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<u> </u>	Fault: dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed; bar and downthrown side; arrows indicate relative lateral movement; que identity or existence questionable
*	Syncline: showing trace of axial plane and plunge direction; dash approximately located; dotted where concealed
X-L-L	Landslide scarp
/ <sub>44</sub>	Strike and dip of inclined beds
$\oplus$	Horizontal beds
63]	Strike and dip of cleavage
<b>5</b> 0	Strike and dip of joints
28	Bedding/cleavage intersection
51	Strike and dip of volcanic foliation
44 64	Strike and dip of fault plane, and trend and plunge of slickenlines
29.95	U-Pb zircon radiometric age data sample point with age in Ma

- Glacial outwash (Quaternary: Pleistocene)—Deposits along Sixmile Creek that represent the terminus of a large glacial outwash fan that continues into the east-adjacent Ophir Creek 7.5' quadrangle. Fan is about 6.5 km (4 mi) wide. Dominantly reworked,
- Qalo Alluvium: older than Qal (Quaternary: Pleistocene)—Deposits beneath floodplains,

Metamorphic Core Complex (~53–40 Ma; Foster and others, 2007). Oligocene basalt to trachyandesite lavas occur along the margin of the Avon Valley and are locally intercalated with Tertiary sediments. These rocks are alkalic and exhibit a shoshonitic affinity.

- The **Basalt to trachyandesite (Tertiary: Oligocene)**—Black, fine-grained, massive basalt to trachyandesite lava flows (Tba) and intrusion (Tbai) with phenocrysts of plagioclase, clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene, biotite, olivine, and rare resorbed quartz. Locally vesicular, weathers to light brown, and forms angular to sub-rounded blocks; some flows have columnar joints and distinct autobreccia. The aphanitic groundmass consists mainly of plagioclase microcrystals, but also includes pyroxenes, biotite, and Fe-oxides. This unit yielded an U-Pb zircon age of  $29.95 \pm 0.17$  Ma (table 2). Similar basaltic lavas near Nevada Lake (fig. 1) yielded a K-Ar age of  $32.3 \pm 0.17$  Ma (Reynolds, written commun., 2015).
- Tr **Rhyolite** (Tertiary: Eocene)—Porphyritic rhyolite with distinct red, white, and green laminations 2–20 mm thick. Contains phenocrysts of subhedral plagioclase, amphibole, biotite, and rare quartz within an aphanitic groundmass of devitrified glass and flow-aligned microcrystals of euhedral plagioclase, hornblende, and biotite. Mafic phenocrysts are generally altered to opaque Fe-oxides. The rocks exhibit well-developed flow banding and are brecciated locally. Possibly formed as a lava dome or plug. Occurs near Davis Creek, where it overlies or possibly intrudes Eocene lava flows (Tda). This unit yielded an U-Pb zircon age of  $46.01 \pm 0.23$  Ma (table 2). Thickness is 0–600 m (0–1,970 ft).
- Tda Trachyandesite (Tertiary: Eocene)—Dark gray and dark greenish gray, aphanitic to weakly porphyritic trachyandesite. Lava flows commonly exhibit a conspicuous flow foliation and form flaggy, angular talus, often with red iron oxide stain on parting surfaces. Aphanitic lavas exhibit a strong trachytic texture consisting mainly of plagioclase microcrystals, but also include minor amounts of pyroxene, magnetite, and volcanic glass. Porphyritic flows contain <10–15 percent phenocrysts of plagioclase, amphibole, and occasional biotite. Thickness is 0-480 m (0-1,575 ft).
- Tdap Trachydacite to trachyandesite porphyry (Tertiary: Eocene)—Gray-, green-, and redweathering porphyritic trachydacite to trachyandesite lava flows containing subhedral to euhedral phenocrysts of plagioclase (up to ~5 mm) and minor amounts of amphibole, biotite, and quartz. The aphanitic groundmass commonly has a trachytic texture and consists mainly of aligned micro-laths of plagioclase, but also includes amphibole, biotite, and magnetite. Often, up to several meters of autobrecciated rock surrounds coherent interiors of individual lava flows. Commonly weathers to blocks or plates, with some outcrops forming hoodoos or spires. Rock samples collected in the west-adjacent Windy Rock quadrangle yielded U-Pb ages of  $47.1 \pm 0.29$  to  $46.74 \pm 0.27$  Ma (Mosolf, 2016). Thickness is 0–600 m (0–1,970 ft).

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Figure 2. Whole-rock geochemical data from samples collected in the Gravely Mountain 7.5' quadrangle. Data are normalized and plotted on a total alkali-silica diagram (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O vs. SiO<sub>2</sub>). After LeBas and others (1986).

