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DATA REPOSITORY

Supplementary Table 1. Stratigraphic Sections

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SECTION DESCRIPTIONS

See Figure 7 and 8 for stratigraphic context and Supplementary Table 1.

McKeever Ranch

The McKeever Ranch locality (N47.59407°, W107.3267°; All latitude and longitude measurements are based on the WGS84 datum) is located roughly 44 km NW of the town of Jordan, MT. At this locality two lignites crop out. Both coals contain tephra deposits and detailed microstratigraphy for each coal is described in detail in Ickert et al. (2015). The lowermost coal (~35 cm thick) marks the base of the section and has been recognized as the IrZ coal, based on the identification of the Nirvana bentonite, using Pb-isotopes (per Ickert et al. 2015), that crops out 4 cm below the top of the coal. The Nirvana bentonite was collected for dating (MK13-3).

Roughly 14 m above the IrZ coal, a Y coal (~1 m thick) is identified. This coal contains seven tephra deposits. One tephra layer ~80 cm from the base of the coal was collected for chemical analysis (MK13-1). Pb-isotopic analysis of this tephra conducted by Ickert et al. (2015) reveals that it falls into the 'Unnamed assorted bentonites' category, and while it has similar compositions to Y coals from Lerbekmo, Hell Hollow, Jack's Channel, and Isaac Ranch, these tephras can't be correlated because some tephras in this category clearly represent different stratigraphic horizons. Roughly 1 km NW of the MK13-1 location, the Y coal is again recognized (this site is termed McKeever Ranch A). This coal is similarly ~1 m thick and contains at least six tephras. A tephra located 78 cm from the base of the coal (MK12-1) was collected for dating, reported in this study, and chemical analysis of it was conducted by Ickert et al. (2015). It similarly falls into the 'Unnamed assorted bentonites' category (Ickert et al., 2015).

Paleomagnetic sampling was conducted at both sites in the summer of 2013. Sampling at McKeever Ranch ranged stratigraphically from immediately above the IrZ coal, to 65 cm above the Y coal, with the lower three samples collected in siltstone or claystone, and the highest sample collected from a fine sandstone deposit that displayed fine cross-bedding. Below the Y coal, this section is dominated by siltstones and claystones, which are representative of a low-energy flood plain environment, ideal for paleomagnetic sampling. A channel deposit is

identified at the top of our section and as such paleomagentic sampling was mostly limited to collection below this unit.

Paleomagnetic samples were also collected at our McKeever Ranch A site (N47.59773°, W107.3402°). Sampling at this locality was focused in an interval from Y coal down 5.5 m to the top of a large (~10 m thick) channel deposit. Two samples were collected, one right on top of the channel and one right below the Y coal. Both samples were collected in sandy siltstones. Again, this locality is dominated by floodplain deposits composed of siltstones and claystones. While the IrZ coal does appear to crop out at the base of this section, intervening rocks were not collected due to the large channel deposit that cuts through the top of the IrZ coal, and ends ~5.5 m below the Y coal.

Hell Hollow

Approximately 13 km SE of McKeever Ranch is the Hell Hollow locality (N47.53472°, W107.1687°). At this locality, four coals have been identified: the IrZ, HFZ, and two Y coals. All coals contain tephra deposits that are amenable to high-precision geochronology, and dates for tephras from the IrZ (HH12-1) and HFZ (HH12-2) are reported in Sprain et al. (2015). Tephra deposits from each coal were chemically analyzed using electron microprobe analysis and Pb-isotopic analysis in Ickert et al. (2015). Chemical analysis corroborates mapping done in this area by Archibald (1982), and confirms the identity of the IrZ coal (based on the identification of the Nirvana bentonite) and the HFZ and Y coals.

The two Y coals crop out 5 and 13 m (respectively), above the HFZ coal. The first Y coal (~20 cm thick) contains three tephras described in Ickert et al., (2015). The tephra 16 cm from the base of the coal (HH13-1) was collected for dating and results are reported in this study. Four tephra layers are identified within the second Y coal (1.5-m-thick), and are likewise described in Ickert et al. (2015). A tephra (HH13-2), 126 cm from the base of the coal, was collected for geochronology and is reported here.

Roughly 1.5 km SW from the HH13-2 collection site, is another outcrop of the second Y coal recognized by its distinctive thickness, elevation, and by the appearance of a similar distinctive capping unit, a tan/yellow sandstone, that similarly caps the HH13-2 coal. This site, named the Hell Hollow A locality, is along the side of the road and has limited stratigraphic range, encompassing around 2 m below and 4 m above the Y coal. The Y coal at this locality contains two tephras layers, and the first layer (80 cm from the coal base: HH13-3) was collected for dating. Both tephra samples from the second Y coal, HH13-2 and HH13-3, share similar distinctive Pb isotope compositions, further supporting their field-based correlation (Ickert et al., 2015). Microstratigraphy for the HH13-3 coal is described in Ickert et al. (2015).

Samples for paleomagnetic analysis were collected between the HFZ and second Y coal, to best locate the C29r/C29n reversal. Lithology at the collection site is dominated by thin layers of siltstone, claystone, and lignites, representative of low energy flood-plain deposition. Paleomagnetic samples were collected either from siltstone or claystone layers, with ~4 m resolution toward the base of the section and less than 1 m resolution near the reversal.

Paleomagnetic samples were also collected from the Hell Hollow A locality (N47.52228°, W107.1775°), focused around the Y coal to fill in gaps that were unavoidable due to plant cover at the Hell Hollow locality. Site lithologies agree with flood plain deposition.

Garbani Hill/Pearl Lake

The Garbani Hill locality (N47.5151°, W107.0683°) is located 8 km SE of Hell Hollow. Previous descriptions of this section describe two coals, a Y coal doublet and the X coal, outcropping at this locality (see Sprain et al. 2015 for details). However, upon closer inspection, three additional coals are exposed roughly 0.5, 2, and 6 m, below the Y coal doublet. While areas beneath the Y coal doublet are certainly influenced by slumping, we believe these coals are in place based on identification of distinctive tephras, and the fact that similar stratigraphy is found just north of Garbani Hill at the MacDonald locality.

The basal coal in this section, 6.13 m below the base of the Y doublet, is 1.46 m thick and three tephra layers are identified. The first layer is ~0.5-cm-thick, and is located 50 cm from the base of the coal. It is red in color (Munsell color 10 R 3/4), and not well consolidated, but appears to contain euhedral sanidine crystals. A second tephra is found 58 cm from the base of the coal. This layer varies from a few mm to 1 cm thick, it is pink/red in color (10 R 5/4), and also has apparent euhedral crystals. The third tephra (0.5–1 cm thick), is located 64 cm from the base, and is light pink in color (10 R 8/2). The next coal in stratigraphic sequence is located 3.85 m above the basal coal, and 1.98 m below the Y doublet. This coal is 30 cm thick and no tephra layers were identified. Approximately 0.55 cm below the Y doublet, the third coal (43 cm thick) in stratigraphic sequence is exposed. Three to four tephra layers were identified in this unit, starting at 30 cm from the base of the coal. Tephras are ~1 cm thick, pink in color (5 R 8/2), are exposed every 3–5 cm.

