

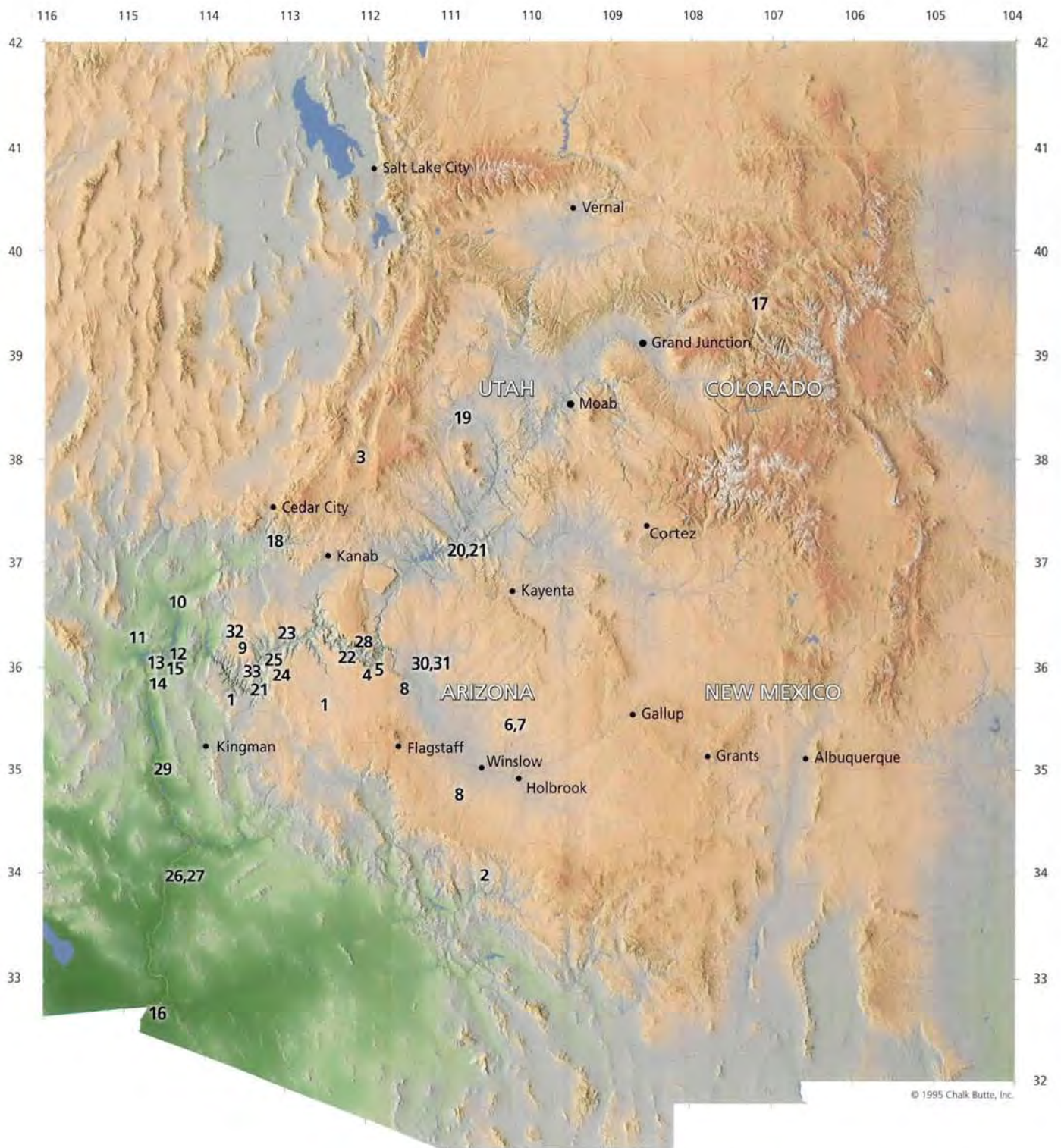
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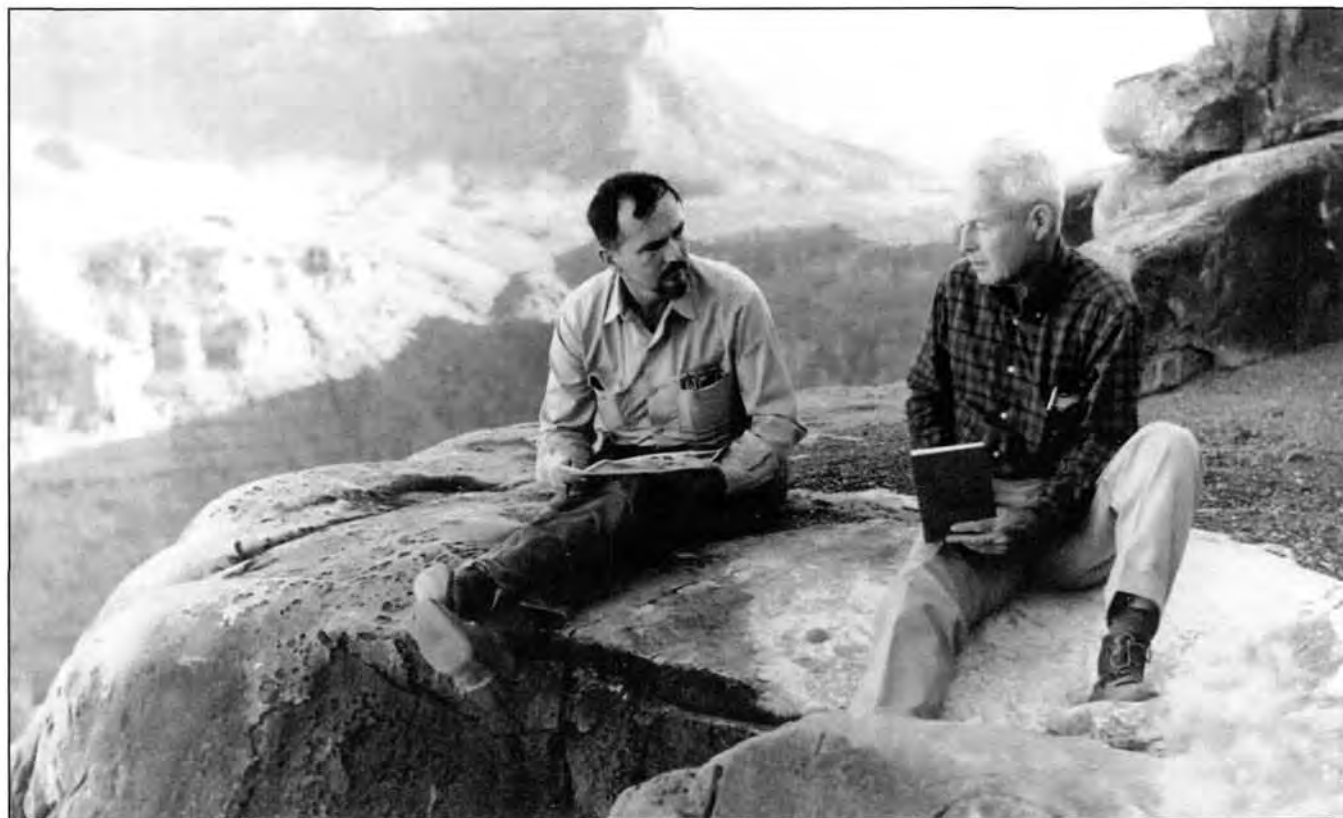


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Edwin D. McKee (1906–1984) and Eugene M. Shoemaker (1928–1997) spent most of their careers studying different aspects of the geology of the Colorado Plateau. Though both made numerous important contributions to geologic studies of the plateau, probably neither considered the origin of the Colorado River a personal goal of their major research efforts. While accomplishing their own well-known professional achievements, both individuals gave generously of their time and energy to urge students and colleagues to pursue studies that advanced our understanding of the history of the river. Eddie McKee sustained an association with the Museum of Northern Arizona and its program of funded student geologic research on the plateau. Gene Shoemaker, in

addition to his busy planetary geology career, maintained his early varied interests in the study of the plateau. He actively participated in and encouraged plateau research during his tenure at the Astrogeology Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey and the California Institute of Technology. Both researchers were directly responsible for encouraging significant research efforts and student doctoral theses, some of which are reflected in papers appearing in this volume. For their unselfish and enthusiastic support of Colorado River research and because they are often not recognized as direct contributors to studies of Grand Canyon origins, this volume is dedicated to Edwin D. McKee and Eugene M. Shoemaker.

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