

TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGES AND PLUTONIC SUITES (from Wheeler and McFeely, 1991)

Tectonic assemblages represent distinctive successions of stratified rocks, mainly bounded by unconformities or faults, deposited in specific tectonic environments during particular intervals of time. Thus they are fundamental components of Cordilleran geology that reflect its evolution and allow comparison of the tectonic behaviour of various regions during specific intervals of time.

An assemblage may comprise one or more formations from a single region or from several separate regions. Most assemblages are named for an important constituent or group, although a few are named after the region in which the assemblage is best developed. Very few are not yet named. The age assigned to each assemblage reflects the age range of its components. Each assemblage is characterized in terms of its tectonic or depositional setting, the latter illustrated by descriptions of its principal lithologies, facies variations, source areas and other criteria.

The degree of confidence in the identification of the associated tectonic or depositional regimes vary considerably and in some cases are controversial. Most assemblages are categorized in terms of environments commonly observable on modern continental margins, island arcs and ocean basins. Others are defined with reference to their positions relative to the ocean (foredeep clastic wedge) or to the craton (passive continental margin sediments).

The plutonic suites are defined mainly by age and subdivided on the basis of composition or other attributes. They are grouped, for the most part, into magmatic episodes (Armstrong, 1985).

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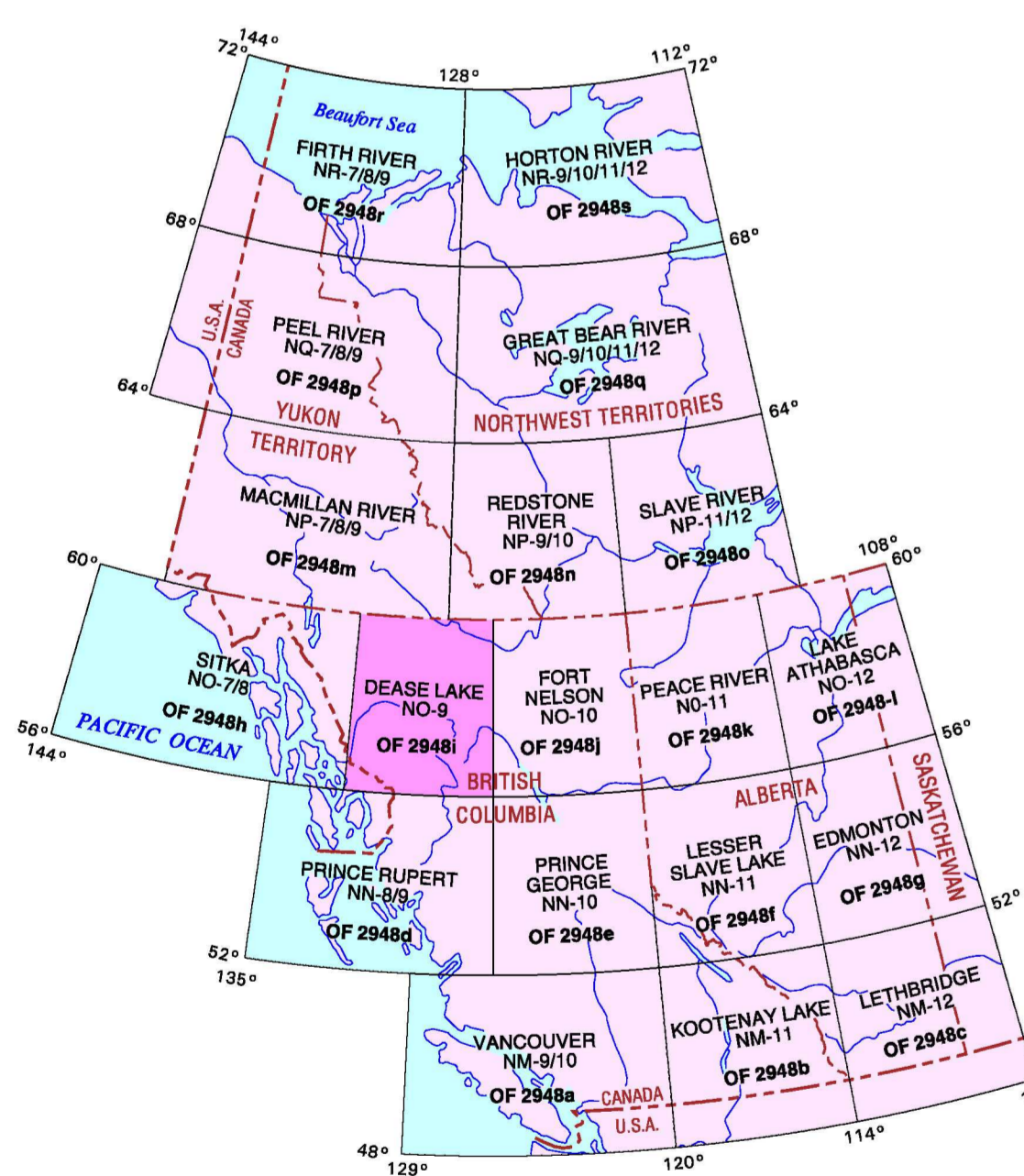
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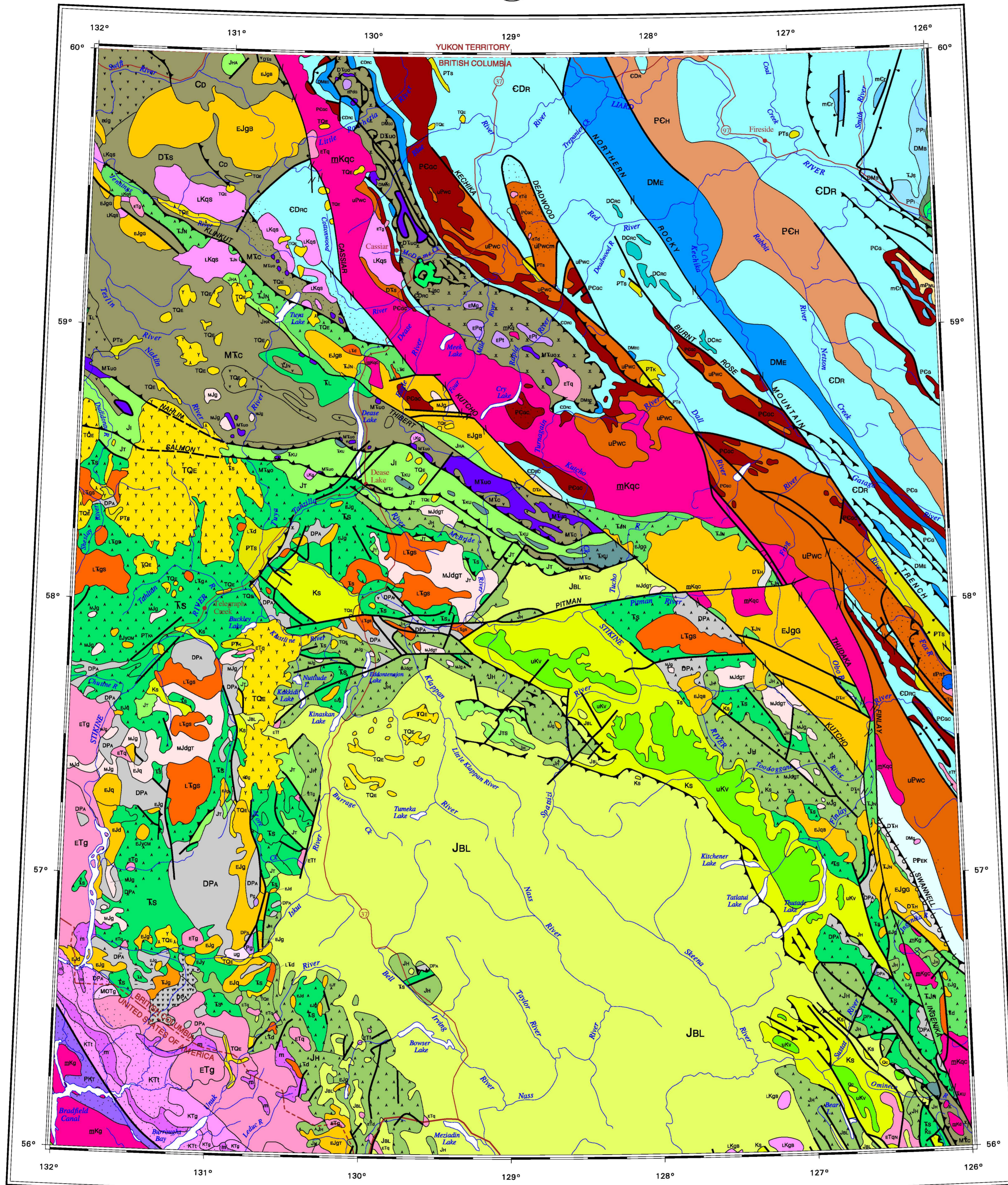
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TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGES

