

Proactive Prospect Advancement:

**Discovery, Permitting, Community Outreach, and Pilot Drilling
of the Clementine Prospect-
Northern Pioneer Mountains of Southwest Montana.**

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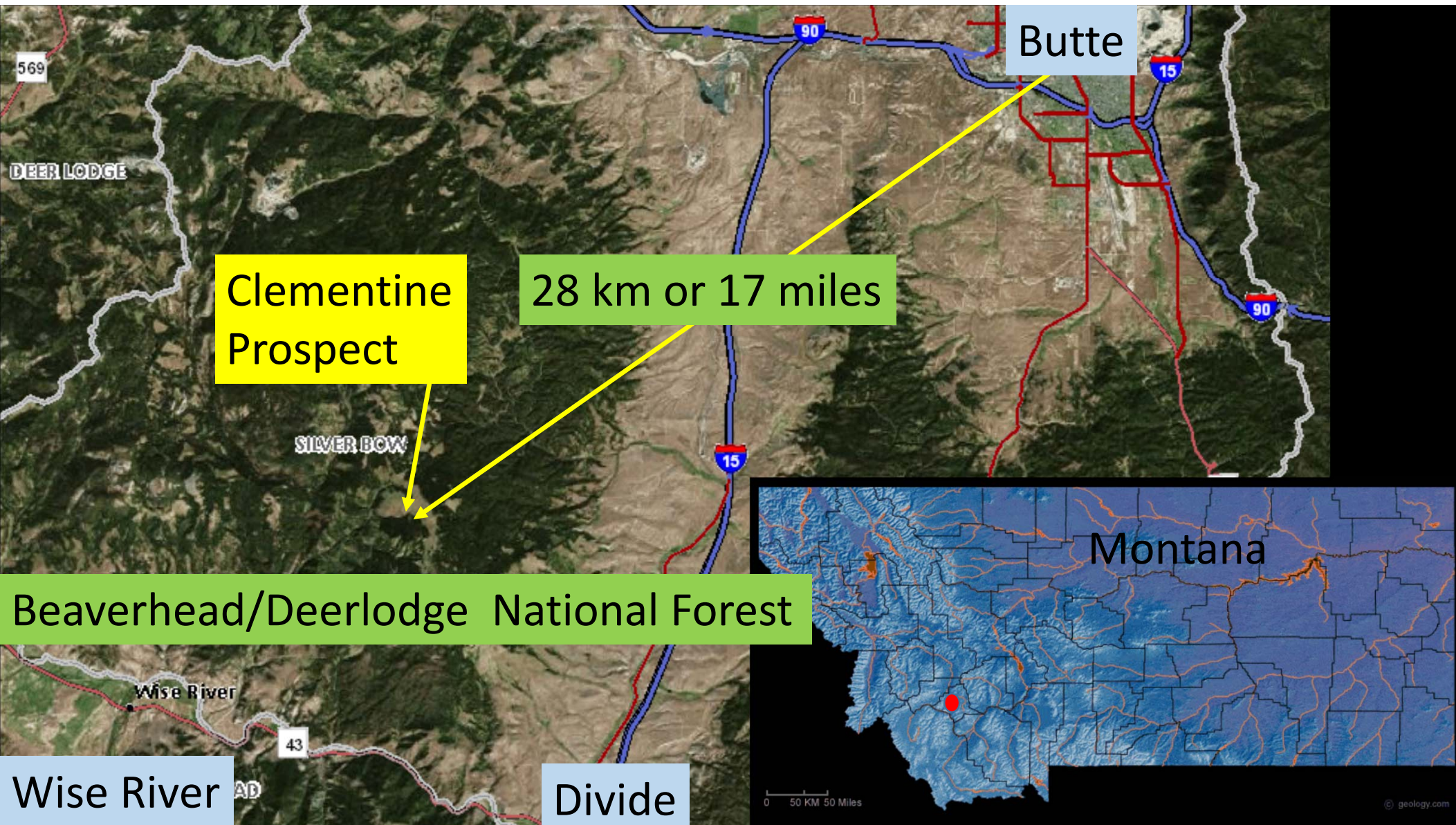
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(1) Discovery Process

