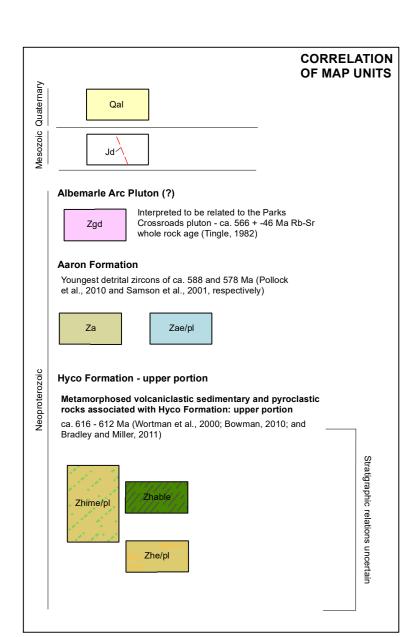
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INTRODUCTION

The Bennett 7.5-minute Quadrangle lies in the east central portion of the North Carolina Piedmont. The Randolph - Chatham County line crosses the quadrangle from north to south and intersects with the Moore County line (trending east-west) in the southern portion of the quadrangle. The unincorporated community of Bennett is present in Chatham County near the center of the quadrangle. The quadrangle is bisected diagonally by State Hwy 22/42. State HWY 902 intersects HWY 22/42 in the southeast of the quadrangle. The quadrangle drains to the Deep River along drainages that include Richland Creek, Brush Creek, Fork Creek, Flat Creek, Cedar Creek, and Falls Creek.

Natural exposures of crystalline rocks occur mainly along these and numerous unnamed creeks. Rock exposure at road cuts, ridges, resistant finned-shaped outcrops and pavement outcrops occur locally outside of drainages. The elevations in the map area range from about 600 feet above sea level east of the community of Bennett near the eastern edge of the quadrangle (the high point is identified by a horizontal control marker named Paul Beck 2 on historical topographic maps), to less than 300 feet along Cedar Creek near the southern edge of the quadrangle. GEOLOGIC BACKGROUND AND PAST WORK

Pre-Mesozoic crystalline rocks in the Bennett Quadrangle are part of the Neoproterozoic to Cambrian Carolina terrane (Hibbard et al., 2002; and Hibbard et al., 2006). In the region of the map area, the Carolina terrane can be separated into two lithotectonic units: 1) the Hyco Arc and 2) the Aaron Formation of the redefined Virgilina sequence (Hibbard et al., 2013). The Hyco Arc consists of the Hyco Formation which include ca. 612 to 633 Ma (Wortman et al., 2000; Bowman, 2010; Bradley and Miller, 2011) metamorphosed layered volcaniclastic rocks and plutonic rocks. Available age dates (Wortman et al., 2000; Bradley and Miller, 2011) indicate the Hyco Formation may be divided into lower (ca. 630 Ma) and upper (ca. 615 Ma) portions with an apparent intervening hiatus of magmatism. In northeastern Chatham County, Hyco Formation units are intruded by the ca. 579 Ma (Tadlock and Loewy, 2006) East Farrington pluton and associated West Farrington pluton. The Aaron Formation consists of metamorphosed layered volcaniclastic rocks with youngest detrital zircons of ca. 588 and 578 Ma (Pollock et al., 2010 and Samson et al., 2001, respectively). Hibbard et al. (2013) interprets an at least 24 million year unconformity between the Aaron and underlying Hyco Formation.

