Northern Nevada 1° x 2° Quadrangles

Fault and Earthquake Maps

Preliminary 1:250,000 Quaternary Fault and Earthquake Maps – Northern Nevada

- Experimenting with a scale of public fault maps.
- Experimental maps to see what needs to be done in a Quaternary fault mapping project.
- Looked at the northern six quads and reviewed the faults in the areas around communities.
- Short time frame used existing fault map and seismicity data. Continued tinkering with them.

Northern Six Quadrangles

- Vya Quadrangle
- McDermitt Quadrangle
- Wells Quadrangle
- Lovelock Quadrangle
- Winnemucca Quadrangle
- Elko Quadrangle

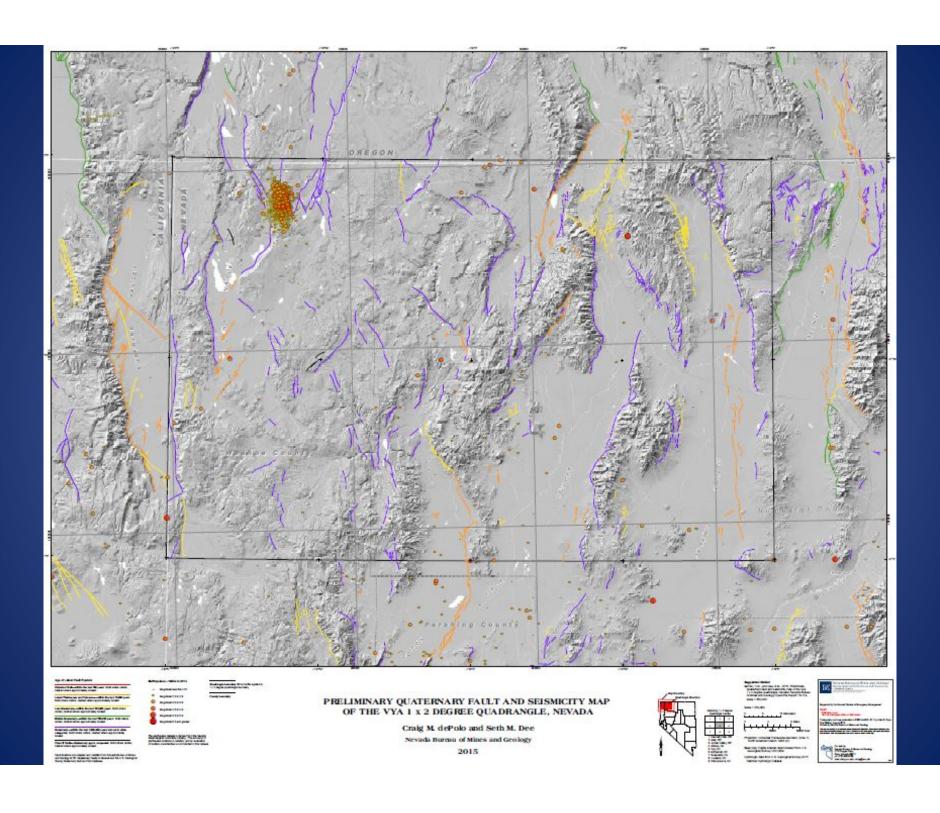


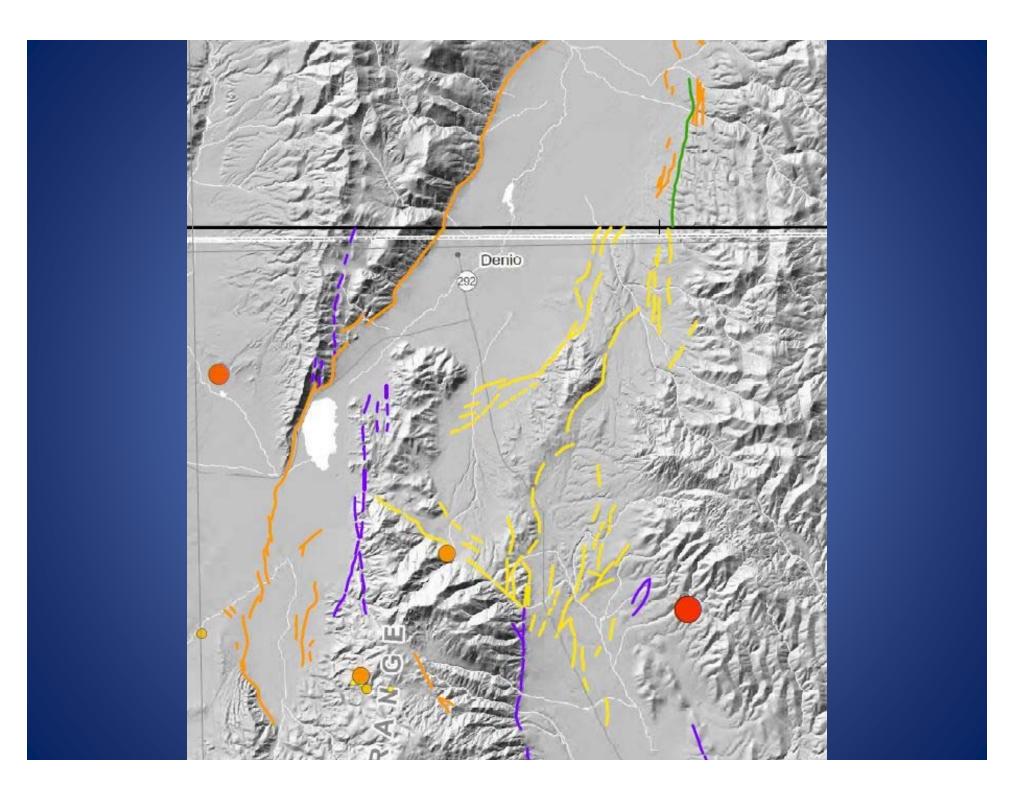
The Maps

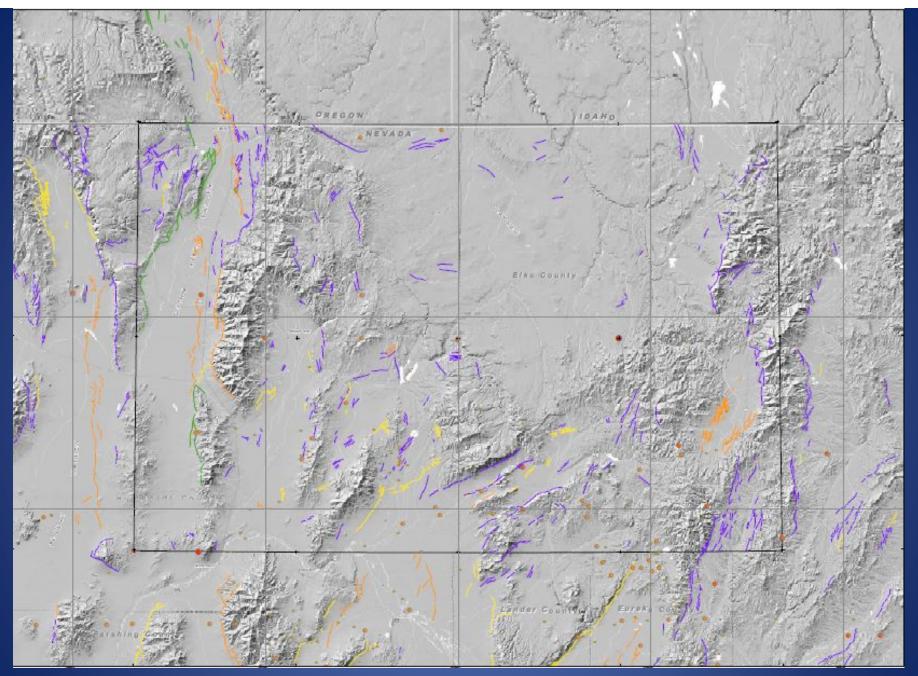
Shows area around the quadrangle

Shaded digital elevation image

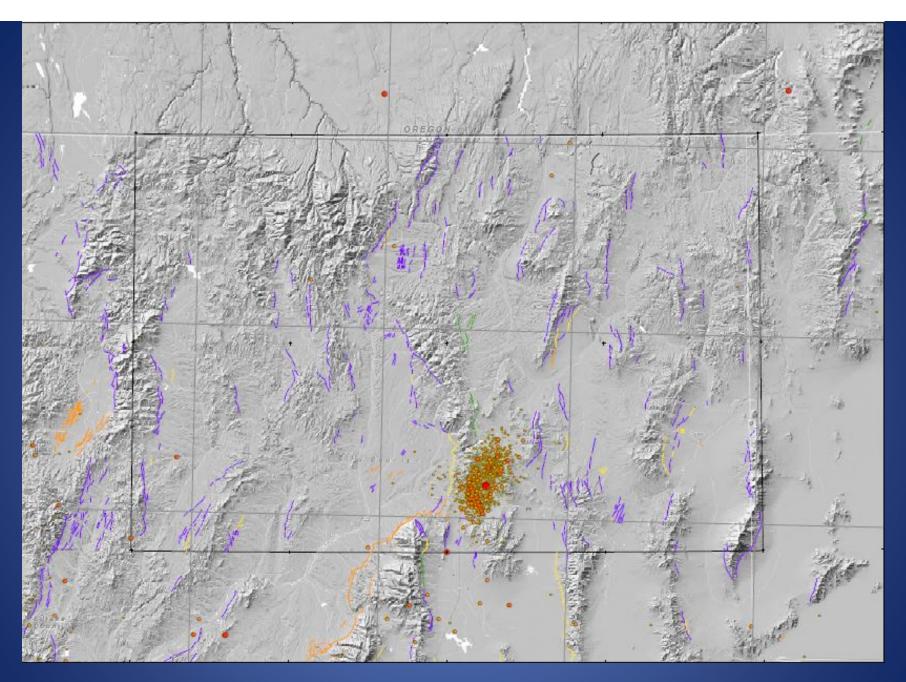
