

Explanation of Map Units

- QUATERNARY**
 - Qal** Stream-Laid Alluvium: Younger, medium to coarse-grained alluvial fan deposits and debris deposits along present stream courses.
 - Qa** Talus and Stream-Terrace Alluvium: Older, mainly coarse-grained fan and terrace deposits, talus/deposits of various ages.
 - Qol** Older Alluvium: Locally thick accumulations of coarse-grained alluvium in Cochito Creek and Margarita Canyon.
 - Qls** Landslide Deposits (Quaternary): Mainly in domains of loose alluvial deposits; altered pyroclastic rocks, includes some tuffs.
- TERTIARY**
 - Tb** Olivine Basalt: Mesocapping, remnants of flows; porphyritic aphanitic to dark gray dense to vesicular, flow layered, weathers medium gray to reddish brown, small to large phenocrysts of plagioclase, olivine, pyroxene and glass.
 - Tbx** Mesocapping, remnants of flows; local vent complexes of altered breccias and tuff.
 - Tb1** Dikes and small plugs.
 - Tp** Tuff: Upper Andesite Sequence (18.3 Ma?); Seager, and other, c. 1984. Thin to thick flows, commonly with basal agglomerate, rare vent complexes of breccias, agglomerate and tuff; dikes and small plugs.
 - Tpx** Pyroxene Andesite: Fine-grained to aphanitic, medium to dark gray and locally yellowish brown to brick red, dense to finely vesicular and scoriaceous; weathers dull gray and brownish gray, locally purple gray to reddish brown. Forms slopes with platy to locally tabular numerous to fine ledges with rough surfaces and several high prominent duffs. Typically gneissic with sparse to rare small phenocrysts of plagioclase, a pyroxene, biotite and hornblende; widespread outcroppings of vesicles; vesicles open partly filled by calcite, azoite, silica and chloite.
 - Tr** Rhyolite Porphyry: Porphyritic rhyolite and plugs; includes minor spongy felsite and fine-grained granitic dikes and plugs; the rest of Table Top Mountain.
 - Tr** Rhyolite-Trachyte Sequence: Sheets of tuff and tuff breccias, tabular interbedded with tuffaceous conglomerate; local flows and small to moderately large flow domes, scattered dikes, small plugs and vent accumulations.
 - Tr** Trachyte: Medium to coarse porphyritic, light gray and buff to flow-layered and in general non-vesicular; weathers tan to brownish gray, forms smooth to blocky outcrop slopes. Phenocrysts of alkali feldspar, sparse biotite, and rare pyroxene in a trachytic groundmass of quartz, calcite and glass.
 - Tr** Conglomerate: Tuffaceous, pinkish light gray to brownish gray, thin to medium bedded, well cemented; abundant rounded to subangular clasts of rhyolite, trachyte, andesite, quartz and alkali feldspar in a detrital rhyolite matrix; forms low rounded to steep and pebbly slopes.
 - Tr** Rhyolite: Coarsely porphyritic, light gray and pinkish gray, dense to flow-layered and locally smooth at vesicular; weathers reddish gray to maroon and reddish brown; forms rough slopes and blocky to irregular duffs; in places associated with rhyolite to massive crystalline tuff that is similar in composition. Phenocrysts, chiefly large crystals and crystal fragments of quartz, alkali feldspar, and biotite, set in a flow-layered to brecciated aphanitic matrix; locally abundant small macrocrysts of quartz and alkali feldspar.
 - Tr** Vitric-Crystal Tuff: Fine-grained, light gray and pinkish gray to white, loose to well cemented but not welded; thin to very thick bedded; commonly tabular to blocky, locally massive and blocky; in places associated with rhyolite to massive crystalline tuff that is similar in composition. Phenocrysts, chiefly large crystals and crystal fragments of quartz, alkali feldspar, and biotite, set in a flow-layered to brecciated aphanitic matrix; locally abundant small macrocrysts of quartz and alkali feldspar.
 - Tr** Tuff Breccias: Fine to coarse grained, light gray and buff to purple brown, moderately compact to densely welded, medium to thick bedded; weathers tan to reddish brown, forms rocky knobs and spiky ledges and peaks and locally vertically oriented duffs. Crystals and crystal fragments of quartz, andesine and biotite in a finely layered and bedded matrix of devitrified glass, altered andesite and iron-rich material; small to very large clasts of rhyolite in others; abundant blocks of rhyolite in others; abundant blocks of rhyolite in others; abundant blocks of rhyolite in others; abundant blocks of rhyolite in others.
