Education and Research

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UTD Field camp 2009 – Rocky Mountain National Park



Miles Center for Geologic Field Studies 2015 - Dyer, NV

Furnace Creek – Fish Lake Valley fault system

- Longest, active structure in western Great Basin, USA.
- Right-oblique fault system stretches nearly 300 km from the Garlock fault zone to northern Fish Lake Valley.
- Well studied, but contentious views on timing of deformation and total magnitude of displacement.
- Thought to have initiated anywhere from 14 – 6 Ma.
- Right-lateral displacement estimates range from 50 – 80 km, and possibly over 100 km.



Late Quaternary slip rates are well established for the FC-FLVFZ (shown in mm/yr), but longer-term average slip rates are less understood.

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Luckily the right-lateral FCFLV fault system takes a 15 km wide left step and creates a prominent restraining bend uplift (that we call the **Cucomongo Canyon Restraining** Bend) that preserves a unique record of fault system deformation stretching back to the middle Miocene.





117°30'W



118°W

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117°48'W

117°47'W



1st generation structures Active by 11.6 Ma ~22 km right-lateral offset ~2.9 mm/yr slip rate

2nd generation structures Active by 4 Ma 23-28 km offset 5.75 – 7 mm/yr slip rate



Post 4 Ma long-term average geologic slip rate of 5.75 – 7 mm/yr

Excellent agreement with post -late Pleistocene slip rate of 6.1 (+1.3/-1.0) mm/yr measured at the same location within the restraining bend.

Suggests that slip rates have remained constant from mid-Pliocene to present!







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