

ESS 431 PRINCIPLES OF GLACIOLOGY
ESS 505 THE CRYOSPHERE

Lecture 14 – Glacial Erosion: Temperature in cold ice masses and special problems of ice sheets

Due Wednesday, November 22 2017, at start of class

Ritter, D.F., 1986: <i>Process Geomorphology</i> , Chapter 10.
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1. Why do large glaciers tend to erode faster than small ones?
2. What are the signs of glacial abrasion?
3. What is glacial quarrying and what is the evidence for this process?
4. How does basal effective pressure affect quarrying rates?
5. How would you draw the flow lines along a long profile in a cirque glacier? Make sure you indicate where the ELA (equilibrium line altitude is).