

DESCRIPTION OF GEOLOGIC MAP UNITS  
 (All map units may not appear on this sheet)

The accompanying map shows the distribution of bedrock units exposed at or near the surface in the corridor along the Alaska Highway in parts of the Tanacross A-4, B-4, B-5, B-6, and C-6 quadrangles. Sheets 1 and 2 comprise two of five bedrock-geologic maps along the Alaska Highway corridor (Werdon and others, 2019; Solie and others, 2019), and are part of a multi-year project conducted by the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) between 2006 and 2013. The project focused on investigating and reporting the geology and geologic hazards of the corridor. Bedrock units were mapped and structural elements were measured in the field; where bedrock units are covered by surficial units and vegetation, units were interpreted using airborne magnetic and electromagnetic surveys published by the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (Burns and others, 2006). Rock names were assigned based on field and petrographic observations, modal-mineral percentages, and interpretations of geochemical data (Werdon and others, 2014). Surficial-geologic map units are shown in Reger and others (2011). Active faults in the map area are described in Carver and others (2010). Ages correlate with International Commission on Stratigraphy Chart (2018). An accompanying text provides detailed map unit descriptions, acknowledgments and references cited.

BEDROCK MAP UNITS

- buk BEDROCK, UNKNOWN (Tertiary and older)
- b UNMAPPED BEDROCK (Tertiary and older)

IGNEOUS DIKES

GRANITE DIKES (Tertiary to Cretaceous)

- Showing strike and dip
- Showing trend
- Unoriented

GRANITE PORPHYRY DIKES (Tertiary to Cretaceous)

- Showing strike and dip
- Showing trend
- Unoriented

APLITE DIKES (Tertiary to Cretaceous)

- Showing strike and dip
- Showing trend
- Unoriented

GRANODIORITE DIKES (Tertiary to Cretaceous)

- Showing strike and dip
- Showing trend
- Unoriented

MAFIC SILLS AND DIKES (Late Cretaceous)

- Showing strike and dip
- Showing trend
- Unoriented

IGNEOUS MAP UNITS

- TKp FELSIC PORPHYRY (Tertiary to Cretaceous)
- IKv INTERMEDIATE VOLCANIC ROCKS (Late Cretaceous)
- Cathedral Bluffs Granite**
- Kc CATHEDRAL BLUFFS MONZOGORANITE (Cretaceous)
- Mansfield Granodiorite**
- Kmgd MANSFIELD GRANODIORITE (Cretaceous)
- Round Lake Granodiorite**
- Kr ROUND LAKE GRANODIORITE (Cretaceous)
- Tower Bluffs Granite**
- Kt TOWER BLUFFS MONZOGORANITE (Cretaceous)
- Yerrick Creek Granite Suite**
- Ky YERRICK CREEK PORPHYRY MONZOGORANITE (Cretaceous)
- Kyq YERRICK CREEK PORPHYRY QUARTZ MONZONITE (Cretaceous)
- Other Igneous Rocks**
- Kgd GRANODIORITE (Cretaceous)
- Kg GRANITE (Cretaceous)
- Kgb BIOTITE GABBRO, CLINOPYROXENITE, AND WEHLRITE (Cretaceous)
- eKm MUSCOVITE GRANITE (Early Cretaceous)

METAMORPHIC MAP UNITS

- Amphibolite-Facies Metagneous and Metasedimentary Rocks—Lake George assemblage of Parautochthonous North America**
- MDio UNDIFFERENTIATED ORTHOGNEISS (Mississippian to Devonian)
- pMp PARAGNEISS AND SCHIST (pre-Mississippian)
- pMq QUARTZITE (pre-Mississippian)
- MDia AMPHIBOLITE (pre-Mississippian)
- pMc CALC-SILICATE AND MARBLE (pre-Mississippian)
- Greenschist-Facies Metagneous and Metasedimentary Rocks—Jarvis belt**
- DEp TUSHTENA PASS SCHIST, QUARTZITE, AND CARBONATE (Devonian or older)