Exploration strategy- deserving of a social license

New regional tectonic **ore-forming model** constrained by-

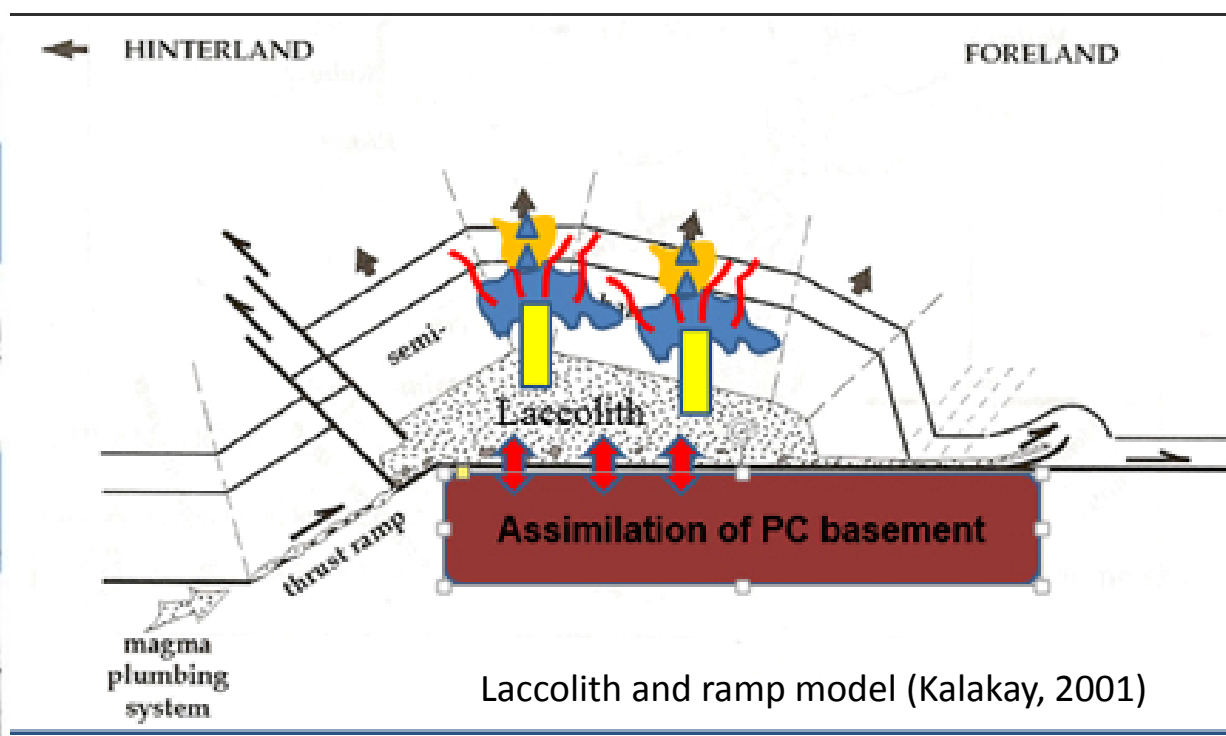
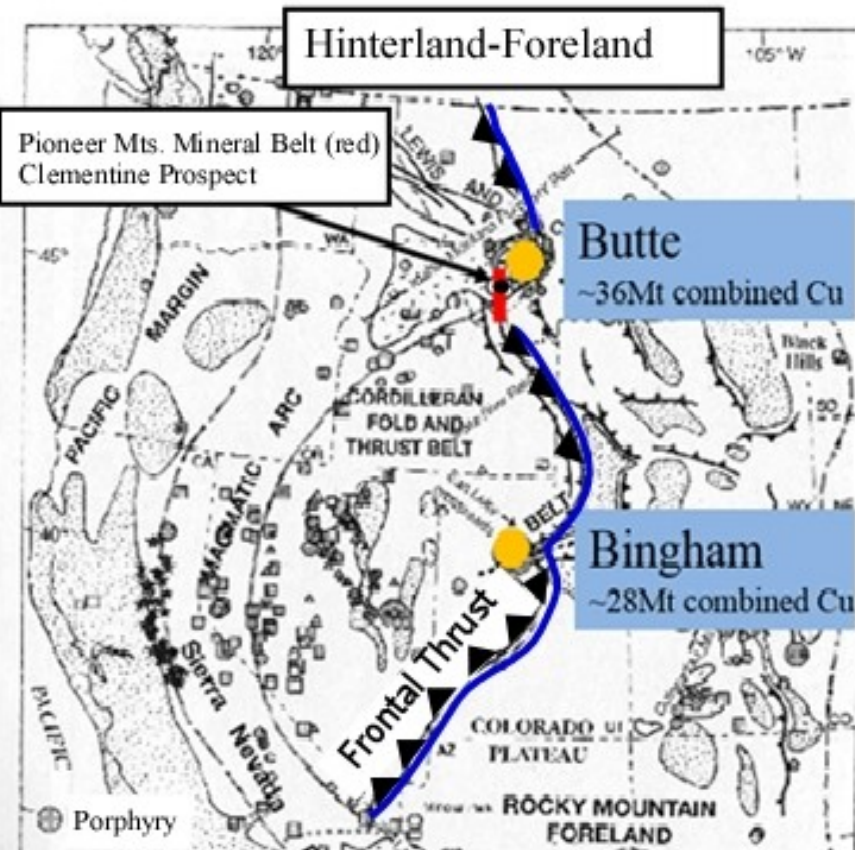
Overlay of regional environmental sensitivity

Limiting **target selection** to **under-explored** prospective areas **outside of** and well **away from** proposed special land use areas of proposed **wilderness, recreation, or protection**

