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ABSTRACT

The vegetation map of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Island Hawaii) is reduced in this report from 53 (70 cm x 70 cm) air photo overlays (at 1 : 12,000) to 25 transparent sheets overlaying contiguous topographic half sheets. These were reduced once more from 1 : 24,000 to 1 : 52,000. The map units are identified by letter symbols denoting dominant species, structural criteria (such as plant spacing and height) and other relevant surface features.

The map is further interpreted by a summary of 31 major vegetation types grouped into six environmental sections.

This map-report is intended as a note-pad for park research and management purposes.

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INTRODUCTION

The vegetation map contained in this report covers the area of the Park shown in FIG. 1. The map was prepared from aerial photographs at the approximate scale of 1 : 12,000 and is here reproduced with only minor loss of detail at the scale of 1 : 52,000 (1 cm on map = 520 m in field).

The vegetation map was initially presented as an appendix to the "Atlas for Bioecology Studies in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park" (Doty and Mueller-Dombois 1966). As an appendix, the map was available in only two sets of transparent overlays on 53 large (70 cm by 70 cm) aerial photographs taken in 1954. The Atlas for Bioecology Studies itself was first printed in 50 mimeographed copies under a National Park Service Contract (No. 14-10-0434-1504) as Hawaii Botanical Science Paper No. 2. Thereafter, because of continued and increasing demand, it was reprinted in 1970 with 300 copies (in essentially unmodified form) as Miscell. Publication 89 of the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Tropical Agriculture. However, the vegetation map itself was not yet reproduced because the 53 map sheets were too clumsy and costly for direct reproduction at that size. Of the two original sets, one is kept at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Headquarters, the other in the Botany Department, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Both, the Atlas and vegetation map have served as baseline documents for a number of park management decisions and research projects including the ISLAND ECOSYSTEMS IRP of the U.S. International Biological Program. On a management level, the map in particular has found use in locating a number of experimental exclosures against goats and pigs in specific vegetation types (Mueller-Dombois and Spatz 1972). The map proved extremely useful in the Endangered Bird Species Project of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (Winston Banko, personal communication), it served for goat management considerations in the Park (Baker and Reeser 1972), and for generalizing the existing vegetation system in the Park for an environmental management proposal (NPS Draft Env. Statement 1973:20). On a research level, the map has served for orientation in

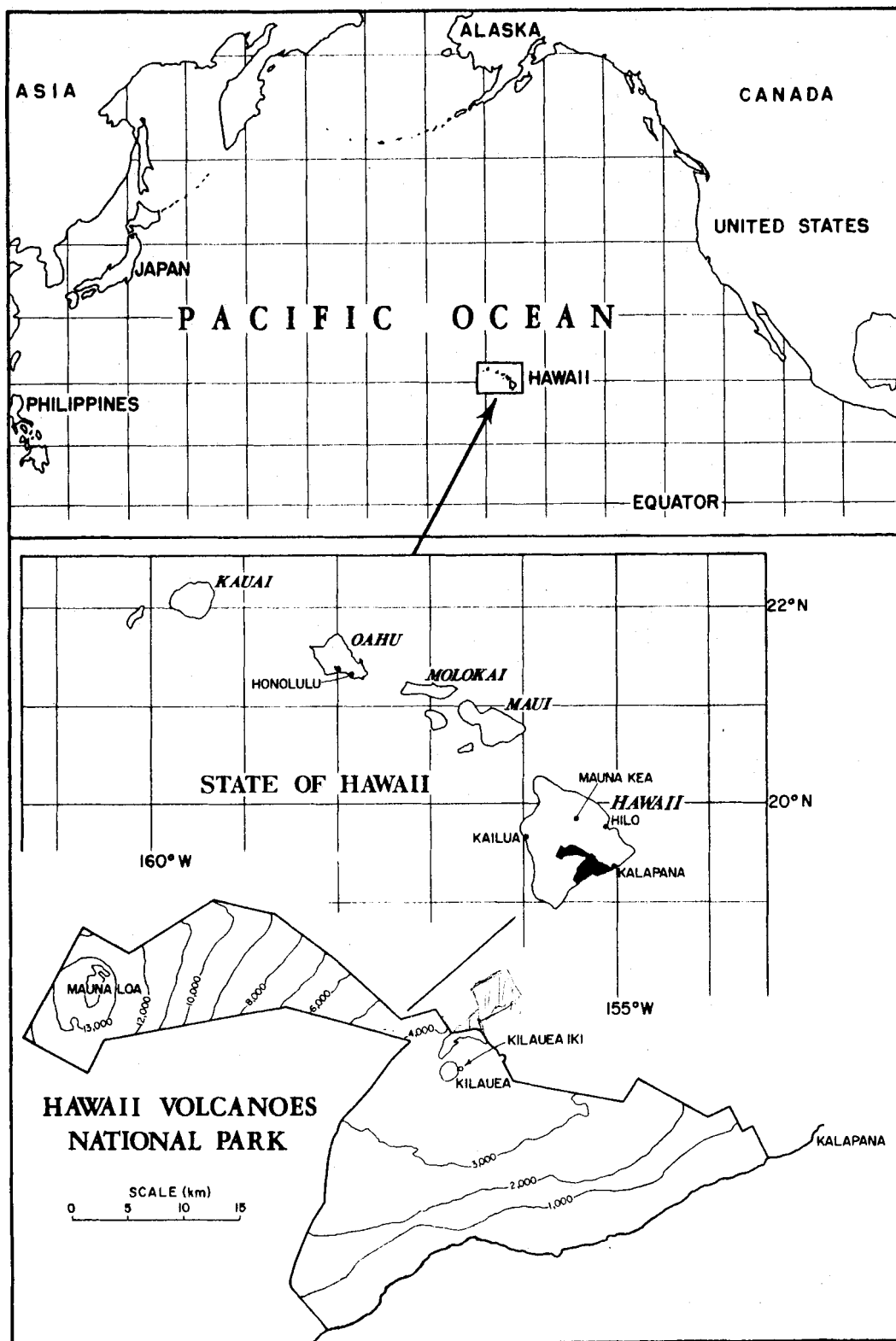


FIG. 1. Location of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in reference to the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

floristic and soil sampling throughout the Park (Newell 1968, Rajput 1968), for establishment of vegetation prior to a major volcanic eruption (Smathers 1972, and Smathers and Mueller-Dombois 1972) and for locating the major IBP study sites in the Park and for site coordination of our IRP (Mueller-Dombois 1970:5 and 59, Mueller-Dombois 1972:22 ff.). So far, 162 relevés were located for several vegetation studies on the basis of the mapped vegetation units, and the map continues to be useful as a major research tool in spite of its being based on an earlier set of aerial photographs taken in 1954. Since that time the Park area has been rephotographed in 1965 and it would be desirable to readjust this map to the more recent air photo coverage. Major changes have occurred, for example, on map sheets 20 and 21, where since 1968 intensive and almost uninterrupted volcanic activity has very much altered the landscape. The present map can be considered a vegetation image "frozen" in time, which may form the basis for future succession studies. The primary purpose of this map--as said above--is to serve as a research and management tool. It is intended as a field worker's note-pad for entering any relevant information, such as boundary adjustments, sampling locations, experimental plots, collecting sites, more detailed floristic association boundaries, bird sightings, or whatever the user's interest may be. It is hoped that the map will be updated on the basis of more recent air photo information at some future time.

MAP PREPARATION

In preliminary form the different types of vegetation were first outlined by F. R. Fosberg utilizing, indoors, the field knowledge he had accumulated through his years of experience with the Park's vegetation. The preliminary vegetation units so mapped were studied and checked out in the field by D. Mueller-Dombois and modified as necessary in 1965. From the 53 finished maps a revised, partially new, classification of the vegetation units was developed (Mueller-Dombois 1966:391 ff.).

Field mapping involved correlating ground conditions with the patterns found on the photographs. This was done by exploring all unknown photographic patterns in the field and by running transects through those areas that showed a maximum of variation in pattern on the photographs. The vegetation types were defined by structural and floristic criteria and in some instances in relation to topographic and substrate features. Extrapolation was kept to a minimum in the more accessible areas, where all major variations were investigated. In the less accessible areas, which involved about 20% of the total, vegetation was determined by matching photographic patterns. Indirect mapping was necessary for the higher altitude vegetation on Mauna Loa, where vegetation cover is not dense enough to show on the photos. Here topographic lines and substrate types were matched to approximate the correct vegetation limits.

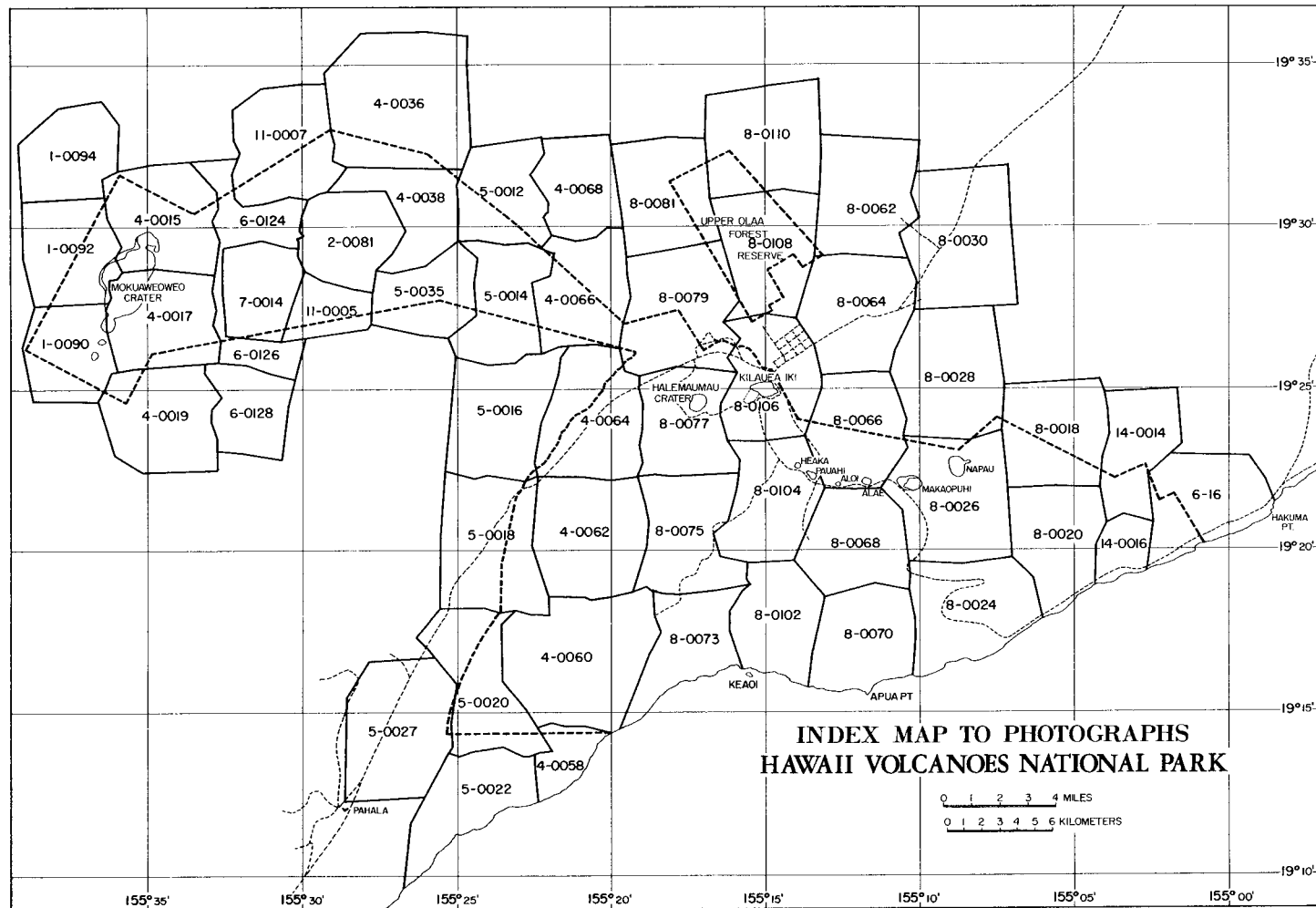
The aerial photographic set used for the vegetation map was described in detail by Doty (1966:11 ff.). Before field use, the distortion on each photograph was eliminated by establishing a relatively undistorted polygon over the center. Vegetation boundaries were drawn only within the undistorted polygons. In addition a second plastic overlay sheet was prepared before field mapping, which showed the topography on each air photo by 100 foot contour lines.

After completion of the vegetation map on the 1 : 12,000 air photos, Mr. Tomotsu Nakata carefully transferred all boundaries onto new plastic overlays on the 1 : 24,000 Topographic Map sheet series of the Park. These served as the originals for the reproduction of this map at the reduced scale of 1 : 52,000.

MAP COVERAGE AND THE INDEX MAP

The vegetation map consists of 25 transparent sheets that are each attached as overlays to the standard 1 : 24,000 topographic map sheets of the area. These topographic map sheets were cut in half (i.e., into a north and south half each) for convenience

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of reproduction. Moreover, the topographic half sheets were reduced in scale by one half so that all information is here represented at the more generalized scale of 1 : 52,000 (i.e., 1 cm on the map represents 520 m in the field).

The individual map sheets are preceded by an index map, which shows the exact coverage of the 25 map sheets in relation to the 53 aerial photographs that were used for the original mapping. The index map also shows the outline of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park by a dashed line. Note that the Park includes a separate area, the upper Olaa Forest Reserve, north of the Kilauea Iki Crater. It can be seen on the index map that the map sheets and aerial photographs extend beyond the borders of the National Park. This means that the vegetation map covers the entire Park and a certain area outside. The largest outside-Park coverage extends into the rain forest north of the Kilauea Caldera (signified by Halemaumau Crater and Kilauea Iki on the index map).

However, it should be clear also that the marginal map sheets contain vegetation information only where they cover the outline of the original aerial photographs. For this reason, map sheets 10 and 17 contain no vegetation information. They were added to the set for providing base map orientation relative to access in the rain forest terrain.

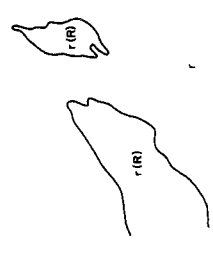
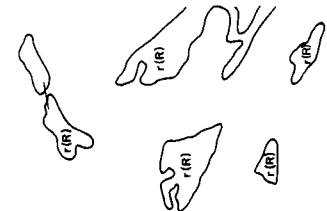
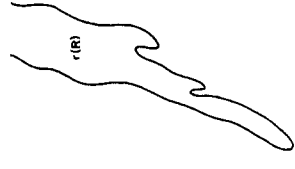
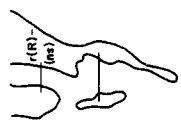
A further peculiarity may be worth explaining. Many of the vegetation boundaries are open-ended on the map sheets marginal to the National Park. The reason for this is that the underlying air photo coverage stopped at those open-ended lines. These boundary lines can only be completed on the existing map sheets with a wider air photo coverage than was available for preparing the Park map.