- dat Dacitic tuff (Tertiary: Eocene)—Massive or flow-banded variably silicified dacite tuff that contains phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, and amphibole. The groundmass is almost entirely devitrified glass with some magnetite. Scoriaceous pumice lapilli occur locally and account for up to ~50 percent of the rock. Pumice is commonly flattened into fiamme attributed to compaction during diagenesis rather than by welding of a hot ash-flow. Fine-grained intervals contain preserved plant and wood fragments, and are possibly water-lain. Poorly exposed and therefore often distinguished by flaggy chips that are white, yellow, and orange weathering. Relatively good exposures occur in a quarry near Deer Park (fig.1) and in roadcuts 1–2 mi SW of Rhine Hill (fig.1). An U-Pb zircon age of 47.4  $\pm$  0.19 Ma (table 2) was obtained for this unit. Thickness is 0-150 m (0-490 ft).
- Tdapi Dacite porphyry, intrusion (Tertiary: Eocene)—Porphyritic dike, 2–3 m (7–10 ft) wide, that cross-cuts the Gravely Mountain syncline. Contains phenocrysts of plagioclase, hornblende, and rare quartz in an aphanitic groundmass. The dike is the oldest magmatic unit identified in the map area and yielded a U-Pb zircon age of  $51.46 \pm$ 0.25 Ma (table 2).

MESOZOIC AND PALEOZOIC STRATIGRAPHY

A thick succession of tilted, faulted, and folded Mississippian through Early Cretaceous marine and continental strata underlies the southwest part of the map area. The Phosphoria Formation (Pp) contains phosphate-rich beds that were historically mined; several adits and abandoned phosphate mines, including the Gravely mine, are located near the contact between the Quadrant and Phosphoria Formations.

- Kk Kootenai Formation (Early Cretaceous)—Deposits of mudstone, siltstone, limestone, salt-and-pepper sandstone, and conglomerate in four informal members from top to bottom: upper calcareous; upper clastic; lower calcareous; and lower clastic. The upper calcareous member is gray, fine- to medium-crystalline limestone with minor interbedded shale, siltstone, and sandstone. The top is marked by a dark gray coarsely crystalline limestone composed almost entirely of gastropod shells. The upper clastic member consists of green, gray, and maroon siltstone and shale with a few thin calcareous salt-and-pepper sandstone and limestone beds, including a distinctive flat-pebble limestone conglomerate. The lower calcareous member consists of interbedded, dark gray to black, very fine-grained limestone; maroon, green, and gray shale and siltstone; and occasional beds of calcareous concretions. The lower clastic member is maroon and gray sandstone interbedded with minor shale and siltstone. Either hard silica-cemented vitreous sandstone with distinct red jasper grains or lenticular beds of red-brown weathering conglomerate with pebbles and cobbles of black chert and white quartzite mark the base of the Kootenai Formation. Good exposures occur in roadcuts along Gimlet Creek (fig.1). Total thickness is approximately 330 m (1,085 ft).
- Jme Morrison Formation and Ellis Group, undivided (Late to Middle Jurassic) Morrison Formation (Late Jurassic)—Poorly exposed olive green and gray- to grayish-green mudstone, shale, siltstone, and minor sandstone. Siltstone near base is calcareous and flaggy. Dense, salt-and-pepper sandstone and minor concretionary limestone occur in the upper part. Thickness is approximately 47–67 m (154–220 ft).

Ellis Group (Late to Middle Jurassic)— Swift Formation: upper part is brown to yellowish brown, often calcareous and glauconitic, salt-and-pepper sandstone with interbedded siltstone and micaceous shale. Basal sandstone contains lenses of black chert-pebble conglomerate. Sparce fossils include oysters, belemnites, and wood fragments. Thickness is approximately 35–75 m (115–246 ft).

**Rierdon Formation**: dark brownish gray to dark gray calcareous shale, shaly limestone, and limestone. Shales weather yellowish gray or whitish gray. Fossil fragments and ripple marks are common on bedding planes. Brown, oolitic or sandy limestone beds mark the stratigraphic base. Thickness is approximately18–23 m (59–75 ft). Sawtooth Formation: the upper part is interbedded calcareous shale, siltstone, and limestone; the middle part is very calcareous dark gray shale or argillaceous limestone that weathers creamy white; the lower part is dark gray to black, fossiliferous, calcareous buff-weathering siltstone. Approximate thickness is 75 m (246 ft).