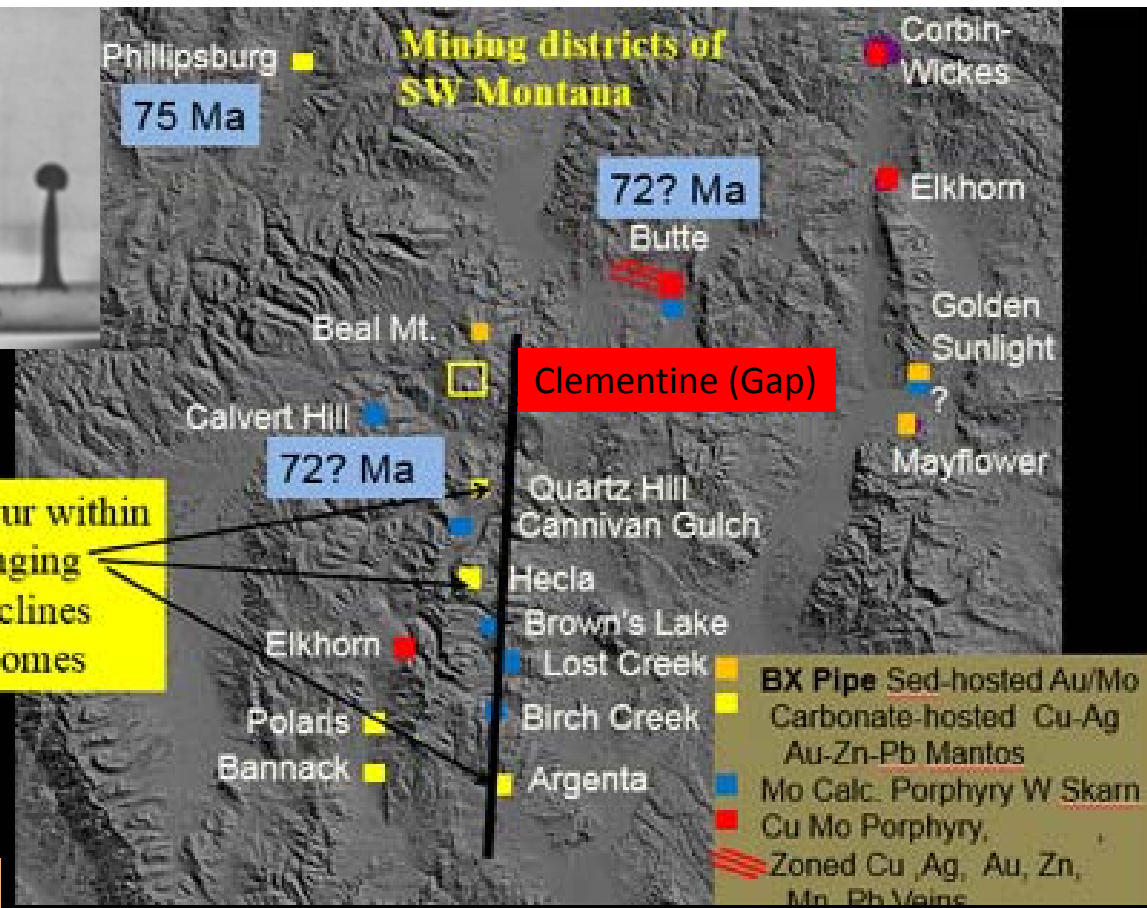
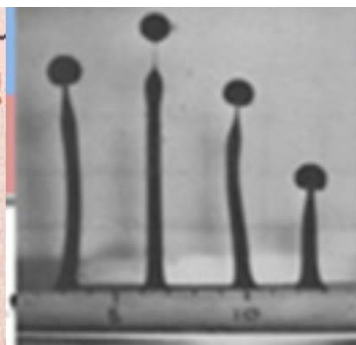
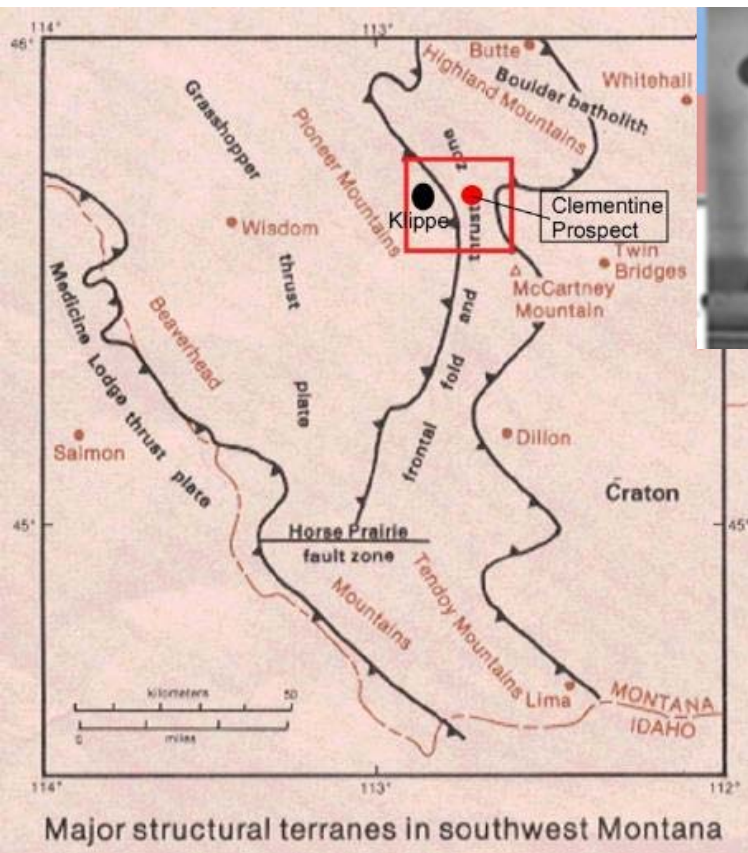
Technical strategy: Use state of the art, real-time, field methods
GPS supported mapping- *not* just point data capture

The **evolving map pattern** guides the geologist **in the field**
Supporting previously impossible field work in remote forests

Regional Ore-Forming Model



During or soon after thrusting, igneous plutons ascended fault ramps within the anticlinal hinge of the frontal fold and thrust belt forming a regional anticlinorium



Syntectonic frontal thrust fault-bend anticlinal mineral belt exposed in a nappe window into the Lewis Over-Thrust (Brimhall and Marsh, 2014)

Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities manifest as a linear north-south belt of mines spaced about 7 km from each other

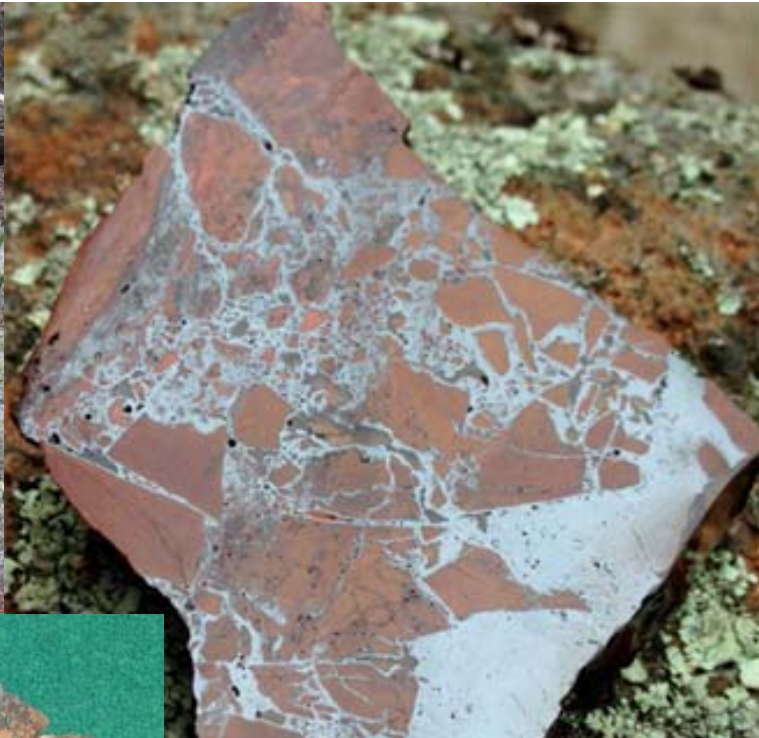


Mapping contacts requires finding definitive rocks even where exposure is poor by using tree root heave mounds



