

# Geologic maps as an aid to site type classification

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*Site type* is the interaction of topography, soil parent material, and climate on vegetation communities



North of St. Joe River

*Geologic control—certain layers support tree growth*



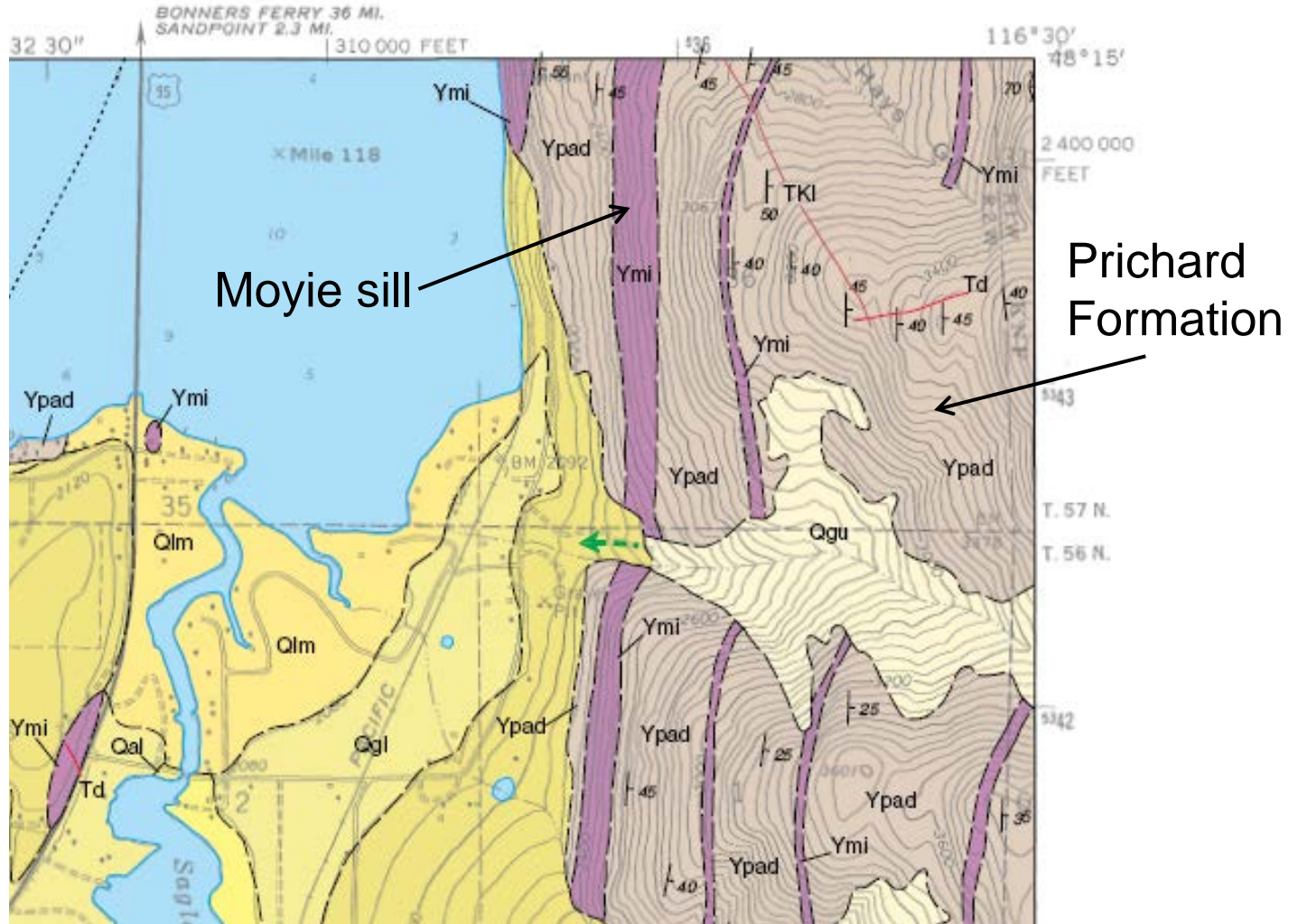
North of St. Joe River

*Geologic control—certain layers don't readily support tree growth (here argillite of Belt Supergroup)*



East of Sandpoint

# Example of close-up view of a geologic map



Sagle quadrangle southeast of Sandpoint

## *Widespread north Idaho rock units*

Prichard Formation  
(Belt Supergroup)



Southeast of Sandpoint

Moyie sill  
(igneous intrusion)



