

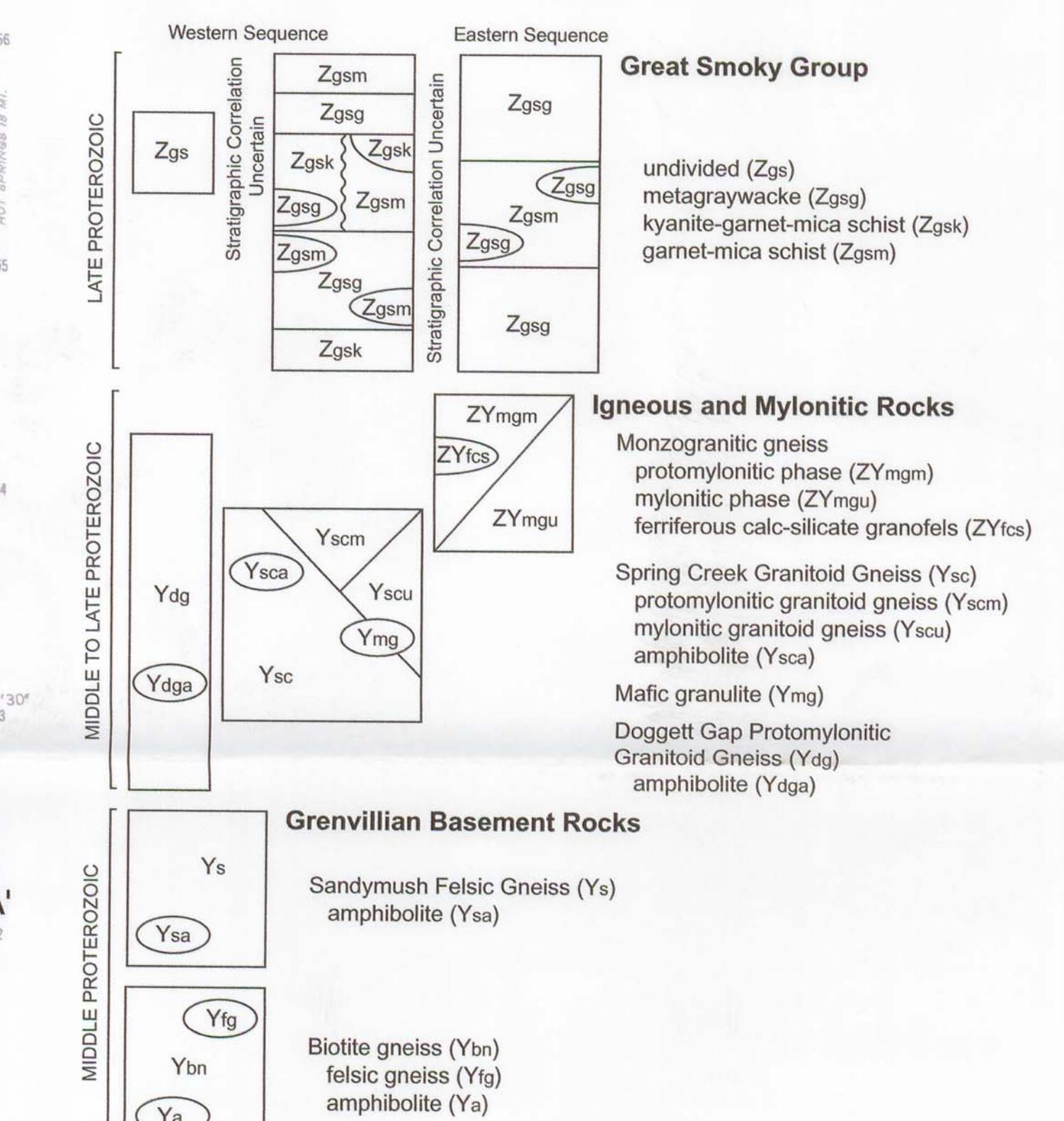
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BEDROCK GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE
FINES CREEK 7.5-MINUTE
QUADRANGLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Map Units