OUTLINE OF MAP SHEETS

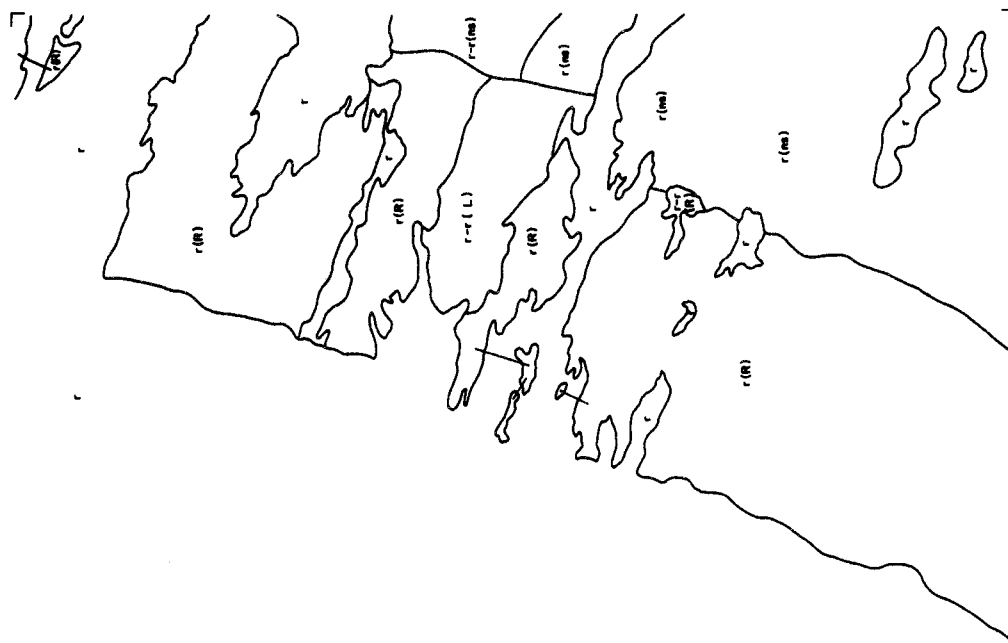
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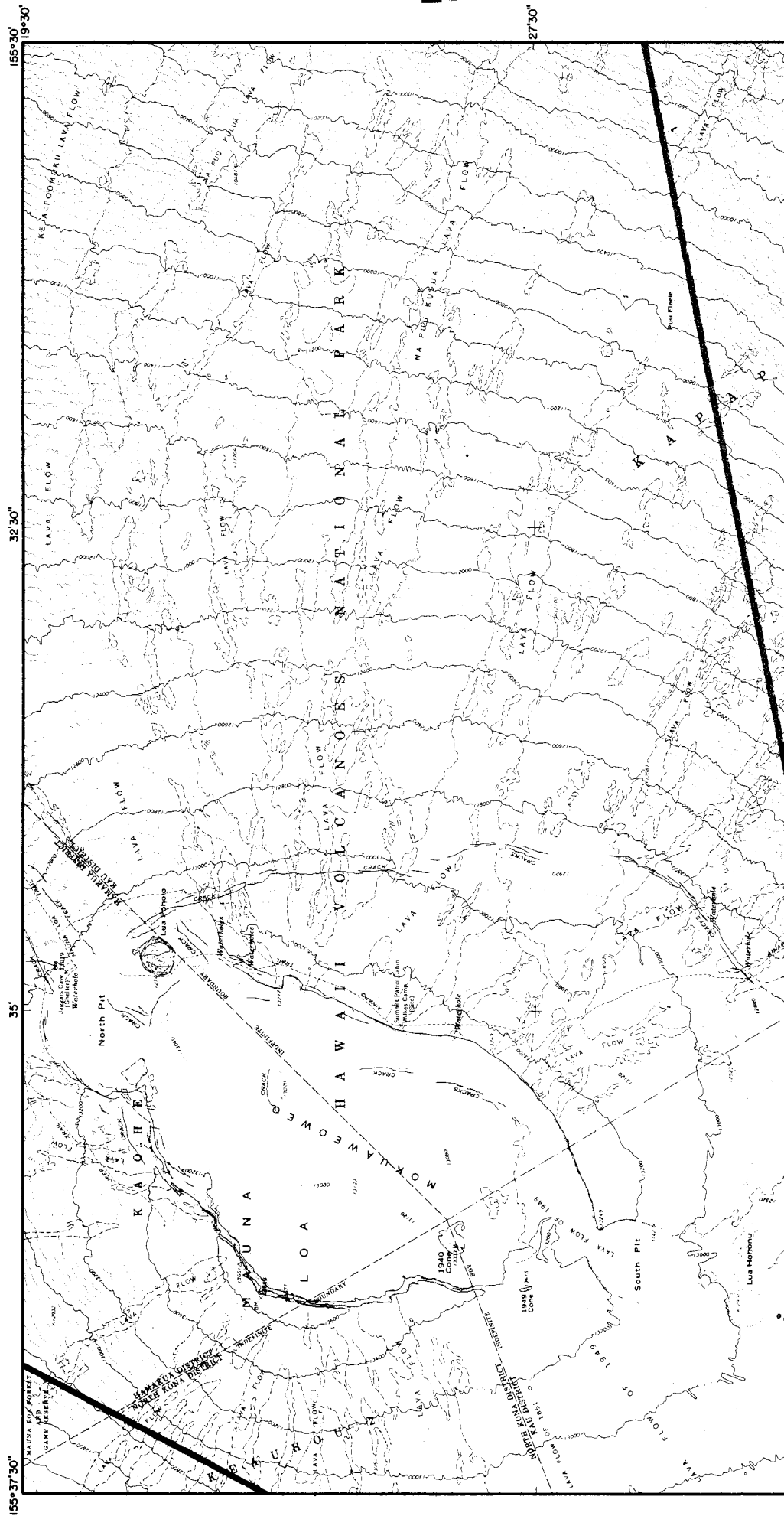
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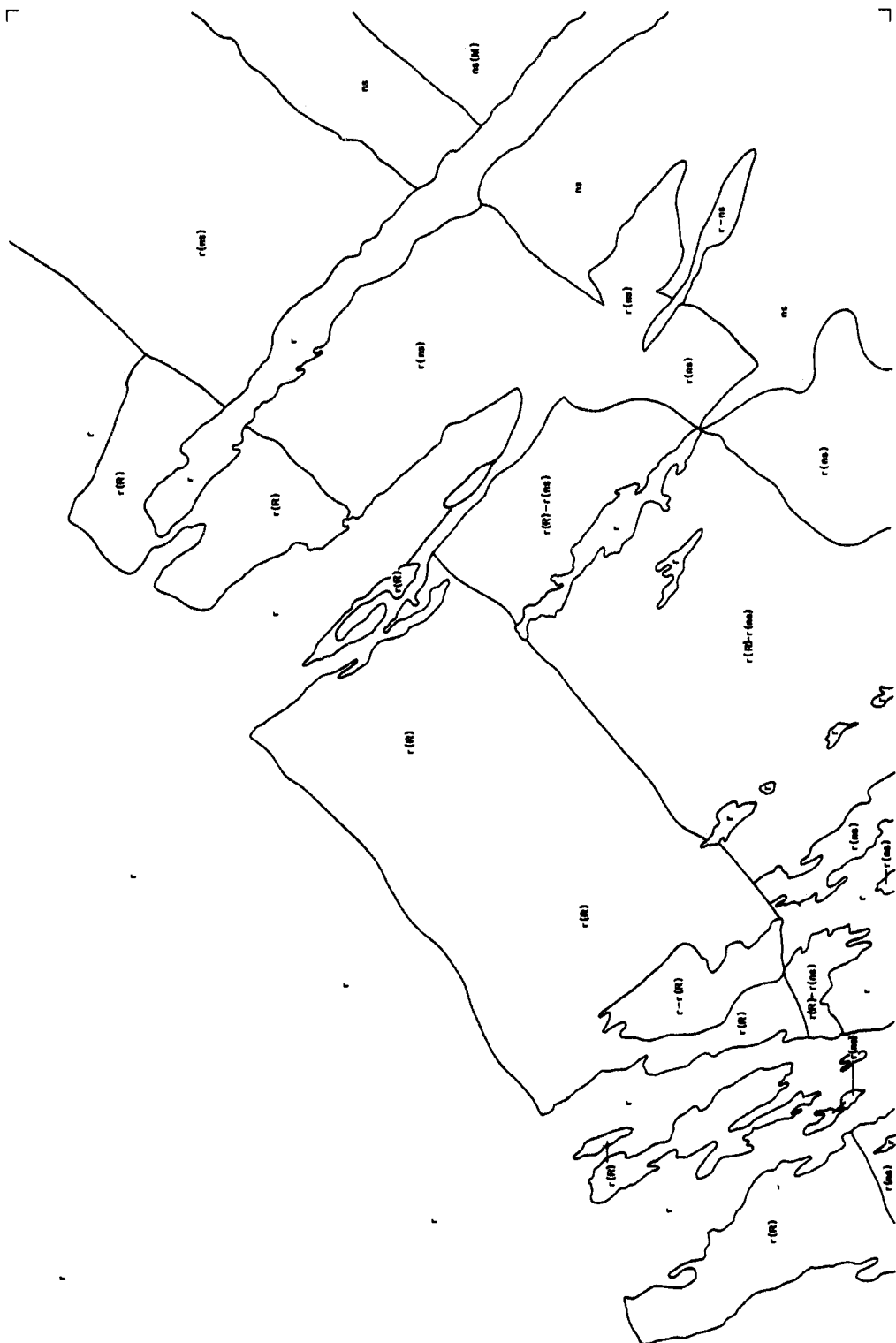
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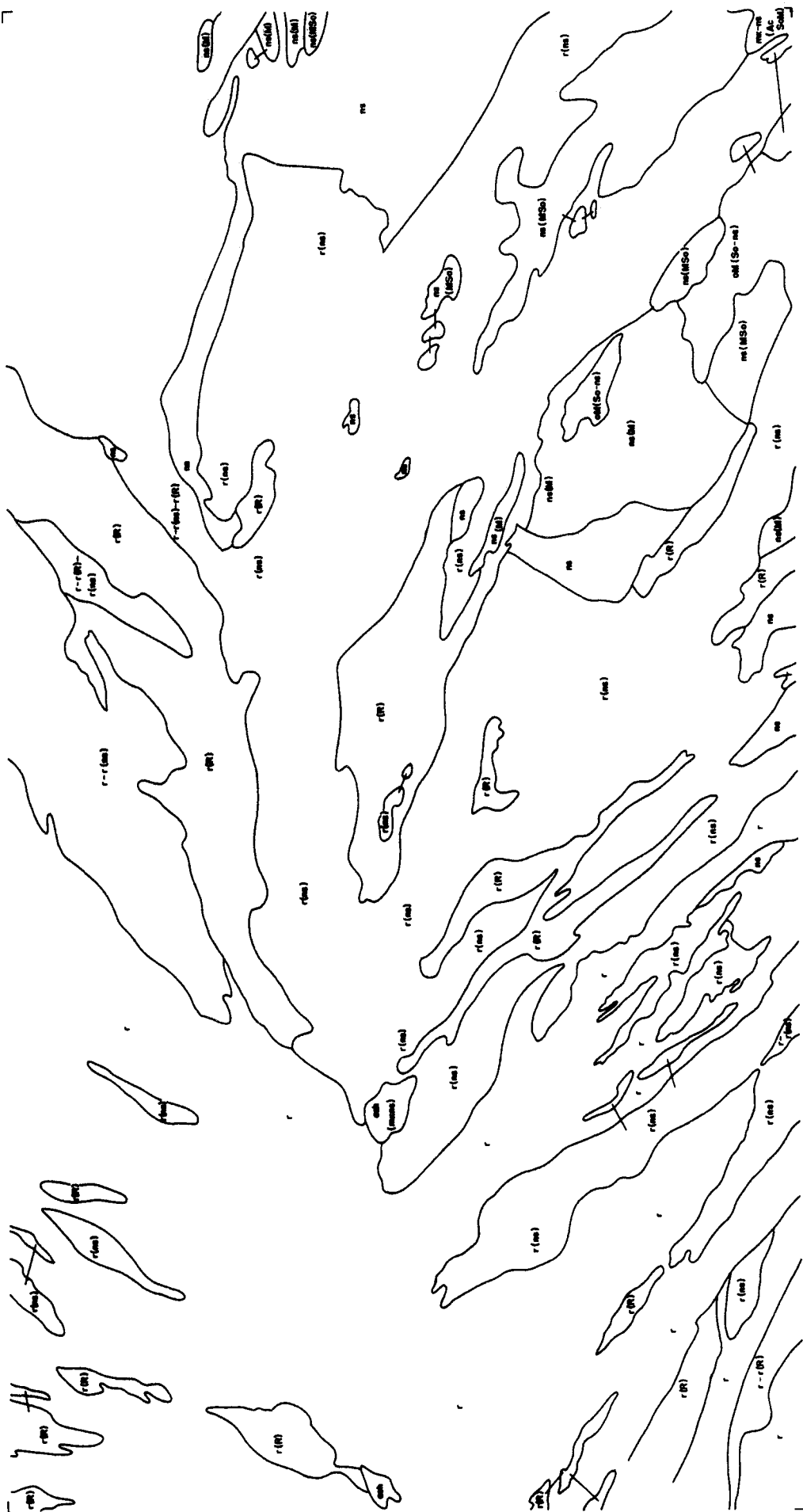


