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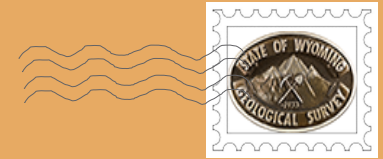
Laramide Orogeny



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- *A period of mountain building in western North America extending from late Cretaceous into the Eocene*
- *Thought to be caused by horizontal compression from flat-slab subduction of the Farallon plate beneath the North America plate*
- *Many mountain ranges in Wyoming were built during this time period, including (beginning at top, clockwise) the Wind River, Beartooth & Medicine Bow*