







Quaternary Surficial sediments

Volcanic Rocks Of Mount Taylor And Vicinity

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Disturbed land and/or artificial fill — Areas of modern excavation and associated deposits of compacted, very fine to very coarse sand (often with minor pebbles), silt, and clay around open-pit mines, mine adits, and dams and reservoirs. Numerous, small check dams were not included.
Modern Stream alluvium – Deposits of gravel, sand, silt and minor clay in swales associated with modern streams; mostly Holocene in age; maximum thickness of various alluvium deposits is uncertain but may exceed 15 m.
Younger alluvium — Alluvium that lies above modern drainages, underlying surfaces adjacent to modern drainages that are located approximately 5 to 15 m above local base level; maximum observed thickness about 15 m.
Younger alluvial fan deposits — Undifferentiated deposits of poorly sorted, gravel, sand, and silt debouching from some type of hillslope channel, usually in upland settings. Thickness usually increases downslope from <1 to up to 15(?) m.
Alluvial fan deposits in basins flanking Mount Taylor — Poorly sorted fan lobe deposits of gravel, sand, and silt debouching from streams draining mountain uplands filling basin margins. Often intermixed with colluvium in mountain front settings. Youngest fan deposits are inset into older deposits, ranging in age from middle(?) Pleistocene (Qf1) (only found capping isolated Cretaceous / colluvial mesas) to upper Pleistocene to lower Holocene (Qf2–Qf4) to Holocene to modern (Qf4–Qf5). Thicknesses generally decrease with distance from mountain front from ≥ 20 m to <1 m.

the term "hawaiite" interchangeably with trachybasalt. See Goff et al. (2008) for a contemporary description of the rocks and geology in the Mount

Taylor area. A "C" in rock description means at least one chemical analysis is available for the unit in question. Radiometric ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dates are from

the NMIMT laboratory (Socorro) unless otherwise stated. We measured magnetic polarities of some basalt specimens by Brunton compass (MPB). All other polarities were obtained with a portable fluxgate magnetometer (MPF). Correlations of magnetic polarities with age follow chart in Gee and

Kent (2007); N = normal polarity and R = reverse polarity; MT = Mount Taylor; AM = Mount Taylor amphitheater.

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t4	Alluvial stream terrace deposits — Generally strath terraces comprised of moderately- to well-sorted alluvial gravel, sand, and silt found flanking above stream alluvial bottoms. Strath elevations increase in height with age, ranging from ~30 to 50 m (~100–165 ft) above streams for middle(2) Plaisteerne terraces (Ot1); to _12 to 25 m (_40, 80 ft) for upper Plaisteerne terraces (Ot2, 2); to _21 to 45
t3	m (~6.9–15 ft) for uppermost Pleistocene to lower Holocene terraces (Qt1); to ~12 to 25 m (~40–80 ft) for upper Pleistocene terraces (Qt2–3); to ~2.1 to 4.5 m (~6.9–15 ft) for uppermost Pleistocene to lower Holocene terraces (Qt4). Thicknesses range from 2 to ~15 m.
t2	
t1	
es	Eolian and/or alluvial sheetwash deposits — Windblown deposits of silt and fine sand, often reworked by sheetwash into often fining-upwards, alluvial pebbly sand to silt on various surfaces, but most commonly basaltic-capped plateau flanks surrounding the main volcanic edifice. ≤1 m thick.
λI	Shallow lake deposits — Fine-grained, poorly exposed deposits of medium- to fine-grained sand, silt and clay filling shallow, small diameter basins on lava flow surfaces and sag ponds along fault traces; thickness ≤5 m. Generally contain water only during rainy seasons.
)C	Colluvium — Poorly sorted slopewash and mass wasting deposits from local sources; mapped only where extensive or where covering critical relations; thickness can locally exceed 15 m.
ao	Older alluvium — Alluvium that often lies well above modern drainages and usually not associated with them. They are comprised of poorly to moderately sorted gravel, sand, and silt derived from the reworking of surrounding rocks, including volcanics,

volcaniclastics, and Cretaceous sediments. They usually occur on broad uplands and ridges; maximum observed thickness about 10 **Older alluvial fan deposits** — Undifferentiated fan deposits of poorly sorted, gravel, sand, and silt found flanking volcanic uplands. Thickness usually increases downslope from 1 m to up to 15(?) m. Landslides — Poorly sorted debris that has moved chaotically down steep slopes; slumps or block slides that have moved down slope; ages vary from Holocene to middle to upper Pleistocene; thicknesses vary considerably. **Maar crater-fill deposits** — Poorly exposed, organic-rich, eolian-derived clay and silt filling eroded tuff rings and circular vents; may contain shallow, ephemeral lakes. Margins may contain larger blocks of eroded basalt and exotic pebbles of probable Cretaceous age; probable thickness is ≤ 50 m.

