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Beauty and the Beast: Plate Tectonics and Geological Hazards of the Pacific Northwest

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Beauty and the Beast



"The same geological forces that threaten our lives with earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions also nourish our spirits by creating the spectacular mountains, valleys, and coastlines of the Pacific Northwest."







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2. Why are there earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions?

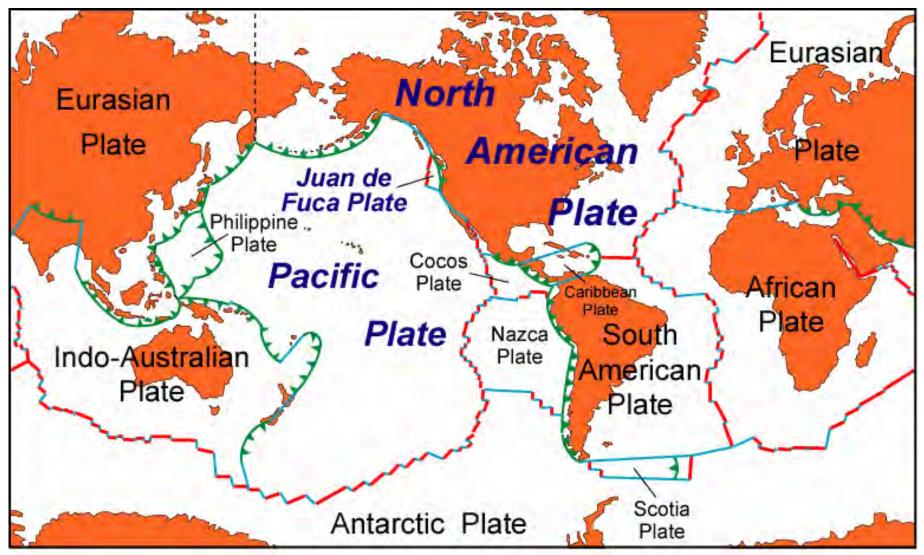


Most of the People

> Cascade Volcanoes

National Park Lands in the Pacific Northwest

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Cracked Egg Shell!

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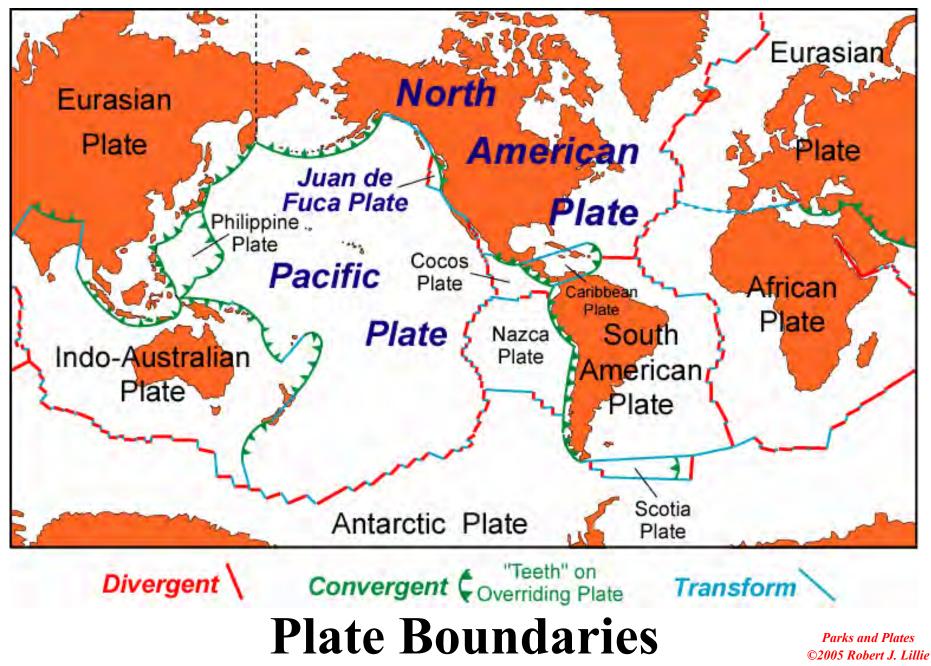


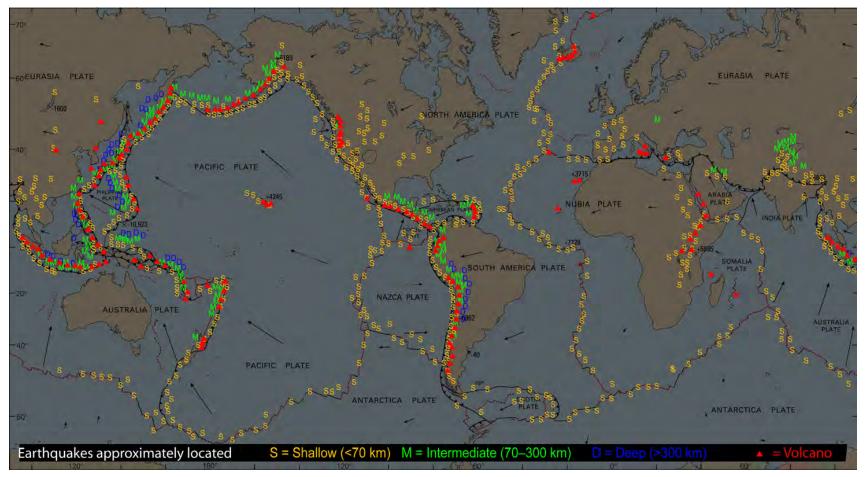
Plate Tectonics: Mountain Ranges

Most mountain ranges—both onshore and offshore—occur along the boundaries of moving plates.



<u>Plate Tectonics</u>: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

- Most volcanoes and earthquakes occur along plate boundaries.
- The deeper quakes (green and blue) occur where one plate dives beneath another (subduction zones).
- Pacific "Ring of Fire"



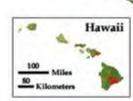
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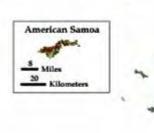
NATIONAL PARKLANDS

What forms the spectacular landscapes of the <u>Pacific Northwest</u>?

Beauty

Why are there earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions?



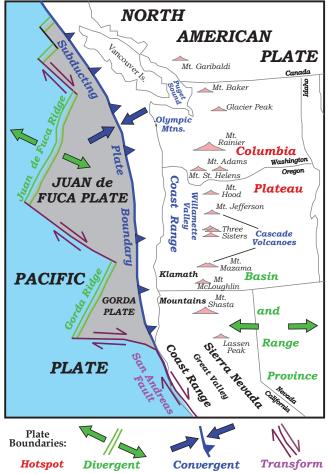


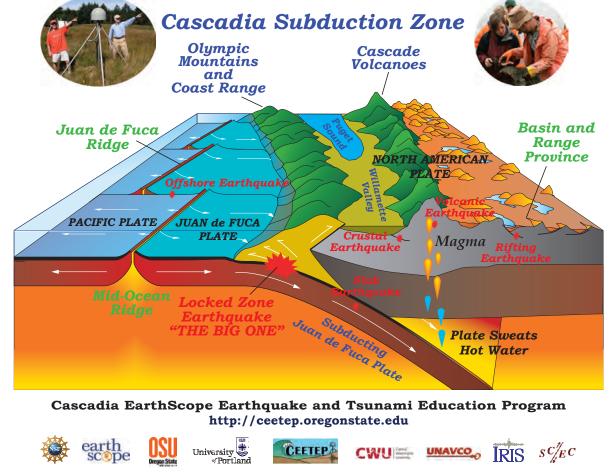
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Plate Tectonics of the Pacific Northwest

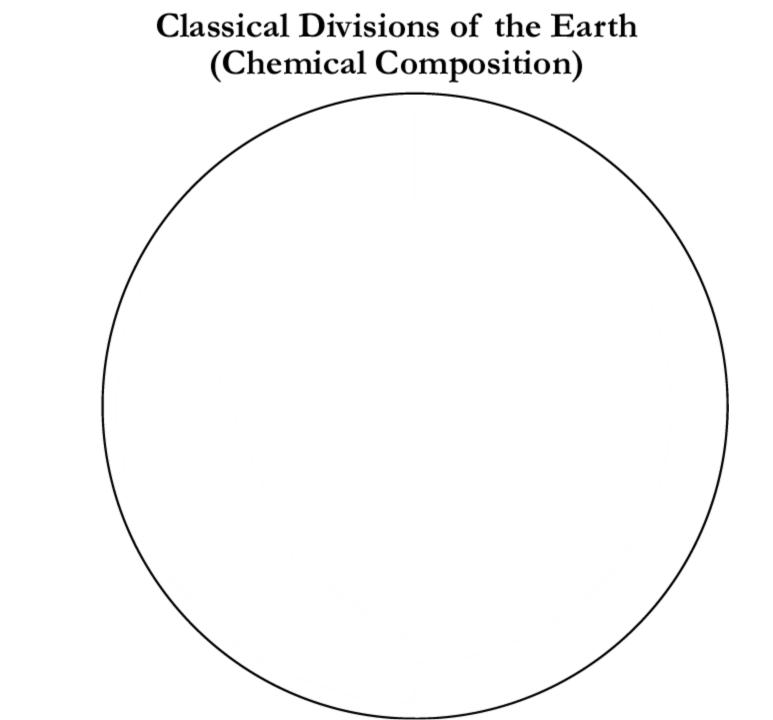


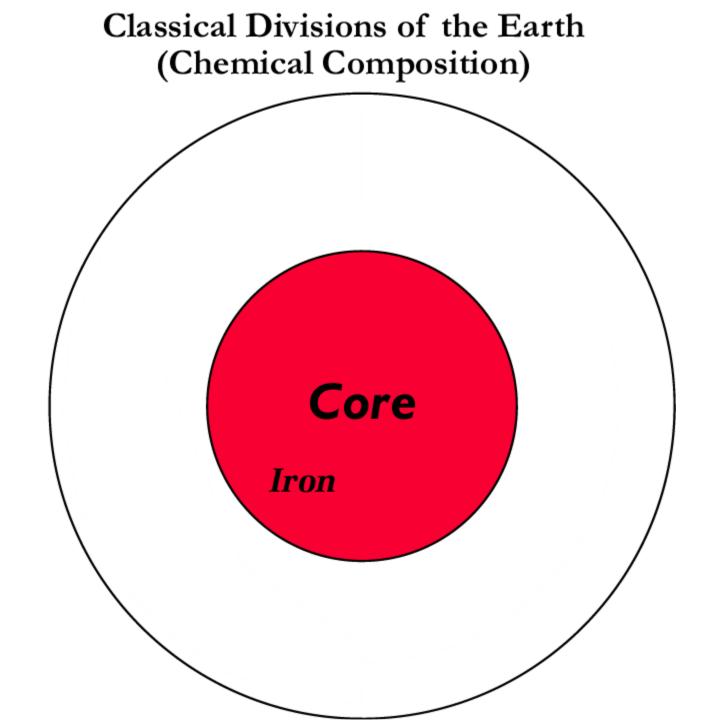


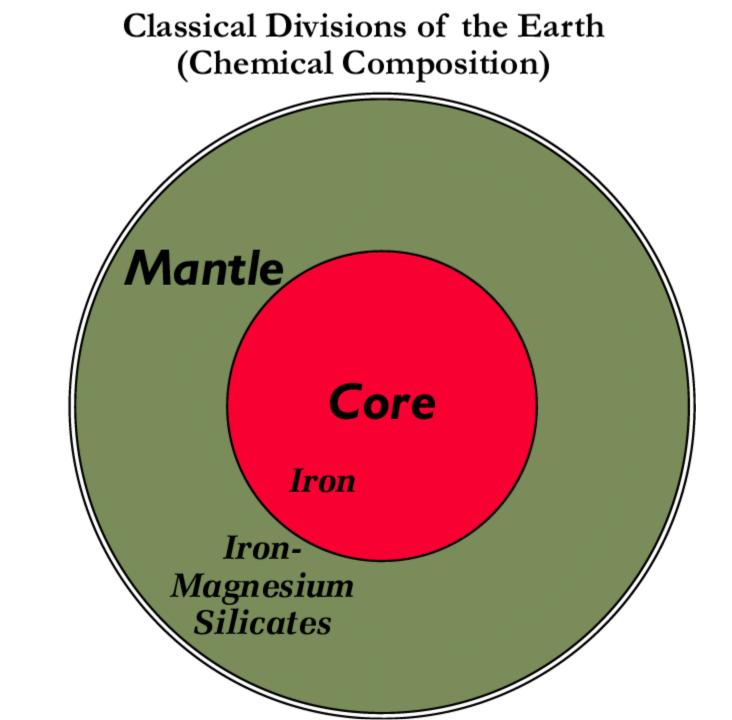
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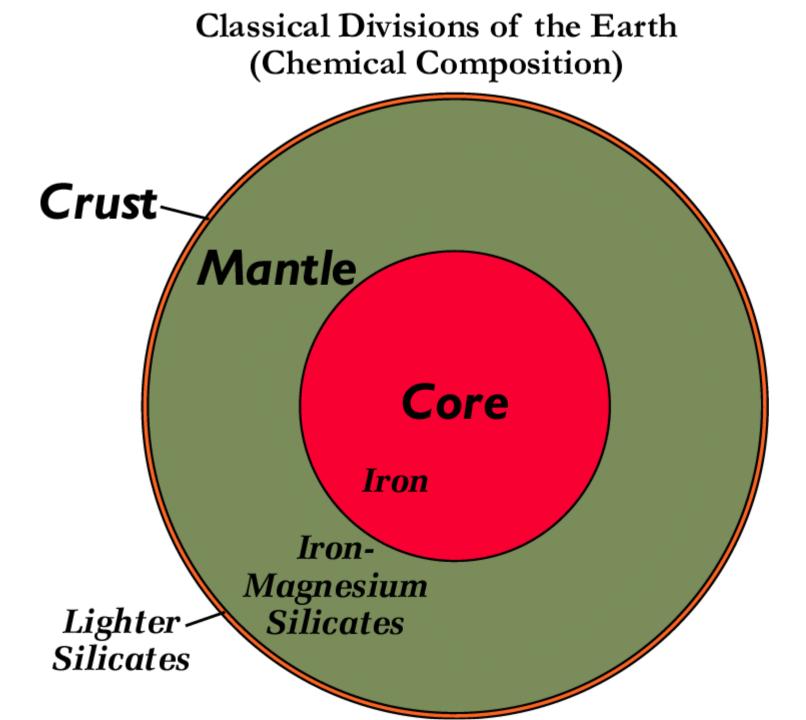
We need to understand what goes on inside the

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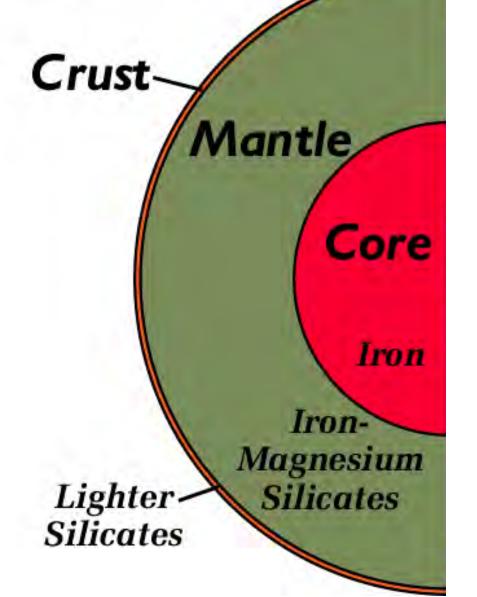


