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ABSTRACT

The transition from Laramide syntectonic sedimentation of the Lower Eocene Willwood formation to the post-Laramide volcanogenic sedimentation of the Middle Eocene Wapiti Formation was studied in the upper South Fork Shoshone River Valley, Wyoming. To better understand the regional age, paleogeography and provenance of volcanoclastic sandstones in the lower stratified member of the Wapiti Formation, we sampled three units for detrital zircon geochronology (n=241). The age for the sandstone units for the lowermost, middle, and uppermost units are 49.5, 48.8, and 48.8 respectively, which is consistent with previous geochronologic and paleontologic studies. These ages also are consistent with rocks deposited immediately prior to Heart Mountain Faulting. Detrital zircon spectra show a transition from a mixed (recycled?) provenance consistent with drainage from the west with minor primary Eocene volcanic contributions to one dominated by primary Eocene and Archean contributions from the northern Absaroka volcanoes and the Laramide Beartooth Uplift.

INTRODUCTION

The Eocene volcanic succession within the Absaroka Range has been formally named the Absaroka Volcanic Supergroup (AVS) (Smedes and Prostka, 1972, Sundell, 1990). The rocks of the AVS extend over an area of approximately 7000 mi² (18,000 km²), most of which is underlain by a Laramide structural basin (Absaroka Basin); the volcanic rocks overlie rock units which range in age from Archean to Eocene (Figure 1). Deeply-incised valleys provide excellent natural cross sections, and they display a volcanic stratigraphic succession in excess of 6000 ft (1875 m) thick. The rocks of the AVS are unconformably overlain to the west by Quaternary volcanic rocks of the Yellowstone Volcanic Plateau.

The Heart Mountain detachment (HMD) resulted from a contemporaneous volcanic eruption localizing the 2° dipping slip surface in the basal Ordovician Bighorn Dolomite and liberating upper plate Paleozoic carbonate rocks over an area of 3400 km² with an upper plate run-out of up to 160 km to the southeast (Beutner and Gerbi, 2005; Malone and Craddock, 2008; Craddock et al., 2009). The volcanic eruption-landslide association is clear (Malone, 1995; Beutner and Gerbi, 2005; Ahranov and Anders, 2006, Anders et al., 2010) but the timing (landslide then volcanic burial; Pierce, 1973), duration (millions of years; Hauge, 1985), direction (horizontal upper plate rotations about a vertical axes during SE motion; Craddock et al., 2000) and rate (<5 minutes Craddock et al., 2009) of emplacement are still in dispute.

More than 300 m of distal facies Wapiti Formation volcanoclastic rocks unconformably overlie the Willwood Formation in (Malone, 1997) in the upper South Fork Shoshone River Valley (Figure 1). These distal facies rocks are absent in the North Fork Shoshone Valley, where the older Willwood Formation is overlain directly by allochthonous volcanic and Paleozoic rocks of the Heart Mountain Detachment upper plate (Craddock and others, 2009). Our goal is to characterize provenance and detrital zircon ages of the Wapiti Formation that was deposited immediately prior to Heart Mountain faulting. This work will also enable a better understanding of the paleogeography of the region during the early episodes of Absaroka Volcanism and at the onset of the HMD collapse.

METHODOLOGY

Three detrital zircon samples were collected from sandstones within the lower stratified member of the Wapiti Formation in the South Fork Shoshone River Valley. Sample 10-WY-11 was collected from the