Very aphyric trachybasalt of Cerro Pelón – Very fine-grained hawaiite (C) and scoria deposits (Qyatc) having very tiny sparse olivine phenocrysts and sparse quartz xenocrysts in glassy groundmass. Cone contains two dikes (**Oyatd**). Flow west of cone dated at 1.26 ± 0.19 Ma; flows ≤ 30 m thick. Quartz-bearing trachybasalt – Several cone and flow complexes of similar age surrounding Mount Taylor (MT). All consist of fine-grained hawaiite (C) and scoria deposits (**Qfqtc**) containing sparse olivine phenocrysts and sparse to rare quartz xenocrysts. Cerro Ortiz cone contains several dikes (**Qfqtd**). Three flows are dated 1.53±0.07 to 1.64±0.04 Ma; MPB and MPF of five sites all R; maximum thickness of flows is ≤ 35 m. Medium-grained trachybasalt - Cone and flow complex north of MT; consists of flows and scoria deposits (Qyhc) of hawaiite

ontaining sparse phenocrysts of plagioclase and augite, and sparse xenocrysts of quartz in dense, medium-grained trachytic roundmass; several short, north-trending dikes (Qyhd) are exposed in cone and canyon wall; dated at 1.73±0.02 Ma; MPF variable (lightning?); maximum thickness about 80 m. **Xenocrystal trachybasalt** – Five cone and flow complexes of similar age peripheral to northern MT; consist of medium- to ine-grained hawaiite (C) and scoria deposits (**Qyxtc**) having very sparse phenocrysts of olivine, plagioclase and augite, and very rare xenoliths of peridotite and norite (e.g., Goff and Goff, 2013). Some specimens contain rare quartz xenocrysts (Baldridge et al., 1996); scoria may contain additional fragments of trachyandesite, trachydacite, and Cretaceous sandstone; one cone contains a dike (Qyxtd); three flows dated at 1.74 ± 0.03 to 1.85 ± 0.06 Ma; MPF of youngest flow R; three others N; maximum thickness ≤ 60 m. Younger trachybasalt — Several cone and flow complexes peripheral to northern MT including Cerro Osha; consist of relatively aphyric lavas and scoria deposits (Qytc) of hawaiite with rare, very tiny phenocrysts of plagioclase \pm olivine; two cones contain

of map that may be ≤ 2 Ma; flows ≤ 60 m thick. Aphyric trachybasalt – Three cone and flow complexes peripheral to MT; consist of flows and scoria deposits (Qatc) of hawaiite (C) with rare phenocrysts of plagioclase, tiny olivine, and rare quartz xenocrysts; eroded cone on Horace Mesa fed by impressive dike (Qatd, Goff et al, 2013a, fig. 5) dated at 1.80±0.01 Ma; MPF of dike is N; flows dated at 1.76±0.05 to 2.18±0.02 Ma; maximum thickness about 60 m.

NE-trending dikes (**Qytd**); southern dike dated at 2.35±0.03 Ma; MPF is R; unit **Qytb** also includes a sequence of flows along NE edge

Xenocrystal gabbro intrusive — Circular intrusive plug of fine-grained olivine gabbro (C) within east sector of Mount Taylor AM (Goff et al., 2013b, fig. 3); grades into vesicular basalt toward top of intrusion (Hunt, 1938); contains 2% plagioclase phenocrysts in equigranular groundmass; also contains sparse xenoliths of peridotite and norite; country rocks display weak hydrothermal alteration within 200 m of contact; age is 1.97±0.05 Ma; thickness about 150 m. Fine-grained olivine trachybasalt — Single cone and flow north of MT; consists of fine-grained hawaiite and scoria deposit (Qyfoc) with abundant tiny phenocrysts of olivine; unit not dated; maximum thickness ≤50 m.

Olivine plagioclase trachybasalt – Two cone and flow complexes north of MT consisting of slightly porphyritic hawaiite and scoria deposits (Qyopc); both cones contain NE-trending dikes (Qyopd). Specimens are relatively aphyric containing tiny rare phenocrysts of olivine ± augite, and sparse small phenocrysts of plagioclase; northerly cone contains rare fragments of gabbro and Cretaceous sandstone; unit not dated; maximum thickness about 60 m.

Basaltic trachyandesite — Eroded cone and short flow of basaltic trachyandesite (C) on north flank of MT. Phenocrysts consist of plagioclase, augite, hypersthene \pm rare olivine; unit not dated; thickness ≤ 100 m. Spotted trachybasalt – Lava flows and scoria deposit (Qystc) of distinctive, spotted hawaiite containing rare phenocrysts of plagioclase, and tiny phenocrysts of olivine; unit not dated; maximum thickness about 120 m.