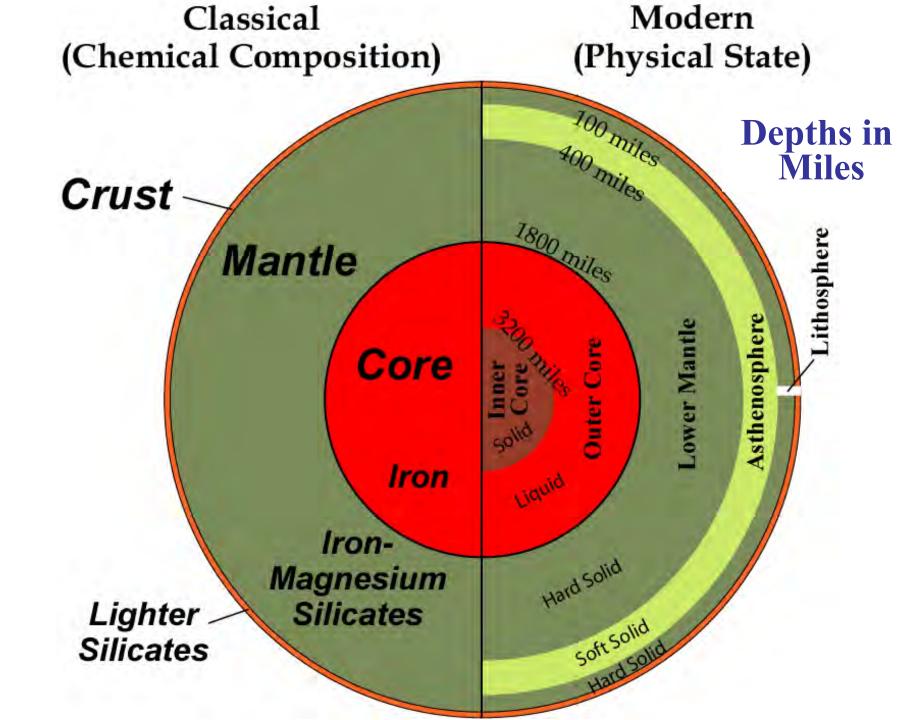


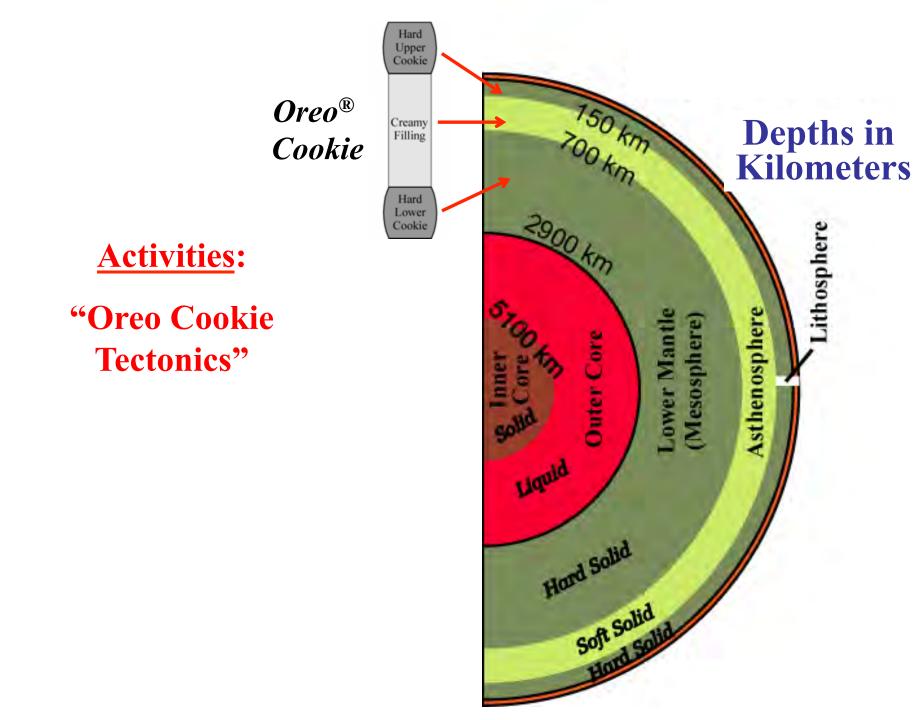


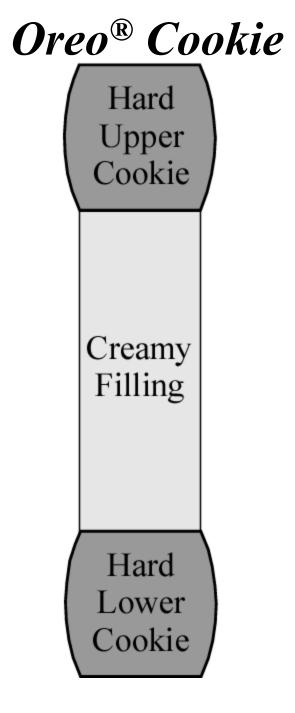


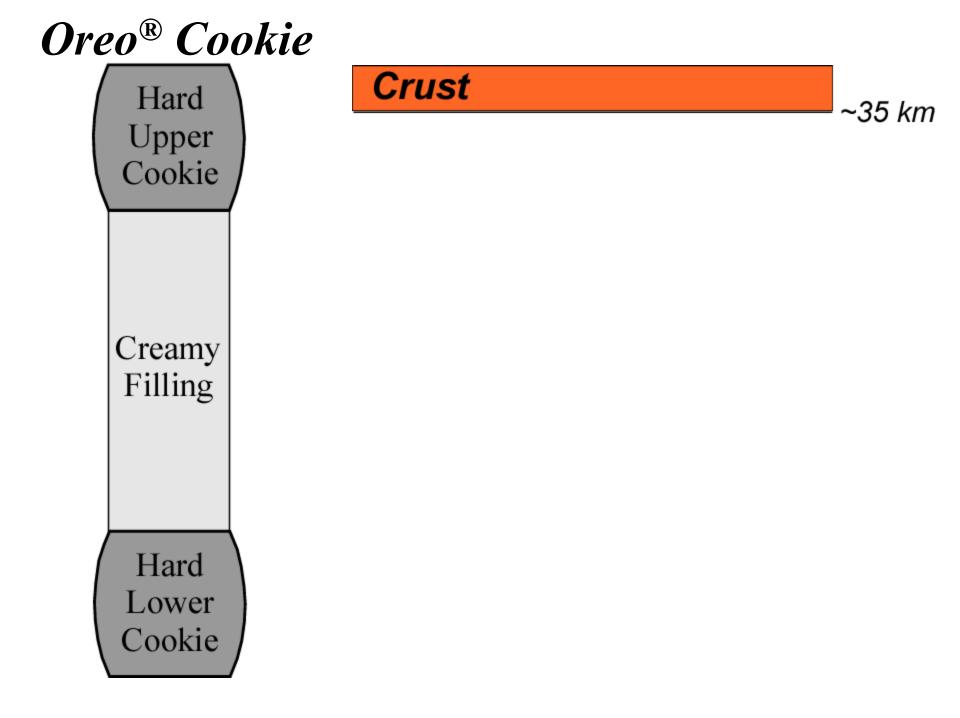
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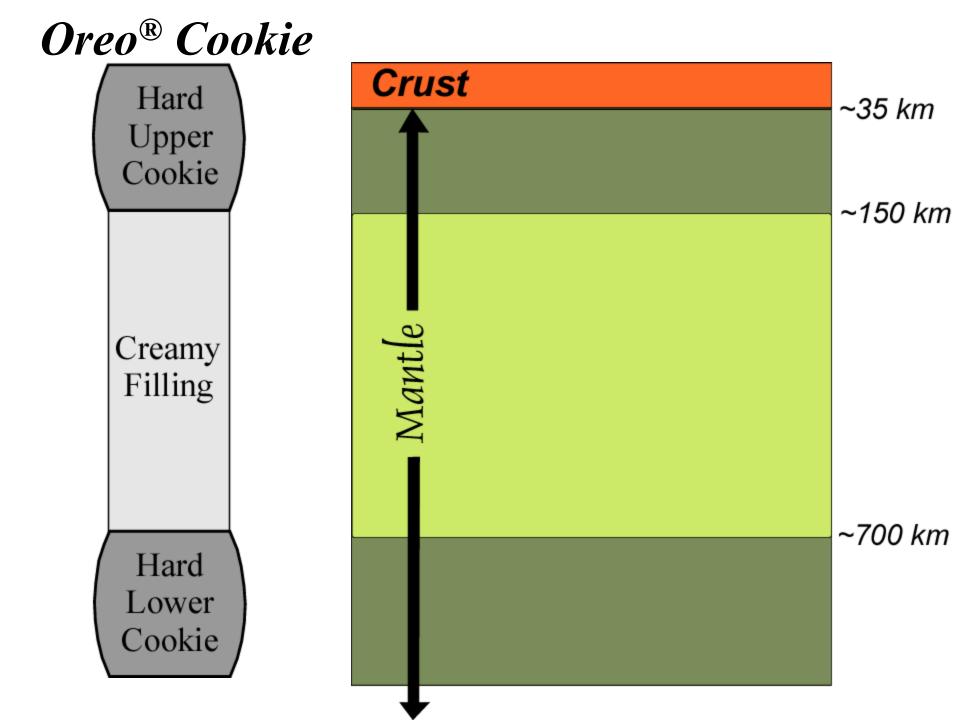


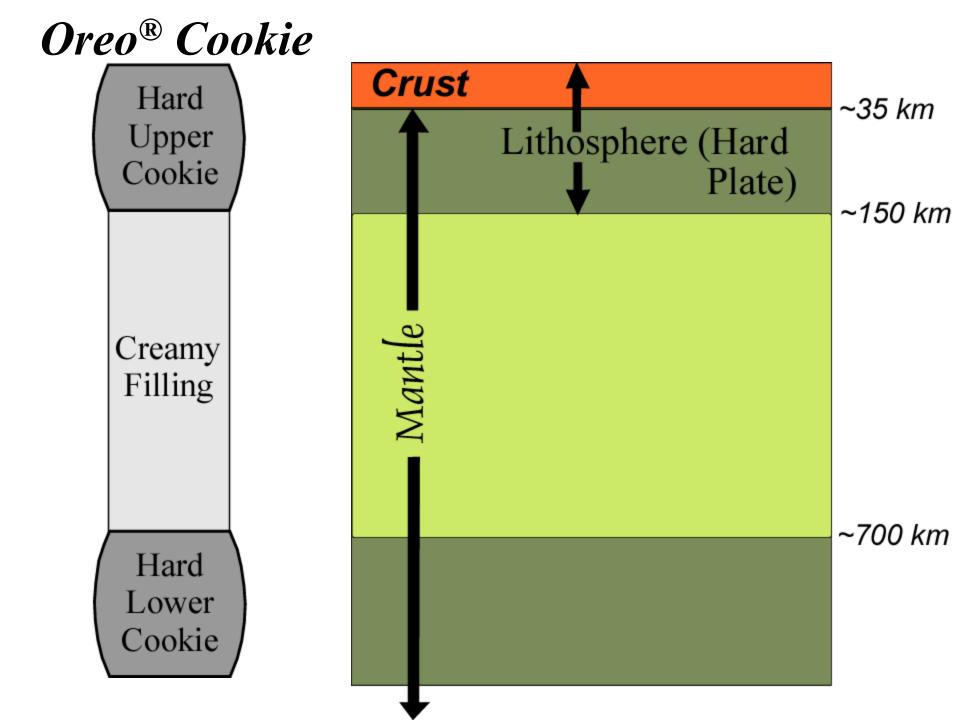


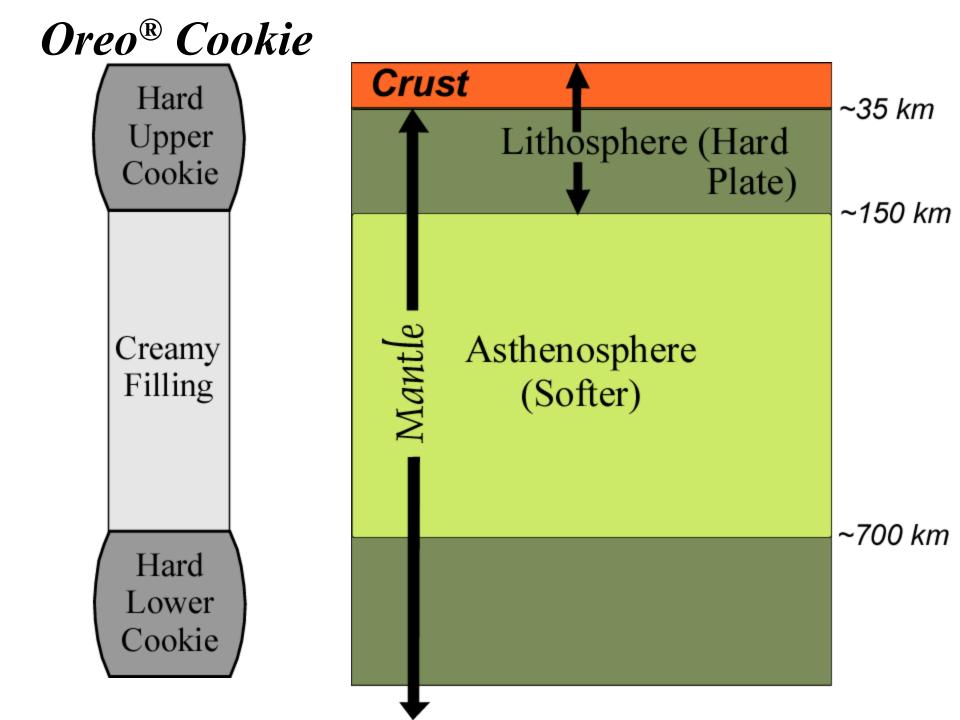


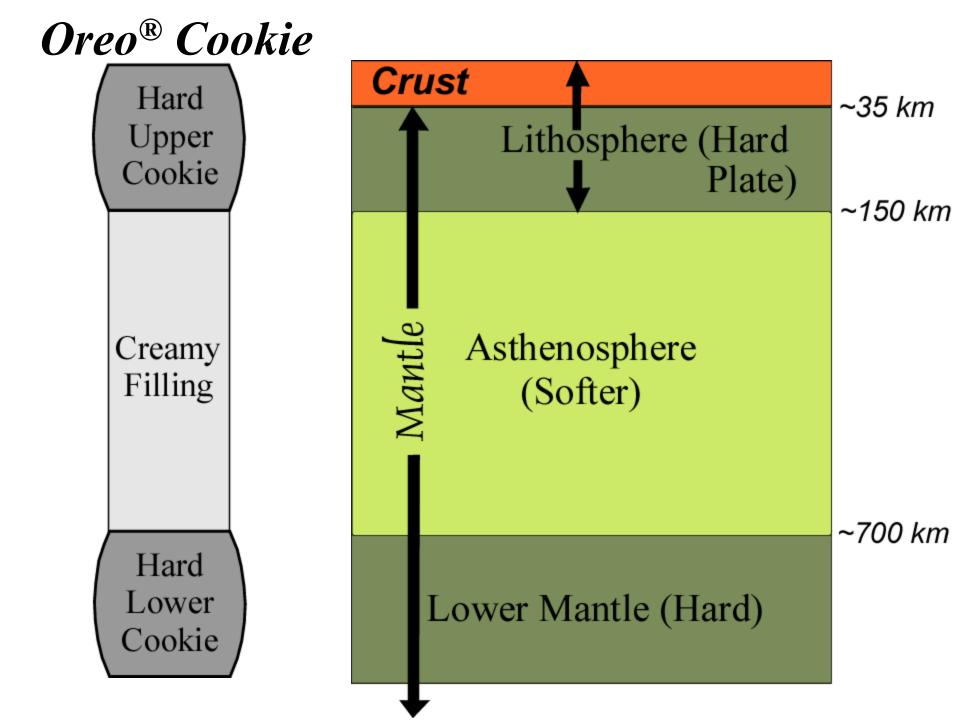














Oreo[®] Psycho-Personality Test www.superkids.com/aweb/pages/humor/050199.sht

- Psychologists have discovered that the manner in which people eat Oreo[®] cookies provides great insight into their personalities. Choose which method best describes your favorite method of eating Oreos:
- 1. The whole thing at once.
 - 2. One bite at a time.
 - **3.** Slow and methodical nibbles examining the results of each bite afterwards.
 - 4. In little feverous nibbles.
 - 5. Dunked in some liquid (milk, coffee)
 - 6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.
 - 7. Twisted apart, the inside, and toss the cookie.
 - 8. Just the cookie, not the inside.
 - 9. I just like to lick them, not eat them.
 - 10. I don't have a favorite way because I don't like Oreos.

6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.

- You have a highly curious nature.
- You take pleasure in breaking things apart to find out how they work, though you're not always able to put them back together, so you destroy all the evidence of your activities.
- You deny your involvement when things go wrong.
- You are a compulsive liar and exhibit deviant, if not criminal, behavior.

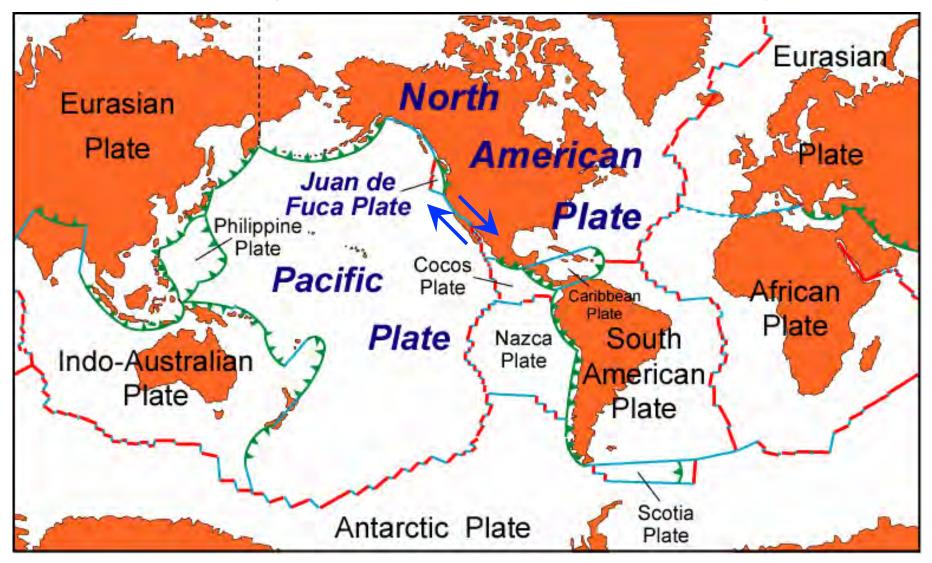
Sliding Plate over Asthenosphere





Transform Plate Boundary

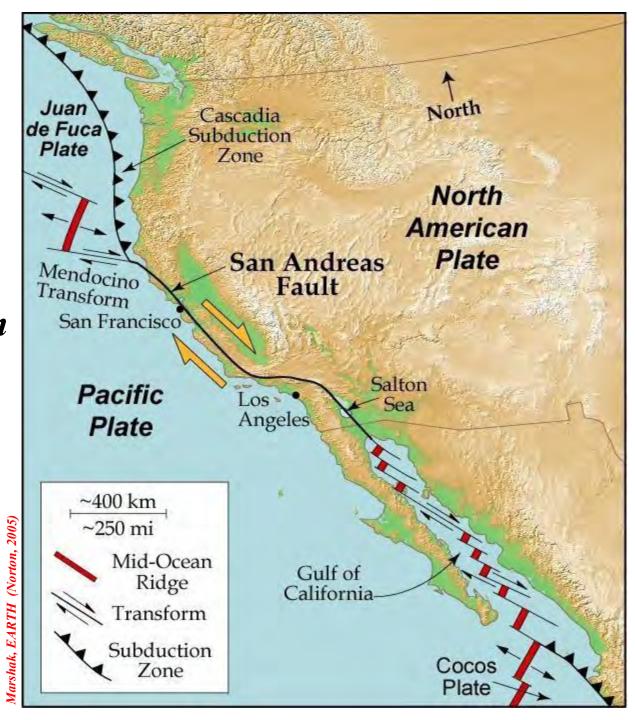
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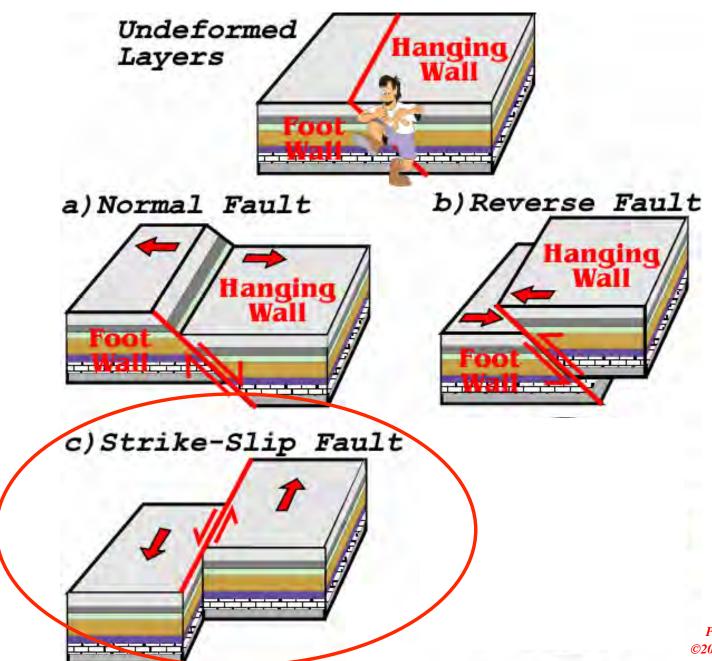
San Andreas Fault

Transform Plate Boundary

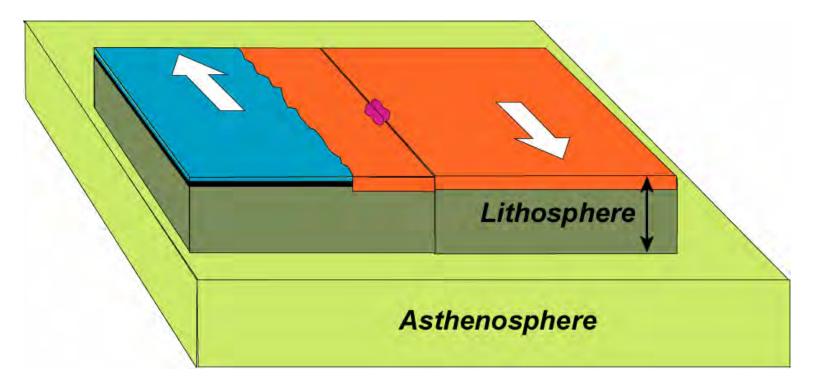
The Pacific Plate slides past the North American Plate along the <u>San</u> <u>Andreas Fault</u>in California.



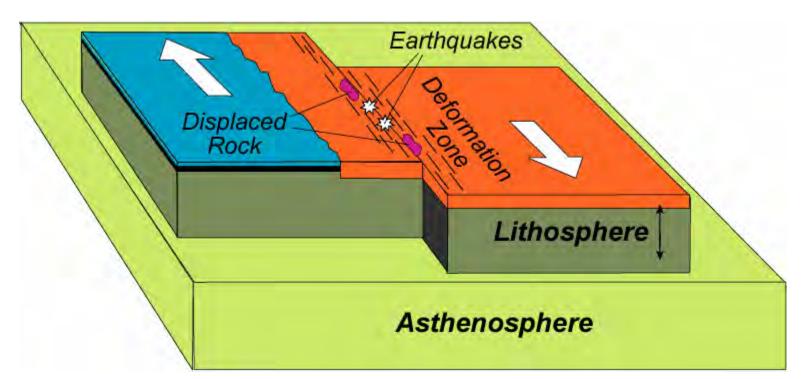
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<u>Activities</u>: Binder p. 5 – "Foam Faults" TRANSFORM PLATE BOUNDARY (Western California)



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Shearing Forces Produce <u>Strike-Slip Faults</u>

Creating the SAN ANDREAS FAULT with a Deck of Cards

The <u>TRANSFORM</u> <u>PLATE</u> <u>BOUNDARY</u> is a broad zone of shearing between the two plates.