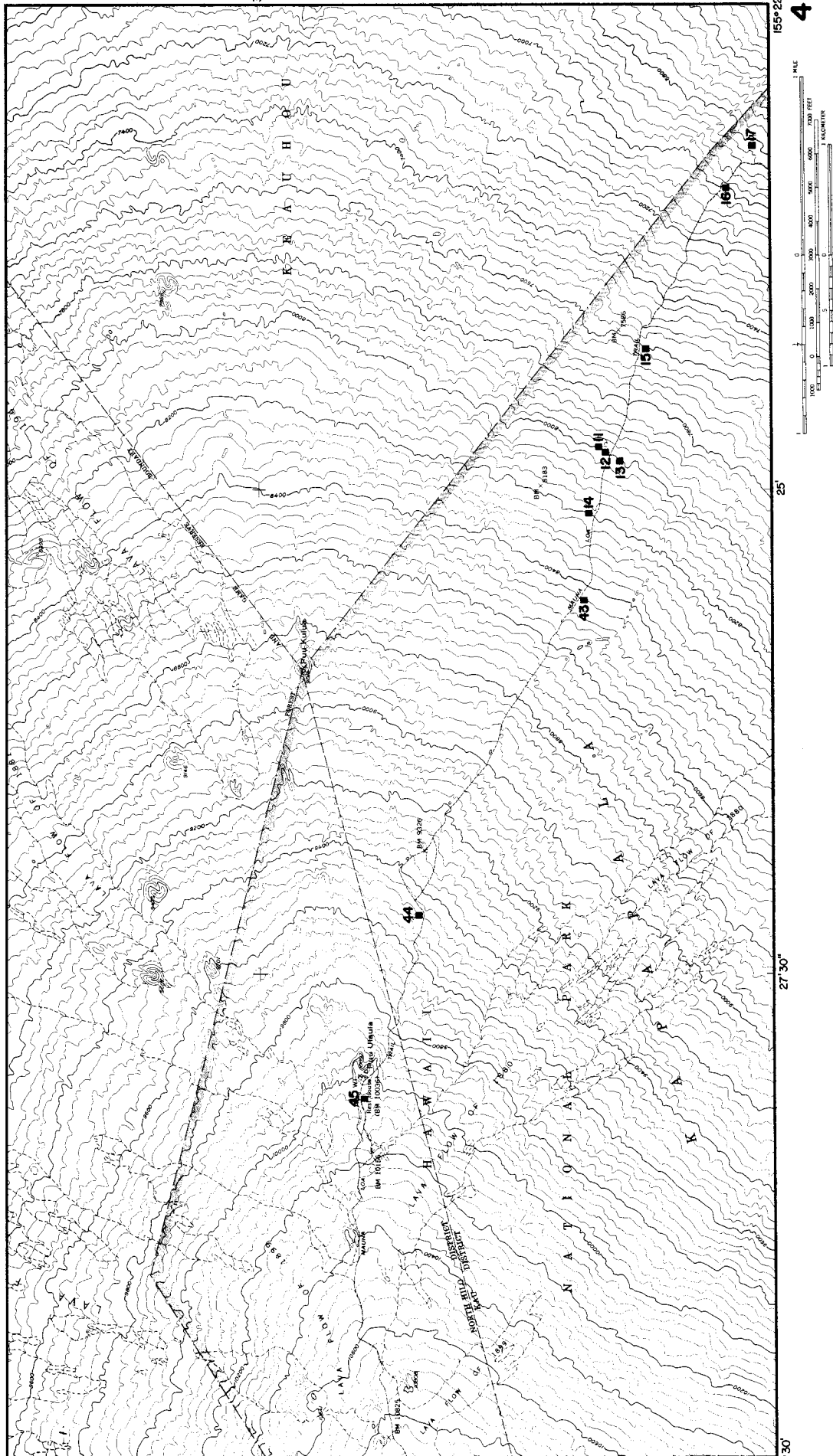


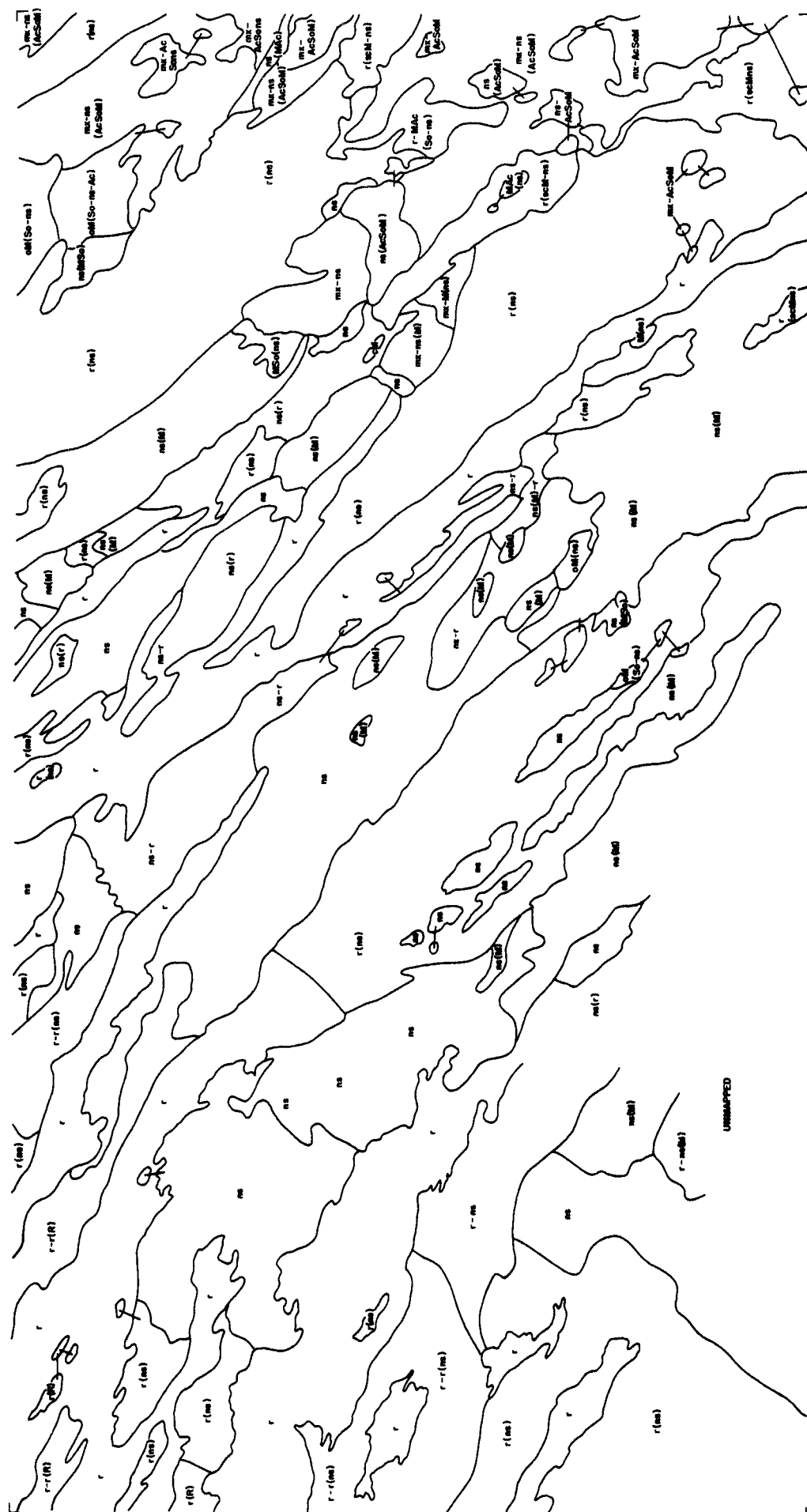


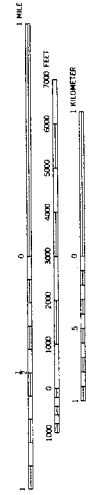


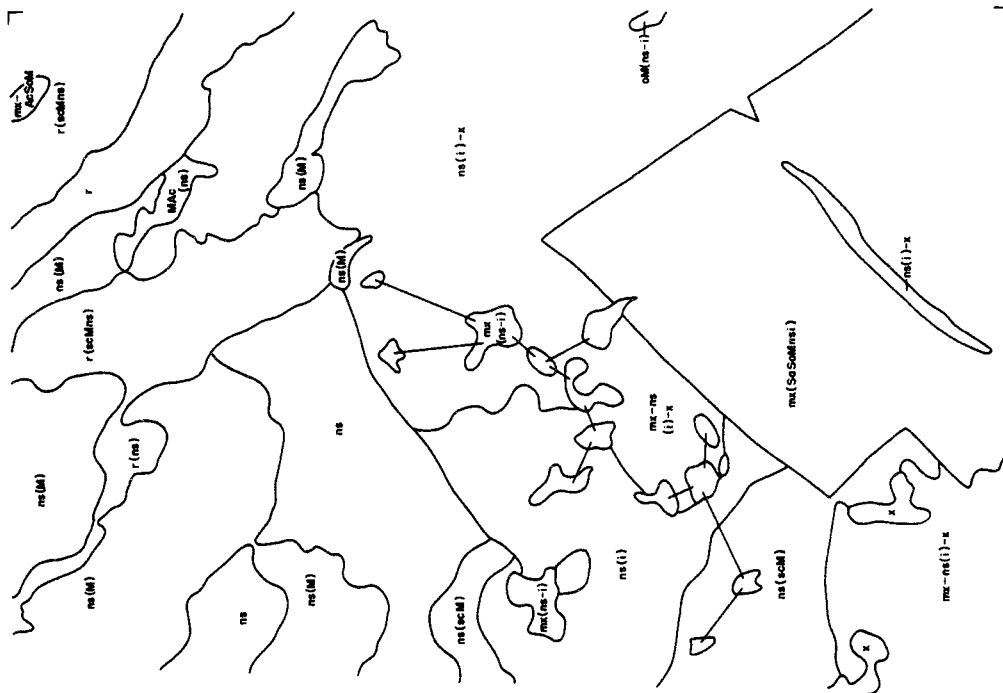


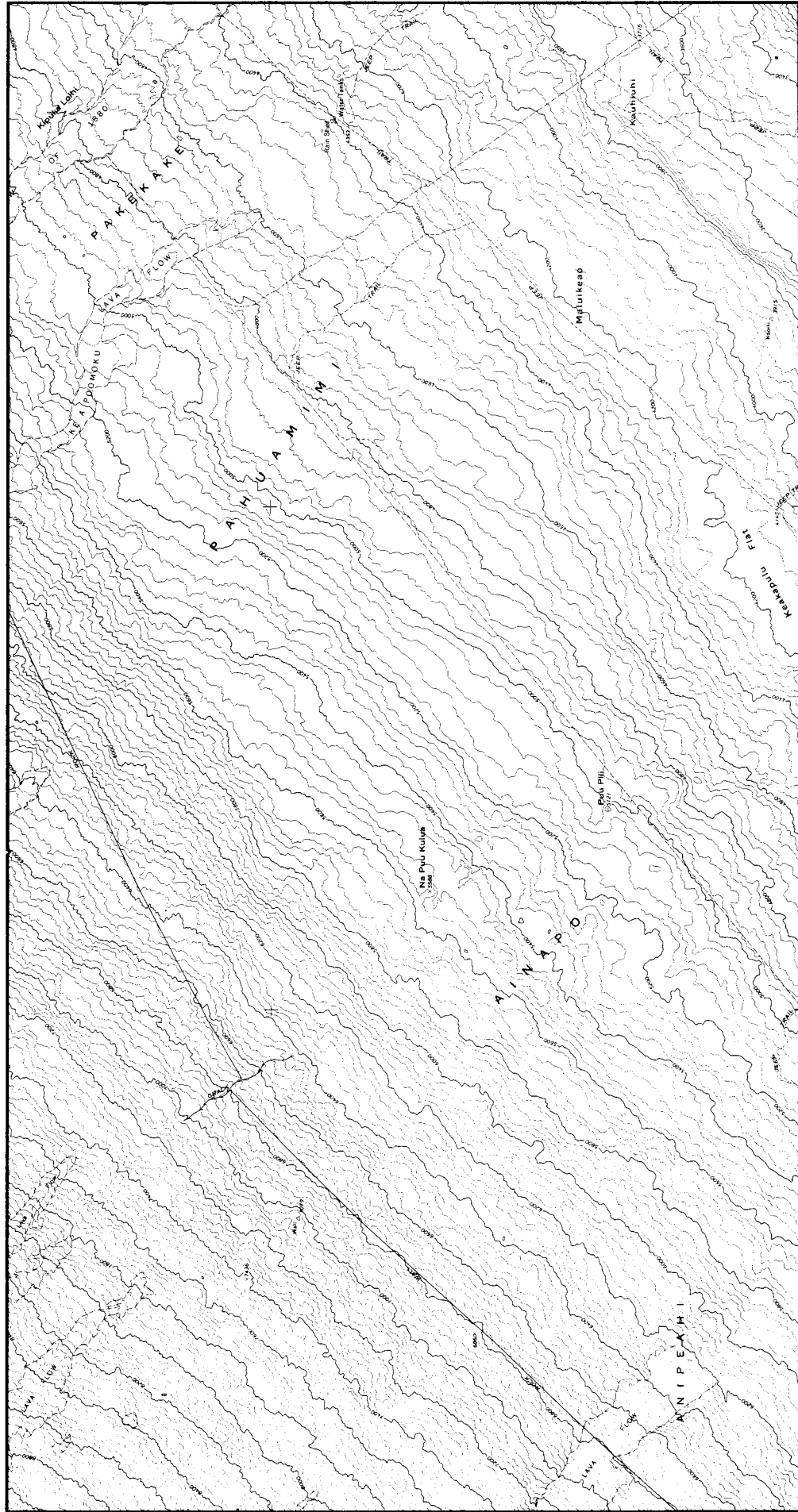




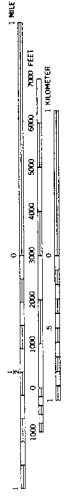


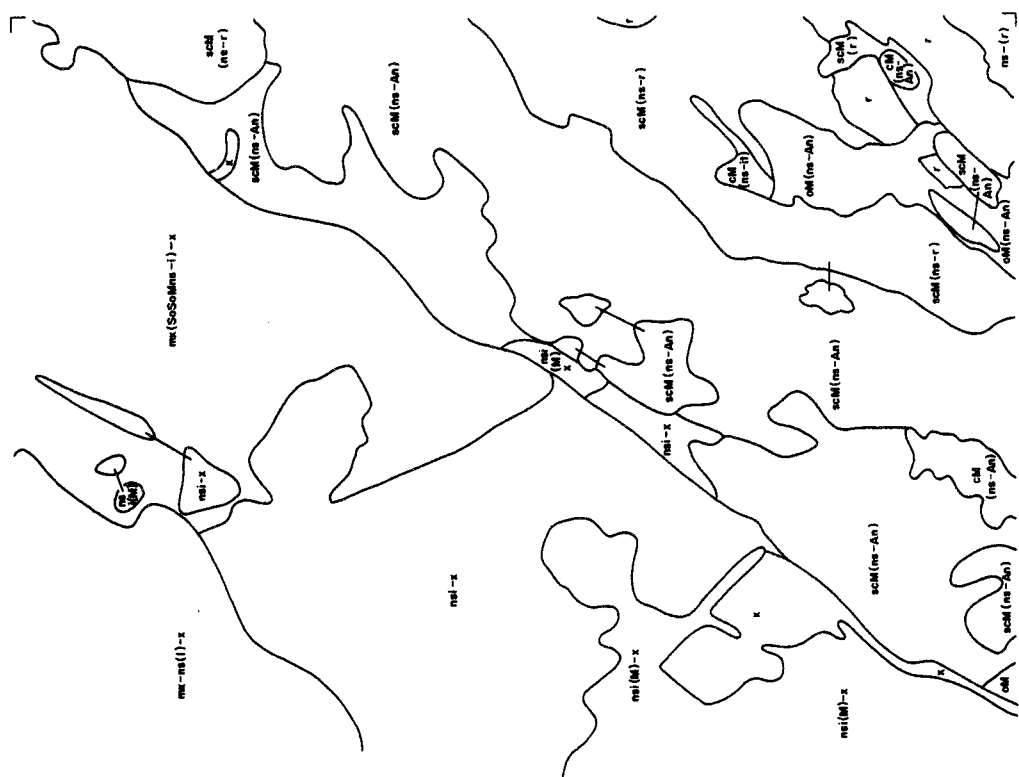




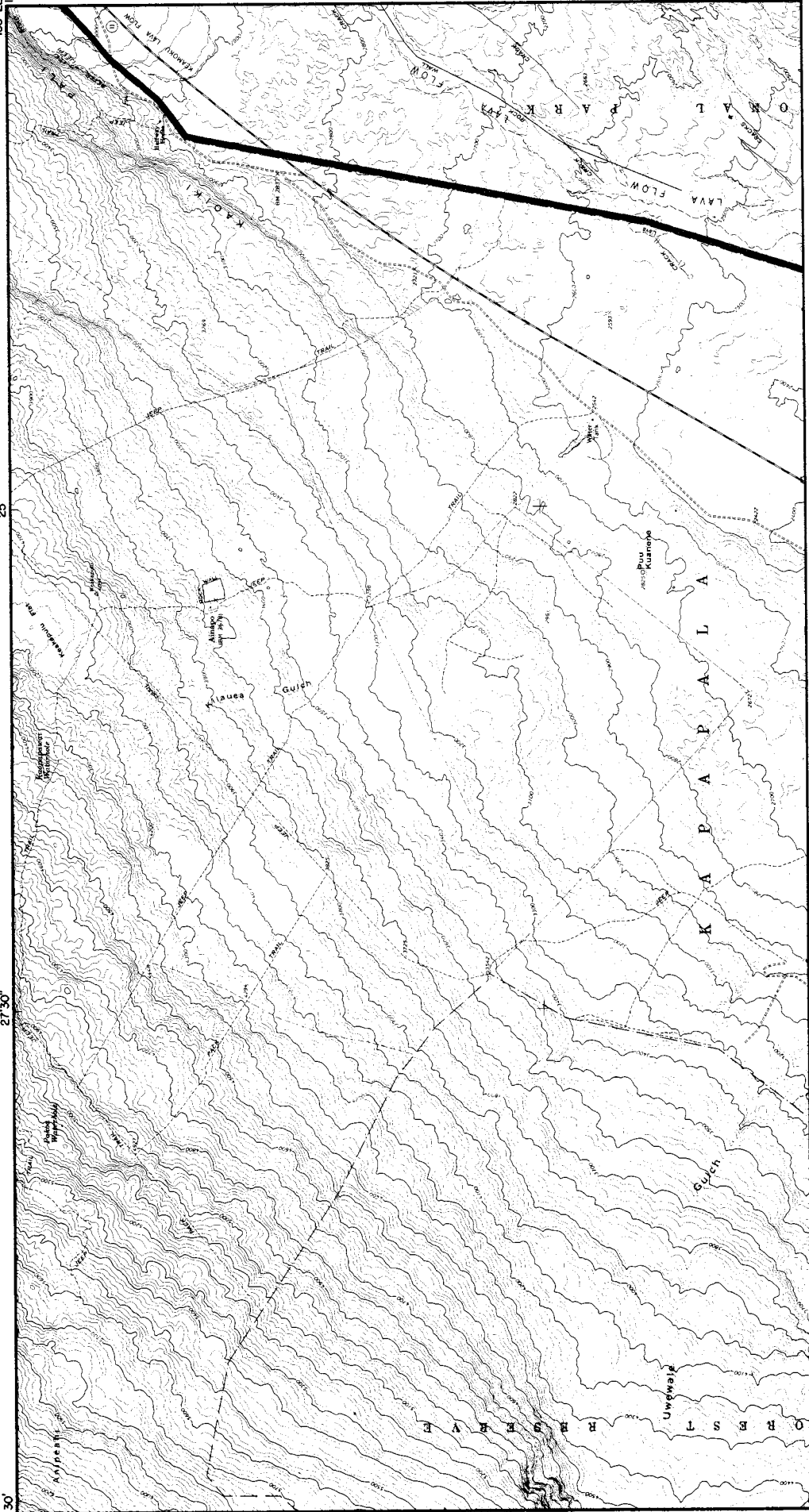


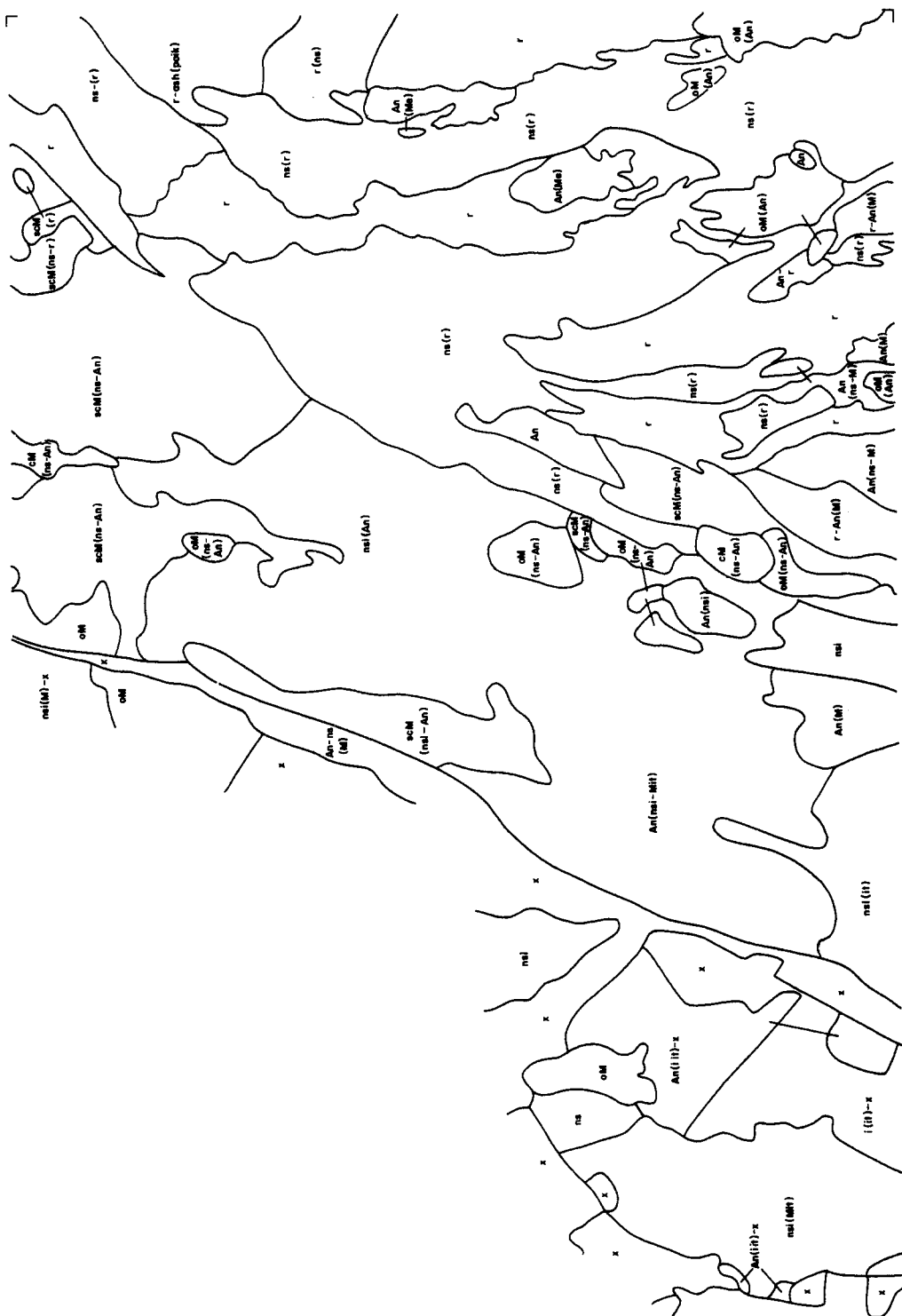
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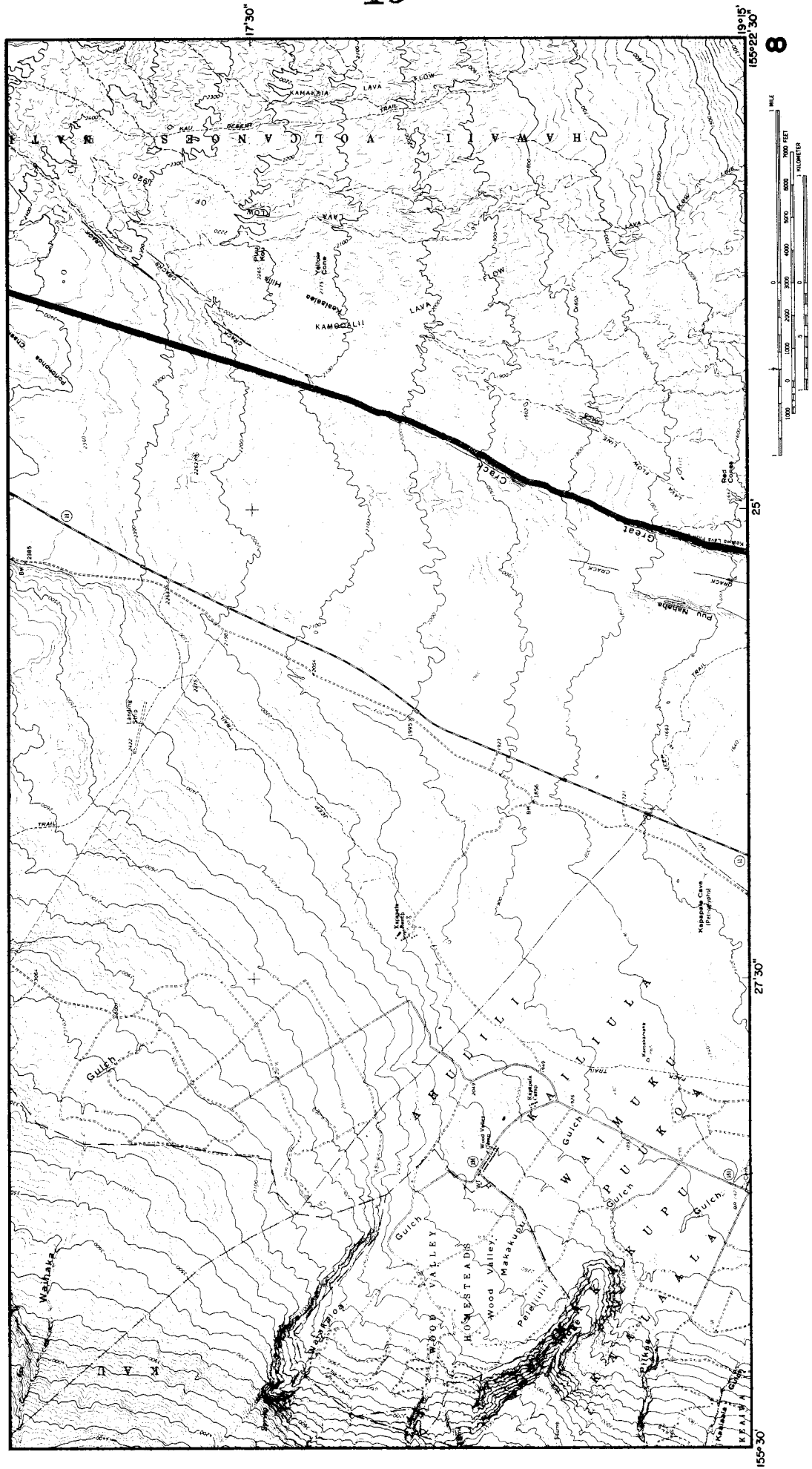




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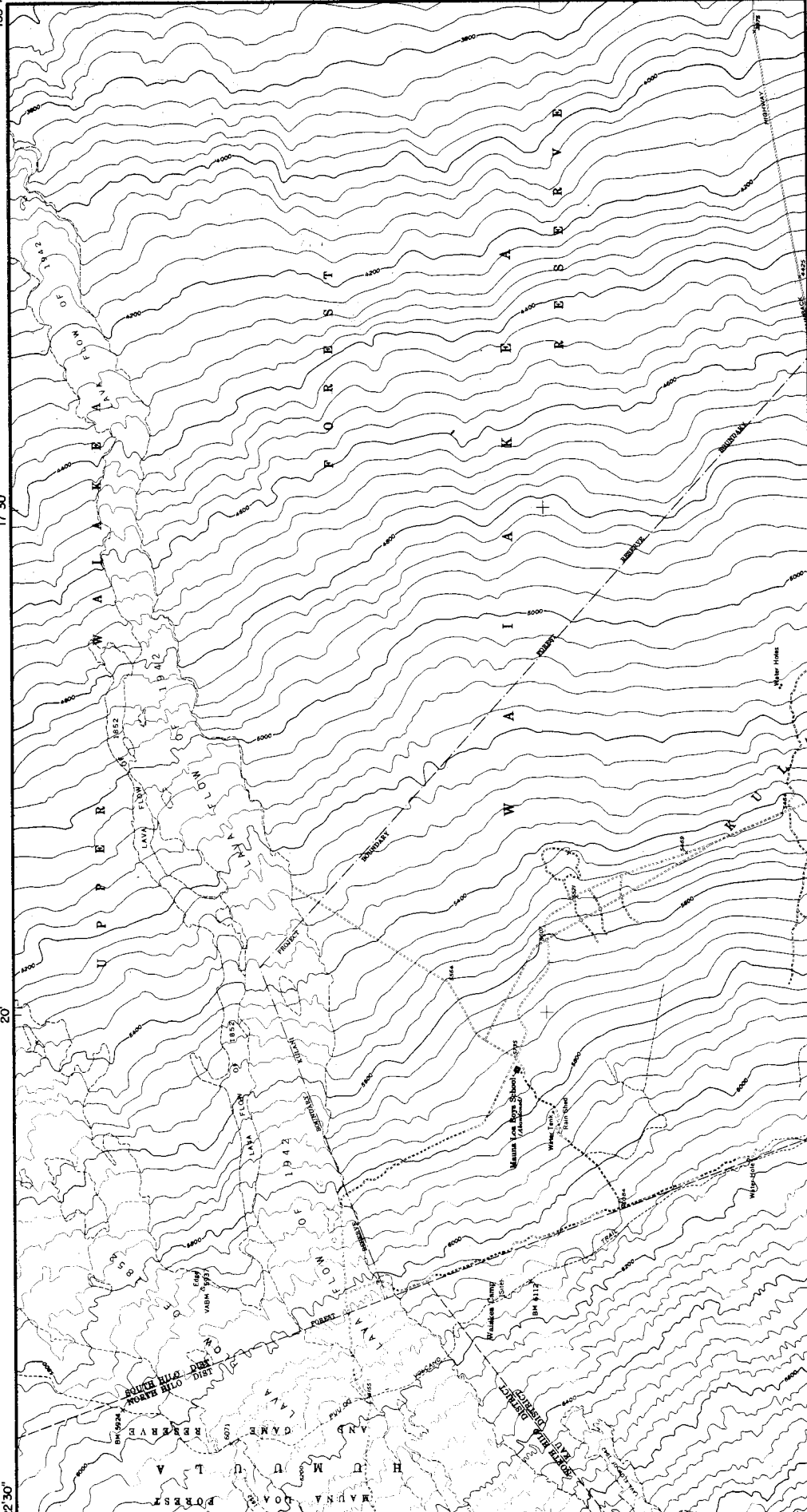