Geologic Map of Mount Taylor, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico, June 2015

Hornblende trachyandesite – Lumped unit of porphyritic trachyandesite (C) satellite vents (Thtav) and various flows SW of, and on south margin of MT; display rare-to-sparse megacrysts of resorbed hornblende (≤5 cm) in devitrified groundmass; phenocrysts consist of plagioclase, augite, magnetite, olivine, hypersthene, and hornblende; may contain plagioclase-pyroxene clots; satellite eruption dated at 2.60 ± 0.10 Ma; flow beneath summit dated at 2.70 ± 0.02 ; MPF of both sites is N; other flows are older; thickness ≤ 275 m. Summit hornblende trachyandesite — Several flows comprising the summit and west margin of MT; phenocrysts consist of plagioclase, augite, hypersthene, hornblende, sparse biotite, and minor-Kspar in devitrified groundmass; contains rare, small (\leq 10 mm) nornblende megacrysts; dated at 2.73±0.01 Ma; MPF confused (lightning?); exposed thickness >215 m. Trachyandesite, undivided – Multiple flows of porphyritic lavas found in flanks of Mount Taylor. Phenocrysts consist of plagioclase, clinopyroxene and magnetite ± hypersthene; various flows not dated; thickness ≤100 m. Augite megacrystal basalt – Fine-grained basalt (C) and scoria deposits (Tocc) located several km SW of MT; contain sparse resorbed megacrysts of augite (≤ 1 cm); phenocrysts consist of olivine, plagioclase, augite and magnetite; fissure and dike (**Tocd**) extend from NE side of eroded scoria cone; dated at 2.62±0.01 Ma; Maximum thickness about 100 m.

porphyry of San Jose Canyon (Lipman et al., 1979); flow-banded porphyritic lava with large phenocrysts of plagioclase and smaller phenocrysts of hornblende and augite; dated at 2.63 ± 0.10 Ma; thickness about 55 m. Trachybasalt of Cerro Colorado (La Jara Mesa) – Weakly porphyritic hawaiite and scoria deposits (Tyotc) containing sparse small phenocrysts and cumulate clusters of plagioclase, olivine and trace augite; dated at 2.64 ± 0.01 Ma; MPF is N; thickness ≤ 30 m. Hornblende trachydacite – Satellite eruption NW of MT; composed of massive to sheeted porphyritic trachydacite (C) containing henocrysts of plagioclase, augite, and minor hornblende; dated at 2.66±0.02 Ma; MPF is N; thickness nearly 200 m. **Porphyritic biotite trachydacite** — Massive to sheeted, porphyritic trachydacite (C) on NE margin of AM containing phenocrysts of Kspar, augite, biotite, sparse hornblende, rare quartz, and opaque oxides in devitrified groundmass; dated at 2.66 ± 0.01 Ma; MPF is N; thickness about 350 m. **Porphyritic basaltic trachyandesite** — Massive stubby flow with broad dike on north margin of amphitheater; consists of porphyritic basaltic trachyandesite (C) containing phenocrysts of augite, plagioclase and rare olivine; unit not dated; maximum thickness about **Olivine-rich basalt** — Flows and scoria deposits (**Tooc**) of basalt (C) found NE of MT; contain conspicuous olivine, plagioclase and augite phenocrysts; eroded cone cut by NNE-trending dike (**Tood**); dated at 2.67±0.12 Ma; maximum thickness about 50 m.

Porphyritic hornblende trachydacite of San Jose Canyon — Satellite dome and flow complex roughly 15 km south of MT; equivalent

110 m.

about 210 m.