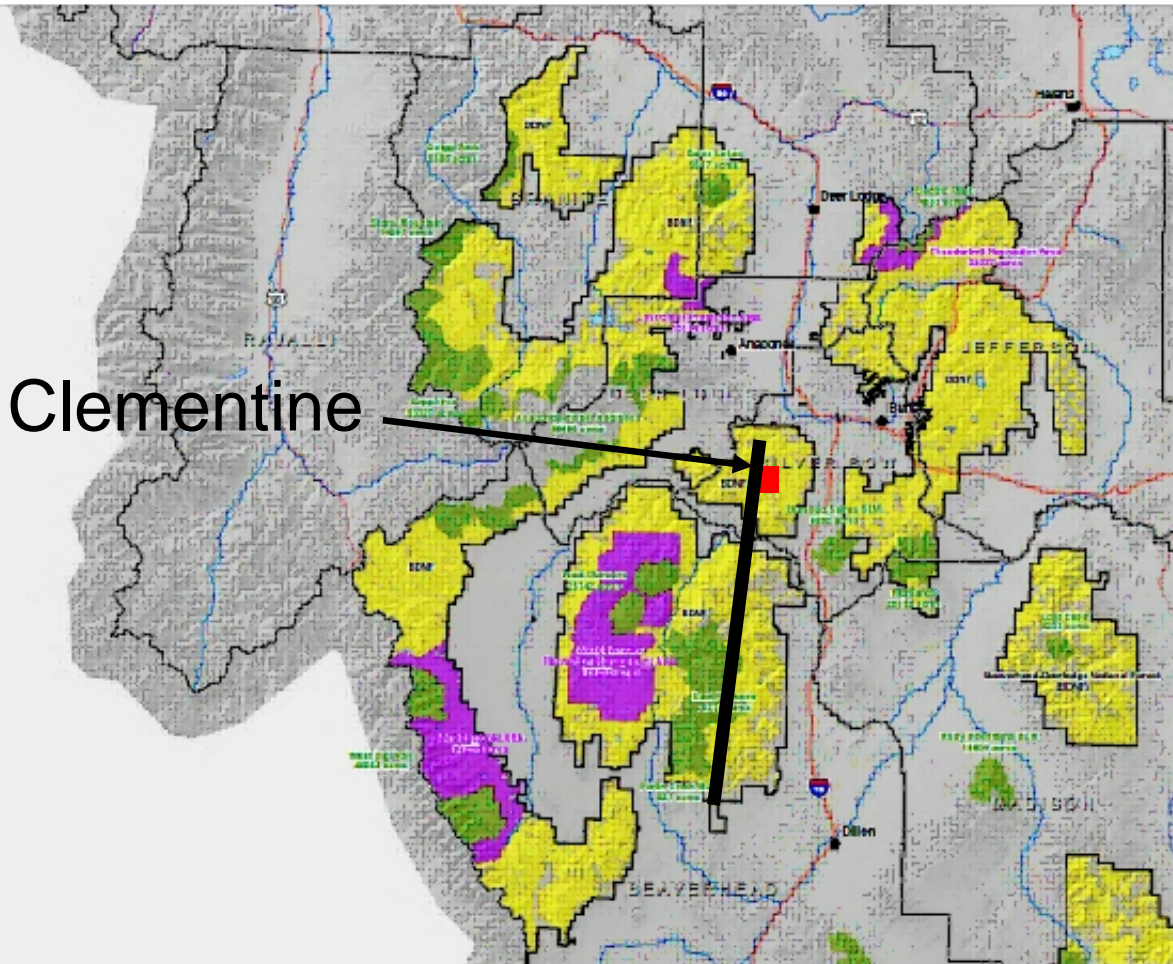
GPS

Pen Tablet- real-time
Digital geological
mapping



Through mapping prospective corridors along at the **apical anticlinal hinge** of our model, we discovered a mineralized breccia vein system where ascending hydrothermal fluids would ascend and be trapped.




- Proposed Wilderness
- Proposed Recreation, Management, and Protection Areas
- Timber Suitable or Open to Harvest



We interpret the vein breccias as the possible top of an intact cordilleran Cu, W, rare metal (metalloid) system likely only amenable to 21st Century underground mining minimizing surficial disturbance.