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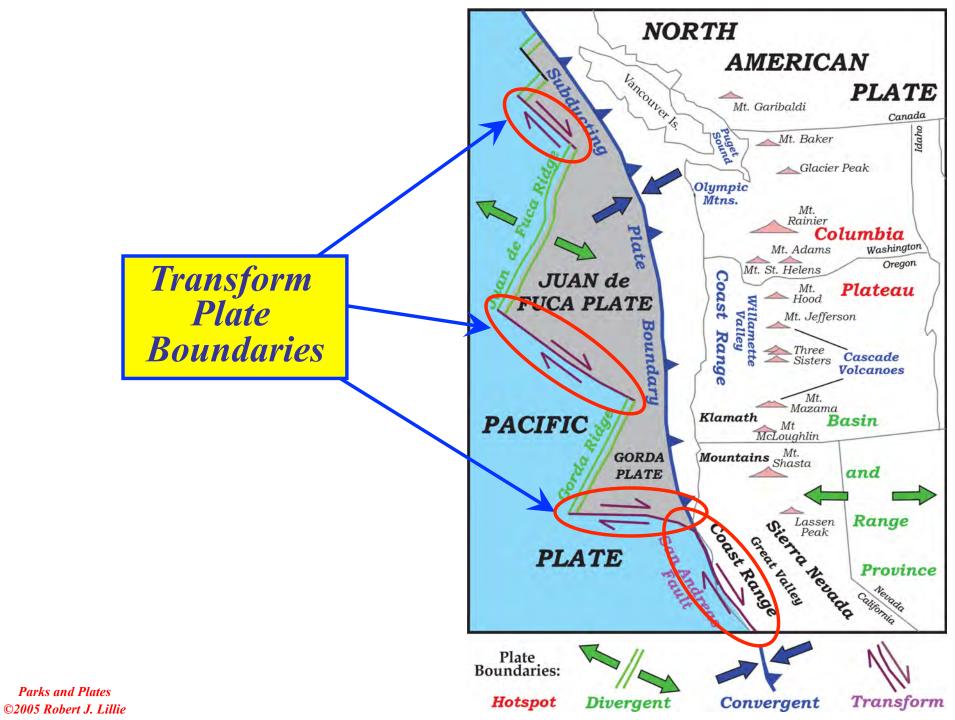
Broad Zone of Shearing

Creating the SAN ANDREAS FAULT with a Deck of Cards

One card face eventually takes over, simulating the predominance of movement along the San Andreas Fault.

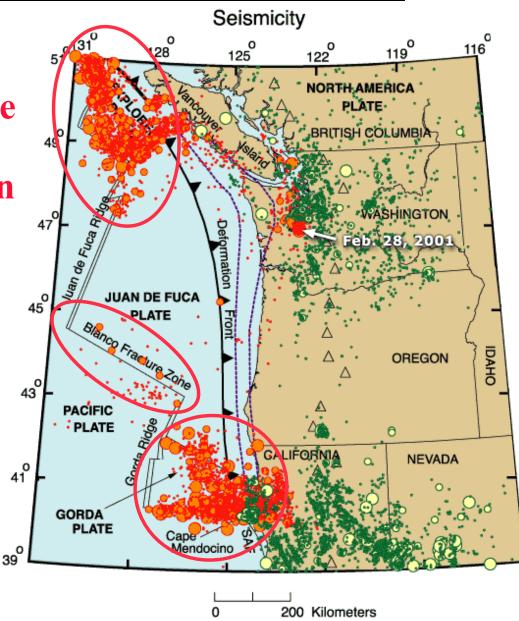
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San Andreas Fault



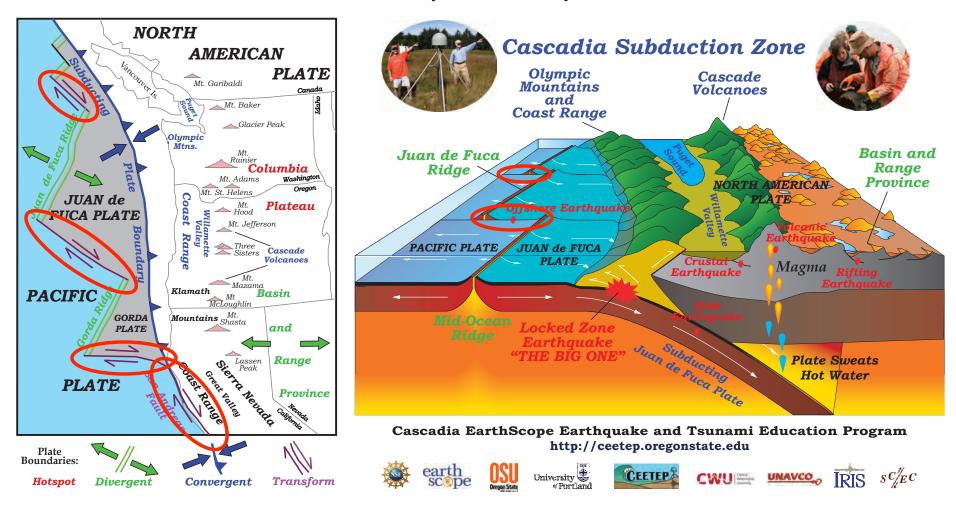
Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest

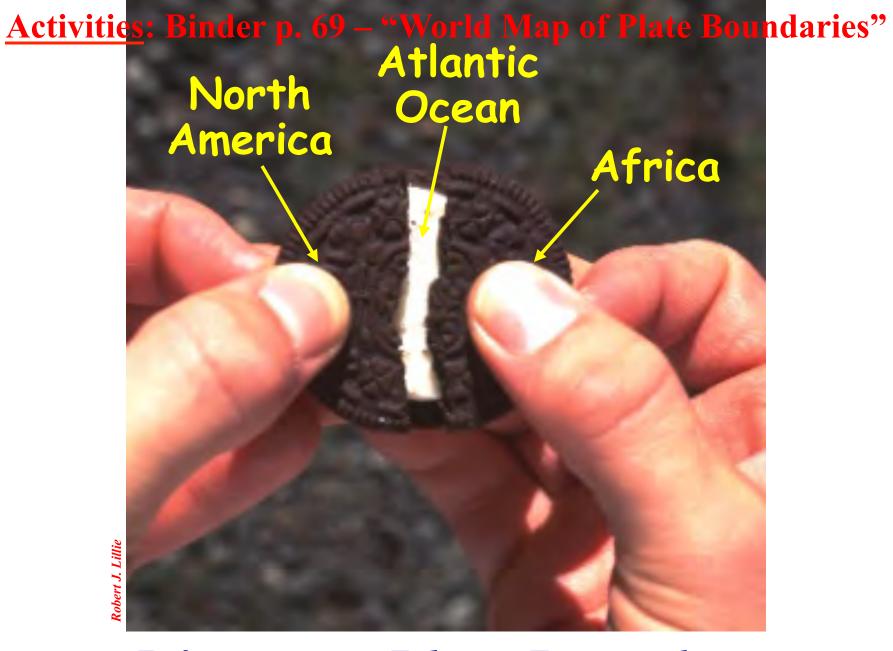
Offshore earthquakes are commonly on <u>transform</u> <u>plate boundaries</u> between the Pacific and Juan de Fuca Plates.



Transform Plate Boundaries

Plate Tectonics of the Pacific Northwest





Divergent Plate Boundary

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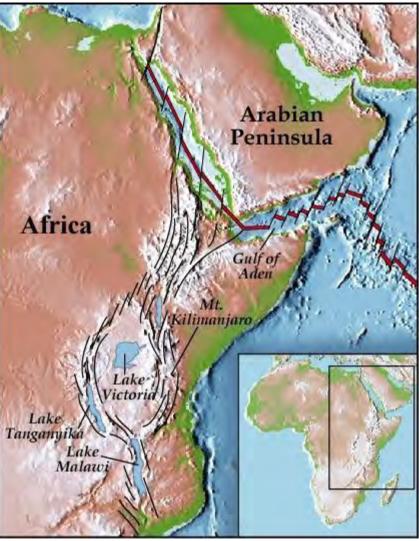


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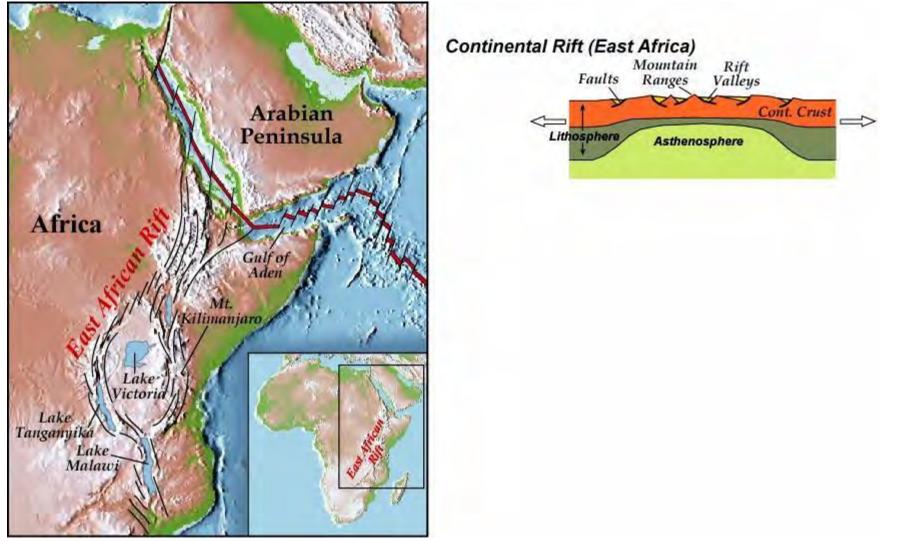
Three Stages of Plate Divergence

Earth from Space

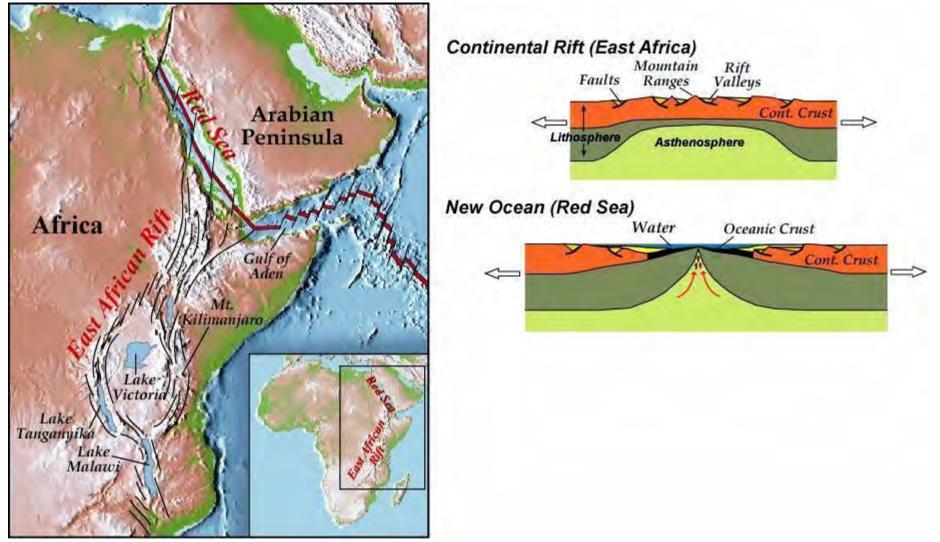
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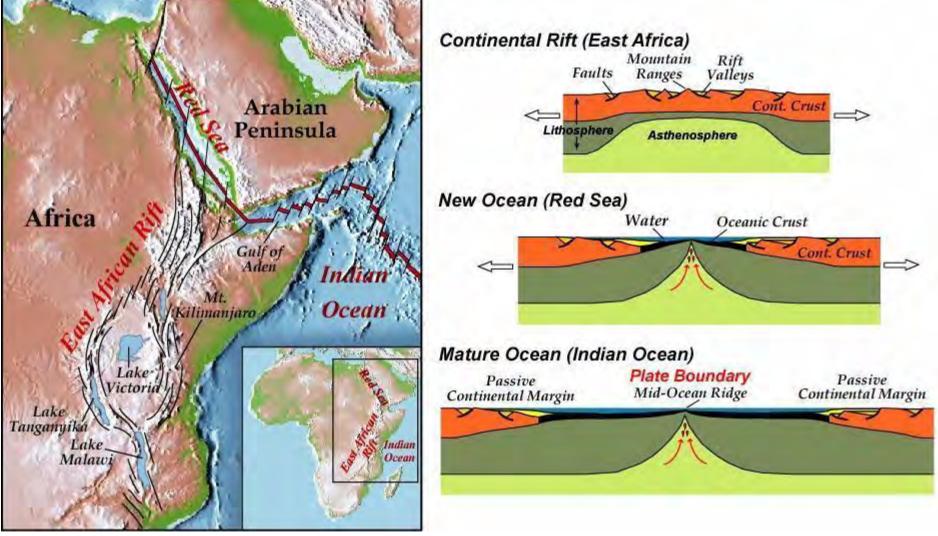
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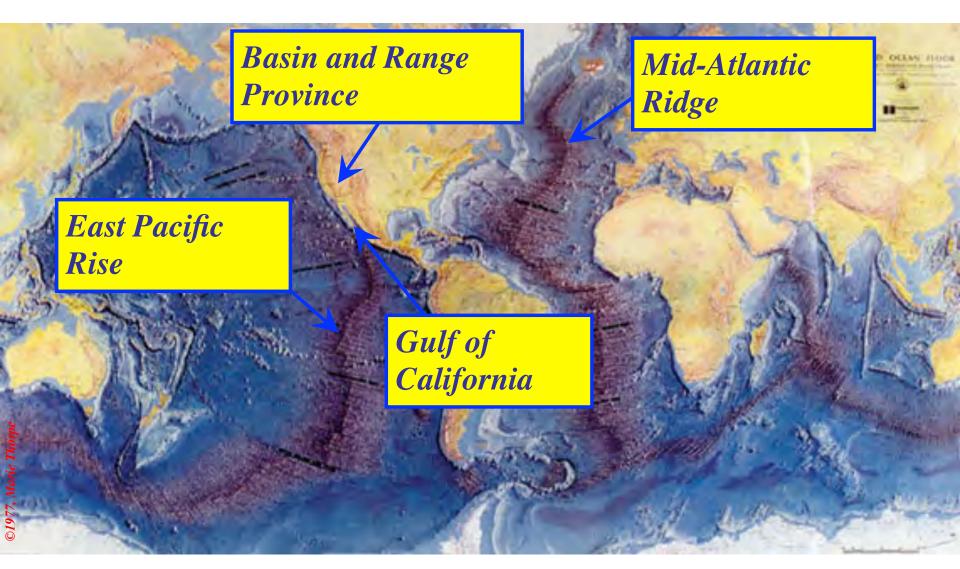
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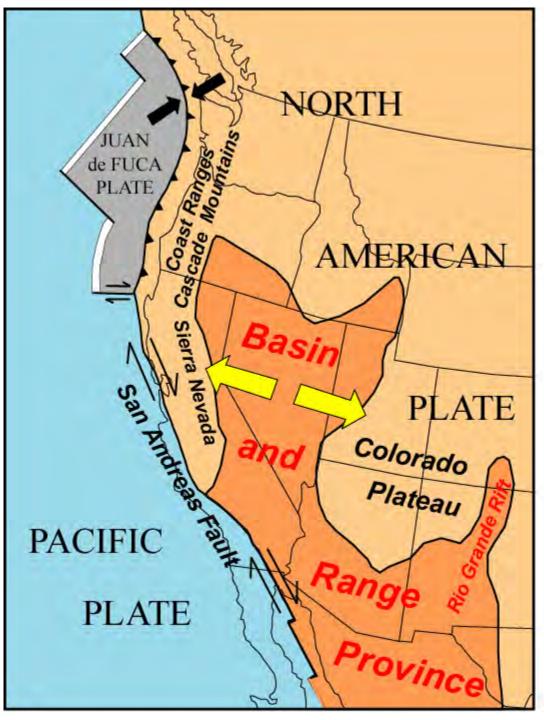
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A <u>Continental Rift</u> can be viewed as the On-land Continuation of a <u>Mid-Ocean Ridge</u>



Divergent Plate Boundary

The Basin and Range Province is a Continental Rift Zone, the early stages of plate divergence

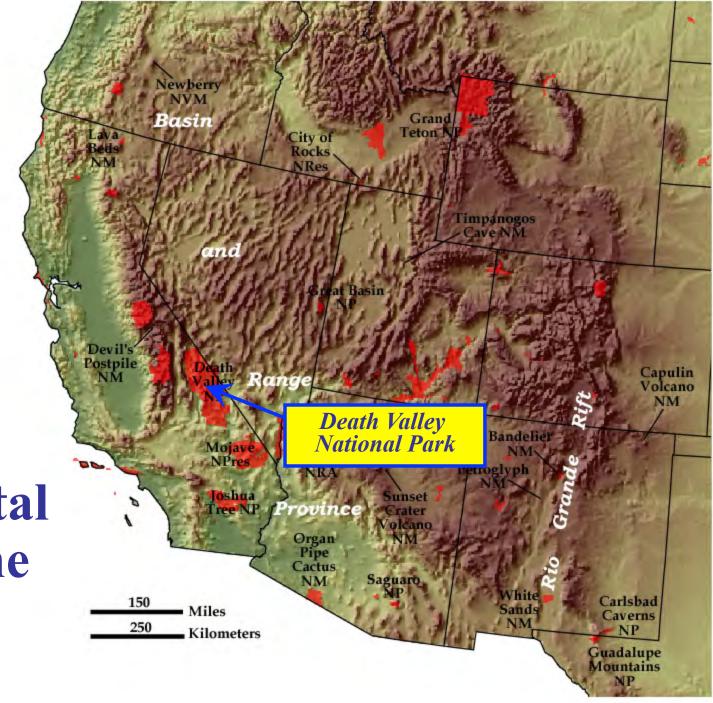




Plates Pulling Apart--Continental Rift Zone

National Park Lands

Active Continental Rift Zone

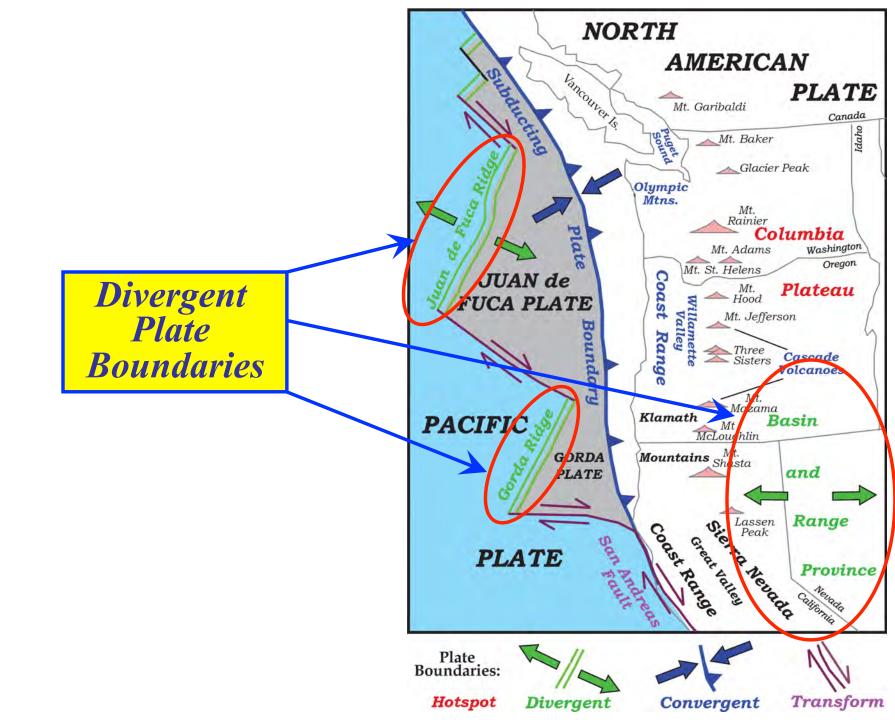


Death Valley National Park, California

Panamint Mountains

282 Feet Below Sea Level





<u>Activities</u>: Binder p. 5 – "Foam Faults" Extension and Deformation in a Basin-and-range Province