Porphyritic olivine trachyandesite—Satellite eruption NE of AM consisting of highly porphyritic trachyandesite to trachydacite (C) ontaining abundant large phenocrysts of plagioclase and tiny phenocrysts of olivine, augite, plagioclase and sparse biotite in very ne-grained, devitrified groundmass; contains sparse enclaves of plagioclase-augite ≤12 cm in diameter; flow near vent dated at 2.68 ± 0.04 Ma; flow near toe is 2.67 ± 0.01 Ma; thickness about 75 m. **Porphyritic enclave-bearing trachydacite** — Thick flows of porphyritic trachydacite (C) on west margin of AM having conspicuous claves of volcanic rocks up to 50 cm in diameter, especially in the lower flows; contains Kspar, plagioclase, augite, hypersthene and biotite phenocrysts in devitrified groundmass; dated at 2.68±0.09 Ma; MPF is N; thickness about 250 m. **Porphyritic biotite-hornblende trachydacite, undivided** — Satellite dome, small plug, and several flow complexes NW, SW, east, nd west margin of MT; all consist of massive to sheeted trachydacite (C) containing phenocrysts of plagioclase, Kspar, hornblende, biotite and minor augite in trachytic groundmass; dome dated at 2.66±0.01 to 2.69±0.04; MPF is N; plug is 2.68±0.03 Ma; MPF is N; upper Rincoñada Canyon flow is 2.72±0.04; MPF is N; thickness variable. **Very porphyritic biotite-hornblende trachydacite** — NNW-trending flow, dike and plug complex in north wall and margin of AM; consists of porphyritic trachydacite (C) containing large phenocrysts of plagioclase and smaller biotite, hornblende, rare Kspar, quartz, and opaque oxides in a trachytic devitrified groundmass; unit not dated; maximum thickness about 150 m. **Coarse porphyritic trachydacite** — Satellite dome and flow complex on two hills ESE of AM; consists of coarsely porphyritic trachydacite containing large Kspar, augite and sparse magnetite phenocrysts in devitrified groundmass; dated at 2.70±0.04 Ma; thickness **Porphyritic biotite trachydacite of Mosca Peak** — Massive to sheeted, porphyritic trachydacite (C) containing phenocrysts of Kspar, plagioclase, augite, and biotite in granular to trachytic, devitrified groundmass; contains rare plagioclase-augite-biotite clots; contains prominent, NNW-trending intrusion (**Tpbti**) of similar composition; intrusion dated at 2.71±0.03 Ma; thickness about 500 m. Platy trachyandesite, undivided – Platy to massive, slightly porphyritic trachyandesite (C) containing phenocrysts of plagioclase, augite and olivine in a trachytic devitrified groundmass; contains rare quartz xenocrysts; contains plagioclase-augite-olivine clots; eroded cone (**Tbtac**) lies on ridge to east and may be source of trachyandesite flows to west; units not dated; thickness about 170 m. Sugary enclave trachydacite — Porphyritic, glassy to devitrified trachydacite (C) NW of Mosca Peak composed of two map units; basal unit (Tsetdl) contains 15–20% phenocrysts of plagioclase, augite, hornblende and biotite; upper unit (Tsetdu) has similar phenocrysts set in a sugary matrix; both contain conspicuous, mafic enclaves; upper unit dated at 2.71±0.06 Ma; MPF of sugary unit N; thickness about 250 m. Slightly porphyritic biotite trachydacite – Platy flows of slightly porphyritic trachydacite (C) on north margin of AM; contains 2–4% ll plagioclase, biotite, and augite phenocrysts; unit not dated; thickness about 215 m. **Porphyritic trachyandesite, undivided** — Lumped unit of massive to sheeted, porphyritic trachyandesite flows (C) from multiple vents having phenocrysts of plagioclase, augite, hornblende, rare olivine, and opaque oxides in devitrified groundmass; lava from north amphitheater rim dated at 2.63 ± 0.07 Ma; other flows older; thickness about 330 m. Trachydacite — Small exposure of porphyritic trachydacite ENE of AM; contains 15–20% crystals of biotite, plagioclase, hornblende, and sparse quartz; contains rare megacrysts of augite; unit not dated; thickness about 40 m. **Porphyritic augite trachyandesite** — Massive to sheeted flows of trachyandesite in north margin of AM with conspicuous megacrysts of augite; phenocrysts are plagioclase, augite and rare olivine; unit not dated; thickness about 50 m. **Porphyritic biotite trachyandesite** — Massive flows of trachytic, devitrified trachyandesite north of AM containing large plagioclase, conspicuous biotite, augite and sparse olivine phenocrysts; unit not dated; thickness ≥160 m. **Porphyritic hornblende-rich trachydacite** — Distinctive, massive porphyritic trachydacite (C) on south rim of AM; contains abun-Int phenocrysts of hornblende, plagioclase, augite, magnetite, sparse biotite and sparse Kspar in devitrified groundmass; contains small plagioclase-magnetite-augite clots; unit not dated; thickness ≤200 m. Older gabbro-bearing trachybasalt – Medium-grained hawaiite (C) and scoria deposits (Togtc); phenocrysts consist of abundant small olivine, plagioclase, and augite; contains rare cumulate clots of plagioclase-olivine-augite; unit not dated; thickness about 35 m. **Aphyric basaltic trachyandesite** — Flows, scoria deposits (**Tobtc**) and dikes (**Tobtd**) of basaltic trachyandesite (C) at head of Lobo Canyon; contains tiny phenocrysts of plagioclase, augite and olivine in glassy, aphyric groundmass; contains rare-quartz xenocrysts; unit not dated; thickness about 75 m.

