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## INTRODUCTION

During the Summer and Fall of 1985, the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources drilled seven geothermal gradient test holes in the southern Washington Cascade Mountains. The project was a continuation of the state-coupled U.S. Department of Energy Geothermal Resource Program drilling which began in Washington State in 1979.

The locations of the 1985 drill holes are shown in Figure 1. Drill sites were chosen with two primary objectives in mind: (1) to more accurately define the general extent of potential geothermal resources in the southern Washington Cascades, and (2) to evaluate specific targets that are geologically and structurally favorable for the occurrence of geothermal resources.

Recent studies of ages and volumes of Quaternary volcanic rocks in southern Washington (Hammond and Korosec, 1983) suggest the existence of belts or zones of concentrated Quaternary volcanism. Figure 1 shows the approximate inferred boundaries of three of these zones: the Mount St. Helens, Indian Heaven and Mount Adams zones. In past projects, drilling within the Mount St. Helens and Indian Heaven zones has shown that local areas of high heat flow and high geothermal gradients do indeed exist, but their regional extent is indeterminate (Schuster and others, 1978; Korosec, 1983).

The Orr Creek drill hole (DNR85-1C) was spudded just outside the western boundary of the Mount Adams zone, and approximately 1/8-mile south of the Orr Creek Warm Springs. Water from these springs was analyzed in 1979 and indicate equilibrium reservoir temperatures ranging from 78°C to as high as 231°C, depending on which geothermometer is considered (Korosec and others, 1980). The Spud Hill hole (DNR85-2) was drilled 1/2-mile east of two late Quaternary cinder cones, near what is believed to be a possible northern

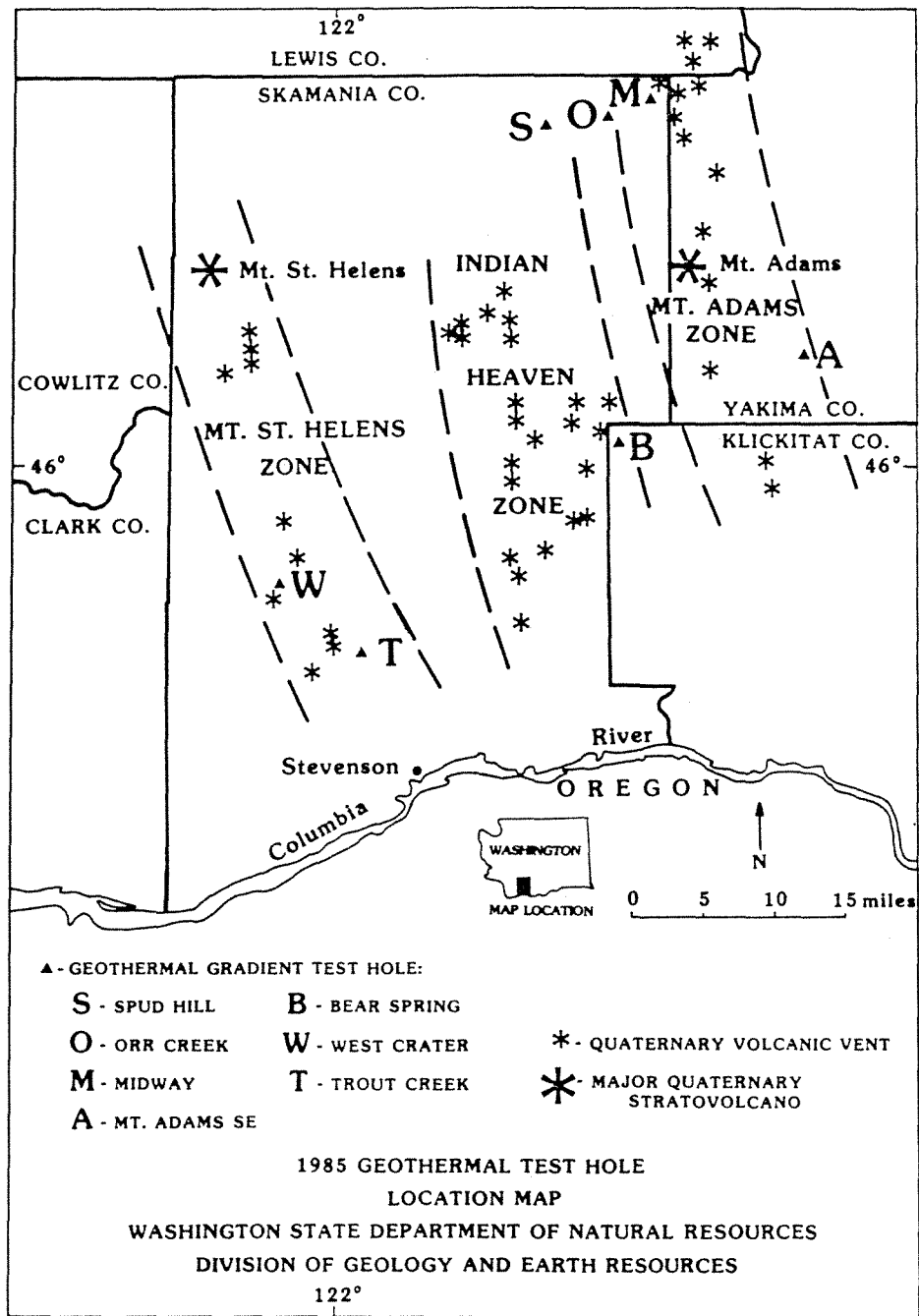


Figure 1. Locations of geothermal gradient test holes drilled during 1985 by the Division of Geology and Earth Resources, showing the volcanic zones of Mount St. Helens, Indian Heaven, and Mount Adams (see text for discussion). Asterisks represent individual Quaternary volcanic vents, or the averaged position of a cluster of vents (zone boundaries adapted from Hammond and Korosec, 1983).

extension of the Indian Heaven zone. The Midway hole (DNR85-3) lies within the Mount Adams zone near Potato Hill, a late Quaternary basaltic andesite vent (Hammond and Korosec, 1983). Mount Adams SE (DNR85-4) was drilled within the Mount Adams zone about 1/2-mile north of the volcanic vent which produced the basalt of County Park, K-Ar dated at about 200,000 years old (Hammond and Korosec, 1983). Bear Spring (DNR85-5) lies barely within the interpreted eastern boundary of the Indian Heaven zone, about 3/4-mile south of Flattop Mountain, another Quaternary basalt vent.

The final two holes of the 1985 project, West Crater (DNR85-6) and Trout Creek (DNR85-7C), were drilled within the southern part of the Mount St. Helens zone, along a northwest-southeast-trending lineament called the Wind River zone (Berri and Korosec, 1983). The structure is probably a fault, and is roughly demarcated by the course of the Wind River, a line of Tertiary intrusives, Quaternary volcanic vents, and the occurrence of mineral springs and hot springs. The 1985 Trout Creek hole is located along the Wind River zone, and is a twin to a 152-meter hole drilled by the Division of Geology in 1981 (Korosec, 1983). The main reason for drilling deeper at this location was to determine if the very high gradient of 84°C/km measured in the earlier hole would persist with depth. The West Crater hole is located northwest of the Trout Creek hole amid a concentration of Quaternary eruptive centers ranging in composition from high alumina basalt to andesite. Hammond (personal communication) has suggested that at least three of the vents in the area are of Holocene age, with the West Crater volcano being as young as 5,000 years.