- QUATERNARY**
  - Qc** CLEARWATER: transpressional back-arc volcanics; alkali to tholeiitic olivine basalt flows, pyroclastics, volcanoes and cones; contains hornblende nodules; nonmarine
- TERTIARY AND QUATERNARY**
  - TQe** EZZIZI: transpressional rift volcanics; alkali basalt and peralkaline trachyte-andesite shield volcanoes; alkali olivine basalt cones with peralkaline nodules; flows and lavas; nonmarine
- PALEOGENE**
  - PTK** KAMLOOPS: transpressional arc volcanics; alkali-rich, calc-alkaline andesite, basaltic andesite, dacite, rhyolite and basalt flows, pyroclastics and epiclastic deposits. In south and southeast: highly alkaline rhyolite flows and breccia, bimodal basalt-rhyolite along Tintina Fault; includes alkaline volcanics east of Foreland Belt; all nonmarine
  - PTs** SIFTON: nonmarine fault-trough clastics (locally includes upper Upper Cretaceous strata); shale, siltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, local lignite, marl and dacitic volcanics; nonmarine
- UPPER CRETACEOUS**
  - uKv** WIGWAM RIDGE: westerly derived clastic wedge; westerly derived chert-clast conglomerate, sandstone in Melrose and Tyejaghton troughs; westerly derived conglomerate, pebbly sandstone, mudstone, and tuff in Susut Basin; nonmarine
- CRETACEOUS**
  - Ks** SKEENA: easterly derived back-arc clastics; mostly easterly derived clastics; volcanic waste, sandstone with detrital mica, siltstone, shale, conglomerate, with granitic clasts; chert-pebble conglomerate, variscite lenses, coal; marine and nonmarine
- UPPER JURASSIC - LOWER CRETACEOUS**
  - JKg** GAMBIER: arc and locally rift volcanics; upper unit: Albian greywackes, siltstone, argillite, conglomerate with granitic clasts, minor rhyolite lower unit: Baginman-Hauterivian and other basal granitic conglomerate, calc-alkaline dacite-andesite andesite volcanics, greywacke-argillite flysch; marine and nonmarine
- MIDDLE AND LOWER JURASSIC**
  - JBL** BOWSER LAKE: back-arc (?) and foredeep clastic wedges on Stikinia; upper, nonmarine crossbedded conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, shale, mainly limestone prograded over lower basaltic flysch conglomerate; middle, marine siltstone, shale, sandstone, conglomerate, plant fossils and coquinas, and coal. Sediments shed from uplifts to north, east and south
- LOWER AND MIDDLE JURASSIC**
  - JH** HAZELTON: volcanic arc complexes in Stikinia; south of Bowser Basin: low alkali calc-alkaline subvolcanic basalt to rhyolite, many andesite dacite pyroclastics, grading northeast into more alkali-poor basalt and further east into dacitic volcanics. North of Bowser Basin: calc-alkaline dacite-basalt porphyry, andesite, rhyolite pyroclastics and flows with basalt and basaltic andesite at the top; marine and nonmarine
  - JT** TAKWAHONI: Stikinia arc-derived clastics; interbedded conglomerate, siltstone, shale and shale derived from Triassic volcanics and granites in Stikinia, marine and nonmarine (the Spasart Gp.) basal shale south of Skene Arch
  - Ji** INKLIN: arc complexes above Cache Creek Terrane; siltstone-shale-greywacke turbidite, minor conglomerate, derived from Cache Creek and Quesnel terranes; limestone; marine
  - JHA** HALL: Quesnelia arc-derived clastics; carbonaceous shale, siltstone, greywacke and conglomerate derived from volcanic and granitic rocks of Quesnelia; marine
- TRIASSIC - JURASSIC**