Using traditional nomenclature, these coals would be classified as variants of Z coals. However, we believe the basal coal in this section is the HFZ based on thickness, distinctive red tephras, and the fact that the HFZ was mapped at the same stratigraphic level to the North at the MacDonald locality and the Pearl Lake locality (LeCain et al., 2014). Therefore, the other two coals are best classified as part of the Y coal complex. LeCain et al. (2014) conducted a paleomagnetic study to the North of this area at Pearl Lake and identified the C29r/C29n reversal a few meters below what they call a Y coal stringer (a thin, <30 cm thick, coal bed). This study further attempts to correlate their findings at Pearl Lake to Garbani Hill, which contains important vertebrate fauna localities within the Garbani Quarry, by tying their Y coal stringer at Pearl Lake to the Y coal doublet at Garbani Hill. Paleomagnetic sampling was only conducted above the Y coal doublet at Garbani Hill, and all samples were of normal polarity, leading LeCain et al. (2014) to conclude the C29r/C29n reversal must likewise fall below the Y coal doublet. This conclusion is suspect in light of our new stratigraphy at Garbani Hill, as the Pearl Lake section reports the reversal to be below the first coal outcropping above the HFZ. This correlation is further suspect because the distinctive tephras in the Y coal doublet at Garbani Hill, identified and dated by Sprain et al. (2015), are not identified within the Y coal stringer at Pearl Lake.

To mediate this problem, paleomagnetic sampling was collected at Garbani Hill and Pearl Lake in this study. At Garbani Hill, sampling started 2.28 m below the Y coal doublet and continued to the base of the X coal. All samples were collected in siltstone to fine sandstone deposits, except two samples that were collected from the GC12-2 and GC12-3 tephras (described and dated in Sprain et al., 2015). Paleomagnetic sampling was conducted adjacent to the Garbani channel, however our site was specifically chosen so that the section was not affected by channel scouring and was dominated by flood plain deposition.

At Pearl Lake (N47.52343°, W107.0569°), paleomagnetic samples were collected starting 5.92 m above the HFZ coal and extended to 0.47 m above the Y coal stringer. All paleomagnetic samples were collected from siltstone deposits. Sampling was conducted along the same profile as in LeCain et al. (2014). The Y coal stringer at this locality is 22 cm thick and two thin (1-3)mm) light pink (5 R 8/2) tephra layers were identified \sim 7.5 cm and \sim 8.5 cm from the base of the coal. Both tephras pinch and swell and in some areas, pinch out completely. Both tephras have apparent euhedral feldspars. The first tephra was collected for ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar analysis (PL14-1). Near the MacDonald locality, a tephra was also collected from the HFZ. The HFZ at this locality can be visually traced to the HFZ below our paleomagnetic section at Pearl Lake. The HFZ coal at the MacDonald locality is 1.2-m-thick and contains 4 tephra deposits. The first tephra is 37 cm from the top of the coal and is 4 mm thick. It is pink/brown (10 R 6/2) in color and has apparent feldspar crystals. The next tephra is 2 cm below the first layer, and is 2-mm-thick and pink-white (10 R 8/2) in color. The third tephra (MD15-1) appears 45 cm from the top of the coal and is 1-2cm thick (10 R 8/2). This layer is red (10 R 3/4) in color and has euhedral feldspar crystals. We collected this tephra for geochronologic analysis. The highest tephra deposit is 86 cm from the top of the coal, is 1.5 cm thick, and is orange/brown (10 R4/6) in color.

Lerbekmo South (Hell Creek Marina Road)

Roughly 10 km E of Garbani Hill is our Lerbekmo South locality (N47.51602°, W106.9366°). This locality is roughly 1 km south, along County Road 543, from the Lerbekmo (Hell Creek Marina Road) locality, which contains one of the first recognized iridium anomalies, and is the location of the first radioisotopically dated bentonite layer (Folinsbee et al., 1963). The Lerbekmo locality has only one coal outcrop, and it is the Z coal. This Z coal is unique in that it is one of the few Z coals to contain both the Ir-anomaly, identified in an impact clay layer at the base of the coal, and the Lerbekmo and McGuire Creek bentonites (Ickert et al., 2015). These bentonites are characteristic of Z and MCZ coals that define the formational boundary in eastern Garfield County and McCone County, where the Ir-anomaly has yet to be identified.

One kilometer south at our Lerbekmo South locality, the section extends higher and the Z coal, identified by its thickness and unique bentonites, crops out at the base of a section with five additional coals above it. Of these five coals, which can best be described as a part of the Y coal complex, only one coal at the top of the section contains tephra deposits. The microstratigraphy of this coal is described in detail in Ickert et al. (2015). One tephra (HC13-1), located 20 cm from the base of the coal, was collected for dating (reported in this study) and chemical analysis (reported in Ickert et al., 2015). This tephra falls into the Unnamed assorted bentonites category, and therefore cannot be used to correlate this section to other parts of the region (Ickert et al., 2015).

Paleomagnetic sampling was conducted ranging from ~ 10 m above the Z coal to right above the uppermost Y coal. Samples were collected from siltstone or claystone deposits. While channel deposits can be seen around this locality, sampling was concentrated in a section that was not affected by channel deposition, and was dominated by lithologies representative of flood plain deposits.

Isaac Ranch

The Isaac Ranch locality (N47.66572°, W106.502°) is located roughly 37 km NE of Lerbekmo South. Three coals have been identified at this locality. The lowermost coal has been tentatively identified as the MCZ coal, based on the appearance of a thick bentonite layer similar to the Lerbekmo bentonite described in Ickert et al. (2015). The two upper coals, ~9 m and 11 m above the MCZ, are assigned to the Y coal suite. The first of these coals (~50 cm thick) contains two tephra layers, one of which (IS13-2, 40 cm from base of coal) underwent chemical analysis conducted in Ickert et al. (2015) and falls into the Unnamed assorted bentonite category. Detailed microstratigraphy for this coal can be found in Ickert et al. (2015).

Samples for paleomagnetic analysis were collected between the MCZ and first Y coal. All but one sample were collected from siltstone deposits, and the other sample was collected from a horizontally bedded fine sandstone. All lithologies within the sampling interval are associated with low energy deposition.

Thomas Ranch

Seven km roughly East of Isaac Ranch is the Thomas Ranch locality (N47.66675°, W106.4258°). Three coals crop out here and have been identified as the Null, MCZ, and Y coals. Detailed coal stratigraphy is reported in Ickert et al. (2015). The Null coal (~42 cm thick) was first noted at this locality by Lofgren (1995), and has since been corroborated by field analysis to other Null coal localities (i.e., Bug Creek) based on abundance of amber within the coal and identification of a distinctive fine-grain bentonite (1–2.5 cm thick, located ~35 cm from coal base) which has been collected at this locality (TR13-2) for dating (reported in this study) and chemical analysis (Ickert et al., 2015). Another tephra appears within the Null coal at Thomas Ranch that was collected for chemical analysis, but it is laterally discontinuous, similar to other Null coal outcrops. Due to an abundance of detrital grains within the Null coal tephra, chemical fingerprinting proved difficult and cannot be used to correlate the Null coal tephras.

Roughly 25 m above the Null coal, the MCZ is exposed. At this locality, the MCZ is 80– 90 cm thick and contains at least three tephras. The lowest tephra layer (2–4 cm thick), ~16 cm from the top of the coal, was collected for geochronology (TR13-3) and chemical analysis. Pbisotopic analysis of this tephra reveals that it falls into the McGuire Creek bentonite category, and thus the coal is confirmed to be the MCZ (Ickert et al., 2015). About 10.5 m above the MCZ another coal ~1.3 m thick crops out, and is nominally a Y coal. Three apparent tephra deposits are identified within the coal, and the lowermost tephra (20 cm from the base of the unit) was collected for dating (TR14-1).

Paleomagnetic sampling ranged from 4 m below the Null coal to 2.5 m below the Y coal. A channel sandstone cuts through the section ~8 m below the MCZ, and is ~5 m thick in our section. This unit was unavoidable due to its large lateral extent. The lithologies selected for paleomagnetic sampling were representative of low-energy deposition, including both fine-grained horizontally bedded sandstones, and siltstones.

