

Figure 1. Previous mapping in the study area.

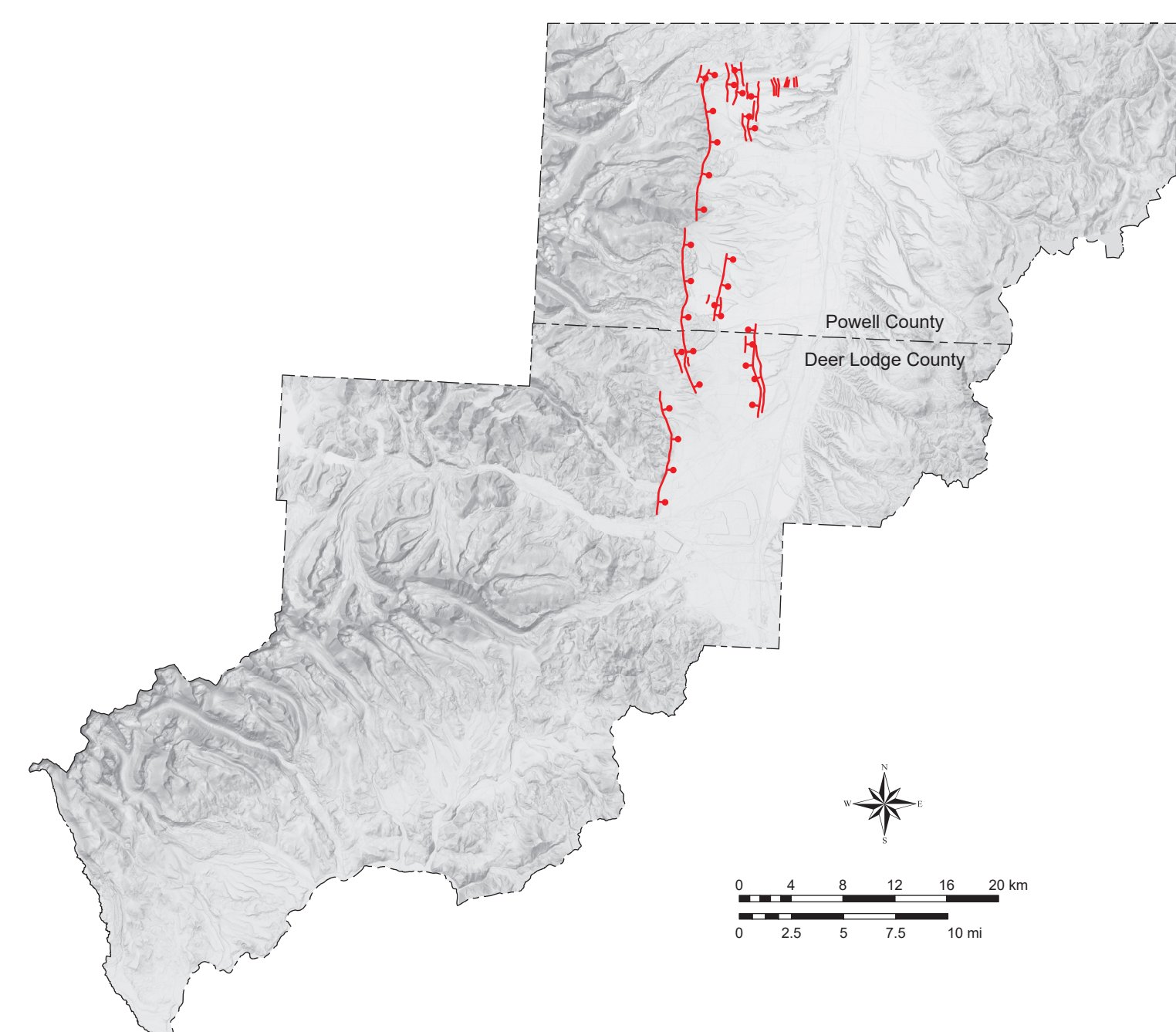
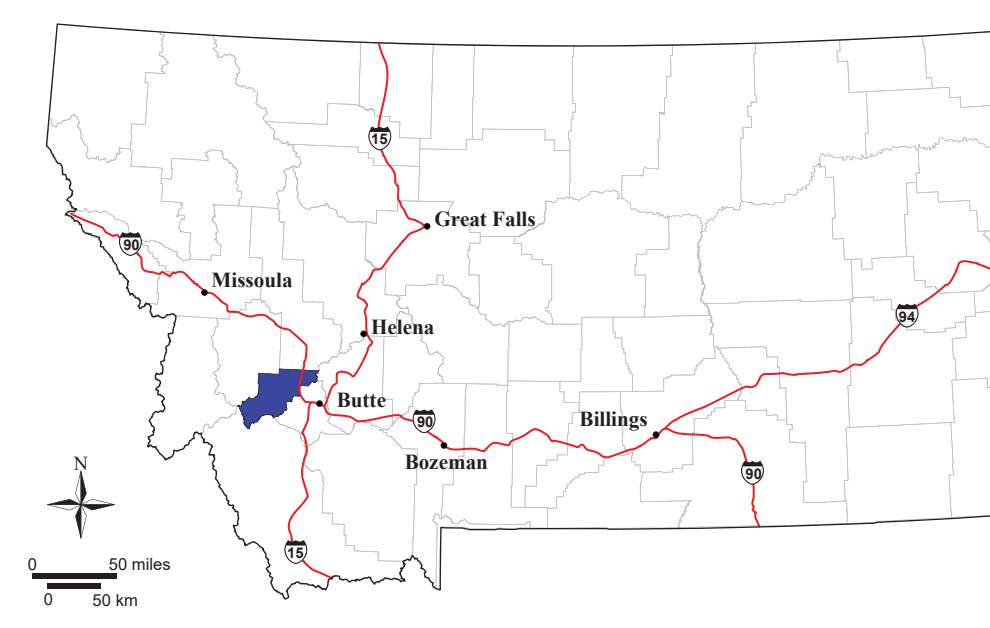
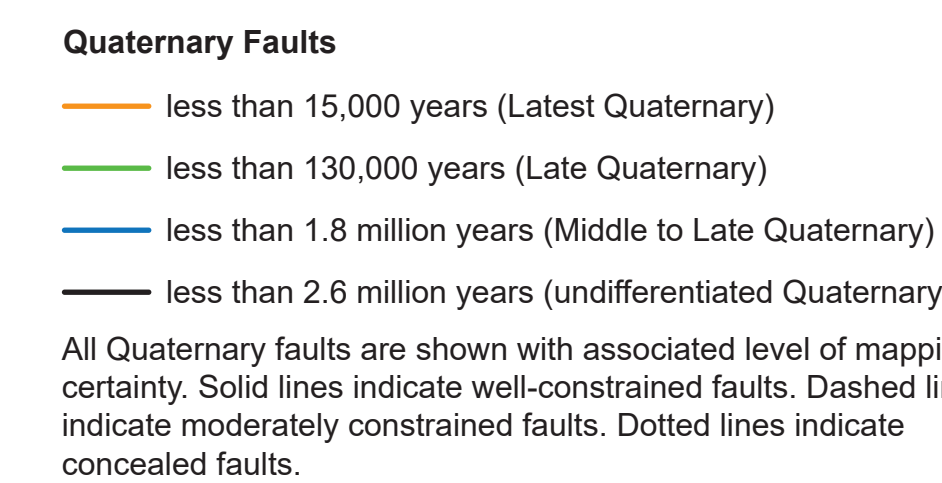
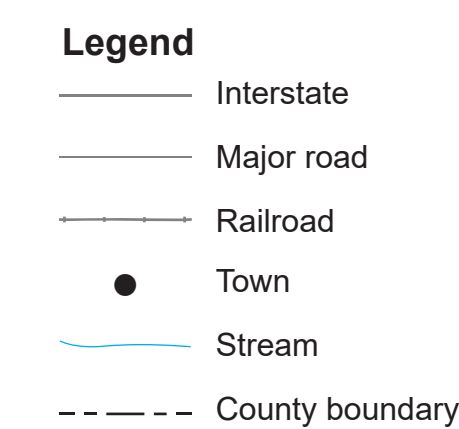