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

- SMALL, MINOR JOINTS
- SMALL, MINOR INCLINED JOINT—Showing strike and dip
- SMALL, MINOR VERTICAL OR NEAR-VERTICAL JOINT—Showing strike
- SMALL, MINOR INCLINED (DIP DIRECTION TO RIGHT) JOINT, FOR MULTIPLE OBSERVATIONS AT ONE LOCALITY—Showing strike and dip
- SMALL, MINOR VERTICAL OR NEAR-VERTICAL JOINT, FOR MULTIPLE OBSERVATIONS AT ONE LOCALITY—Showing strike
- FOLIATION
- INCLINED METAMORPHIC OR TECTONIC FOLIATION—Showing strike and dip
- VERTICAL METAMORPHIC OR TECTONIC FOLIATION—Showing strike
- INCLINED (DIP DIRECTION TO RIGHT) METAMORPHIC OR TECTONIC FOLIATION, FOR MULTIPLE OBSERVATIONS AT ONE LOCALITY—Showing strike and dip
- INCLINED (DIP DIRECTION TO RIGHT) MYLONITIC FOLIATION, FOR MULTIPLE OBSERVATIONS AT ONE LOCALITY—Showing strike and dip
- VEINS
- SMALL, MINOR INCLINED VEIN—Showing strike and dip
- CONTACTS
- CONTACT—Identity and existence certain, location inferred
- CONTACT—Identity and existence certain, location concealed
- CONTACT—Identity and existence questionable, location inferred
- FAULTS
- FAULT—Identity and existence certain, location accurate
- FAULT—Identity and existence certain, location inferred
- FAULT—Identity and existence certain, location concealed
- STRIKE-SLIP FAULT, RIGHT-LATERAL OFFSET—Identity or existence questionable, location concealed. Arrows show relative motion. Fault showing displacement during Quaternary time (undifferentiated)
- THRUST FAULT—Identity and existence certain, location approximate. Fault showing displacement during Quaternary time (undifferentiated)
- THRUST FAULT—Identity and existence certain, location concealed. Fault showing displacement during Quaternary time (undifferentiated)
- THRUST FAULT—Identity or existence questionable, location concealed. Fault showing displacement during Quaternary time (undifferentiated)
- FAULT LOCATED BY GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

MISCELLANEOUS MAP SYMBOLS

- A1 <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar AGE LOCALITY—Showing map number referenced in table 1
- A2 K/Ar AGE LOCALITY—Showing map number referenced in table 1