Sandy Chicken

The Sandy Chicken locality (N47.62519°, W106.3527°) is located roughly 7 km SE of Thomas Ranch. Two coals are exposed in this section, nominally assigned to the Null and MCZ

coals based initially upon stratigraphic position. The Null coal at this location is 27 cm thick and contains one tephra horizon (SC14-1) ~2 cm from the base of the coal. This layer is 2-cm-thick, pink in color (5 R 8/2), and is fine-grained. The coal here has notably less amber compared to other Null coal deposits. Roughly 27 m above the Null coal, the MCZ is identified. The MCZ is ~1.2 m thick, however contains three shale partings at 29, 46, and 78 cm from coal base and are roughly 8-, 13-, and 31- cm thick, respectively. A thick 8–10 cm bentonite occurs 3 cm from the base of this coal. This layer is brown-pink (10 R 4/2) in color, is waxy in appearance, and contains altered biotite and fine euhedral sanidine crystals, similar in character to the Lerbekmo bentonite described from other MCZ sections. No other tephra layers are apparent.

Paleomagnetic samples were collected from ~2.3 m below the Null coal, to 70 cm below the MCZ. All sampling sites were within low energy deposits, 6 collected from siltstone deposits and 1 collected from a fine-grained silty-sandstone. No channel deposits outcrop in the paleomagnetic section.

Bug Creek

Thirteen km NE of Sandy Chicken, in McCone County across the Big Dry arm of the Fort Peck Reservoir, is the Bug Creek locality (N47.68017°, W106.2138°). At this locality both the Null coal and the MCZ crop out, as originally mapped by Rigby and Rigby (1990) and are described in detail in Sprain et al. (2015) and Ickert et al. (2015), respectively. Both the MCZ and Null coal have been chemically analyzed (Ickert et al., 2015) and the tephra within the Null coal has been dated (BC1-PR/BC11–1; Sprain et al., 2015). Chemical analysis confirms identification of the MCZ.

Nowhere in the Bug Creek locality do the MCZ and Null coal crop out in a continuously exposed section. Previous magnetostratigraphy completed in the locality shows a section that ranges from the below the Null coal up through the MCZ. Based on our own field observations, this section was likely made by siting across large lateral distances, which becomes uncertain due to broad areas that are covered in vegetation. This type of correlation is unsuitable for a high-resolution geochronologic study, and therefore we collected paleomagnetic samples only from one hill, which ranges from 6.55 m below the Null coal, to 5.47 m above it. This section is composed solely of horizontally deposited flood plain sediments, and all samples were collected from siltstones.

Purgatory Hill

Five km NE of Bug Creek is our Purgatory Hill locality (N47.7033°, W106.1501°). At this locality, at least 5 coals are present. The lowermost coal is less than 1 m thick and contains no tephra deposits. However, if this coal is walked out to the north it thickens and tephras similar in appearance to the Lerbekmo and McGuire Creek bentonites appear, suggesting that this coal is the MCZ. The next four coals were designated by Rigby and Rigby (1990) to the Z, Y, and X coal groups (this designation is also used in Noorbergen et al., 2017). However, based on the similarity in stratigraphic position of these coals to what is found at our sites in Garfield County, specifically at Garbani Hill (where at least three coals are exposed between the mapped Y coal and the HFZ), we consider these coals to be contemporaneous with the Y suite and therefore assign them to such. The first of these is 1.75 m thick, and contains no tephras. Approximately 10 m above this coal another coal, ~75 cm thick, crops out. Within this layer both a shale parting

and a tephra are identified. The shale parting is ~8 cm thick, and pink in color (5 R 8/2), and it is within the top 40 cm of the coal. Toward the base of the coal, at around 10 cm, the tephra layer is identified. It is pink/salmon (10 R 7/4) in color, and is up to 2 cm thick. This tephra (PH13-3) was collected for dating. A third coal is exposed roughly 8 m above. This coal is much thinner, only around 20-cm-thick, but within these 20 cm two tephras are exposed. Seven cm from the base of the coal a thin, < 0.5 cm tephra is found. It is pink in color (5 R 8/2) and contains visible euhedral crystals. Eleven cm above this layer, another tephra is identified. The tephra is peach in color (10 R 7/4), ~1.5 cm thick but pinches and swells laterally, and also contains visible euhedral crystals. This tephra (PH13-1) was collected for dating. Roughly 4 m above this section another thin coal crops out. It is only 15-cm-thick, but contains one tephra deposit. This tephra varies from 2 to 7 cm from the top of the coal. It is white-pink (10 R 8/2) in color, has apparent euhedral crystals, and is 1–3 mm thick. Occasionally, a second 1-mm-thick tephra is exposed below. This tephra (PH13-2) was collected for dating.

Paleomagnetic sampling was conducted from ~3 m below the first Y coal to one meter below the top Y coal in our section. Large channel deposits were not identified in our section and paleomagnetic samples were collected from low energy deposits comprising siltstones and finegrained horizontally laminated sandstones.

McGuire Creek (Lofgren)

Approximately 8.5 km south of Purgatory Hill is our McGuire Creek locality (also known as our Lofgren locality; N47.62985°, W106.1701°). At this locality three coals are identified: the MCZ, a Y coal, and an X coal per Rigby and Rigby (1990). Coal microstratigraphy is described in detail for the MCZ and X coal in Sprain et al. (2015), and for the Y coal in Ickert et al. (2015). Two tephras were dated from this locality in Sprain et al. (2015), one from the MCZ (LG11-1) and another from the X coal (MC11-3). The tephra dated in Sprain et al. (2015) from the MCZ coal, LG11-1, has been designated the type locality for the McGuire Creek bentonite characterized in Ickert et al. (2015). Due to the low precision of the MC11-3 date, and K/Ca ratios during step-heating analysis that are suggestive of plagioclase contamination, more tephra from the X coal (LG13-1). This sample is pink (5 R 8/2), 0.5 cm–2 mm thick, and has apparent euhedral crystals.

Samples for paleomagnetic analysis were collected starting roughly 3.5 m above the MCZ and extending to 10 cm above the X coal. Sampled lithologies ranged from siltstone to fine-sandstone. All sandstone deposits in the section appear fine-grained, and horizontally laminated, with non-erosive features.

Jack's Channel

The Jack's Channel locality is 4 km SW of the McGuire Creek section. At this locality two coals, and one tephra bearing carbonaceous shale, are present. The coals at this locality have been informally named based on elevation (the 2380 and 2440 coals, respectively) and were mapped by D. Lofgren (personal commun.). Around twenty-five meters below the 2380 coal, the MCZ crops out and can be walked out laterally to our Z-line locality presented in Sprain et al. (2015). The tephra-bearing carbonaceous shale layer crops out in between the 2380 and 2440 coals. Each carbonaceous unit contains tephra deposits that have been chemically analyzed

(Ickert et al., 2015). Chemical analysis confirms that these coals fall into the Y/X suite (Ickert et al. 2015). 40 Ar/ 39 Ar ages for sanidine from tephras JC13-4 (2380), JC13-3 (carb shale), and JC13-2 (2440) are presented here.

Paleomagnetic sampling was conducted at Jack's Channel at three different locations. The first location is by the JC13-1 tephra, described in Ickert et al. (2015), and ranges from 2.65 m below the 2380 coal to 10 cm above it (N47.60567°, W106.2105°). The 2380 coal can be visually traced to our second sampling locality (N47.6047°, W106.2086°). This correlation is confirmed by Pb-isotopic analysis showing that Pb-isotopes from the JC13-1 tephra and JC13-4 tephra (collected from the same horizon within the 2380 coal at these two localities) are identical in composition. Sampling here starts 1 m above the 2380 and continues to 25 cm below the 2440. Another sampling locality was chosen in order to confirm previous magnetostratigraphic results (N47.60596°, W106.20665°). This site is roughly 0.5 km away and contains only the 2380 coal, identified by unique capping unit and thin tephra layer exposed near the top of the coal. Paleomagnetic sample collection was focused around the 2380 coal and extends 2 m above and 2 m below the coal. Sampled lithologies range from silty fine-grained sandstone to siltstone. No channel deposits are apparent in any of the sampling sections, however Jack's Channel, a 10-m thick channel deposit, crops out ~15 m below the 2380.