Some Culture



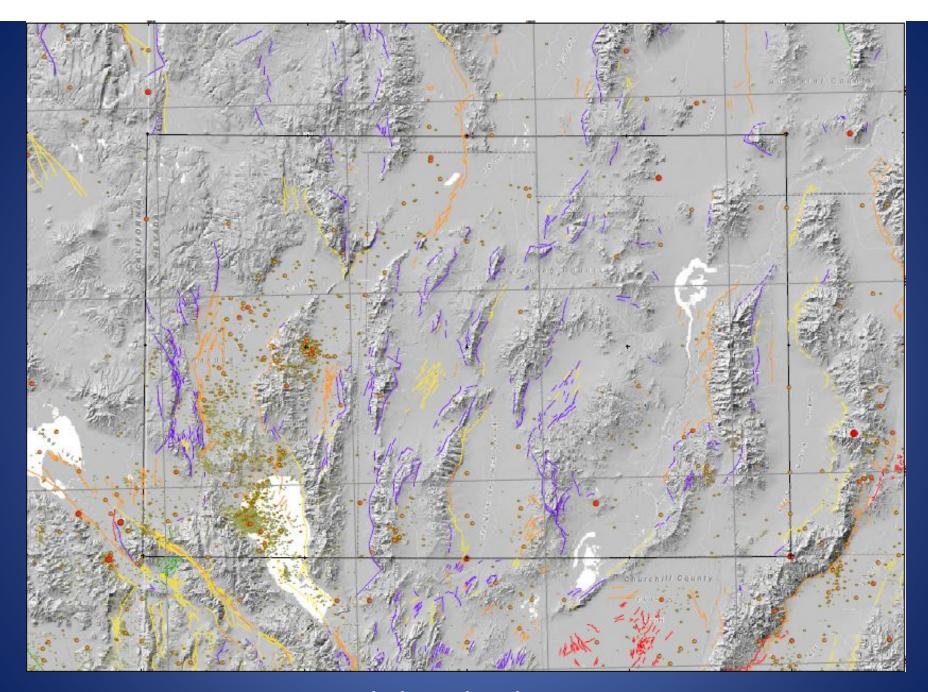




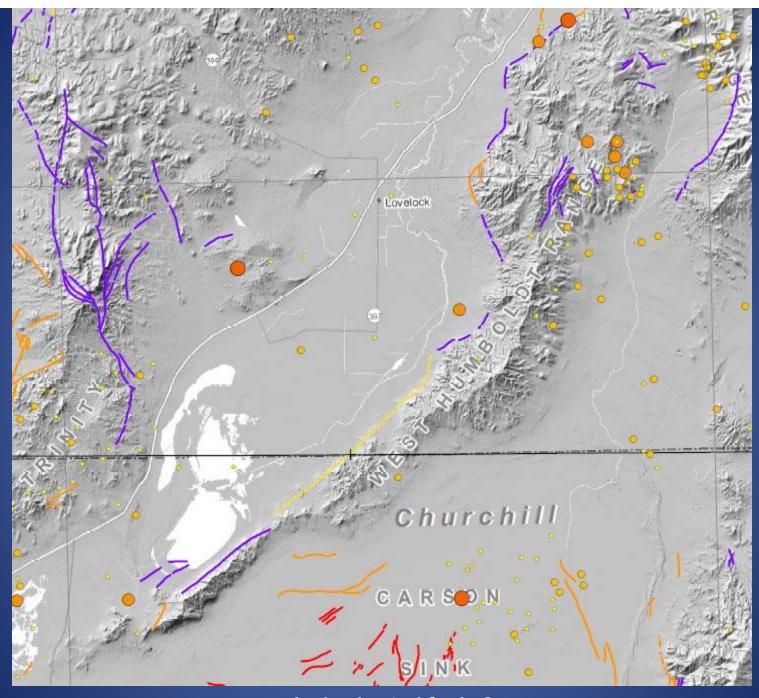
McDermitt Quadrangle



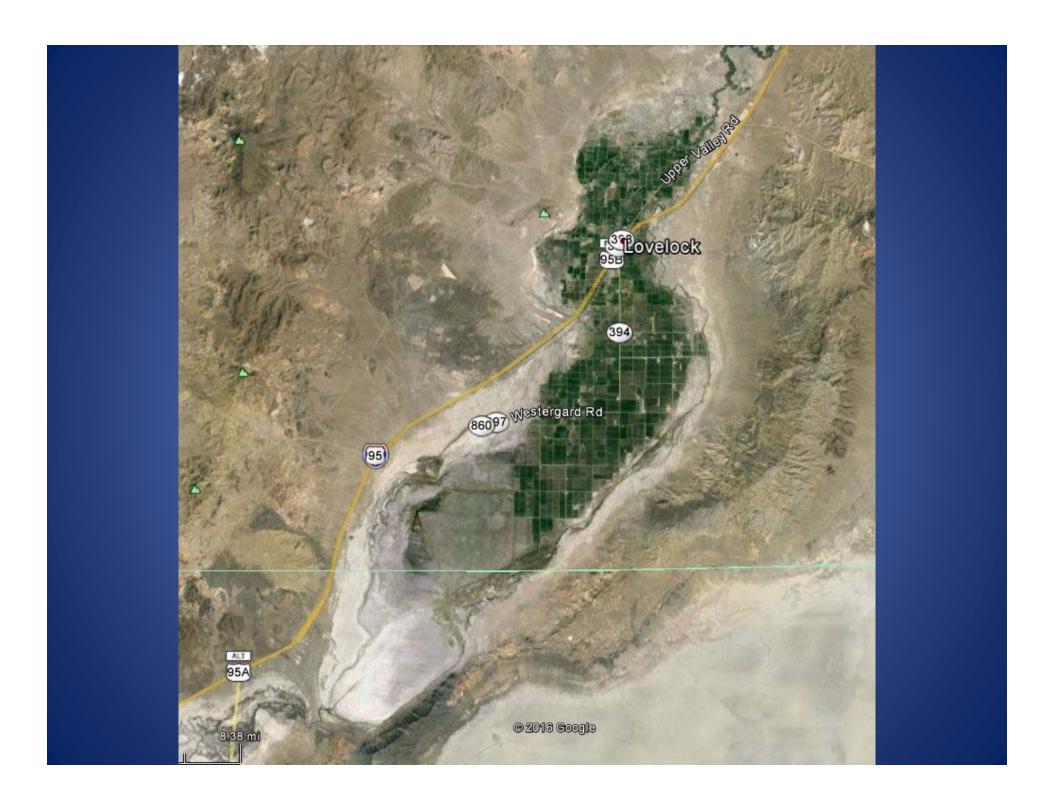
Wells Quadrangle

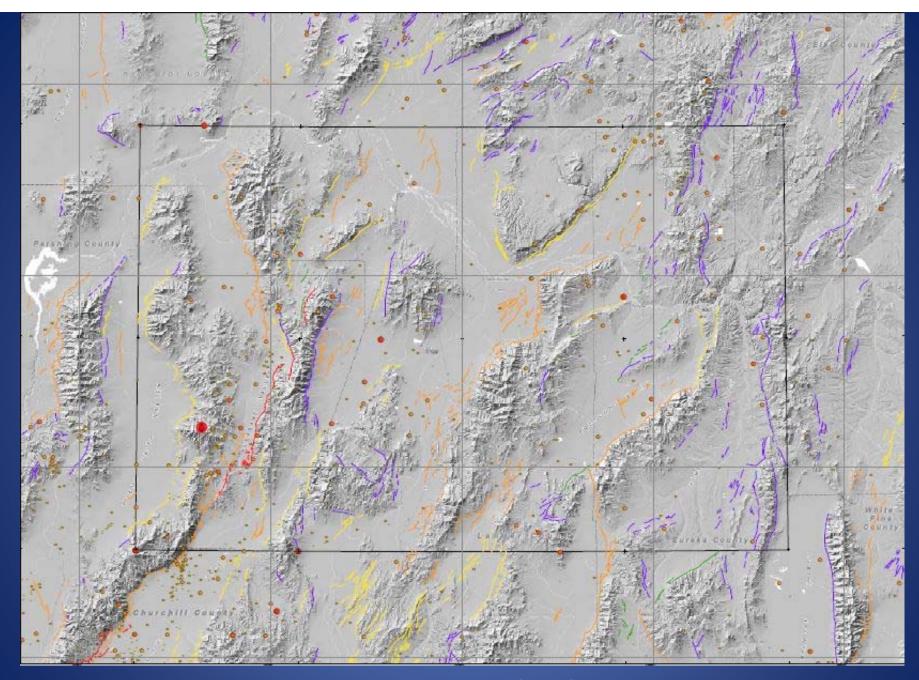


Lovelock Quadrangle



Lovelock – buried faults?