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

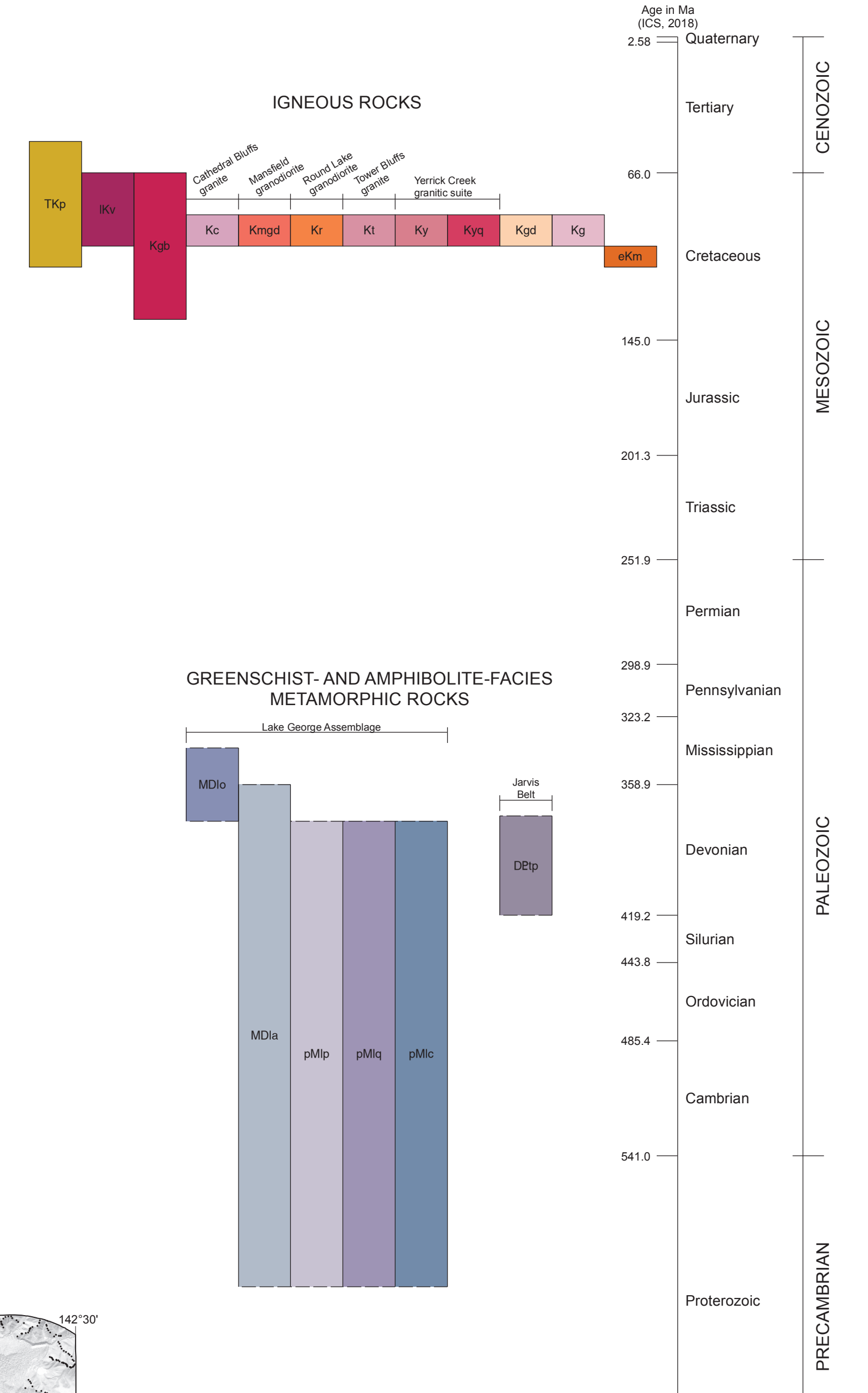
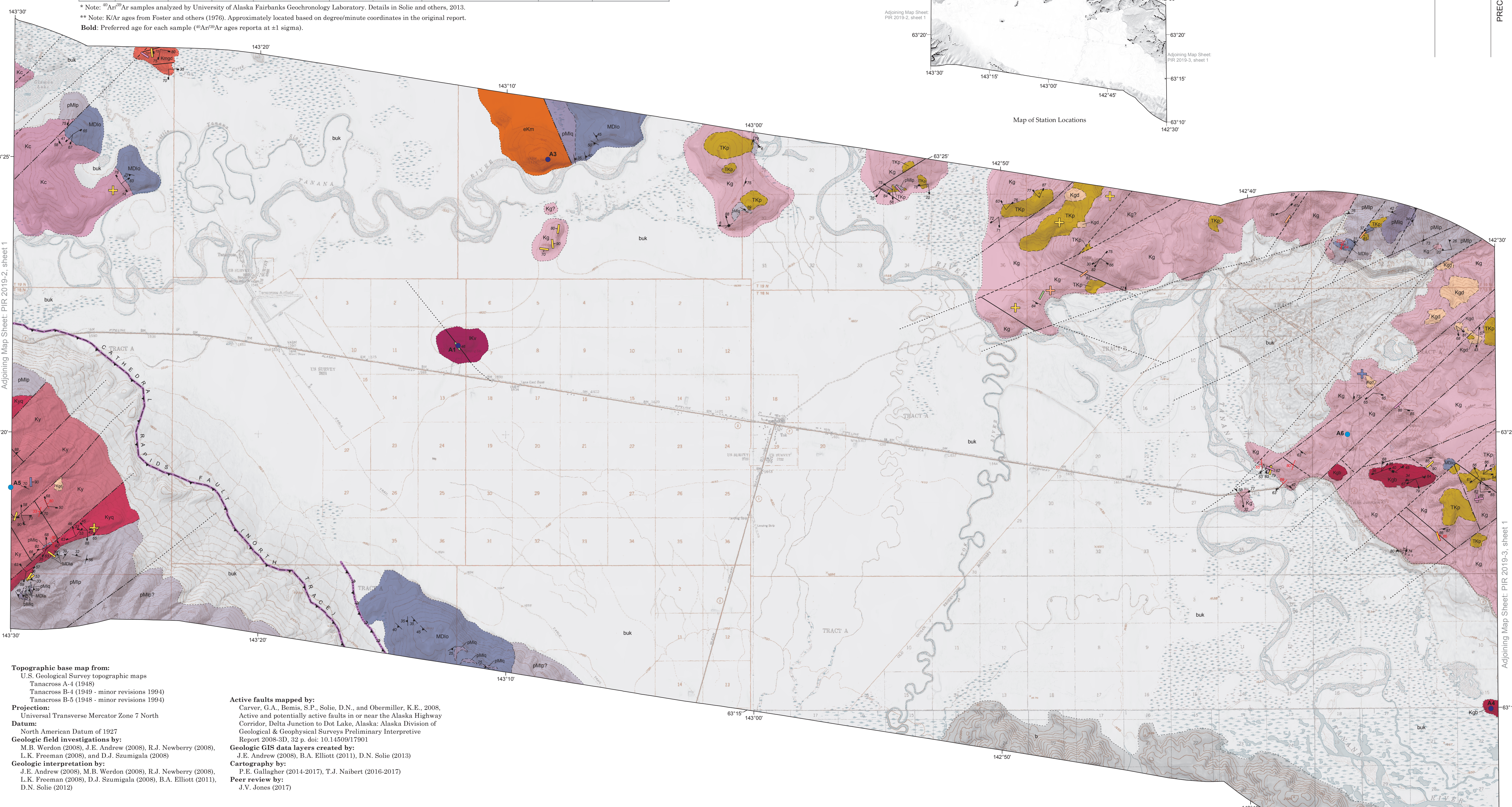