  - TJs** SPRAY RIVER: continental margin prism; Tjcs in Cassiar Terrane; Jurassic shale, organic-rich paper shale, sandstone, phosphatic and cherty limestone; Triassic shoaling upward marine siltstone, sandstone, limestone, dolomite, calciferous breccia, rare gypsum; marine
- UPPER TRIASSIC - LOWER JURASSIC**
  - TJn** NCOLLA: arc volcanics in Quesnelia; calc-alkaline andesite, dacite, rhyolite subvolcanic flows, gneissite, minor limestone passing eastwards into argillite and felspar porphyry, andesite and dacite flows, and volcanic clastics grading further eastward into relatively alkali-rich argillite porphyry flows, andesite trachyte-andesite and rhyolite andesite clastics and finally into shale, siltstone, limestone and minor quartzite; marine and nonmarine
- UPPER TRIASSIC**
  - Ts** STUHLI: arc volcanics in Stikinia; calc-alkaline, locally subvolcanic argillite and felspar porphyritic andesite and basaltic andesite flows, breccia, tuff and minor gneissite interbedded with more easterly volcanic clastics. Western Tanka facies: more alkaline argillite porphyry pillow lava, volcanic sandstone, siltstone, and local subvolcanic clastics; marine and nonmarine
  - Tl** LEWIS RIVER: arc clastics, in part in Cache Creek Terrane; mainly westerly derived breccia, tuff, volcanic sandstone and siltstone, and limestone, locally interbedded with radiolarian chert above Cache Creek Group; marine
  - Tku** KUTCHO: arc volcanics in Cache Creek Terrane; bimodal calc-alkaline flow-banded rhyolite or rhyolite, alkali tuff, and basalt or basaltic andesite, phyllite, greywacke and limestone, metamorphosed to greenschist; marine
  - PKt** Undivided TAKU assemblage; carbonaceous shale, mudstone, greywacke and lesser limestone, chert and conglomerate; andesite and basaltic and minor felsic volcanics; and metamorphic equivalents. Carbonaceous shale and limestone associated with volcanics have yielded Middle to Late Triassic fossils; crystalline limestone contains Permian fossils; greywacke and conglomerate probably belong to the Gravina-Nutcrack (Gambier) assemblage; marine
- PENNSYLVANIAN - PERMIAN**
  - PPi** ISHBEL: faulted passive continental margin sediments; Permian siltstone, sandstone, chert, phosphatic, siliceous mudstone, Pennsylvanian dolomitic siltstone, chert breccia, sandstone, orthoquartzite; marine
- MISSISSIPPIAN - UPPER TRIASSIC**
  - MTc** CACHE CREEK: oceanic volcanics and sediments and local accretionary prism mélanges; mainly MOR-like tholeiitic to alkali basalt, some alkali-enriched basement basalt, serpenitized peridotite and dunite, gabbro, bronzite and diabase; most sub-greenschist; local blueschist mélanges with blocks of Upper Triassic ophiolite assemblage; radiolarian ribbon chert, argillite, volcanic sandstone, and limestones, locally as bank, reef and lagoon complexes with Tetraen fossils; marine
- DEVONIAN - TRIASSIC**
  - DTh** HARPER RANCH: arc clastics; basement of Quesnelia; volcanic sandstone derived from andesitic and dacitic volcanics and chert; minor basalt, andesite and dacite flows and pyroclastics. Devonian to Permian limestone blocks in upper Paleozoic to Triassic matrix; marine
  - DTS** SLIDE MOUNTAIN: oceanic marginal basin volcanics and sediments; variably sheared, ophiolite-like assemblage of oceanic, alkali to transitional pillow basalt, tuff, breccia, serpenitized peridotite and gabbro, radiolarian chert and argillite and felsic clastics; marine, east of McLeod Lake Fault - fragmental basalt, diorite, volcanic clastics and limestone that may be a distal North American assemblage

