



**Geologic map of the Redondo Peak quadrangle, Sandoval County, New Mexico.**

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### DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

**Quaternary Deposits**

- Disturbed areas** — Anthropogenically disturbed areas, consists of underlying rock units in each area, unit mapped only where extensive at primary mines and well pads, shown in correlation chart; maximum thickness more than 10 m but usually less than 3 m.
- Alluvium** — Deposits of gravel, sand and silt in canyon bottoms; locally sources stream terraces and canyon wall alluvium; mostly Holocene in age; maximum thickness exceeds 15 m.
- Colluvium** — Poorly sorted slope wash and talus deposits from local sources; mapped only where extensive or where covering critical contacts or fault relations; mostly Holocene and Pleistocene in age; thickness can locally exceed 10 m.
- Terrace gravel** — Slightly older alluvium that lies along the margins of present streams and basins; now undergoing erosion; mapped in only a few locations; maximum thickness is about 10 m.
- Alluvial fans** — Fan-shaped deposits of coarse to fine grained sand and silt at the mouths of valleys and in the Valle Grande; some fan deposits (*Afu*) may be difficult to distinguish from older alluvial fans (described below); maximum exposed thickness about 15 m.
- Landslides** — Unsorted debris that has moved chaotically down steep slopes, or slumps or blocks partially to completely intact, that have moved down slope; slumps and block slides usually display some rotation relative to their failure plane; thickness varies considerably depending on the size and nature of the landslide.
- Older alluvium** — Deposits of gravel, sand and silt that are overlain by alluvial fans; includes bog deposits north of Banco Bonito rhyolite near area where Redondo Creek emerges from the resurgent dome; age varies; estimated thickness unknown.
- El Cajete lake deposits** — Deposits of reworked El Cajete pumice and coarse sand in the Valle Grande. Older coarser below the upper level of a lake formed when deposits of the El Cajete pumice dammed the East Fork Jemez River (Reneau et al., 2004); may include some primary El Cajete fall deposits that were buried by the lake; *Q<sub>1</sub>* designates constructional landforms along and near the margin of the lake, including beach ridges and spits; age about 50 to 60 ka; maximum exposed thickness about 4 m.
- Older alluvial fans** — Fan deposits of coarse to fine grained sand and silt in the Valle Grande and elsewhere that are older than the El Cajete pumice or contemporaneous lacustrine units; maximum exposed thickness is unknown.
- Older landfills** — Older slide deposits that are overlain by El Cajete pumice or (rarely) by the Tahiree Member of the Banderlet Tuff; later examples occur in San Juan Canyon in southwest part of the map; maximum exposed thickness about 25 m.
- South Mountain lake deposits** — Laminated to bedded, diatomaceous silty clay and mudstone; minor siltstone and sandstone; found in Valle Grande (Conover et al., 1963; Griggs, 1964; Reneau et al., 2004). Lake formed when South Mountain rhyolite dammed drainage of the East Fork Jemez River (Reneau et al., 2004); possibly interbedded with older alluvial fan deposits (*Afu*); overlying sediment time equivalent to *Q<sub>2</sub>*; age 5500 ± 2000; maximum drilled thickness in Valle Grande is about 95 m (Conover et al., 1963; Fawcett et al., 2011); drilled thickness in VC-3 core hole east of Redondo Peak quadrangle is 76 m.
- Sedimentary deposits of southern caldera unit** — Various deposits of alluvium, colluvium, debris flows and minor lacustrine beds interbedded with lavas and pyroclastic rocks in the southern most of Valle Caldera, formed during at least three episodes of intrusion and blockage of the ancestral East Fork of the Jemez River and tributaries; generally poorly exposed; identified mostly by stratigraphic position; *Q<sub>2</sub>* underlies the South Mountain rhyolite (*Qm*) and is primarily grained containing Banderlet Tuff, apyritic rhyolite, pumice and volcanic ash and sandstone fragments; *Q<sub>2</sub>* overlies *Q<sub>1</sub>* but underlies *Q<sub>3</sub>* and *Q<sub>4</sub>*; contains fragments of Banderlet Tuff and precaldera volcanics near southeast edge of South Mountain; also contains fragments of Deer Tuff and other Keres Group units; interbedded with VC-1 corollite; *Q<sub>2</sub>* overlies *Q<sub>1</sub>* and *Q<sub>3</sub>* but underlies *Q<sub>4</sub>* and *Q<sub>5</sub>*; contains fragments of Banderlet Tuff, precaldera volcanics, Permian tuffaceous, Pennsylvanian limestone and Precambrian crystalline rocks in western exposures; also contains large blocks of glassy rhyolite in area south of El Cajete vent north of Jemez Falls outcrop; maximum exposed thickness about 40 m.
- Early caldera fill: lacustrine and alluvial deposits** — White to buff, laminated to thinly bedded, diatomaceous mudstone and siltstone, and generally white to gray to tan cross bedded to normally graded sandstone and conglomerate; sandstone and conglomerate beds contain mostly fragments of pumice; tuff and lava tuffs also contain some grains of precaldera volcanics; Miocene to Permian sandstone and Precambrian crystalline fragments; some beds contain ripple marks, flute casts and plane laminations and could be deltaic deposits near margins of initial caldera lakes; beds generally display zonation or less commonly bed, matrix supported beds; generally deformed by uplift of resurgent dome; usually underlies *Q<sub>2</sub>* and *Q<sub>3</sub>*; interbedded with *Q<sub>2</sub>*; overlies *Q<sub>1</sub>*; maximum exposed thickness about 20 m.
- Early caldera fill: debris flow, landslide, and colluvial deposits** — Dark gray to buff, matrix-supported beds containing fine silt to boulders of various early caldera rhyolites, Banderlet Tuff, precaldera volcanics, Miocene to Permian sandstone, Pennsylvanian limestone and Precambrian crystalline rocks; contains minor fluvial deposits; older lithologies are in the lower beds; upper beds generally contain more precaldera volcanics; rare beds contain mostly Banderlet Tuff; formed during rapid slumping and erosion of Banderlet Tuff; contains fragments of Banderlet Tuff, precaldera volcanics, Permian tuffaceous, Pennsylvanian limestone and Precambrian crystalline rocks in western exposures; also contains large blocks of glassy rhyolite in area south of El Cajete vent north of Jemez Falls outcrop; maximum exposed thickness in map area is 50 m.
- Older gravels** — Dark gray to buff gravel and debris flow deposits interbedded with the Tahiree Member of the Banderlet Tuff south of the caldera margin; contains primarily of precaldera volcanic rocks and Banderlet Tuff; exposures are small and usually poor; without stratigraphic control, unit is difficult to distinguish from *Tp*; few Banderlet Tuff clasts are present; maximum exposed thickness is 25 m.