Rincoñada flow (two dates) is 2.79±0.06 and 2.78±0.03; MPF all sites is N; maximum thickness about 80 m. **Porphyritic plagioclase trachydacite** — Massive thick flow of trachydacite (C) south of AM; contains 15–20% large phenocrysts $(\leq 2.5 \text{ cm})$ of plagioclase and smaller phenocrysts of augite, biotite, magnetite and minor Kspar in fine-grained trachytic groundmass; dated at 2.78±0.05 Ma; MPF is N; thickness about 200 m. Plagioclase basalt – Classic "plagioclase basalt" of Baker and Ridley (1970), Lipman et al. (1979) and Perry et al. (1990); consists of massive to vesicular hawaiite (C) flows on north and south flanks of AM; contains 10–20% tablets of plagioclase (≤ 2.5 cm) and smaller phenocrysts of plagioclase, olivine and augite in glassy matrix; flows to south dated at 2.76±0.06 Ma; north flows dated at 2.79±0.04 Ma: thickness about 150 m. Plagioclase basalt of Seco Canyon – One of several highly porphyritic, plagioclase phyric mafic lavas previously called "plagioclase basalt;" massive to vesicular flow of basaltic trachyandesite (C) found in Seco Canyon area south of AM; contains phenocrysts of large plagioclase and smaller olivine and augite in medium-grained matrix; unit not dated; thickness about 100 m. Plagioclase basalt of Water Canyon – Massive, highly porphyritic plagioclase-phyric mafic lava exposed in NE wall of AM, in walls of Water Canyon, and adjacent areas to west; consists of trachyandesite (C) containing phenocrysts of large plagioclase but smaller phenocrysts of augite and sparse olivine in medium-grained groundmass; unit not dated; maximum thickness about 100 m. Plagioclase basalt south of San Mateo-Massive to vesicular basaltic trachyandesite (C) and scoria deposits (Tpbmc) having abundant large phenocrysts of plagioclase and much smaller phenocrysts of olivine and augite; unit not dated; thickness about 75 m.

Older megacrystal trachybasalt – Several cone and flow complexes surrounding MT of similar age and mineralogy; consist of

fine-grained hawaiite (C), scoria deposits (**Tomtc**) and dikes (**Tomtd**) containing conspicuous, large (\leq 1.5 cm), augite, plagioclase, and

olivine megacrysts (e.g., Lipman et al., 1979); phenocrysts consist of plagioclase, olivine, augite ± hypersthene; may contain quartz xe-

o-grained olivine gabbro (Coff et al., 2013b): flow near Cerro Pelón dated at 2.64±0.10: La Jara Mesa flow is 2.77±0.06 Ma

nocrysts; complex on La Jara Mesa contains hydromagmatic deposits (Tomth); eroded cone south of MT contains rare blocks of fine-

Porphyritic plagioclase-rich trachyandesite — Massive flows on mesa south of San Mateo and poorly exposed flow north of Cerro guila; consist of highly porphyritic trachyandesite containing large phenocrysts of plagioclase and smaller phenocrysts of augite, olivine and magnetite; flow south of San Mateo dated at 2.86±0.04 Ma; maximum thickness about 75 m.







(Totc) surrounding MT and underlying most of southern Mesa Chivato; most flows contain some olivine phenocrysts; flow in upper Seboyeta Canyon is 2.83±0.02; MPF is N; two flows NW of MT are 3.20±0.05 to 3.31±0.08; flow in SW Horace Mesa is 3.24±0.09 Ma; Grants Ridge rhyolite tuff – Bedded rhyolitic pyroclastic fall, flow, and surge deposits; some beds have abundant aphyric obsidian clasts (C). Pumice clasts (C) are glassy to slightly devitrified with very rare phenocrysts of tiny Kspar. Lithics consist of Precambrian granite and gneiss, chert, sandstone, limestone and rare basanite; dated at 3.26±0.04 (obsidian) and 3.33±0.07 Ma (sanidine in pumice); maximum thickness about 110 m. Grants Ridge rhyolite center – Multiple eruptions of sparsely porphyritic rhyolite (C) containing phenocrysts of Kspar, plagioclase, rare quartz, and very sparse biotite; texture: massive to flow banded; some zones spherulitic; locally contains mariolitic cavities with quartz, alkali feldspar, hematite, garnet, and topaz; north, lower flank of dome contains sparsely porphyritic obsidian; devitrified zone on SE dated at 3.18±0.01 Ma; MPF is N; obsidian dated at 3.498±0.003 Ma; maximum thickness >100 m. West olivine basanite - Fine-grained, massive to sheeted basanite (C) with tiny microphenocrysts of iddingsitized olivine and sparse magnetite; commonly has spotted appearance; dated at 3.64±0.15 Ma; MPF is R; thickness about 40 m. East olivine basanite — Fine-grained, nearly aphyric basanite (C) with tiny phenocrysts of plagioclase and iddingsitized olivine; weathered surfaces distinctly to vaguely spotted; upper part of unit massive to rubbly; lower part columnar; dated at 3.72±0.02 Ma; MPF is R; thickness about 45 m. Volcanic Rocks Of Southwest Mesa Chivato (*Note*: many units in this group are already described with Mount Taylor volcanic rocks above)









Kent, 2007); thickness about 15 m.