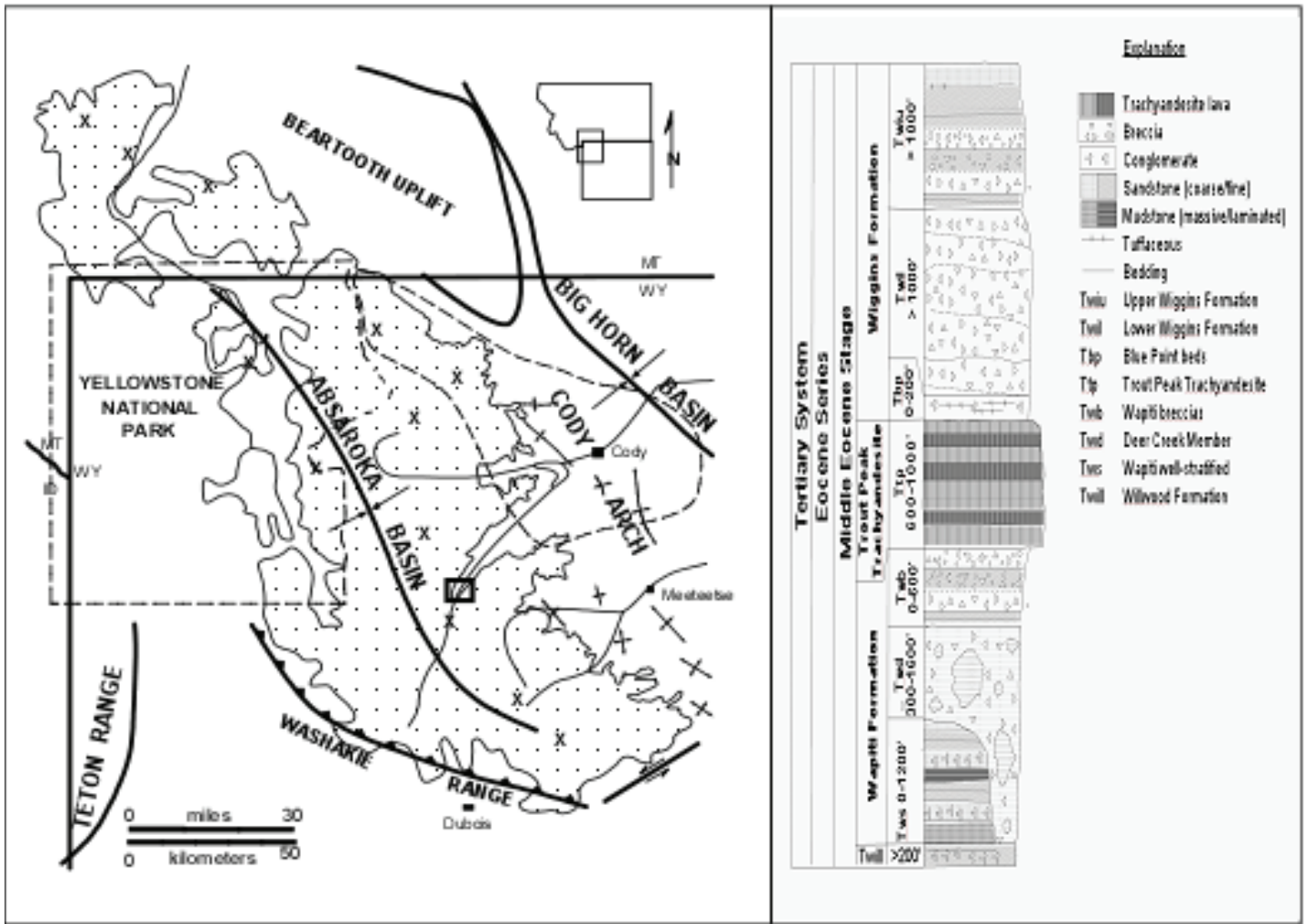


Figure 1. On the left is a map of the Absaroka volcanic field and surrounding structural features. Intrusive centers are represented with an X. The South Fork (Wapiti) study area is marked by a box. The Heart Mountain Detachment area is marked with the dashed line. On the right is a Stratigraphic Column of Eocene strata exposed in the South Fork Shoshone River valley, with sample locations shown.

base of the Wapiti Formation just above the Willwood Formation at Ishawooa Hills. Sample 10-WY-12 was collected from the middle of the section near Deer Creek, and Sample 10-WY-13 was collected from the top of the section near Boulder Creek, just beneath the overlying Deer Creek Member.

