

# Geologic Map of Wind Cave National Park

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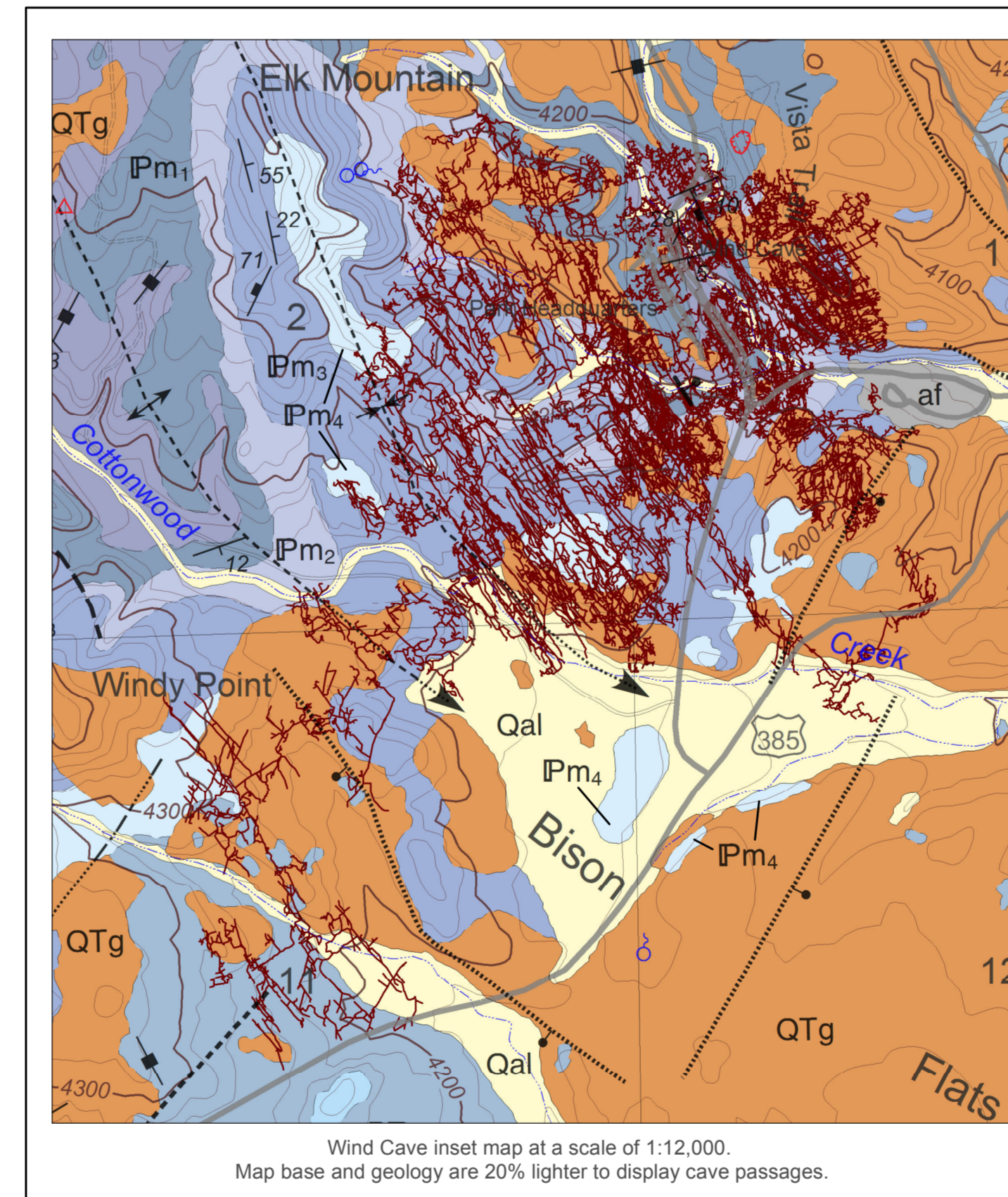
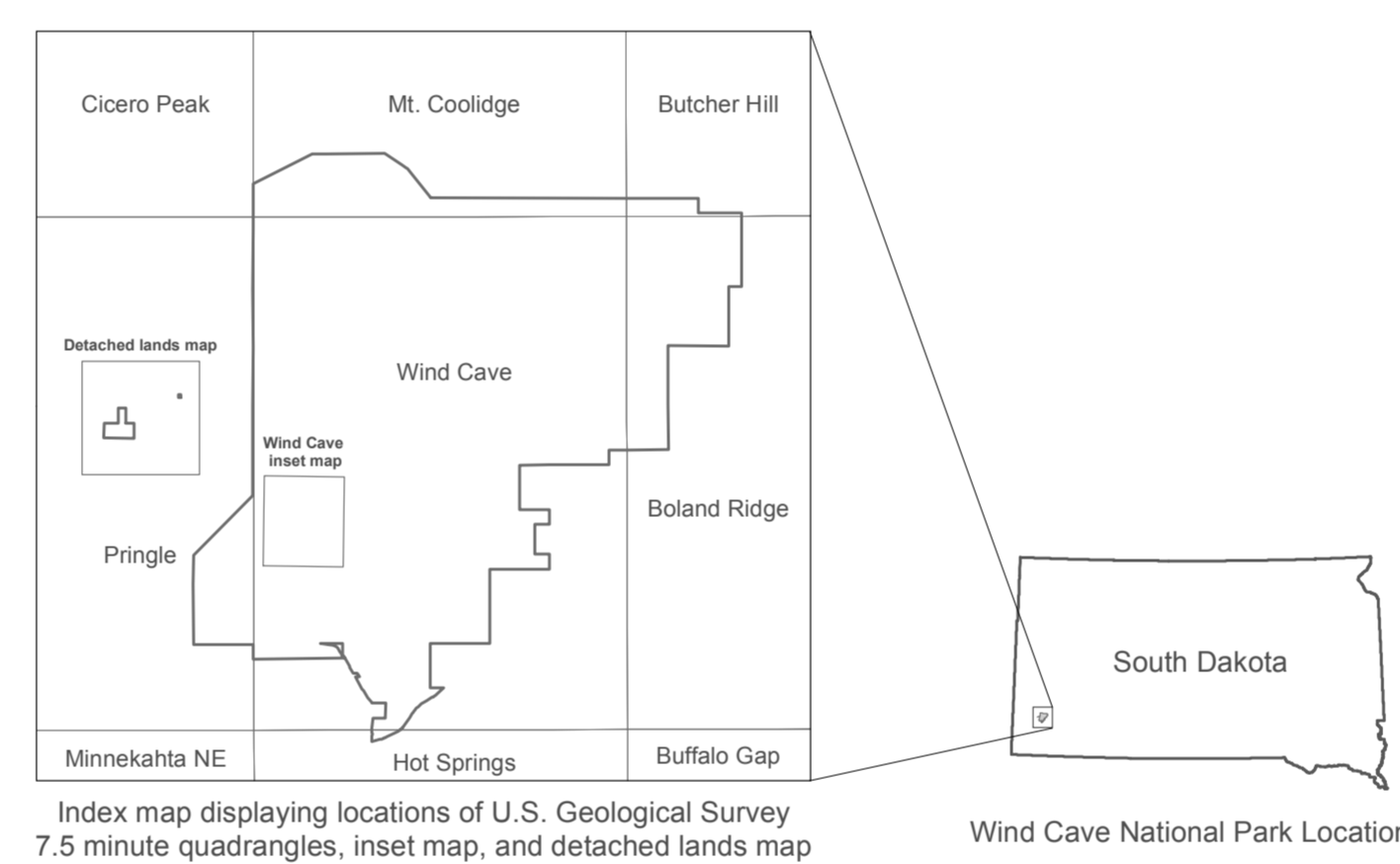
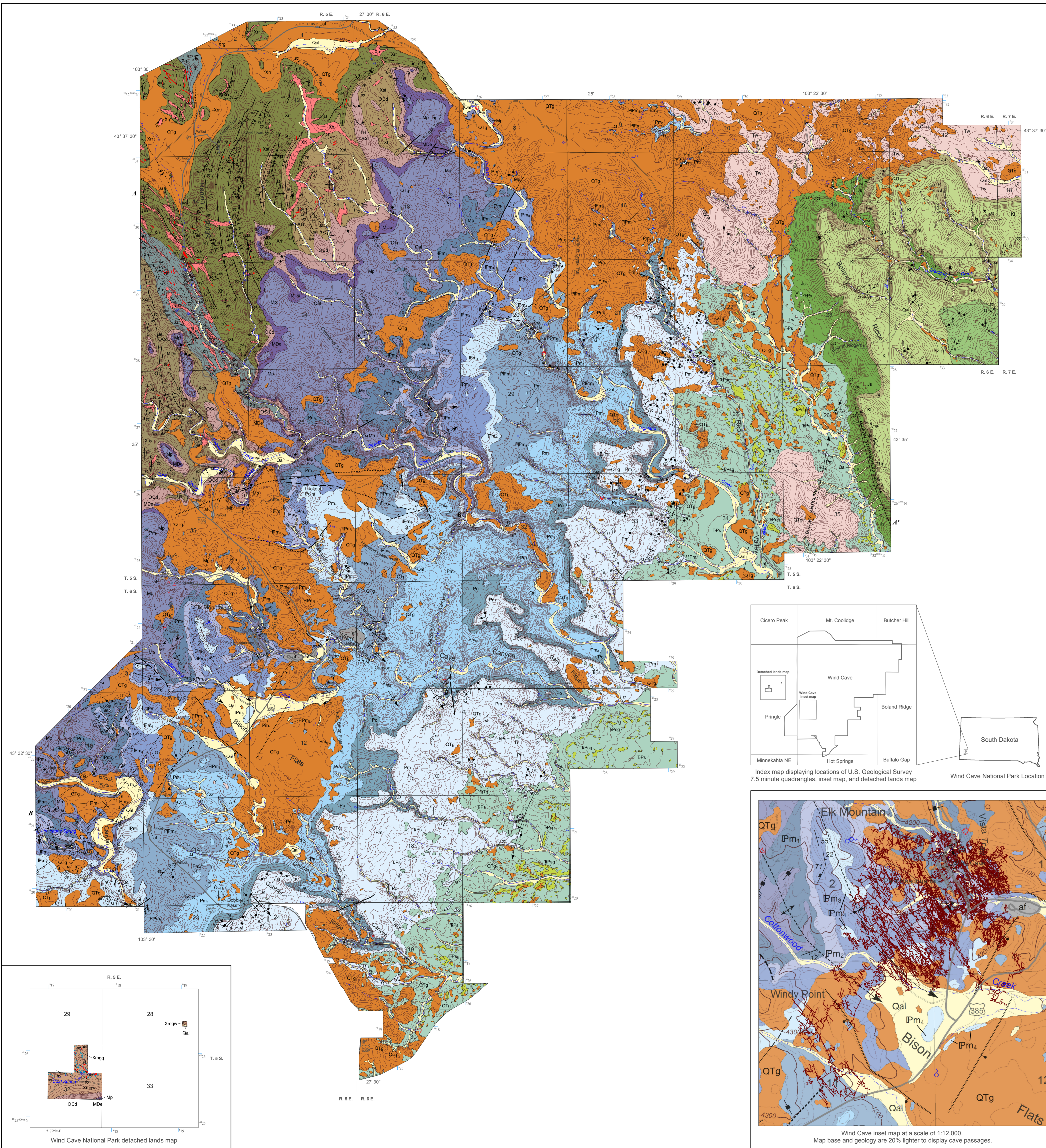
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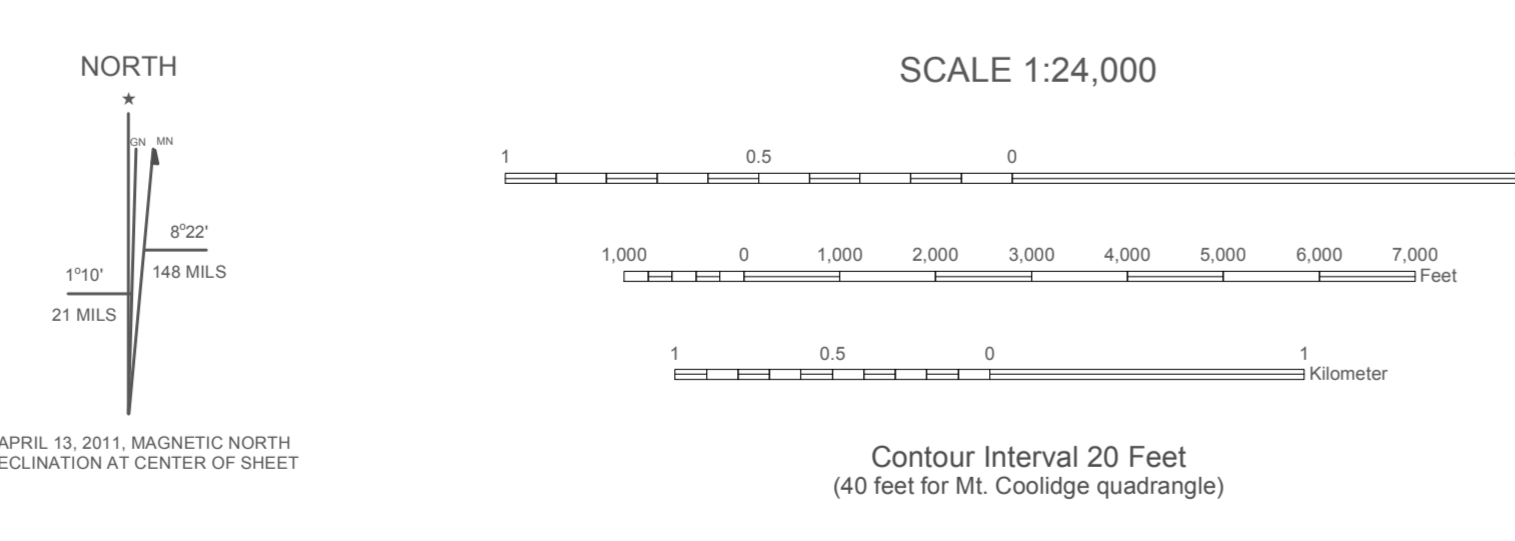
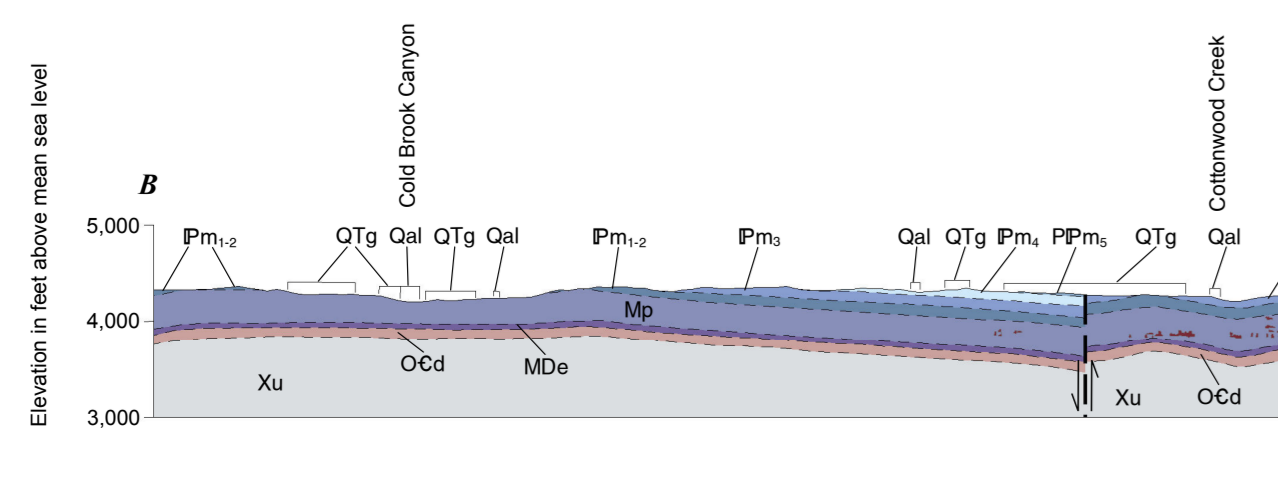
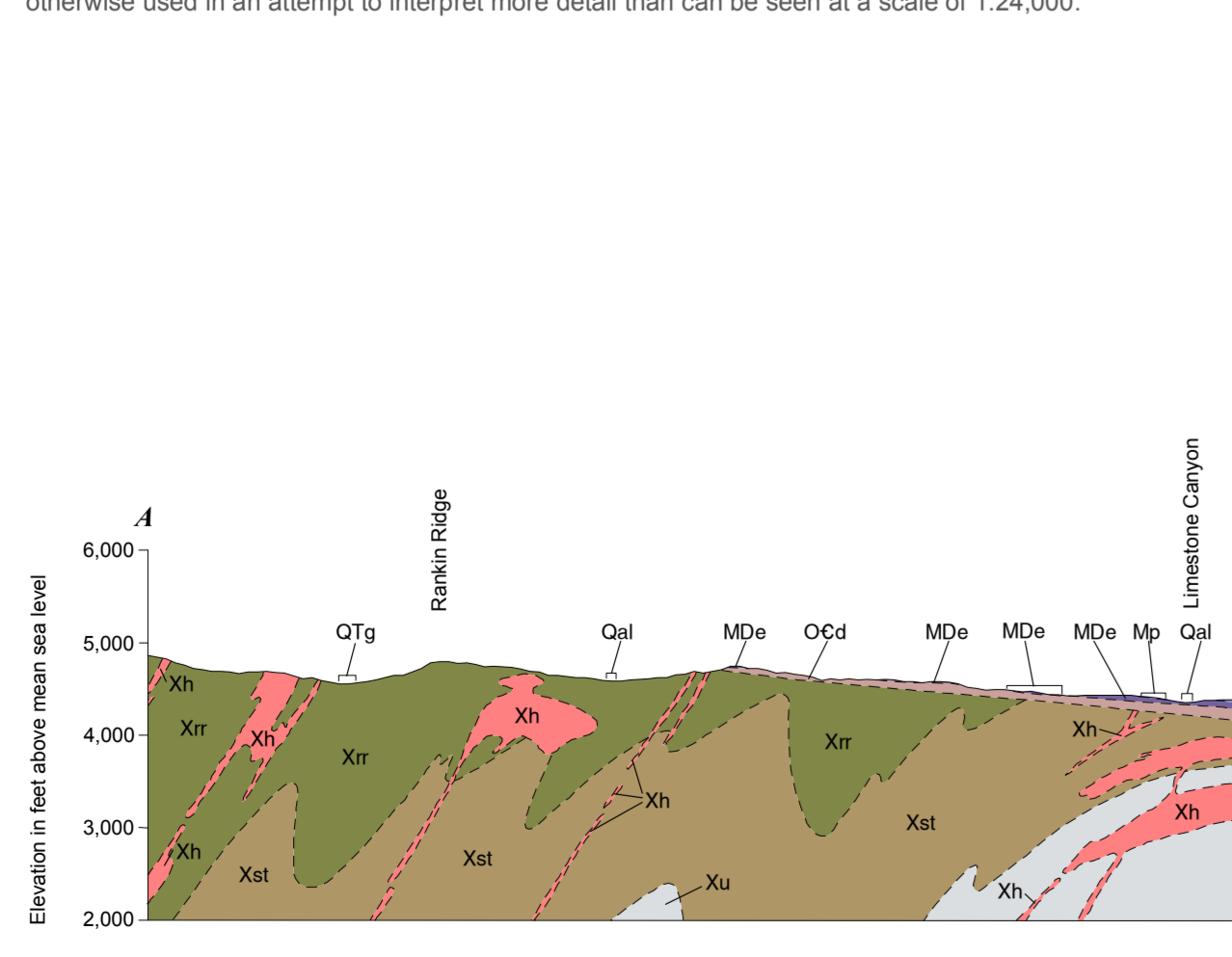


### EXPLANATION

Unit	Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
Quaternary	Qal	Alluvium - Unconsolidated to loosely consolidated clay, silt, and angular to rounded, sand and gravel. Deposited in present-day drainages.	—	Contact Long dashed where approximately located; short dashed where inferred only in cross section; arrow indicates contact dip direction and amount
	Qcg	Conglomerate - Well-sorted, angular to subangular, sand- to pebble-sized clasts, cemented mainly from the Minnekahta Limestone with minor quantities of Precambrian lithologies and minor Paleozoic carbonate and sandstone. All gravels are sub-rounded to rounded. Some gravel deposits may be associated with the White River Group but were not differentiated in the study area. Approximate thickness 2-15 ft (0.6-4.6 m)	—	Form line Tic indicates dip direction of beds
	Qtg	Gravel deposit - Unconsolidated to loosely consolidated clay- to boulder-sized clasts composed of Precambrian lithologies and minor Paleozoic carbonate and sandstone. All gravels are sub-rounded to rounded. Some gravel deposits may be associated with the White River Group but were not differentiated in the study area	—	Fault Long dashed where approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed Bar and tail on downthrown side