FOSSIL LOCALITIES

Puercan NALMA and base Puercan 1 interval zone

Following Lofgren et al. (2004) the bases of these biochronological units are defined by the First Appearance Datum (FAD) of the archaic ungulate *Protungulatum*. Initially the Bug Creek Anthills, Bug Creek West, and Harbicht Hill local faunas, which contain *Protungulatum*, were thought to be of Cretaceous age (Sloan and Van Valen, 1965). Subsequently it has been shown that these fossiliferous deposits contain time averaged assemblages of latest Cretaceous (Lancian NALMA) and Puercan fossils (Lofgren 1995). In Garfield and McCone counties occurrences of *Protungulatum* in Cretaceous strata have not been confirmed.

Published University of California Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) fossil localities: Garfield County: V72201, V72210-11, V73083, V73096, V74110-11, V74122-28, V75190-91, V75193-95, V77087, V77128-29, and V96268. McCone County: RV8137, V65122, V70199-205, V70209, V71203, V73100, V82008, V82013-14, V83052, V84151, V84154, V84190, V84193-4, V85064, V85085-86, V86031, V86093, V87028-31, V87033-38, V87040, V87050-52, V87066, V87070-74, V87077-78, V87082-84, V87086, V87088, V87091, V87094-95, V87098, V87101, V87114-15, V87114, V87117, V87119, V87123-24, V87151-53, V88036-38, V88042, V90086, V90088-90, V91016-18, V91024, and V91078

Puercan 2 Interval Zone

Following Lofgren et al. (2004) the base of this interval zone is defined by the FAD of the archaic ungulate *Ectoconus*. Local faunas attributable to this interval zone in Garfield and McCone counties have not yet been discovered and described. The unfossiliferous gap in Garfield County sections, which might include part of the Pu1 interval zone, appears to be on the order of 250 ka. This estimate is based on an interpolated age for the top of the channel that contains the McKeever 1 locality, which is the youngest bound for a Pu1 local fauna, 65.923 \pm

0.021/0.038 Ma (calculated based on the age of the MK12-1 Y coal, which crops out 5.5 m above the channel, and the pooled age of the IrZ coal, which the channel just barely cuts into), and a tephra in the stratigraphically higher Y Coal (GC12-2; Sprain et al., 2015) cut by the Garbani Channel, $65.677 \pm 0.041/0.059$ Ma (Fig. 12). Other channels containing Pu1 local faunas in Garfield County have younger bounds that are only slightly older than the McKeever 1 locality, with ages of ~66.036 Ma (Hell Hollow Channel, cuts out the IrZ Coal with a channel capping 11.9 m below the HFZ) and ~66.010 (Carrie Padgett Channel, cuts out the IrZ Coal with a channel a channel capping 7 m below the HFZ; Fig. 12).

Peppe et al. (2013) reported a preliminary radioisotopic age determination of an ash within in Nacimiento Formation in the San Juan Basin related to the Pu2 interval zone. When recalculated using the standards adopted here the age of this ash is 65.80 ± 0.01 Ma. They suggest the Pu2 interval zone was only ~150 ka long. Pu2 interval zone faunas in the San Juan Basin are found in strata deposited during C29n.

Puercan 3 Interval Zone

Following Lofgren et al. (2004) the base of this interval zone is defined by the FAD of the multituberculate *Taeniolabis taoensis*. In Garfield County, Pu3 fossil localities occur in the Garbani Channel. *T. taoensis* has not been found at any of these localities. Simmons (1987) analyzed isolated teeth of *Taeniolabis* from Garbani Channel localities and identified them as *T. lamberti* and *T.* sp. Initially, local faunas found in the Garbani Channel were described as being of unresolved Pu2/Pu3 age (e.g., Clemens, 2002). Subsequently, the definition of the base of the Pu3 interval zone recognized in our study area has been relaxed to the FAD of any species of *Taeniolabis* (e.g., Clemens, 2013).

In Garfield County, in the area of the headwaters of Cottonwood Creek, a small tributary of Hell Creek, Archibald (1982) described two geological sections, S13 and S14. In section S13, 7 m of sedimentary rock separates the base of the W coal and the top of the Garbani Channel. In this section, the base of the Garbani Channel cuts a Y coal correlated with the Y coal at Garbani Hill, which includes a tephra with an age of $65.677 \pm 0.041/0.059$ Ma (GC12-2; Sprain et al., 2015). Using the average sedimentation rate of 8.3 ± 4.2 cm/ka (calculated between the W and V coals at Biscuit Butte) to estimate the duration of accumulation of sediments between the top of the Garbani Channel and the base of the W coal, the age of the top of the Garbani Channel is estimated to be 65.202 Ma (Fig. 12). Using these values, the interval of cutting and filling of the Garbani Channel in this area is estimated to have been 475 ka. The formation of the Garbani Channel occurred during chron C29n.

The only Pu3 local fauna discovered in McCone County so far is the Purgatory Hill local fauna (Van Valen and Sloan, 1965, Van Valen 1978). *Taeniolabis taoensis* has been reported as a member of this local fauna (Van Valen and Sloan, 1965). The age of the youngest tephra underlying the channel filling yielding this local fauna is $65.540 \pm 0.041/0.059$ Ma (PH13-2, this study). Both the sediments below the channel and a thin veneer of sediments capping it were deposited during chron C29n (Fig. 12).

Peppe et al. (2013) presented a preliminary radioisotopic age determination of a probable volcanic ash coincident with the first occurrence of Pu3 mammals in the San Juan Basin. When recalculated using the standards adopted here the age of this probable ash is 65.64 ± 0.04 Ma. Both the Pu3 local faunas of the San Juan Basin and northeastern Montana are found in strata deposited in C29n.

Published University of California Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) fossil localities: Garfield County: V72125-37, V72201, V73080, V73082, V73096, V74119-20, V74122-28, V75190-91, V75193-95, V75229-30, V80116-18, V81028-30, and V99438-39. McCone County: V71202.

Torrejonian NALMA and base Torrejonian 1 Interval Zone

Although not formally designated as type or reference sections, historically the concepts of the Puercan and Torrejonian NALMAs were developed on the basis of local faunas in the San Juan Basin, New Mexico. In this area, all Pu3 local faunas occur in strata deposited in magnetostratigraphic chron C29n. There and in the North Horn Formation, Utah, the oldest occurrences of early Torrejonian (To1) local faunas are in strata deposited in the latest part of chron C28n and the early part of C27r (Lofgren et al., 2004 and references cited).

Following Lofgren et al. (2004), the bases of the Torrejonian NALMA and Torrejonian 1 interval zone (To1) are defined on the FAD of the archaic ungulate *Periptychus carinidens*. Again, the index taxon for this NALMA and interval zone has not been found in northeastern Montana. In Garfield County the primitive primate *Paromomys* and other taxa making their earliest documented appearances in the Torrejonian elsewhere occur in the Farrand Channel and approximately contemporaneous Horsethief Canyon local faunas. Their presence was the basis for referring these local faunas to Torrejonian 1 (Clemens and Wilson, 2009).