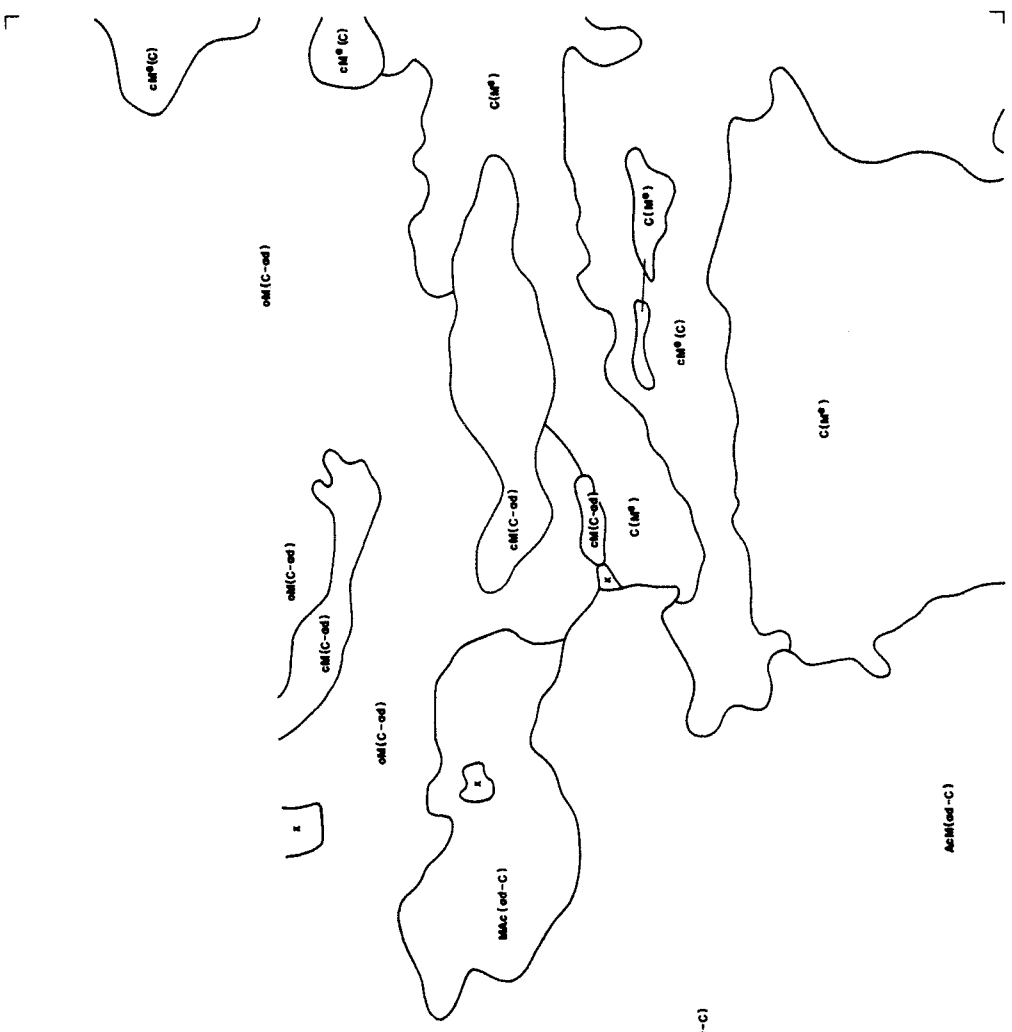




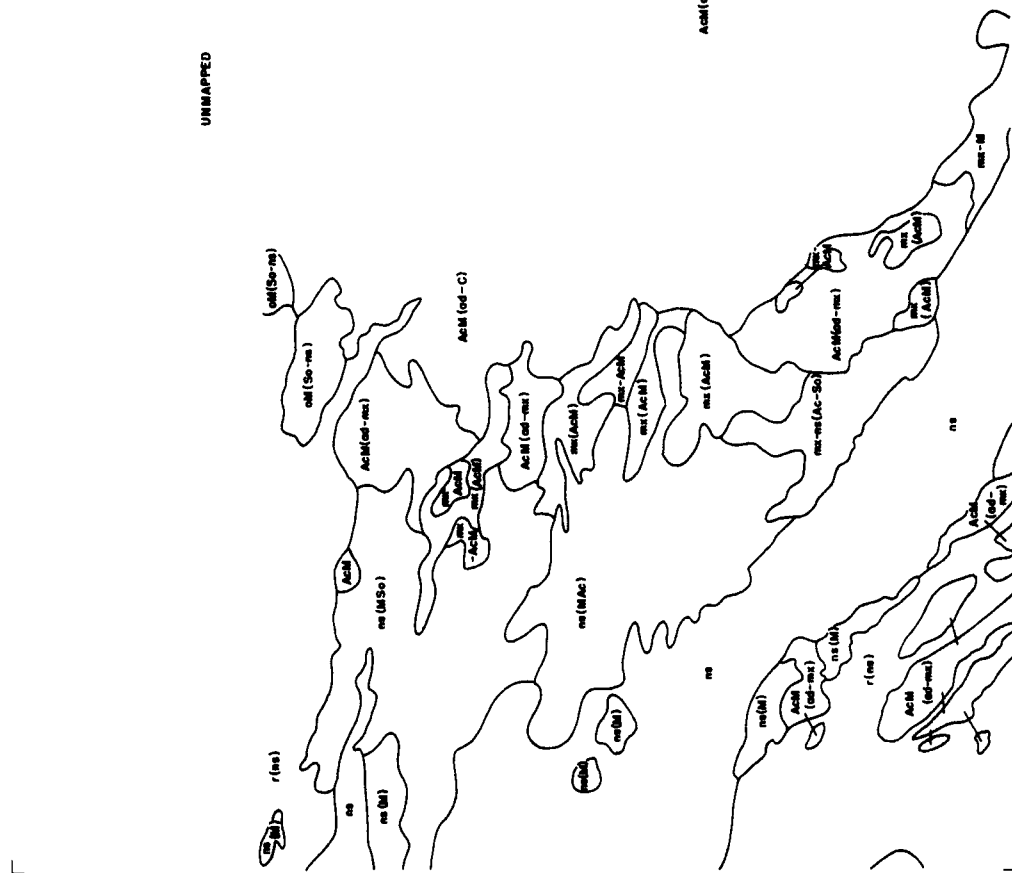


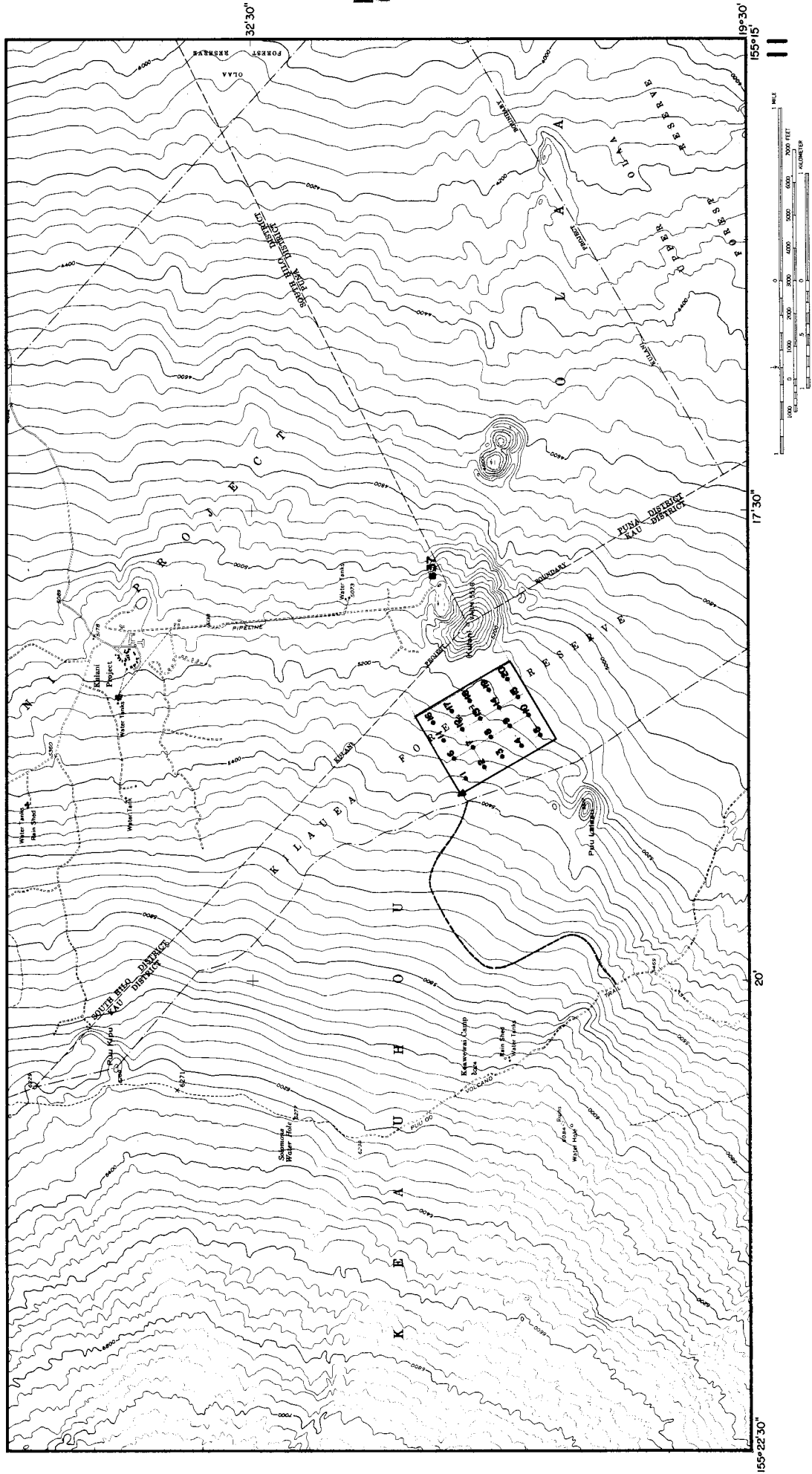


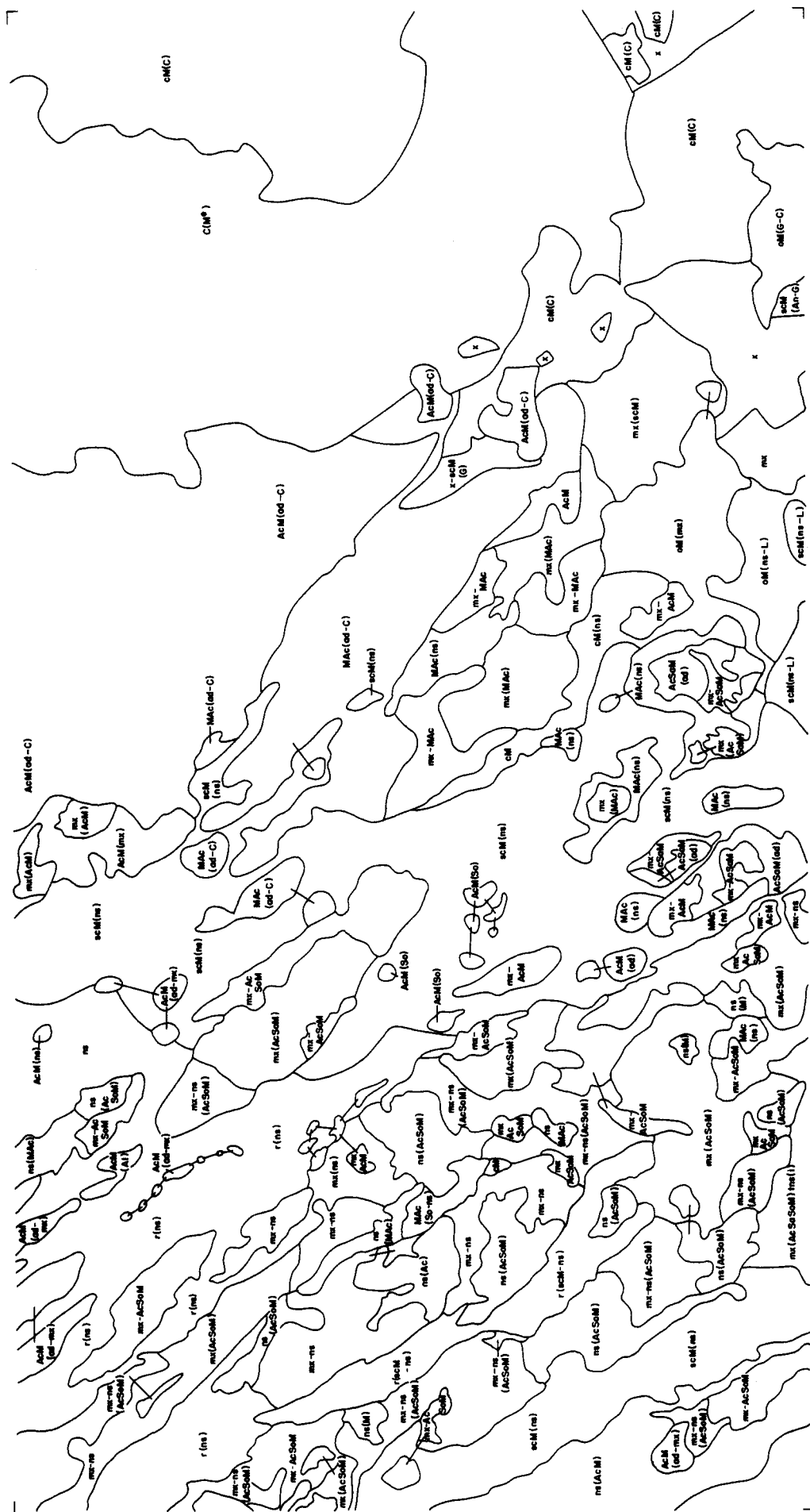


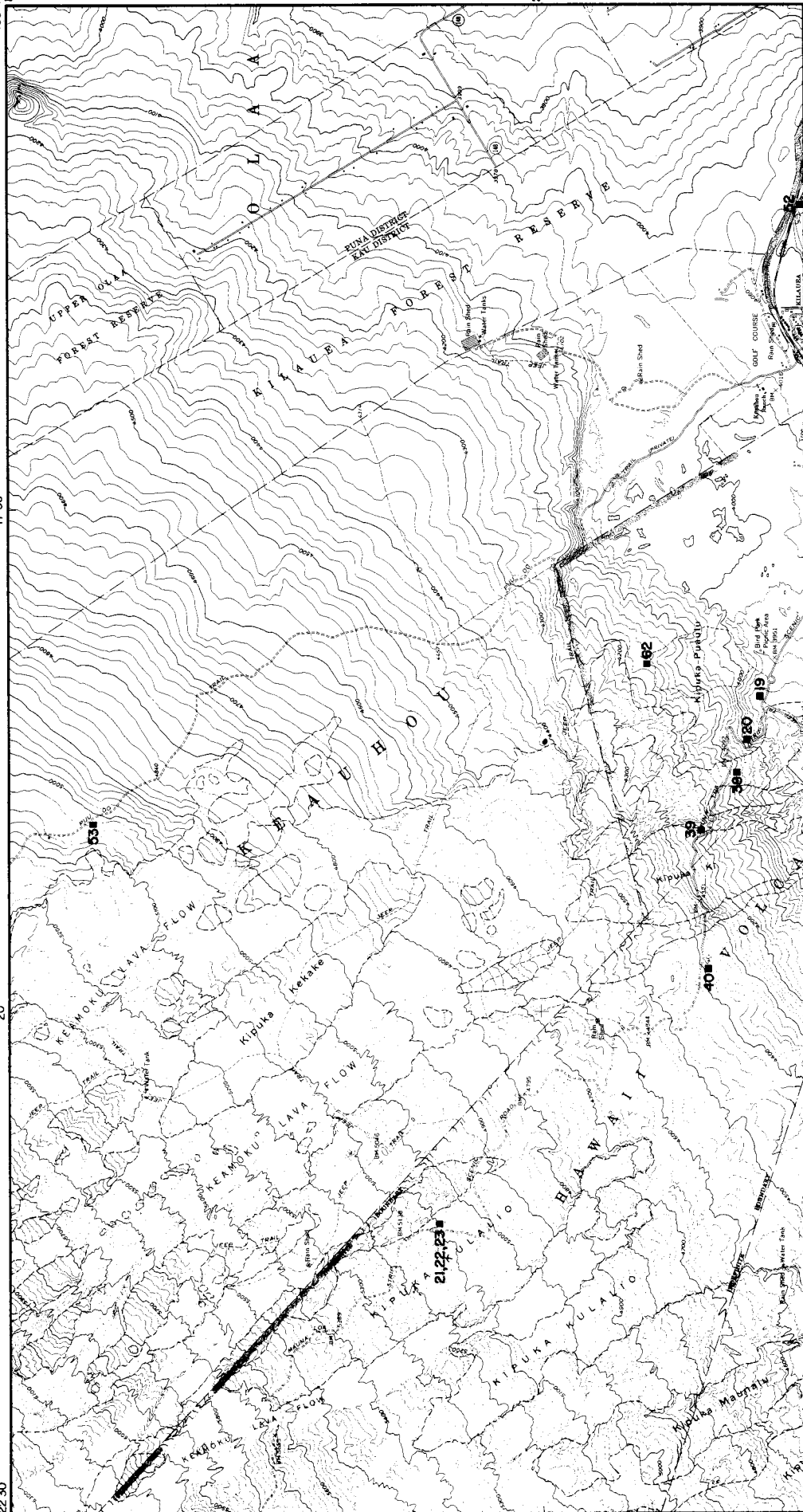


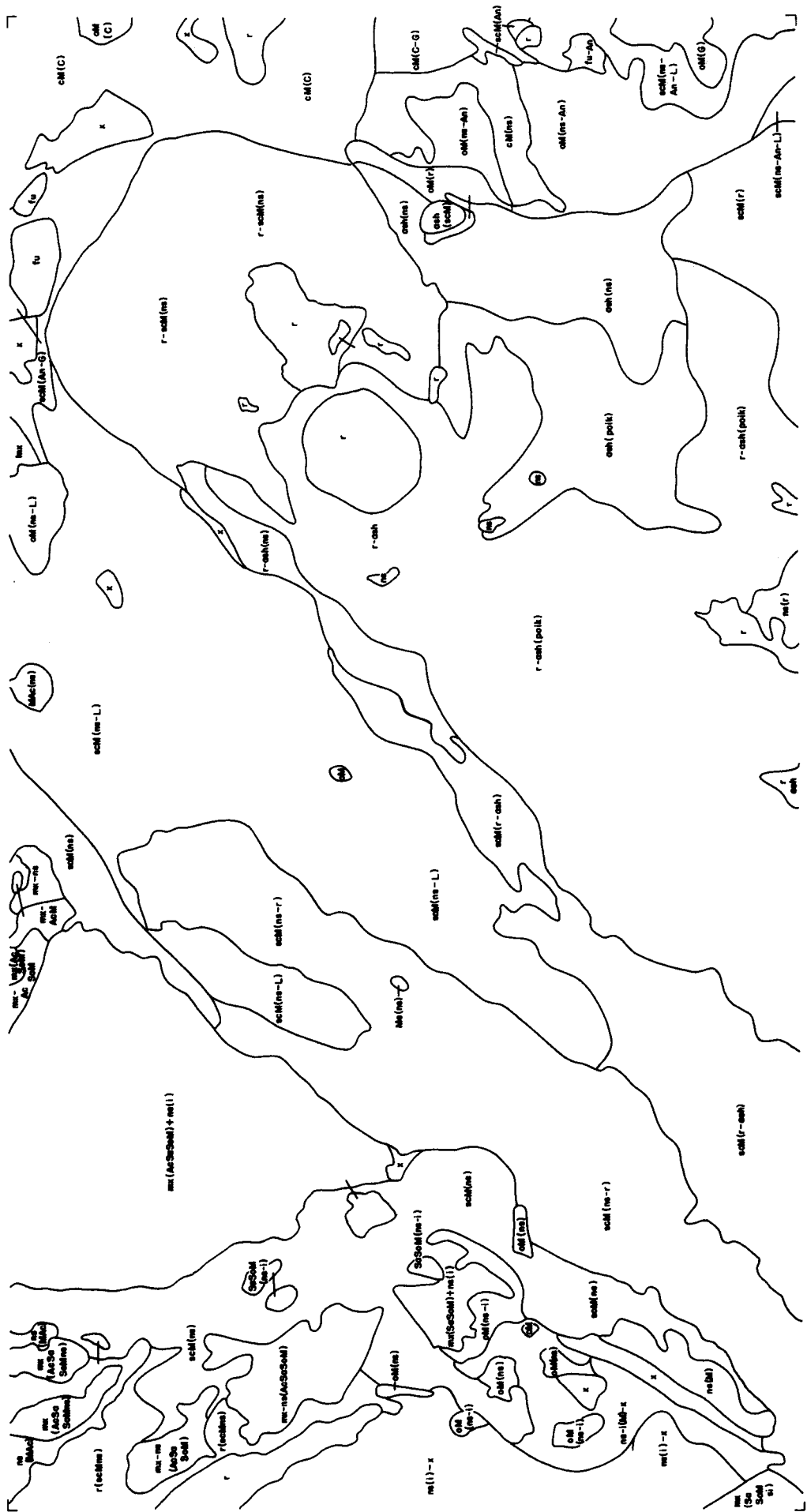
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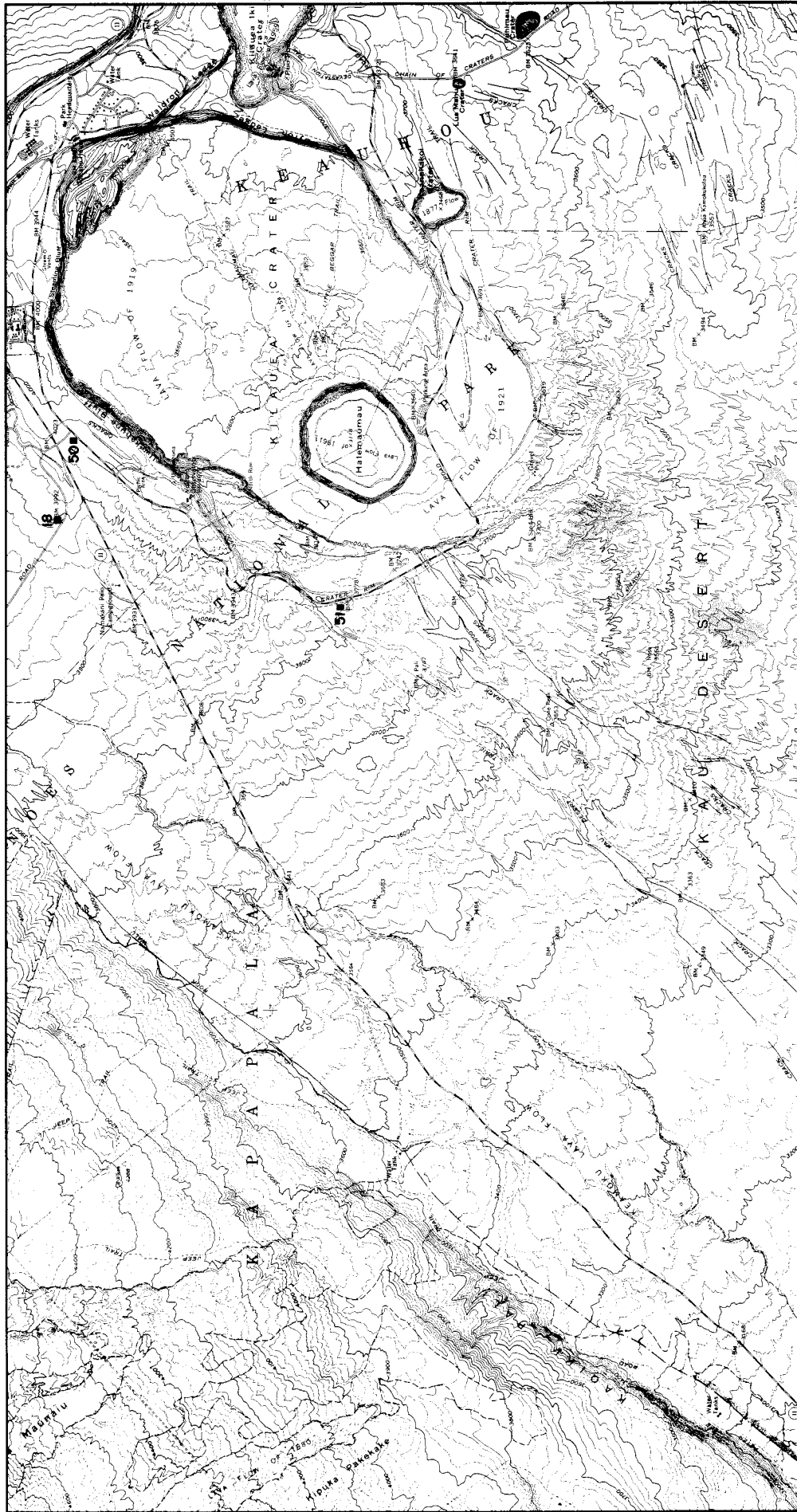