Table 1. <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar and K/Ar age data (data from samples on Sheets 1 and 2).

Map Number	Sample	Mineral Analyzed	Map Unit	Lithology	Integrated Age (Ma)	Plateau Age (Ma)	Plateau Information	Isochron Age (Ma)	Isochron Information
A1	08MBW708B*	biotite	IKv	Trachyandesite dike within volcanic unit	68.9 ± 0.6	<b>68.8 ± 0.6</b>	10 of 12 fractions; 95% <sup>39</sup> Ar release; MSWD = 0.45	69.3 ± 0.4	12 of 12 fractions; <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar = 209 ± 8; MSWD = 0.21
A2	08RN645A*	biotite	Kgb	Biotite clinopyroxenite	67.8 ± 0.3	<b>68.1 ± 0.3</b>	6 of 8 fractions; 98% <sup>39</sup> Ar release; MSWD = 1.27	68.1 ± 0.3	7 of 8 fractions; <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar = 294 ± 4; MSWD = 1.49
A3	08RN670A*	muscovite	eKm	Garnet-muscovite-biotite granite	102.8 ± 0.4	<b>102.9 ± 0.4</b>	8 of 10 fractions; 99% <sup>39</sup> Ar release; MSWD = 0.16	103.2 ± 0.5	10 of 10 fractions; <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar = 286 ± 5; MSWD = 0.17
A4	08RN785A*	biotite	Kgb	Biotite gabbro	69.6 ± 0.3	<b>70.0 ± 0.3</b>	6 of 8 fractions; 98% <sup>39</sup> Ar release; MSWD = 0.20	70.1 ± 0.4	6 of 8 fractions; <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar = 291 ± 16; MSWD = 0.23
A5	74AS139	biotite	Ky	Biotite quartz monzonite	88 ± 3**	-	-	-	-
A6	HFoster3	hornblende	Kgb	Gabbro within Kg	133 ± 4**	-	-	-	-
A7	74AS140	biotite	Kgb	Olivine gabbro within pMp	65 ± 2**	-	-	-	-

\* Note: <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar samples analyzed by University of Alaska Fairbanks Geochronology Laboratory. Details in Solie and others, 2013.  
 \*\* Note: K/Ar ages from Foster and others (1976). Approximately located based on degree/minute coordinates in the original report.  
 Bold: Preferred age for each sample (<sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar ages reported at ±1 sigma).



Topographic base map from:  
 U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps  
 Tanacross A-4 (1948)  
 Tanacross B-4 (1949 - minor revisions 1994)  
 Tanacross B-5 (1948 - minor revisions 1994)  
 Projections:  
 Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 7 North  
 Datum:  
 North American Datum of 1927  
 Geologic field investigations by:  
 M.B. Werdon (2008), J.E. Andrew (2008), R.J. Newberry (2008),  
 L.K. Freeman (2008), and D.J. Szumigala (2008)  
 Geologic interpretation by:  
 J.E. Andrew (2008), M.B. Werdon (2008), R.J. Newberry (2008),  
 L.K. Freeman (2008), D.J. Szumigala (2008), B.A. Elliott (2011),  
 D.N. Solie (2012)

Active faults mapped by:  
 Carver, G.A., Bennis, S.P., Solie, D.N., and Obermiller, K.E., 2008.  
 Active and potentially active faults in or near the Alaska Highway  
 Corridor, Delta Junction to Dot Lake, Alaska: Alaska Division of  
 Geological & Geophysical Surveys Preliminary Interpretive  
 Report 2008-3D, 32 p. doi: 10.14509/17001  
 Geologic GIS data layers created by:  
 J.E. Andrew (2008), B.A. Elliott (2011), D.N. Solie (2013)  
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BEDROCK-GEOLOGIC MAP, ALASKA HIGHWAY CORRIDOR, DOT LAKE TO TETLIN JUNCTION, ALASKA; EAST

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