Tertiary	Tw	White River Group - Tan, brown, and light gray siltstone, claystone, and white to light-gray, vuggy, finely-crystalline, lacustrine limestone. Contains sparse lenses of conglomerate indicating possible stream channels. Some gravel deposits of unit QTg could be associated with the White River Group but were not differentiated in the study area. Exposed thickness greater than 200 ft (61 m)	—	Folds Anticline Showing plunge and direction of plunge Long dashed where approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed Syncline Showing plunge and direction of plunge Long dashed where approximately located; short dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed
	Kf	Fall River Formation - Gray to light-gray, fine- to very fine-grained, thin-bedded, calcareous sandstone interbedded with laminated, carbonaceous siltstone. Exposed thickness greater than 100 ft (30.5 m)	—	Monocline, anticlinal bend Axis located on steepest part of structure. Shorter arrows indicate deeper beds. Long dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed
	Kl	Lakota Formation - Tan, brown, and light-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, cross-bedded sandstone interbedded with mudstone. Middle of the formation contains lenses of sandy limestone. Forms prominent outcrops; large boulders may occur as colluvium or talus. Contains petrified wood. Approximate thickness 200-350 ft (61-108.7 m)	—	Overtured anticline Location of trace of axial surface and dip direction of beds, long dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed Overtured syncline Location of trace of axial surface and dip direction of beds, long dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed
Cretaceous	Ju	Unkupa Sandstone - Buff to white, calcareous, well-sorted, friable, quartz sandstone, locally pink to purple in the top of the formation. Fine- to medium-grained, cross-bedded. Approximate thickness 10-80 ft (3.0-15.2 m)	—	Small anticline Showing bearing and plunge Small syncline Showing bearing and plunge
	Jd	Sundance Formation - Includes the members listed below, which are observed in the field but not shown separated on the map or cross section. Approximate thickness 240-270 ft (73.2-82.3 m)	—	Minor fold Axis and plunge of single fold
	Jr	Redwater Shale Member - Light gray-green, calcareous, glauconitic siltstone and sandstone. Contains the fossil Psiloceras sp. Distinct as a marker bed when seen in outcrop	—	Dome Where direction of plunging is known
Jurassic	Jl	Lak Shale Member - Red, fine-grained, calcareous, glauconitic siltstone and sandstone. Distinct as a marker bed when seen in outcrop	—	Horizontal
	Jh	Hullett Sandstone Member - Light-gray, fine-grained, calcareous, glauconitic sandstone interbedded with grayish-green claystone. Contains abundant ripple marks	—	Overtured Where direction of plunging is known
	Jb	Stockade Beaver Shale Member - Tan to light gray-green, calcareous, thin-bedded shale, sandstone, and siltstone. Contains the fossil Psiloceras sp.	—	Inclined