The Farrand Channel as well as the chron C29n/C28r boundary are bracketed by the W and V coals (LeCain et al. 2014, Sprain et al. 2015). Tephras in the W and V coals have yielded radiometric ages of $65.118 \pm 0.024/0.048$ Ma (SS11-3; Sprain et al., 2015) and $65.041 \pm 0.023/0.048$ Ma (BB12-1; Sprain et al., 2015) respectively. Sprain et al. (2015) suggested the age of the chron C29n/C28 boundary is $65.075 \pm 0.017/0.035$ Ma (Fig. 12). High-resolution analysis of the relationship of the strata capping the Farrand Channel to the overlying V coal and the C29n/C28r boundary is a goal for future work.

Published University of California Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) fossil localities: Garfield County: V73094-5, V75192, and V76169-73.

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Supplementary Table 1. Stratigraphic Sections

| ickness | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
|---------|------------|---|------------|-----------------|
| | | | | |
| 0.45 | coal | clay rich, with layers of fissile shale | black | IrZ, MK13-3 |
| 0.75 | siltstone | | grey/brown | MK-1 |
| 0.1 | shale | fissile | purple | |
| 0.85 | siltstone | ferricrete banding | grey/tan | |
| 0.45 | siltstone | | grey/tan | |
| 0.2 | sandstone | thinly horizontally bedded | tan/yellow | |
| | siltstone | rhythmic orange banding | tan | |
| 0.9 | siltstone | | grey/brown | |
| 0.75 | shale | organic rich | grey/brown | |
| 0.9 | shale | organic rich | grey/brown | |
| | carb shale | | purple | |
| 0.4 | sandstone | sandstone lense | tan | |
| 0.2 | siltstone | | tan | |
| 0.25 | sandstone | | tan | |
| | | rhythmic orange banding with sandstor | ne | |
| 1.2 | siltstone | lenses | taupe | |
| 0.15 | ferricrete | purple shale banding | purple | |
| 0.5 | siltstone | ferricrete banding | grey/tan | |
| 0.8 | siltstone | ferricrete blocks | grey/brown | |
| 0.6 | siltstone | | dark brown | |
| 0.35 | carb shale | carbon-rich, fissile | purple | |
| | coal | stringer | black | |
| 0.6 | siltstone | | tan | |
| 1.55 | siltstone | | grey/green | MK-2 |
| 0.2 | carb shale | carbon-rich, fissile with some coal | purple | |
| 1.95 | siltstone | thin shale lenses, organic rich | grey/brown | MK-3 and MK-3.5 |
| 1 | coal | ~ 8 tephras | black | MK13-1 |
| | | some silty/ferric lenses, some cross- | | |
| | | bedding, incision into bed below, coal | | |
| 2 | sandstone | stringer | tan/yellow | MK-4 |
| | sandstone | ferric sandstone blocks | orange/tan | |
| | sandstone | | tan/yellow | |
| | carb shale | carbon-rich, fissile | purple | |
| | coal | tephra, low grade | black | |
| 0.1 | carb shale | very fissile, C-rich | purple | |

McKeever Ranch Stratigraphic Section

| 0.1 shale | | orange |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2.2 sandstone0.8 carb shale | covered with vegetation | tan/yellow dark brown |
| 1.4 sandstone | cross-bedded blocks | tan/yellow |

McKeever Ranch A Stratigraphic Section

| Thickness Lithology | Features | Color | Notes | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------|--|
| 1.25 siltstone | | grey | MKA-1 | |
| 0.1 coal | stringer | black | | |
| 0.8 siltstone | | gray-green | | |
| 1.05 siltstone | | grey | | |
| 0.6 coal | coal with carb shale interbeds | black | MKA-2 | |
| 1.7 siltstone | interbedded sand and silt | tan | | |

Hell Hollow Stratigraphic Section

| Thickness I | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 0.1 c | oal | | black | IrZ |
| 1.85 s | iltstone | | whitish | |
| 0.1 c | arb shale | | black | |
| 0.68 s | iltstone | | grey-reddish | |
| 2 s | hale | | light grey | |
| 1.02 s | iltstone | | grey | |
| 0.1 c | arb shale | | black | |
| 6.35 s | iltstone | | grey-brown | |
| 0.1 c | arb shale | | black | |
| 0.78 s | iltstone | | grey-brown | |
| 1.94 s | hale | | grey | |
| 2.5 c | oal | | black | HFZ |
| 4 s | hale | ferricrete banding | grey-brown | HH-1 |
| 0.6 s | iltstone | popcorn texture | grey | HH-2 |
| 0.75 s | hale | | grey | |
| 0.5 c | oal | 1 tephra | black/purple | HH13-1 |
| 4.35 s | iltstone | ferricrete banding | taupe | HH-3, 15HH1 |
| 0.35 s | hale | unconsolidated | light grey | HH-4, 15HH2 |
| 2.25 s | iltstone | some ferricrete banding | grey/taupe | НН-5, 15НН3 |
| 0.9 c | arb shale | fissile and foliated | purple | |
| 0.75 c | coal | low grade, 2 tephras | black | HH13-2 |
| 2 s | andstone | - | yellow/tan | |
| Garbani Hill S | Stratigraphi | c Section | | |
| Thickness I | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
| 1.46 c | oal | | black | HFZ |

| 1.54 siltstone 0.3 coal | some Fe-banding no tephra | grey/tan black | 15GB-1A Y coal tan/silty mudstone |
|--|--|-------------------|---|
| 1 covered 0.43 coal 0.55 sandy siltstone | Tephra | black grey/tan | exposed in areas but mostly covered Y coal slightly covered GC12-3, lower Y |
| 0.5 coal | | black | doublet |
| 0.25 carb shale | | | |
| 0.86 coal | | grey/tan | 15GB-1, GC12-2, Upper Garbani Y coal |
| 2.27 siltstone | not well consolidated | yellow | |
| 0.95 siltstone | laminated near base | brown/grey | 15GB-2 |
| 4.35 siltstone | partially covered | tan | 15GB-3 |
| | | | |
| Pearl Lake Stratigraphic Se Thickness Lithology | ection Features | Color | Notes |
| 1 coal | T catures | black | HFZ |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 6.25 siltstone | ferricrete layering and some Fe-banding | ••• | 15PL-1A |
| 0.04 ferricrete | | purple | |
| 2.16 siltstone | Fe-banding and one ferricrete layer | grey/taupe | 15PL-1 |
| | Starts as coal, grades to carb shale, then | | |
| 0.63 carb shale | coal at top | black | |
| 0.9 siltstone | | grey | |
| 0.35 shale | laminated, friable | grey | |
| 0.32 coal | | black | |
| | Some sandstone outcrops, some | | |
| 1.32 covered | siltstone, but too covered to make units | | |
| 1.49 siltstone | Fe-banding | tan | 15PL-2 |
| 0.4 coal | | black | PL14-1 |
| 0.5 siltstone | ferricrete and Fe-banding | tan | |
| Lerbekmo South Stratigrap | hic Section | | |
| Thickness Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
| 1 coal 4.75 siltstone | 3 tephras, thick middle tephra ferricrete banding | black taupe | MCZ |

| 0.3 coal | vitreous, no tephra | black | |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.55 siltstone 0.2 carb shale | ferricrete banding-fissile | taupe blackpurp | |
| 1.2 siltstone1.5 siltstone0.25 coal | ferricrete banding-fissile potential tephra | taupe grey/brown black | |
| 1.4 siltstone 0.5 coal 2.4 sandstone | ferricrete banding ferricrete banding | dark grey black tan | HC-1 |
| 1.65 siltstone0.9 siltstone0.04 ferricrete | ranges from sandy silt to silt | grey/green dark purple purple | |
| 2.75 siltstone 0.16 coal | alternating color bands stringer, tephra | grey/brown black | НС-2 |
| 0.08 siltstone 0.06 coal | alternating color bands stringer | grey/brown black | HC-3 |
| 1 siltstone | alternating color bands | grey/brown | |
| 0.35 siltstone0.4 coal0.55 shale0.3 coal0.85 siltstone0.45 shale | interbedded siltstone and claystone 4 tephras fissile coal stringer | brown black red black tan purple | HC-4, 15HC1 HC13-1 14HC2 |