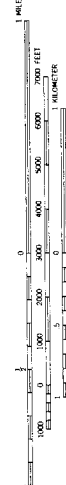


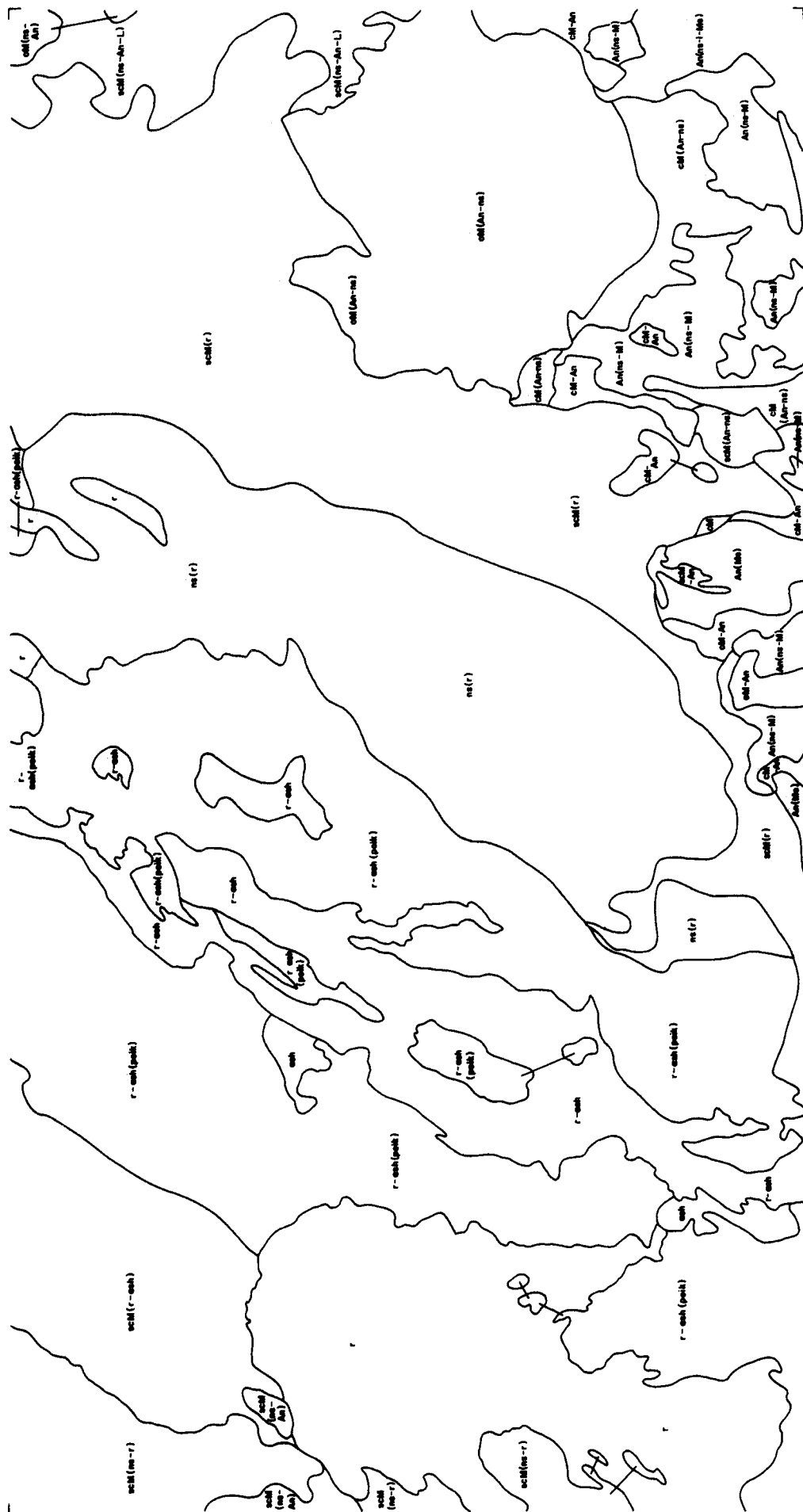


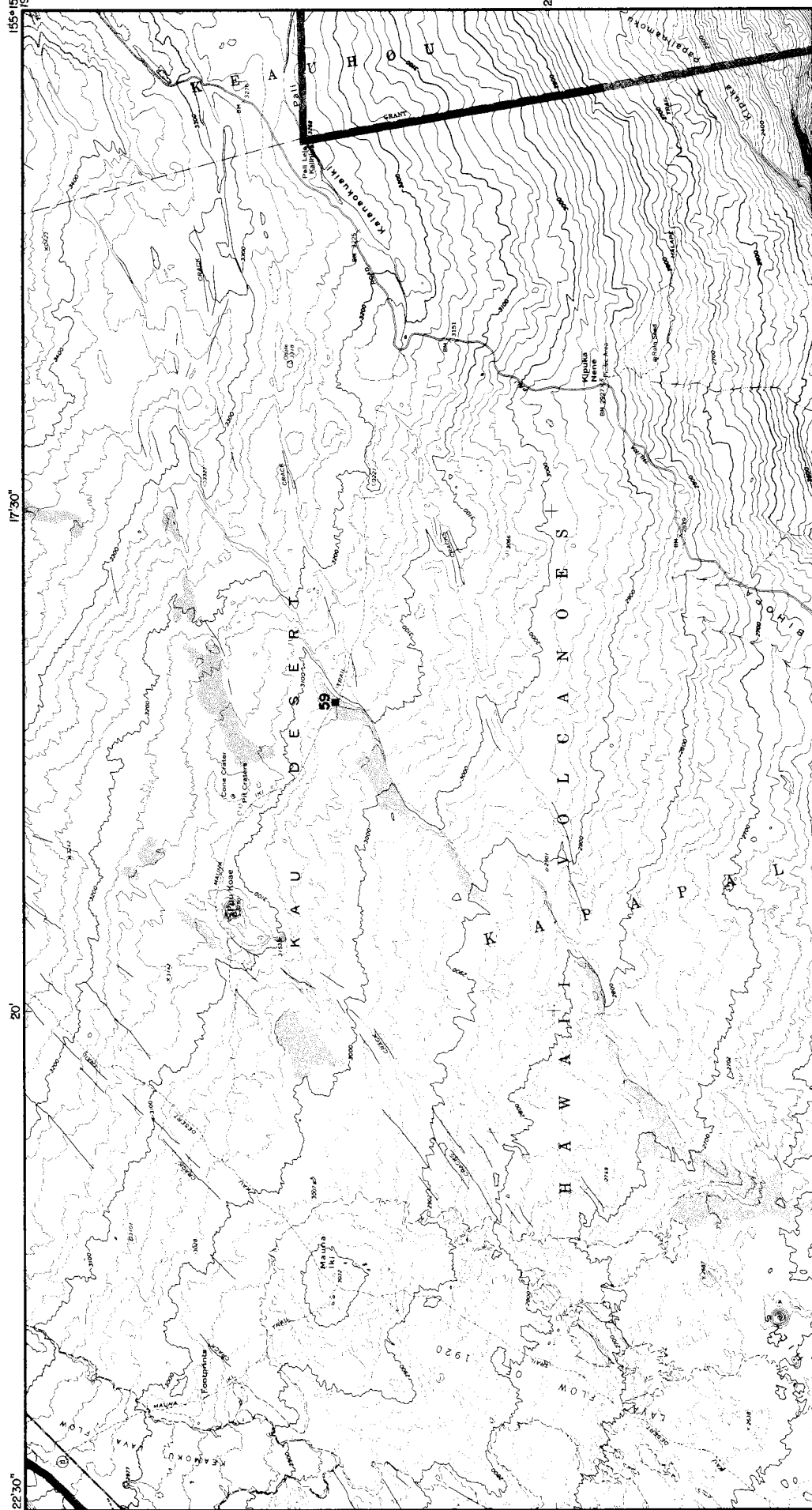


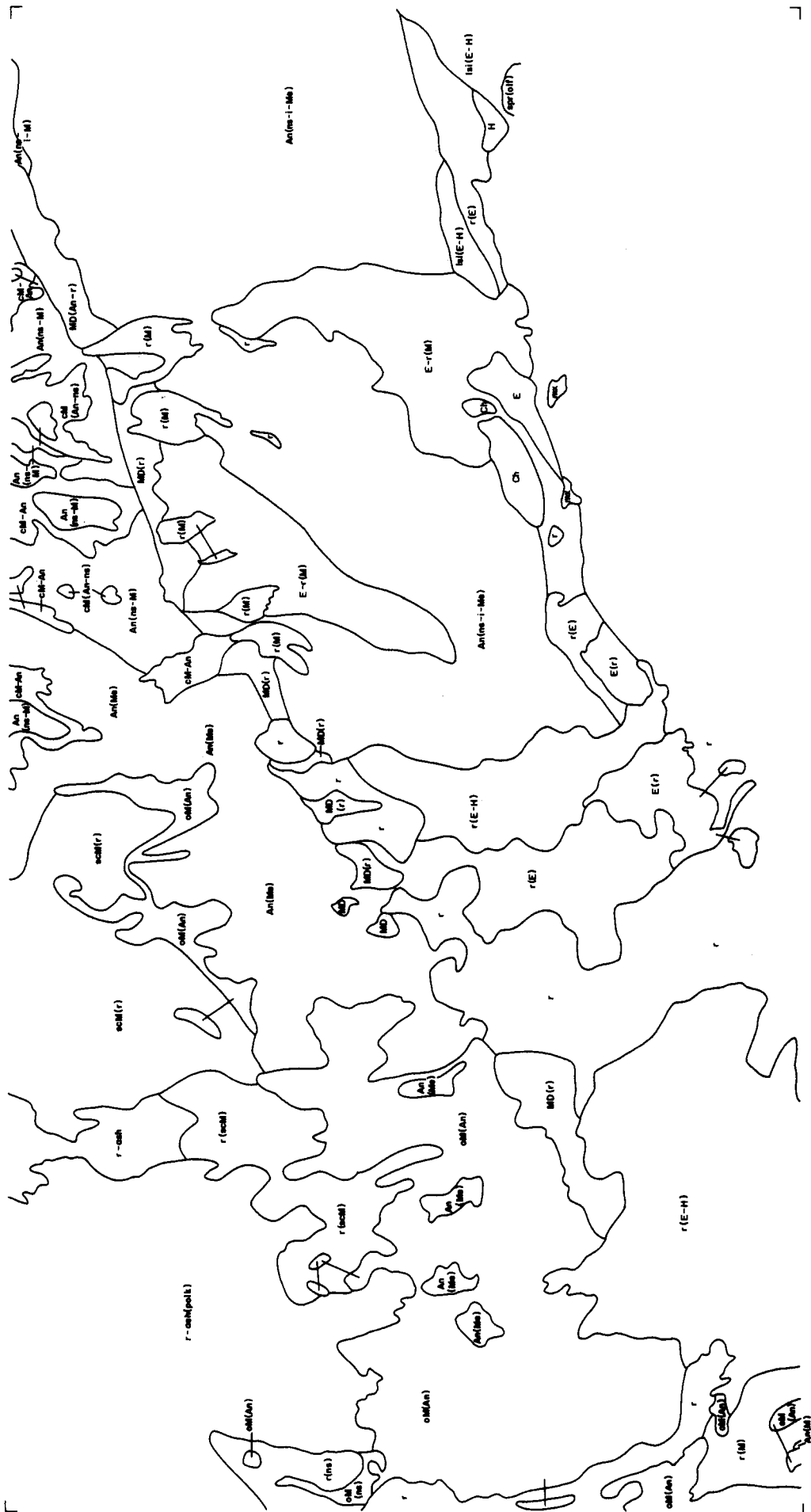


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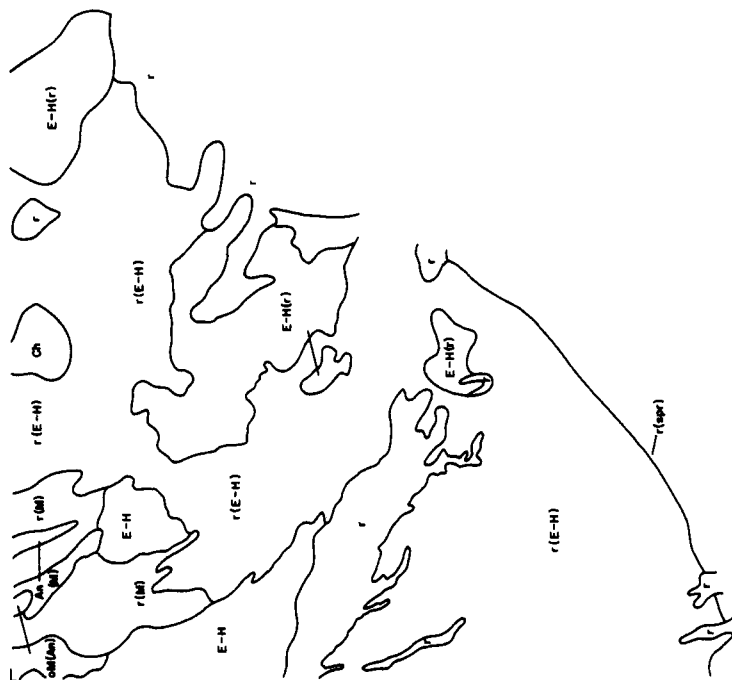