Crust

Upper Mantle

Tectonic plate:

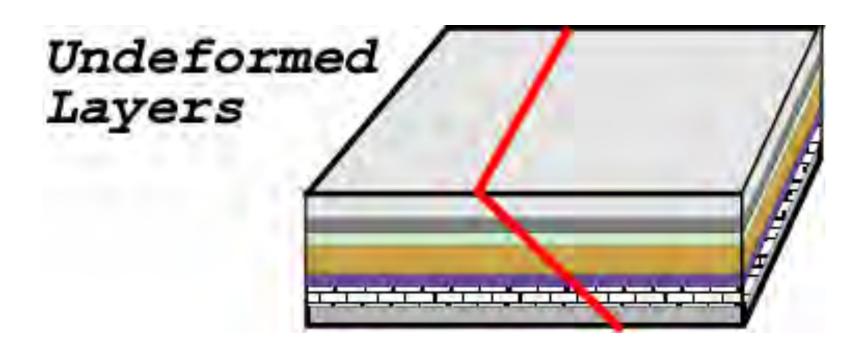
the brittle upper surface of the Earth

Asthenosphere

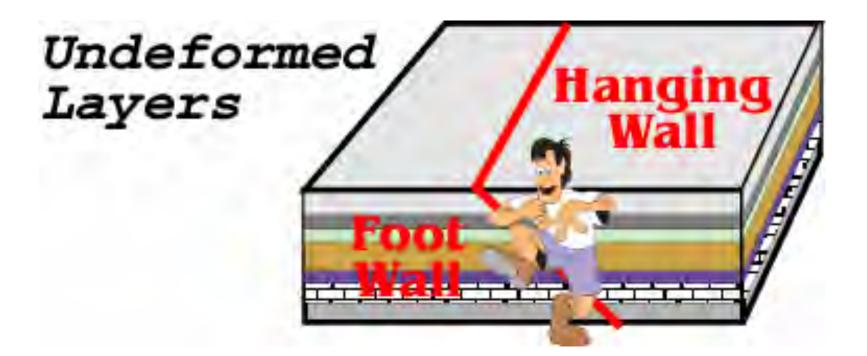
As the tectonic plate pulls apart, it slides on top of the hot, partially melted asthenosphere.

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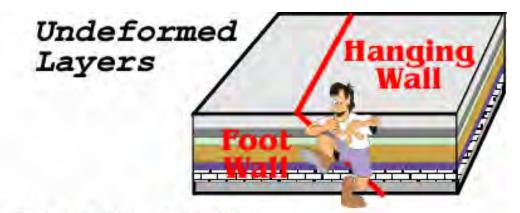
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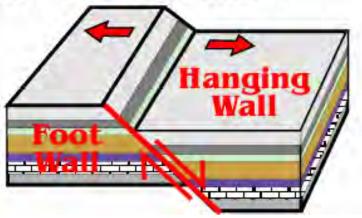
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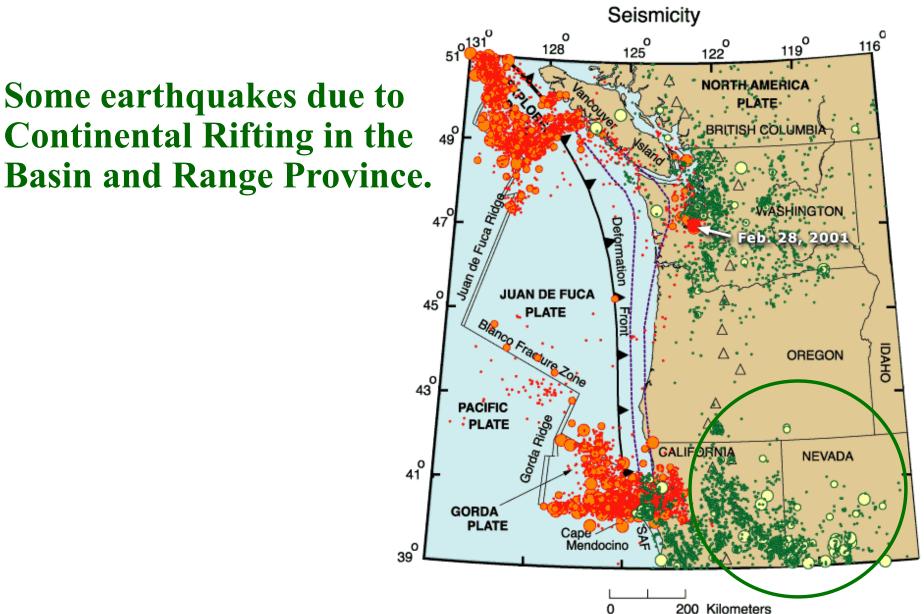
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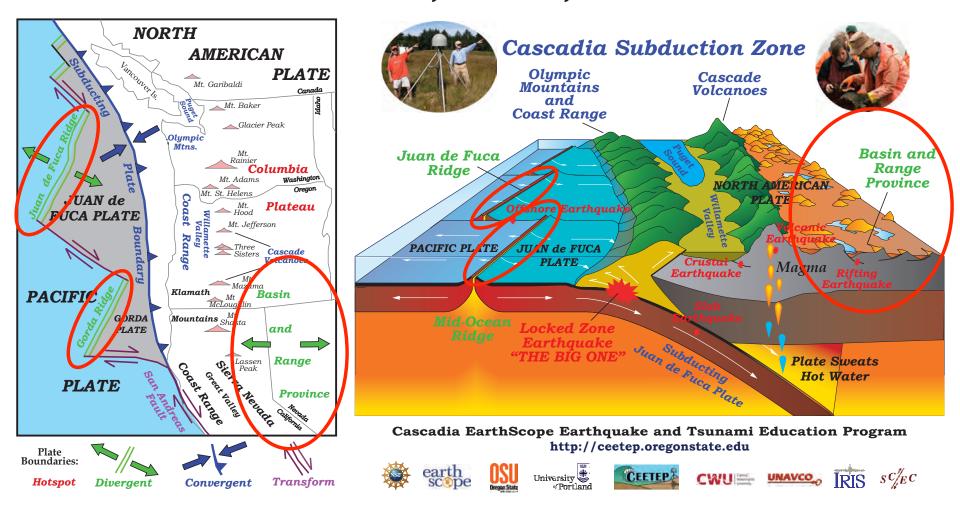


Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest



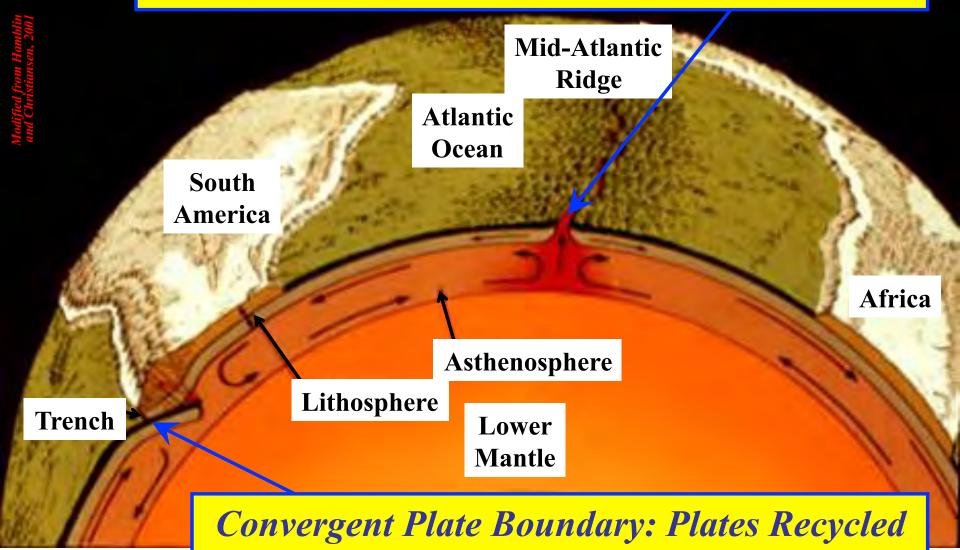
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Plate Tectonics of the Pacific Northwest



Giant Re-Cycling Machine!! ③

Divergent Plate Boundary: Plates Manufactured



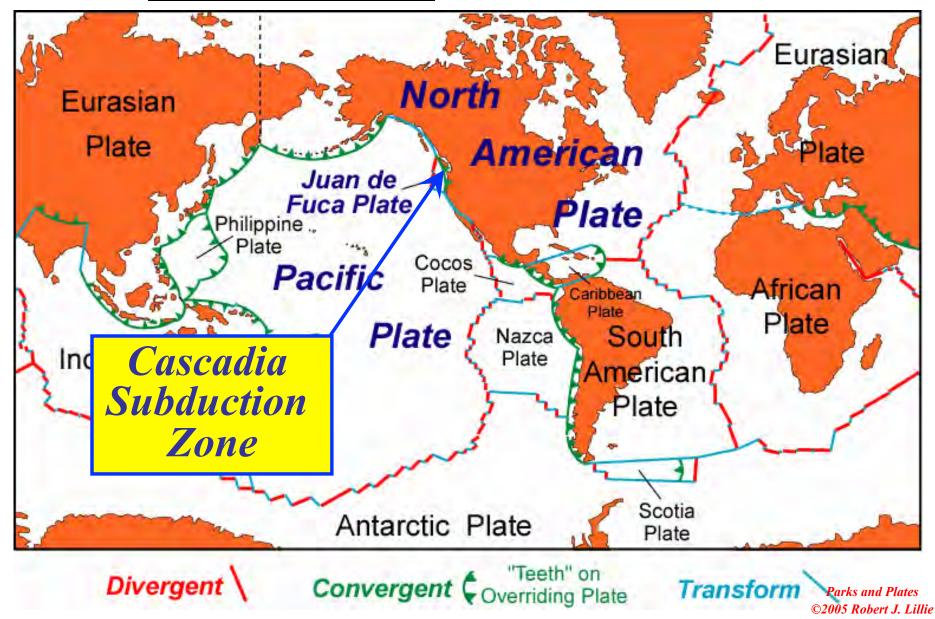
Andes Mountains, South America



Osorno volcano near Puerto Montt, Chile

http://whatonearth.olehnielsen.dk/volcanoes.asp

<u>Activities</u>: Binder p. 69 – "World Map of Plate Boundaries" <u>Subduction Zones</u> rim the Pacific Ocean

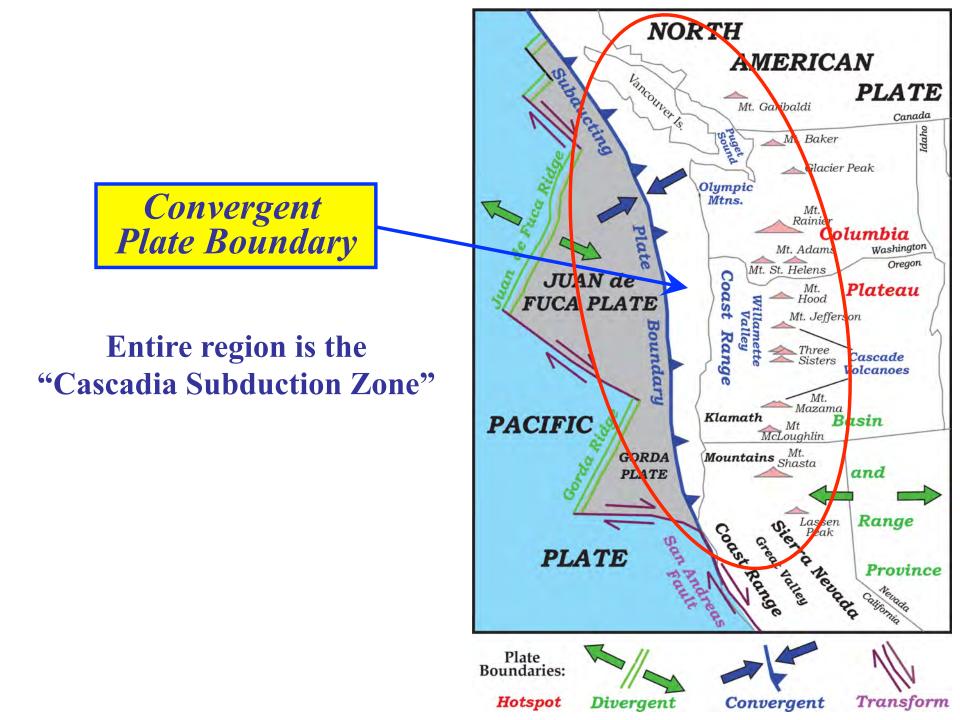


Juan de Subduction Fuca Plate Zone North American

Plate

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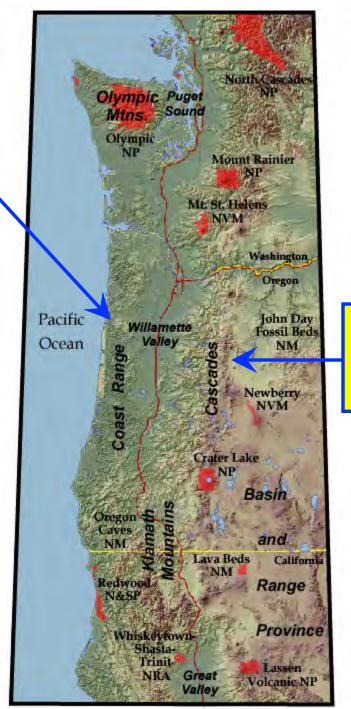
Plate Tectonics--Subduction Zone





1. Why are there two parallel mountain ranges in the Pacific Northwest?

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Cascade Volcanoes

National Park Lands in the Pacific Northwest

Coastal Ranges

Layers Lifted out of the Sea

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Olympic National Park, Washington

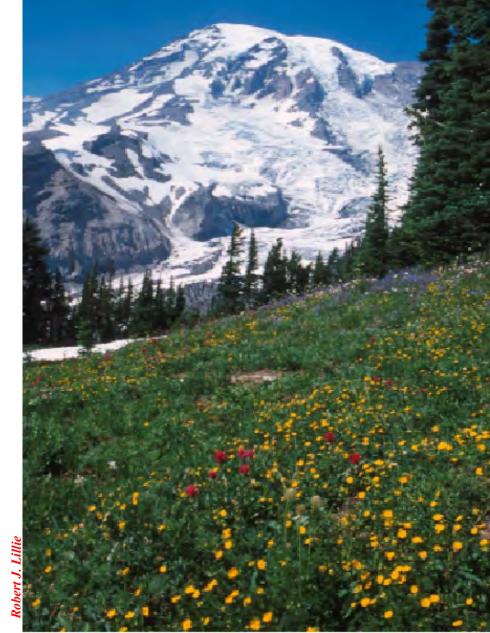
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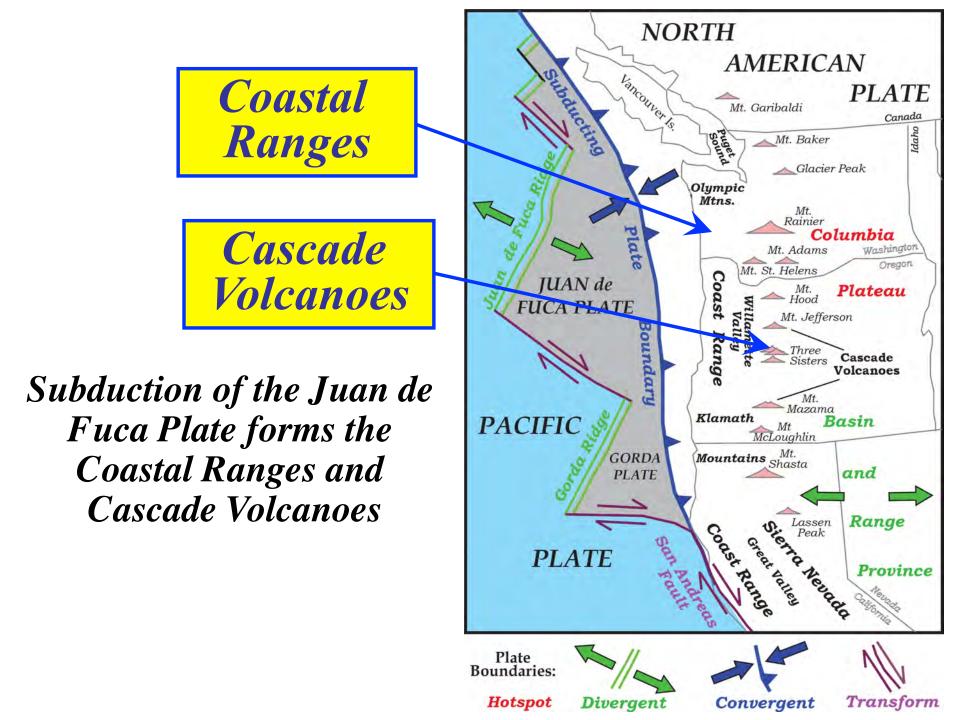