**Tewa Group (Pleistocene)**

**East Fork Member**

- Banco Bonito Flow** — Thick viscous lava flows that contain phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, hornblende, clinopyroxene and rare sanidine in a black glassy to gray devitrified groundmass; contains some quartz with clinopyroxene reaction rims; top of unit is pumiceous; erupted from vent at east end of Banco Bonito ridge in north central map area; fills three deep, west- to north-south trending paleocanyons cut into the Banderlet Rock ignimbrite in southwestern most of Valle Caldera; consists of at least two thick flow units (Mantley and Frank, 1987; Gardner et al., 1987); upper surface of unit preserves pressure ridges and valleys with up to 10 m of relief; overlies discontinuous sedimentary and pyroclastic deposits; unit dated at 37 to 45 ka (Goff et al., 1995; Phillips et al., 1997) but age still has uncertainties (Lepper and Goff, 2007); maximum exposed thickness roughly 140 m.
- VC-1 corollite (only on cross section A-A')** — Black flow banded lava containing sparse phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, clinopyroxene, hornblende and rare sanidine in very glassy to perlitic matrix; has unusual prismatic fracturing; found only in VC-1 corollite where it is 19 m thick (Gardner et al., 1987; Goff and Gardner, 1994); underlies 14 m of pumice, fragmented ignimbrite and sediments now correlated with *Q<sub>2</sub>*; sedimentary rocks of southernmost, separated from underlying *Q<sub>2</sub>* by 1 m of sediment block orange by VC-1 rhyolite; apparently filled glauco phyllosilicate in southernmost; vent area not known but probably near Banco Bonito and El Cajete vents; may be equivalent to large glassy rhyolite blocks found in upper portion of El Cajete pyroclastic beds (Wolff et al., 1986); age not resolved but probably around 50 ka.
- Banderlet Rock ignimbrite** — Ash flow tuff sheets (ignimbrites) consisting of rhyolitic pumice, lithic clasts, crystal fragments, glass shards, and volcanic ash; pumice contains phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, hornblende, clinopyroxene, and rare sanidine; may be densely welded and have conspicuous flame-like structures; erupted from El Cajete crater in north central map area; consists of at least two thick flow units in VC-1 corollite; consists of many smaller ignimbrites interbedded with the upper part of the El Cajete pyroclastic beds; mostly fills paleocanyons in southernmost part of Valle Caldera; underlies Banco Bonito Flow and various sedimentary deposits; overlies South Mountain rhyolite and various sedimentary deposits; estimated age is 50 to 60 ka (Toyoda et al., 1995; Reneau et al., 1996); maximum exposed thickness about 30 m.
- El Cajete pyroclastic beds** — White to tan, moderately sorted, pyroclastic fall deposits of vesicular rhyolite; pumice clasts contain sparse phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, and biotite with rare microphenocrysts of hornblende and clinopyroxene; some clasts contain rounded quartz with pale green, clinopyroxene reaction rims; originated from El Cajete crater (Bailey et al., 1969; Smith et al., 1970; Gardner et al., 1986; Self et al., 1988; Wolff et al., 1986); maximum diameter of clasts about 90 cm near vent but clast size diminishes away from source; contains relatively abundant lithic clasts of Banderlet Tuff and precaldera volcanic rocks but rare Palozocis and Precambrian rocks; also contains blocks of thick glassy rhyolite near vent; includes pyroclastic surge deposits in near-vent areas; underlies Banco Bonito Flow and various sedimentary deposits; upper part of unit includes thin ignimbrite units; maximum exposed thickness about 100 m in valleys of the southern map area; this on mesa tops and hills forming scarp exposures too thin or small to map.