## PROCEDURES

Two categories of hole depths were selected for the 1985 project: Orr Creek (DNR85-1C) and Trout Creek (DNR85-7C) were to be drilled to 400 m, and the remaining five holes, Spud Hill (DNR85-2), Midway (DNR85-3), Mount Adams SE (DNR85-4), Bear Spring (DNR85-5) and West Crater (DNR85-6), were targeted for 150 m. The deep holes, Orr Creek and Trout Creek, and two of the shallow holes, Midway and Mount Adams SE, were finished somewhat short of the target depths due to hole problems and budget constraints.

Two drilling methods were used: Orr Creek and Trout Creek were diamond drilled using a wireline coring assembly, while the five shallow holes were drilled by down-hole air hammer. The drilling and hole completions required slightly more than two months to complete.

Overburden was penetrated by driving 6-inch surface casing by air hammer in shallow holes, or in the case of the deep core holes, overburden was drilled using 5-inch casing bits that remained in the hole after completion. Once the overburden was penetrated, the surface casing was cemented and drilling of the hole resumed.

The Spud Hill, Midway, Mount Adams SE, Bear Spring, and West Crater holes were drilled with a 6-inch air hammer to total depths, with cutting samples collected every five feet. Orr Creek and Trout Creek were drilled with H-sized diamond coring bits to about the 150-meter level in each hole. Below 150 meters, both holes were reduced to NX-size. During the drilling of the two deep holes, return-line mud temperatures were monitored hourly as a precaution against possible blowout. When conditions permitted, bottom-hole temperatures were recorded in the core holes just prior to the beginning of drilling each morning. Temperature-depth plots of these bottom-hole temperatures gave early and accurate estimates of the geothermal gradients.



Immediately after drilling, each hole was completed in the manner schematically diagramed in Figure 2. The main component of the test well is the 1 1/2-inch threaded pipe which is suspended slightly off the bottom of the finished hole, serving as a conductive corridor for a down-hole temperature probe.

Where detected, all aquifers or permeable layers were cemented during pipe installation to prevent vertical water movement in the annulus, since this condition would tend to obscure the gradient in the affected portions of the hole.

Following completion, each hole was given several weeks to equilibrate with the ambient formation temperatures, and was then logged with a down-hole temperature-sensing probe to obtain the local geothermal gradient. The logging system consists of a thermistor probe on a 2000-foot sheathed cable connected to a digital multimeter on the surface. The multimeter directly registers resistance values in ohms as the probe is lowered. Readings are recorded at 5-meter intervals until hole bottom is reached. The resistance readings are later converted to temperatures in °C by means of conversion tables provided with the system. Temperature-depth information for the 1985 project is tabulated in Appendix B.

### RESULTS

In all but two of the holes, drill hole lithologies were dominated by Tertiary volcanoclastic and pyroclastic rocks of Oligocene to Miocene age. These rocks consist of alternating layers of laharic conglomerates, tuffs, tuff breccias, and volcanic sediments, which have been mildly altered and zeolitized. Owing to a ubiquitous clayey matrix, inherent permeability is usually very low in these rocks. Fractures are normally the only means by which water may migrate into or out of the formation. Consequently, hole problems were encountered only in the most severely fractured intervals

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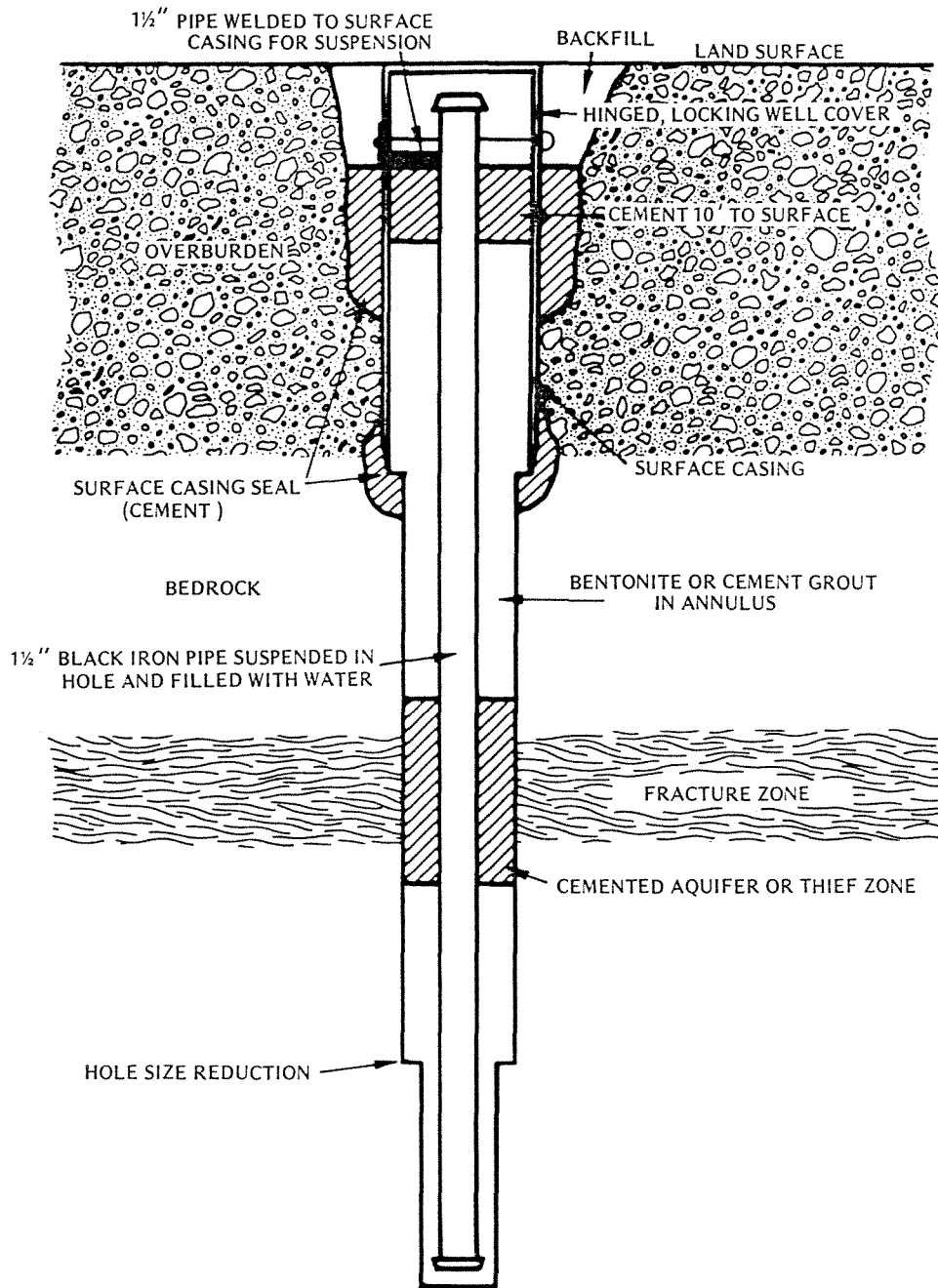


Figure 2. Schematic diagram of a completed geothermal gradient test hole. Hole size reduction applies only to the two deep core holes, Orr Creek and Trout Creek. The 1/2-inch pipe is suspended off the bottom of the hole in order to eliminate bends that may hinder probe passage.

within this rock type.