Triassic	Jc	Canyon Springs Sandstone Member - Tan, gray, and yellow, medium-grained, cross-bedded sandstone. Contains ripple marks	—	Inclined
	Tp	Spearfish Formation - Red to maroon shale and siltstone, interbedded with thin beds of mostly brecciated limestone beds up to 2 ft (0.6 m) thick locally near the base. Discontinuous gypsum beds (TPg) up to 3 ft (0.9 m) thick are abundant locally near the top, with small lenses and lenses throughout the middle to the top of the formation. Dissolution features are indicated by fragments of shale and siltstone stilted in the gypsum. Approximate thickness 20-40 ft (6.1-12.2 m)	—	Vertical
	Tm	Minnekahta Limestone - White, pink, and purple, finely crystalline, laminated to thin-bedded limestone, interbedded with thin layers of shale at the middle and base. Forms prominent dip slopes and cliffs. Contains minor fossils and box folds throughout the formation. Locally petrifaction odor when broken. Approximate thickness 40-50 ft (12.2-15.2 m)	—	Multiple Point of observation where symbols join
Permian	Pm	Opache Shale - Unconsolidated red to maroon shale, mudstone, and siltstone having lavender coloring in the upper 5 ft (1.5 m). Erodes easily, weathering to a fine soil. Poorly exposed on slopes beneath the Minnekahta Limestone. Approximate thickness 80-100 ft (24.4-30.5 m)	—	KARST FEATURE Area of collapse Due to dissolution of underlying beds Breccia pipe or sinkhole Stream loss zone