The Hyco Arc and Aaron Formation lithologies were folded and subjected to low grade metamorphism during the ca. 578 to 554 Ma (Pollock, 2007; Pollock et al., 2010) Virgilina deformation (Glover and Sinha, 1973; Harris and Glover, 1985; Harris and Glover, 1988; and Hibbard and Samson, 1995). In the map area, original layering of Hyco and Aaron Formation lithologies are observed ranging from shallowly to steeply dipping and are interpreted to be a result of open to tight folds that are locally overturned. Preliminary stereogram analyses of data from two map scale synclines in the nearby Coleridge Quadrangle (Bradley et al, 2018), appears to indicate the

presence of folds ranging from gentle to open. Subsequent domain analyses of primary bedding and layering in Hyco Formation and Aaron Formation units outside of the two synclines, indicate folds range from tight to open with the majority of the folds within the tight to close range. In general, it appears that the Hyco Formation and older portions of the Aaron Formation are more tightly folded compared to the Aaron Formation in the identified synclines in the Coleridge Quadrangle. This apparent range from gentle to tight folds is not well understood and may indicate: 1) normal disharmonic folding due to competency differences between units or 2) indicate that the younger units within the synclines in Coleridge are more appropriately assigned to the Albemarle Arc lithologies and were deposited above an angular unconformity. More investigation is needed.

MINERAL RESOURCES

There are no active mining activities currently in the quadrangle. The quadrangle has 2 identified historic mineral prospects for copper: the Cassana Kidd Prospect and the W.H. Purvis Prospect (Carpenter, 1976). Both prospects consist of one pit each, opened in iron stained quartz in association with felsic to intermediate tuffs (Carpenter, 1976). The Deep River gold-copper-molybdenum prospect is located in the southwest portion of the quadrangle. Exploration activities have been carried out at the Deep River prospect from 1989 intermittently to 2008. Exploration activities identified significant gold mineralization with associated molybdenum and copper

enrichment (Rapprecht, 2010). DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

All pre-Mesozoic rocks in the map area 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 the quadrangle. Map units of metavolcanic and metavolcaniclastic rocks include various lithologies that when grouped together are interpreted to indicate general environments

of deposition. The dacitic lavas and tuffs unit is interpreted to represent dacitic domes and proximal pyroclastics. The andesitic to basaltic lavas (with tuffs or conglomerates) units are interpreted to represent eruption of intermediate to mafic lava flows and associated pyroclastic and/or epiclastic deposits. The epiclastic/pyroclastic units are interpreted to represent deposition from the erosion of dormant and active volcanic highlands. Some of the metavolcaniclastic units within the map area display lithologic relationships similar to dated units present in northern Orange and Durham Counties. Due to these similarities, the metavolcanic and metavolcaniclastic units have been tentatively separated into upper and lower portions of the Hyco Formation; geochronologic data in the map area is needed to confirm this interpretation. A review of the regional lithologies is summarized in Bradley (2013).

Abundant evidence of brittle faulting at the outcrop scale and large-scale lineaments (as interpreted from hillshade LiDAR data) are present in the map area and adjacent quadrangles. The brittle faulting and lineaments are interpreted to be associated with Mesozoic extension. The Colon cross-structure (Reinemund, 1955), located to the east of the study area, is a constriction zone in the Deep River Mesozoic basin and is characterized by crystalline rocks overprinted by complex brittle faulting. Dikes of Jurassic aged diabase intrude the crystalline rocks of the area. Quaternary aged alluvium is present in most major drainages. A preliminary review of the area geology is provided in Bradley (2013). Unit descriptions common to Bradley et al. (2017), Bradley et al. (2018) and Peach et al. (2018) from the Siler City, Coleridge and Bear Creek geologic maps, respectively, were used for conformity with on strike units in neighboring quadrangles. Unit descriptions and stratigraphic correlations were maintained from adjacent mapping in Orange County (Bradley et al., 2016). The nomenclature of the International Union of Geological Sciences subcommission on igneous and volcanic rocks (IUGS) after Le Maitre (2002) is used in classification and naming of the units. The classification and naming of the rocks is based on relict igneous textures, modal mineral assemblages, or normalized mineral assemblages when whole-rock geochemical data is available. Pyroclastic rock terminology follows that of Fisher and Schminke (1984).