The two holes which were not drilled into Tertiary volcanoclastics are Orr Creek (DNR85-1C) and Mount Adams SE (DNR85-4). The Orr Creek hole was drilled entirely within a porphyritic quartz diorite plug of probable Miocene age. Mount Adams SE penetrated Miocene Columbia River Basalt flows and contemporaneous interbeds for its entire depth.

Table 1 is a summary of drilling and temperature logging parameters for all seven holes. Condensed lithology logs for each hole are given in Appendix A.

#### ORR CREEK, DNR85-1C

The porphyritic quartz diorite drilled at this location has uniform texture throughout the hole, except for rare aphanitic xenoliths and some altered intervals near large fractures. Prominent phenocryst minerals are plagioclase, biotite, and less abundant hornblende. Quartz is present only in the groundmass and in minor amounts as secondary mineralization in, and near veinlets toward the bottom of the hole. Calcite is notably present near fracture zones as pseudomorphs after plagioclase and in microscopic veinlets. The most common opaque mineral is magnetite. Some sections of the core consist of up to 5% magnetite and hematite combined.

The Orr Creek quartz diorite has apparently undergone a slight amount of pervasive propylitic alteration. Biotite has been partially altered to chlorite, and plagioclase is often replaced by calcite and epidote. Alteration is most pronounced near fractures and veinlets. Some quartz flooding is in evidence, but is mostly restricted to rock adjacent to fractures. Veinlets and fracture fillings are composed mostly of stilbite, calcite, and minor quartz.

A relatively major fault or shear zone was encountered at approximately 150 m. This 25-m section of brecciated rock and open fractures apparently

Table 1. Summary of parameters for 1985  
geothermal gradient test holes

Hole Name	Location Sec/T/R	Date Completed	Total Depth Drilled	Date of Temperature Logging	Gradient °C/km		Bottom-hole Temperature °C
					Interval of Measurement (Meters)		
Orr Creek (DNR85-1C)	SW1/4, NE1/4 Sec. 19 10N/10E	9-10-85	1000 ft. (305m)	10-3-85	$\frac{42}{25-305}$	$\frac{56}{150-305}$	17.7
Spud Hill (DNR85-2)	NE1/4, SW1/4 Sec. 21 10N/9E	8-18-85	500 ft. (152m)	10-24-85	$\frac{72}{25-149}$		16.3
Midway (DNR85-3)	NW1/4, SE1/4 Sec. 15 10N/10E	8-20-85	360 ft. (110m)	10-24-85	$\frac{33}{15-109}$		7.1
Mount Adams SE (DNR85-4)	SW1/4, SW1/4 Sec. 9 7N/12E	8-23-85	473 ft. (144 m)	10-23-85	$\frac{45}{30-142}$		12.5
Bear Spring (DNR85-5)	SW1/4, NE1/4 Sec. 7 6N/10E	8-26-85	500 ft. (152m)	10-23-85	$\frac{21}{60-150}$		7.5
West Crater (DNR85-6)	SE1/4, SE1/4 Sec. 29 5N/6E	9-6-85	500 ft. (152m)	10-23-85	$\frac{-4}{35-152}$		3.0
Trout Creek (DNR85-7C)	SE1/4, SW1/4 Sec. 21 4N/7E	10-1-85	1169 ft. (357m)	10-22-85	$\frac{83}{25-357}$	$\frac{87}{50-330}$	36.3

provided an increase in permeability and consequent water production. The effects of this zone can be seen in the temperature-depth curve for Orr Creek (Figure 3). Below 150 m the gradient increases sharply from 25°C/km to 56°C/km. The portion of the hole above 150 m may be partially thermally isolated by water movement in the fault zone. A change in thermal conductivity could also be responsible for a gradient change, but no pronounced physical change in the rock was observed.

The calculated gradient from 25 m to 305 m is 42°C/km. However, the segment of the curve from 155 m to 305 m yields a gradient of 56°C/km, and may be more representative of the true gradient.

#### TROUT CREEK, DNR85-7C

The stratigraphic section within the Trout Creek hole is characterized broadly by two alternating rock types: (1) clay-rich volcanic sandstones (volcanic wackes) with thin tuffaceous conglomerate horizons and, (2) layers of laharic conglomerates and tuff breccias. The volcanic sandstone intervals average about 9-15 m thick, and contain rare tuffs, welded tuffs, and tuff breccias. The laharic conglomerates and tuff breccias average 6 to 9 m thick, with one 21-m layer near the bottom of the hole. The latter almost always contain what appear to be flattened pumice fragments throughout most of their thicknesses.

The entire section has been mildly, but pervasively zeolitized, often making original textures and mineralogies difficult to assess. Zeolites are also found as coatings on clasts, in small vugs, and as fracture fillings.

The highest gradient observed during the 1985 project was at Trout Creek. The 87°C/km measured from 50 m to 330 m (Figure 3) is 3°C/km higher than the gradient recorded from a 152-m hole 15 m away, which was drilled in 1981 (DNR81-7). A water-producing fracture zone was cemented at around

