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WILLISTON BASIN ARCHITECTURE AND HYDROCARBON POTENTIAL

Freshwater Hydraulic Head – Ratcliffe Aquifer

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This contour map was produced using fluid pressures and well data derived from 23 drillstem tests retrieved from public data sources. A rigorous quality control procedure was implemented in order to best represent the natural hydraulic head distribution. Control points were gridded using a kriging interpolation algorithm in Golden Software Inc.'s Surfer Version 8.0. The resultant grid was contoured and projected using Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) with manual modifications when necessary. Areas in which anomalies may be present may not be accurately portrayed and are likely the result of data control, interpolation, and mapping algorithms.

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**Legend**

- Equipotential line
- Edge of Phanerozoic cover
- Ratcliffe zero edge
- Aquifer eroded
- Control point
- Lake

**Contour Interval = 40m**

Transverse Mercator Projection  
Central Meridian 101° W

**Hydrostratigraphy**

RAVENS CRAG
Bearpaw
JUDITH RIVER
Colorado-Lea Park
NEWCASTLE
Joli Fou
MANNVILLE
Masefield-Waskada
JURASSIC
Watrous
POPLAR
RATCLIFFE
MIDALE
FROBISHER
ALDA
TILSTON
SOURIS VALLEY
BAKKEN
Three Forks
BIRDBEAR
Seward
DUPEROW
Souris River
MANITOBA
Prairie Evaporite
WINNIPEGOSIS
Ashern
ORDO-SILURIAN
Stony Mountain
RED RIVER
Winnipeg
CAMBRO-ORDOVICIAN
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