closer to source; cone contains two WNW-trending dikes (**Tmgpd**); unit not dated; MPF is R suggesting an age ≤2.58 Ma; maximum thickness about 25 m. Fine-grained augite- and plagioclase-phyric olivine trachybasalt - Flow and scoria deposits (Tfpcc) of fine-grained hawaiite containing phenocrysts of augite, plagioclase and olivine; contains rare, gabbroic xenoliths of hypersthene and plagioclase; contains rare quartz xenocrysts; scoria cone contains dike or vertical rib of agglutinate trending N35W; unit not dated; thickness about 60 m. Quartz basanite of Laguna Cañoneros – Flows of aphyric basanite (C) forming west-shore of Laguna Cañoneros maar; has

Upper biotite trachydacite — Massive flow SE of AM of slightly porphyritic trachydacite with 2–4% phenocrysts of small plagioclase, augite, and biotite in devitrified trachytic matrix; unit not dated; maximum thickness about 100 m. Lower biotite trachydacite – Massive flow beneath and resembling Ttdu; two units separated by volcaniclastic gravel (QTvs); lower Porphyritic biotite trachydacite – Thick massive flow exposed in lower NE wall of AM; contains abundant phenocrysts of **Porphyritic intermediate composition volcanic rocks, undivided** – Poorly exposed flows in walls of AM; float generally contains **Porphyritic mixed lava** — Unit several km south of MT described as "distinctive bulbous flow or intrusion" (Lipman et al., 1979); onsists of porphyritic trachydacite mixed with variable amounts of fine-grained, slightly porphyritic, basaltic enclaves; trachydacite phenocrysts are Kspar, plagioclase, augite, hornblende and rare quartz; mafic component contains plagioclase, augite, hypersthene, Basaltic-rich volcaniclastic gravels — Fluvial deposits containing primarily subrounded- to rounded-clasts of basalt, trachybasalt and subordinate intermediate composition volcanic rocks; contain minor cobbles of rhyolite, chert, and Precambrian crystalline rocks; Volcaniclastic sandstone – Fine- to course-grained fluvial sandstone containing small clasts and grains of quartz, plagioclase, olivine, augite, chert, pumice, and various types of mafic and intermediate composition volcanics; may contain thin-beds of trachydacite or rhyolite tuffs too thin to map; occupies shallow channels cut into earliest lava flows; underlies and interlayers with **Older olivine trachybasalt**—Flows and scoria deposits (**Tootc**) of borderline basalt/hawaiite (C) with conspicuous-olivine and

Tuffs of Water and San Mateo Canyons, undivided – Bedded tuffs and tephras of rhyolite to trachydacite composition with interlayered volcaniclastic sands and gravels; consist of pyroclastic fall and flow deposits ≤ 4 m thick; rhyolitic tuffs most common Landslide deposit — Unsorted debris forming discontinuous layer in upper Marquez Canyon; consists of angular trachydacite blocks 3–4 m in diameter on top of boulder- to cobble-sized volcaniclastic debris; intercalated within **Twst**; thickness between 6 to 12 m. **Rhyolitic tuffs** — Beds of rhyolitic (C) pumice fall and reworked pumice from isolated sites all round MT; continuous beds exposed in cliffs above San Mateo; may include thin-beds of Grants Ridge Tuff in cliff exposures (see below); contain phenocrysts of quartz, Older fine-grained trachybasalt – Small plug-like body of massive olivine hawaiite in lower NE wall of AM; contains small East Amphitheater biotite rhyolite – Massive to flow-banded, fine- to medium-grained biotite rhyolite (C); probably consists of multiple intrusions; porphyritic varieties contain quartz, Kspar, biotite, augite and plagioclase; some types contain only sparse quartz, West Amphitheater biotite rhyolite – Flow-banded to spherulitic to massive rhyolite (C) containing small phenocrysts of quartz, Kspar, biotite, augite, plagioclase, and minor hornblende; may show hydrothermal alteration from later intrusions; dated at Fine-grained trachyte - Eroded, dissected plug of fine-grained trachyte (C) in east AM; contains scant-small phenocrysts of

Olivine-rich plagioclase basalt – Flows and scoria deposits (**Qolpc**) of olivine-rich, porphyritic basalt (C) near north edge of map; contains scattered, large phenocrysts of augite and plagioclase; dated at 2.41±0.02 Ma; thickness about 100 m.