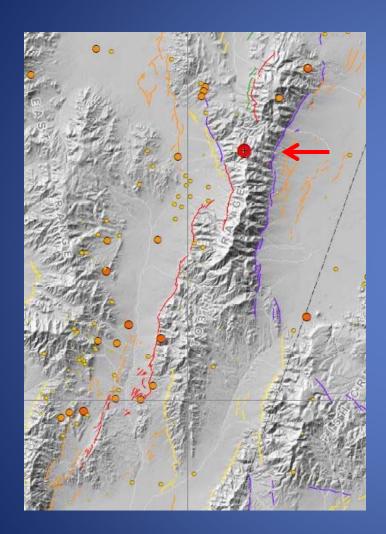


Winnemucca Quadrangle

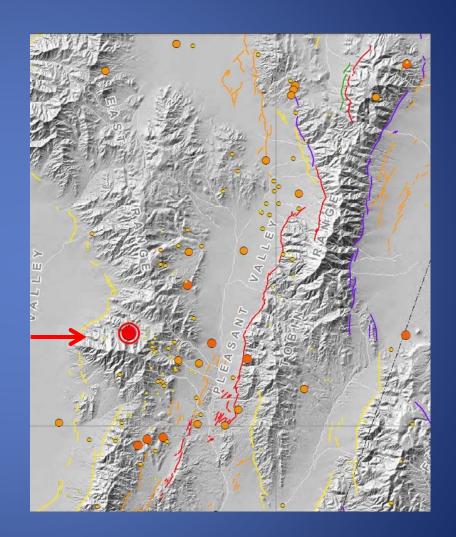
Moved the 1915 Pleasant Valley Earthquake Epicenter

- Historically placed at an even half latitude and half longitude intersection (40° 30′; -117° 30′).
- Traditional epicenter along or behind surface rupture breaks; fault dips to west-northwest.
- Wrongly placed in the footwall of the earthquake.
- Moved to hanging wall, down dip to about 10 km depth (assumed 50° dip), near probable foreshocks