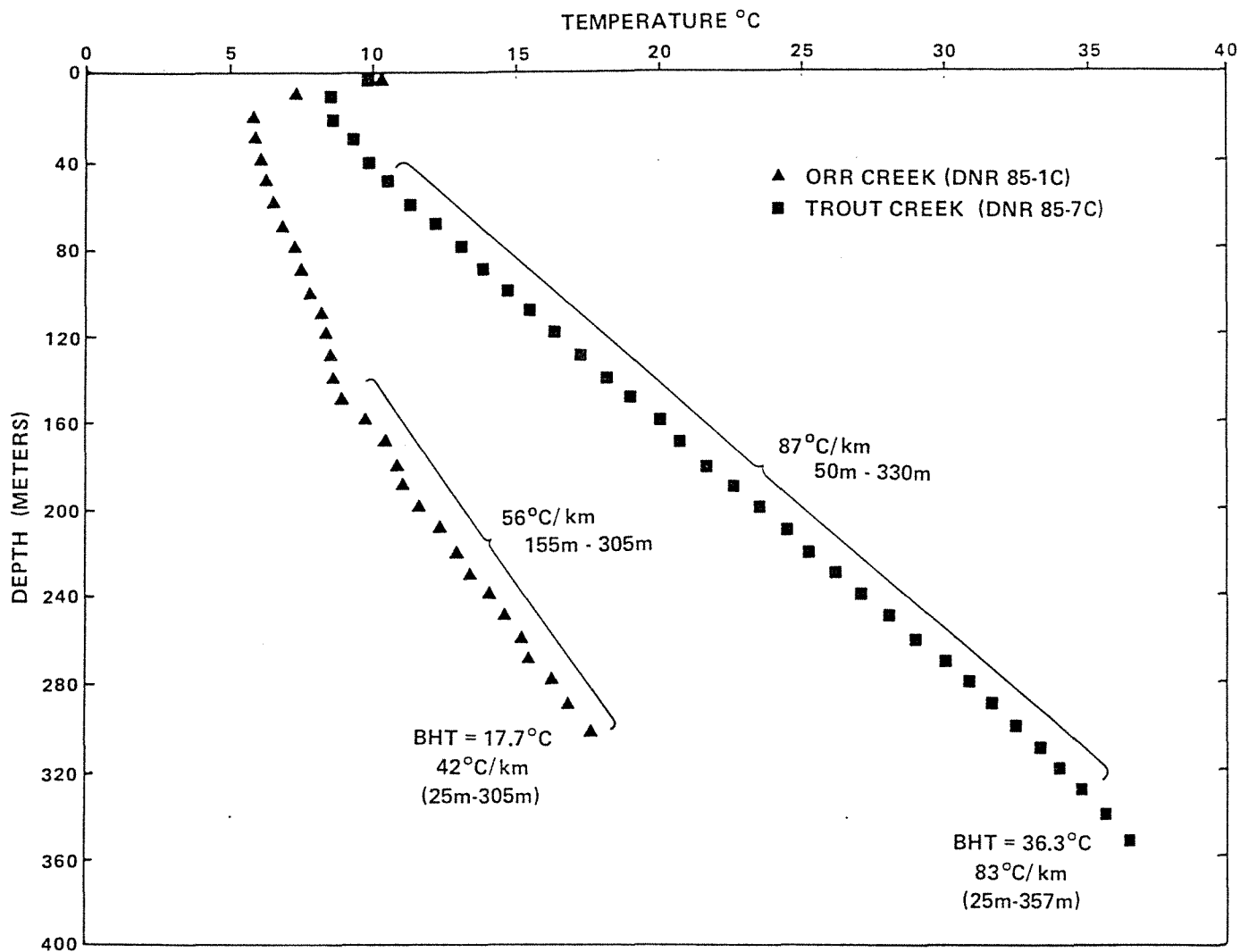


Figure 3. Temperature-depth curves for Orr Creek (DNR85-1C) and Trout Creek (DNR85-7C) (see Figure 1 for locations). Symbols represent temperature readings at 10-meter intervals. Bottom-hole temperature (BHT), overall gradient, and the interval over which the gradient is calculated are given at the endpoint of each curve. Bracketed segments of the curves represent straight line gradients that may be most representative of the true gradient for the hole.

195 m, but there appears to be no reflection of this zone on the temperature-depth curve. The overall straight-line gradient for Trout Creek is  $83^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$  measured from 25 m to 357 m. The last 20 to 30 m of the temperature-depth curve shows a slight deflection toward a lower gradient. An increase in fracture density is recorded from core near hole bottom, so increased water circulation at this level is possible.

#### SPUD HILL, DNR85-2

This hole penetrates 18 m of buried talus originating from a Tertiary rhyolite intrusive immediately to the south. From 18 m to the total depth of 152 m, the section consists of Oligocene-Miocene pyroclastic and volcanoclastic rocks. Drill cuttings show the presence of small sandy layers which produced some water (20 gpm), especially from 55 m to 85 m. The calculated straight-line gradient from 25 m to 149 m is  $72^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ , which is the second highest gradient recorded during the project (Figure 4). The small steepened section of the curve around 120 m may represent very limited downward flow of water in this part of the hole.

#### MIDWAY, DNR85-3

The Midway hole was stopped 42 m short of the 152-m target depth due to uncontrollable caving and water incursion at 110 m. Water production from the hole before completion and sealing was as high as 100 gpm (estimated by airlift). The hole penetrated 55 m of glacial drift and basaltic flow breccia before entering the Oligocene-Miocene volcanoclastic/pyroclastic rocks. The straight-line gradient (Figure 4) at Midway is  $33^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ , measured from 15 m to 109 m. The rock at this location may be undergoing cooling by Mount Adams glacial water flowing through valley-filling Quaternary basalt flows and glacial drift.

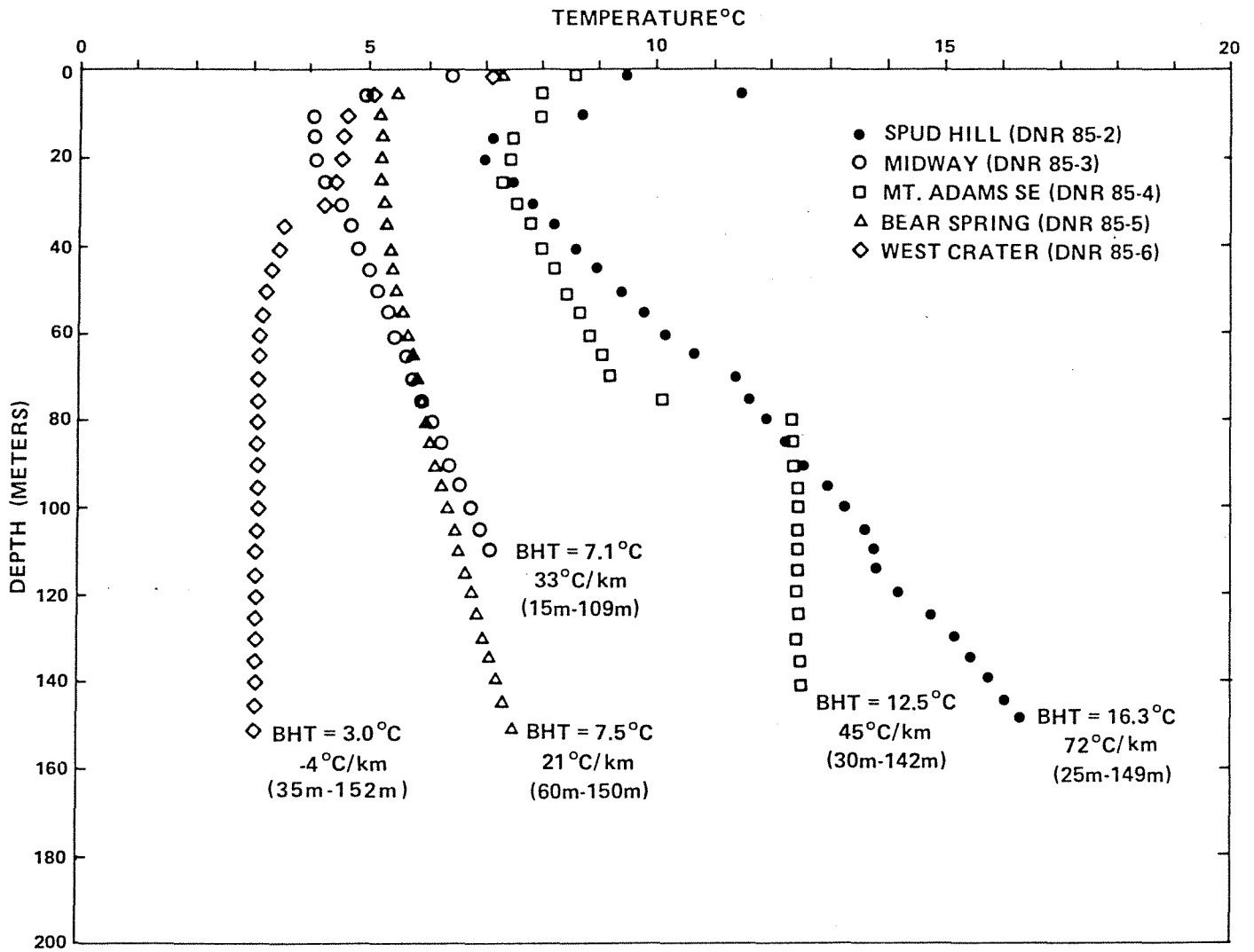


Figure 4. Temperature-depth curves for the five shallow test holes (see Figure 1 for locations). Symbols represent temperature readings at 5-meter intervals. Bottom-hole temperature (BHT), gradient, and the interval over which the gradient was calculated are given at the endpoint of each curve.