LEGEND

- DEVONIAN - PERMIAN**
  - DPA** ASTIKA: arc volcanics and platform carbonates; basement of Stikinia; calc-alkaline basalt to rhyolite flows and pyroclastics interbedded with limestone, shale, volcanic sandstone; minor chert; more tuff and less rhyolite in western Stikinia; includes Lower Devonian; marine and nonmarine
- CARBONIFEROUS**
  - CD** DORSET: marginal basin chert and clastics; upper unit of chert, quartzite, slate-clast conglomerate, grit, quartzite, ribbon chert and shale and a lower unit of quartzite, argillite and chert metabasites separated by concordant and chert-riolite limestone; marine
- DEVONIAN - MISSISSIPPIAN**
  - DME** EARIN: fault-trough clastic wedge; DMEc in Cassiar Terrane; westerly derived, chert, pebble conglomerate, chert-quartz sandstone, siltstone, shale, volcanic sandstone, blue-black siliceous shale, locally containing banded brown shale, alkaline trachyte and rhyolite flows, breccia, tuff, pillow basalt and breccia, chert, and limestone; marine and nonmarine
  - DmB** BESA RIVER: most distal part of northerly derived Imperial Assemblage and westerly derived Eam Assemblage; upper Devonian shale partly derived from craton, shale, siltstone, and siltstone; marine
- DEVONIAN - CARBONIFEROUS**
  - DCr** RUNDLE: continental shelf carbonate and shale; DCRc in Cassiar Terrane. Carboniferous shelf and slope limestone, lime granitoids, dolomite, sandy dolomite, crossbedded sandstone, shale, dark, locally bluish-grey shale, dolomitic shale; tuff in Eshave Formation; Upper Devonian platform and reef limestone and dolomite, dental carbonate channel deposits, grey, green and red shale, sandstone, breccia; marine
- UPPER PROTEROZOIC - PALEOZOIC**
  - PPeK** EAGLE BAY: clastics and volcanics of peritrochite Kootenay Terrane and Devonian and other magmatic arc rocks in Yukon Terrane. Terrane: Paleozoic phyllite, siltstone, sandstone, grit, minor limestone, which near Queen's Lake contains fossil fragments, Devonian-like metachert and other magmatic arc rocks and fragmentals overlying black siliceous argillite, ribbon chert, quartzite, and local archeowithite-bearing limestone in mafic metabasites. Proterozoic siltstone and grey grit, quartzite and carbonate, and metamorphic equivalents; mainly marine
- CAMBRIAN - DEVONIAN**
  - CDr** ROCKY MOUNTAINS: passive continental margin sediments; DCRc in Cassiar displaced passive margin terrane, resistant dolomite, limestone, and local sandstone interbedded with massive red, green, and grey shale and dental carbonate that together form several carbonate shear zones. These pass westward into offshore shale, siltstone and thin-bedded carbonate with minor alkali tuff, breccia and amygdaloidal basalt of Cambrian, Cambrian-Ordovician, Silurian, and Devonian ages but mainly of Ordovician age; marine
- MIDDLE CAMBRIAN**
  - mCr** Rift assemblage; langlomerate, block breccia, conglomerate, brick-red sandstone, limestone, siltstone, sandstone; marine and nonmarine
- UPPER PROTEROZOIC - LOWER CAMBRIAN**
  - PCh** HYLAND: many clastic offshore passive continental margin sediments; upper unit: blue-grey, azoic-green and maroon siltstone and sandstone; lower unit: interbedded sequence of sandstone, siltstone, conglomerate, and shale with limestones in upper part; marine
