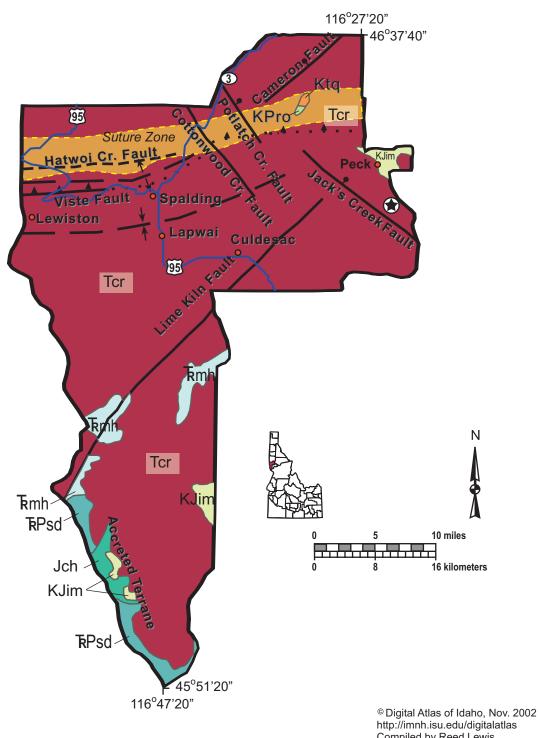
Nez Perce County, Idaho



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Almost all of Nez Perce County is underlain by the Miocene basalts of the Columbia River basalts which make up the steep sided plateau south of Lewiston. South of the suture zone, which runs east-west along the Clearwater River through Lewiston, these basalts lapped against Cretaceous and Jurassic island arc and sedimentary rocks of the Seven Devils complex and other accreted terranes.

The Miocene basalts filled in and flowed up an ancestral Clearwater River canyon about 17 million years ago.

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Description of Map Units for Nez Perce County, Idaho

- Miocene basalt (Columbia River Basalt Group); flood basalt, extensively exposed in western Idaho; fed by fissures, many of which are near the Idaho-Oregon border. Flowed eastward up valleys cut into the Idaho mountains.
- Cretaceous tonalite and quartz diorite; hornblende and biotite bearing early phases of the Idaho batholith. Intruded about 90 to 95 Ma.
- KJim Dioritic and gabbroic rocks of the Blue Mountains island arc terrane. Some are about 140 Ma.
- Jch Sedimentary rocks of the Coon Hollow Formation (Wallowa Terrane).
- Rmh Martin Bridge and Hurwal Formations (Wallowa Terrane).
- Triassic to Permian Seven Devils Group; metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks (Wallowa Terrane).

Symbols Geologic unit contacts with unit Overturned anticline: trace of axial designation. plane. Normal fault: certain; dashed where Overturnedsyncline: trace of axial approximately located; dotted where plane. concealed. Location of ISU Rockwalk rock Thrust fault: certain; dashed where from each county. approximately located; dotted where Cities concealed. Detachment fault: certain; dashed Feature location where approximately located; dotted where concealed. Anticline: trace of axial plane: large Interstate Route arrow indicates direction of plunge. U.S. Route Syncline: trace of axial plane: large arrow indicates direction of plunge. 1) State route