#### MOUNT ADAMS SE, DNR85-4

This hole was drilled entirely within basalt and associated interbeds of the Columbia River Basalt Group, probably upper flows of the Grande Ronde Formation. Flow breccia layers and sedimentary interbeds serve as aquifers in the area, many of which are under artesian pressure. One artesian aquifer was encountered at the bottom of the hole. Caving within gravel or flow breccia at the 143-m level was severe enough to force completion of the hole at this depth. The temperature-depth profile of this hole (Figure 4) shows a pronounced irregularity that may be the result of the penetration of the aquifer near hole bottom. Between the 70-m and 80-m levels in the hole the temperature jumps from about 9°C to over 12°C, and then remains nearly isothermal below the 80-m level. A possible reason for this sudden increase is that relatively warm (12°C) water was encountered in an aquifer near the bottom of the hole, and is flowing upward under artesian pressure to about the 70-m level. Around 70-80 m, the water is probably exiting the hole through a thief zone. Ineffective sealing of the annulus could be responsible for this condition. The portion of the hole between 30 m and 142 m yields a calculated straight-line gradient of 45°C/km.

#### BEAR SPRING, DNR85-5

The first 20 m of this hole penetrates Quaternary basaltic flow breccia and intercalated sediments, possibly originating from the nearby Flattop Mountain eruptive center. The remaining 132 m of the hole was drilled into Oligocene-Miocene volcanoclastic and pyroclastic rocks similar to those discussed earlier. The gradient of 21°C/km (Figure 4) is much lower than expected for this portion of the Cascade Mountains, based on the results of

nearby heat flow holes drilled in 1975 (Schuster and others, 1978). The reason for the low gradient is unknown, but cold water circulation to considerable depth within the bedrock may be masking the true gradient.

#### WEST CRATER DNR85-6

The West Crater hole was also drilled into Oligocene-Miocene volcanoclastic and pyroclastic rocks, after being cased through 15 m of andesitic flow breccia and pyroclastic rocks. The material in the upper 15 m of the hole probably originates from the West Crater volcano (Quaternary) less than 1/4-mile south of the hole site. The gradient in the West Crater hole is isothermal. In fact, the gradient from 35 m to hole bottom is a negative 4°C/km, and the bottom-hole temperature is only 3°C (Figure 4). The West Crater curve illustrates what may be the result of drilling into rocks pervaded by extremely cold (3°C) groundwater to considerable depth. The large Quaternary cinder cones and scoriaceous volcanic edifices in the immediate vicinity of the hole serve as tremendous cold water recharge areas. Although the West Crater hole was drilled into relatively "tight" Tertiary rocks, the circulation of the cold water into fracture systems below the depth of the hole bottom may be imparting a low temperature to rocks beyond and below the Quaternary pile.

#### HEAT FLOW

At the time of this writing, no thermal conductivity measurements have been made for rock samples from the 1985 project. However, rock nearly identical to the Oligocene-Miocene volcanoclastics encountered in the Spud Hill, Midway, Bear Spring, and Trout Creek holes has been tested for thermal conductivity in past projects. The range of values for this rock type is 1.4 to 1.8 W/m°C. Using these figures as estimates for thermal conductivity yields the following range of heat flow values:

Spud Hill	100 to 130 mW/m <sup>2</sup>
Midway	46 to 59 mW/m <sup>2</sup>
Bear Spring	29 to 38 mW/m <sup>2</sup>
Trout Creek	122 to 157 mW/m <sup>2</sup>

Basalt of the Grande Ronde Formation, such as encountered at Mount Adams SE, is thought to have thermal conductivities averaging between 1.4 to 1.6 W/m°C (Korosec, personal communication). Given the temperature gradient of 45°C/km in the Mount Adams SE hole, the heat flow values could range between 63mW/m<sup>2</sup> and 72mW/m<sup>2</sup>.

A wider range of thermal conductivities is estimated for diorite and quartz diorite similar to that found in the Orr Creek hole (Korosec, personal communication). Using the range of conductivities of 2.0 to 3.0 W/m°C, and the highest gradient obtained from the Orr Creek hole (56°C/km), heat flow values are estimated to be between 112 mW/m<sup>2</sup> and 168 mW/m<sup>2</sup> for this location.

The above estimates use gradients measured directly from the holes and do not take into consideration terrain corrections which may be necessary.

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APPENDIX A

Lithologic Logs for 1985  
Geothermal Gradient Test Holes

Orr Creek (DNR85-1C)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	2.4	Unconsolidated colluvium and soil. Clasts consist of boulders of volcaniclastic rocks and quartz diorite (weathered quartz diorite bedrock).
2.4	31.3	Quartz diorite (porphyritic), light brown-green with plagioclase phenocryst up to 5 mm, biotite phenocrysts up to 7 mm, and hornblende (less abundant) up to 3 mm. Vertical fractures prominent throughout. Fracture filling consists of zeolites (stilbite), calcite and clay. Plagioclase replaced by calcite near fractures.
31.3	41.0	Fault or shear zone. Medium brown soft clay gouge with breccia clasts of quartz diorite. Rare pyrite on fracture walls with calcite and zeolites.
41.0	67.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic), medium blue-green (propylitic alt.?). Phenocrysts of plagioclase up to 9 mm; biotite up to 9 mm; biotite altered to chlorite especially near fractures. Hornblende more abundant than above, but <5%. Intense fracturing 55.6 m to 57.0 m. Fractures healed with zeolites, calcite and clay.
67.0	68.0	Shear zone. Brecciated porphyritic quartz diorite with clay gouge and calcite/zeolite fracture fillings. Slickensides present.
68.0	77.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic) - Highly fractured with some brecciation zones, light brown. Slickensides in some fractures. Calcite, zeolite and clay fracture filling.
77.0	80.5	Fault or shear zone. Light gray-brown clay gouge with porphyritic quartz diorite breccia clasts and slickensides. Zeolites and calcite in fractures within clay gouge and around clasts of quartz diorite.
80.5	143.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic) blue-green, light brown near large fractures. Xenolithic material at 105 m, 111 m, and 136 m consisting of finer-grained diorite/quartz diorite. Xenoliths enriched in magnetite.

Orr Creek (DNR85-1C) - Continued

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
143.0	173.2	Fault or shear zone. Highly fractured and brecciated porphyritic quartz diorite, light brown. Clay gouge in larger fractures. Zeolite fracture filling throughout. Slickensides common throughout zone. Propylitic alteration especially prominent 161.6 m to 172.3 m. Plagioclase replacement by epidote. Some water reported in this interval.
173.2	227.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic), blue-green. Fractured and brecciated at 195.0 m to 198.0 m. Highly fractured at 207.3 m with calcite, zeolite, and subordinate quartz fracture filling.
227.0	230.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic) - Highly fractured and containing hydrothermal veining consisting mostly of quartz (crystals up to 2 mm) and clay with pyrolusite coating on fracture walls.
230.0	246.0	Quartz diorite (porphyritic), blue-green, except around prominent fractures where light brown. Ubiquitous euhedral magnetite up to 1 mm. Fractures contain calcite, zeolite and minor quartz and epidote. Mafic minerals more abundant than in previous intervals.
246.0	247.7	Fault zone or shear zone. Highly altered and brecciated porphyritic quartz diorite. Slickensides along slip planes. Epidote, calcite and zeolite fracture filling.
247.7	305.0 (TD)	Quartz diorite (porphyritic), green to blue-green overall color. Hornblende phenocrysts up to 1 cm. Magnetite up to 5%. Other phenocrysts include plagioclase and heavily chloritized biotite. Minor sheared and fractured zones at 271.0 m, 273.0 m and 279.0 m. Fractures appear to contain increasing amounts of quartz downward.