  - PCg** GOG: rifted and passive continental margin sediments; PDCc in Cassiar Terrane; graded-bedded quartzite, quartz-pebble conglomerate, mafic flows, breccia and tuff overlain by interbedded quartzite, siltstone, shale and limestone with archeowithite reefs; metamorphic equivalents; marine
- UPPER PROTEROZOIC**
  - uPw** WINDERMERE: mainly clastic continental margin sediments; uPwC in Cassiar Terrane; graded-bedded assemblage of interbedded quartz-felspar grit, sandstone, siltstone and shale; commonly maroon and green; diamictite in Rocky Mountains; limestone in upper part; local greenschist flows, breccia and tuff, and metamorphic equivalents (uPwem); marine
- MIDDLE PROTEROZOIC**
  - mPw** MUSKWA: passive continental margin sediments; silty, sandy, calcareous, dolomitic and chamoisite mudstone, pebbly mudstone, slate, carbonaceous shale, crossbedded and turbidite quartzite, argillaceous and spongiolitic dolomite; marine
- PLUTONIC AND ULTRAMAFIC ROCKS**
  - Plutonic Suite...Tkoqe Pluton... (Texas Cr.)
  - MIOCENE - OLIгоценE (17 - 29 Ma)**
    - MOT** MOTg - hornblende-biotite tonalite and granodiorite
  - EARLY TERTIARY (40 - 64 Ma)**
    - ETg** undivided granodiorite and quartz diorite; commonly has concordant U-Pb and K-Ar ages in Coast Plutonic Complex
    - ETt** undivided granite
    - ETq** undivided felsite, quartz felspar porphyry
    - ETn** Nanka: biotite, hornblende, quartz monzonite porphyry stocks
    - ETc** undivided diorite, monzonite, gabbro, diabase, amphibolite
  - CRETACEOUS - TERTIARY**
    - KT** diverse suite of generally foliated and layered granodiorite and quartz monzonite; includes KTt - hornblende-biotite tonalite and quartz monzonite of tonalite all of Western Coast Plutonic Complex
    - KTg** undivided granodiorite, leucogranodiorite, quartz monzonite, quartz diorite, tonalite
  - LATE CRETACEOUS (64 - 87 Ma)**
    - LKg** Surprise Lake: discordant, locally foliated, grey and light brown, smoky quartz- and feldspar-bearing, maroon leucogranite, hornblende granite and quartz monzonite temporarily equivalent to Carmacks assemblage
    - LKg** Bulkley: high-level, calc-alkaline, grey and pinkish grey, porphyritic hornblende-biotite granodiorite and quartz monzonite, hornblende and hornblende-quartz porphyry
    - LKt** undivided granodiorite, leucogranodiorite, quartz monzonite, quartz diorite, tonalite
  - MID-CRETACEOUS (87 - 130 Ma)**
    - mK** mKc - Cassiar: mainly elongate, partly discordant plutons of grey and pinkish grey, biotite quartz monzonite and granodiorite whose western margins are sheared and altered to muscovite-quartz felspar mylonite
    - mKg** undivided granodiorite, leucogranodiorite, quartz monzonite, quartz diorite, tonalite
    - mKt** mainly foliated porphyritic diorite, tonalite, and hornblende diorite intrusives into Gravina-Nutcrack rocks of S. E. Alaska and forming part of western Coast Plutonic Complex
    - mKq** undivided granite, leucogranite, alkalic quartz monzonite, monzonite, granophyre
    - mKc** undivided diorite, monzonite, gabbro, diabase, amphibolite
  - UNCERTAIN AGE**
    - u** ug - granodiorite, quartz diorite and quartz monzonite in Central and southernmost Cordillera