Description of Map Units

Great Smoky Group: An interbedded, interdigitating, and interlayered sequence of sedimentary rocks metamorphosed to kyanite grade, but bedded and other primary sedimentary structures are widely preserved. Undivided (Zgs) southwest of Hurricane Mountain, but subdivided and mapped elsewhere based on rock type; but kyanite-garnet-mica schist, garnet-mica schist, and calc-silicate granofels are locally interbedded throughout the unit. Metagraywacke is light gray to medium gray; coarse- to very coarse-grained (locally); granoblastic to leptoblastic; thin- to thick-bedded; generally poorly sorted; locally pebbly to conglomeratic and graded; foliation is arkosic; commonly subhorizontal; grain size ranges from granules to pebbles, and in shape from angular feldspar particles to rounded and subrounded granules. Particles range from fine sand to gravel size. Commonly interbedded with metagraywacke. Commonly interbedded with metagneiss composed of quartz (24%), biotite (17%), plagioclase (21-56%), muscovite (8-13%), garnet (~9%), opaque minerals (rarely), zircon (~1%), and accessory epidote-group minerals, sphene, and apatite. Interbedded calc-silicate granofels is medium to light gray; granoblastic to leptoblastic; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded with metagraywacke; locally interbedded with garnet porphyroblasts. Locally interbedded with metagneiss (Zgsm). Rock is dark gray to light gray, and locally lepidoblastic; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded with metagneiss and calc-silicate granofels. Kyanite-garnet-mica schist (Zgsk): Rock is light gray and lustrous; typically intercalanular, with kyanite and garnet porphyroblasts; to leptoblastic; commonly coarse crystalline; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded; composed of muscovite (22-44%), biotite (17-22%), plagioclase (14-19%), mylonitic (10-15%), and accessory opaque minerals; staurolite, tourmaline, zircon, epidote-group minerals, and apatite. Locally interbedded with metagneiss. Garnet porphyroblasts are typical; asymmetric megacrysts range in size from 0.1 cm to 2.5 cm in dimension; protomylonitic to mylonitic. Includes localized areas of unmylonitized, medium- to coarse-grained, granoblastic; mylonitic to ultramylonitic. Includes localized areas of less pervasively mylonitized rock.

Monzogranitic gneiss: An igneous unit later mylonitized, the rock is characterized by pink to pale purple feldspar and grayish blue quartz grains; monzogranitic in composition; quartz (32-37%), plagioclase (19-23%), K-feldspar (10-26%), and biotite (from 2-9%), with accessory and/or alteration with Max Patch pluton. Subdivided and mapped into two units based on degree of mylonitization:

Protomylonitic phase (ZYmgm): Rock is dark gray to black; poorly foliated to moderately foliated; locally protocrenulated and granoblastic to inequigranular granofels.

Mylonitic phase (ZYmgu): Rock is dark gray to black; poorly foliated to moderately foliated; locally protocrenulated and granoblastic to inequigranular granofels.

Mylonitic phase (ZYfcs): Rock is dark gray to black; poorly foliated to moderately foliated; locally protocrenulated and granoblastic to inequigranular granofels.

Spring Creek Granitoid Gneiss (Ysc): A heterogeneous metasedimentary gneiss unit dominated by biotite granofels interlayered with biotite granofels; monzogranitic in composition; quartz (32-37%), plagioclase (19-23%), K-feldspar (10-26%), and biotite (from 2-9%), with accessory and/or alteration with Max Patch pluton. Subdivided and mapped into two units based on degree of mylonitization:

Protomylonitic phase (Ysc): Rock is characterized by pervasive mylonitization to ultramylonitic, and is fine- to medium-grained; granoblastic to inequigranular; includes local areas of unmylonitized gneiss.

Mylonitic phase (Yscu): Rock is characterized by pervasive mylonitization to ultramylonitic, and is fine- to medium-grained; granoblastic to inequigranular; includes local areas of less pervasively mylonitized rock.

Ysc: Stratigraphic assignment uncertain.

Zgsm: Lepidoblastic; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded with metagraywacke and calc-silicate granofels.

Zgsk: Protomylonitic; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded with metagraywacke and calc-silicate granofels.

Zgsm: Protomylonitic; thin- to thick-bedded; locally interbedded with metagraywacke and calc-silicate granofels.

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