Spud Hill (DNR85-2)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	18.3	Colluvium/talus, light brown to white. Predominantly rhyolitic in composition.
18.3	21.3	Volcanic sandstone, medium green-brown, mostly basaltic. Zeolite and calcite fracture filling.
21.3	53.4	Tuff/tuff breccia, medium gray-green, zeolite and calcite fracture filling. Contains intercalated, reworked volcanic sandstone layers. Clast composition is basaltic to dacitic.
53.4	55.0	Volcanic sandstone, medium gray-green.
55.0	95.0	Tuff breccia and laharic conglomerate, medium gray-green, with intercalated volcanic sandstone layers. Some water production (20 gpm).
95.0	109.7	Basaltic andesite, medium-gray, strongly chloritized, with abundant zeolite fracture and vesicle filling.
109.7	152.0 (TD)	Tuff/tuff breccia, light gray-green, fragments of reworked tuff of intermediate composition. Zeolites abundant (as fracture filling).



Midway (DNR85-3)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	2.0	Soil and weathered aphyric basalt, medium red-brown.
2.0	15.2	Basalt and basaltic flow breccia, dark red-brown. Hyaloclastic and palagonitic material in some layers. Scoriaceous in some layers. Abundant carbonaceous debris.
15.2	27.4	Gravel and sandy gravel, medium brown. Clasts are subrounded to subangular and mostly andesitic. Some quartzose sand layers (arkosic?).
27.4	55.0	Tuff or tuffite, light brown to green. Hornblende phenocrysts visible throughout.
55.0	110.0 (TD)	Volcanic sandstone - conglomeratic, dark blue-green. Contains clasts of andesite. Contains tuff breccia layers with plagioclase phenocrysts. Abundant water (100 gpm) encountered at bottom.

Mount Adams SE (DNR85-4)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	2.0	Soil, red-brown sandy loam, contains weathered basalt colluvium near base.
2.0	12.2	Basalt, black, aphyric. Fractured at 10.7 m.
12.2	41.2	Basalt, black to dark brown, aphyric, light brown and weathered in joints/fractures especially at 21.3 m. Vesicular at 29.0 m to 36.6 m. Interbeds of mostly basaltic sand at 18.3 m to 23.0 m, 24.0 m to 25.0 m and 36.6 m to 37.0 m, fine to medium-grained.
41.2	53.4	Sand, medium to light gray-brown, fine-grained. Minor basalt flow or talus at 49.0 m to 50.0 m.
53.4	62.5	Basalt, medium to light brown, becoming black at 56.4 m to 62.5 m, aphyric, vesicular.
62.5	93.0	Sand, medium brown. Contains gravel at 70.0 m to 71.0 m, 73.0 m to 76.0 m and 79.3 m to 80.3 m. Minor clay, soft, at 71.6 m to 72.6 m and 76.2 m to 79.0 m. Basalt flow(?), aphyric, vesicular at 80.8 m to 86.9 m.
93.0	100.6	Basalt, medium brown to black, aphyric. Scoriaceous with palagonite at 93.0 m to 96.0 m. Vesicular 99.0 m to 100.0 m.
100.6	141.8	Interbedded basalt and basaltic sand. Basalt flows (?) average 1-2 m thick are aphyric, black, vesicular and often contain palagonite and flow breccia material. Sand is dark gray, fine-grained, mostly basaltic.
141.8	144.0 (TD)	Gravel, basaltic, angular to subangular clasts, with red-brown sand matrix. Water production estimated at 60 gpm this interval, caused hole caving and cessation of drilling.

Bear Spring (DNR85-5)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	2.0	Soil, red-brown, with basalt cobbles.
2.0	6.1	Colluvium, basaltic. Basalt fragments are scoriaceous or vesicular with chalcedonic amygdules.
6.1	13.7	Basalt, black, aphyric to slightly porphyritic (plagioclase). Contains chalcedonic amygdules. Palagonitic near base.
13.7	17.0	Sand, saprolitic, dark red-brown, comprised mostly of basaltic clasts, but with admixture of other lithologies, including quartz.
17.0	21.3	Basalt, black, aphyric. Becomes glassy with palagonite near base.
21.3	152.0	Volcanic sandstone and claystone, light to dark gray-green with zeolites throughout in clay matrix and around boundaries of larger grains. Mixed with basalt gravel at 46.0 m.

West Crater (DNR85-6)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	2.0	Soil, blue-gray clayey loam. Highly weathered palagonitic material (flow breccia?).
2.0	3.0	Tuff breccia and flow breccia, andesitic, medium green-brown with light brown pumice fragments.
3.0	5.0	Claystone, medium gray to blue-green.
5.0	15.2	Tuff/tuff breccia, medium gray-brown with andesite clasts.
15.2	26.0	Claystone, medium gray and blue-green. Appears as volcanic wacke in some intervals.
26.0	65.5	Tuff/tuffaceous claystone, medium brown with light-colored angular clasts up to 2 mm (zeolitized plagioclase, in part).
65.5	72.0	Tuff, red-brown. Plagioclase phenocrysts. Rock fragments up to 2-3 mm.
72.0	96.0	Volcanic sandstone, medium to light gray-green. Pumiceous in some layers. Zeolites common between grains and in small fractures.
96.0	103.7	Claystone, tuffaceous, medium gray-green, with zeolite fracture filling.
103.7	106.7	Volcanic sandstone, light gray-green, fine- to very fine-grained. Could be reworked airfall tuff.
106.7	112.8	Tuff, medium gray-green to brown. Plagioclase phenocrysts visible near base. May, in part, be reworked.
112.8	152.0 (TD)	Volcanic sandstone and wacke, medium gray-green to dark brown. Tuffaceous throughout. Some restricted tuff or tufflava layers present (1.5 m thick). Conglomeratic 125.0 to 128.0 m. Clasts mostly andesitic. Quartzose sand near base.

Trout Creek (DNR85-7C)

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
0	1.5	Soil, colluvium, medium red-brown, sandy with vesicular basalt cobbles.
1.5	5.0	Basalt, dark brown, fine-grained, somewhat vesicular. Olivine phenocrysts.
5.0	12.0	Gravel, with minor mixed sand and clay. Medium brown. Larger clasts are of diorite and basalt. Basalt more abundant.
12.0	20.0	Clay, light brown, soft.
20.0	29.0	Gravel; clayey-sandy, medium brown, subangular clasts. Clasts predominantly basalt.
29.0	39.6	Porphyritic andesite, dark gray-brown. Plagioclase phenocrysts up to 3 mm. Appears to have considerable glass content. Some water reported this interval. (Est. 3-5 gpm). (Core drilling began at 39.0 m).
39.6	41.3	Laharic conglomerate, blue-green to medium gray-green. Flattened pumice fragments throughout up to 2 cm in maximum dimension.
41.3	73.2	Conglomeratic volcanic wacke with subordinate layers of tuff, tuff breccias and claystone, medium to dark gray-green. Larger clasts are matrix-supported and mostly subangular. Pervasively zeolitized; zeolites occur as replacement of clasts and plagioclase crystals, and as interstitial fillings between clasts.
73.2	97.7	Volcanic wacke and volcanic sandstone, medium gray-green, with conglomeratic horizons especially at 83.0 m. Prominent fracturing with slickensides at 89.0 m. Fracture wall coating is serpentine.
97.7	108.0	Laharic conglomerate and tuff breccia, medium gray-green, with thin horizons of volcanic wacke. Fractures at 103 m with slickensides.
108.0	119.0	Volcanic wacke, medium gray-green, with conglomeratic and tuffaceous horizons in lower portion of interval.
119.0	122.8	Lapilli tuff, light gray-green, pumiceous throughout; possibly welded, some layers. Hornblende phenocrysts up to 2 mm.