Northeast of Bonners Ferry

## Weaknesses of geologic maps

- May not be recent coverage (S Idaho)
- Mixed units are not easily characterized
- Loess/ash not always mapped

## Strengths of geologic maps

- Strong predictive capability over large areas
- Easily combined with other GIS datasets

## *Example of homogeneous rock unit (granite)*



Northeast of Sandpoint

Easy to predict  
mineralogic and  
chemical  
composition





*Example of mixed rock unit (metasedimentary)*



N Fork Clearwater River

Difficult to predict mineralogic and chemical composition—wide range in silica content, for example



N Fork CDA River

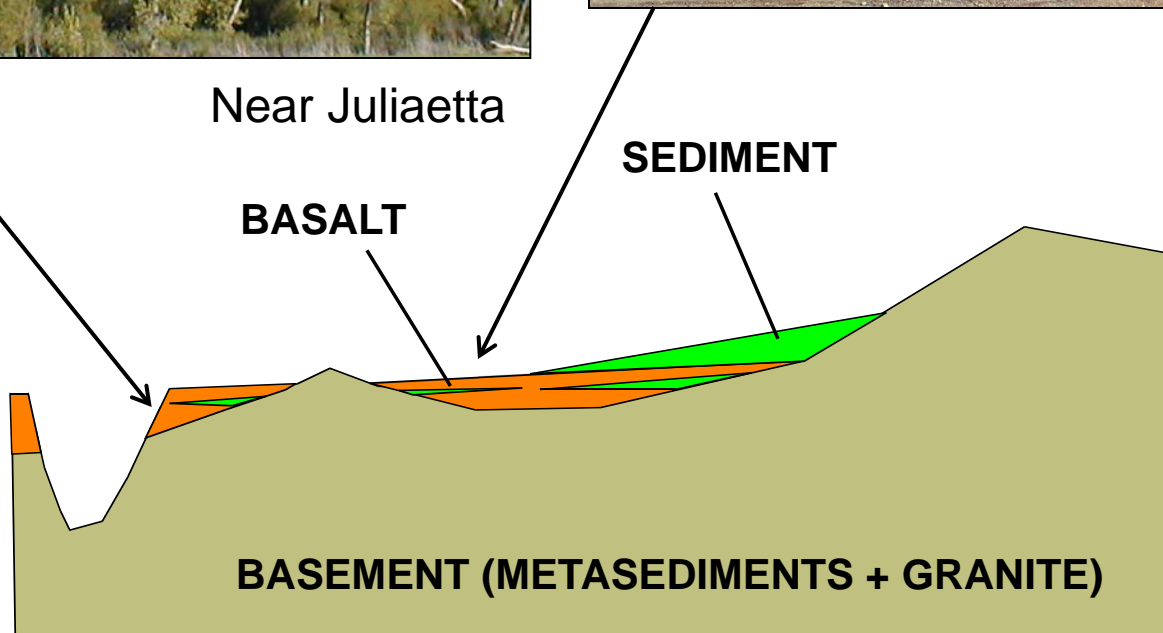
*Location relative to modern stream incision also key*



Near Juliaetta



Near Weippe



**SEDIMENT**

**BASALT**

**BASEMENT (METASEDIMENTS + GRANITE)**



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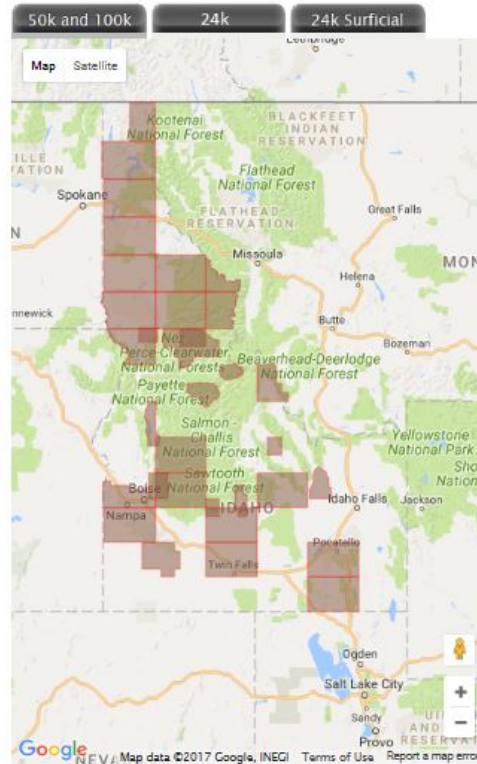