- **Phosphoria Formation** (Permian)—Bluish gray and brown weathering sandstone, shale, bedded chert, and oolitic phosphatic rock. The Phosphoria Formation is poorly exposed and difficult to distinguish in the field. Relatively good exposures occur near the Luke Mine in the south-adjacent Luke Mountain quadrangle. Estimated thickness is 80 m (260 ft).
- **Quadrant Formation (Pennsylvanian)**—White to tan, fine- to medium-grained, vitreous quartzite that is poorly bedded to massive. Weathers to a greenish gray or rusty brown surface spotted by black lichens. The quartzite is locally brecciated, perhaps by tectonism. The Quadrant Formation is an excellent ridge-forming marker horizon easily distinguishable from most other stratigraphic units. Estimated thickness is 60 m (197 ft).
- PMa Amsden Formation (Pennsylvanian and Mississippian)—Reddish brown, fine-grained sandstone, calcareous siltstone, shale, and limestone. A thin interval of pebble conglomerate marks its top. The Amsden Formation is poorly exposed and therefore distinguished by reddish soil or a recessive interval between the underlying Madison Group and the overlying Quadrant Formation. Estimated thickness is 90 m (295 ft).
- Mm Madison Group, undivided (Mississippian)—Thick sequence of limestone, limestone breccia, and chert that generally forms prominent ridges, cliffs, and hoodoos. Mission Canyon Formation—Upper part is light to medium gray limestone breccia with interbedded medium-bedded limestone and dolomitic limestone. Breccias contain angular limestone and siltstone clasts in an orange- or red-stained matrix. Lower part is light to dark gray, partly cherty, medium- to very thick-bedded limestone and minor dolomite. Typically fossiliferous and oolitic. Weathers medium to light gray. Thickness is approximately 250 m (820 ft). **Lodgepole Formation**—Dark gray, fossiliferous, thin-bedded limestone and silty limestone. Abundant interbeds of dark gray to black chert nodules, ribbons, and beds, especially in lower part. The upper part is more fossiliferous with thick beds and some
- MDtm Three Forks, Jefferson, and Maywood Formations, undivided (Early Mississippian and Late Devonian)—Thick sequence of shale, siltstone, limestone, and dolomite. Limestone and dolomite of the Jefferson Formation commonly form ridges, cliffs, and spires. The Three Forks and Maywood Formations are poorly exposed. There is only a small occurrence of this unit near the western boundary of the map; it is best observed in the Warm Springs drainage in the west-adjacent Windy Rock 7.5' quadrangle. Thickness is approximately 320 m (1.050 ft).

STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

FAULTS

NW- and NE-striking, high-angle, oblique-slip faults displace Paleozoic through Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic units along the southwestern edge of the Avon Valley. Large bodies of jasperoid breccia (Tj) and Oligocene basalts (Tba) occur at junctions between these fault systems. Fault-slip data indicate dextral slip on the major NW-striking faults, and related P- and T-axes are compatible with fault initiation in a WNW-trending transfersive shear zone. The northeast edge of the Avon Valley is also bounded by NW-striking faults (McDonald and others, 2016), and gravity models show the valley is floored by a series of parallel, high-angle faults (Knatterud and others, 2015, 2017). Faults bounding and underlying the Avon Valley are interpreted to be an extensional pull-apart structure initiated during Cenozoic transtensive crustal deformation in the eastern Lewis and Clark Fault Zone (Reynolds, 1979; Foster and others, 2007). Numerous strike-slip and oblique-slip focal mechanisms obtained from recent seismic events in the Avon region suggest that the eastern Lewis and Clark Fault Zone remains active as a dextral shear zone (Stickney, 2015).

## FOLDS

Mississippian though Cretaceous rocks in the southwest part of the map are deformed by an open and upright syncline that gently plunges to the southeast (Gravely Mountain syncline; fig. 3a). This structure likely formed during Late Cretaceous transpressive shortening within the Lewis and Clark Fault Zone (Sears and Hendrix, 2004). An upright syncline deforms the Renova Formation underlying Antelope Hill in the Avon Valley (fig. 3b). Folding of Tertiary sedimentary deposits was likely synchronous with transtensive faulting and the development of the pull-apart structure underneath the Avon Valley.

breccia. Weathers light to medium gray. Thickness is approximately 270 m (885 ft).

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syncline and (b) Antelope Hill syncline. Data are plotted on an equal-area stereonet and fit with a Kamb contour. Great circles are the cylindrical best fit of the data and black squares represent the fold axes.