Isaac Ranch Stratigraphic Section

| Thickness | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes | |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|--|
| | 1 coal | | black | MCZ | |
| 0.3 | 5 mudstone | | grey/green | | |
| 0. | 7 sandstone | massive bedding, one ferricrete band | beige | IS-1 | |
| 0. | 5 siltstone | | taupe | | |
| 0.: | 5 sandstone | | grey | | |
| 1.1 | 5 siltstone | | grey/brown | IS-2 | |
| 0.9 | 6 siltstone | ferricrete banding | taupe/grey | | |
| 1.7 | 8 siltstone | grey ferricrete bands | taupe | IS-3 | |
| 0.0 | 8 mudstone | | purple/black | | |
| | 3 siltstone | ferricrete banding | taupe | IS-4 | |

| 0.5 coal | tephra | black | Y coal |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|--------|
| 0.5 mudstone | fissile | tan/taupe | |
| 0.22 coal | no tephra | black | Y coal |
| 0.95 sandstone | unconsolidated | taupe | |

Thomas Ranch Stratigraphic Section

| Thickness | Lithology | Color | Features | Notes |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 0.83 | sandstone | tan | Horizontal bands of Fe | TRA-1, 15TRA1 |
| | | | Fe-banding, popcorn | |
| 0.6 | 5 siltstone | grey | weathering | |
| | | | laminated, popcorn | |
| 0.4 | carb shale | grey-purple | weathering | |
| 0.77 | ⁷ sandstone | tan/yellow | | TRA-2 |
| 0.73 | shale | grey/purple | Laminated | |
| 0.43 | sandstone | tan/yellow | Fe-staining | 15TRA2 |
| 0.31 | siltstone | grey | Some Fe-staining | TRA-3 |
| 0.44 | coal | black | | Null coal |
| 0.3 | siltstone | tan | popcorn weathering | |
| 2.37 | ⁷ siltstone | tan | Fe-banding | TRA-4, 14TR-1 |
| 0.88 | 3 siltstone | grey/purple | | |
| 2.24 | sandstone | tan | | |
| 2.4 | sandstone | grey | Red ferricrete horizons | 14TR-2, 14TR-3 |
| 2.35 | siltstone | grey | | |
| 5.05 | sandstone | grey | Red ferricrete horizons | |
| 4.8 | 3 siltstone | grey/green | | |
| 1.58 | 3 siltstone | grey | | 14TR-4 |
| 2.06 | siltstone | tan | | 14TR-5 |
| 0.57 | v coal | black | | TR14-2,3 (MCZ) |
| 3.72 | 2 sandstone | grey/tan | | 14TR-6 |
| 1.03 | 3 siltstone | dark grey | | |
| 2.47 | sandstone | tan | | |
| 0.75 | sandstone | light tan | | 14TR-7 |
| 2.5 | 5 siltstone | dark grey | | |
| 1.3 | 3 coal | coal | | TR14-1 |
| | | | | |

Sandy Chicken Stratigraphic Section Thickness Lithology Features

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|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Thickness | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
| 1.16 | 5 sandstone | Fe-staining, some small nodules | tan | SC-1 |
| 0.3 | l siltstone 3 coal 5 carb shale | Waxy, not laminated | grey black pink | SC-2 Null coal |
| | 4 siltstone 5 covered | | grey/taupe green | SC-3, SC-4 |

| 6.66 siltstone 1.48 sandstone | alternating bands of taupe and grey/green, varies between siltstone and claystone, some purple ferricrete, popcorn weathering | taupe/grey tan/taupe | SCA-1, SCA-2 |
|--|--|---|--------------|
| 0.65 siltstone | popcorn weathering, ferricrete at base | grey-taupe | |
| 0.57 siltstone0.41 carb shale0.6 siltstone1.7 sandstone0.23 ferricrete | slight popcorn weathering siltstone interbeds | tan/taupe grey/purple grey/green tan/taupe red/purple | |
| 4.87 sandstone1.43 siltstone2.7 sandstone0.42 coal | some ferricrete horizons, covered at top no tephras | tan/taupe grey/green tan/taupe black | |
| 2.77 sandstone | doesn't appear laminated, some parallel lamination | tan | |
| 0.7 siltstone | popcorn weathering | tan/pink | SCA-3 |
| 1.21 coal | 3 shale partings, bentonite 3 cm from base | black | MCZ |

Bug Creek Stratigraphic Section Thickness Lithology Feature

| Thickness | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 0.5 | 5 siltstone | staining | tan | 15BC1 |
| 0.2 | 5 mudstone | | dark brown/purple | |
| 0. | 7 siltstone | | tan | BC-1 |
| | 1 mudstone | popcorn weathering | tan/grey | |
| 0. | 2 carb shale | | purple | |
| | 1 siltstone | popcorn weathering | grey/purple | |
| 0. | 1 carb shale | | light pink | |
| 1.4 | 4 siltstone | slight popcorn weathering | grey/taupe | BC-2 |
| 0.1 | 3 carb shale | | Purple | |
| 1.0 | 5 siltstone | popcorn weathering | grey/taupe | 14BC-2A |
| | | | | |

| 0.33 coal 1.35 siltstone 0.05 filler | Fe-concretions | black tan/grey | Null Coal, BC11-1/BC- 1PR 14BC-2B |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 0.77 siltstone 0.05 filler | pink carb shale at base and at top | dark purple-grey | |
| 0.7 siltstone 0.05 filler | Fe-staining in fractures | tan/taupe | BC-3 |
| 1.32 siltstone 0.3 sandstone | Fe-staining in fractures | grey/taupe grey | |
| 0.23 siltstone | Fe-staining in fractures | taupe | BC-4 |
| 0.8 siltstone | dark red Fe-concretions | tan | |

Purgatory Hill Stratigraphic Section

| ckness Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| 0.25 mudstone | | brown-red | |
| 0.35 siltstone | | taupe | |
| 0.3 mudstone | | grey/black | |
| | rhythmic ferricrete banding and grey | | |
| 2.25 siltstone | banding | taupe | |
| 0.6 sandstone | no banding | beige | 15PH-1 |
| 2.45 siltstone | | taupe | |
| 1.75 coal | | black | |
| 3.35 siltstone | | taupe | |
| | Some Fe-banding, large indurated | | |
| 2.5 sandstone | blocks | taupe | |
| 2 sandstone | horizontally bedded, Fe-lamination | grey/taupe | 15PH-2 |
| 0.47 mudstone | 5 , | pink | |
| 1.35 siltstone | Fe-banding | taupe | |
| 0.75 coal | | black | PH13-3 |
| | rhythmic ferricrete banding, 6 cm thic | k | |
| 4.45 siltstone | carb shale 1.5 m from top | tan | |
| 0.65 siltstone | ······································ | grey | 15PH3 |
| 2.93 siltstone | | grey | 15PH4 |
| 0.2 coal | | black | PH13-1 |
| 4.32 siltstone | ferrricrete bands | light tan | 15PH-5, 16PH-2 |
| 0.2 coal | | black | PH13-2 |
| 5 siltstone | | tan/light grey | 11112 4 |