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Clementine Exploration



Chemical elements found so far

Applications of GaN

Wireless power

LiDAR

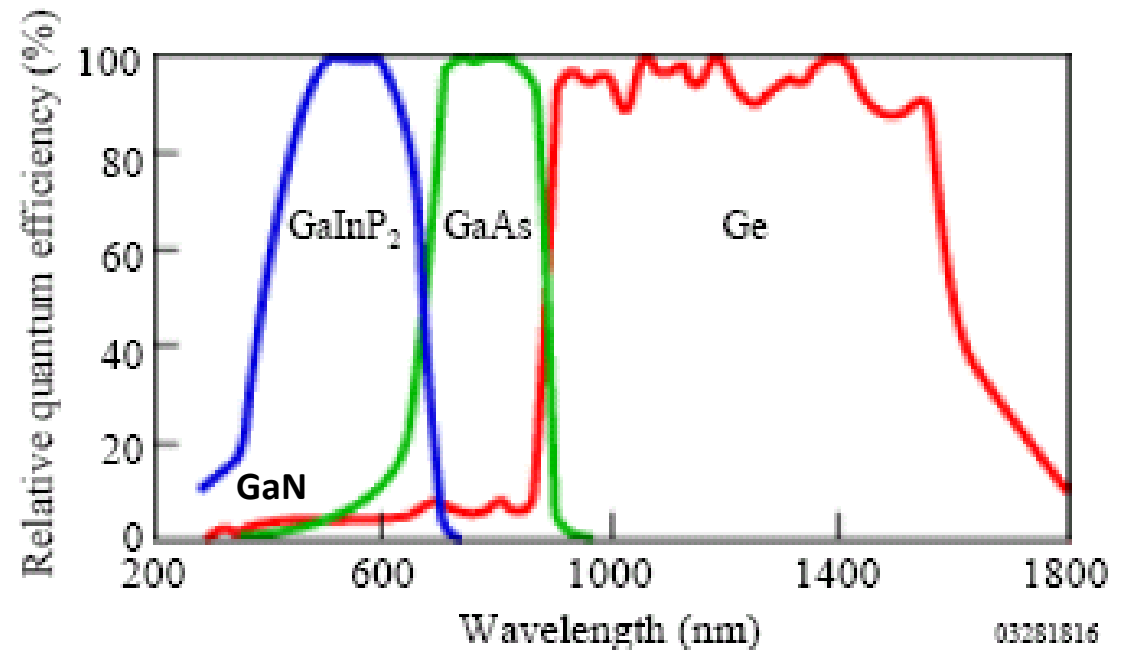
Self-driving cars

Non-invasive X-ray “Pills”

Robotic power w/o wires

Imagery

Multi-junction solar cells



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GaP, GaAs, GaSb, and InSb

High Electron Mobility Transistors (HEMT)

Heterojunction BiPolar Transistors (HBT)

(2) Permitting Process

Being situated within the Deerlodge-Beaverhead National Forest, required us securing an **operating permit** from USFS- then ...

Exploration permit DEQ based on the USFS **Plan of Operation**

Posted **environmental restoration bond** satisfying the USFS conditions

We **welcomed scientific input** from all specialists- Essential in designing a plan of operations wrt to: **spring** access for grazing cattle and sub-alpine **white bark pine** trees (threatened by pine beetle) **organic poor Inceptisols**



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DEQ

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(3) Community Outreach

Community outreach is approached through free open education sponsored by the Wise River Community Foundation

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ABOUT

ADVENTURES IN READING MAR 28

28 Professional development credits free



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Discovering the Geological World
through Community Engagement
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2017 Schedule

Our Program has four all-day Saturday events each summer with narrated slide shows by Brimhall followed by discussion

Historical photo essays by Alta Miller

Afternoon field trips

Going far beyond “transparency” to communicate exploration activities within a multi-year program of organized lectures and field trips designed around a **Questionnaire** seeking input on geological topics of greatest interest to *local residents*

Sufficient geology for attendees to *understand* exploration in a scientific, historical, economic, environmental, and social **context**.

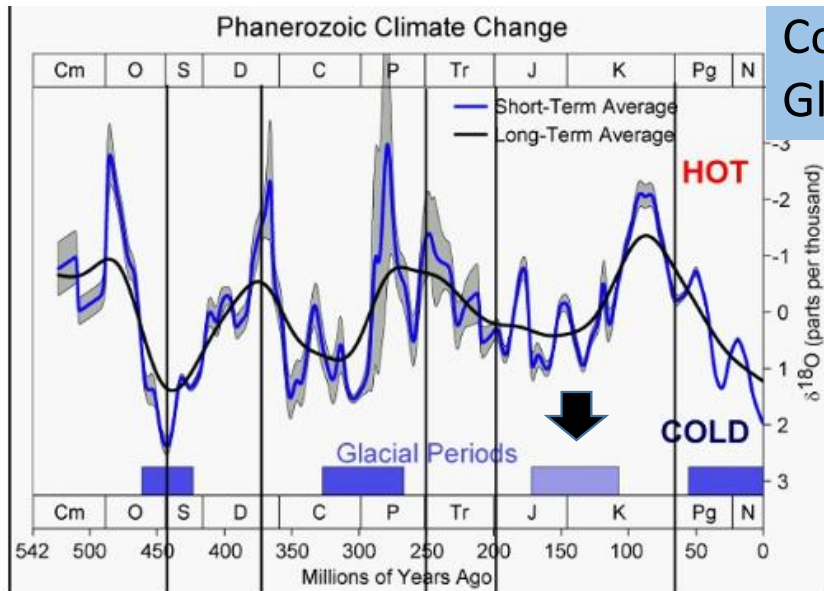
Focused on **geological reality**, what broad **knowledge of science** is essential to fulfilling our charter as a country of informed citizens



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Miller's
Historical
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essays



