

# **DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2020**

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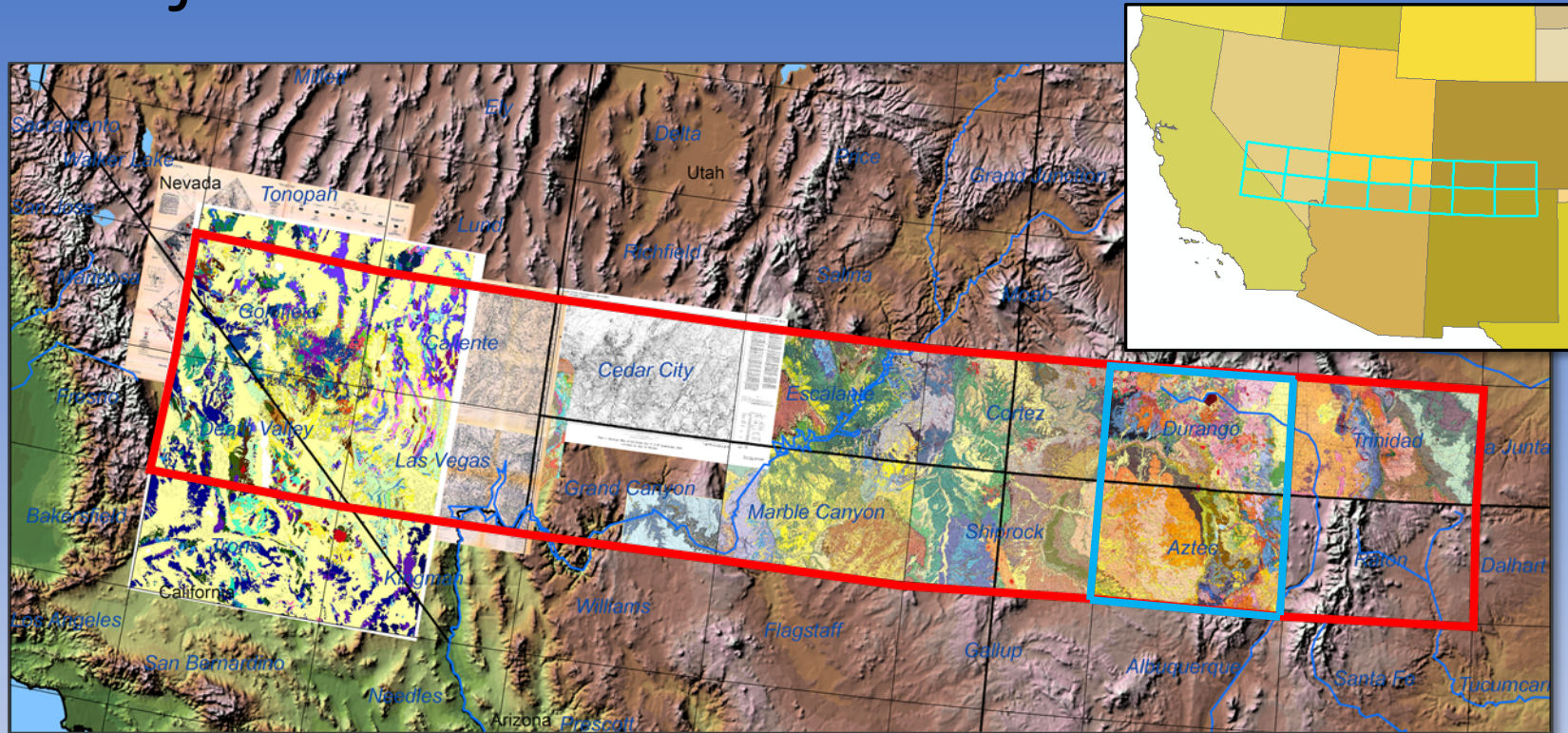
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# Modifications to Geologic Mapping Schema (GeMS) to support regional compilation: An example from the USGS Geologic Framework of the Intermountain West project