	Pn	Minnelusa Formation (unit 6) - Tan, gray, yellow, to red brecciated sandstone interbedded with thin beds of mostly brecciated limestone, discontinuous thin layers of anhydrite, and thin beds of unbrecciated sandstone, all poorly exposed. Limestone contains brachiopods. Top of unit contains bright-red interbedded shale and sandstone. Sandstone beds form prominent resistant benches. Approximate thickness 1-10 ft (0.3-3.0 m)	—	Artificial fill Compacted earth, indicated only where extensive
	Pp	Minnelusa Formation (unit 5) - Bright-red, yellow, light tan, to gray, fine- to coarse-grained sandstone with light-gray chert nodules near base. Upper portion is a red to light-red breccia with a carbonate matrix. A dark red sandstone separates the lower and upper portions. Approximate thickness 80-100 ft (24.4-30.5 m)	—	Wind Cave passages Showing mapped subsurface extent in Pahasapa Limestone Mine adit or cave Prospect pit Gravel pit
Pennsylvanian	Pp2	Minnelusa Formation (unit 4) - Brownish-yellow to tan dolomite interbedded with sandstone and laminated limestone. Dolomite beds may contain manganese dendrites. Weathers into colloidal slopes. Approximate thickness 60-80 ft (18.3-24.4 m)	—	
	Pp3	Minnelusa Formation (unit 3) - Brownish-yellow to tan, locally stilted sandstone interbedded with shale. Poorly exposed, except for siltstone interbedded with shale. Weathers into colloidal slopes. Top of unit may contain a brownish-yellow to light-gray, sandy limestone. Approximate thickness 100-120 ft (30.5-36.6 m)	—	
	Pp1	Minnelusa Formation (unit 2) - Yellowish-gray to light-gray, thin-bedded limestone. Contains distinctive red and white chert nodules, especially near the top. Limestone beds are up to 2 ft (0.6 m) thick and interbedded with sandstone and shale layers up to 0.5 ft (0.2 m) thick. Poorly exposed. Approximate thickness is 40-60 ft (12.2-18.3 m)	—	