Medium-grained olivine trachybasalt – Flows of medium-grained trachybasalt with abundant, small phenocrysts of olivine in trachytic groundmass; unit not dated; MPB (1 site) is R indicating an age ≤ 2.58 Ma (Gee and Kent, 2007); maximum thickness about 15 m. **Campo Grande volcanic center** – Volcanic center at NE edge of map dominated by basaltic pyroclastic rocks and discontinuously exposed flows (**Tcgl**); NE-striking spine of agglomerate forms eastern ridge of cone; flows display variable texture and mineralogy but generally have phenocrysts of olivine, plagioclase and augite; dated at 2.52±0.01 Ma; maximum thickness about 120 m. Medium-grained, gabbro bearing, plagioclase-phyric trachybasalt – Flows and scoria deposits (Tmgpc) of medium-grained hawaiite with small scattered phenocrysts of plagioclase; contains conspicuous 5 cm xenoliths of gabbro that become more obvious

listinctive hackly texture containing abundant, visible microlites of olivine and augite; contains sparse xenocrysts of quartz; quartz size and abundance increases to NW; dated at 2.58 ± 0.01 Ma; MPB (1 site) is N, exactly at major magnetic polarity boundary (Gee and





Olivine trachybasalt dikes — Many dikes ≤3 m-wide identified mostly in the Rincoñada Basin area (Goff et al., 2013a); consist of hawaiite (C) with small-phenocrysts of olivine and rare plagioclase and augite; dikes too altered to date; length \leq 350 m. **Olivine gabbro intrusives** – Medium- to fine-grained, allotriomorphic-granular gabbro (C) consisting mostly of plagioclase, augite, olivine, and opaque oxides (Goff et al., 2013b); geochemically vary from gabbro to monzodiorite; orms circular intrusive 50 m in diameter on isolated hill west of Rincoñada Canyon; forms two, sill-like bodies exposed NE of MT; blocks ≤1 m long found in scoria cone deposits of unit **Tomtc** east of Rincoñada Canyon; one of sills dated at 2.68 ± 0.07 Ma; gabbro block from above mentioned cone dated at 3.10 ± 0.24 Ma. **Olivine basanite dike of Picacho Peak** — Fine-grained, basanite (C) dike on south margin of map; contains small olivine, plagioclase, and augite microphenocrysts; contains rare quartz xenocrysts; dike trends NE away from Picacho Peak plug Lipman and Moench, 1972); plug dated at 4.49 ± 0.08 Ma; magnetic polarity (lab) is R (Hallett et al., 1997); length ≤ 350 m.

Mesozoic Sedimentary Rocks (adapted from Goff et al., 2012 and Skotnicki et al., 2012) Cretaceous

Mesa Verde Group **Menefee Formation** — Interbedded, golden to yellow orange, medium- to thin-bedded sandstone, black to gray to brown shale and siltstone with carbonized wood fragments, and minor coal; petrified-wood fragments common; maximum

exposed thickness \geq 45 m. **Point Lookout Sandstone, Hasta tongue** – Fine-grained, cross-bedded, quartz sandstone with rare darker lithic grains; forms prominent light gray cliffs; maximum exposed thickness about 45 m. Crevasse Canyon Formation

> Gibson Coal Member - Interbedded, light-orange, very fine-grained, quartz sandstone in massive to thinly bedded layers up to 4 m thick and dark shale. The shale commonly contains dark-brown to black, lignite coal in seams up to 2 m thick. Locally contains light-gray fragments of fossilized wood; maximum exposed thickness <50 m.

> **Plagioclase basalt dikes** — About four dikes of porphyritic plagioclase basalt cutting AM floor and SE rim; contain large

plagioclase, small olivine, and augite phenocrysts; dikes not dated; width ≤ 25 m; length ≤ 150 m.