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# Project overview

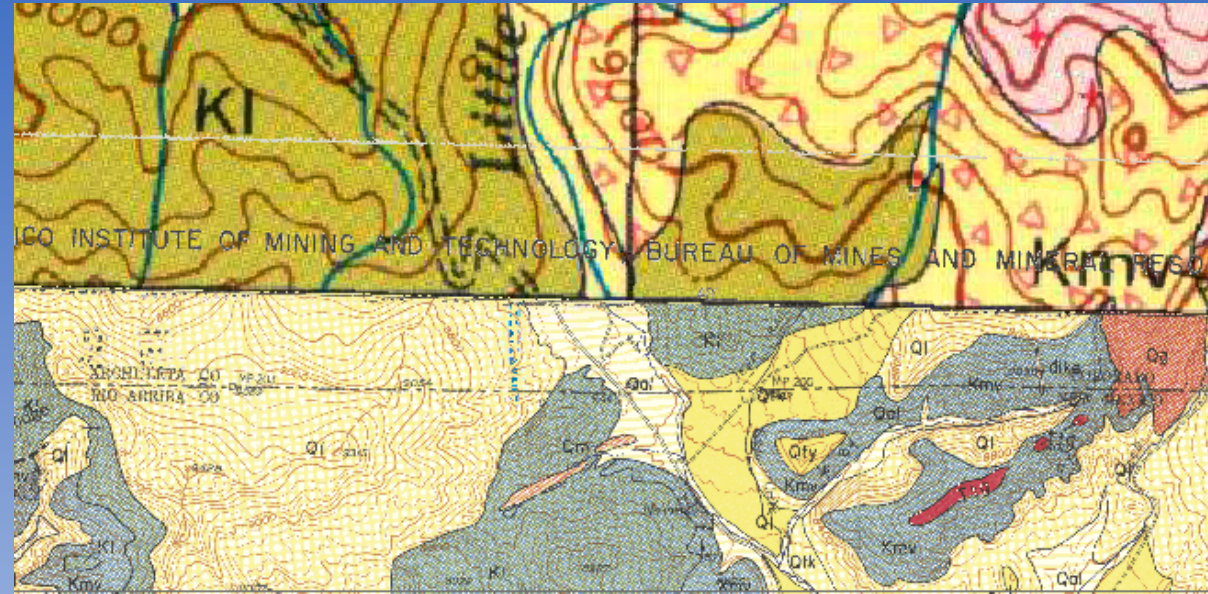


- Assemble seamless, integrated geologic map database to support hazard and resource assessment and research objectives
  - Provide regional framework for subsurface model interpretation
- Transect along 37° (N) from Great Plains to Sierra Nevada
  - Equivalent to 14, 1° X 2° (1:250K) quadrangles

From Muehlberger, 1967; Steven and others, 1976

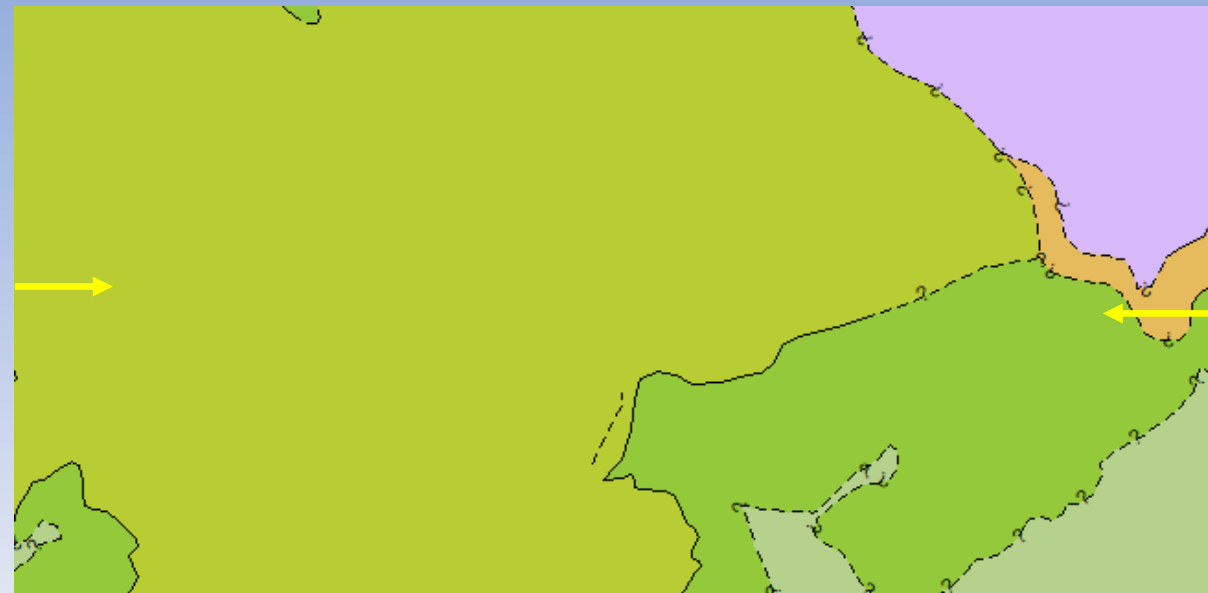
## Multi-map, Multi-scale

- Strictly honors original source mapping
- Map units not necessarily integrated across boundaries