 - Tr** Lower Andesite Sequence: The tuff flows generally with basal agglomerate; sheets and lenses of tuff, tuff breccias and conglomerate.
 - Tr** Vari complexes of breccias, tuff breccias and tuff.
 - Tr** Dikes, sills and small plugs.
 - Tr** Pyroxene Andesite: Fine-grained to aphanitic, medium bluish gray to dark bluish or greenish gray, dense and uniform to finely porphyritic, in part amygdaloidal; weathers dull gray brownish gray, maroon and reddish brown, forms smooth to blocky slopes, irregular ledges and prominent dark duffs and buttresses. Typically a field of pyroxene, biotite and hornblende; widespread outcroppings of vesicles; vesicles open partly filled by calcite, azoite, silica and chloite.
 - Tuff and Tuff Breccias**: Fine to coarse grained, reddish yellow to dark reddish brown, thin to medium bedded, moderately compact but not welded; forms smooth to blocky slopes and scattered low ledges.
 - Ven Breccias**: Coarse and blocky greenish gray to reddish brown, closely packed blocks of andesite in a matrix of highly altered pyroclastic material; forms blocky slopes and no projecting outcrops.
 - Calgonite tuff**: Tuffaceous, blocky to blocky gray and buff to light reddish brown, thin to medium bedded; abundant angular to sub-rounded clasts of andesite in a detrital andesite matrix; forms low ledges and rubbly slope.
- DECIAR-RHYOLITE SEQUENCE**
 - Till** Lavender Member: Wincrystal tuff and tuff breccias, medium to coarse grained, light gray and lavender to pinkish gray and buff medium to very thick bedded; locally welded and dense, especially in lower part; weathers yellow to purplish brown, forms low to high rounded but steep. Crystals of quartz, andesine, plagioclase, and biotite in a purplish compact matrix of devitrified glass and f fragments of pumice.
 - Till** White Member: Wincrystal tuff, fine grained, light gray to white, thin to medium bedded, soft and porous; irregularly gray near base, coarser near top; weathers dull gray and forms low outcrops. Fragments of plagioclase, biotite, sparse quartz and andesine and iron-rich dactils, and talc in domains of devitrified glass.
 - Till** Red Member: Wincrystal tuff and tuff breccias, fine to medium grained, brick red to brownish red, porous to compact; moderately to strongly welded in some areas; forms blocky slopes and low duffs. Devitrified layered fragments of pumice commonly as much as 10 cm long, with fragments of plagioclase, sparse biotite and andesine and rare quartz in a compact groundmass of devitrified glass and talc with hematite.
 - Till** Tan Member: Wincrystal tuff, fine to medium grained, white and pinkish gray to tan and light reddish brown, thin to medium bedded; generally porous and granular to glassy dense welded; weathers medium gray to brown and forms rounded outcrops. Fragments of plagioclase, biotite, pumice, welded tuff, and dactils in a devitrified glassy matrix. **Till** Tuff Breccias: Wincrystal tuff, fine grained, yellowish and pinkish gray to brown and reddish brown, thin to medium bedded; generally porous and granular to glassy dense welded or well cemented forms blocky ledges and rounded outcrops. Fragments of plagioclase, biotite, pumice, welded tuff, dactils, and talc in a devitrified glassy matrix.
 - Till** Base Welded Member: Tuff breccias, fine to coarse grained, pale lavender and pinkish gray to purple and reddish brown, thin to very thick bedded; in general densely welded, but locally less welded or compacted near top; uppermost part locally rich in small pebbles; weathers tan to purple brown and reddish brown; forms numerous blocky ledges and low to irregular duffs. Groundmass of devitrified glass covered with fragments of talc, andesine, and talcitic tuff; abundant flattened clasts of devitrified pumice; rare fragments of plagioclase, quartz and biotite.