| Thickness | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
|--------------|--------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| 0.6 | | | black | MCZ, MC11-3 |
| 3.42 | siltstone | ferricrete banding | tan | |
| | | | | LG-1 at base, medium |
| 1.73 | sandstone | | grey/tan | grained |
| | | | | - |
| 1.55 | siltstone | Fe-stained with few ferricrete horizons | tan | LG-2 near top |
| 0.75 | siltstone | weathers grey | pink/tan | |
| 0.85 | coal | | black | LG14-2 |
| 1.45 | siltstone | | tan | |
| | | | | |
| 1 | carb shale | | pink/purple | locally grades to coal |
| | siltstone | ferricrete banding | tan | coarse grained |
| | | C | | |
| | | | | LG-3 at base, LG-4 in |
| | | | | middle, LG-5 at |
| | | | | top,med/fine grained, |
| 6.1 | sandstone | orange and purple ferricrete banding | grey | 15LG-1 above LG-5 |
| 0.35 | | thin tephra | black | |
| 0.20 | •••• | | | |
| | | white-light purple silt base, dark purple | | |
| 0.63 | carb shale | shale top | purple | |
| | siltstone | Fe-banding | tan/yellow | LG-6 at base |
| 1.00 | Shistone | | uni yenow | LG-7 at base, 15LG-2 |
| | | | | between LG-7 and LG- |
| 1.05 | sandstone | | arev | 8 |
| | siltstone | | grey grey/pink | LG-8 at base, |
| 0.52 | sinstone | | grey/pink | X coal, LG13-1, LG11- |
| 1.97 | 2021 | 2 tephras, carb shale in middle | black | 1 |
| | sandstone | 2 tephras, caro share in indule | | 1 15LG-3 |
| 0.5 | sandstone | | yellow | 1310-3 |
| Jack's Chanr | al Stratigna | nhia Saatian | | |
| | Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
| | coal | reatures | black | notes |
| 1 | coal | | Ulack | |
| | | | | |
| | | orange concretion hands, nurnle | | |
| 2.74 | - : 14 - 4 | orange concretion bands, purple | 4 | |
| 2.74 | siltstone | ferricrete at top, variegated | grey-taupe | |
| | | | | |
| 0.54 | | fluting common, large indurated blocks, | | |
| 8.54 | sandstone | x-bedded | | |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |
| | | indurated blocks at top, horizontal | 1 | |
| 2.23 | siltstone | bedding | grey/green | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | x-bedding at base, variegated, Fe- | | |
| 2.2 | ailtatono | staining noncorn weathering | arou/aroon | |

Lofgren Stratigraphic Section

| | x-bedding at base, variegated, Fe- | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 3.3 siltstone | staining, popcorn weathering | grey/green |

| 1.14 carb shale | laminated, ferricrete at top | dark purple/pink | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.62 siltstone | layers of Fe-rich concretions (orange) | black | |
| | yellow tan at base, grey at top, no | <i>i</i> . <i>i</i> . 1 | |
| 1.6 siltstone | popcorn weathering | grey/tan/yellow | |
| 0.85 sandstone | dark purple, white staining on top | grey | |
| 0.47 carb shale | top 5 cm grade into coal | purple | |
| | ferricrete banding, not laminated, grades | S | |
| 1.53 siltstone | into shale | tan | 14JC-1, 14JC-2 |
| 0.23 shale | | grey-taupe | |
| 0.42 shale | | grey | |
| 0.55 coal | tephra | black | 2380 coal, JC13-4 |
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| 2 | occacional ferricrete banding, | | 10.1 |
| 2 sandstone | horizontally bedded | taupe | JC-1 |
| 0.5 siltstone | clay-rich | grey | JC-2 |
| 0.2 carb shale | organic rich, contains tephra | purple | JC13-3 |
| | horizontally bedded, few Fe-rich | | |
| 0.85 sandstone | sections | tan-red | |
| 0.1 coal | stringer | black | |
| | | | |
| 2.05 siltstone | Fe-rich patches and nodules | grey-taupe | JC-3 |
| 1.05 coal | 3 tephras | black | 2440 coal, JC13-1 |
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| Jack's Channel Stratigraph | | Calar | Natar |
| Thickness Lithology | Features | Color | Notes |
| 0.7 sandstone | ferricrete, horizontal bedding | tan | |
| 0.97 sandstone | some Fe-banding | grey/tan | 15JC-1 |
| 0.55 mudstone | | grey | 15JC-2 |
| 0.4 coal | | black | 2380 coal |
| 1.28 sandstone | Fe-banding | tan/grey | 15JC-3 |
| 0.11 carb shale | No tephras | purple | 1550-5 |
| | 10 topinus | Purple | |