From each of the three locations, five to ten kg samples were collected. Zircons were then extracted by traditional methods of crushing and grinding, followed by separation with a Wilfley table or panning, heavy liquids, and a Frantz magnetic separator. Samples are processed such that all zircons are retained in the final heavy mineral fraction. A large split of these grains (generally thousands of grains) is incorporated into a 1" epoxy mount together with frag-

ments of our Sri Lanka standard zircon. The mounts are sanded down to a depth of ~20 microns, polished, imaged, and cleaned prior to isotopic analysis. U-Pb geochronology of zircons is conducted by laser ablation multicollector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-MC-ICPMS) at the Arizona Laser-Chron Center (Gehrels et al., 2006, 2008). For each analysis, the errors in determining $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ result in a measurement error of ~1-2% (at 2-sigma level) in the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age. Data was reduced using the various Excel macros prepared by the Laserchron center.

Heavy mineral grains were distributed on carbon tape and placed into the chamber of the JEOL 6610LV scanning electron microscope at Macalester College.

The grains were left uncoated and exposed to 15 Kv accelerating voltage. Electron dispersive spectrometry using an Oxford Instruments X-MAX 50 mm² silicon-drift detector yielded an accurate spectrum for each grain. At least 80 grains per sample were analyzed for quantitative mineral identification.

RESULTS

Heavy Mineral Analysis

10-WY-11. This sample was light gray, contained 10% quartzite and chert granules and 90% coarse and medium sand. It was weakly cemented with calcite. The sand sized fraction consisted of 60% quartz, 20% feldspar, and 20% rock fragments and mafic minerals. The Heavy mineral assemblage consisted of 74% garnet, 10% Iron Oxide, 9% ilmenite, 4% zircon, and 3% rutile.

10-WY-12. This sample was light greenish-gray and consisted of 75% fine and medium sand and 25% detrital matrix. It was weakly cemented with calcite. The sand sized fraction consisted of 60% quartz, 15% feldspar, and 25% rock fragments and mafic minerals. The Heavy mineral assemblage consisted of 43% garnet, 15% Iron Oxide, 29% ilmenite, 7% zircon, and 5% apatite.

10-WY-13. This sample was light gray, and consisted of well sorted medium sand. It was weakly cemented with calcite. The sand sized fraction consisted of 80% quartz, 10% feldspar, and 10% rock fragments and mafic minerals. The Heavy mineral assemblage consisted of 47% garnet, 7% iron oxide, 24% ilmenite, 22% zircon, and 1% rutile.

Zircon Ages

Age-pick ages were determined for each of the three samples. These data are graphically portrayed in Figure 2. The final age sandstone at Ishawooa Hills (10-WY-11), which is at the base of the lower stratified succession, is 49.5 ± 1.4 Ma based on the population of 12 Eocene detrital zircons. The final sandstone age for middle sandstone at Deer Creek (10-WY-12) is 48.8 ± 1.2 Ma based on the population of 18 Eocene detrital zircons. The final age for the sandstone at the

