

# Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

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## Warm Springs fault zone (Class A) No. 851

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<b>Synopsis</b>	The Warm Springs fault zone is a 30-km-wide zone of mostly west-dipping, north-trending normal faults that offset early Pleistocene, Pliocene, and Miocene volcanic rocks and sediments along the eastern margin of the Cascade Range in north-central Oregon. Fault scarps with heights of 3–12 m have been identified along some segments of the Warm Springs fault zone; the geomorphic expression of the youngest scarp in the zone suggests latest movement in the middle and late Quaternary.
<b>Name comments</b>	Faults in the central part of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, including those mapped as the Shitike Creek faults by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3544) were included in the Warm Springs zone or fault zone of Pezzopane (1993 #3544). Herein we follow Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) in including all these faults in the Warm Springs fault zone.  <b>Fault ID:</b> This fault zone is number 19 of Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and number 4 of Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593).
<b>County(s) and</b>	WASCO COUNTY, OREGON

<b>State(s)</b>	JEFFERSON COUNTY, OREGON
<b>Physiographic province(s)</b>	COLUMBIA PLATEAU CASCADE-SIERRA MOUNTAINS
<b>Reliability of location</b>	Good Compiled at 1:500,000 scale.  <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) attributed to 1:500,000-scale compilation of Walker and MacLeod (1991 #3646).
<b>Geologic setting</b>	The Warm Springs fault zone is comprised of numerous, mostly west-dipping, north-trending normal faults (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1983 #3485; Pezzopane, 1993 #3544) that offset volcanic rocks and sediments along the eastern margin of the Cascade Range in north-central Oregon. Only some of the faults in this 30-km-wide zone are shown on geologic or lineament maps of the region (Waters, 1968 #3754; Newcomb, 1970 #3761; Venkatakrisnan and others, 1980 #3748; Smith, 1987 #3748; Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165).
<b>Length (km)</b>	34 km.
<b>Average strike</b>	N3°E
<b>Sense of movement</b>	Normal  <i>Comments:</i> The numerous fault strands in the Warm Springs fault zone are mapped as high angle or normal faults by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3485), Walker and MacLeod (1991 #3646), Pezzopane (1993 #3544), and Sherrod and Smith (2000 #5165),
<b>Dip</b>	80°–90°  <i>Comments:</i> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (1983 #3485) measured dips of 80° and 90° as "nearly vertical" on two strands of the Warm Springs fault zone. Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) use an estimated dip of 70° in their modeling of earthquake hazards associated with the Warm Springs fault zone.
<b>Paleoseismology studies</b>	
<b>Geomorphic expression</b>	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3485) described colluvium covered, 3- to 12-m-high scarp-like slopes on flat lying surfaces along several strands of the Warm Springs fault zone. S.K. Pezzopane (pers. commun., 1993, in Geomatrix Consultants, Inc., 1995 #3593) used airphoto reconnaissance to describe fault scarps up to 5 m

	<p>on Pleistocene alluvium along some fault strands in the zone. Both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3485) and S.K. Pezzopane (pers. commun., 1993, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) noted that faults in the Warm Springs fault zone have geomorphic expressions similar to faults in the Sisters fault zone to the south. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3485) stated that the entire zone appears to be about the same age, whereas S.K. Pezzopane (pers. commun., 1993, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) noted that some scarps appear younger than others. Weldon and others (2002 #5648) map lineaments across Quaternary deposits based on interpretation of 1:100,000-scale DEMs of the area.</p>
<b>Age of faulted surficial deposits</b>	<p>The faults mapped by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1983 #3485), Pezzopane (1993 #3544), and Weldon and others (2002 #5648) mostly offset volcanic and sedimentary rocks of early Pleistocene, Pliocene, and Miocene age (Walker and MacLeod, 1991 #3646; Sherrod and Smith, 2000 #5165).</p>
<b>Historic earthquake</b>	
<b>Most recent prehistoric deformation</b>	<p>middle and late Quaternary (&lt;750 ka)</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> No evidence of Quaternary displacement has been documented along Warm Springs fault zone, but Pezzopane (1993 #3544) and subsequent compilation (Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593; Madin and Mabey, 1996 #3575; Weldon and others, 2002 #5648) classified these faults as active in the middle and late Quaternary (&lt;700–780 ka). S.K. Pezzopane, (pers. commun., 1993, in Geomatrix Consultants Inc., 1995 #3593) described degradation of fault scarps in the Warm Springs fault zone consistent with latest displacement in the middle to late Pleistocene.</p>
<b>Recurrence interval</b>	
<b>Slip-rate category</b>	<p>Less than 0.2 mm/yr</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> No slip data are available for the Warm Springs fault zone, but Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (1995 #3593) used estimated slip rates of 0.005–0.01 mm/yr in analysis of earthquake hazards associated with the fault zone.</p>
<b>Date and Compiler(s)</b>	<p>2002 Stephen F. Personius, U.S. Geological Survey</p>
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