Traditional and Proposed Epicenters



Traditional Epicenter 40.5°; -117.5°



Proposed Epicenter 40.3°; -117.8°

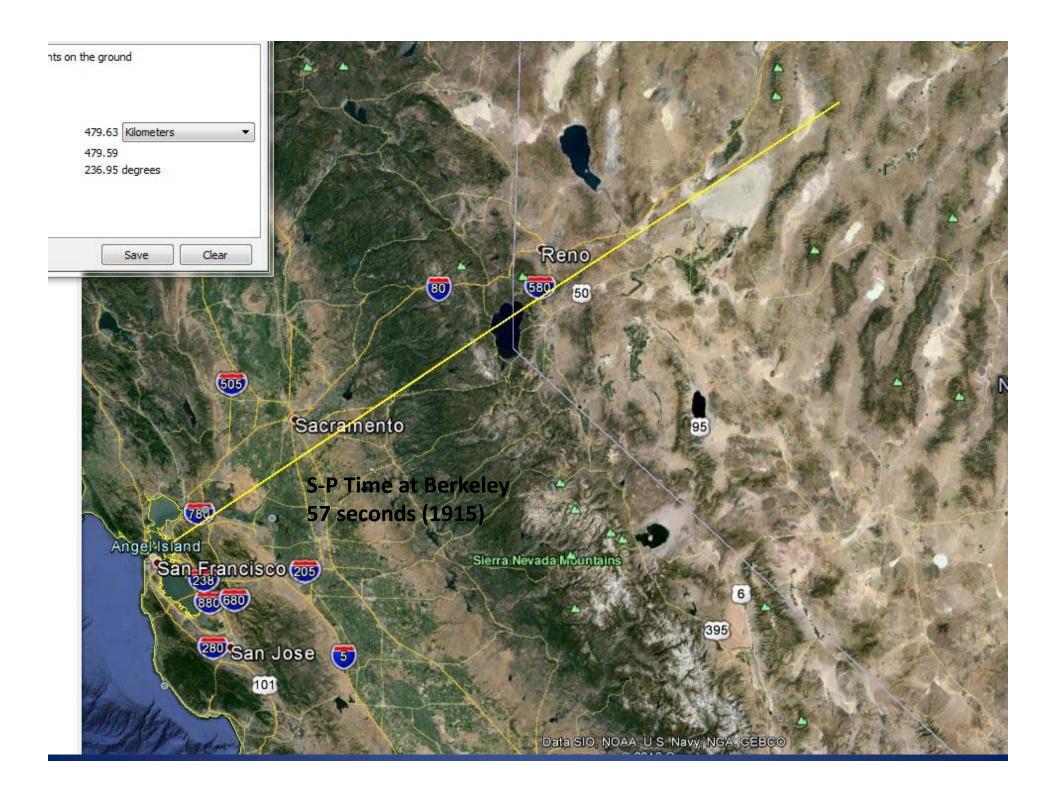
1915 Foreshock Sequence

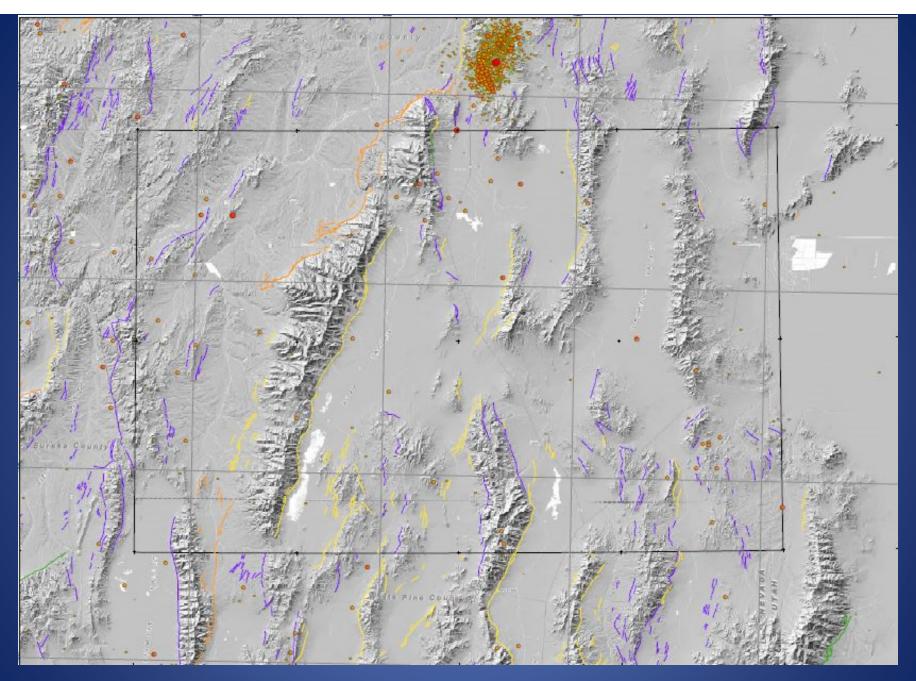
3:40 p.m. M5.0 "with a terrific report, similar to a large dynamite blast, the mountain side of Kennedy gave a lurch due north and then vibrated for five seconds"