MIDDLE JURASSIC (155 - 187 Ma)

**MJg** Three Sisters: tholeiitic to calc-alkaline, heterogeneous hornblende-biotite diorite and quartz monzonite; more homogeneous, fine-grained hornblende-biotite granodiorite

**MJt** M.J. foliated diorite, diorite tonalite complex, foliated hornblende-biotite quartz diorite and granodiorite, respectively in Central Coast Plutonic Complex, altered to greenschist facies along E. margin

**EJg** Quicke: elongate, partly concordant, calc-alkaline, grey, green and pink, hornblende-biotite granodiorite and quartz diorite, lesser biotite granodiorite, quartz monzonite, leucogranodiorite, pyroxene-hornblende diorite and syenodiorite. Altered to greenschist facies along E. margin

**EJc** Black L.: discordant, grey, hornblende-biotite granodiorite to quartz monzonite; grey biotite-hornblende quartz diorite in marginal phases; plugs of pink leucogranite hornblende monzonite; E.Jg - undivided granite, leucogranite, alkalic quartz monzonite, monzonite, granophyre

**EJd** older partly foliated and altered hornblende granodiorite and quartz diorite in E. Coast Plutonic Complex; includes Texas Creek Pluton E.Jg

**EJf** undivided felsite, quartz felspar porphyry

**EJk** undivided granite, leucogranite, alkalic quartz monzonite, monzonite, granophyre

**EJl** undivided syenite, syenodiorite, nepheline syenite, sodalite syenite, jasperite, jolite, urtite

**LATE TRIASSIC - EARLY JURASSIC**

- TJg** undivided granodiorite, leucogranodiorite, quartz monzonite, quartz diorite, tonalite

**LATE TRIASSIC (214 - 235 Ma)**

- LTg** Stikine: subalkaline, calc-alkaline, foliated, older, biotite-hornblende diorite; younger, more extensive, foliated, white to mottled pink, hornblende quartz monzonite, granodiorite, quartz monzonite, few inclusions
- LTd** undivided diorite, monzonite, gabbro, diabase, amphibolite
- LTt** hornblende-biotite quartz diorite - Central Coast Plutonic Complex

**PERMIAN**

- P** Pp: PpA - greyish green, foliated, hornblende tonalite; pinkish grey biotite-hornblende granite in Sylvester-Allochthon south of lat. 60°N
- Pg** gabbro - granodiorite complex
- Pt** undivided granite, leucogranite, alkalic quartz monzonite, quartz monzonite, quartz diorite, tonalite

**DEVONIAN - TRIASSIC**

- DTc** oceanic ultramafic rocks commonly elongate plutons of reddish brown to black weathering dunite, olivine-orthopyroxene peridotite (harzburgite), pyroxene, commonly serpentinite
- MTuo** oceanic ultramafic rocks

**DEVONIAN - MISSISSIPPIAN**

- DMg** Granite ranges in Coast Plutonic Complex
- DMt** foliated, mylonitic hornblende tonalite to granodiorite in Sylvester-Allochthon

**EARLY PROTEROZOIC**

- EP** EPm - (Tochuck) partly mylonitic potash felspar augen orthogneiss

- VOLCANIC ROCKS**
- Calc-alkaline volcanic rocks
  - Tholeiitic volcanic rocks
  - Bimodal volcanic rocks
  - Mixed calc-alkaline volcanic and sedimentary rocks
  - Mixed tholeiitic volcanic and sedimentary rocks
  - Bimodal/alkaline volcanic rocks

- METAMORPHIC ROCKS (protolith uncertain)**
- metamorphic rocks (undivided)
  - protolith metamorphosed to amphibolite facies

- SYMBOLS**
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