## Seamless regional coverage

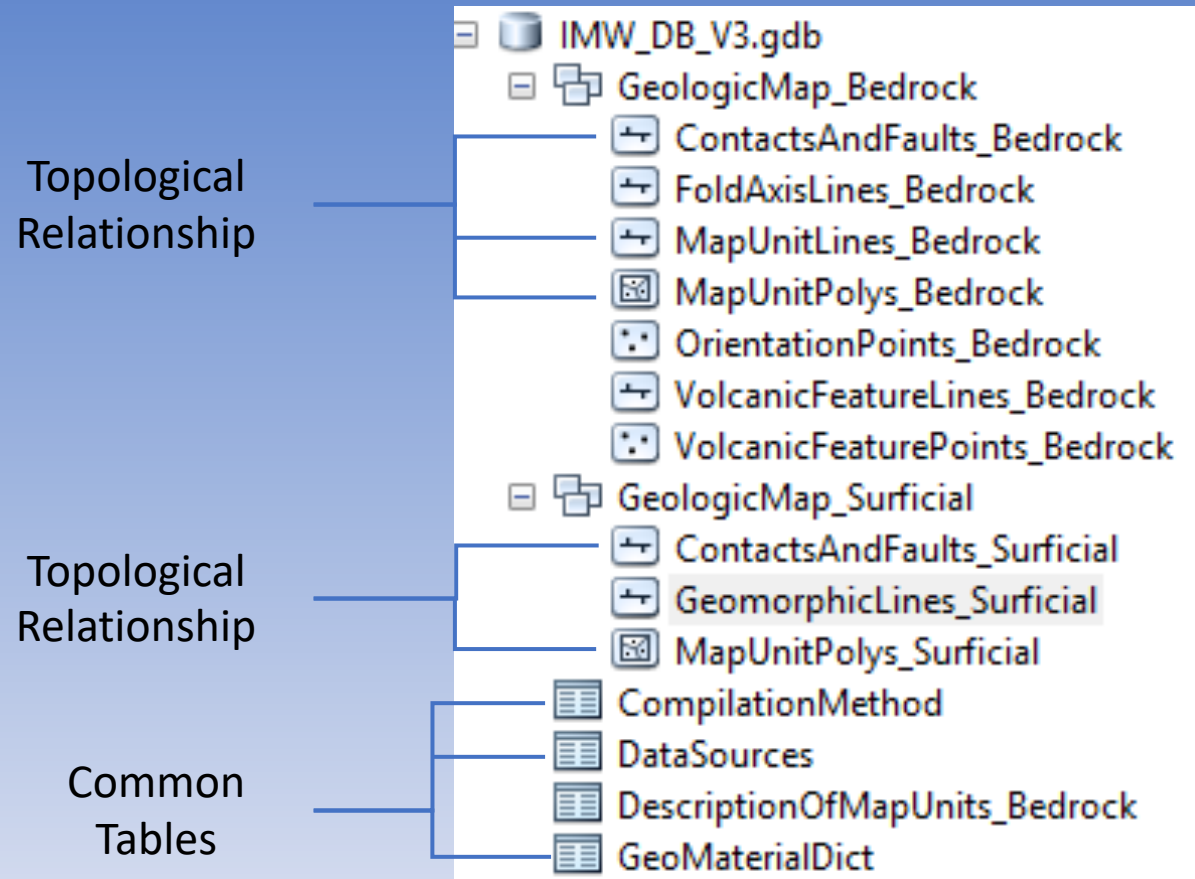
- New interpretive lines are generated from original source maps
- Features are continuous across map and administrative boundaries



# Summary of GeMS modifications

- Feature-level documentation of compilation processes and data sources
- Independent surficial and bedrock datasets
- Partition descriptive information into fields
- Method for organizing and maintaining unique map units

# Data model



- ESRI environment—SDE geodatabase (although shown here as a file geodatabase)
- Independent surficial and bedrock data structure—No topologic relationship between them
- MapUnitLines—feature class with both line and map unit attributes
- Drop use of GeologicLines in favor of thematically specific line feature classes

# DataSources and CompilationMethod

## DataSources

DataSources				
	Authors	Year	Title	Publisher
▶	Kempton, K.A., Kelley, S.A., and Lawrence, J.R.	2007	Geology of the northern Jemez Mountains, north-central New Mexico; in Ku	New Mexico Geological Society Guidebook
	Maldonado, F., Miggins, D.P., Budahn, J.R., and Spell, T.	2013	Deformational and erosional history for the Abiquiu and contiguous area, no	Geological Society of America Special Paper

Series	Pages	Plates	Scale	DOI	Source	NGMDBProdLink
58	155-168	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	Kempton and others, 2007	<Null>
494	125-155	<Null>	<Null>	0.1130/2013.2494(06)	Maldonado and others, 2013	<a href="https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/Prodesc/proddesc_98514.htm">https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/Prodesc/proddesc_98514.htm</a>

## CompilationMethod

CompilationMethod			
O	Method	Notes	CompilationMethod_ID
1	Compiled from sources cited in DataSource field	Features are modified from source data	COM1
4	Compiled unmodified from sources cited in DataSource field	Features are unmodified from source data	COM2

Feature-level attribution →

CompilationMethodID	COM4
DataSource	Bingler, 1968; Manley and others, 1987

# Partitioning descriptive attributes

- Process and Materials
  - DepositGeneral; DepositMaterial (3 fields); DepositType (3 fields)
- Age
  - ChronoStratAgeMin; ChronoStratAgeMax
  - NumAgeMin; NumAgeMax; NumAgeMethod; NumAgeSource
  - \*\*Seamless database will eventually be integrated with the national geochronologic database



# Surficial vs bedrock units

## Surficial

- Unconsolidated sediment
- Usually Quaternary (not a requirement)
- Generally undeformed

