survey
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