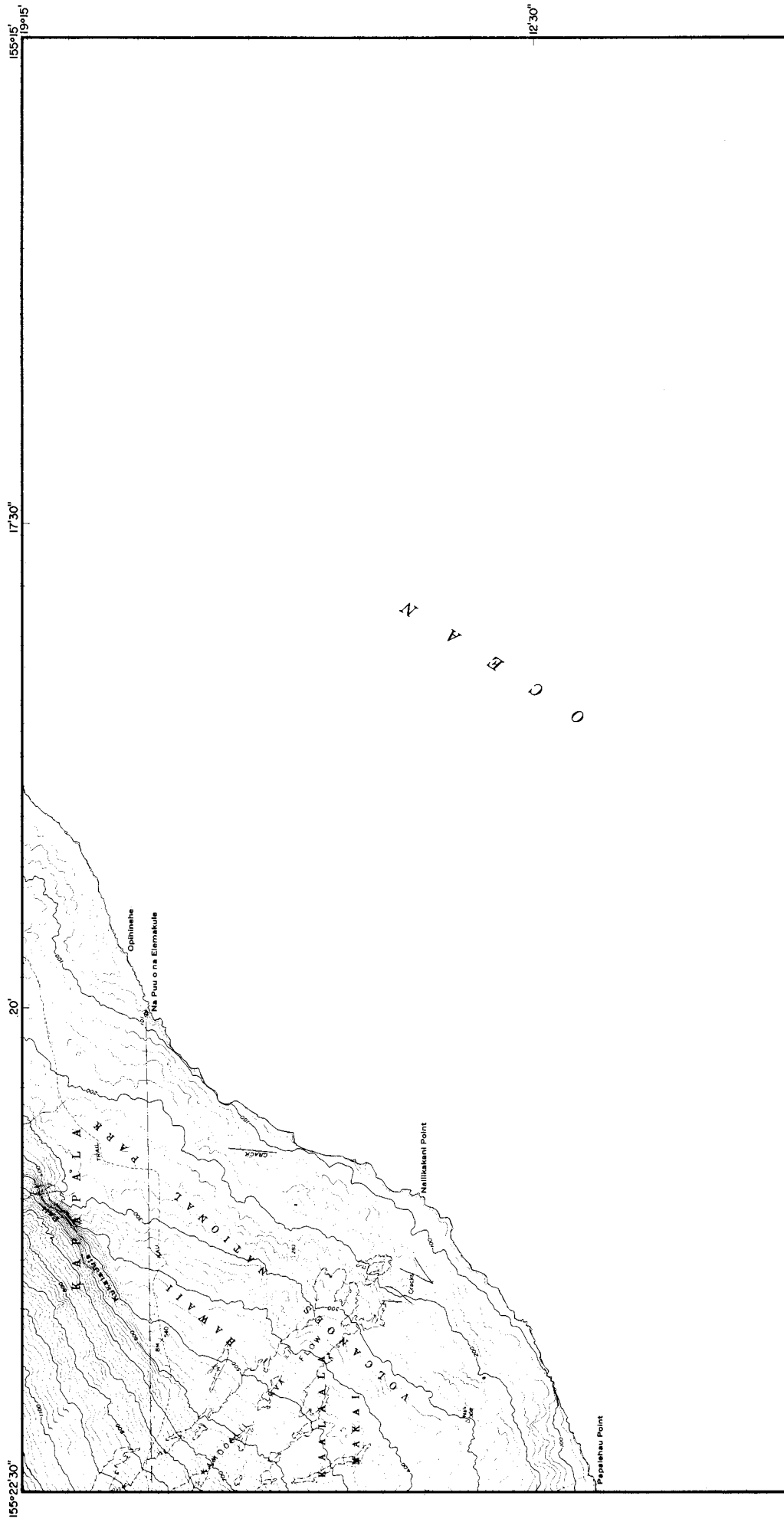


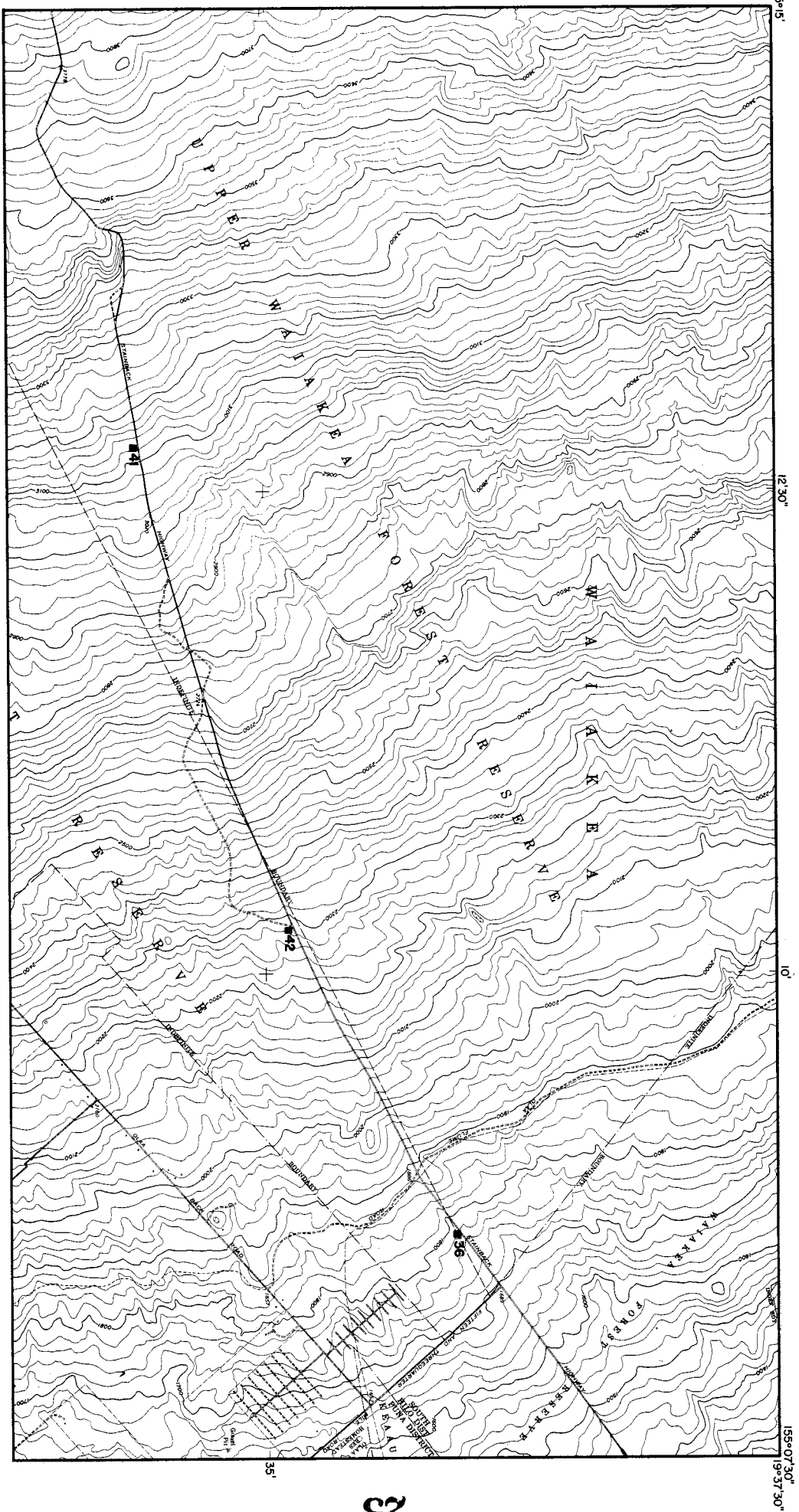


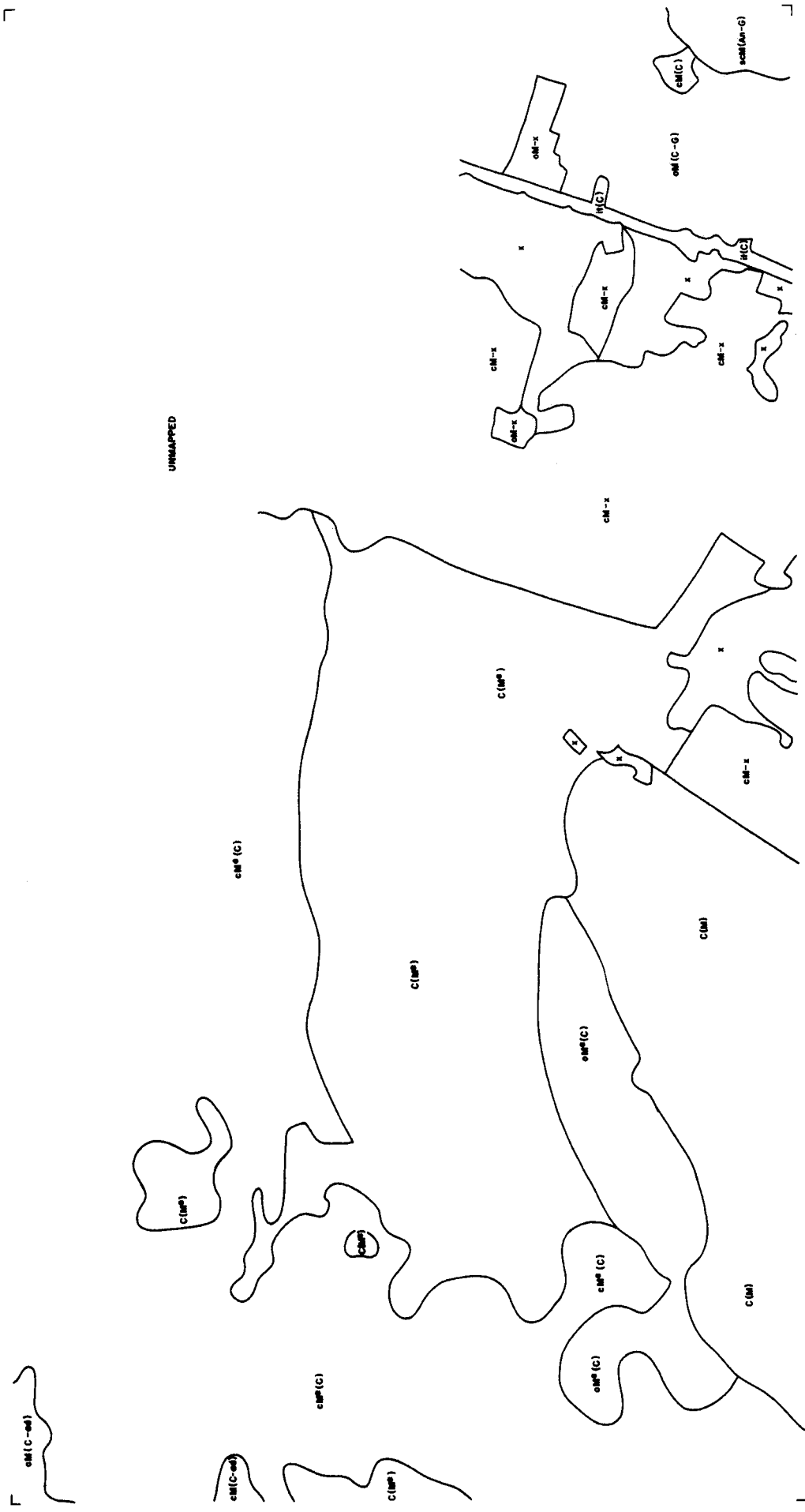










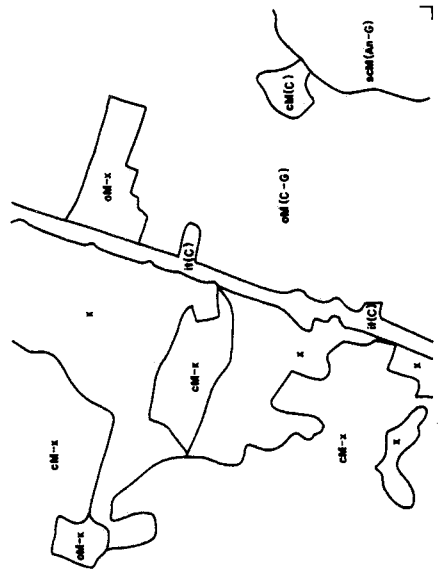


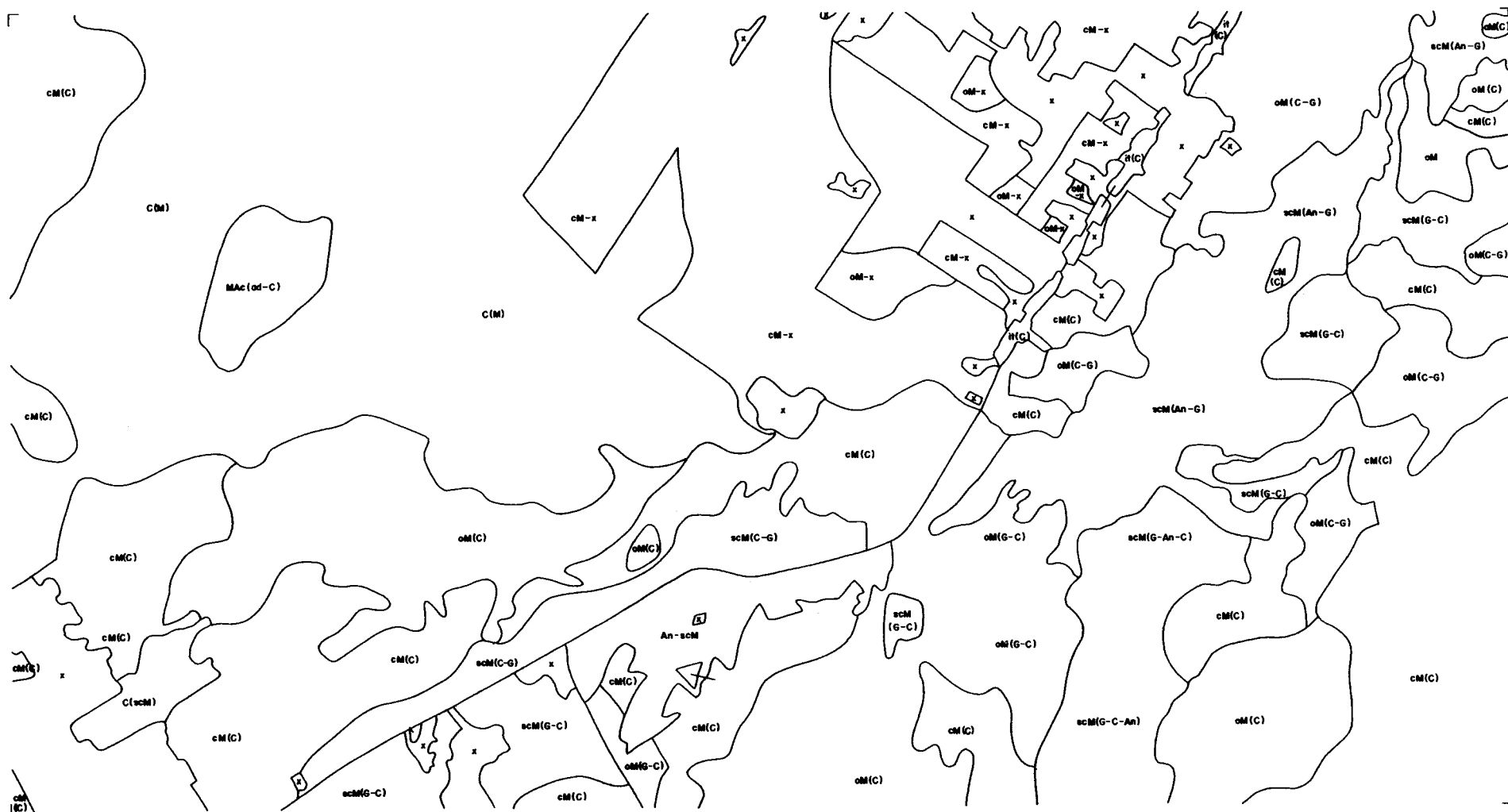
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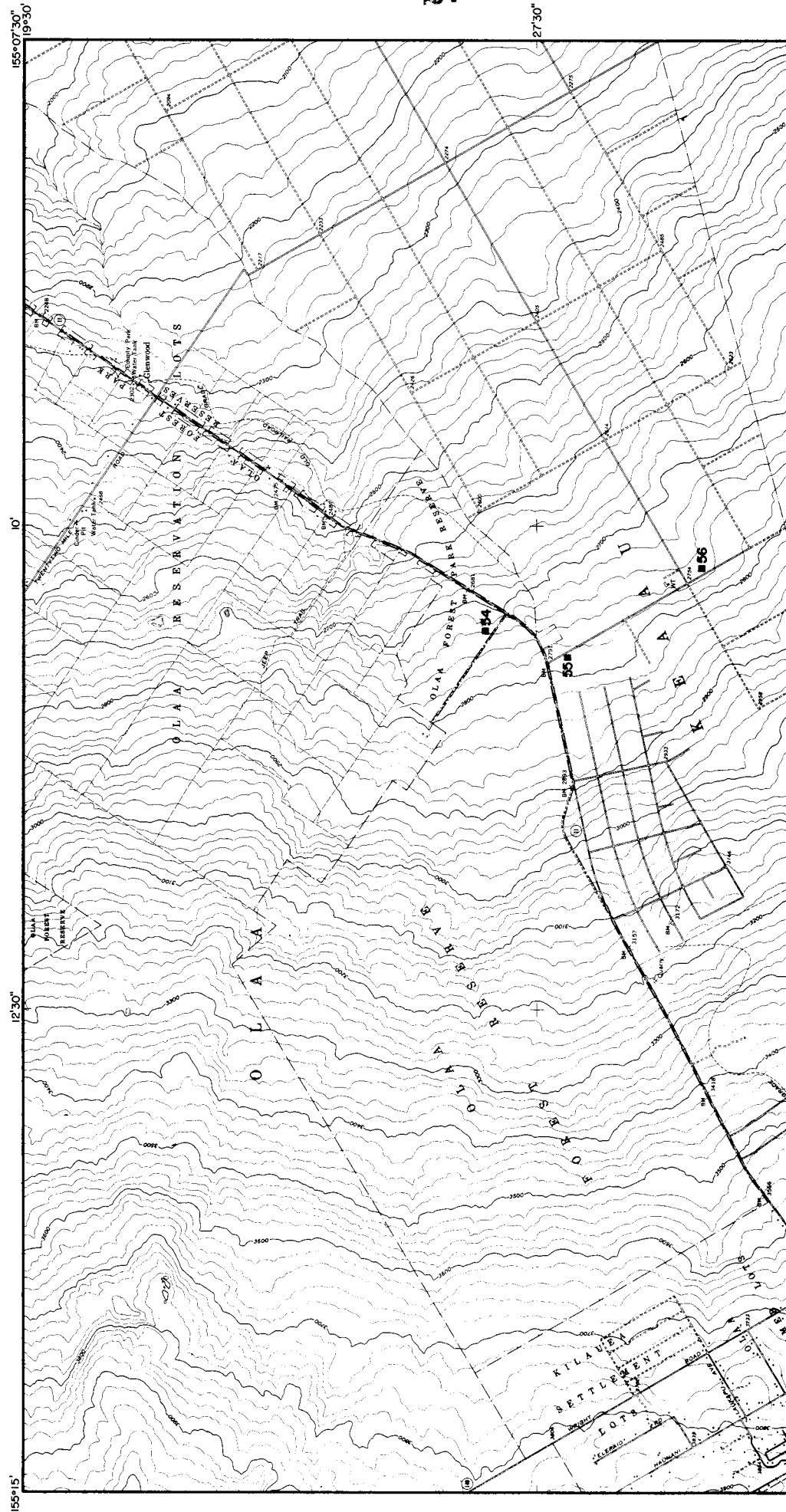
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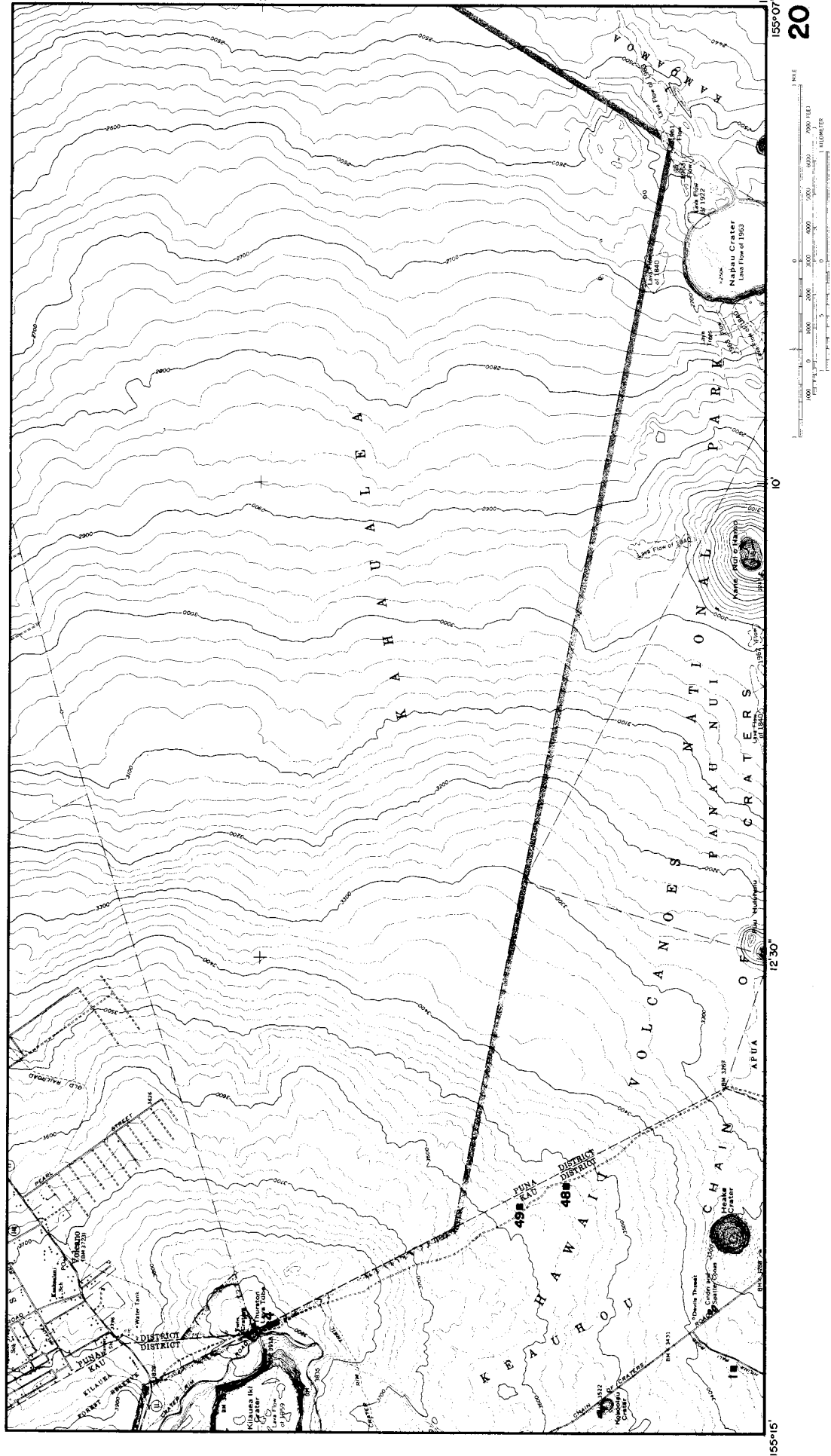
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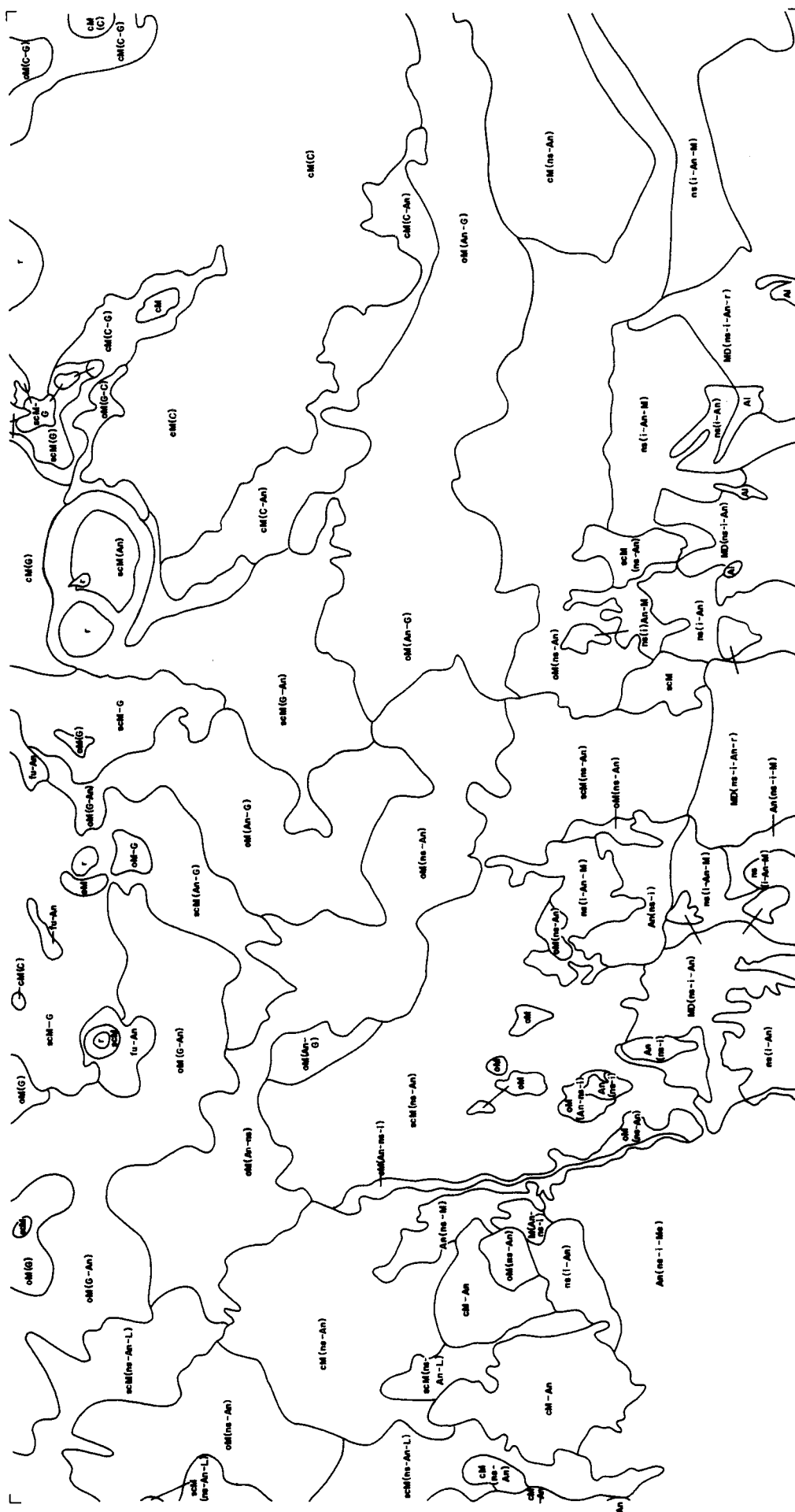