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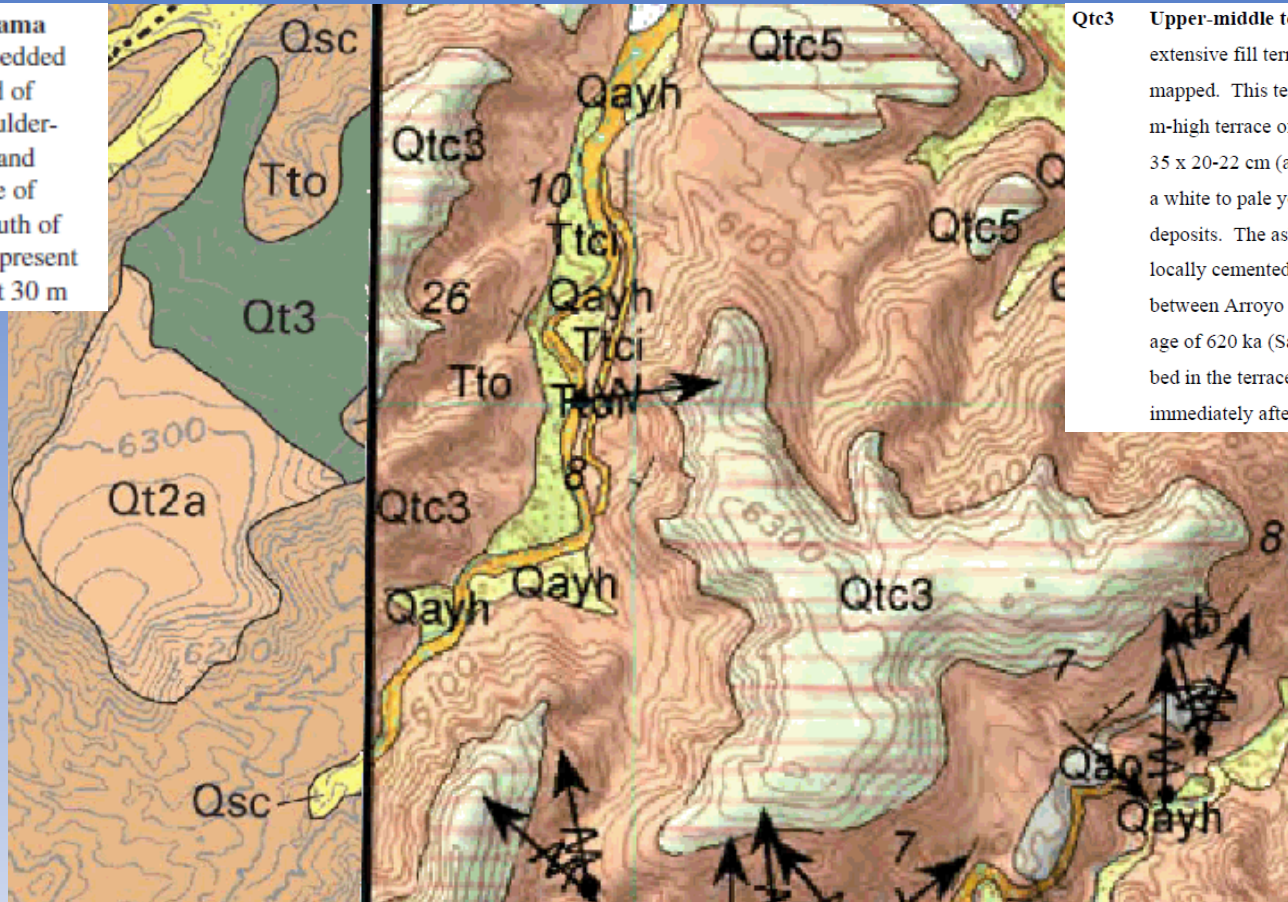
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## Bedrock

- Sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic rocks
- All volcanic rocks (regardless of age) including sedimentary deposits directly associated with volcanic processes

# Characterization of surficial deposits

**Qt2a** Axial channel deposits of ancestral Rio Chama (Pleistocene)—Gravels locally interbedded with silt and sand. Gravels composed of subrounded to rounded pebble- to boulder-size quartzite, metamorphic, granite, and intermediate tuffs and lavas with trace of basalt clasts. Inset in Tto and Ttc south of Rio Chama. Found 90–120 m above present Rio Chama channel. Thickness about 30 m



**Qtc3** Upper-middle terrace deposit of the Rio Chama (Middle Pleistocene) – An extensive fill terrace that contains the Lava Creek B ash, the latter of which was mapped. This terrace deposit is commonly 8-15 m thick and correlates to the 105-117 m-high terrace of Dethier and Reneau (1995, fig. 2). Maximum clast sizes average 29-35 x 20-22 cm (a and b axes of quartzite, in cm). The Lava Creek B ash is generally in a white to pale yellow, single bed 40-70 cm-thick that is associated with floodplain deposits. The ash is generally extensively reworked with silt and very fine sand, and locally cemented by calcium carbonate. The ash seems least reworked and altered between Arroyo Pinavetes and Cañon la Madera. The Lava Creek B ash has an Ar-Ar age of 620 ka (Sarna-Wojcicki et al., 1987), and the restriction of this ash to a single bed in the terrace deposit strongly suggests that it was fluviually reworked and deposited immediately after 620 ka.

- Qt3 Axial channel and side-stream channel deposits of ancestral Rio Chama, undivided (Pleistocene)
- Qt2a Axial channel deposits of ancestral Rio Chama (Pleistocene)

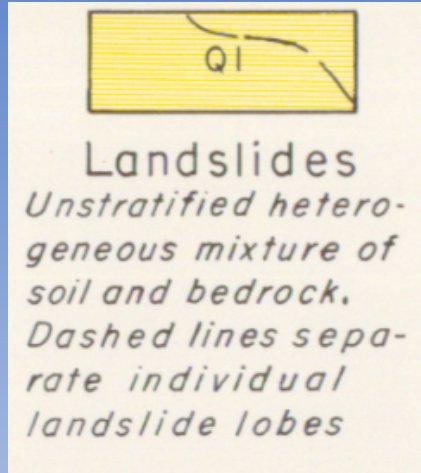
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 From Koning and others, 2004 (Medanales, NM: 1:24K)

# Surficial deposits

Categorize by process: DepositGeneral

• alluvium	• groundwater / spring discharge deposits
• alluvium / colluvium	• playa, lake, wetland deposits
• glacial deposits	• water
• eolian deposits	• bedrock
• mass wasting deposits	• artificial fill

# MapUnitPolys\_Surficial



Doney, 1968

## MASS-WASTING

Conditions in the Cebolla area are ideal for mass-wasting. All the types of slow flowage defined by Sharpe (1938), soil creep, rock creep, talus creep, solifluction, and rock glacier creep, are visible and their effects are conspicuous. The more dramatic slump-and-earthflow topography tends to overshadow the subtler slow-flowage features.