Sedimentary Units Qal – Alluvium: Unconsolidated poorly sorted and stratified deposits of angular to subrounded clay, silt, sand and gravel- to boulder-sized clasts, Qal in stream drainages. May include point bars, terraces and natural levees along larger stream floodplains. Structural measurements depicted on the map within Qal represent outcrops of crystalline rock inliers surrounded by alluvium. Intrusive and Metaintrusive Units Jd – Diabase: Black to greenish-black, fine- to medium-grained, dense, consists primarily of plagioclase, augite and may contain olivine. Occurs

A Jd 👩 as dikes up to 100 ft wide. Diabase typically occurs as spheroidally weathered boulders with a gravish-brown weathering rind. Red station location indicates outcrop or boulders of diabase. Zgd – Granodiorite: (CI=5) Leucocratic, fine- to medium- grained, equigranular metamorphosed, granodiorite. Mineral assemblage includes Zgd quartz, plagioclase, and green hornblende +/- chlorite, +/- epidote. Likely correlative to the Parks Crossroads pluton of Tingle (1982). Metavolcanic and Metavolcaniclastic Units

Aaron Formation Zae/pl – Aaron Formation (Virgilina member) mixed epiclastics, pyroclastics and lavas of the Devils Tramping Ground area: Grayish-Zae/pl green to greenish-gray, metamorphosed tuffaceous sandstones, conglomeratic sandstones, siltstones and minor phyllite. The siltstones typically are weakly phyllitic. Contains lesser amounts of fine- to coarse tuff, welded tuff and dacitic lavas. Fiamme-like shaped clasts are common in the conglomerates, sandstones and tuffs. Quartz and feldspar crystal fragments are common in the sedimentary components, tuffs and lavas. Silicified and/or sericitized altered rock and quartz with adularia are locally present. Unit is interpreted to be in gradational contact with unit Za. Contact with unit Za designated at first occurrence of sandstones with angular clasts or primary volcanic rocks. Za – Aaron Formation: Distinctive metasedimentary package that ranges from fine-grained siltstones to coarse-grained sandstones, pebbly sandstones and conglomerates. Siltstones are similar in appearance to Hyco Formation lithologies. The sandstones, pebbly sandstones and

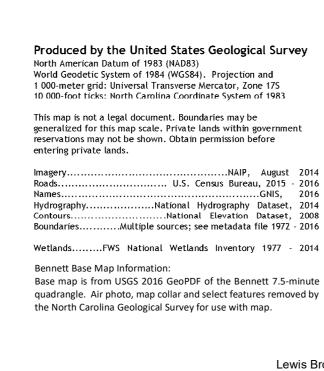
rounded to subrounded clasts of quartz ranging from sand- to gravel-sized. In the sandstones, feldspar is the most prominent mineral grain; guartz varies from sparse to abundant in hand sample. Lithic clasts are typically prominent and range from sand- to gravel-size. Harris (1984), performed a detailed sedimentary study of the Aaron Formation to the immediate northwest of the map area. Harris (1984) interpreted the Aaron Formation to have been deposited by turbidity currents in a retrogradational submarine fan setting. Hyco Formation – Upper Portion Zhime/pl - Mixed intermediate to mafic epiclastic-pyroclastic rocks with interlayered intermediate to mafic lavas: Grayish-green to green,

conglomerates (classified as litharenite, feldspathic litharenite and lithic feldsarenite by Harris (1984)) are distinctive and commonly contain

locally with distinctive reddish-gray or maroon to lavender coloration; metamorphosed: conglomerate, conglomeratic sandstone, sandstone, siltstone and mudstone. Lithologies are locally bedded; locally tuffaceous with a cryptocrystalline-like groundmass. Siltstones are locally phyllitic. Locally contain interbedded intermediate to mafic lavas identical to Zhable. Contains lesser amounts of fine- to coarse tuff and lapilli tuff with a cryptocrystalline-like groundmass. Pyroclastics, lavas, and epiclastics are mainly intermediate to mafic in composition. Minor dacitic lavas and tuffs present. Silicified and/or sericitized altered rock are locally present. Conglomerates and conglomeratic sandstones typically contain subrounded to angular clasts of andesite and basalt in a clastic matrix. Generally interpreted to have been deposited proximal to active intermediate to mafic composition volcanic centers and/or record the erosion of proximal intermediate to mafic composition volcanic centers after cessation of active volcanism. Zhable - Andesitic to basaltic lavas with interlayered epiclastic rocks: Light green, gray-green, gray, and dark gray; typically unfoliated, amygdaloidal, plagioclase porphyritic, amphibole/pyroxene porphyritic and aphanitic; metamorphosed: andesitic to basaltic lavas and shallow ntrusions. Hyaloclastic texture is common and imparts a fragmental texture on some outcrops and float boulders. Contains lesser amounts of