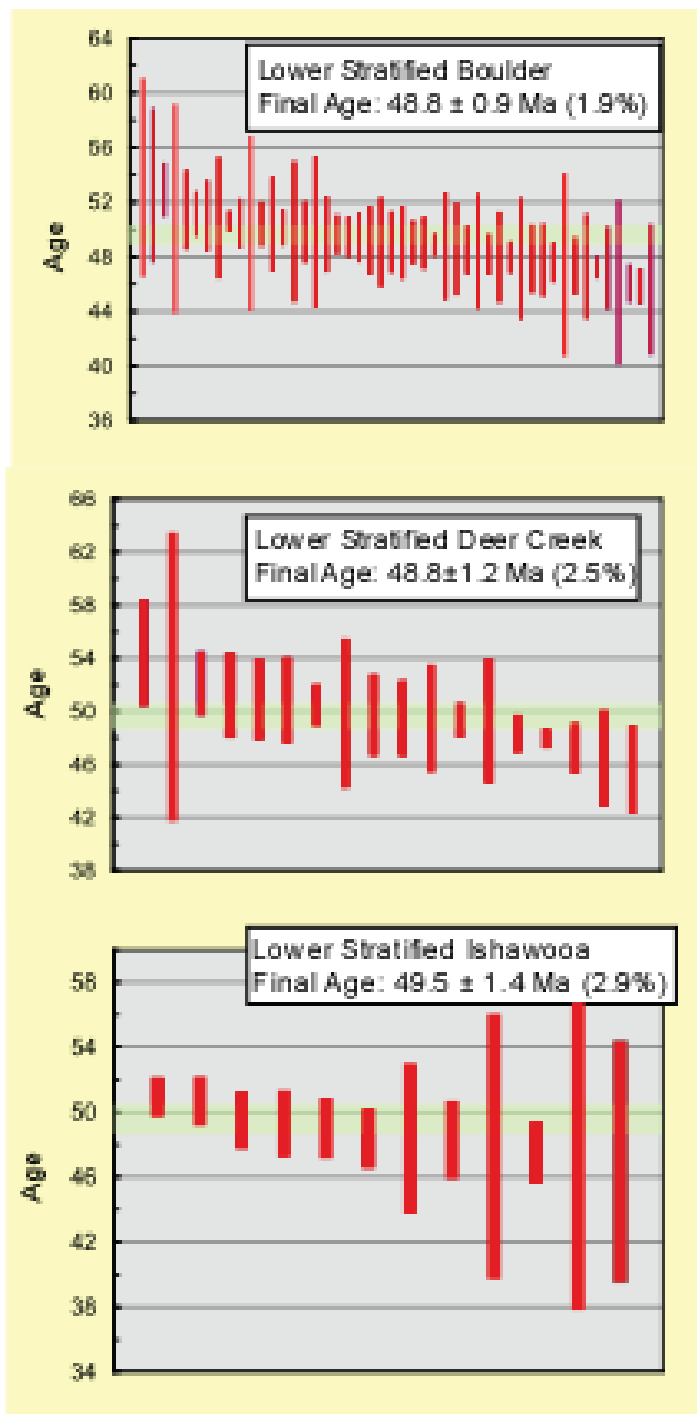


Figure 2. Age-Pick ages for Wapiti Formation sandstones. All results are 2 sigma.

top of the succession near Boulder Creek (10-WY-13) is 48.8 ± 0.9 Ma, based on the population of 49 Eocene detrital zircons.

Wapiti Formation Detrital Zircon Spectra

The detrital zircon histograms and frequency spectra are presented in Figure 3. The Ishawooa sample (lowermost; 10-WY-11) is dominated by Yavapai-