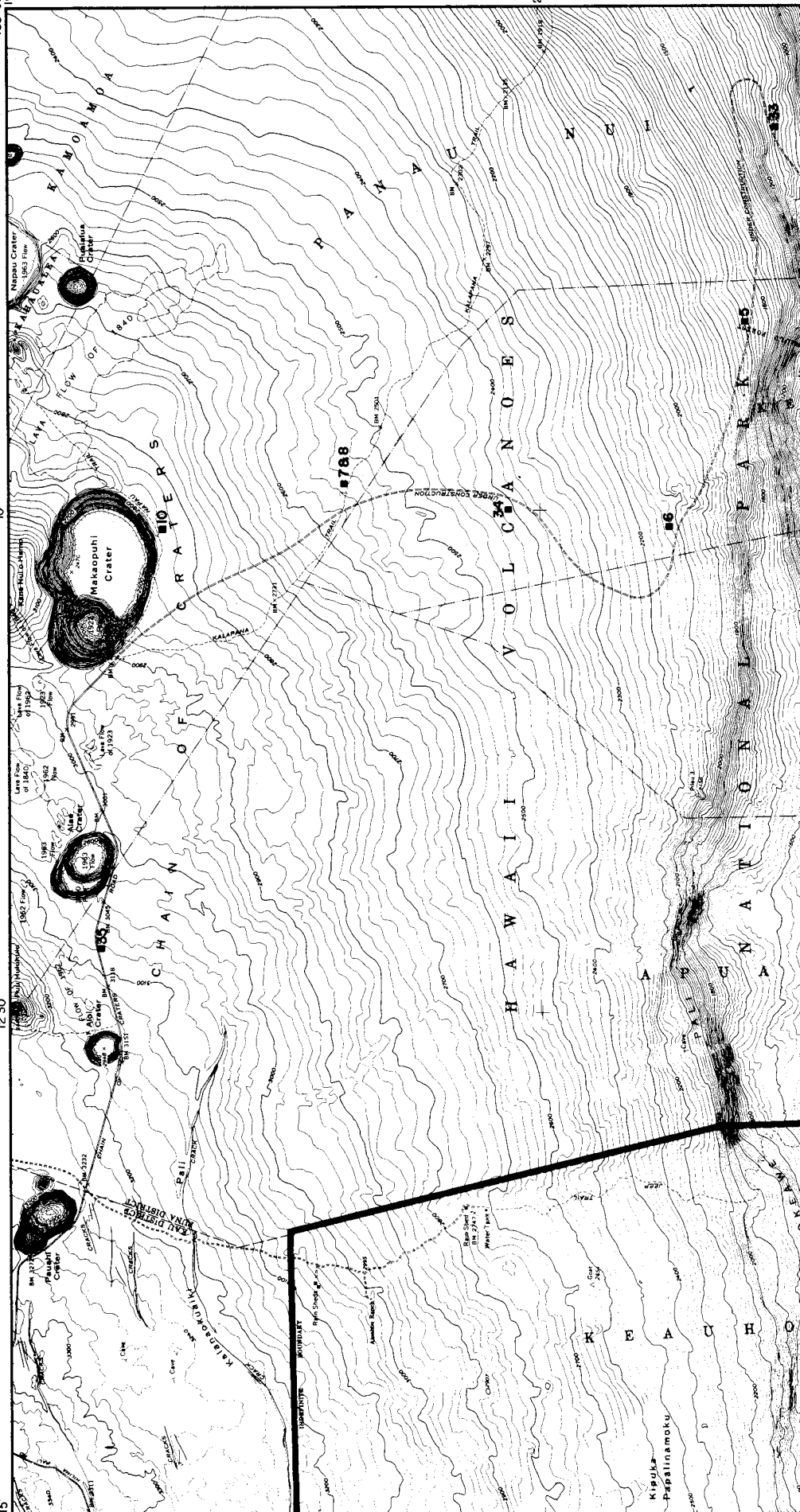


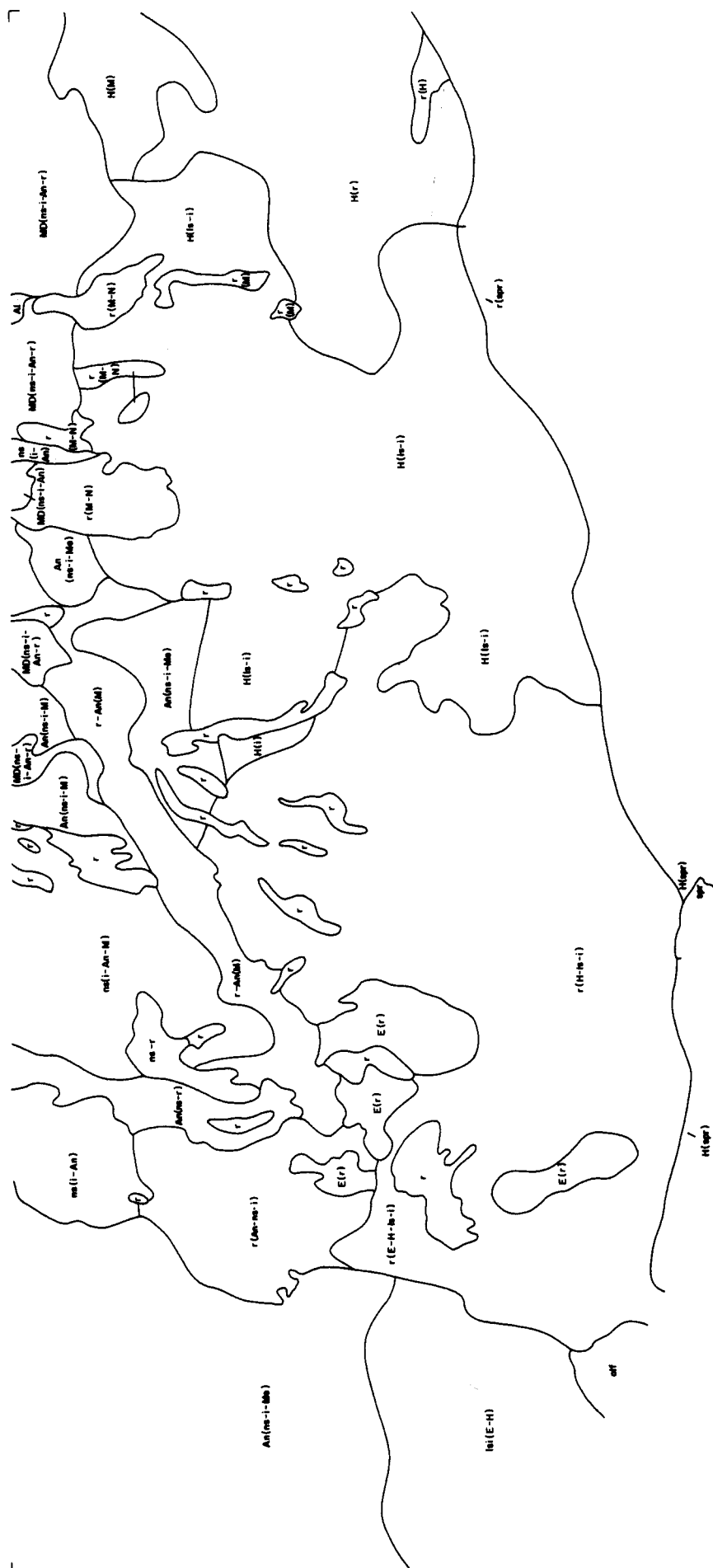


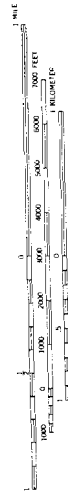
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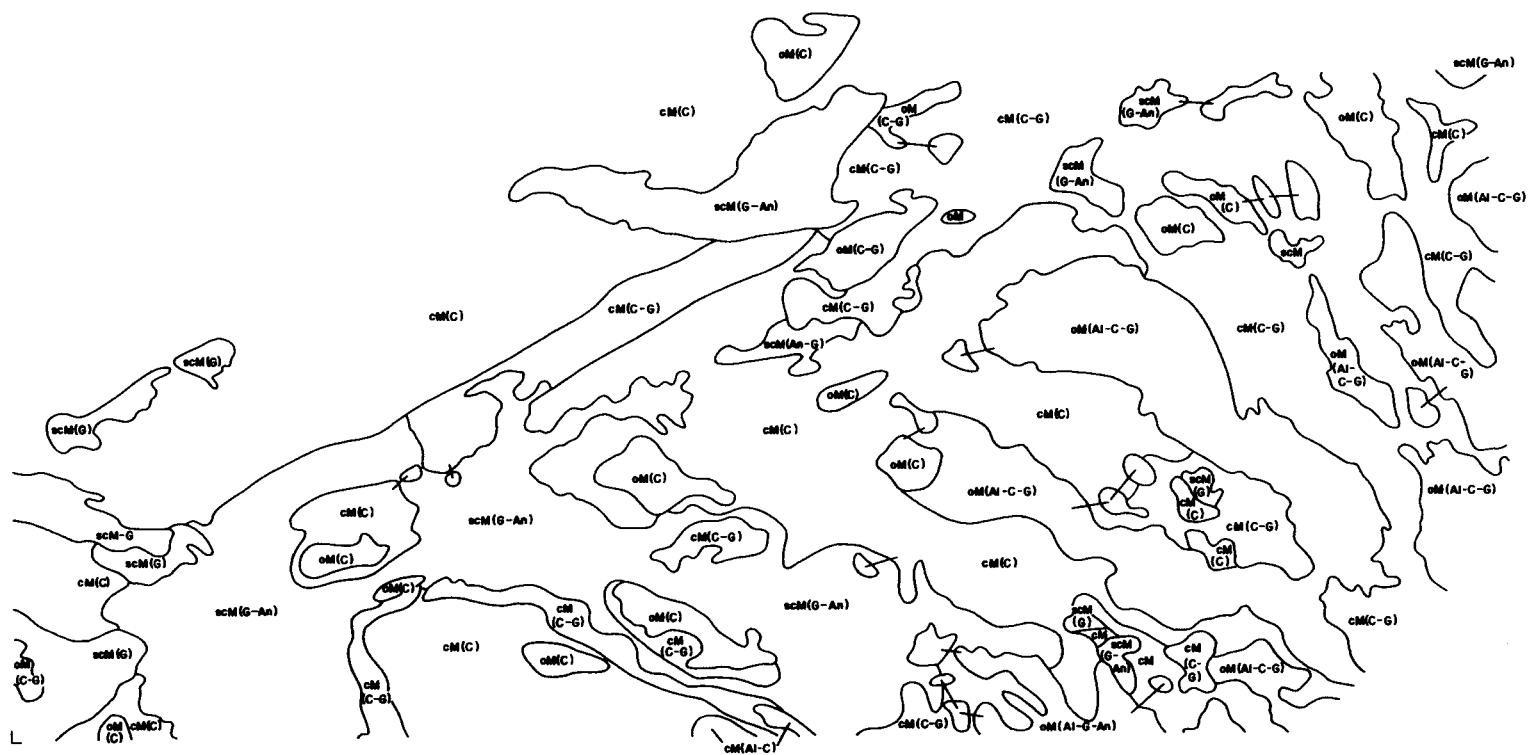
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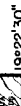
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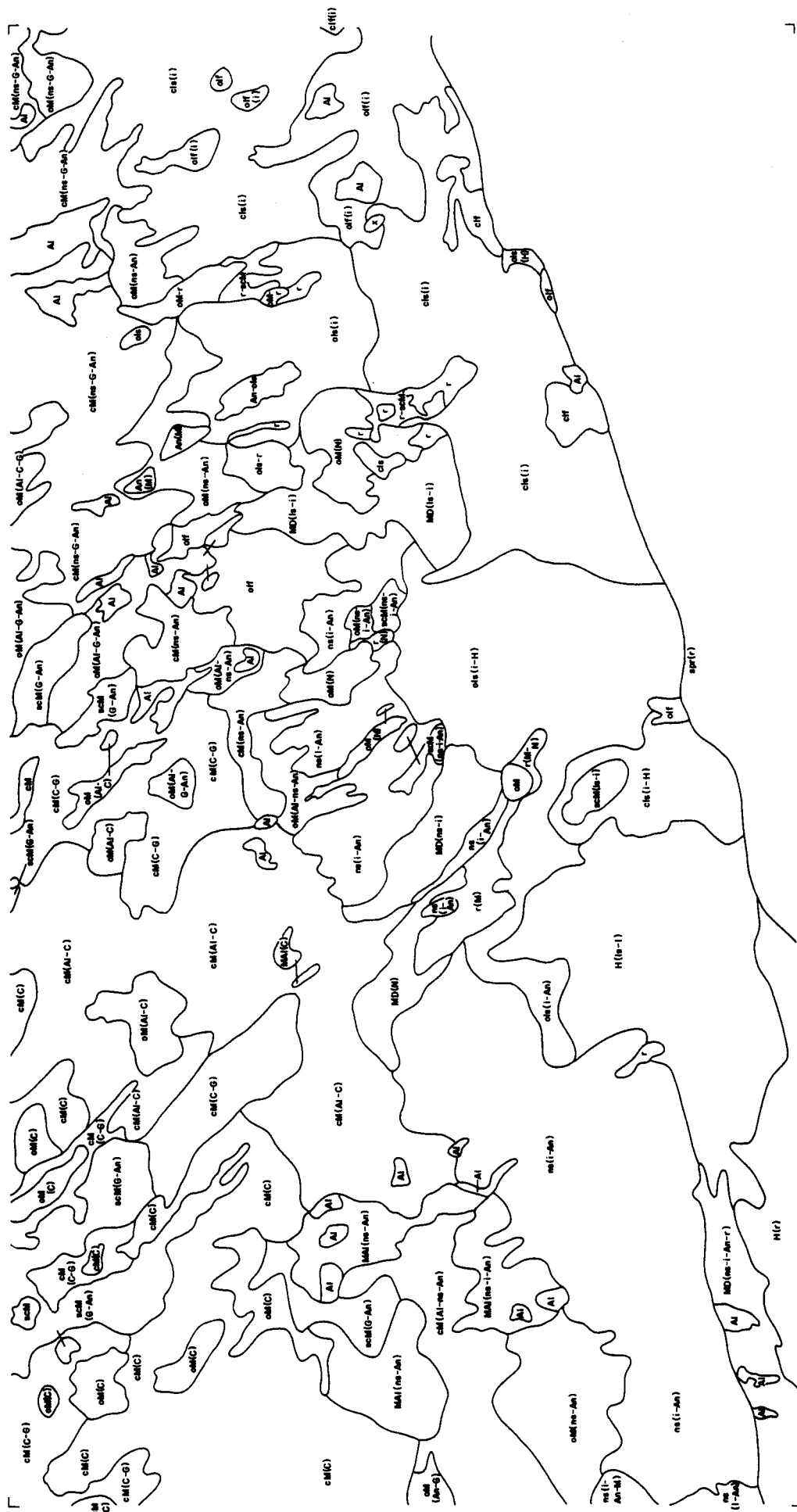




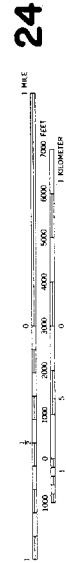
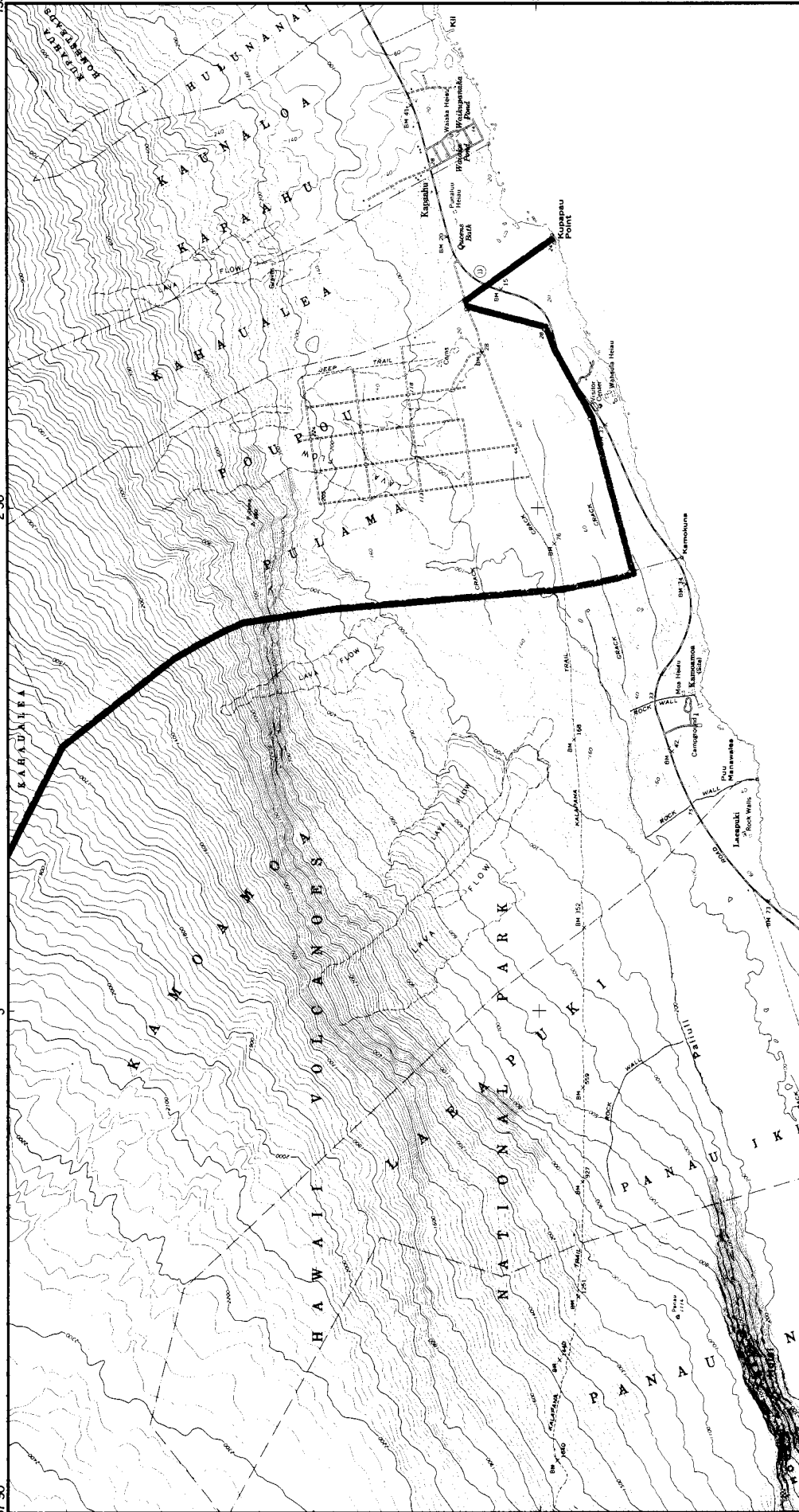