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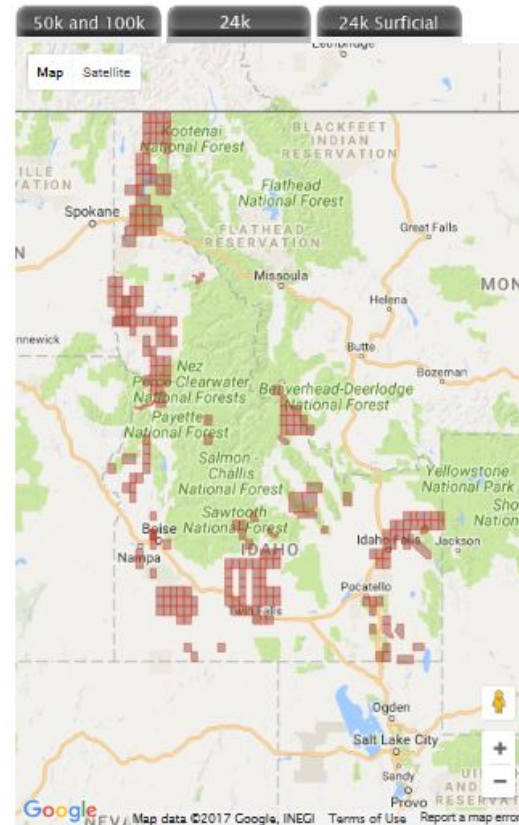