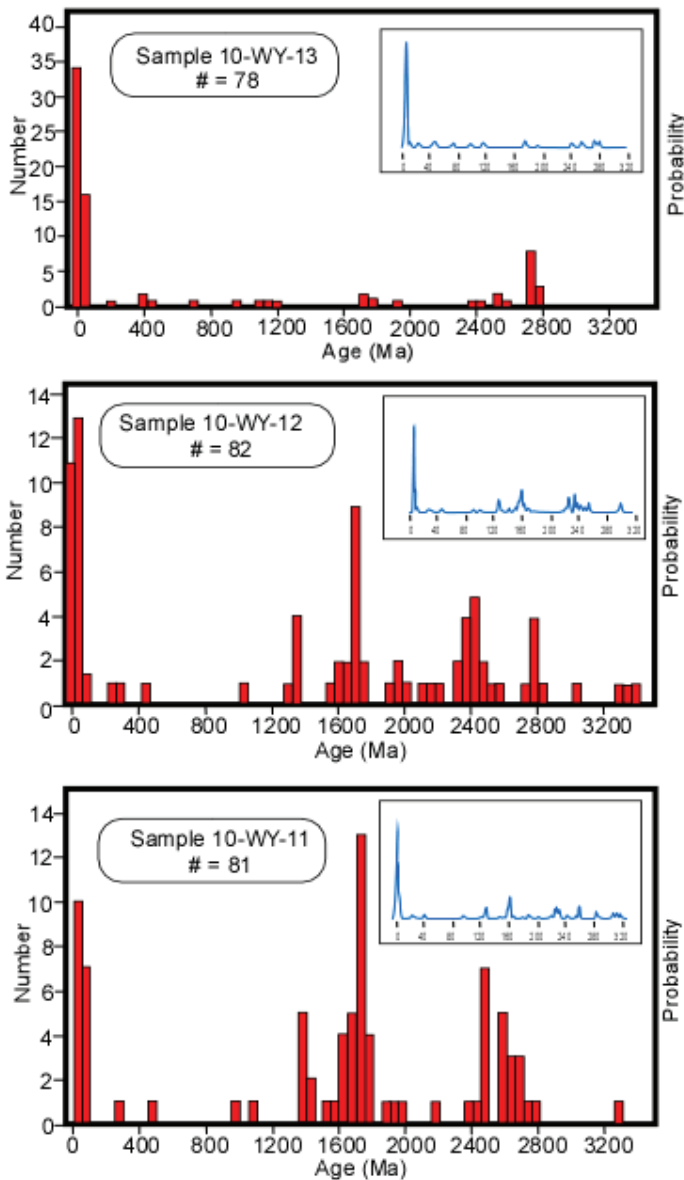


Figure 3. Histograms and relative probability curves for Wapiti Formation detrital zircon suites.

Mazatzal (#=34) and Archean (#=23 zircons). Eocene (#12), Mesozoic, Paleozoic, Neoproterozoic-Grenville, and Trans-Hudson zircons also are present. The middle sandstone (Deer Creek; 10-WY-12) has a similar detrital zircon spectrum to 10-WY-11, where Archean (#=24) and Yavapai-Mazatzal (#=21) are most abundant. The uppermost sandstone (Boulder Creek; 10-WY-13) has a detrital zircon spectrum that is distinct from the lower two sandstones. Here, Eocene (#=48) and Archean (#=16) zircons are most abundant. Mesozoic, Paleozoic, Neoproterozoic-Grenville, Yavapai-Mazatzal and Trans-Hudson zircons also are present.

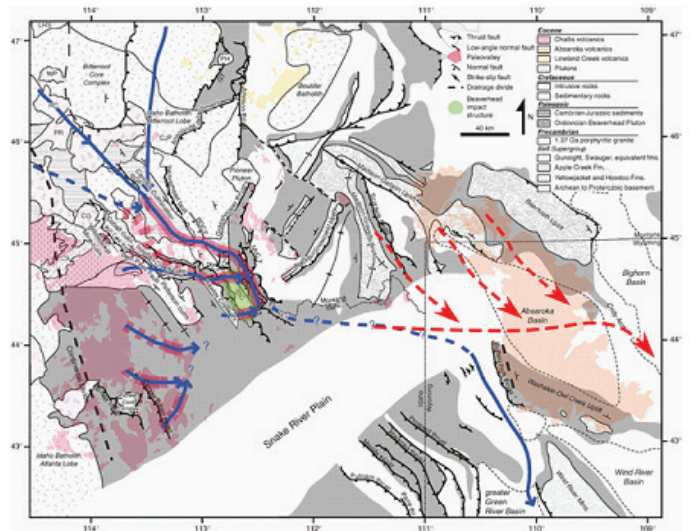


Figure 4. Eocene Idaho River Reconstruction (from Chetel and others, 2011). Original interpreted drainage network is indicated in blue. Possible alternative mode presented herein indicated in red.

DISCUSSION

Wapiti Provenance

The detrital zircon suite of the lower and middle sandstone units in the lower stratified section was surprisingly rich in pre-Eocene zircons (85% and 78%, respectively). The overlap and similarity indices for these two sandstones are high as well, which indicates a similar provenance. More than half of the zircons in each spectrum are Archean or Yavapai-Mazatzal in age. The Archean zircons could be recycled from Phanerozoic strata or derived directly from exposed basement rocks in the Beartooth uplift. Yavapai-Mazatzal zircons also could be recycled, or they could be derived from a westerly source. The presence of some Mesozoic zircons indicates at least some westerly contribution to the zircon suite.

The detrital zircon suite for the uppermost sandstone is distinct from the other two, as indicated by the low overlap and similarity indices. It is dominated by Eocene and Archean zircons. This increase in primary zircons points to the growth and development of Absaroka vent complexes to the north and west. Archean zircons were likely contributed from the exposed Beartooth uplift to the north. Some Eocene zircons could have been contributed from the Challis Volcanic Field to the west.