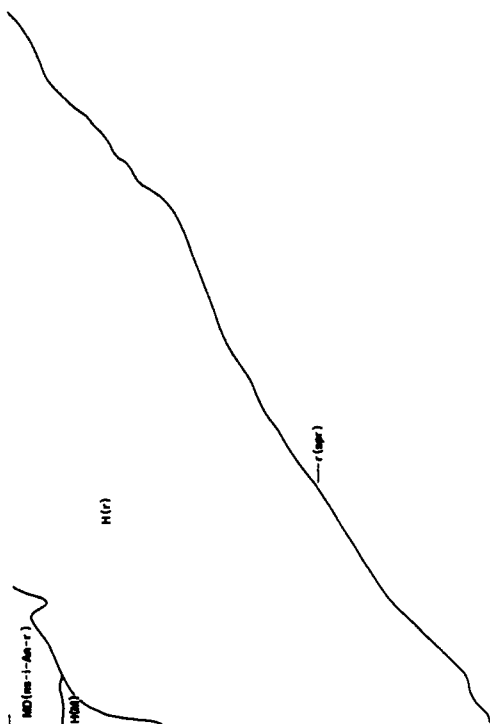


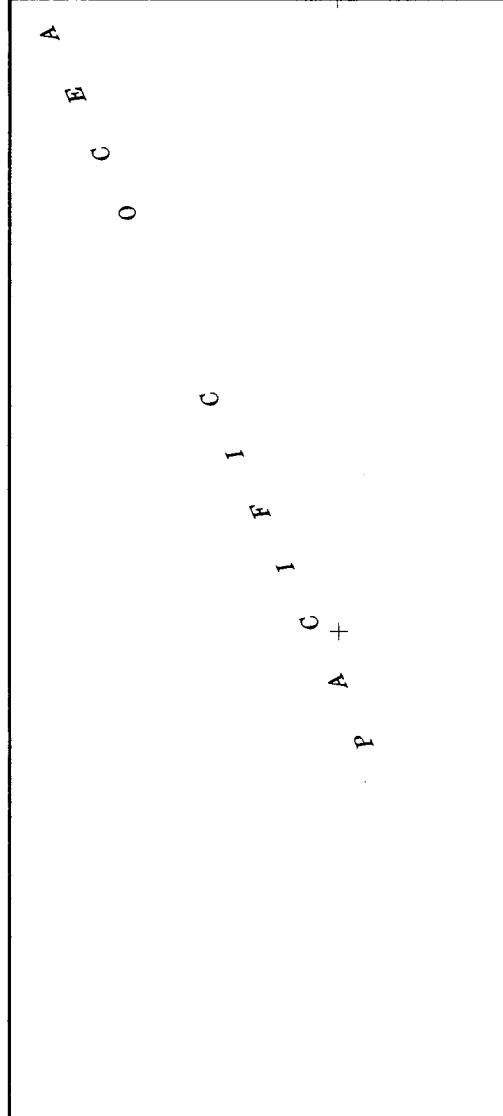
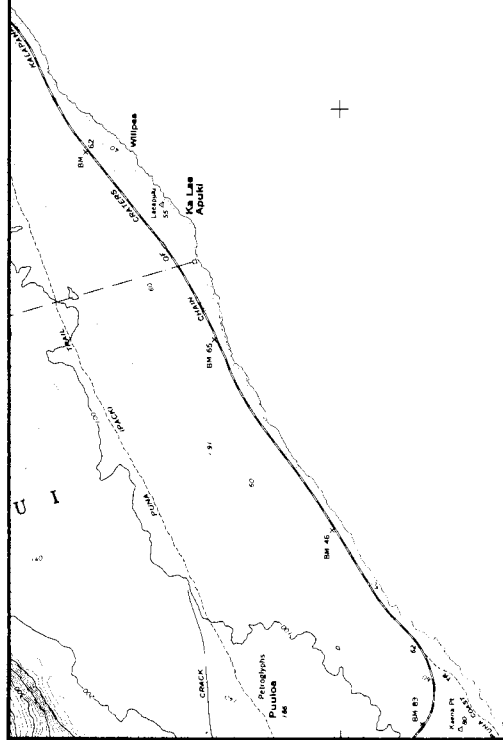
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THE MAP SYMBOLS

The symbols used (TABLE 1) on the vegetation maps prepared as overlays of the aerial photographs are derived from the names of genera or other predominant surface cover. They are usually in two parts, a front symbol of letters indicating the more obvious stand or surface features and an attribute symbol added in parentheses after the front symbol. The attribute symbol denotes a finer variation. More systematically, a front symbol indicates a major cover type, an attribute symbol, a variation within the cover type, commonly recognized by a change in the subdominant species. For example, oM(C) stands for open Metrosideros forest with Cibotium, and oM(G) stands for open Metrosideros forest with Gleichenia, the false staghorn fern. There are 28 front symbols and 28 attribute symbols. Symbols denoting species are capitalized abbreviations of the generic names. Symbols denoting other vegetational or surface features are also similar simple abbreviations, but in lower case. Examples of lower case symbols are, ns native shrubs, it introduced trees, or r rockland (i.e., lava flows with little or no vegetation).

There are situations with no obvious dominance of the above named floristic structural or surface criteria at the map scale used. Such situations are denoted by hyphenating of front symbols. For example, mx-ns represents mixed grass cover with native shrub communities, or cM-An implies closed Metrosideros groves interspersed with Andropogon grassland. Hyphens between attribute symbols (appearing in parentheses) are inserted merely for better readability.

Vegetation boundaries are not always clearly indicated in the field or on aerial photographs. The drawing of vegetation boundaries across a larger terrain requires constant decisions. In a few instances, a boundary decision could not be made because the spatial vegetation changes were only very gradual or continuous. Such continua were recognized by overprinting of the symbol combination in the place that seemed to most

TABLE 1. Symbols used in the vegetation map for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The symbols are largely abbreviations of the generic names of species. For example, a front symbol "oM," indicating open Metrosideros forest might be combined with an attribute symbol, such as "(Sa)" indicating a scattering of Sapindus occurred with the Metrosideros. Often more than one front or attribute symbol is combined. In use and in the following alphabetic list the attribute symbols are enclosed in parentheses. These symbols were recorded on the transparent overlays made to correspond to the aerial photographs.

(Ac)-	Scattered <u>Acacia koa</u>
AcSaM-	Mixed <u>Acacia koa</u> - <u>Sapindus</u> - <u>Metrosideros</u> forest
(ad)-	Admixed trees in lower story (<u>Myrsine lessertiana</u> , <u>Myoporum</u> , <u>Coprosma rhynchocarpa</u> , <u>Cheirodendron</u> , <u>Pelea</u> , etc.) and arborescent shrubs (<u>Pipturus</u> , etc.)
Al-	Forest dominated by <u>Aleurites moluccana</u>
(Al)-	Scattered <u>Aleurites</u>
An-	<u>Andropogon</u> grassland (includes <u>A. virginicus</u> and <u>A. glomeratus</u>)
(An)-	<u>Andropogon</u>
ash-	Ash deposits with little or no vegetation
(ash)-	Much barren ash
C-	<u>Cibotium</u> tree fern forest
(C)-	<u>Cibotium</u>
Ch-	Dense <u>Chrysopogon</u> - <u>Cynodon</u> grassland on loess-like, yellow ash (Puu Kaone, map sheet 15).
clf-	Closed mixed lowland forest, mostly fragmented by urbanization and strongly modified and variable from tree planting (<u>Mangifera</u> , <u>Samanea</u> , <u>Aleurites</u> , <u>Cocos</u> , <u>Pandanus</u> , <u>Psidium guajava</u> , <u>Thespesia</u> , <u>Schinus</u> , etc.)
cls-	Closed lowland scrub, mostly low-growing
cM-	Closed <u>Metrosideros</u> forest
E-	<u>Eragrostis tenella</u> grassland
(E)-	Abundant annuals, <u>Eragrostis tenella</u> and <u>Bulbostylis capillaris</u>

TABLE 1. (continued)

(e)-	Abundant epiphytes or lianas (<u>Astelia</u> , <u>Freycinetia</u> , <u>Cheirodendron</u> , mosses and liverworts). Symbol appears in exponential position, i.e., M^e = <u>Metrosideros</u> with epiphytes.
fu-	Fumarole areas with dwarf shrubs, <u>Andropogon virginicus</u> , <u>Nephrolepis</u> , <u>Gleichenia</u> , and barren ground
(G)-	<u>Gleichenia</u>
H-	<u>Heteropogon contortus</u> grassland
(H)-	<u>Heteropogon contortus</u>
(i)-	Introduced shrubs (<u>Psidium guajava</u> , <u>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</u> , <u>Lantana</u> , <u>Cassia</u> spp., <u>Solanum</u> spp., etc.)
it-	Stand composed of introduced trees
(it)-	Introduced trees (<u>Eucalyptus</u> , <u>Jacaranda</u> , etc.)
(L)-	Lichens (<u>Cladonia</u> spp., <u>Stereocaulon</u> , etc.)
(ls)-	Sprawling or short lowland scrub (<u>Waltheria</u> , <u>Osteomeles</u> , <u>Cassia leschenaultiana</u> , <u>Indigofera</u> , <u>Cassia</u> , etc.)
lsi-	Mixed lowland scrub composed largely of introduced species
(M)-	Scattered, old <u>Metrosideros</u>
MAc-	Mixed <u>Metrosideros-Acacia koa</u> forest
MA1-	Mixed <u>Metrosideros-Aleurites</u> forest (the latter scattered) with other mesophytic forest tree species (<u>Myrsine lessertiana</u> , <u>Santalum</u> , etc.)
MD-	Mixed <u>Metrosideros-Diospyros</u> forest, almost always open, with other dryland forest species (<u>Antidesma</u> , <u>Canthium</u> , etc.)
(Me)-	Abundant <u>Melinis</u> patches
mx-	Mixed grassland (mxg = grazed)
(mx)-	Mixed grass (above 4000 feet elevation)

TABLE 1. (continued)

(N)-	<u>Nephrolepis</u> patch communities on a'a lava	
ns-	Native shrubs (includes <u>Styphelia</u> , <u>Vaccinium</u> , <u>Dodonaea</u> , <u>Dubautia</u> , <u>Coprosma ernodeoides</u> , <u>Metrosideros</u> , <u>Myoporum</u> , <u>Wikstroemia</u> , <u>Sophora</u> , etc.)	
(ns)-	Native shrub (<u>Styphelia</u> , <u>Dodonaea</u> , etc.)	
o-	Open (only used in combinations)	
olf-	Open mixed lowland forest, mostly fragmented by urbanization and strongly modified and variable from tree planting (<u>Mangifera</u> , <u>Samanea</u> , <u>Aleurites</u> , <u>Cocos</u> , <u>Pandanus</u> , <u>Psidium guajava</u> , <u>Thespesia</u> , <u>Schinus</u> , etc.)	
ols-	Open lowland scrub, mostly low-growing	
oM-	Open <u>Metrosideros</u> forest	
P-	<u>Prosopis</u> forest	
(poik)-	Poikilophydrous (i.e., xerophytic) plants	(Kau Desert; map sheets 13-15)
r-	Lava flows with little or no vegetation (r for rockland)	
(R)-	Scattered <u>Rhacomitrium</u> moss	
(r)-	Much barren lava	
(Sa)-	Scattered <u>Sapindus</u>	
scM-	<u>Metrosideros</u> scrub	
(scM)-	<u>Metrosideros</u> scrub, scattered	
(So)-	Scattered <u>Sophora</u>	
spr-	Salt-spray and other shore communities	
(spr)-	Salt-spray and other shore communities	
(T)-	<u>Tricholaena rosea</u> grass patches	
x-	Cleared, cultivated or strongly modified areas that have not been left for long enough to establish recognizable vegetation types	
(x)-	Much modified by man	

adequately characterize the variation. This resulted in the oddity in a few cases that a vegetation segment (designated by a boundary) may show more than one different symbol. For example, a sparsely vegetated lava flow on Mauna Loa (near 11,000 ft elevation) may grade from r (meaning rockland with almost no plant life) to r-r(R) (meaning rockland with very sparsely scattered moss colonies of Rhacomitrium lanuginosum) within the same map segment. Wherever different symbols occur within the same boundary, the symbols denote only minor spatial variations or vegetation changes.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR VEGETATION TYPES

The mapped vegetation units may be called "dominance-types" (sensu Whittaker 1962) since they were identified by the more obvious structural and floristic criteria. The map units were further interpreted by five topographic vegetation profiles (for a full description see Mueller-Dombois 1966:396-441; for a brief overview of the profiles see Mueller-Dombois 1972:22 ff.).

For the purpose of this report it seems adequate to provide a summary of the quantitatively and qualitatively more important cover types in the Park. These are here referred to as major vegetation types. The map sheets show many additional units, which may be interpreted as variations of the major vegetation types. The symbol combinations indicate their similarity to the major cover types. The approximate height limit used to separate "scrub" from "forest" was 5 m. The distinction between "open" and "closed" forest was made at approximately 60% crown cover.

In the following tabulation 31 major vegetation types are summarized under six environmental sections with differing macroclimates. The vegetation types are further indexed by map symbol and map sheet number.

- I. ALPINE ENVIRONMENT: Dry, cool climate (500-750 mm rainfall/yr; 6°-9.5°C mean air temperature) with daily night-frost at surface. Vegetation types on upper east

slope of Mauna Loa above 8,500 feet (2590 m) elevation.

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Map symbol</u>	<u>Map sheet</u>
1. <u>Rhacomitrium</u> moss desert (i.e., old lava flows [rockland] with scattered moss colonies)	r(R)	1-5
2. <u>Vaccinium--Styphelia</u> lowscrub desert (i.e., old lava flows with scattered low-growing native shrubs)	r(ns)	2-5
II. SUBALPINE ENVIRONMENT: Summer-dry climate (\pm 1000 mm rainfall/yr; 9.5°-12°C mean air temperature) with frequent clouds near ground. Vegetation types on east slope of Mauna Loa between 8,500 - 6,700 feet (2590 - 2042 m) elevation.		
3. Open to closed globose scrub. Often several shrub species (<u>Vaccinium</u> , <u>Styphelia</u> , <u>Dodonaea</u>) aggregated into clumps	ns	3-6
4. Globose scrub with scattered <u>Metrosideros</u> trees (i.e., treeline ecosystem)	ns(M)	3-5
5. Open <u>Metrosideros</u> scrub-forest with scattered <u>Sophora</u> trees	oM(So-ns)	4-5
III. MONTANE SEASONAL ENVIRONMENT: Summer-dry climate (1100 - 1600 mm rainfall/yr; 12°-17°C mean air temperature) with frequent clouds near ground. Vegetation types from end of Mauna Loa Strip Road to Halemaumau area from 6,700 -3,800 ft elevation.		
6. Mixed grassland with native shrubs (dominated by <u>Styphelia tameiameia</u>) and scattered or grouped trees of <u>Acacia koa</u> , <u>Sophora chrysophylla</u> and <u>Metrosideros collina</u> (i.e. mountain parkland ecosystem)	mx-ns(AcSOM)	4-5, 12-13

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Map symbol</u>	<u>Map sheet</u>
7. Savanna of mixed tall-grass with scattered trees <u>Acacia</u> , <u>Sapindus</u> and <u>Metrosideros</u> /(no <u>Styphelia</u> shrub communities)	mx-AcSaM	12
8. Mixed <u>Acacia-Sapindus-Metrosideros</u> forest with lower-story trees and arborescent shrubs (Kipuka Ki and Puaulu forests)	AcSaM(ad)	12
9. Open <u>Metrosideros</u> -lichen forest with native low shrubs (i.e., mostly low-stature <u>Metrosideros</u> forest on pahoe-hoe lava with ash)	oM(ns-L)	12-13
10. <u>Metrosideros</u> scrub-forest with native shrubs (i.e., lichens not dominant; often on a'a lava in this climate)	scM(ns)	12-13
IV. MONTANE RAIN FOREST ENVIRONMENT: Humid climate without pronounced dry seasons (1800-3000 mm and more rainfall/yr; 12-20°C mean air temperature). Vegetation types from Kilauea and Olaa Forest Reserves to Napau Crater area, from 5,500 to 1,500 ft (1676 - 457 m) elevation.		
11. Mixed <u>Acacia koa-Metrosideros</u> forest with arborescent shrubs and <u>Cibotium</u> tree ferns	AcM(ad-C)	11-12
12. Closed <u>Metrosideros-Cibotium</u> forest	cM(C)	12-13, 19-21, 23-24
13. Open <u>Metrosideros-Gleichenia</u> forest	oM(G)	20-21
14. Open <u>Metrosideros-Cibotium-Gleichenia</u> forest	oM(C-G)	20-21
15. Open <u>Metrosideros-Cibotium</u> forest	oM(C)	13, 19-20, 23
16. <u>Cibotium</u> tree fern forest with scattered old <u>Metrosideros</u> trees that are covered with epiphytes	C(M ^e)	11-12, 18

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Map symbol</u>	<u>Map sheet</u>
17. Disturbed <u>Metrosideros</u> scrub-forest with <u>Gleichenia</u> fern and <u>Andropogon</u> grass patches	scM(G-An)	19-21, 23
18. Open <u>Metrosideros-Gleichenia-Andropogon</u> forest with scattered <u>Aleurites moluccana</u> trees. Occurs in submontane humid to summer-dry transition climate in eastern part of Park (from 1500-2000 feet elevation; 457-610 m)	oM(A1-G-An)	23-24
V. SUBMONTANE SEASONAL ENVIRONMENT:		
A. Summer-dry climate of lower altitudes (from 1000-3000 feet elevation; 305-914 m) on the south slope of Kilauea. Annual rainfall from 1400 to 2200 mm.		
19. Open <u>Metrosideros-Andropogon</u> forest with native shrubs	oM(ns-An)	13-14, 20-21, 24
20. <u>Andropogon</u> savannah	An(ns-M) and An(ns-i)	14-15, 21-22
21. Native scrub with introduced shrubs, <u>Andropogon</u> grass and scattered old <u>Metrosideros</u> trees	ns(i-An-M)	21-22, 24
22. Open <u>Metrosideros-Diospyros</u> forest with native and introduced shrubs <u>Andropogon</u> grass and rock-outcrop	MD(ns-i-An-r)	21-22, 24-25
23. Very open <u>Metrosideros-Diospyros</u> forest, mostly on barren a'a lava	MD(r)	15
B. Summer-drought climate with strong winds in west-central part of Park; Kau Desert (from 1500 - 3700 feet elevation; 457 - 1128 m). Annual rainfall from 800-1400 mm.		

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Map symbol</u>	<u>Map sheet</u>
24. Extremely sparse xerophytic vegetation (including poikilohydrous ferns) on lava rock- outcrop and shifting ash dunes	r-ash(poik)	13-15
VI. COASTAL LOWLAND: Warm-tropical climate, mean air temperature 23°C, from summer- drought (west) to subhumid (east). Mean annual west-east rainfall gradient from approximately 700 to 1700 mm.		
25. <u>Eragrostis tenella</u> grassland*	E(r) and r(E)	9, 15-16, 22
26. <u>Heteropogon contortus</u> grassland	H, H(r) and r(H)	9, 22, 24-25
27. <u>Heteropogon</u> grassland with low shrubs, mostly introduced (<u>Indigofera</u> , <u>Waltheria</u> , <u>Cassia</u> <u>leschenaultiana</u>)	H(1s-i)	22, 24
28. Widely scattered old <u>Metrosideros</u> trees on nearly barren lava, mostly on a'a	r(M)	15-16, 22
29. Mixed lowland scrub (with native species: <u>Canthium odoratum</u> , <u>Wikstroemia phillyrae-</u> <u>folia</u> and <u>Diospyros ferrea</u> and introduced shrubs: <u>Schinus terebinthifolius</u> , <u>Eugenia cumini</u> , <u>Psidium guajava</u> , <u>Pluchea odorata</u>)	1s(i), 1si(E-H)	15, 22, 24
30. Open mixed lowland forest (<u>Mangifera indica</u> , <u>Samanea saman</u> , <u>Aleurites moluccana</u> , <u>Cocos</u> <u>nucifera</u> , <u>Pandanus</u> , <u>Thespesia</u>)	olf(i)	24

* This sparsely covered annual grassland has changed in recent years in many places to a perennial Tricholaena rosea (symbol T see map sheet 9) grassland, and the cover is constantly changing due to stepped up goat control measures.

<u>Vegetation type</u>	<u>Map symbol</u>	<u>Map sheet</u>
31. Salt spray and other stand communities	r(spr) and spr	15-16, 22, 24-25

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