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- 4. Relations to the Lake Bonneville record

THIS TALK = virtual field trip





X-section Main Canyon Fm. Smith locality Sant Road outcrop



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Hart et al. (2004) GSAB

"...carbonates from the Little Valley and Cutler Dam lake cycles returned 87Sr/86Sr ratios of 0.71166 and 0.71207, respectively, and are too low to be produced by a lake without the upper Bear River input."

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