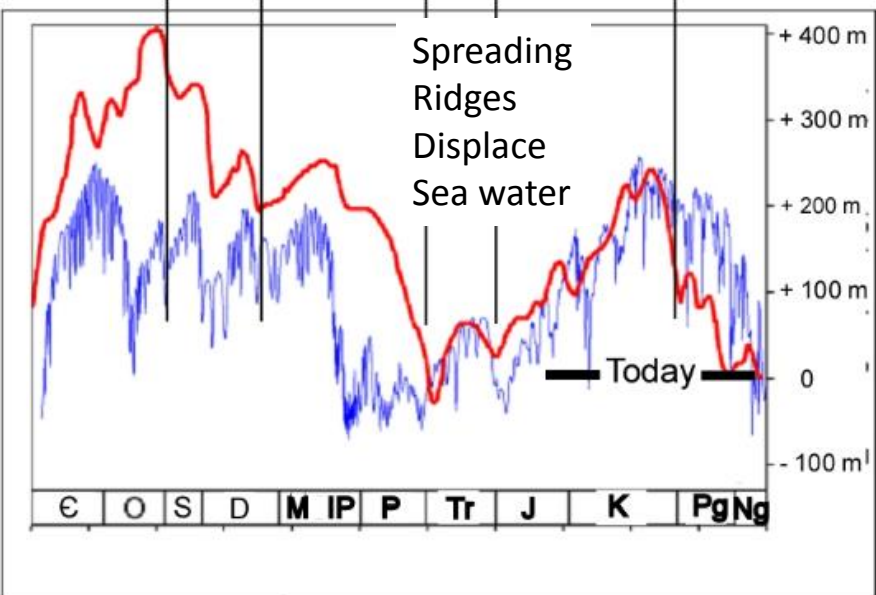
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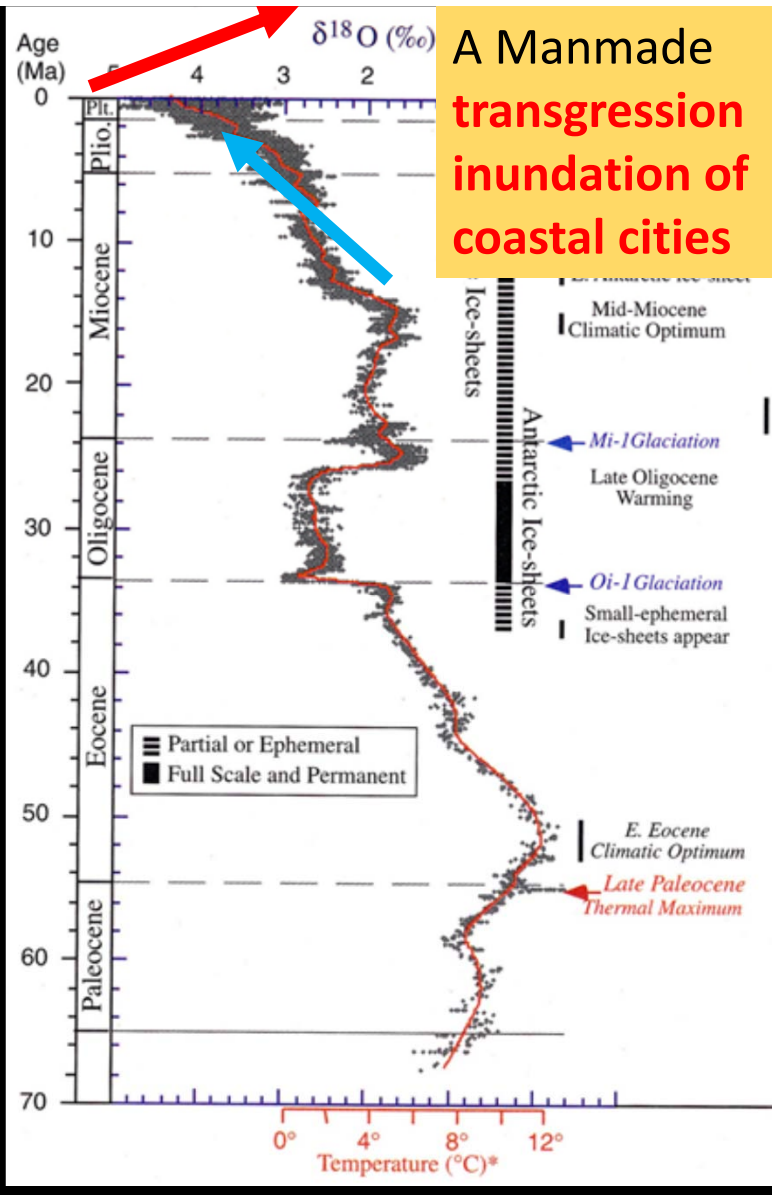
Cooling causes
Glacial deposits

Temperature

Pangea
Breakup
Massive
Sea floor
volcanism



Ice Cap
Formation
Lowers sea
Level



Time Extinctions



Local Geological Column- **Then Explain WHY it exists**

Geologic Age (Period)	Millions Years (Ma)	Formation Name	Time Stratigraphic Code	Rock Types (Lithologies)	Approximate Thickness (feet)	Depositional Environment	G. Brimhall Northern Pioneer Mountains
Holocene	0.01		O	alluvium, valley floor deposits, and glacial lake deposits		Recent valley floor rivers and lakes	
Pleistocene	1.8		P	glacial moraine		Melting ice debris deposits	
Oligocene	28		O	glacial boulder beds		Air fall volcanics and river deposits	
Eocene		Trusty Gulch	T	pebbles and boulders		River deposits	
Eocene	51	Lowland Crk	L	basal rhyolite, dacites, and andesites		Subaerial volcanic flows	
Mid Cretaceous	5	106 Blackleaf	B	black carbonaceous shale, sandstone, and conglomerates	2000	Basal marine, foreland basin	
Early Cretaceous	119	Kootenai	K	basal black chert conglomerate, upper gastropod limestone	1000	Non-marine, foreland basin, lacustrine	
Early Triassic	4	250 Dinwoody	D	limestones, shale, sandstone	700	Marine transgression/regressive cycles	
Permian	3	269 Phosphoria	P	shale, sandstone	300	Shallow marine, mass extinction at Pp/Trd	
Mid. Pennsylvanian	308	Quadrant	Q	shale, sandstone	500	intra-cratonic basin, similar but not to eolian	
Pennsylvanian	320	Atnsden	A	shale, sandstone	300	Terra Rossa clays, residual lag	
Mississippian	340	Madison	M	massiferous limestone at Lewis & Clark Caverns	2500	Extensive shallow marine reef	
Late Devonian	365	Three Fork	TF	micaceous carboniferous siltstone and shale- Bakken equiv.	250	Marine	
Late Devonian	375	Jefferson	J	dolomite with fetid (rotten egg) smell on fresh surface	600	Shallow marine grades into Williston B.	
Late Cambrian	490	Pilgrim	P	dolomite	209		
Late Cambrian	500	Park	P	shale	126		
Middle Cambrian	509	Meagher	M	limestone and Dolomite	600	Subtidal	
Middle Cambrian	514	Wolsey	W	shale	250		
Early Cambrian	530	Flathead	F	sandstone rests on great unconformity of 670 Ma missing	70	Nearshore marine, cross-bedded	
Meso Proterozoic	1200	Belt Missoula	Ym	Sandstones, argillite, minor conglomerate	> 9000		
Paleo Proterozoic	1700	Basement	Xa	Metamorphic basement	1.7 billion		1170 Ma missing