Steep, Explosive Volcanoes

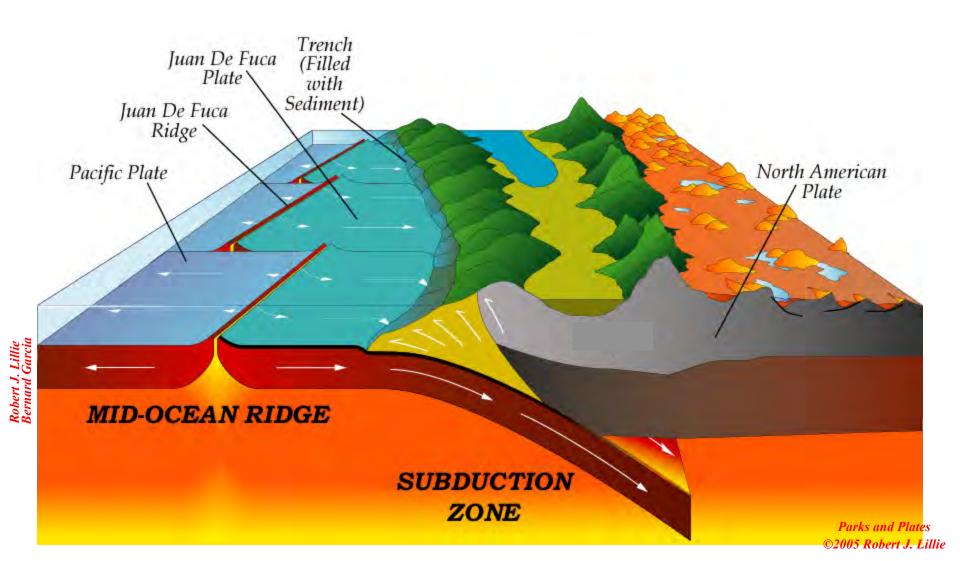


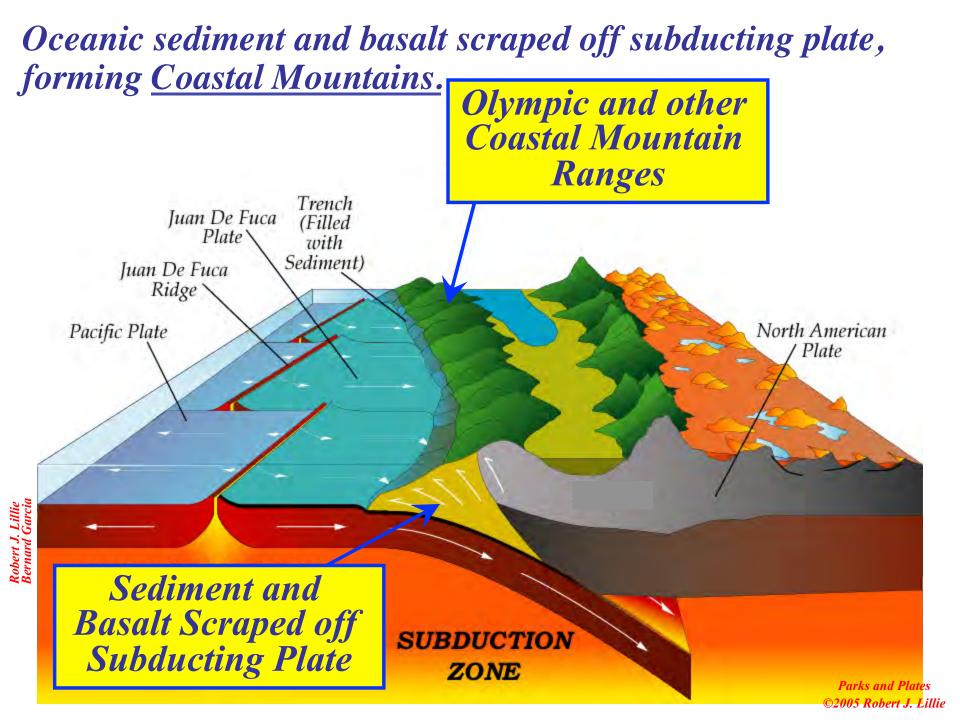
Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington



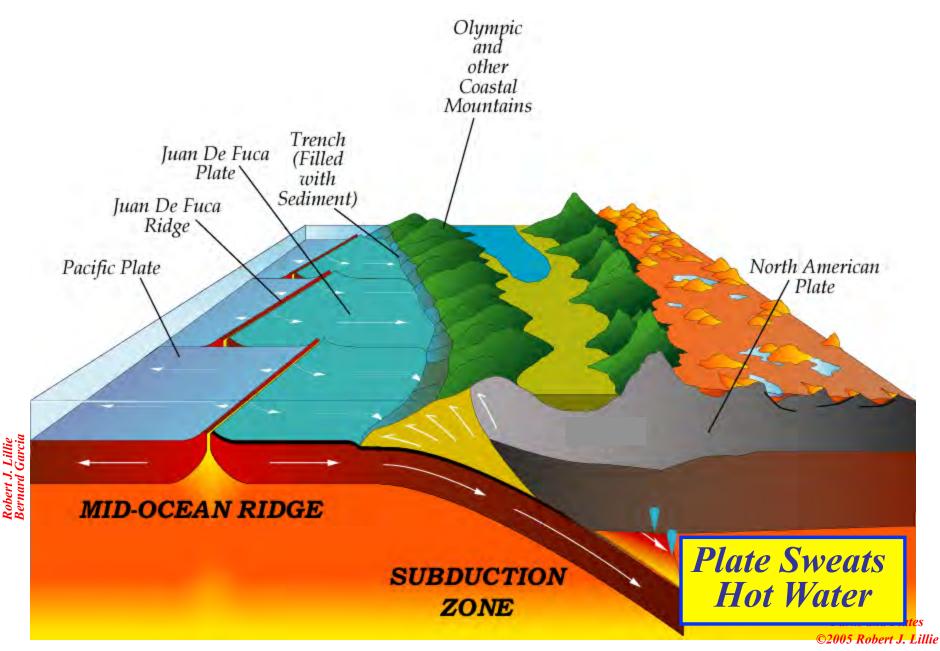


Subducting Juan de Fuca Plate forms two parallel mountain ranges in the Pacific Northwest.

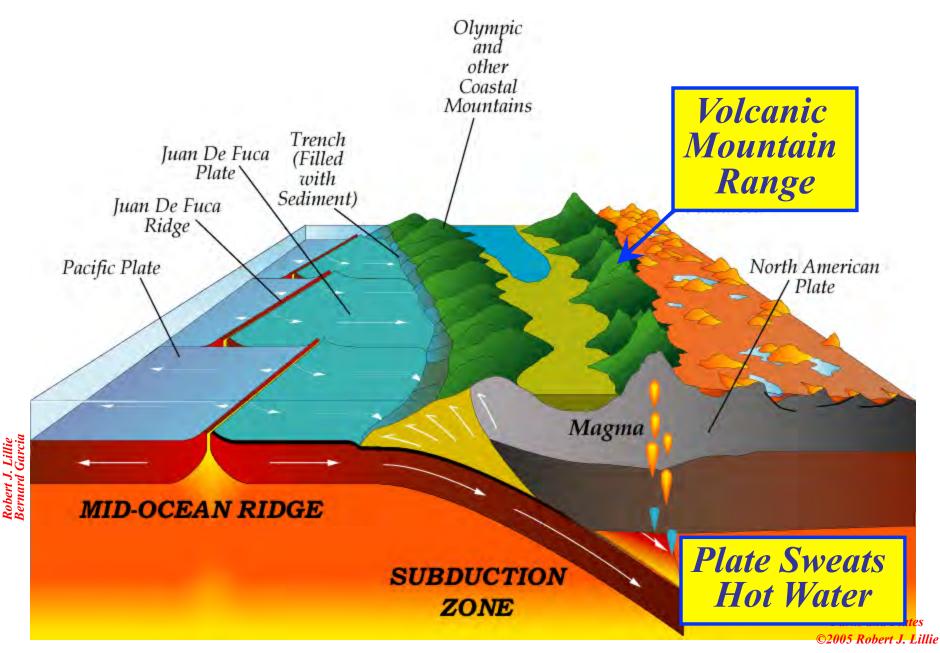


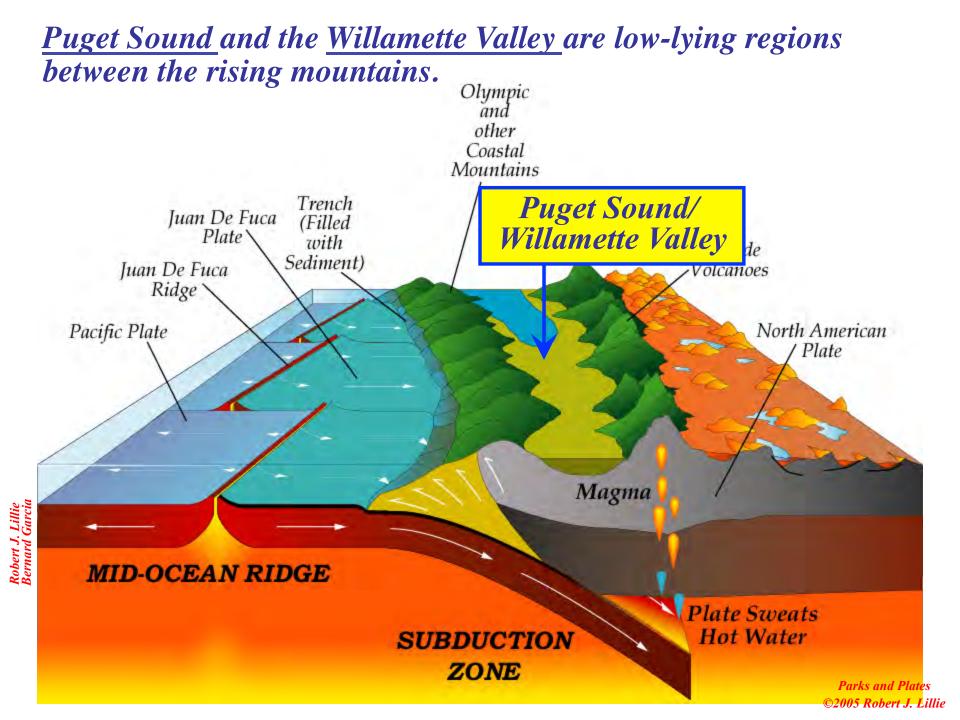


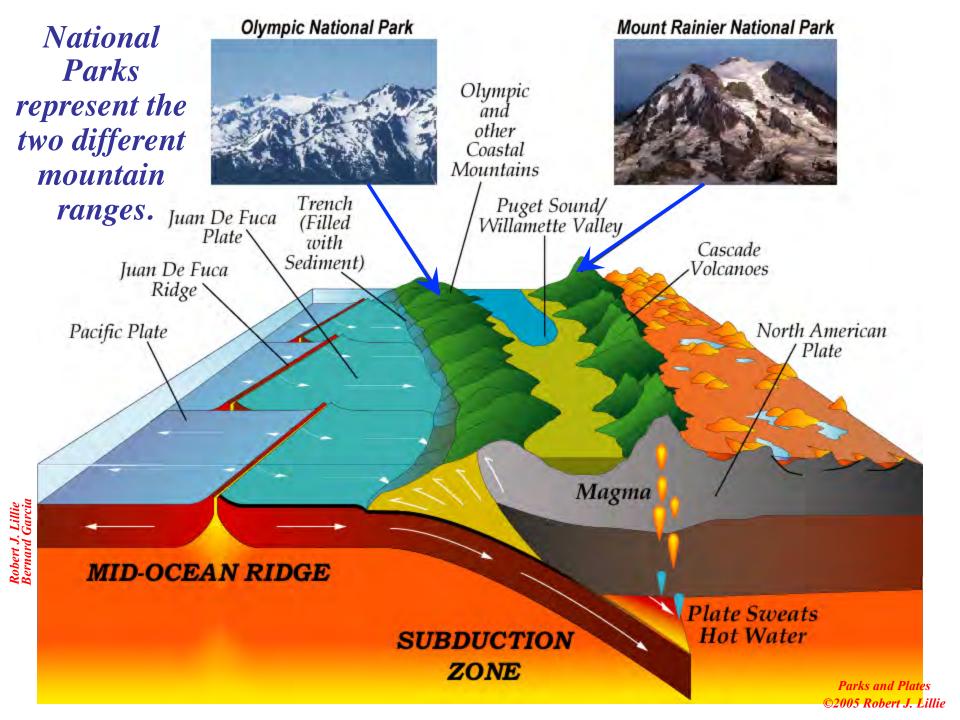
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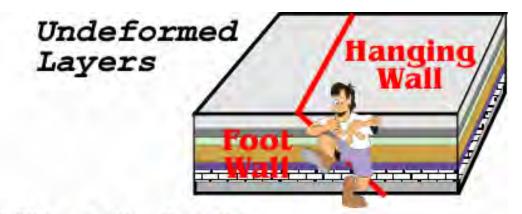
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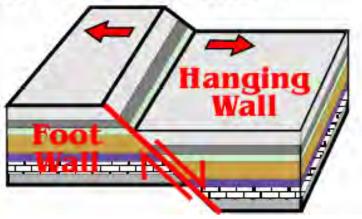




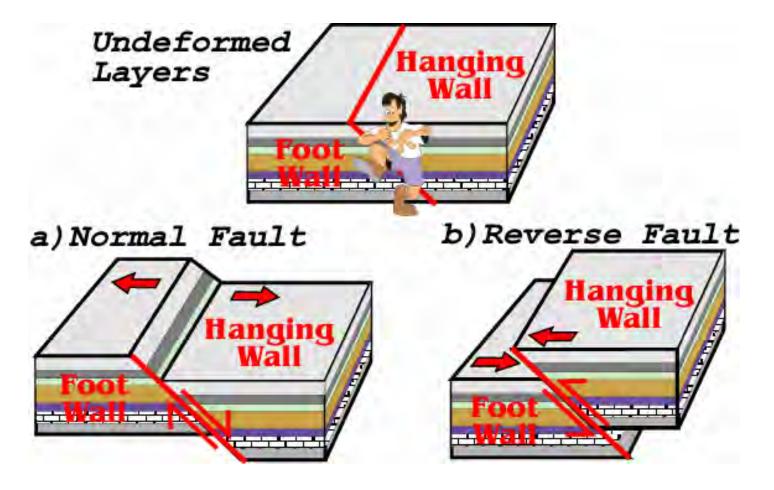
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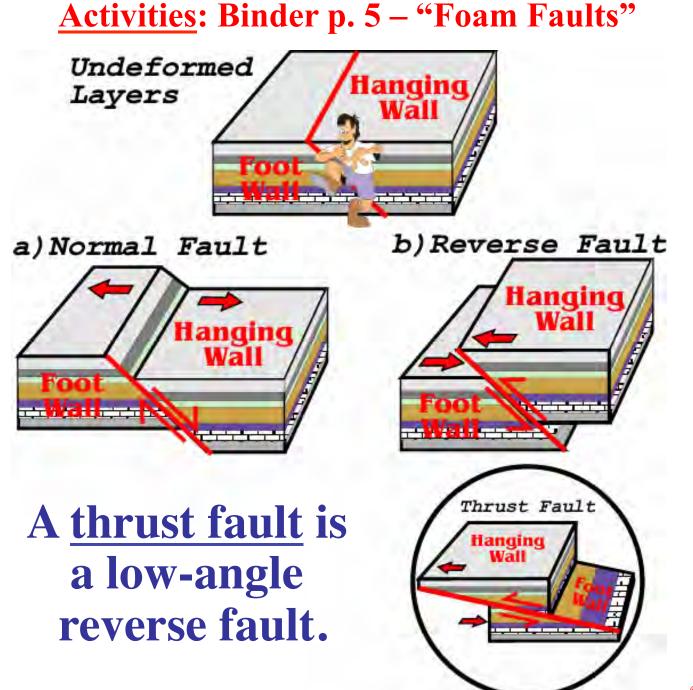


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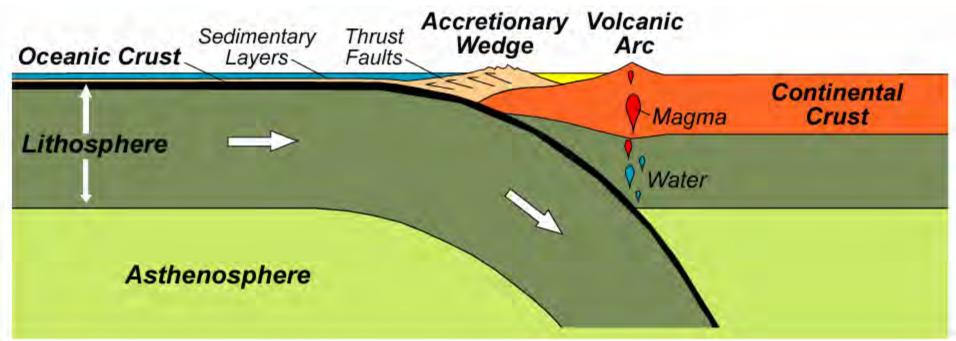


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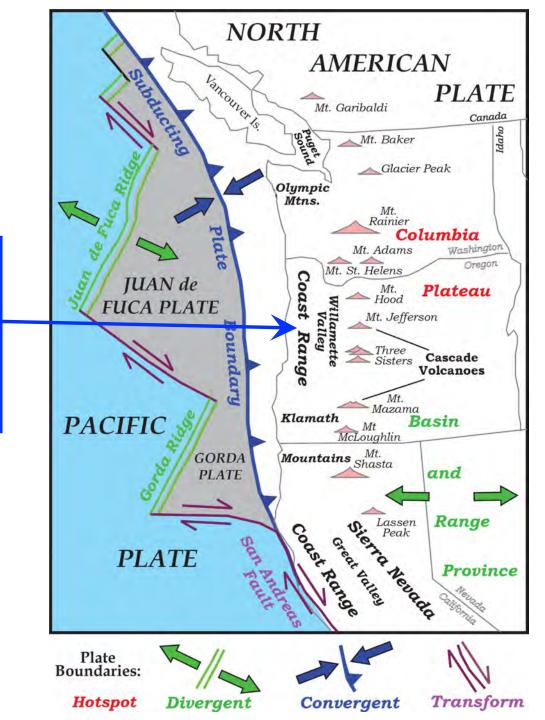


Activities: Binder p. 5 – "Foam Faults" CONVERGENT PLATE BOUNDARY Subduction Zone



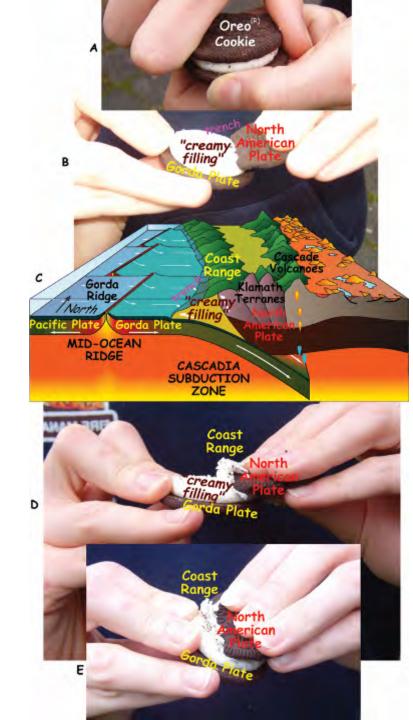
Compressional Forces Produce <u>Reverse (Thrust) Faults</u>

The <u>Coast Range</u> contains Basalt and Sedimentary Layers originally deposited on the Floor of the Ocean



Ranger Jen's Oreo Subduction Demo

Coast ranges are material scraped off the ocean floor.