Mississippian	Pp4	Minnelusa Formation (unit 1) - Tan or red, medium- to coarse-grained, cross-bedded, basal sandstone. Overlain by tan or red, fine-grained, upper siltstone which is compensatory in thickness with the basal sandstone. Poorly exposed and weathers into colloidal slopes. Approximate thickness is 25-80 ft (7.6-27.4 m)	—	
	Mp	Pahasapa Limestone - Gray to light tan, cavernous limestone and oolitic limestone. Massive limestone with sparse chert nodules in the upper portion; thin- to medium-bedded, oolitic, sandy limestone in the lower portion. Forms prominent cliffs. Discontinuity between the Pahasapa Limestone and the overlying Minnelusa Formation (unit 1) is a paleotrans surface consisting of terra rossa filled embayments and terraces. Contains abundant tabulate corals, spirifer brachiopods, burrows, sparse gastropods and rugose corals. Approximate thickness 275-375 ft (83.8-114.3 m)	—	
	Me	Englewood Limestone - Lavender mauve to pink interbedded limestone, oolitic limestone, and purple-gray shale. Laminated to medium-bedded. Finely to medium crystalline with some coarse-grained conoidal beds. Bioturbated; contains sparse rugose corals, spirifer brachiopods, and crinoid columns. Thickness 35-50 ft (10.7-15.2 m)	—	