Figure 2. Generalized tectonic map of Deer Lodge County and southern Powell County showing Quaternary faults that have a predominantly normal sense of slip.



Location of Deer Lodge County, Montana



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Geologic Map 102

Quaternary Fault Map of Deer Lodge County,  
Southwest Montana

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This Quaternary fault map identifies faults that demonstrate evidence of earthquake surface rupture based on lidar data, geomorphic and topographic analyses, field checks, and, when available, published geological maps (fig. 1). Faults are considered potentially active and hazardous if fault displacement occurred during the Quaternary (past 2.6 million years), and produced surface deformation during an earthquake, typically expressed as fault scarps. Quaternary faults in Deer Lodge County have a predominantly normal sense of slip and accommodate extension (fig. 2), associated with the Northern Rockies Basin and Range.

This map is designed for use as a general planning tool and is appropriate for use at a scale of 1:75,000. Site-specific investigations and more detailed geotechnical information are required for earthquake hazard assessments.

**Latest Quaternary faults** are those that have evidence of fault displacement within the past 15,000 years. Faults in this category have well-constrained locations with fault scarps that cut Holocene or late Pliocene aged sediments.

**Late Quaternary faults** are those that have evidence of fault displacement within the past 130,000 years. Faults in this category have well-constrained locations with fault scarps that cut Late Pleistocene or Bull Lake age sediments.

**Middle to Late Quaternary faults** are those that have evidence of fault displacement within the past 1.8 million years. Faults in this category have well- to moderately constrained locations with bedrock fault scarps or fault-controlled topographic lineaments that deform Quaternary sediments.

**Undifferentiated Quaternary faults** are those suspected to have fault displacement within the past 2.6 million years. Faults in this category have well- to moderately constrained locations or may be concealed but inferred to deform Quaternary sediments.

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Scale 1:75,000