Howe (1909) and Arwood and Mather have described conditions that favor mass-wasting in the San Juan Mountains; similar conditions prevail in the Cebolla area. The Ritito and Los Pinos Formations, which cap the Canjilon escarpment, are for the most part unconsolidated or only partly consolidated. Competent beds resting on incompetent beds furnish stratigraphic conditions that favor mass-wasting. El Rito Formation, a well-cemented conglomerate, overlies incompetent Lewis Shale, and the Mesaverde Group with its massive sandstone overlies incompetent Mancos Shale.

Uplift, tilting, and folding of the beds have placed the competent and incompetent units in positions for severe weathering to promote mass-wasting. Jointing in the upper Mancos limestone and sandstone, in the Mesaverde Group, and in El Rito Formation has made large blocks of material available for mass-wasting. Faulting has uplifted such areas as that along the upper Vallecitos fault and along the Brazos fault.

The climate and topography both favor mass-wasting. In the Cebolla area, where the elevation of the higher ridges is above 10,000 feet, heavy snowfalls are common. The accumulated total precipitation, including snowfall, is more than 100 inches; some of the snow remains on the higher, protected slopes into early June.

### Slow Flowage

Rock creep is more evident and widespread than soil creep. On the flanks of the quartzite hills and ridges, rock creep is especially apparent. The poorly consolidated Cenozoic conglomeratic formations, El Rito, Ritito, and Los Pinos, occupying higher topographic positions, provide a prolific source of material for rock creep. The quadrangle, subjected to glacial and periglacial activity in the past, still is subjected to great frost action. Probably most of the physical weathering in this region comes from frost; as a result, some slopes are almost completely covered by rock debris.

constituent parts. Bouldery material makes up most of the ridges and is scattered throughout the entire slide area; it is derived mainly from the Ritito and El Rito Formations, which cap the escarpment. Because of the difference in induration of the two formations, slides have carried, unbroken, some large blocks of El Rito, up to 20 feet high, to their present resting place, some of them several miles from the present outcrop. The bulk of the slide material consists of sand, tuff, and gravel from the poorly consolidated units.

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rain, Red Hill volcano, and cone Qb, serve se major slump and earthflow areas. The 1 Mountain and Red Hill on the south and is called the Trout Lakes landslide area; it be largest of the lakes, about a mile north- 660 feet long; the others range down to e poorly defined lobes and one well-defined d has been active more recently than those t this area lower than the surrounding slide out scarp of this slide supply most of the arias. The foot of the Trout Lakes lobe is a

Some of the transverse ridges stand as much as 40 feet above the lake-, marsh-, and meadow-filled depressions.

Another area of massive slump and earthflow at the headwaters of the Rito de Tierra Amarilla between basalt cone Qb, and Penasco Amarillo exhibits three major earthflow lobes between the Canjilon escarpment and the valley of the Rito de Tierra Amarilla. Less distinct earthflow lobes mark the southern slopes of Penasco Amarillo.

## Identify

Identify from:

<Top-most layer>

MapUnitPolys\_Surficial  
Landslide deposits

Location:

365,952.491 4,061,154.686 Meters

Field	Value
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MapUnit	Ql
MapUnitName	Landslide deposits
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DepositType2	slump
DepositType3	earthflow
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# Bedrock units

## National Geologic Map Database

Geolex Search

Search Count

3,662

Units



### LIST OF MAP UNITS

#### VOLCANIC ROCKS

Qba	Basaltic andesite of Mesita cone (early Pleistocene)
Tsb	Servilleta Basalt (Pliocene)
Toa	Olivine andesite (Pliocene)
Tbb	Basaltic andesite of San Pedro Mesa (Miocene)
Tb	Basaltic andesite and trachyandesite, undivided (Miocene)
Tba	Andesite and dacite of San Pedro Mesa (Miocene)
Th	Hinsdale Formation (Oligocene)

(Thompson and others, 2015: Alamosa, 100k)

#### Dakota Sandstone (Upper Cretaceous, Cenomanian)

Kdt	<b>Twoells Tongue</b> —Yellowish-gray (5Y7/2–5Y7/4), very fine grained to fine-grained silty sandstone, coarsening upward to fine to medium grained at trained offshore bar. Thickness 12–13 m, rarely as much as 20 m.
Kd	<b>Main body</b> —Mostly light-grayish-yellow and very pale orange (10YR8/2) siliceous sandstone in cliff-forming beds as thick as 10 m and commonly a

(Robertson, 2006: Pinedale, 1:24k)

Tby	<b>BASALT (PLIOCENE)</b> —Generally smooth, alluvial-covered flows with dissected margins. Dated units are approximately 5 to 2 m.y. old (Damon and others, 1974, and Damon, unpub. data, 1979). Includes some older basalts (Tbo) at base of unit on upper walls of Supai Canyon.
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(Ulrich and others, 1984: Flagstaff, 1:250K)

VS.