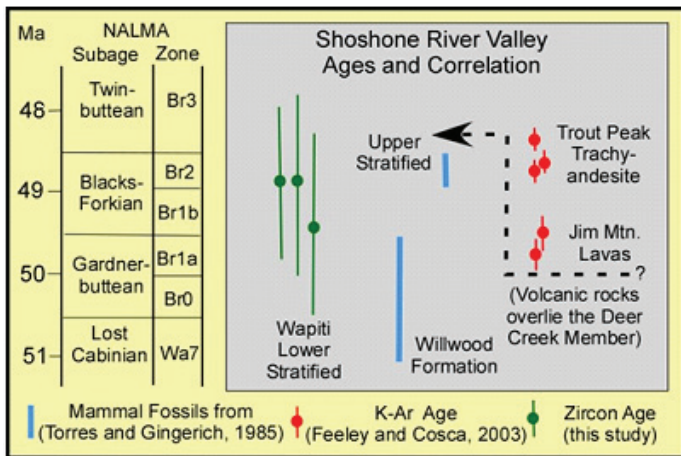


Figure 5. Correlation diagram for Eocene Volcanic Rocks in the eastern Absaroka Mountains.

Implications for Eocene Paleodrainage

Chetel and others (2011) developed a detailed model of Eocene (~49-50 Ma) paleo-drainage in the region (Figure 4). Their Eocene Idaho River headed Idaho Batholith-Challis Volcanic field region of the Cordillera, flowed west across what is now the Snake River Plane, and then ultimately southwest through the Jackson Hole area to the Green River Basin and Lake Gossuite. The Challis rather than Absaroka source area was based on K-Ar detrital feldspar geochronology and Pb isotopic data on Eocene grains. The detrital zircon geochronology data presented here for Wapiti (~49 Ma) sandstones in the Absaroka Basin have significant age populations from both local (e.g. Beartooth and recycled Phanerozoic) and distal Cordilleran (e.g. Idaho Batholith) source areas. Thus the Idaho River may have travelled east across the Absaroka Basin before ultimately reaching Lake Gossuite.

Implications for the timing Heart Mountain Faulting

In the early 1990s, the best estimate for the timing of the emplacement of the upper plate of the HMD was based on vertebrate paleontology of Willwood and Wapiti Formation rocks at the base of Jim Mountain. Stratigraphic evidence from Eocene sedimentary and volcanic rocks (Pierce 1973, Torres and Gingerich 1983) indicates that the emplacement of the upper plate of the HMD occurred within a 2 million year window during the early middle Eocene (49.5-47.5

million years ago). Feeley and Cosca (2003) provide an excellent summary of the petrology, geochemistry, and geochronology of the Sunlight Peak vent complex at Jim Mountain (Figure 5). The timing of Heart Mountain faulting is now well constrained in the distal areas of the HMD where upper plate rocks overlay Eocene strata of the Willwood formation. Feeley and Cosca (2003) report an $40\text{Ar}/39\text{Ar}$ age of 49.5 ± 0.16 Ma for basal Jim Mountain lava at Jim Mountain, which is about 100 m above the Heart Mountain interval.

Heart Mountain faulting correlates with a major desiccation horizon in the Laney Member. Rhodes and others (2007) recognized mudcracks as much as 2 m deep superimposed on lacustrine mudstones of the lower LaCledde Bed of the Green River Formation in the Washakie Basin. These mudcracks reflect a sudden and intense desiccation of Eocene Lake Gosiute. In a related study of Eocene stratigraphy of Wyoming, Smith et al. (2003) reported $40\text{Ar}/39\text{Ar}$ weighted mean ages of tuffs overlying and underlying the desiccation horizon to be 49.70 ± 0.10 and 48.94 ± 0.12 Ma, respectively, which correlates well with the timing of the Heart Mountain event further to the north.

The zircon final age for the uppermost sandstone at Boulder Creek is 48.8 Ma

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