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Geologic Map of the Chili 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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Description of Map Units

01.01.U01T01Artificial fill/Compacted sediment, consisting primarily of sand, used for highway fill.	04.02.U01C03T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Chama/Sandy gravel axial channel deposits of the Rio Chama in addition to minor floodplain deposits of silt and very fine sand. The gravel consists of pebbles and cobbles that are generally clay-supported.	05.02.021.U01T01Intrusive basalt bodies of Lobato Formation/Dark gray to gray (N 4' to 5') basalt that weathers brown (7.5YR 5/2-3). Composed of abundant plagioclase and unidentifiable mafic minerals (no biotite). Crystals are 1-2 mm long and elongated.
02.01.U01D04D01Aeolian sand dune deposits/Pale brown sand (10YR 6/3) in dunes up to about 2 m tall. Internal bedding not exposed. Sand is subrounded to rounded, well sorted, and consists of quartz with 12-15% pinkish grains (probably mostly potassium feldspar).	04.04.U01C04T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Chama/Sandy gravel axial channel deposits of the Rio Chama in addition to minor floodplain deposits of silt and very fine sand. The gravel consists of pebbles and cobbles that are generally clay-supported.	05.02.051.U01T01Phreatomagmatic deposits associated with the Lobato Formation/Very fine to medium beds of very poorly sorted, fine to very coarse sand and very fine to coarse pebbles of basalt. Y5% basaltic clasts. Sand consists of Ojo Caliente SP.
02.02.U01D04D01Aeolian sand deposits, locally reworked by slopewash/Strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) fine to medium sand and silt very fine to medium sand. Sediment is planar or slightly wavy laminitic. Silt sand may be in very thin to thin, tabular to lapp.	04.06.U01C06T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Chama/Sandy gravel axial channel deposits of the Rio Chama in addition to minor floodplain deposits of silt and very fine sand. The gravel consists of pebbles and cobbles that are generally clay-supported.	06.01.011.U01T01Hernandez Member of the Chama Formation/Interspersed floodplain deposits and coarse channel fills. The floodplain deposits commonly are gray-brown (10YR 6/2-3, 2.5Y 5-7/2) to light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) to very pale brown (10YR 6/4).
02.03.U01D04D01Aeolian sand deposits occupying a low topographic position in valley bottom/Sand and gravel that occupy modern channels, floodplains, or slightly elevated (about 1 m or less) areas adjacent to active anarops. Sand is generally planar-laminated. The sediment is lapp.	04.08.U01C08T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Chama/Sandy gravel axial channel deposits of the Rio Chama in addition to minor floodplain deposits of silt and very fine sand. The gravel consists of pebbles and cobbles that are generally clay-supported.	06.01.021.U01T01Cajita Member of the Chama Formation/This unit extends from the Tesuque Formation east of the Rio Grande to the Chama Formation west of the Rio Grande, as proposed by Koning and Ay (in press). It is composed of light brown to light.
02.04.U01D04D01Younger alluvium occupying an intermediate topographic position in valley bottom/Sand and gravel that occupy modern channels, floodplains, or slightly elevated (about 1 m or less) areas adjacent to active anarops. Sand is generally planar-laminated. The sediment is lapp.	04.10.U01C10T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.031.U01T01Cajita Member of the Chama Formation/See descriptions of the individual units. Individual members in this intertonguing zone are generally more than 3 m thick.
02.05.U01D04D01Younger alluvium occupying a high topographic position in valley bottom/Sand and gravel that occupy modern channels, floodplains, or slightly elevated (about 1 m or less) areas adjacent to active anarops. Sand is generally planar-laminated. The sediment is lapp.	04.12.U01C12T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.041.U01T01Valle Member of the Chama Formation, undivided/Very pale brown, light yellowish brown, light brown, and pink sand and silt sand, with minor lenses of very fine to medium pebbles. In most places, this member can be subdivided into.
02.06.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.14.U01C14T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.051.U01T01Upper fluvial part of Valle Member of the Chama Formation/Medium to very thick, tabular beds of silt sand; pink to very pale brown (7.5-10YR 7.0) and light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4). Sediment is also massive. Sand is very fine to lapp.
02.07.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.16.U01C16T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.061.U01T01Lower part of Valle Member of the Chama Formation, contains interbeds of silt sand/massive/Generally massive or in medium to thick, tabular beds. Internal bedding is massive or else planar-laminated to very thin beds; local cross-lapp.
02.08.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.18.U01C18T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.071.U01T01Unfossiliferous Chama Formation/Inferred Valle, Cajita, or Hernandez Members of the Chama Formation in areas of very poor exposures. Estimate 60-90 m thick.
02.09.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.20.U01C20T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.081.U01T01Unfossiliferous Chama Formation/Interbedded with Lobato Basalt/Inferred Valle, Cajita, or Hernandez Members of the Chama Formation that are interbedded with Lobato Basalt. In areas of very poor exposures. Approximate thickness.
02.10.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.22.U01C22T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.01.091.U01T01Diatomaceous silt to light gray, chalky textured, diatomite that is laminated or in very thin beds. Locally relatively massive. Local interbeds of gray, fine silt up to 30 cm thick. Exposed as a crescent-shaped 2 km southeast of the camp.
02.11.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.24.U01C24T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.02.011.U01T01Ojo Caliente Sandstone Member of the Tesuque Formation/Extremely cross-laminated sand. Sand is generally very pale brown (10YR 8.2 to 7.5) to white (10YR 8/1), fine-upper to coarse-lower in grain size, rounded to subangular (mostly).
02.12.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.26.U01C26T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.02.021.U01T01Interbedded Ojo Caliente Sandstone/Chama-EI Fldo Member, Tesuque Formation/Passage save descriptions of the Ojo Caliente Sandstone and Chama-EI Fldo Member. This unit is designated for areas where these two units are interbedded. Thickness.
02.13.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.28.U01C28T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	06.02.031.U01T01Chama-EI Fldo Member, Tesuque Formation/Pink to very pale brown (7.5-10YR 7.3-4), very fine to medium sand (mostly fine sand) and silt sand interbedded with minor volcanic sand, pebbles and pebbly sand; there are also local all.
02.14.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.30.U01C30T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	07.01.U01T01Basalt flows of the Lobato Formation/Dark gray to very dark gray (N 3' to 4'), mostly fine-grained/basalt. Contains mafic minerals mostly aligned to red-queque (ridgeline) that are both rectangular and diamondshaped (pyroxene + olivine).
02.15.U01D04D01Older alluvium marked by having abundant boulders of Lobato Basalt. Strath is commonly 1-3 m above the modern stream, but in some drainages the modern stream climbs over the strath of this deposit in an upstream direction.	04.32.U01C32T01Erosion deposits along the Rio Ojo Caliente/Sand and gravel deposited along the Rio Ojo Caliente in the extreme northeastern part of the quadrangle. No good exposure of the sediment. Gravel is predominantly quartzite, but volcanic clasts.	07.02.U01T01Basalt flows of the Lobato Formation/Dark gray to very dark gray (N 3' to 4'), mostly fine-grained/basalt. Contains mafic minerals mostly aligned to red-queque (ridgeline) that are both rectangular and diamondshaped (pyroxene + olivine).