5:49 p.m. M6.1 "without the slightest warning a great roar was heard and the earth's surface began to roll and sway up and down, evidently in all directions. ... This convulsion continued without stop for fully one and a half minutes."

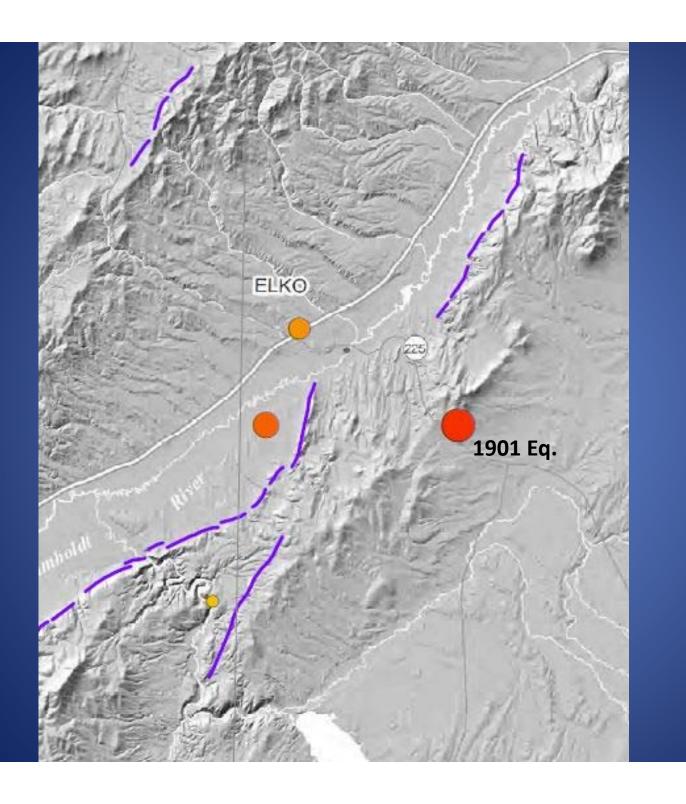
"from this disturbance on, it was an incessant, continued disturbance, the earth never appeared quiet."