NMBGMR Open-File Report 571 Last Modified June 2015 Dalton Sandstone Member – Consists of two prominent sandstone layers: a lower, yellowish-orange layer and an upper white layer with an intervening shale bed; basal sandstone often has thin beds containing abundant pelecypod casts and molds; maximum exposed thickness ≤ 25 m. Stray Sandstone Member – Consists of two prominent, reddish-orange, sandstone layers with an intervening shale bed; top of unit is a thin (<1 m) conglomerate with pebbles to cobbles of quartzite, chert, and quartz. The Stray pinches out to the southeast; maximum exposed thickness in Lobo Canyon area ≤40 m. Dilco Coal Member – Interbedded, black to brown siltstone, thin- to medium-bedded, tan, brown, and olive-green sandstone, and black coal; sandstones: cross-bedded to ripple laminated; coal beds < 0.5 m thick; usually in the lower part of the unit; maximum exposed thickness in Lobo Canyon area ≤ 150 m. Gallup Sandstone Main Body – Yellowish-gray, white, or golden-yellow, medium- to thick-bedded, cross-bedded sandstone; carbonaceous shale is intercalated with the sandstone. Locally contains fossiliferous (*Innocermid*) beds near the top. Maximum exposed thickness to southwest in Lobo Springs quadrangle is ≤ 25 m (Goff et al., 2008). Upper tongue (combined with Km in cross sections) — White, medium-bedded, cross-bedded to tabular sandstone that is locally capped by well-cemented, fractured, brown-weathering, planar-cross-bedded sandstone. The upper and lower contacts are gradational with Mancos Shale. Maximum exposed thickness in Lobo Springs quadrangle is ≤ 30 m (Goff et al., 2008). Lower tongue (combined with Km in cross sections) — White, medium-bedded, cross-bedded to tabular sandstone that is locally capped by well-cemented, fractured, brown-weathering, planar-cross-bedded sandstone. The top of unit is locally conglomeratic with sandstone clasts and sharks teeth. The upper and lower contacts are gradational with Mancos Shale. Maximum exposed thickness in southwest part of map is ≤ 15 m (Goff et al., 2008). Mancos Shale Satan Tongue – Interbedded dark shale and less abundant very fine-grained quartz sandstone exposed in Seboyeta Canyon; pinches out and interlayers with the Point Lookout sandstone going northwest (Sears et al., 1941). Maximum observed thickness is about 65 m. Mulatto Tongue - Golden-yellow, thin-bedded, tabular to ripple-laminated sandstone and black shale. Burrows and scattered pelecypod molds are common in the sandstone beds. Upper and lower contacts are gradational with the Dalton and Stray sandstones. Maximum exposed thickness in southwest part of map is ≤ 50 m (Goff et al., 2008). Main Body – Black to dark-brown shale and silty shale, intercalated with finely laminated to cross-bedded, thinly bedded sandstone. The sandstones are well-sorted, fine-grained, quartz arenites. Upper and lower contacts are gradational. Small tongues of Main Mancos are interbedded within the Gallup Sandstone units. Maximum exposed thickness of Main Mancos beneath Gallup Sandstone is ≤ 50 m. Bridge Creek Limestone (combined with Km in cross sections) – Finely laminated, fossiliferous, light-gray limestone, interbedded with thin, black shale below the Main Body of the Mancos Shale. Unit is correlative with the Greenhorn Limestone. Contains abundant invertebrate fossils. Maximum exposed thickness in southwest part of map is ≤ 25 m (Goff et al., 2008). Dakota Formation Dakota Formation, undivided – Alternating sandstones and shales of Dakota Formation and Mancos Shale; Dakota unit identified in uranium well logs near San Mateo (Reise, 1977, 1980) is inferred to be the lower Oak Canyon Sandstone Member (about 25 m thick). Aggregate thickness of Dakota is about 100 m in northwestern map area (Owen and Owen, 2003; see also cross sections in Goff et al.,

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Jurassic Morrison Formation

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maximum thickness in drill holes about 40 m (Reise, 1977; Goff et al., 2012). Westwater Canyon Member — Light-gray and yellowish-gray and light-red, fine- to medium-grained sandstones, interbedded with thin, greenish-gray mudstones; very limited exposure in the extreme west central edge of map; maximum exposed thickness about 30 m; maximum thickness in drill holes about 50 m (Reiss, 1977; Goff et al., 2012). Recapture Member — Dark-red, variegated (pink, brown-ash, and gray) shale, and white quartz, cemented by lime sandstone. Some of the shale beds are calcareous and slabby; contains imbricated, gypsiferous beds; maximum thickness about 100 m. **Todilto Formation, undivided (cross section only)** — Bedded, massive anhydrite and limestone identified only in State 36-1 well near south edge of map (San Fidel Dome; Goff et al., 2009). Because this is a widespread unit throughout west-central New Mexico, it is shown in the cross section; thickness is assumed to be uniform at ≤ 25 m. Entrada Formation, undivided (cross section only) — Massive, bedded to cross-bedded sandstone identified in State 36-1 well near south edge of map (San Fidel Dome). As defined here, includes only the Slick Rock Member (Lucas and Zeigler, 2003). Because this is a widespread unit throughout west-central New Mexico, it is shown in the cross section; bottom of unit was not penetrated.

Brushy Basin Member — Grayish-green mudstone, interbedded with thin-lenticular beds of light-gray to yellowish-gray, fine- to

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Figure 3 — Block diagram looking northwest to Mount Taylor (11,301 ft, 3,445 m) and southwest Mesa Chivato to the right, showing geology superimposed on elevation. North is parallel to right edge of diagram. Note clustering of intermediate to silicic domes and flows in the summit area (oranges and maroons, 3.2 to 2.5 Ma) and the large coalesced fan of volcanic debris shed to east-southeast (brown, Plio-Pliestocene) formed by erosion of material from the summit amphitheater. Younger mafic rocks (mostly blues and purples, 2.5-1.26 Ma) drape the flanks of the volcano. Cerro Chivato (dark green dome in northeast part of diagram, 3.16 Ma) is part of an older volcanic center in southwestern Mesa Chivato now largely flooded by younger basaltic lavas, 1.9-2.5 Ma). Cretaceous rocks (green and vellow-green),

which underlie the volcanic pile, are well exposed in canyons draining south.