

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

All pre-Mesozoic rocks of the Cedar Grove quadrangle have been metamorphosed to at least the chlorite zone of the greenschist metamorphic facies. Many of the rocks display a weak or strong metamorphic foliation. Although subjected to metamorphism, the rocks retain relict igneous, pyroclastic, and sedimentary textures and structures that allow for the identification of protolith rocks. As such, the prefix "meta" is not included in the nomenclature of the pre-Mesozoic rocks described in this quadrangle.

The nomenclature of the International Union of Geological Sciences subcommission on igneous and volcanic rocks (IUGS) after Streckeisen (1973 and 1979) is used in classification and naming of the units. The classification and naming of the units is based on relict igneous textures, modal mineral assemblages, or normalised mineral assemblages when whole-rock geochemical data is available. Field workers in the Cedar Grove quadrangle and adjacent areas (Allen and Wilson, 1968 and Newton, 1983) have used various nomenclature systems for the igneous rocks. The raw data of these earlier workers was recalculated and plotted on ternary diagrams and classified based on IUGS nomenclature. Pyroclastic rock terminology follows that of Fisher and Schmincke (1984).

Sedimentary Units

- Qal** - Alluvium: Unconsolidated poorly sorted and stratified deposits of angular to subrounded clay, silt, sand and gravel- to cobble-sized clasts, in stream channels. May include point bars, terraces and natural levees along larger stream floodplains. Structural measurement depicted on the map within Qal represent outcrop of crystalline rock infers surrounded by alluvium.

Intrusive and Meta-Intrusive Units

- Ad** - Diabase: Black to greenish-black, fine- to medium-grained, dense, consists primarily of plagioclase, augite, and may contain olivine. Occurs as dikes up to 100 ft wide. Diabase typically occurs as spherulitic weathered boulders with a gray-brown weathering rind. Red station location indicates outcrop or boulders of diabase.
- Zfp** - Felsic porphyry: Dark gray, aphanitic groundmass with fine-grained disseminated quartz. Feldspar phenocrysts range from 2 to 5 mm. Weathered surfaces display poikiloblastic texture from weathering of feldspar phenocrysts and/or mineral filled amygdalae. Dike trends are inferred.
- P1ad1** - Dacitic dikes: Dark gray to gray, finely crystalline, and locally weakly plagioclase porphyritic dacitic dikes ranging from less than one foot to several feet wide. Dike trends are inferred.
- P1ad2** - Andesite to diorite dikes: Melanocratic to Mesocratic (CI > 50 to greater than 50), dark green to green gray, aphanitic to medium-grained, metamorphosed andesite to diorite. Andesites and diorites are locally plagioclase porphyritic. Typically occur in map area as resistant spherulitic boulders. Locally may be basaltic to gabbroic. Dike trend lines indicated were strike of dike measured in outcrop or interpreted from adjacent stations. Occur as infestations in Zfp1 unit and are present in many more locations than depicted on map. Dike trends are inferred.
- CZgr-gd** - Prospect Hill tonalite-granodiorite pluton: Unfoliated to locally very weakly foliated, leucocratic (CI less than 10), very light gray to yellowish gray, medium- to coarse-grained, hydromorphic granular, metamorphosed tonalite-granodiorite to tonalite. Major minerals present in rock are most commonly biotite intergrown with chlorite and/or hornblende intergrown with actinolite. Biotite biotite (± magnetite intergrowths) up to 2 cm commonly occur in north of Cedar Grove Quadrangle. Locally massive bearing. Cross-cutting segregative dikes of similar mineralogy occur in some map area. Locally biotite (± magnetite) foliation is present in rock. Pluton map pattern truncates Virgilia sequence volcanics and pluton contains foliated xenoliths of volcanic rocks, as such, the pluton is interpreted to be related to the Ca. 546 Ma Roiboro pluton (Wortman et al., 2000).
- CZgr-gd** - Granite to granodiorite of the Prospect Hill pluton: Composite pluton of dominantly medium-grained, hornblende granodiorite, lesser amounts of medium-grained hornblende diorite, plagioclase porphyritic granodiorite, fine-grained granodiorite, and diorite; minor amounts of fine-grained gabbro. Fine-grained granodiorite and diorite are typically green in hand sample from muscovitization of plagioclase. Hornblende is typically altered to chlorite and actinolite masses.
- Zdi** - Diorite: Mesocratic (CI > 50), medium gray, fine- to medium-grained, hypidiomorphic granular diorite. Major minerals include plagioclase and hornblende. Plagioclase crystals are typically sericitized and saussuritized and can occur as phenocryst up to 2 cm diameter. Hornblende is typically altered to chlorite and actinolite masses. Locally hornblende forms magmatic(?) foliation. Includes minor green, fine-grained microdiorite to andesite. Dikes attributed to CZgr1 unit intrude diorite bodies locally.
- Zg1-gb** - Granodiorite to gabbro: Composite pluton of dominantly medium-grained, hornblende granodiorite, lesser amounts of medium-grained hornblende diorite, plagioclase porphyritic granodiorite, fine-grained granodiorite, and diorite; minor amounts of fine-grained gabbro. Fine-grained granodiorite and diorite are typically green in hand sample from muscovitization of plagioclase. Hornblende is typically altered to chlorite and actinolite masses.
- Zdi** - Dacitic shallow intrusives: Grayish-green to light green, plagioclase porphyritic dacite with a granular-textured groundmass to very fine-grained granodiorite with intrusive texture visible with 7x hand lens. Contains lesser amounts of fine- to medium grained granodiorite. Plagioclase phenocrysts typically range from 1 mm to 4 mm. Black contact amphibole, which is visible, occurs as phenocryst up to 1 mm and is intergrown with plagioclase. Amphibole intergrowths distinguish rock from fine-grained tuffs. Inclusions of dark gray, plagioclase porphyritic dacite are common and at times give rock a pseudo-clastic appearance. Locally andesite to diorite and xenoliths of tuffs are present.