grayish-green, light green, and light gray to white; metamorphosed conglomerate, conglomeratic sandstone, sandstone, siltstone and mudstone. Zhe/pl - Mixed epiclastic-pyroclastic rocks with interlayered dacitic lavas: Grayish-green to greenish-gray, locally with distinctive reddish-Zhe/pl gray or maroon to lavender coloration; metamorphosed: conglomerate, conglomeratic sandstone, sandstone, siltstone and mudstone. Lithologies are locally bedded; locally tuffaceous with a cryptocrystalline-like groundmass. Siltstones are locally phyllitic. Locally contain interbedded dacitic lavas identical to Zhdlt unit (not present in quadrangle). Contains lesser amounts of fine- to coarse tuff and lapilli tuff with a cryptocrystalline-like groundmass. Pyroclastics, lavas, and epiclastics are mainly felsic in composition. Minor andesitic to basaltic lavas and tuffs present. Silicified and/or sericitized altered rock are locally present. Conglomerates and conglomeratic sandstones typically contain subrounded to angular clasts of dacite in a clastic matrix. Portions of the Zhe/pl unit are interpreted to have been deposited proximal to active volcanic centers represented by the

Zhdlt unit but are also interpreted to record the erosion of proximal volcanic centers after cessation of active volcanism.



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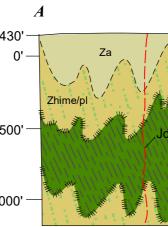
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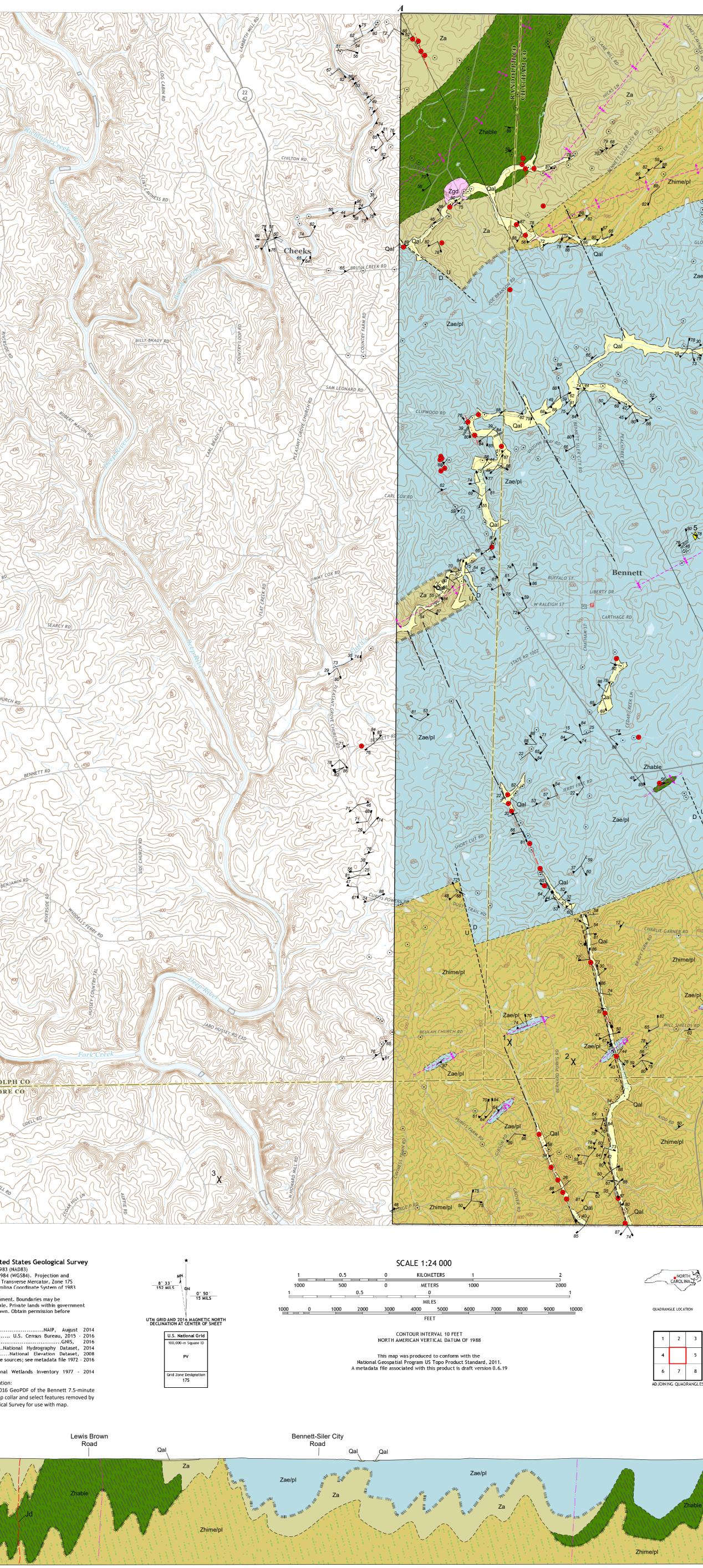
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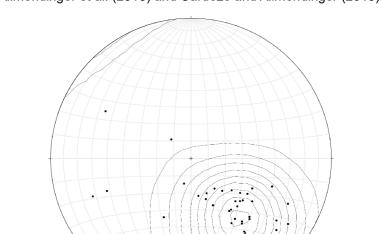
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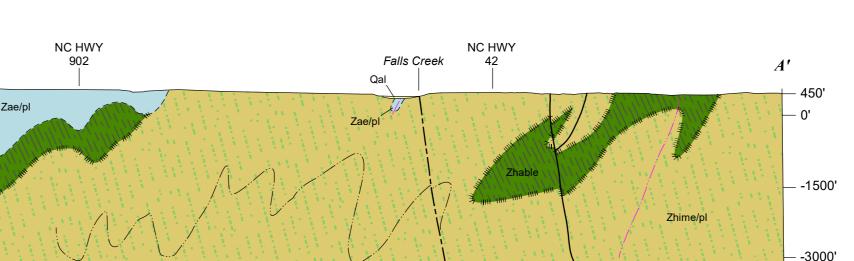


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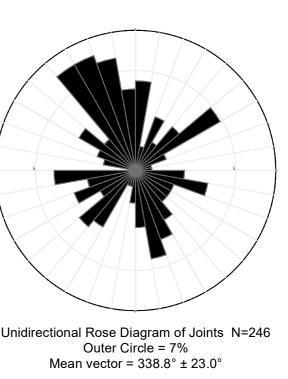
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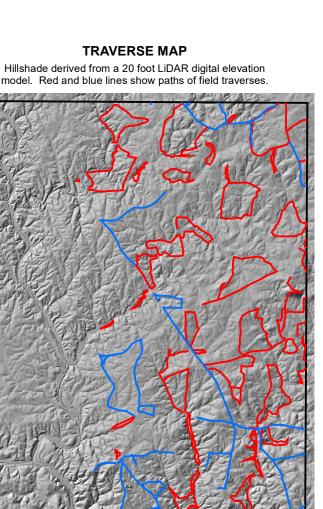
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