Superposition

Uniformitarianism

Asteroid and Deccan Traps

Siberian Traps

Shallow marine, mass extinction at Pp/Trd

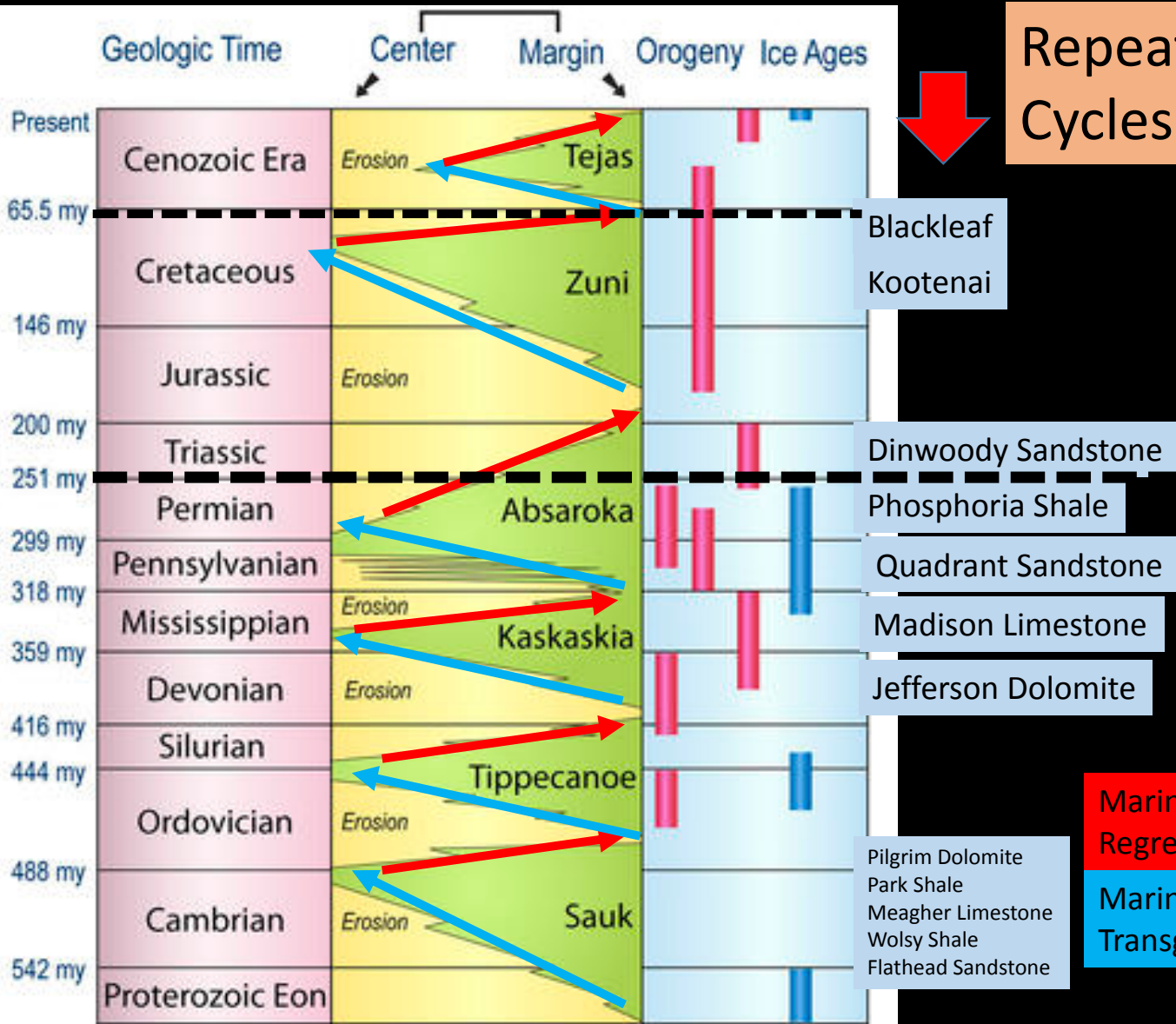
A few key types of rocks :

- Limestones
- Sandstones
- Shales
- Granites

That tell us a lot about earth processes and history

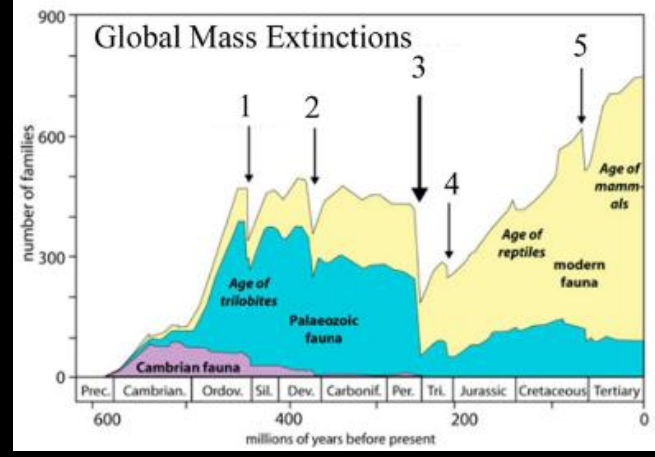
4.55 billion years ago Formation of the Earth