From Leon St. D. Roylance (1915)





Elko Quadrangle



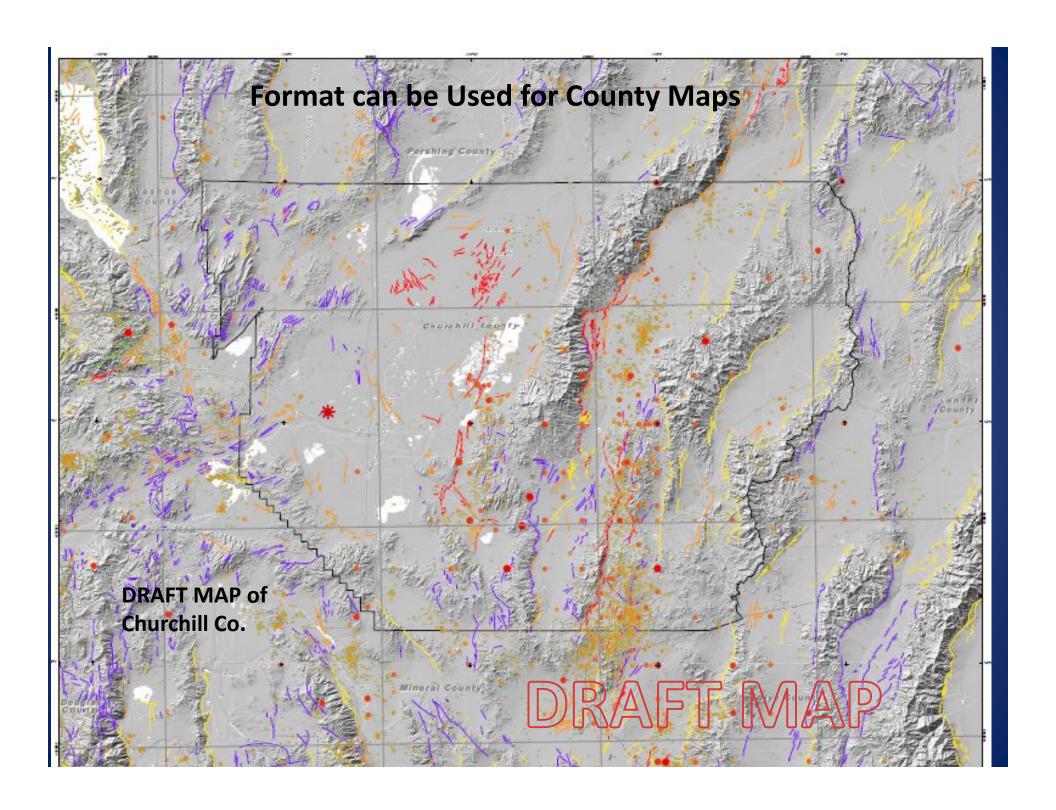
1901 Earthquake
Damage to Elko
Magnitude 5

High School
Building (brick)
badly cracked,
slight damage
other buildings

Lincoln County Record 8/2/01

Conclusions

- Successful scale and topography for illustrating faults and the general locations of earthquakes.
- Many problems with the Quaternary fault dataset at these scales: missing faults, poorly located faults, better activity characterization.
- Need new, systematic mapping of Quaternary faults in Nevada.
- Forcing a closer look at the earthquakes that have been located in greater Nevada.



What Happened to the Volcanoes?