- South Mountain Member** — Flow-banded, massive to slightly vesicular rhyolite lava containing phenocrysts of sandstone, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, hornblende, and clinopyroxene in a pale gray, perlitic to white, devitrified groundmass; rarely glassy; contains very minor pyroclastic deposits at base of flow overlying sedimentary deposits just east of Los Cochinos conglomerate on NM highway 4; erupted from South Mountain in eastern part of map area; consists of four main flow units (oldest to youngest *Q<sub>5</sub>* to *Q<sub>1</sub>*); fills paleocanyon in southernmost of Valle Caldera; contains low-temperature hydrothermal alteration in the VC-1 corollite (Gardner et al., 1987); underlies Banderlet Rock ignimbrite, El Cajete pyroclastic beds and various sedimentary deposits; overlies sedimentary deposits and Permian red beds; <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age is 0.52 ± 0.03 Ma (Spill and Harrison, 1993); maximum exposed thickness about 100 m; west of Jemez Falls; is at least 450 m thick in vent area.
- Deer Canyon Member: lava unit** — Massive, gray to pale pink, porphyritic rhyolite lavas usually containing abundant phenocrysts of sanidine and quartz (Bailey et al., 1969); sandstone is occasionally subangular; fresh samples rarely contained with densely welded Banderlet Tuff; lavas display occasional perperite and pillow breccia; most exposures are locally deformed by uplift and faulting on the resurgent dome of Valle Caldera; many exposures show extensive zeolite alteration and silicification (Chapin et al., 2007); usually overlies Deer Canyon tuffs (*Q<sub>4</sub>*) but occasionally interbedded with them; interbedded with *Q<sub>2</sub>* and generally overlies *Q<sub>1</sub>*; overlies Banderlet Tuff; age of this flow on southwest shoulder of Redondo Border is 1.25 ± 0.02 Ma (W. McIntosh, NMBGMR); maximum exposed thickness about 40 m.
- Deer Canyon Member: tuff unit** — White to cream to pale buff lithic-rich rhyolitic tuffs; pumice fragments usually contain phenocrysts of quartz and sanidine; lithic fragments generally consist of Banderlet Tuff and precaldera volcanics; tuff beds usually deformed by faulting; beds often extensively altered to zeolites, silice, Fe-oxides, and clay (Chapin et al., 2007); beds occasionally graded; beds occasionally contain accretionary lapilli and hydro-magmatic surge; interbedded with *Q<sub>2</sub>*, *Q<sub>3</sub>*, and *Q<sub>4</sub>*; overlies *Q<sub>1</sub>*; maximum exposed thickness about 30 m.

**Canovas Canyon Formation (Miocene)**

**Santa Fe Group (Pliocene)**

**Volcaniclastic deposits (Pliocene to Miocene)** — Poorly exposed pale tan to pink sandstone and dark gray conglomerate; sandstone is generally well-sorted and usually non-indurated; grains are usually well-rounded and consist of weathered mafic volcanic rocks, plagioclase, altered olivine, unaltered pyroxene and minor quartz; cement if present is calcitic, silice, and Fe-oxides; conglomerate contains basal and andesite pebbles and cobbles in a sandy matrix; beds too thin to map occur with basal (T<sub>1</sub>) in an area around Las Cochinos; underlies andesite (T<sub>2</sub>) in upper south wall of East Fork Canyon; andesite basal in San Juan Canyon north of Cerro del Pino; relations with underlying Pliocene Formation unclear; maximum observed thickness roughly 60 m; K-Ar date on basal interbedded with upper Santa Fe Group east of map area is 16.5 ± 1.4 Ma (Gardner and Goff, 1984; Goff et al., 1990).

### CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

(denotes dated unit)

**South Moat**

**Resurgent Dome**

**Southern Jemez Mountains**

**Abiquiu Formation (Miocene to Oligocene?)**

**Sandstone and siltstone** — White to buff well-bedded sandstone and siltstone; contains grains of rounded to subangular quartz, plagioclase, potassium feldspar, quartzite, and crystalline rocks; contains rare grains of apatite and possibly remolite; cement is commonly calcitic; thus beds are sometimes very indurated; calcitic and limonite cement less common; well-exposed in San Juan Canyon where it underlies basaltic tuffs (T<sub>2</sub>); maximum observed thickness is 120 m; <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age on ash bed near Abiquiu Formation to southwest is 20 ± 0.1 Ma (Osburn et al., 2002).

**Miocene Rocks**

**Thiassic**

**Triassic rocks, undivided** — Poorly exposed rocks in middle south wall of East Fork Canyon consisting of three units; the youngest (T<sub>3</sub>) is composed of brick-red to maroon, poorly exposed mudstone and bed of black conglomerate (Salandir shale and Palo sandstone of the Chinle Group); the middle unit (T<sub>2</sub>) is composed of gray to yellow-brown coarse sandstone and conglomerate; the latter with distinctive yellow chert clasts (Shinarump Formation of the Chinle Group); the oldest unit (T<sub>1</sub>) consists of reddish brown micaceous sandstone and thinly bedded sandstone (Moenk Formation); underlies *T<sub>2</sub>* and *T<sub>3</sub>*; overlies *T<sub>4</sub>*; maximum exposed thickness roughly 40 m.

**Paleozoic Rocks**

**Permian**

**Permian rocks, undivided** — Well exposed rocks in lower south wall of East Fork Canyon consists of (top to bottom) the Claretta sandstone, and the Yermo Formation. Claretta sandstone consists of white to reddish white, well-sorted, generally plane to cross-bedded quartz arenite with some mica. Gorma formation consists of orange red, well-sorted, medium-grained quartzofeldspathic sandstone; siltstone and minor siltstone; Abo Formation (only in wells) is made up of brick red to brownish and quartzofeldspathic sandstone; siltstone and sandstone; some of these units contain some obvious mica; minor conglomerate and limestone; Yermo and Abo are usually indurated in groundwater wells (cross-section A-A'), displaying considerable greenish hydrothermal alteration and minor calcite and quartz veins; underlies *T<sub>1</sub>*; contact of *T<sub>1</sub>* with underlying Madera Formation is sharp in gradational depending on location; thickness is 90 m in VC-1 (Goff and Gardner, 1994); thickness is 501 m in Baa-12 (Nielsen and Hulén, 1984); maximum exposed thickness roughly 70 m.

**Mississippian - Pennsylvanian**

**Mississippian-Pennsylvanian rocks, undivided (only on cross section A-A')** — Light to dark gray, fossiliferous limestone and micrite with subordinate gray to buff argillite, sandstone, shale and mudstone (Madera Formation); displays considerable hydrothermal alteration, conchoidal fracturing, fracturing and veccation in groundwater wells (Goff and Gardner, 1994 and references therein); thickness is 390 m in VC-1; thickness is 293 m in Baa-12 (Nielsen and Hulén, 1984); the Madera Formation is underlain in VC-1 by 17 m of hydrothermally altered shale, sandstone, conglomerate, and limestone of the Sandia Formation; the Sandia Formation is not identified in Baa-12 but is probably present.

**Precambrian Rocks**

**Precambrian rocks, undivided (only on cross section A-A')** — Highly variable unit of crystalline rocks throughout Jemez Mountains region (Goff et al., 1989). Table 2; displays in thin section; hydrothermal alteration in VC-1 consists of roughly 15 m of gray to green hydrothermally altered, multi-biotite-bearing coarse breccia; alteration minerals are illite-phenite-chlorite-quartz-pyrite-calcite (Hulen and Nielsen, 1988; Goff and Gardner, 1994); in Baa-12 consists of 90 m (Nielsen and Hulén, 1984) of altered quartz monzonite containing quartz-chlorite-pyrite-actinolite-quartz-calcite; age is 1.62 to 1.44 Ga (Brookins and Laughlin, 1983).