Coastal Ranges

Layers Lifted out of the Sea

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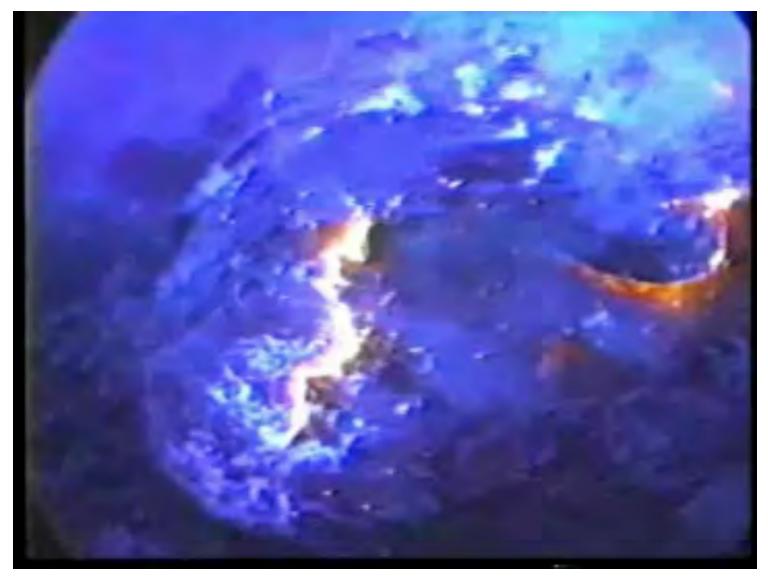
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Hurricane Ridge Road

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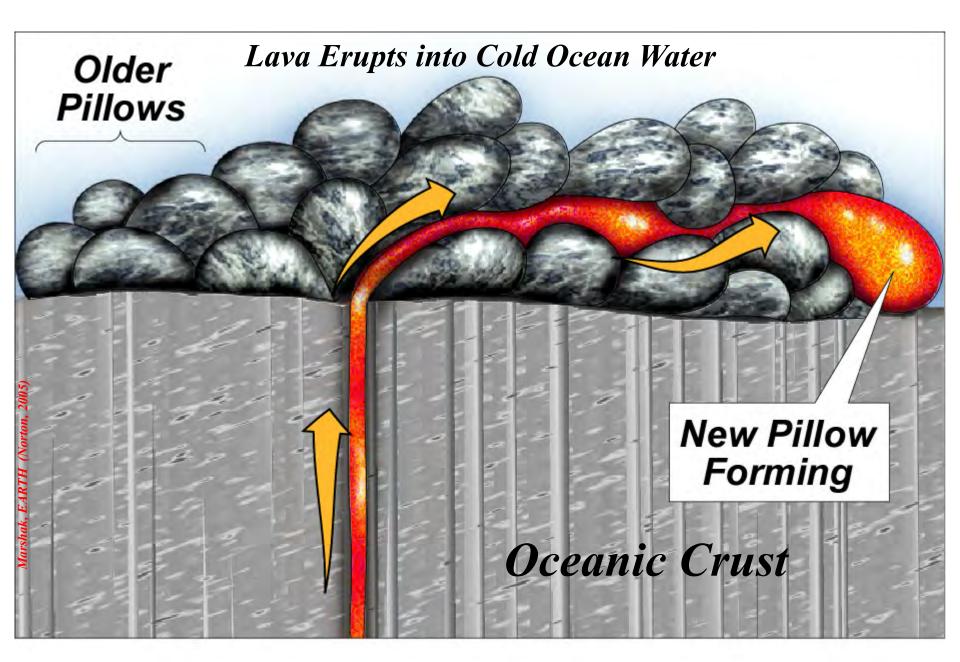


Formation of Pillow Lava



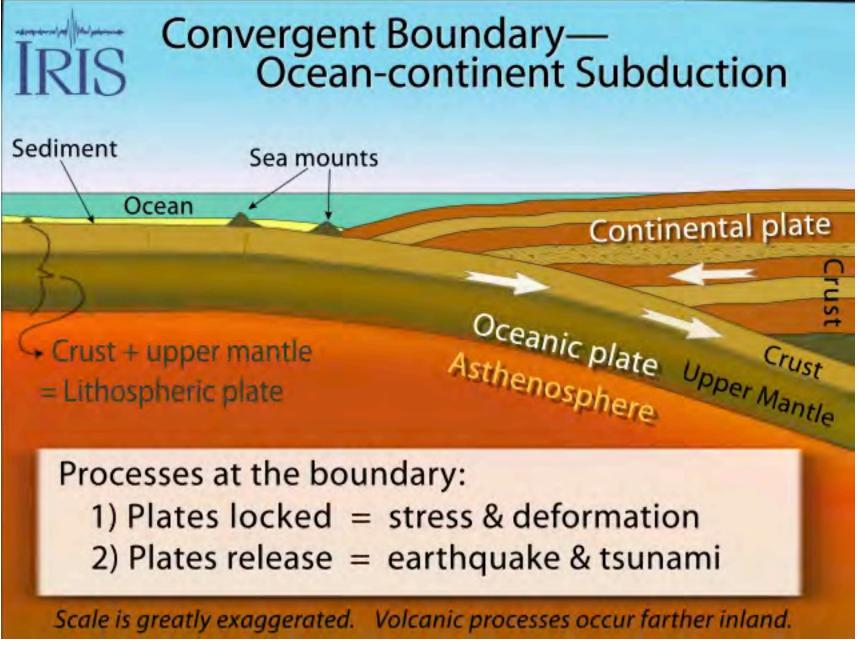
The formation of pillow lava in the deep ocean has never been observed, but it probably looks a lot like this. This movie shows pillow lava flowing underwater off the coast of Hawaii, after it was erupted on land and flowed into the ocean. Video footage from the movie "Pele Meets the Sea" courtesy of Richard Pyle (deepreef@bishopmuseum.org) at Lava Video Productions. http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/04fire/background/volcanism/media/pillow_lava_video.html

Formation of Pillow Lava



Siletz River Volcanics Qceanic Basalt Lava Flows ~ 55 Million Years Old (Early Eccene)

Marys Peak Recreation Area, Oregon



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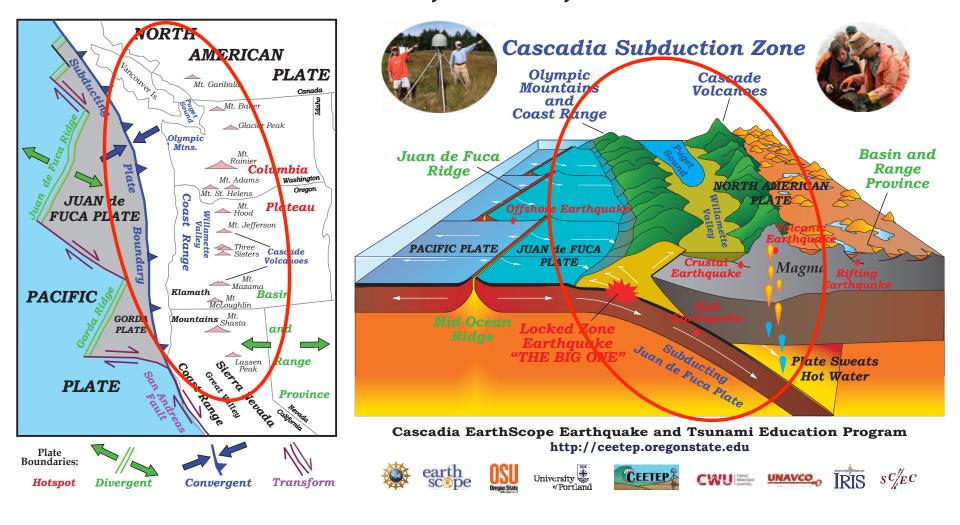


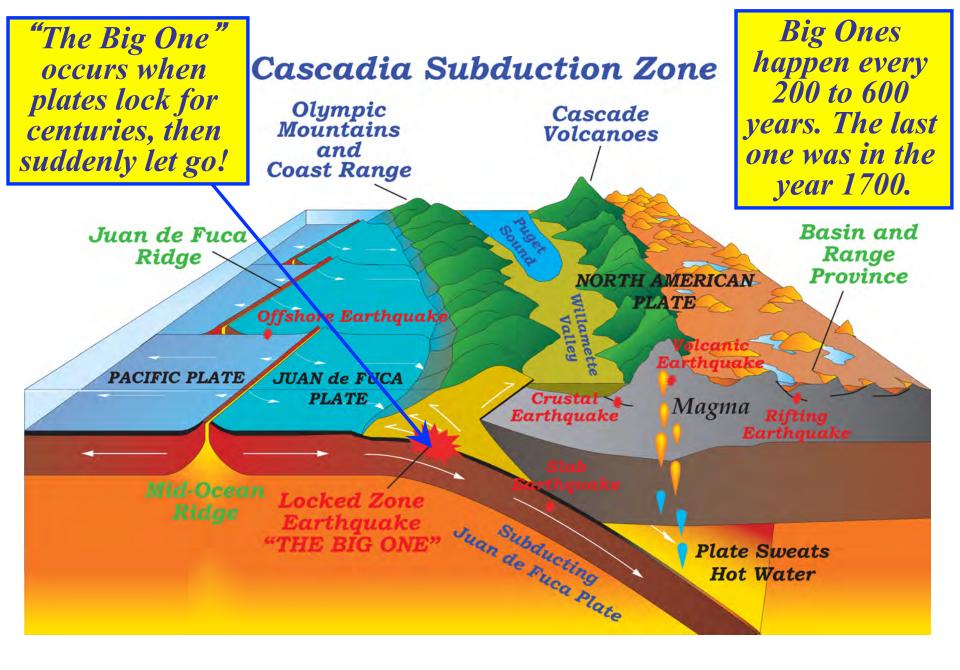
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Convergent Plate Boundary

Plate Tectonics of the Pacific Northwest







Four Types of Earthquakes in Cascadia Subduction Zone

1) Slab Earthquakes:

- Within Juan de Fuca Plate
- Up to 40 miles (60 km) depth
- Up to Magnitude 7

2) <u>Locked Zone (Mega-Thrust)</u> <u>Earthquakes</u>:

- Between Juan de Fuca and North American Plates
- 5 10 miles (8 15 km) depth
- Up to Magnitude 9

3) <u>Upper Plate Earthquakes</u>:

- Within North American Plate
- 1 10 miles (2 15 km) depth
- Up to Magnitude 7

4) Volcanic Earthquakes:

- From magma shallowing beneath Cascade volcanoes
- 1 5 miles (2 10 km) depth
- Up to Magnitude 5.5



2. Cascadia, 1700 (M=9?) Juan De Fuca Plate Plate Pacific Plate Coastal Mountains Puget Sound/ Willamette Valley Sediment) Pacific Plate Offshore:

MID-OCEAN RIDGE

M up to 7

SUBDUCTION ZONE

Olympic and

other



1. Nisqually, Washington, 2001 (M=6.9)



4. Mt. St. Helens, Washington, 1980 (M=5.5)



Cascade

Volcanoes

Plate Sweats

Hot Water

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North American

Plate

Olympic National Park, Washington

Basalt Lava Flows Manufactured in the Ocean ~55 million years ago, then added to the edge of the continent.

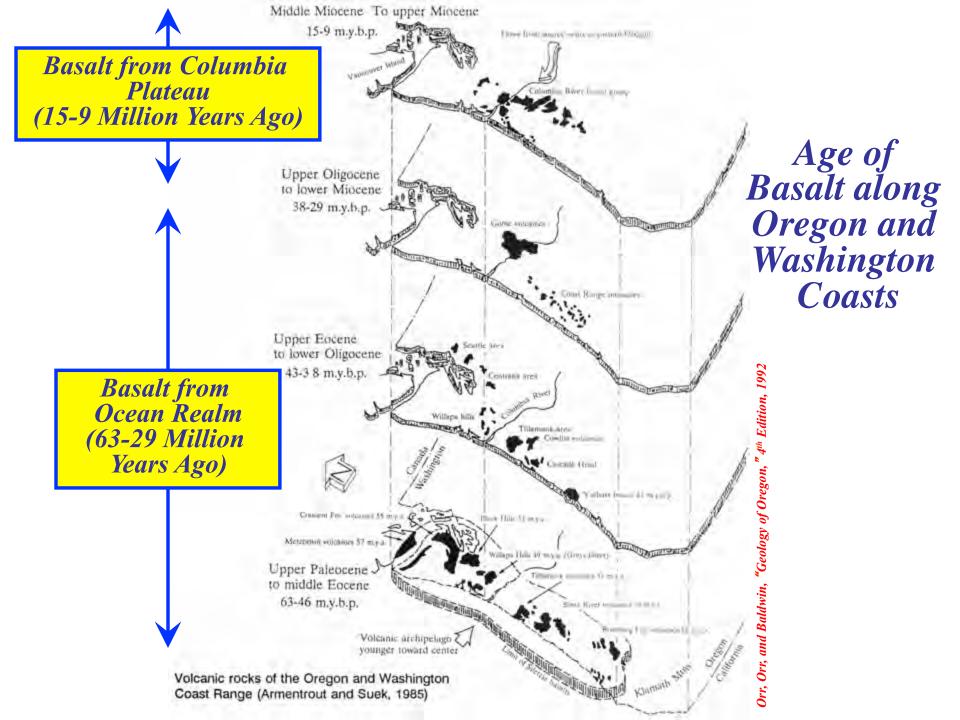
Hurricane Ridge Road

Cape Disappointment State Park, Washington

What about these younger lava flows?

Only 9 – 15 million years old

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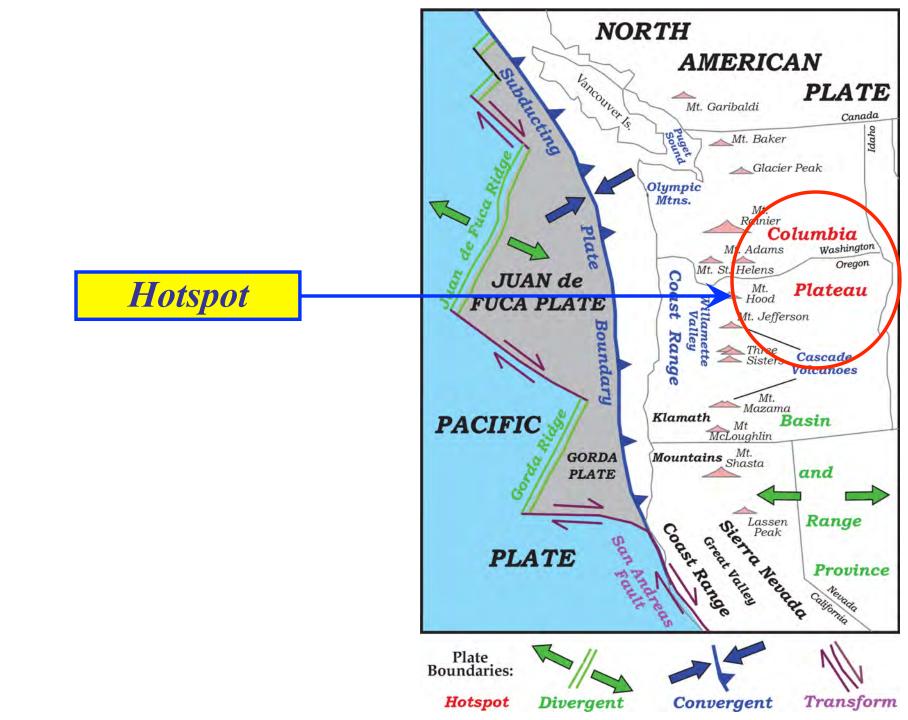
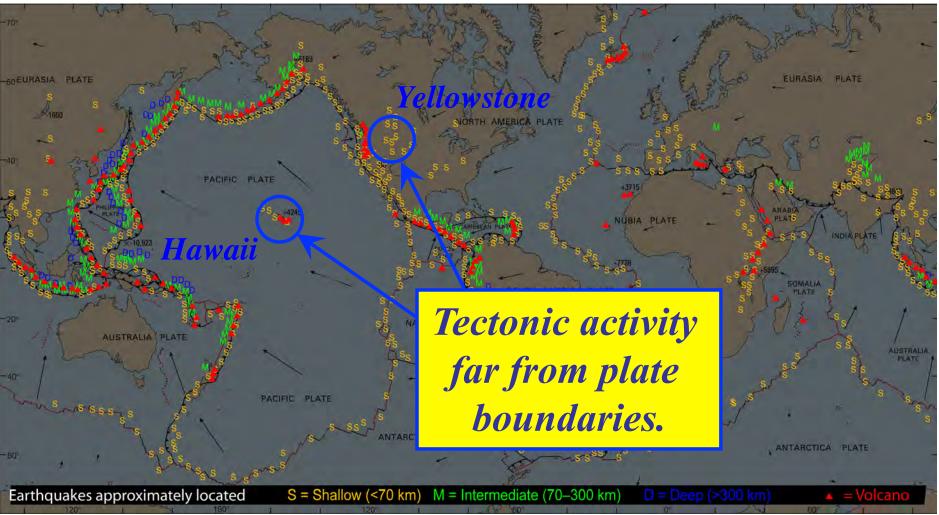


Plate Tectonics

Most <u>volcanoes</u> and <u>earthquakes</u> occur along plate boundaries.



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Hawai`i – Emperor Hotspot Track

45 Million Years Old

Northwestward

Plate Motion

21 Million Years Old

Forming Today



Pacific Plate

Hawaiian Islands

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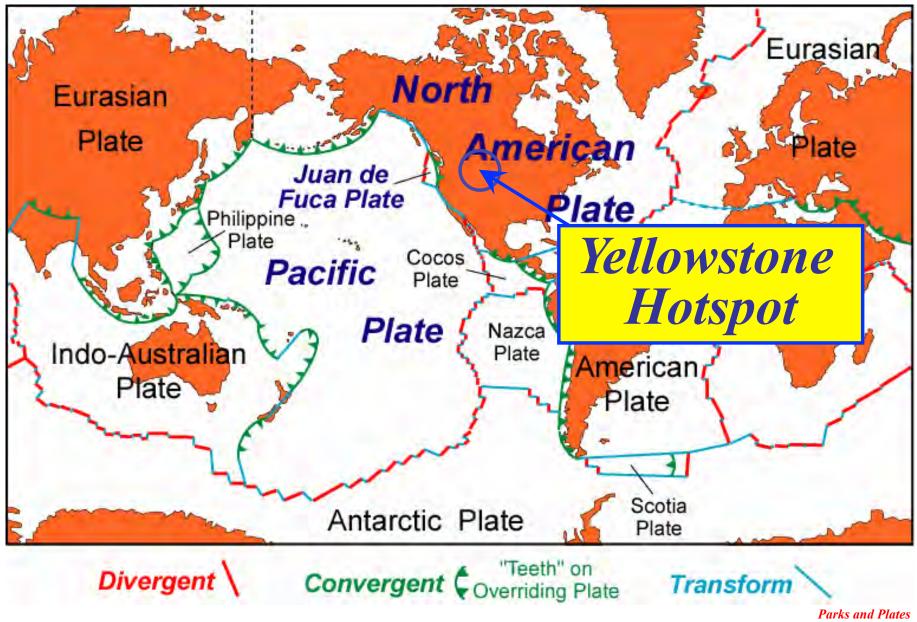
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Pacific Plate Riding Over Hawaiian Hotspot

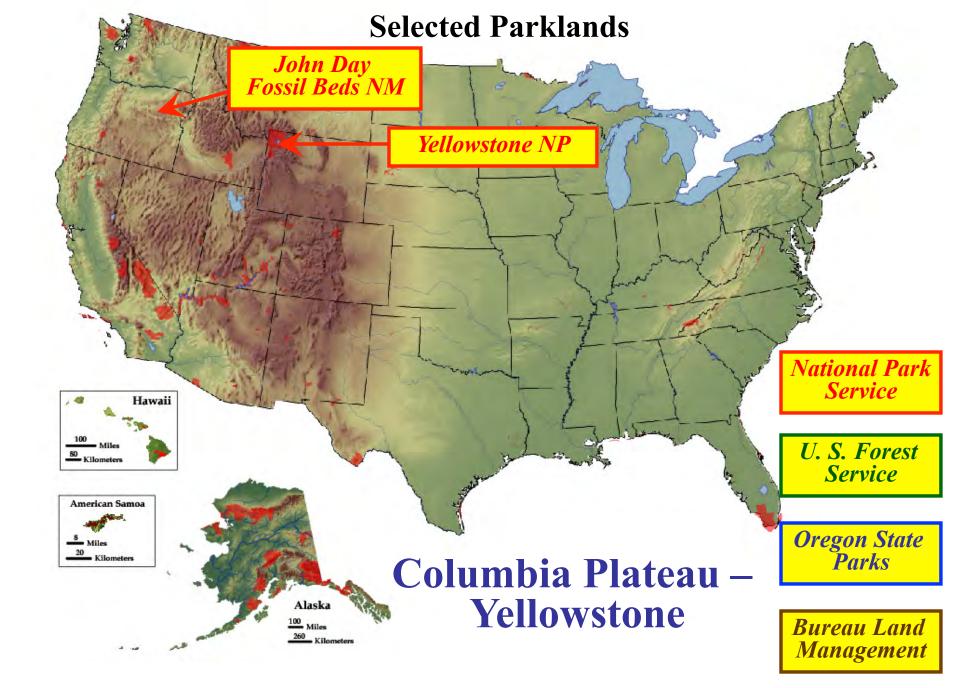
Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai`i

On Top of Hotspot

Plate Boundaries



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John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon

Sheep Rock

Columbia Plateau Basalt

Fossil-Bearing Layers

Friendly park rangers engage visitors on the geology, paleontology, and cultural history of the John Day Country.