QTb	<b>Basalt (Pleistocene and Pliocene, 0.9–2.5 Ma*)</b>
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(Ratte, 2001: Tularosa, 1:100k)

Tb	<b>Basalt (Oligocene)</b> —Phenocryst-poor basaltic lava containing <5%, <2.5mm phenocrysts of olivine (typically altered to iddingsite), pyroxene, and sparse plagioclase. Matrix ranges from vitric to strongly crystalline with abundant plagioclase microlites <0.2mm. Thickness: up to 350m.
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(Ferguson and Osburn, 2012: Luera Mtns, 1:24k)

Tbf	<b>Basalt flows (Pliocene and Miocene)</b>
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(Wrucke and others, 2004: San Carlos, 1:125k)

Tb	<b>Basalt flow (upper Tertiary)</b> —Medium- to dark-gray or black, holocrystalline, hard, vesicular, nonhemitic olivine basalt. Commonly has
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(Scott, 1986: Springer, 1:100k)<sup>st</sup>

Kd	<b>DAKOTA SANDSTONE (UPPER CRETACEOUS)</b> —Tan, brown, and gray sandstone, conglomeratic sandstone, and conglomerate. Thickness 0–90 ft (0–27 m). Pinches out to southeast
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(Ulrich and others, 1984: Flagstaff, 1:250K)