### Table 1. Bulk rock geochemical data from samples collected in the Gravely Mountain 7.5' guadrangle.

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Sample ID Map unit Latitude Longitude	ES-01 Tdapi 46.64 -112.72	ES-03 Tba 46.66 -112.72	ES-04 Tbai 46.66 -112.72	ES-06 Tr 46.71 -112.74	ES-08 Tba 46.69 -112.71	ES-09 Tda 46.67 -112.73	ES-74 Tba 46.63 -112.66		
Major Elements (wt %)									
	61.07	50 27	55 /5	69 70	52.80	50.74	46.76		
SIO <sub>2</sub>	01.97	0.37	0 77	00.79	02.09 1.26	59.74	40.70		
	1/ 60	18 77	16.27	0.42 15 3/	15.86	17.26	16.65		
	2 69	5.68	5.07	2 49	6 71	5 55	10.00		
MnO	0.15	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.13	0.06	0.18		
MaO	1.66	4 77	2 70	0.30	3.64	2.32	7.39		
CaO	6.18	7.18	6.49	2.10	6.92	4.74	9.73		
Na O	3.65	5.34	3.92	3.87	3.89	4.88	2.77		
K O	3.47	2.16	4.44	4.11	3.39	2.62	0.98		
P O	0.13	1.30	0.80	0.14	1.05	0.47	0.42		
Sum	95.02	96.55	96.01	97.58	95.72	98.44	96.75		
LOI	3.84	3.33	3.29	2.01	3.26	0.87	1.96		
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Trace Elements (ppm)									
Ni	36.57	47.17	40.83	10.31	61.94	29.83	84.02		
Cr	83.05	47.77	54.90	17.14	69.07	34.49	125.19		
V	53.22	113.67	96.03	25.07	115.06	84.14	213.15		
Ga	19.62	15.86	16.15	19.03	17.05	21.01	16.35		
Cu	13.77	25.17	21.80	7.73	20.22	12.09	35.76		
Zn	54.41	55.79	58.96	85.72	73.63	112.38	81.85		
La	24.13	60.23	55.51	53.28	83.14	74.61	22.11		
Ce	44.76	128.49	113.00	88.01	159.65	130.45	45.70		
Pr	5.23	15.57	13.72	10.37	18.12	15.50	5.81		
Nd	19.22	58.55	50.39	37.37	64.74	54.12	24.03		
Sm	3.60	9.27	8.15	5.77	9.82	7.54	5.14		
Eu	1.00	2.62	1.95	1.53	2.58	2.16	1.78		
Ga	2.04	0.37	0.09	3.90	0.00	4.40	0.02		
ID Du	0.40	0.60	0.04	0.49	0.91	0.53	0.62		
Dy	2.20	4.03	4.75	2.00	4.01	2.50	4.95		
HO Fr	0.40	0.09	0.94	1.32	2.44	0.43	0.99		
EI	0.10	2.31	0.38	0.20	0.3/	0.13	2.03		
1111 Mb	1 21	2 15	2 /7	1.20	2 15	0.13	2 21		
	0.19	0.34	0.39	0.19	0.33	0.75	0.33		
Ba	1068.00	2637.00	2043.00	2522.00	2711.00	2428.00	782.00		
Da Th	6.94	7 28	12 41	11 84	12.96	8.93	2.33		
Nb	7.25	89.29	85.34	8.60	56.42	9.90	19.79		
Y	12.83	22.75	24.67	14.09	23.84	11.89	24.34		
Hf	3.38	6.12	5.29	4.47	5.47	3.92	2.81		
Та	0.49	5.58	5.90	0.54	3.38	0.47	1.16		
U	3.04	1.98	3.71	2.46	2.91	1.50	0.62		
Pb	20.94	6.12	15.75	25.94	11.89	14.72	2.76		
Rb	98.50	192.70	116.30	103.30	77.30	46.70	23.30		
Cs	3.30	4.52	5.95	2.99	2.54	4.83	10.95		
Sr	578.00	1564.00	868.00	705.00	1359.00	1435.00	482.00		
Sc	7.60	17.10	13.50	5.10	14.40	7.80	27.70		
Zr	125.00	292.00	226.00	175.00	237.00	163.00	113.00		
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spectrometry (ICP-MS) at the Washington State University GenAnalytical Lab. FeO*									
indicates all Fe expressed as Fe2*. LOI is loss on ignition. Datum used for sample									

Table 2. U-Pb zircon ages Sample Map Unit Latitude Longitude Age (Ma) 46.7135 -112.7356 46.01 0.23 ES-06 46.6657 -112.7387 47.4 0.19 ES-05 Tdapi 46.6402 -112.7169 51.46 0.25 ES-01 All samples analyzed by LA-ICPMS at the University of California,

Santa Barbara. Datum used for sample coordinates is World Geodetic Survey 1984 (WGS84

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Geologic Map of the Gravely Mountain 7.5' Quadrangle Powell County, Montana

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