tan/grey

15JC-4 measured at top

Some ferricrete and Fe-banding

0.74 siltstone

Table DR1. Summary of run-specific parameters

| | <u> </u> | | Mass Disc | rimination | | | | | Backgroun | d values | | | | |
|-----|----------|----|-----------|------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Run | Lab | MS | D | ±D | ⁴⁰ Ar | ±σ | ³⁹ Ar | ±σ | ³⁸ Ar | ±σ | ³⁷ Ar | ±σ | ³⁶ Ar | ±σ |
| 1a | BGC | 1 | 1.0127 | 0.0011 | 0.010537 | 0.000830 | 0.000287 | 0.000110 | 0.000021 | 0.000014 | 0.000039 | 0.000008 | 0.000046 | 0.000009 |
| 1b | BGC | 1 | 1.0127 | 0.0011 | 0.012404 | 0.000900 | 0.000232 | 0.000110 | 0.000022 | 0.000016 | 0.000040 | 0.000008 | 0.000053 | 0.000011 |
| 2 | BGC | 1 | 1.0128 | 0.0013 | 0.008490 | 0.001800 | 0.000135 | 0.000081 | 0.000017 | 0.000011 | 0.000035 | 0.000008 | 0.000036 | 0.000013 |
| 3a | BGC | 1 | 1.0130 | 0.0009 | 0.005970 | 0.002800 | 0.000096 | 0.000092 | 0.000023 | 0.000013 | 0.000037 | 0.000009 | 0.000033 | 0.000014 |
| 3b | BGC | 1 | 1.0130 | 0.0009 | 0.009670 | 0.001700 | 0.000432 | 0.000150 | 0.000020 | 0.000013 | 0.000037 | 0.000010 | 0.000045 | 0.000011 |
| 3c | BGC | 1 | 1.0130 | 0.0009 | 0.007890 | 0.001200 | 0.000163 | 0.000096 | 0.000019 | 0.000010 | 0.000035 | 0.000009 | 0.000041 | 0.000010 |
| 4a | BGC | 1 | 1.0123 | 0.0008 | 0.010710 | 0.002100 | 0.000532 | 0.000270 | 0.000029 | 0.000010 | 0.000037 | 0.000008 | 0.000052 | 0.000013 |
| 4b | BGC | 1 | 1.0123 | 0.0008 | 0.006574 | 0.000730 | 0.000098 | 0.000075 | 0.000014 | 0.000009 | 0.000039 | 0.000008 | 0.000034 | 0.000008 |
| 5a | BGC | 1 | 1.0125 | 0.0012 | 0.004286 | 0.000420 | 0.000082 | 0.000056 | 0.000015 | 0.000010 | 0.000038 | 0.000006 | 0.000027 | 0.000009 |
| 5b | BGC | 1 | 1.0125 | 0.0012 | 0.005160 | 0.001200 | 0.000080 | 0.000047 | 0.000014 | 0.000010 | 0.000037 | 0.000007 | 0.000030 | 0.000010 |
| 5c | BGC | 1 | 1.0125 | 0.0012 | 0.004260 | 0.000890 | 0.000137 | 0.000200 | 0.000016 | 0.000012 | 0.000036 | 0.000009 | 0.000027 | 0.000009 |
| 5d | BGC | 1 | 1.0125 | 0.0012 | 0.004921 | 0.000240 | 0.000078 | 0.000054 | 0.000016 | 0.000009 | 0.000038 | 0.000007 | 0.000026 | 0.000008 |
| 6a | BGC | 1 | 1.0124 | 0.0012 | 0.005786 | 0.000680 | -0.000170 | 0.000130 | 0.000015 | 0.000010 | 0.000038 | 0.000008 | 0.000034 | 0.000010 |
| 6b | BGC | 1 | 1.0124 | 0.0012 | 0.004464 | 0.000540 | -0.000279 | 0.000150 | 0.000020 | 0.000021 | 0.000032 | 0.000007 | 0.000023 | 0.000012 |
| 7a | BGC | 1 | 1.0143 | 0.0013 | 0.007100 | 0.002100 | 0.000097 | 0.000058 | 0.000016 | 0.000013 | 0.000044 | 0.000009 | 0.000040 | 0.000013 |
| 7b | BGC | 1 | 1.0143 | 0.0013 | 0.006063 | 0.000760 | 0.000103 | 0.000065 | 0.000022 | 0.000012 | 0.000043 | 0.000011 | 0.000039 | 0.000012 |
| 8a | BGC | 1 | 1.0144 | 0.0014 | 0.006660 | 0.000970 | 0.000105 | 0.000049 | 0.000031 | 0.000012 | 0.000047 | 0.000013 | 0.000041 | 0.000015 |
| 8b | BGC | 1 | 1.0144 | 0.0014 | 0.009870 | 0.002100 | 0.000499 | 0.000310 | 0.000030 | 0.000019 | 0.000046 | 0.000014 | 0.000048 | 0.000017 |
| 9a | BGC | 1 | 1.0103 | 0.0013 | 0.023193 | 0.000740 | 0.000425 | 0.000140 | 0.000028 | 0.000019 | 0.000029 | 0.000009 | 0.000090 | 0.000011 |
| 9b | BGC | 1 | 1.0103 | 0.0013 | 0.025440 | 0.001800 | 0.000393 | 0.000150 | 0.000037 | 0.000023 | 0.000032 | 0.000017 | 0.000105 | 0.000018 |
| 10a | BGC | 1 | 1.0117 | 0.0008 | 0.015340 | 0.001700 | 0.000811 | 0.000290 | 0.000027 | 0.000016 | 0.000024 | 0.000008 | 0.000053 | 0.000008 |
| 10b | BGC | 1 | 1.0117 | 0.0008 | 0.013393 | 0.000590 | 0.000417 | 0.000160 | 0.000022 | 0.000014 | 0.000022 | 0.000006 | 0.000048 | 0.000012 |
| 11a | BGC | 1 | 1.0120 | 0.0007 | 0.008465 | 0.000660 | 0.000089 | 0.000064 | 0.000019 | 0.000014 | 0.000035 | 0.000017 | 0.000031 | 0.000015 |
| 11b | BGC | 1 | 1.0120 | 0.0007 | 0.008794 | 0.000420 | 0.000082 | 0.000052 | 0.000023 | 0.000016 | 0.000036 | 0.000015 | 0.000034 | 0.000010 |
| 11c | BGC | 1 | 1.0120 | 0.0007 | 0.007774 | 0.000540 | 0.000081 | 0.000059 | 0.000021 | 0.000012 | 0.000024 | 0.000012 | 0.000028 | 0.000014 |
| 12a | BGC | 1 | 1.0119 | 0.0011 | 0.008411 | 0.000370 | 0.000135 | 0.000085 | 0.000012 | 0.000010 | 0.000027 | 0.000012 | 0.000030 | 0.000014 |
| 12b | BGC | 1 | 1.0119 | 0.0011 | 0.007667 | 0.000470 | 0.000096 | 0.000065 | 0.000018 | 0.000013 | 0.000028 | 0.000011 | 0.000029 | 0.000010 |
| 13 | BGC | 1 | 1.0113 | 0.0010 | 0.008167 | 0.000730 | 0.000098 | 0.000066 | 0.000018 | 0.000012 | 0.000026 | 0.000010 | 0.000027 | 0.000010 |
| 14a | BGC | 1 | 1.0121 | 0.0006 | 0.007943 | 0.000770 | 0.000112 | 0.000071 | 0.000016 | 0.000009 | 0.000024 | 0.000006 | 0.000026 | 0.000014 |
| 14b | BGC | 1 | 1.0121 | 0.0006 | 0.008861 | 0.000950 | 0.000095 | 0.000051 | 0.000016 | 0.000010 | 0.000026 | 0.000011 | 0.000035 | 0.000011 |
| 14c | BGC | 1 | 1.0121 | 0.0006 | 0.008794 | 0.000420 | 0.000082 | 0.000052 | 0.000023 | 0.000016 | 0.000036 | 0.000015 | 0.000034 | 0.000010 |
| 15a | BGC | 1 | 1.0122 | 0.0010 | 0.006150 | 0.001100 | 0.000102 | 0.000096 | 0.000015 | 0.000013 | 0.000023 | 0.000012 | 0.000022 | 0.000008 |
| 15b | BGC | 1 | 1.0122 | 0.0010 | 0.006067 | 0.000330 | 0.000112 | 0.000064 | 0.000018 | 0.000014 | 0.000021 | 0.000008 | 0.000023 | 0.000010 |
| 16a | BGC | 1 | 1.0107 | 0.0011 | 0.009980 | 0.001100 | 0.000411 | 0.000230 | 0.000020 | 0.000013 | 0.000026 | 0.000008 | 0.000036 | 0.000010 |
| 16b | BGC | 1 | 1.0107 | 0.0011 | 0.008341 | 0.000970 | 0.000192 | 0.000091 | 0.000021 | 0.000012 | 0.000021 | 0.00008 | 0.000030 | 0.000010 |
| 17 | BGC | 1 | 1.0113 | 0.0014 | 0.007530 | 0.001300 | 0.000226 | 0.000160 | 0.000017 | 0.000012 | 0.000023 | 0.000007 | 0.000026 | 0.000010 |
| 18a | BGC | 1 | 1.0113 | 0.0008 | 0.005092 | 0.000520 | 0.000048 | 0.000029 | 0.000013 | 0.000007 | 0.000020 | 0.000008 | 0.000019 | 0.000009 |
| 18b | BGC | 1 | 1.0113 | 0.0008 | 0.009020 | 0.001900 | 0.000172 | 0.000130 | 0.000018 | 0.000013 | 0.000022 | 0.000008 | 0.000029 | 0.000013 |
| 18c | BGC | 1 | 1.0113 | 0.0008 | 0.007500 | 0.000960 | 0.000119 | 0.000066 | 0.000015 | 0.000012 | 0.000020 | 0.000006 | 0.000025 | 0.000007 |
| 19a | BGC | 1 | 1.0110 | 0.0008 | 0.011540 | 0.001200 | 0.000739 | 0.000240 | 0.000020 | 0.000014 | 0.000028 | 0.000007 | 0.000042 | 0.000011 |
| 19b | BGC | 1 | 1.0110 | 0.0008 | 0.007795 | 0.000900 | 0.000186 | 0.000087 | 0.000018 | 0.000010 | 0.000021 | 0.000007 | 0.000026 | 0.000011 |
| 20 | BGC | 1 | 1.0108 | 0.0014 | 0.007806 | 0.000720 | 0.000212 | 0.000087 | 0.000018 | 0.000011 | 0.000021 | 0.000008 | 0.000026 | 0.000011 |
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Notes: Run refers to time periods over which noted parameters apply; MS refers to mass spectrometer (1= MAP 215C, 2= MAP 215-50); D refers to mass discrimination per dalton (based on a power law) derived from air pipettes normalized to the data of Lee et al. (2006); Background values are given in the same units i.e., nA and reflect the arithmetic mean and standard deviation.