# Concept of geologic province

Tectonic, magmatic, or stratigraphic associations

Spatial and temporal characteristics

No fixed spatial boundaries

Include 3 GeolProvince fields



# Ranked GeolProvince1

Cenozoic extension

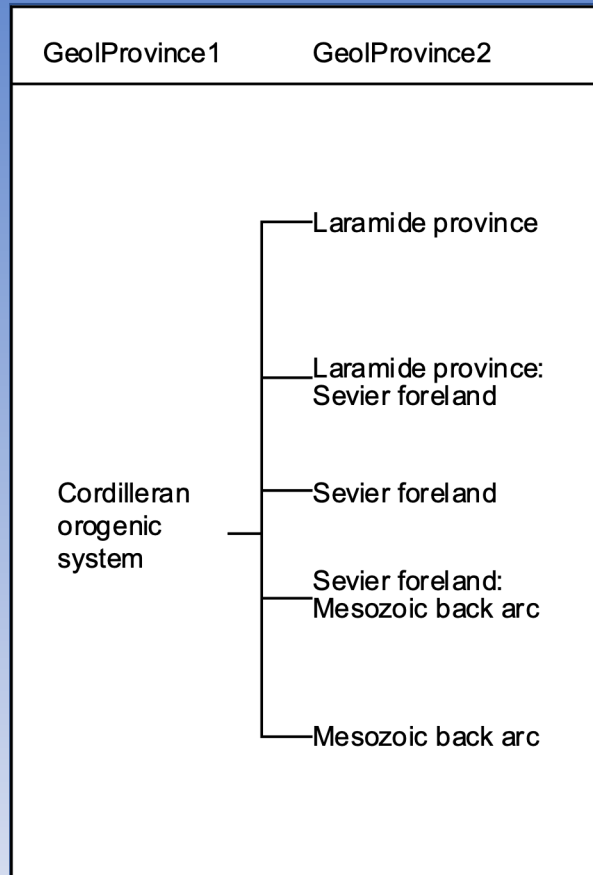
Magmatism of uncertain association

Southern Rocky Mountains volcanic field

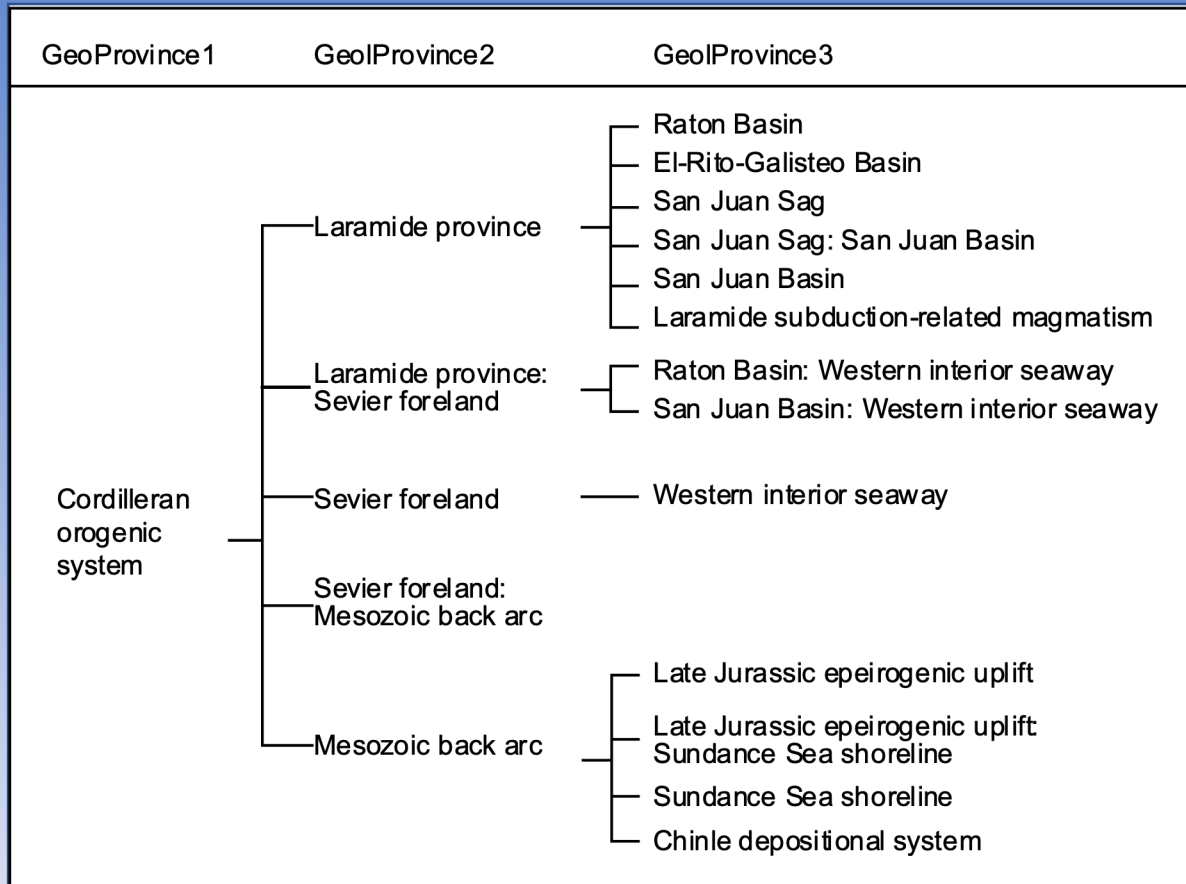
Cordilleran orogenic system



# Hierarchy of GeolProvince fields



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# Map units and GeolProvince association

- Map unit names only need to be unique within a particular GeolProvince
- An individual map unit can only be associated with a single GeolProvince regardless of location
  - Like the Lava Creek B example

# Map units and GeolProvince association

Unit is unique based on combination:

GeolProvince1-GeolProvince2-GeolProvince3-MapUnitName

GeolProvince1	GeolProvince2	GeolProvince3	MapUnitName	MapUnit	DMUID	HierarchyKey
Cenozoic ext.			Bridgetimber Gravel	Tbg	6	001-000-000-001
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift		Brazos Basalt	Qbl	43	001-001-000-001
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift		Santa Fe Group	Tsf	678	001-001-000-002
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift	Jemez vol. field	Bandelier Tuff	Qbt	532	001-001-001-001
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift	Jemez vol. field	Otowi Mbr. of Bandelier T.	Qbo	45	001-001-001-002
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift	Jemez vol. field	Tshirege Mbr. of Bandelier T.	Qbt	543	001-001-001-003
Cenozoic ext.	Rio Grande rift	Espanola Basin	Abiquiu Formation	Ta	456	001-001-002-001

# NonUnique MapUnitNames

- Informal unit names referring to lithology, color, or type of deposit (ex. basalt lava flow) can be nonunique within database, BUT must be unique with a GeolProvince
- Using hypothetical example of MapUnitName = basalt lava flow

GeolProvince1	GeolProvince2	GeolProvince3	MapUnitName	MapUnit	DOMUID
Cenozoic extension	Rio Grande rift	Ocate vol. fld.	basalt lava flow	Tbf	9
Cenozoic extension	Rio Grande rift	Taos Plateau vol. fld.	basalt lava flow	Tbf	101
Cenozoic extension	Basin and range		basalt lava flow	Tbf	400
Mogollon/Datil			basalt lava flow	Tbf	304

