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## Warner Valley faults, East Warner Valley section (Class A) No. 827a

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### Synopsis

**General:** These north-trending normal faults form a large, complex graben system that confines Warner Valley, Coleman Valley, and the northeast part of Long Valley in Basin and Range province of southern Oregon and northern Nevada. The area is underlain by Pliocene and Miocene volcanic and volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks. Fault scarps on Quaternary deposits have been described along the range bounding faults, but several lineaments appear to control the locations of young playas, and stream courses, and interrupt latest Pleistocene pluvial shorelines on the floor of Warner Valley, thus suggesting Quaternary movement. Broad deformation of late Pleistocene pluvial shorelines has also been documented throughout Warner Valley. Faults juxtapose Quaternary alluvium or landslide deposits against Miocene to Pliocene volcanic rocks along the eastern and western margins of Coleman Valley.

**Sections:** This fault has 3 sections. The earthquake source zones delineated by

	<p>Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593), the West Warner Valley, the East Warner Valley north, and the East Warner Valley south faults, are retained herein as separate sections, the West Warner Valley, East Warner Valley, and Coleman Valley sections, respectively. The Coleman Valley section extends south into the northeast part of Long Valley in northern Nevada.</p>
<b>Name comments</b>	<p><b>General:</b> These faults are named after Warner Valley, a large graben system in the Basin and Range Province of southern Oregon and northern Nevada; they were mapped by Walker and Repenning (1965 #3559), Bonham (1969 #2999), Walker MacLeod (1991 #3646), and Dohrenwend and Moring (1991 #281). Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) included these faults in their Warner Valley Graben faults or Warner Valley fault zone. Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) informally named individual faults the West Warner Valley, the East Warner Valley north, and the East Warner Valley south faults; dePolo (1998 #2845) included the western margin fault in Coleman Valley in Nevada in his Coleman Valley fault zone V1. In northern Nevada, the southern extension of these faults is informally known as the Northeast Long Valley fault (V3 of dePolo, 1998 #2845). Herein we retain the fault groupings of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) as the informally named West Warner Valley, East Warner Valley, and Coleman Valley sections, respectively.</p> <p><b>Section:</b> This section is the East Warner Valley north fault of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593).</p> <p><b>Fault ID:</b> This section is part of fault number 46 of Pezzopane (1993 #3544), and number 61c of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593).</p>
<b>County(s) and State(s)</b>	<p>LAKE COUNTY, OREGON HARNEY COUNTY, OREGON</p>
<b>Physiographic province(s)</b>	<p>BASIN AND RANGE</p>
<b>Reliability of location</b>	<p>Good Compiled at 1:100,000 scale.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Location of fault from ORActiveFaults (<a href="http://www.oregongeology.org/arcgis/rest/services/Public/ORActiveFaults/MapServer">http://www.oregongeology.org/arcgis/rest/services/Public/ORActiveFaults/MapServer</a> downloaded 06/02/2016) from 1:100,000-scale mapping of Weldon and others (1993 #5648), based on 1:250,000-scale mapping of Walker and Repenning (1965 #3559) and 1:500,000-scale mapping of Pezzopane (1993 #3544).</p>
<b>Geologic setting</b>	<p>These north-trending normal faults form a large, complex graben system that controls the Warner Valley, Coleman Valley, and the northeast part of Long Valley in the Basin and Range province of southern Oregon and northern Nevada. The area is underlain by Pliocene and Miocene volcanic and volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks (Walker and</p>

	Repenning, 1965 #3559; Bonham, 1969 #2999; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #364
<b>Length (km)</b>	This section is 86 km of a total fault length of 133 km.
<b>Average strike</b>	N9°E (for section) versus N9°E (for whole fault)
<b>Sense of movement</b>	Normal, Right lateral  <i>Comments:</i> These faults are mapped as normal or high-angle faults by Walker and Repenning (1965 #3559), Walker and MacLeod (1991 #3646), and Pezzopane (1993 #3544). Focal mechanism studies of the 1986 Adel earthquake swarm (Schaff, 1986 #3505; Patton, 1985 #3515) may suggest a small component of right-oblique motion on faults in this section (Pezzopane and Weldon, 1993 #149; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544).
<b>Dip Direction</b>	W; E  <i>Comments:</i> No structural data on the dip of these faults have been published, but Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) used an estimated dip of 70° in their modeling of earthquake potential on faults in the Warner Valley.
<b>Paleoseismology studies</b>	
<b>Geomorphic expression</b>	Faults in the East Warner Valley section are marked by prominent escarpments in Pliocene and Miocene volcanic rocks (Walker and Repenning, 1965 #3559; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646) from the north end of Warner Valley south to Greaser Canyon. Most of this section is comprised of down-to-the-west faults that form Orejana Ridge, Poker Jim Ridge, the west flank of Hart Mountain, and an unnamed rim east of Greaser Reservoir; the down-to-the-east fault that bounds the east flank of Hart Mountain is also included in this section. No young fault scarps have been recognized along the range bounding faults, but tilted late Pleistocene pluvial shorelines are evidence of vertical deformation in the basin (Weide, 1974 #3503; Craven, 1988 #3519; Craven, 1991 #3951; Weldon and others, 1992 #3540; Pezzopane and Weldon, 1993 #149; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544). Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) used airphoto analysis to identify lineaments that appear to control the locations of young playas and stream courses or interrupt pluvial shorelines on the floor of Warner Valley north of Stone Corral Lake and northeast of Greaser Reservoir. Weide and others (2002 #5648) describe lineaments across Quaternary deposits on 1:100,000 scale DEMs of some of the fault traces.
<b>Age of faulted surficial deposits</b>	No fault scarps have been recognized on Quaternary deposits along the range bounding faults of this section, but Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) used airphoto analysis to identify lineaments presumably on Holocene or late Pleistocene deposits that appear to control the locations of young playas and stream courses or interrupt pluvial shorelines on the floor of Warner Valley north of Stone

	Corral Lake and east of Greaser Reservoir. Weide (1974 #3503) and Craven (198 #3519; 1991 #3951) documented broad deformation of late Pleistocene pluvial shorelines throughout Warner Valley.
<b>Historic earthquake</b>	
<b>Most recent prehistoric deformation</b>	latest Quaternary (<15 ka)  <i>Comments:</i> Age-category assignment is based on airphoto analysis by Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and Pezzopane and Weldon (1993 #149) that suggests playa deposi faulted and Weide (1974 #3503) and Craven (1988 #3519; 1991 #3951) who documented broad deformation of late Pleistocene pluvial shorelines throughout Warner Valley. In contrast, Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and subsequent compilations (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; Madin and Mabey, 1996 #3575; Weldc others, 2002 #5648) infer Quaternary (<1.6–1.8 Ma) or middle or late Quaternary (<700–780 ka) displacement along most fault strands in this section.
<b>Recurrence interval</b>	
<b>Slip-rate category</b>	Less than 0.2 mm/yr  <i>Comments:</i> Long-term slip rates of 0.08–0.2 mm/yr based on offset of Miocene bedrock were estimated by Pezzopane (pers. commun., 1994, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) along this section. Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (19 #3593) used estimated slip rates of 0.01–0.2 mm/yr in their analysis of earthquak hazards associated with faults in the East Warner Valley section.
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