The Great Dying Mass Extinction start of the Age of Reptiles



Repeating
Cycles

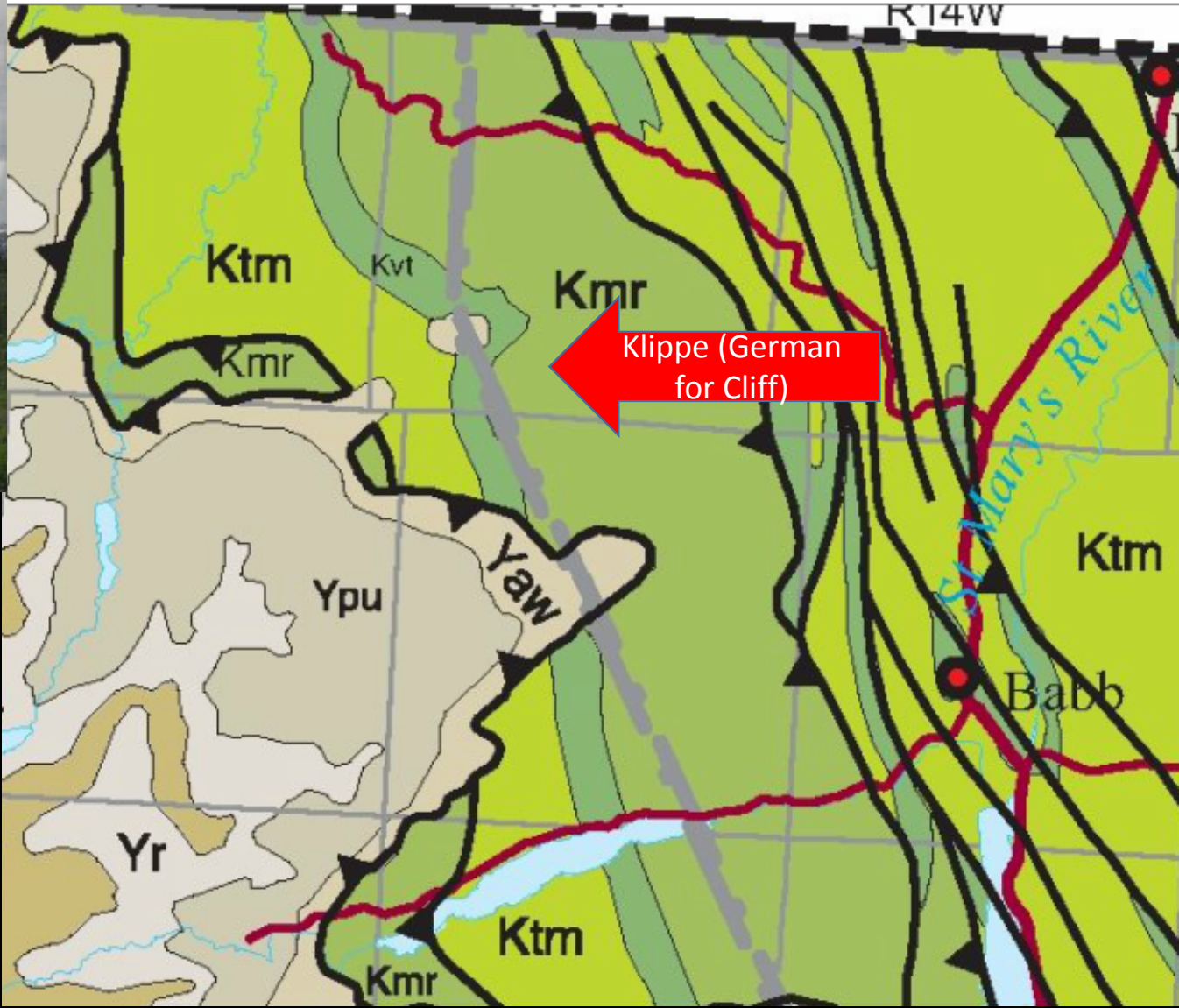
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Regression

Marine
Transgression

Chief Mt. Glacier Park



(4) Pilot Diamond Drilling

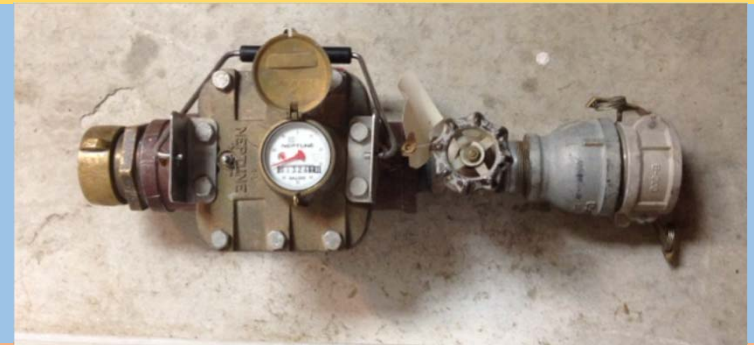
Major **challenges** and how they were **overcome**:

Access and installation of Boart-Longyear LT-70 diamond drill
Water supply in a **very dry locale during drought**

Water Supply



Big Hole River Pumping Station



Water delivery: tanker truck and 4,500 feet of rolled polyline from tank to drill site

Gravity head feed so no in-line pumps were necessary



Pilot drilling

Veinlet **stockwork** with low grade **Cu-Ag-As-Sb** relict sulfide mineralization

Confirmed two key aspects:

Intense mineralized hydrofracturing

Increased the level of certainty of **Cu -Ag** As Sb mineralization at depth, rather than a Yellow Pine arsenopyrite Au deposit.

Summary

Proactive Prospect Advancement

- (1) Discovery
- (2) Permitting
- (3) Community Outreach
- (4) Pilot Drilling



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