# Bedrock attributes

## MapUnitPolys\_Bedrock

Field	Value
OBJECTID	138
Shape	Polygon
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LocalStratName3	<null>
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ChronoStratAgeMax	Oligocene
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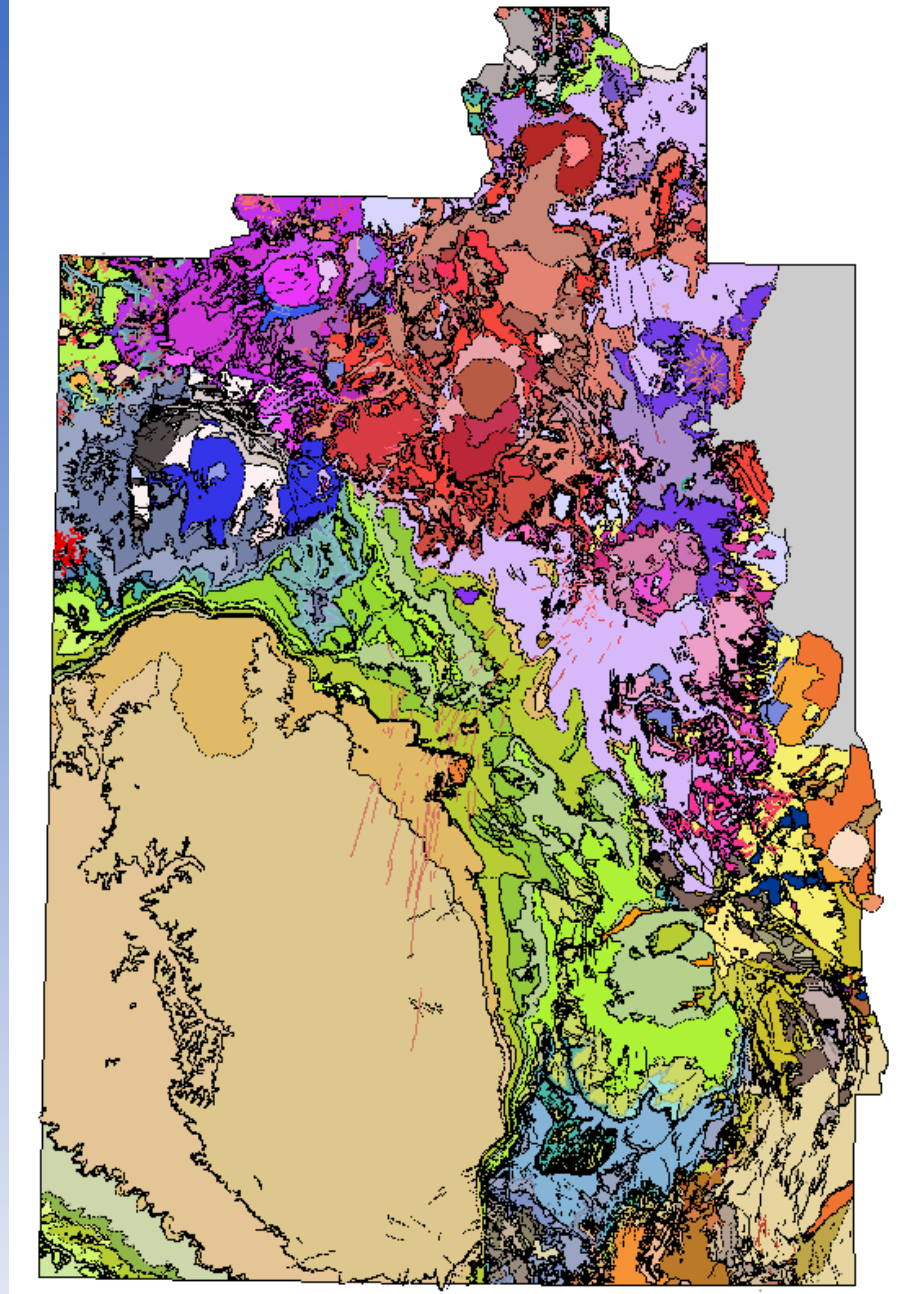
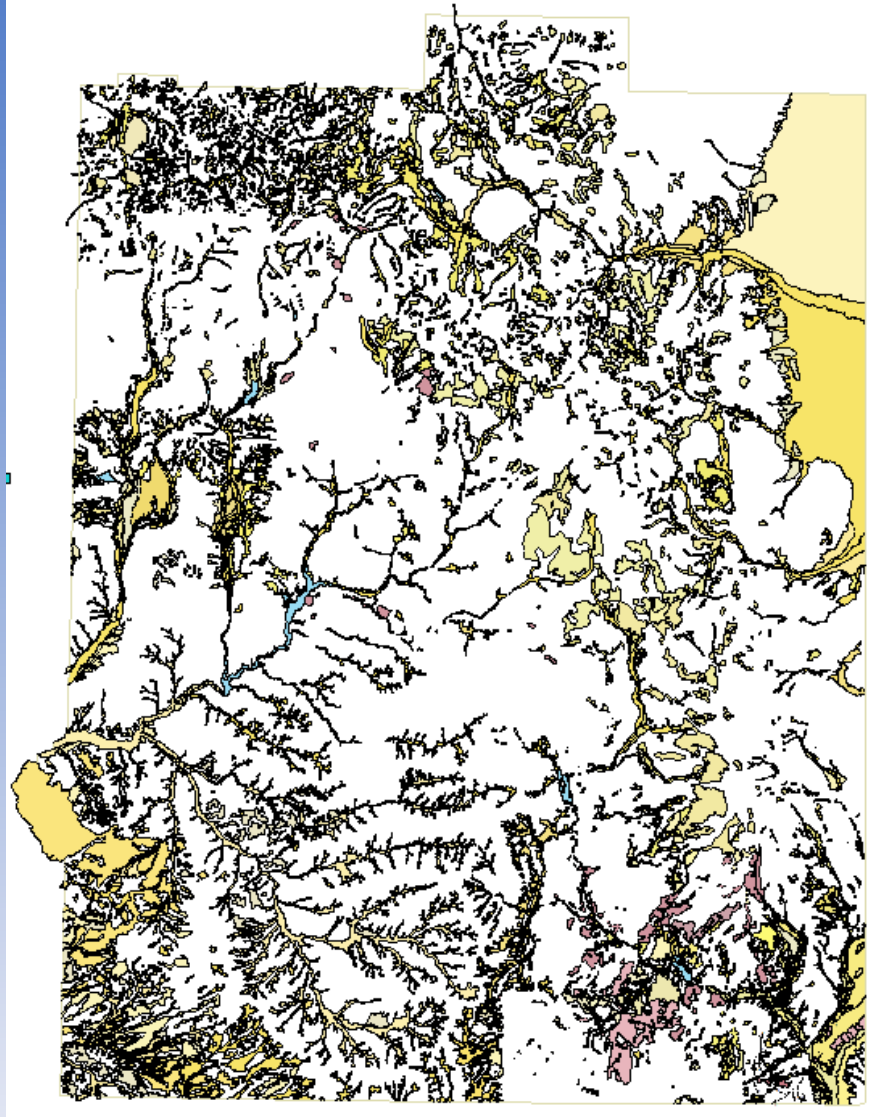
## DescriptionOfMapUnits\_Bedrock

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fluvial	alluvial	<Null>	<Null>	Miocene	Oligocene	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>

SourceVolcano	EruptiveCycleTiming	hierarchy_DA	Description	DOMU_Bedrock_I	GeoMaterial
<Null>	<Null>	001-001-003-009	<Null>	148	---Clastic sedimentary rock



# Surficial, bedrock, and combined