Metavolcanic Units

- Zep** - Mixed epilitic-pyroclastic rocks: Mixed epilitic-pyroclastic rocks. Grayish-green to greenish-gray, buffaceous sandstones, conglomeratic sandstones, siltstones and minor phyllite. The siltstones typically are weakly phyllitic. Contains lesser amounts of fine to coarse tuff and lapilli tuff. Minor andesite to basaltic lavas and tuffs present. Silicified and/or sericitized altered rock similar to Zdi unit are present near contacts with other units. Distinctive plagioclase + quartz crystal tuff present in lower zones of unit near contact with Zdi unit.
- Zt** - Felsic tuffs: Grayish-green to greenish-gray and silvery-gray, massive to foliated, volcanoclastic pyroclastic rocks consisting of fine- to coarse tuffs, lapilli tuffs and minor welded tuffs. Laying ranges from massive to thinly bedded. Contains lesser amounts of volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks consisting of volcanic sandstones, and graywackes with minor siltstones and phyllite. Minor andesite to basaltic lavas and tuffs. Distinctive plagioclase + quartz crystal tuff present in unit in higher stratigraphic zones near the Zep unit.
- Zdi** - Dacitic lavas and tuffs: Distinctive dark gray to black, siliceous, crysophanitic, porphyritic dacite with plagioclase + quartz phenocrysts, and flow banded dacite. Welded and non-welded tuffs associated with the lavas include greenish-gray to grayish-green, fine tuff, coarse plagioclase crystal tuff, lapilli tuff, and tuff breccia. The dikes are interpreted to have been coherent magma that were extrusive or very shallow intrusions associated with dome formation. The tuffs are interpreted as explosive pyroclastic flow deposits, air fall tuffs or reworked tuffs generated during formation of dacite domes. Wortman et al. (2000) report a 632.9 ± 2.6-1.9 Ma zircon date from a sample within the unit in the Chapel Hill quadrangle.

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EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

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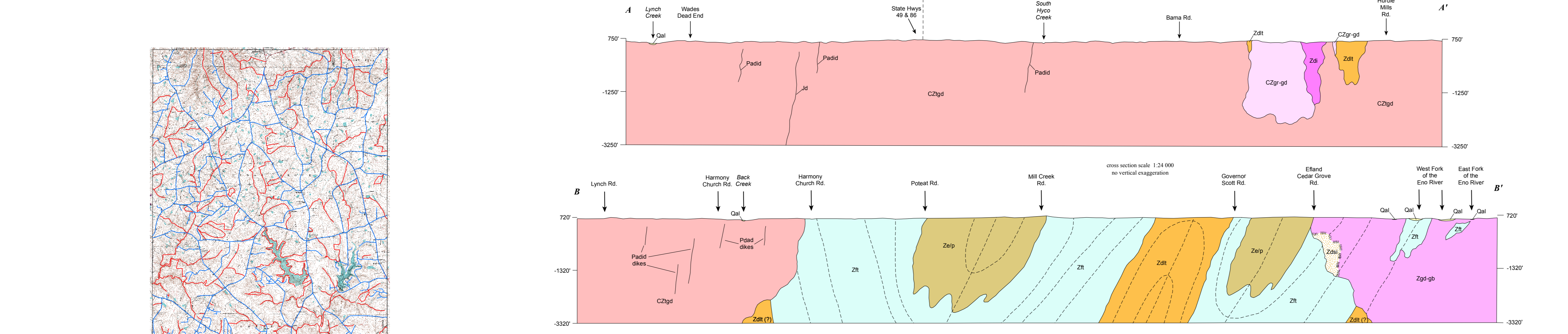
Lithologic contacts - Distribution and concentration of structural symbols indicates degree of reliability.

- contact - location inferred
- contact - location concealed
- gradational contact - location inferred
- diabase dike - location inferred
- in cross section, interpreted fold form lines of non-cylindrical asymmetric folds

PLANAR FEATURES

Observation sites are centered on the strike bar or are at the intersection point of multiple symbols. Planar feature symbols may be combined with linear features.

- strike and dip of primary bedding and layering
- strike and dip of overturned primary bedding and layering
- strike and dip of primary volcanic compaction and/or welding foliation
- strike and dip of foliation
- vertical foliation
- strike and dip of cleavage
- vertical cleavage
- strike and dip of spaced cleavage
- strike and dip of high strain foliation
- strike and dip of magmatic (?) foliation defined by aligned biotite or amphibole within the Prospect Hill pluton
- strike and dip of foliation of scolith within Prospect Hill pluton
- vertical foliation of scolith within Prospect Hill pluton
- strike and dip of joint
- vertical joint
- observation station location in tonalite granodiorite unit with conspicuous coarse quartz grains in soil



GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CEDAR GROVE 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE, ORANGE, PERSON and CASWELL COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

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