Devonian	Dc	Deadwood Formation - Reddish-brown, basal conglomeratic sandstone and local conglomerate, middle glauconitic sandstone, siltstone, and shale, upper coarse-grained sandstone having nodular weathering. Laminated to thick-bedded. Contains trilobite and inarticulate brachiopod fragments. Approximate thickness 65-75 ft (19.8-22.9 m)	—	
	Oc	Unnamed formation Xq (Redden and DeWitt, 2008) Possibly equivalent to Buck Mountain Quartzite or Bailey (1972). Here subdivided into the following units:	—	
Ordovician	Xmg	Micaceous metagraywacke unit - Muscovite schist to quartzite schist. Massive limestone with sparse chert nodules in the upper portion; thin- to medium-bedded, oolitic, sandy limestone in the lower portion. Forms prominent cliffs. Discontinuity between the Pahasapa Limestone and the overlying Minnelusa Formation (unit 1) is a paleotrans surface consisting of terra rossa filled embayments and terraces. Contains abundant tabulate corals, spirifer brachiopods, burrows, sparse gastropods and rugose corals. Approximate thickness 275-375 ft (83.8-114.3 m)	—	
	Xcs	Cold Spring Creek quartzite unit - Interbedded quartzite and micaceous schist. Interbedded quartzite and micaceous schist. Includes sections of thick-bedded quartzite without interbedded schist, resulting in cliff- and ridge-forming quartzite intervals up to 40 ft (12.2 m) thick. Interbedded schists include laminated micaceous-biotite schist, muscovite-biotite schist, and garnet-muscovite-biotite-quartz schist	—	
	Xrg	Reeves Gulch schist unit - Biotite schist and thick- to thin-bedded micaceous quartzite and biotite quartzite interbedded with thin-bedded to laminated biotite quartz schist, plagioclase-biotite-quartz schist, and muscovite-biotite-quartz