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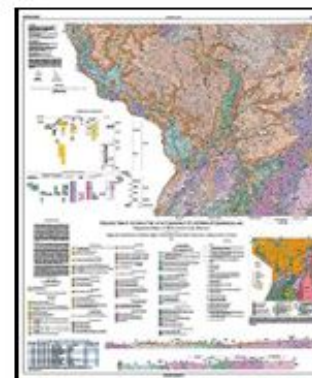
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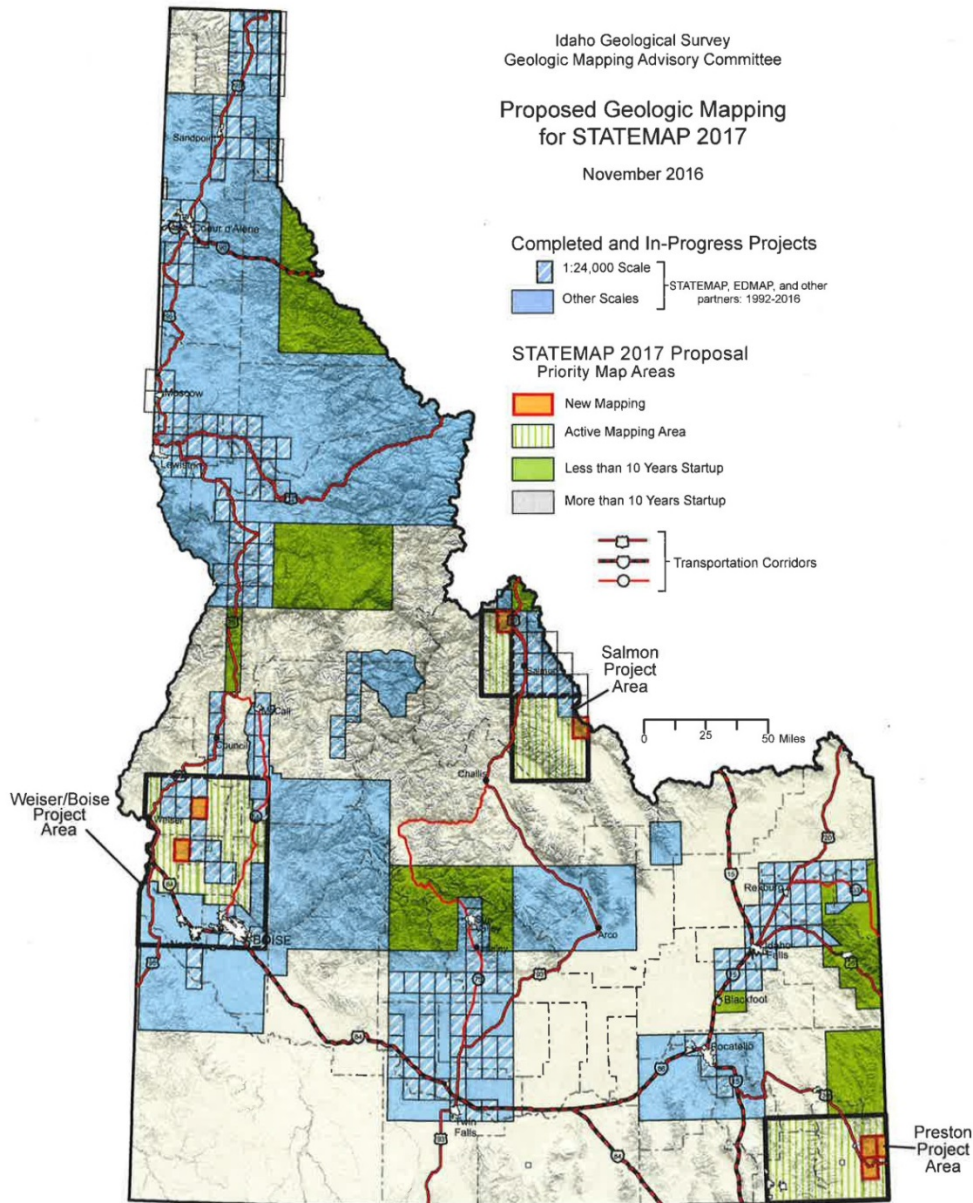
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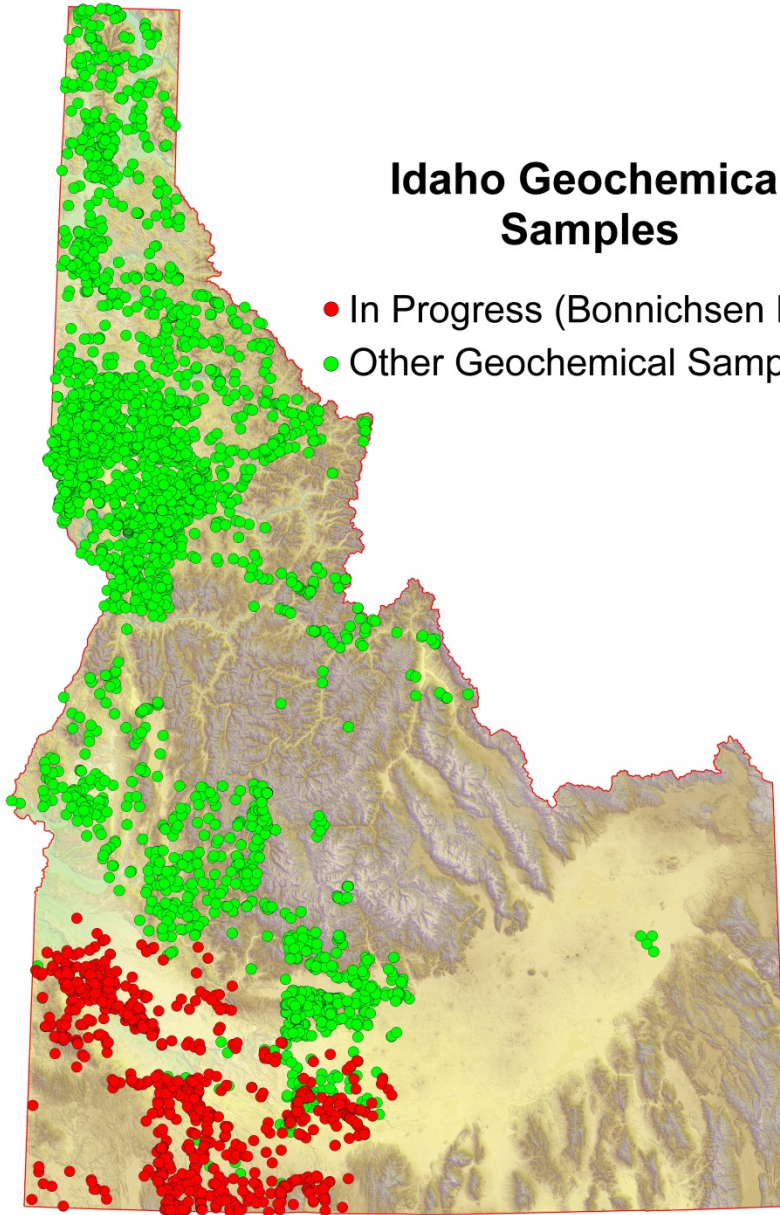
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## Idaho Geochemical Samples

- In Progress (Bonnichsen Data)
- Other Geochemical Samples



Digital Analytical Data Series (DAD)—whole-rock analyses

Major elements:  
*Si, Al, K, Na....*

Trace elements:  
*Cu, Zn, Rb, Sr...*

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