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon



Columbia Plateau Basalt

Surfacing of Hotspo

Picture Gorge

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

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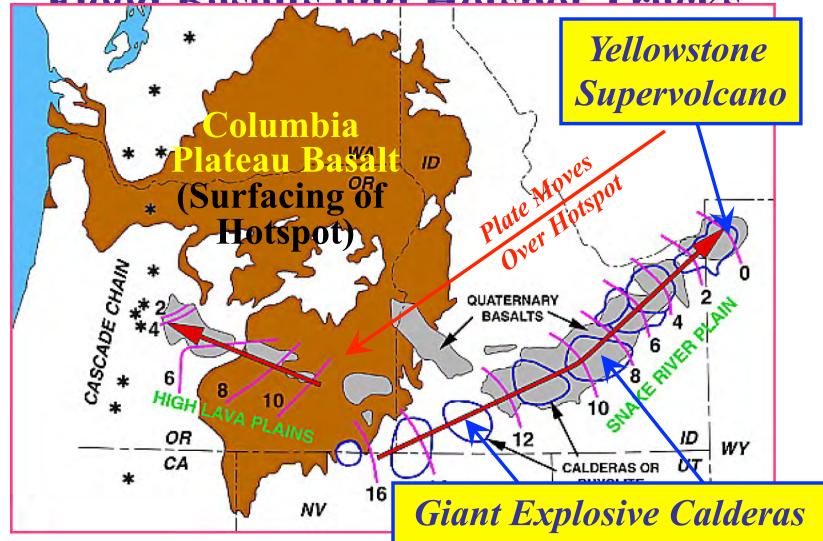
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This BBC production brought great global awareness of Yellowstone as an active volcano

Numbers are age of initial lava eruptions (millions of years)



From Camp and Ross, JGR 2004

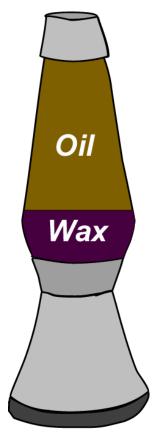
North American Plate

Volcanoes

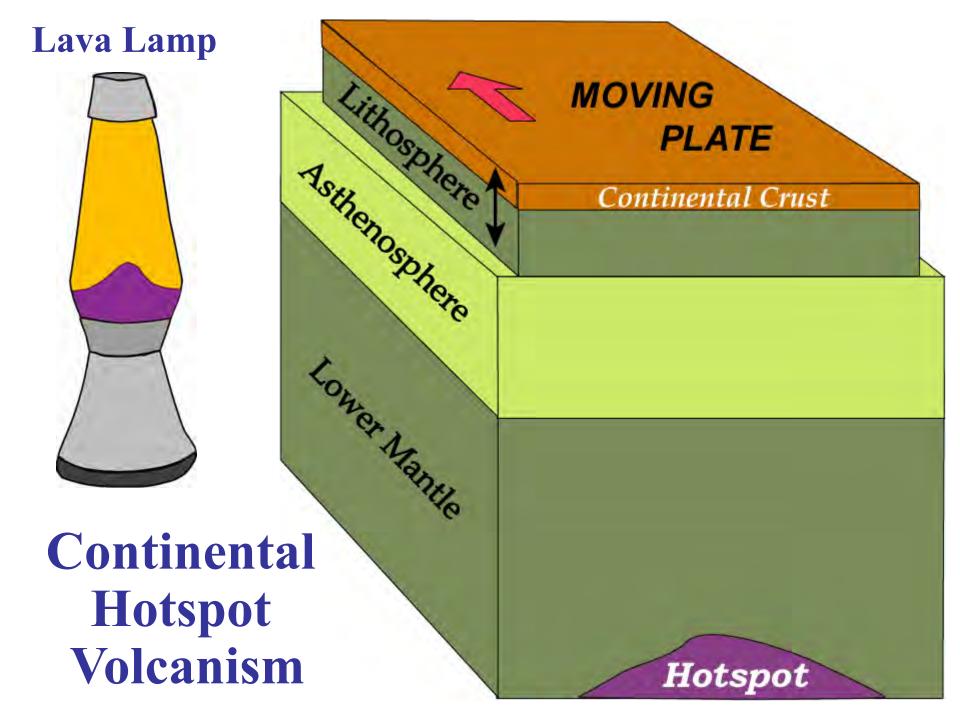
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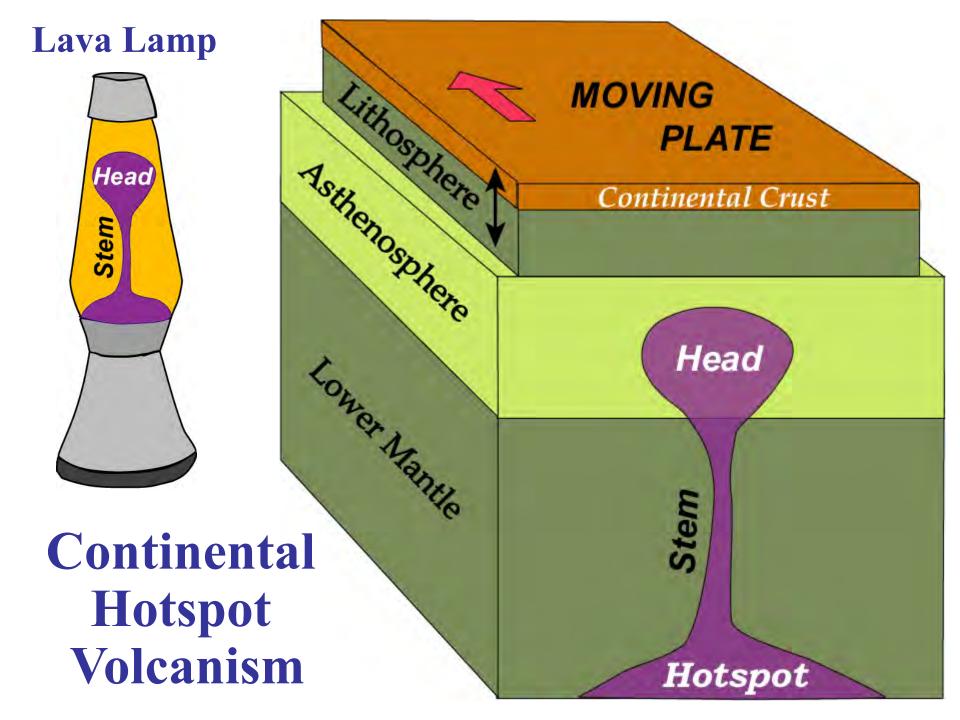
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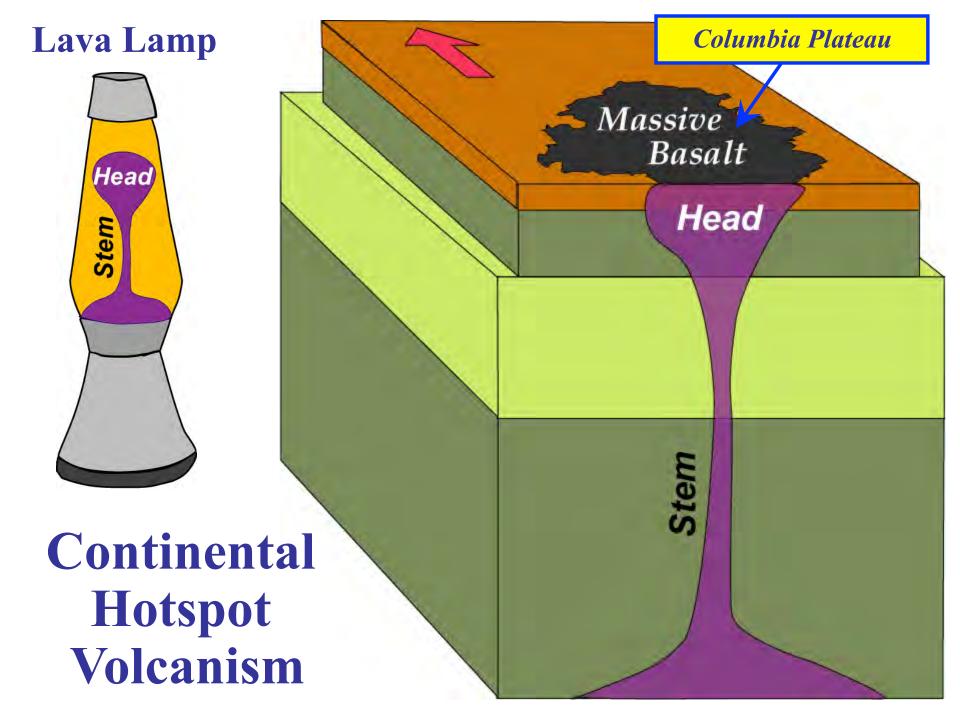
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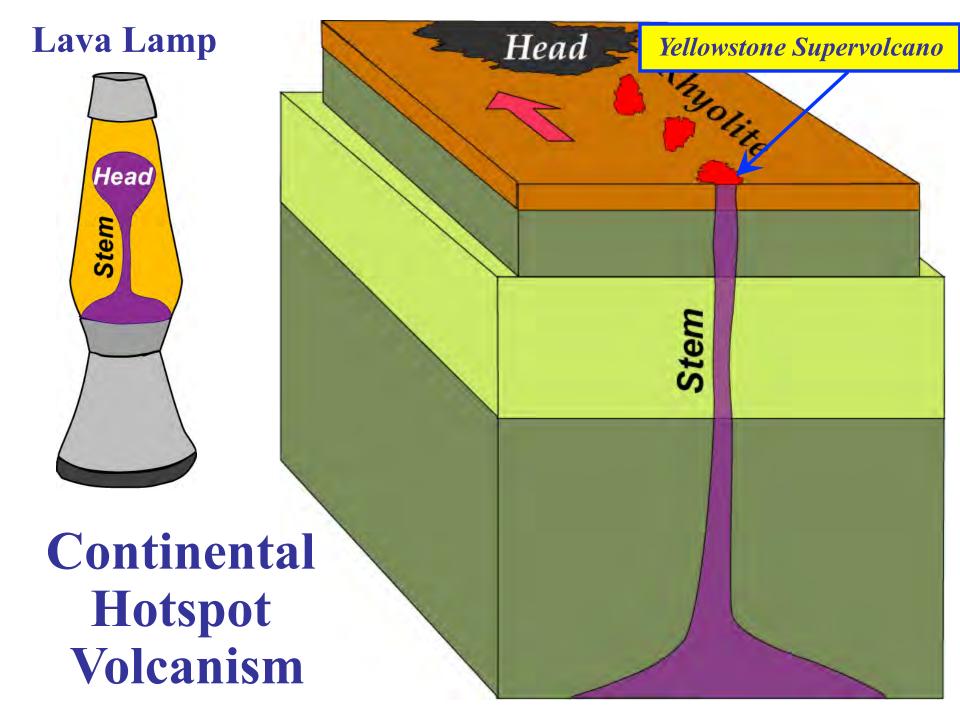


Continental Hotspot Volcanism





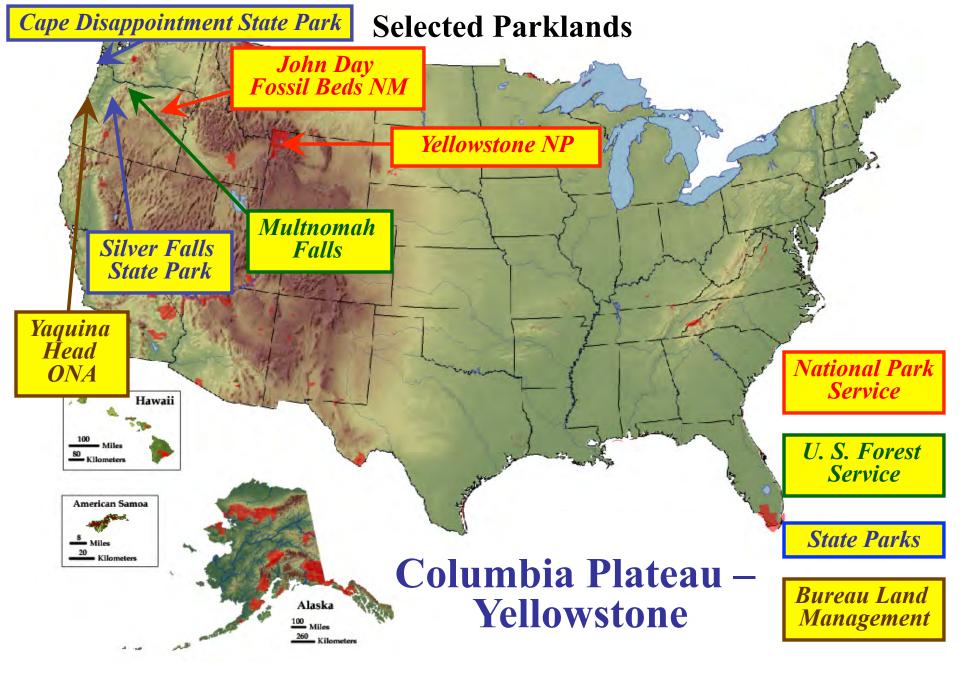




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Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, Oregon/ Washington

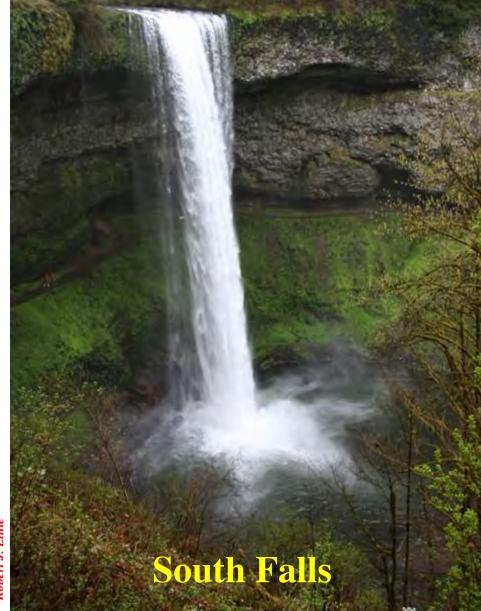
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Silver Falls State Park, Oregon



Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Oregon

Many Northwest coastal headlands are also resistant Columbia Plateau Basalt

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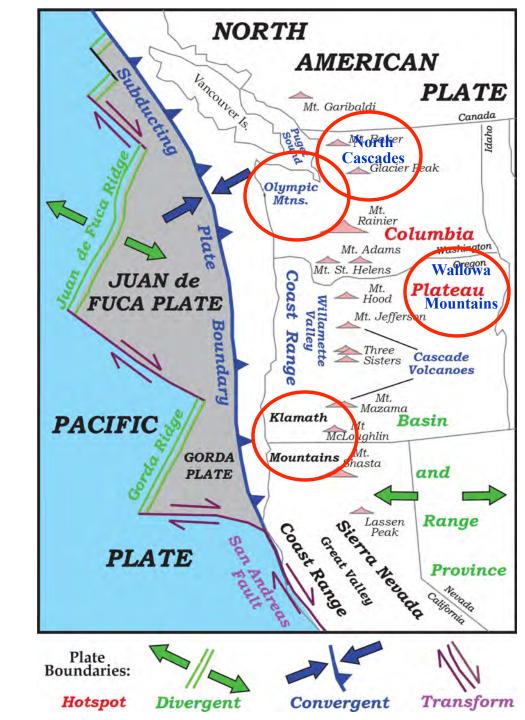
Cape Disappointment State Park, Washington

Astoria, Oregon

Cape Disappointment State Park, Washington

Many Northwest coastal headlands are also resistant Columbia Plateau Basalt Most of the landscapes of the Pacific Northwest are due to ongoing processes at plate boundaries and hotspots.

What about these older mountain ranges?



Olympic National Park, Washington

Crescent Terrane

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North Cascades National Park, Washington

Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site, Oregon

Wallowa Mountains

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Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon

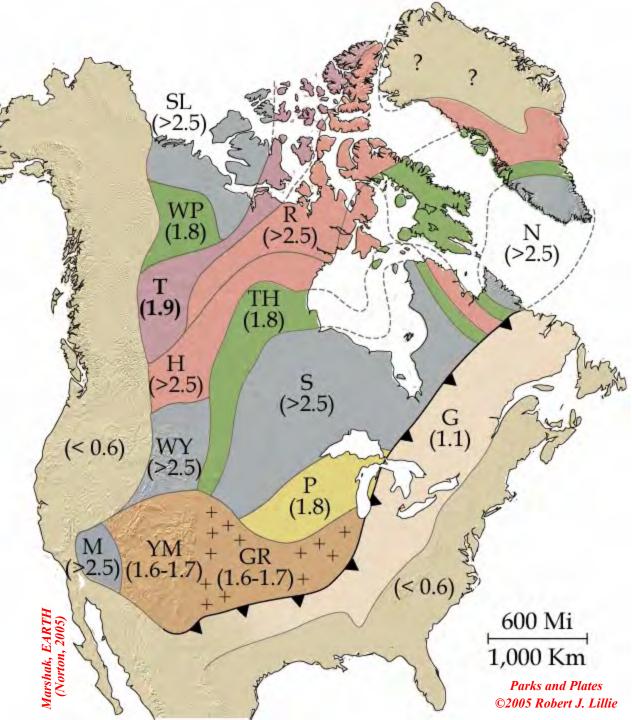
Klamath Mountains

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AGE OF NORTH AMERICAN BASEMENT ROCKS (Billions Years)

What's the Pattern?

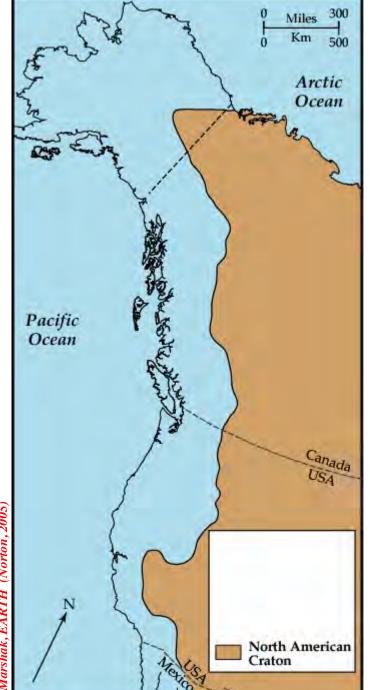
Rocks are oldest near the center of the continent (continental shield) and tend to get younger outward.



Accreted Terranes

The CRATON is the old nucleus of the North American Continent.