schist. Also contains minor thick quartzite beds, intervals of uniform muscovite-biotite schist, and minor garnet-rich layers which contain up to 3 percent manganese. Contains abundant amphibole layers outside of Wind Cave National Park	—	
Cambrian	Xrt	Rankin Ridge quartzite unit - Quartzite and siliceous schist. Thick-bedded, clean quartzite and minor biotite quartzite interbedded with poorly exposed, fine-grained quartzite with muscovite partings, fine-grained muscovite-quartz schist, fine-grained biotite-quartz schist, and fine coarse-grained siliceous-biotite-quartz schist. Includes thick-bedded quartzite without interbedded schist, forming cliffs and ridges of quartzite intervals up to 70 ft (21.3 m) thick. Some quartzite beds are graded allowing determination of tops	—	
	Xst	Sanctuary Trail schist unit - Schist, plagioclase-quartz granite and granitic, and quartzite. Coarse-grained muscovite-sillimanite-microcline-biotite-quartz schist containing less than 50 percent quartzite is abundant in lower section but occurs throughout the unit. Characteristic thin-bedded, muscovite-biotite-plagioclase-quartz schist and granitoids, with and without microcline, are abundant in the upper part of the unit. Biotite and feldspar-bearing quartzite and pure quartzite occur throughout, but are more abundant near the top	—	
Precambrian	Xu	Undifferentiated Lower Proterozoic rocks - Shown only in cross section	—	

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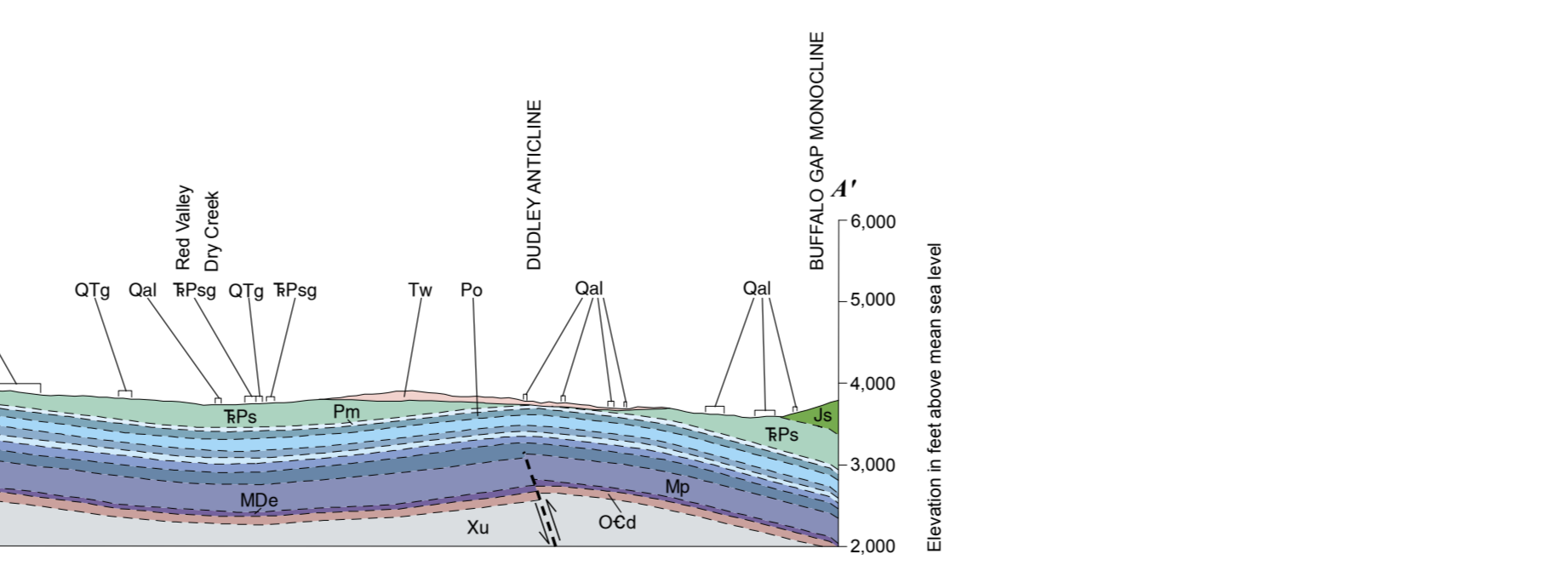
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