Trout Creek (DNR85-7C) - Cont'd

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
122.8	130.0	Volcanic wacke, dark gray-green. Thin conglomeratic intervals throughout.
130.0	184.5	Volcanic wacke and volcanic sandstone, medium gray-green, with interbedded conglomerates, some appearing to be laharic. Prominent shear zone at 137.8 m, with slickensides and clay gouge.
184.5	196.5	Volcanic wacke and volcanic sandstone, medium gray-green. Notably fractured throughout interval, with brecciation and slickensides at 195.0 m to 196.0 m. Serpentine fracture filling common. Water-producing zone reported at 195.0 m (indeterminate rate).
196.5	200.0	Volcanic conglomerate, dark gray-green. Clast-supported. Clast are predominantly andesitic and angular to subangular.
200.0	213.6	Volcanic sandstone, light to medium gray-green, with interbedded volcanic wacke. Conglomeratic 204.0 m to 206.0 m. Pervasively zeolitized, with drussy zeolite fracture/vug coatings in conglomeratic layer.
213.6	222.3	Laharic volcanic conglomerate, light gray-green. Pumiceous, tuffaceous throughout.
222.3	302.1	Volcanic sandstone, medium-dark gray-green, with interbedded horizons of volcanic wacke, tuff, and volcanic conglomerate. Prominent shear zone at 231.4 m. Dense fracturing at 285.0 m. Welded tuff layers at 263.0 m to 263.5 m and 288.0 m to 289.0 m.
302.1	323.0	Laharic volcanic conglomerate, light gray-green. Pumiceous and tuffaceous throughout. Clasts up to 2 cm. Plagioclase phenocrysts visible (replaced by zeolite in some cases) in flattened pumice fragments. Very competent rock.
323.0	345.4	Volcanic sandstone and volcanic wacke, light gray-green to medium gray-brown. Tuffaceous throughout. Conglomeratic at 330.0 m to 332.0 m and 340.0 m to 341.0 m. Prominent fracturing at 341.5 and 345.0 m.

Trout Creek (DNR85-7C) - Cont'd

Depth (Meters)		Description
From	To	
345.4	347.5	Dacite intrusive(?), light gray, shows microlitic flow texture. 80% plagioclase. Baked contacts and chill margins with overlying and underlying units. Fractures conchoidally.
347.5	357.0 (TD)	Laharic volcanic conglomerate, medium gray-green. Pumiceous and tuffaceous throughout. May be partially tuff breccia.

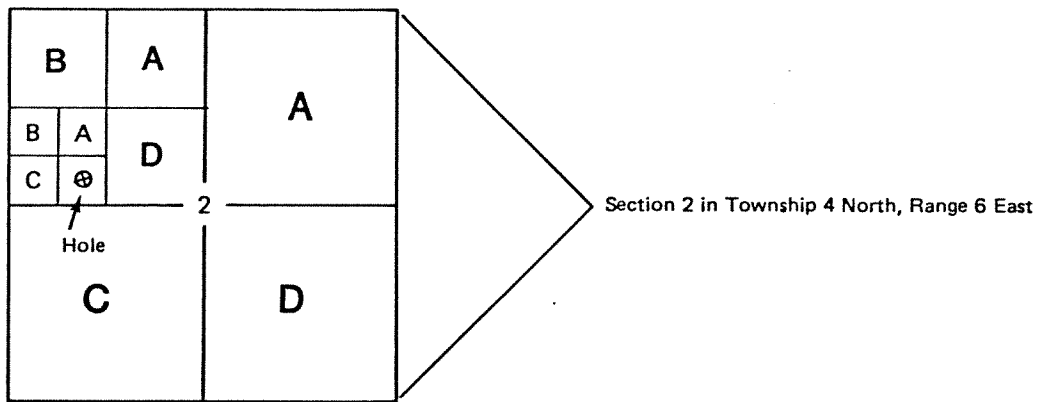




APPENDIX B

Tables Showing Logging Dates, Locations,  
and Temperature-Depth Data  
for 1985 Geothermal Gradient Test Holes

Example description for hole locations given in Appendix B



Correct location description for the hole shown in the above example is; 4N, 6E, Sec. 2, BCD

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-1C, ORR CREEK  
 LOGGED 10-3-85  
 LOCATION = 10N, 10E, SEC. 19, ACC

DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)	DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)
0.95	10.02		195.00	11.23	28.00
5.00	7.43	-639.51	200.00	11.68	90.00
10.00	7.33	-20.00	205.00	12.10	84.00
15.00	5.70	-326.00	210.00	12.41	62.00
20.00	5.83	26.00	215.00	12.69	56.00
25.00	5.90	14.00	220.00	12.97	56.00
30.00	5.96	12.00	225.00	13.24	54.00
35.00	6.03	14.00	230.00	13.52	56.00
40.00	6.13	20.00	235.00	13.79	54.00
45.00	6.22	18.00	240.00	14.06	54.00
50.00	6.32	20.00	245.00	14.33	54.00
55.00	6.45	26.00	250.00	14.62	58.00
60.00	6.62	34.00	255.00	14.91	58.00
65.00	6.75	26.00	260.00	15.19	56.00
70.00	6.91	32.00	265.00	15.48	58.00
75.00	7.09	36.00	270.00	15.56	16.00
80.00	7.40	62.00	275.00	16.10	108.00
85.00	7.56	32.00	280.00	16.33	46.00
90.00	7.57	2.00	285.00	16.59	52.00
95.00	7.69	24.00	290.00	16.81	44.00
100.00	7.83	28.00	295.00	17.10	58.00
105.00	7.97	28.00	300.00	17.43	66.00
110.00	8.11	28.00	305.00	17.73	60.00
115.00	8.24	26.00			
120.00	8.36	24.00			
125.00	8.46	20.00			
130.00	8.54	16.00			
135.00	8.61	14.00			
140.00	8.66	10.00			
145.00	8.74	16.00			
150.00	9.02	56.00			
155.00	9.40	76.00			
160.00	9.82	84.00			
165.00	10.14	64.00			
170.00	10.42	56.00			
175.00	10.70	56.00			
180.00	10.94	48.00			
185.00	11.06	24.00			
190.00	11.09	6.00			

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-2, SPUD HILL  
 LOGGED 10-24-85  
 LOCATION = 10N, 9E, SEC. 21, CAB

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-3, MIDWAY  
 LOGGED 10-24-85  
 LOCATION = 10N, 10E, SEC. 15, DBA

DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)
0.95	9.40	
5.00	11.45	506.17
10.00	8.65	-560.00
15.00	7.07	-316.00
20.00	6.93	-28.00
25.00	7.40	94.00
30.00	7.79	78.00
35.00	8.17	76.00
40.00	8.53	72.00
45.00	8.90	74.00
50.00	9.33	86.00
55.00	9.72	78.00
60.00	10.12	80.00
65.00	10.61	98.00
70.00	11.40	158.00
75.00	11.62	44.00
80.00	11.88	52.00
85.00	12.23	70.00
90.00	12.49	52.00
95.00	12.91	84.00
100.00	13.29	76.00
105.00	13.68	78.00
110.00	13.75	14.00
115.00	13.82	14.00
120.00	14.20	76.00
125.00	14.80	120.00
130.00	15.17	74.00
135.00	15.45	56.00
140.00	15.72	54.00
145.00	16.04	64.00
148.55	16.30	73.24

DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)
0.95	6.37	
5.00	4.90	-362.96
10.00	3.93	-194.00
15.00	4.00	14.00
20.00	4.04	8.00
25.00	4.24	40.00
30.00	4.44	40.00
35.00	4.63	38.00
40.00	4.77	28.00
45.00	4.97	40.00
50.00	5.13	32.00
55.00	5.27	28.00
60.00	5.42	30.00
65.00	5.57	30.00
70.00	5.74	34.00
75.00	5.87	26.00
80.00	6.03	32.00
85.00	6.21	36.00
90.00	6.37	32.00
95.00	6.53	32.00
100.00	6.72	38.00
105.00	6.90	36.00
109.75	7.09	40.00

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-4, MT. ADAMS SE. DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-5, BEAR SPRING.  
 LOGGED 10-23-85 LOGGED 10-23-85  
 LOCATION = 7N, 12E, SEC. 9, CCC LOCATION = 6N, 10E, SEC. 7, ACD

DEPTH TEMP. GRADIENT  
 (METERS) (DEG. C) (DEG. C/km)

0.95	8.54	
5.00	7.93	-150.62
10.00	7.63	-60.00
15.00	7.45	-36.00
20.00	7.40	-10.00
25.00	7.30	-20.00
30.00	7.55	50.00
35.00	7.76	42.00
40.00	7.96	40.00
45.00	8.17	42.00
50.00	8.35	36.00
55.00	8.58	46.00
60.00	8.81	46.00
65.00	9.01	40.00
70.00	9.22	42.00
75.00	10.05	166.00
80.00	12.30	450.00
85.00	12.31	2.00
90.00	12.35	8.00
95.00	12.39	8.00
100.00	12.41	4.00
105.00	12.43	4.00
110.00	12.43	0.00
115.00	12.46	6.00
120.00	12.46	0.00
125.00	12.46	0.00
130.00	12.45	-2.00
135.00	12.51	12.00
140.00	12.53	4.00
141.60	12.53	0.00

DEPTH TEMP. GRADIENT  
 (METERS) (DEG. C) (DEG. C/KM)

0.95	7.19	
5.00	5.41	-439.51
10.00	5.15	-52.00
15.00	5.17	4.00
20.00	5.16	-2.00
25.00	5.18	4.00
30.00	5.21	6.00
35.00	5.25	8.00
40.00	5.30	10.00
45.00	5.37	14.00
50.00	5.43	12.00
55.00	5.50	14.00
60.00	5.60	20.00
65.00	5.68	16.00
70.00	5.79	22.00
75.00	5.87	16.00
80.00	5.97	20.00
85.00	6.06	18.00
90.00	6.16	20.00
95.00	6.24	16.00
100.00	6.35	22.00
105.00	6.48	26.00
110.00	6.57	18.00
115.00	6.67	20.00
120.00	6.76	18.00
125.00	6.87	22.00
130.00	6.98	22.00
135.00	7.09	22.00
140.00	7.21	24.00
145.00	7.33	24.00
150.00	7.45	24.00
152.20	7.51	27.27

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-6, WEST CRATER  
LOGGED 10-23-85  
LOCATION = 5N, 6E, SEC. 29, DDC

DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)
0.95	7.13	
5.00	5.00	-525.93
10.00	4.58	-84.00
15.00	4.49	-18.00
20.00	4.44	-10.00
25.00	4.37	-14.00
30.00	4.16	-42.00
35.00	3.49	-134.00
40.00	3.39	-20.00
45.00	3.27	-24.00
50.00	3.19	-16.00
55.00	3.13	-12.00
60.00	3.10	-6.00
65.00	3.08	-4.00
70.00	3.06	-4.00
75.00	3.05	-2.00
80.00	3.06	2.00
85.00	3.06	0.00
90.00	3.05	-2.00
95.00	3.05	0.00
100.00	3.05	0.00
105.00	3.03	-4.00
110.00	3.04	2.00
115.00	3.04	0.00
120.00	3.04	0.00
125.00	3.04	0.00
130.00	3.04	0.00
135.00	3.04	0.00
140.00	3.05	2.00
145.00	3.05	0.00
150.00	3.05	0.00
152.10	3.04	-4.76

DRILL HOLE = DNR 85-7C, TROUT CREEK  
 LOGGED 10-22-85  
 LOCATION = 4N, 7E, SEC. 21, CDB

DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)	DEPTH (METERS)	TEMP. (DEG. C)	GRADIENT (DEG. C/km)
0.95	9.88		235.00	26.74	94.00
5.00	8.85	-254.32	240.00	27.19	90.00
10.00	8.60	-50.00	245.00	27.61	84.00
15.00	8.34	-52.00	250.00	28.07	92.00
20.00	8.63	58.00	255.00	28.52	90.00
25.00	9.05	84.00	260.00	28.96	88.00
30.00	9.43	76.00	265.00	29.45	98.00
35.00	10.39	192.00	270.00	29.94	98.00
40.00	9.84	-110.00	275.00	30.38	88.00
45.00	10.17	66.00	280.00	30.86	96.00
50.00	10.58	82.00	285.00	31.16	60.00
55.00	10.96	76.00	290.00	31.68	104.00
60.00	11.34	76.00	295.00	32.14	92.00
65.00	11.87	106.00	300.00	32.56	84.00
70.00	12.22	70.00	305.00	33.05	98.00
75.00	12.60	76.00	310.00	33.34	58.00
80.00	13.06	92.00	315.00	33.76	84.00
85.00	13.22	32.00	320.00	34.08	64.00
90.00	13.83	122.00	325.00	34.45	74.00
95.00	14.26	86.00	330.00	34.86	82.00
100.00	14.68	84.00	335.00	35.22	72.00
105.00	15.10	84.00	340.00	35.56	68.00
110.00	15.52	84.00	345.00	35.86	60.00
115.00	15.96	88.00	350.00	36.10	48.00
120.00	16.39	86.00	356.70	36.29	28.36
125.00	16.83	88.00			
130.00	17.25	84.00			
135.00	17.70	90.00			
140.00	18.10	80.00			
145.00	18.54	88.00			
150.00	19.00	92.00			
155.00	19.43	86.00			
160.00	19.87	88.00			
165.00	20.32	90.00			
170.00	20.75	86.00			
175.00	21.22	94.00			
180.00	21.68	92.00			
185.00	22.11	86.00			
190.00	22.64	106.00			
195.00	23.07	86.00			
200.00	23.53	92.00			
205.00	23.99	92.00			
210.00	24.47	96.00			
215.00	24.92	90.00			
220.00	25.22	60.00			
225.00	25.77	110.00			
230.00	26.27	100.00			