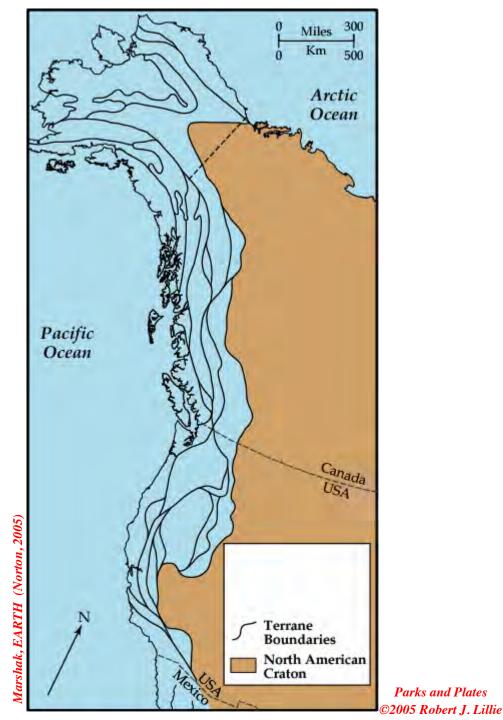




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Accreted Terranes

Most of the western U.S. was added to the continent in the past 200 million years or so.

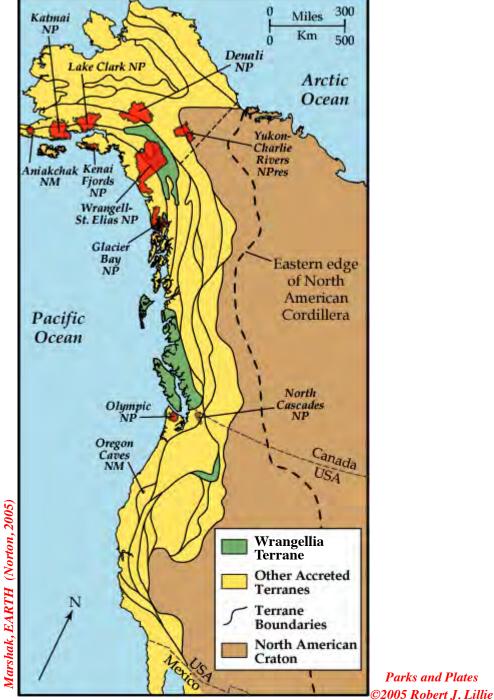


Accreted Terranes

Olympic National Park, North Cascades National Park, and Oregon Caves National Monument, and many other national park sites are on accreted terranes.

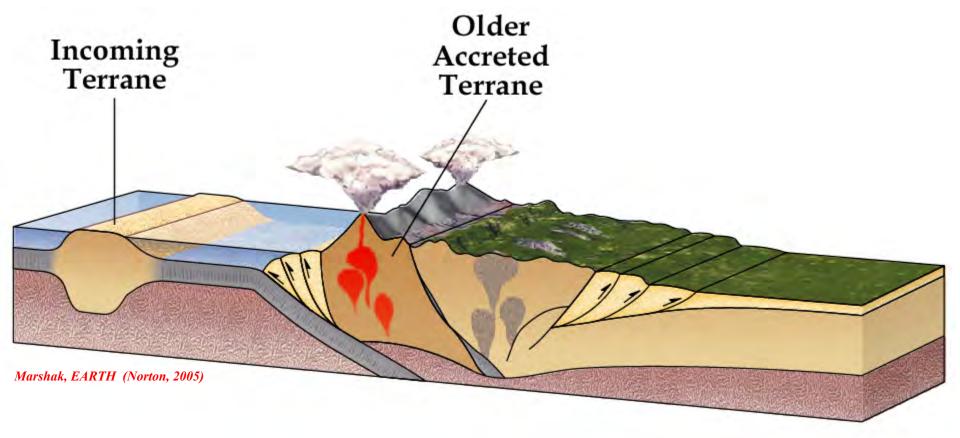


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Terrane Accretion

A <u>TERRANE</u> consists of crust that is too thick and buoyant to subduct. The continent grows outward as terranes come crashing in.



Safeway Terrane Accretion ©

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Forth Terrane

Third Terrane

Second Terrane

First Terrane

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North American Plate

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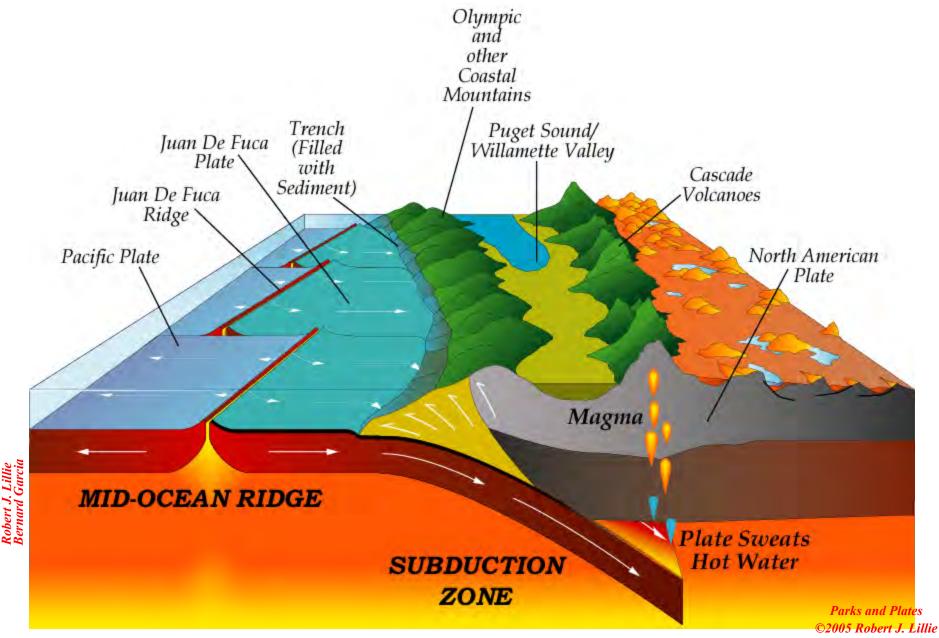
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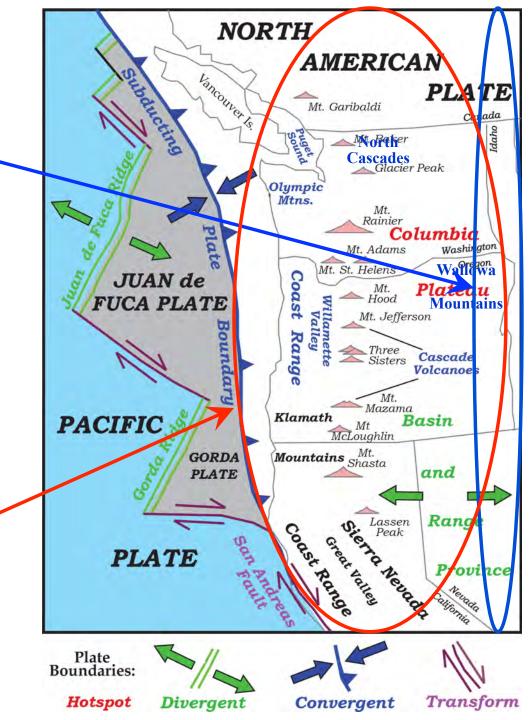
The Cascadia Subduction Zone is just the latest episode of the Pacific Northwest building outward by Terrane Accretion.





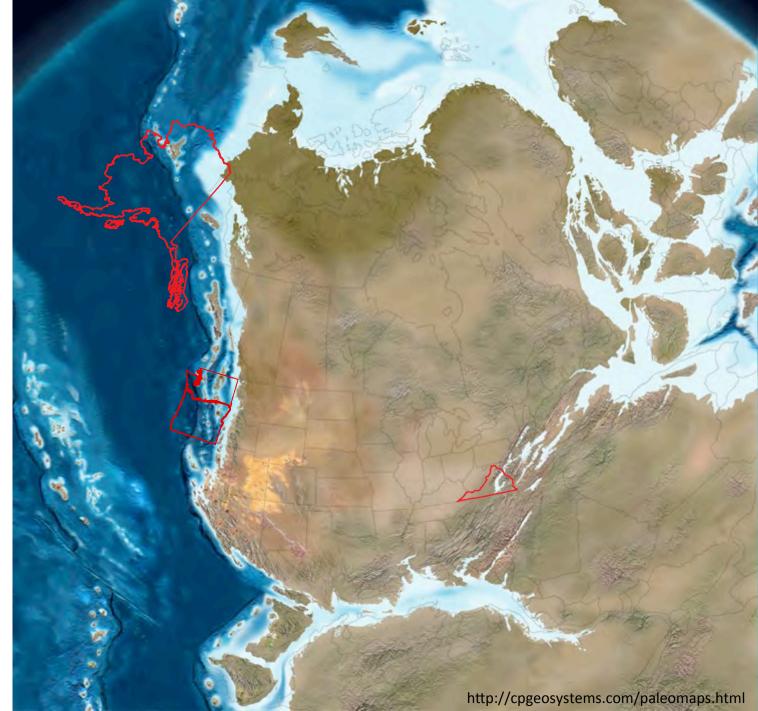
Most of Oregon and Washington has been added to the edge of the continent in the past 200 million years

> Material added since then by Subduction and Terrane Accretion

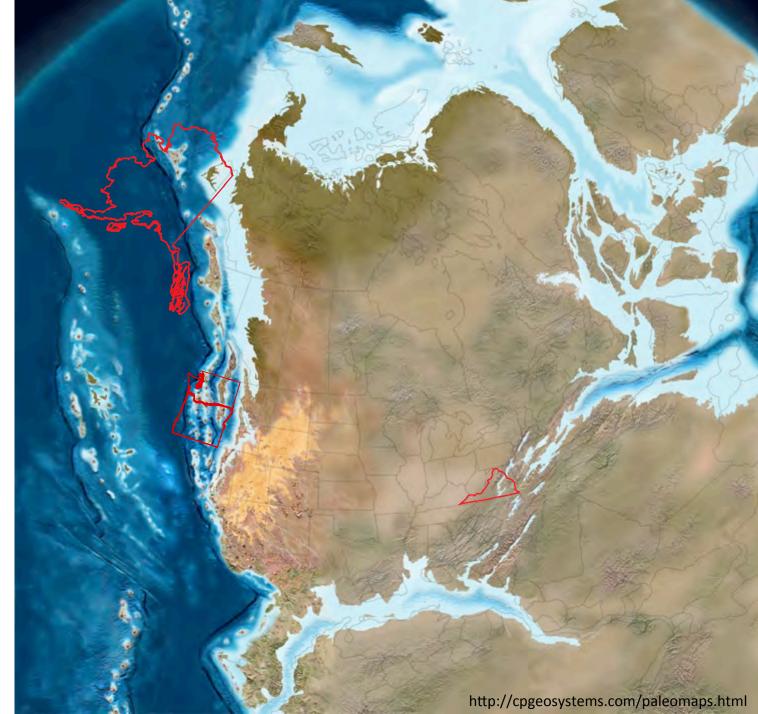


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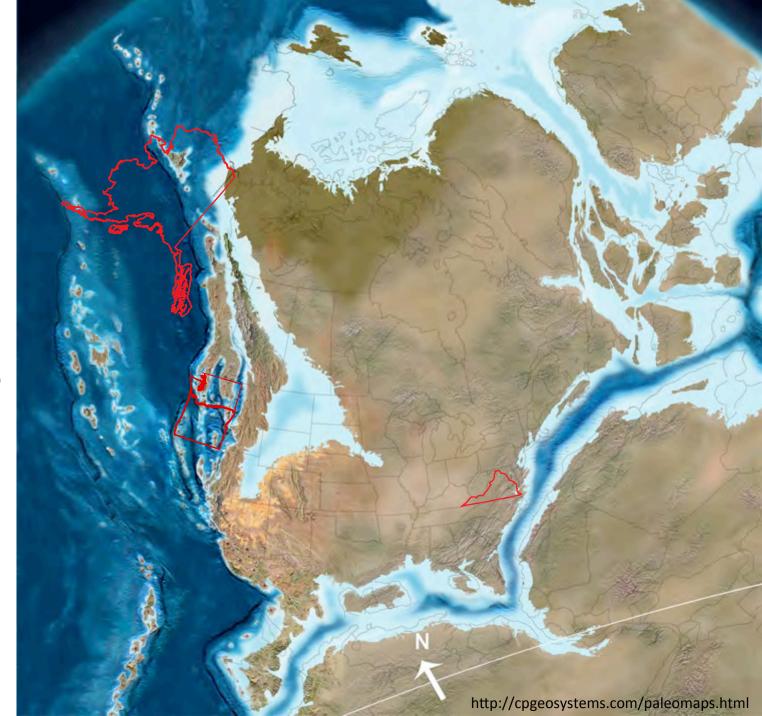
195 Million Years Ago



180 Million Years Ago



170 Million Years Ago



150 Million Years Ago



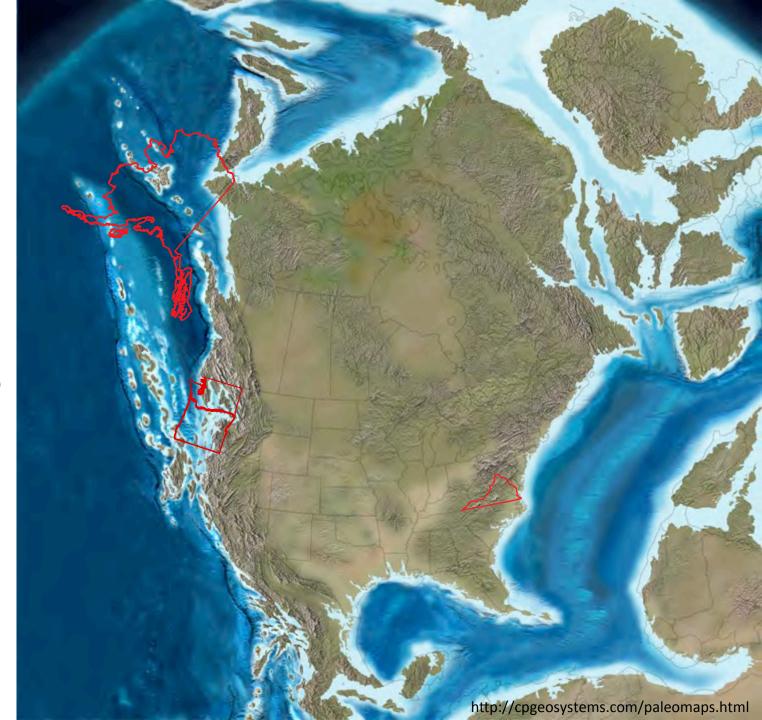
Cretaceous

140 Million Years Ago



Cretaceous

130 Million Years Ago



Cretaceous

115 Million Years Ago



Eocene

50 Million Years Ago



Eocene

40 Million Years Ago



Oligocene

25 Million Years Ago



Miocene

15 Million Years Ago



Miocene

8 Million Years Ago



Pliocene

http://cpgeosystems.com/paleomaps.html

3 Million Years Ago

Holocene

12,500 Years Ago



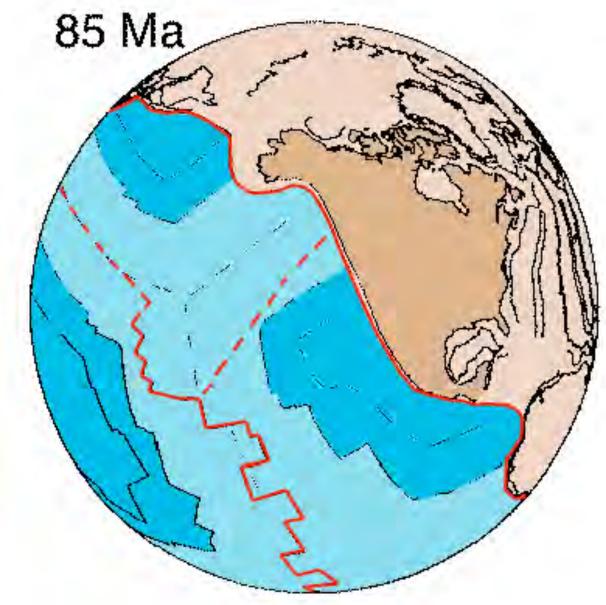
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Present Day



Tectonic Development of Western North America

85 Million Years Ago to the Present

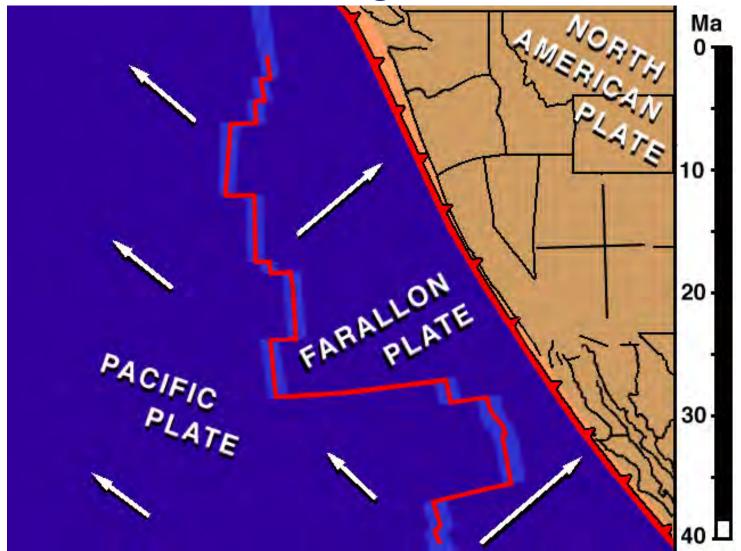


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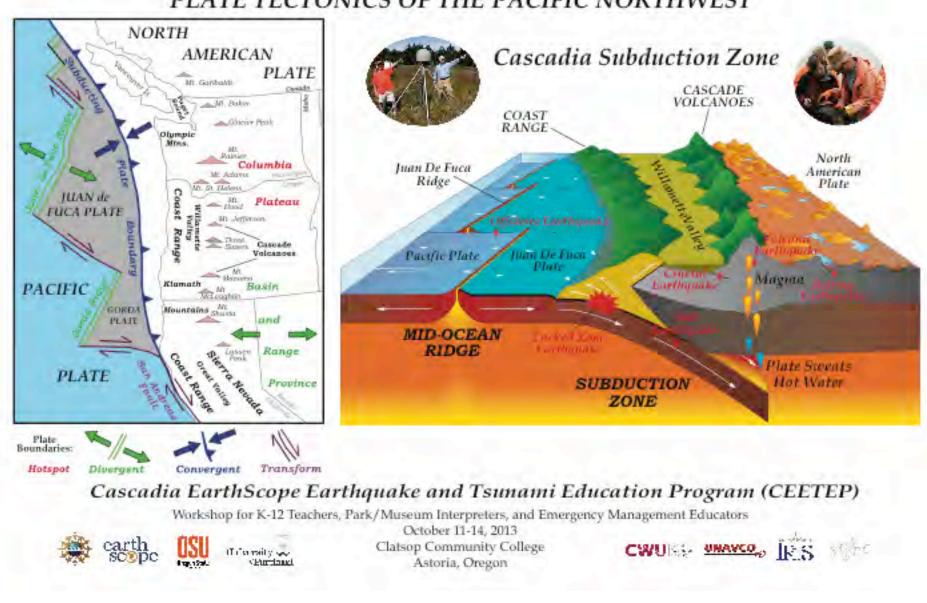


PLATE TECTONICS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PLATE BOUNDARIES

• <u>Divergent</u>:

- Plates move away from one another.
- Volcanoes and Shallow Earthquakes
- <u>Convergent</u>:
 - Plates move toward one another.
 - Volcanoes and very large earthquakes
- <u>Transform</u>:
 - Plates slide past one another.
 - Earthquakes but no volcanoes
- (<u>Hotspot</u>):
 - Plate rides over plume of hot mantle.
 - Lots of volcanism.