Geologic map of the Chise quadrangle, Sierra County, New Mexico. May 2006

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Scale map from U.S. Geological Survey 1965, from photographs taken 1964. Field checked in 1965. 1:50,000 North American datum. Photographic projection, reprographed to UTM projection - zone 13N. 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 13N, shown in red.

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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CONTOUR INTERVAL XX FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

Magnetic Declination
May 2006
10° 57' East
At Map Center

Contacts

- Well-Localized
- Approximately Located or Inferred
- Concealed
- Gratulation
- Intersecting Bedding Form Lines
- Intergrading

Faults

- Well-Localized with Dip of Fault Plane
- U - Upthrown Side
- D - Downthrown Side
- Inferred
- Concealed
- Gratulation

Folds

- Anticline
- Syncline (Overturned)
- Syncline

Symbols

- Strike and Dip of Bedding
- Vertical Bedding
- Horizontal Bedding
- Overturned Bedding
- Strike and Dip of Foliation
- Horizontal Foliation
- Bearing and Plunge of Lineation
- Direction of Landslide Movement
- Landslide Scarp
- Radiometer Read Sample Location
- Cross-Section Line
- Jug-in Section
- Jasperoid replacement; mainly of carbonate units
- Generated dip of bedding or foliation projection on section

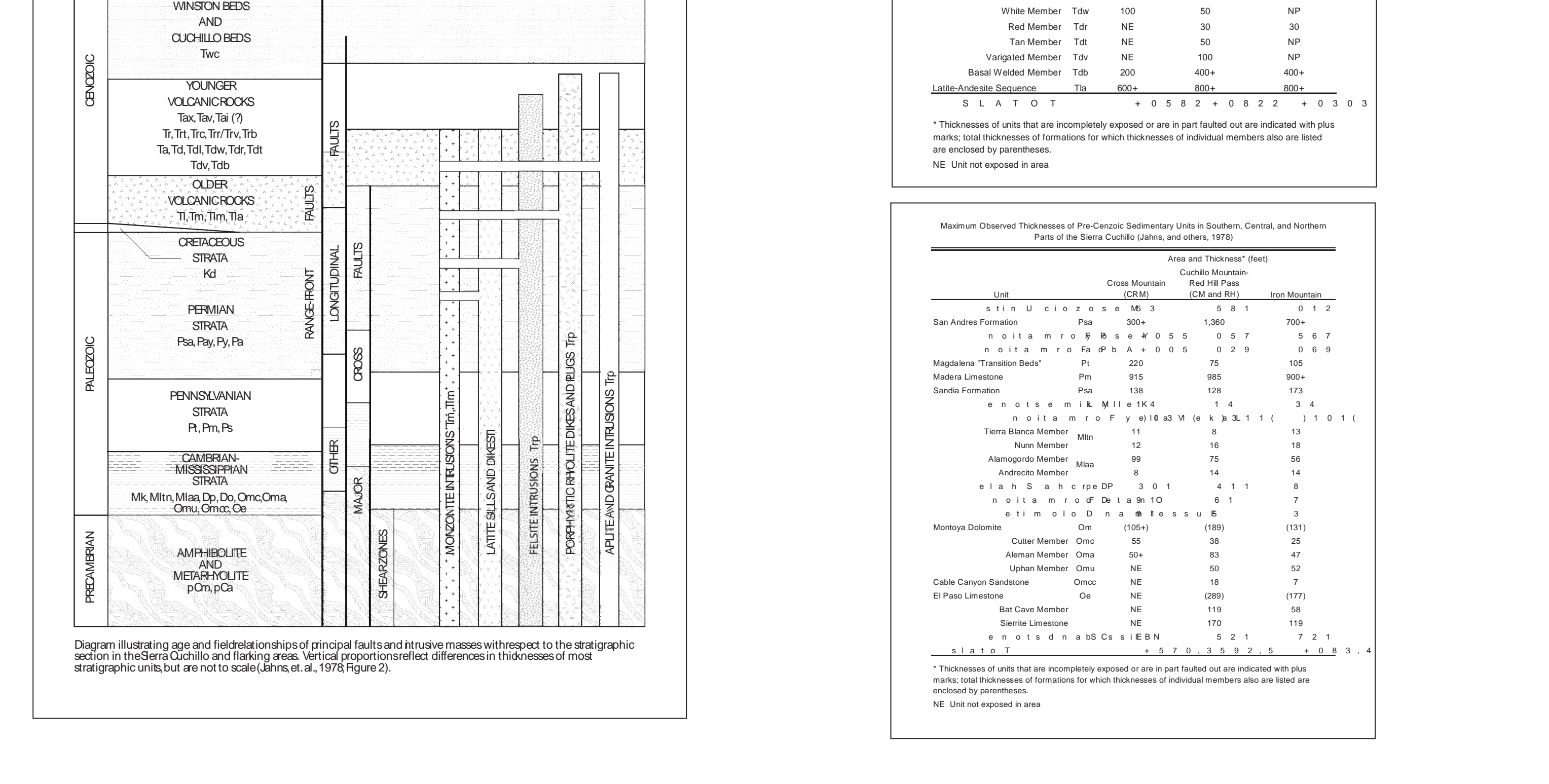
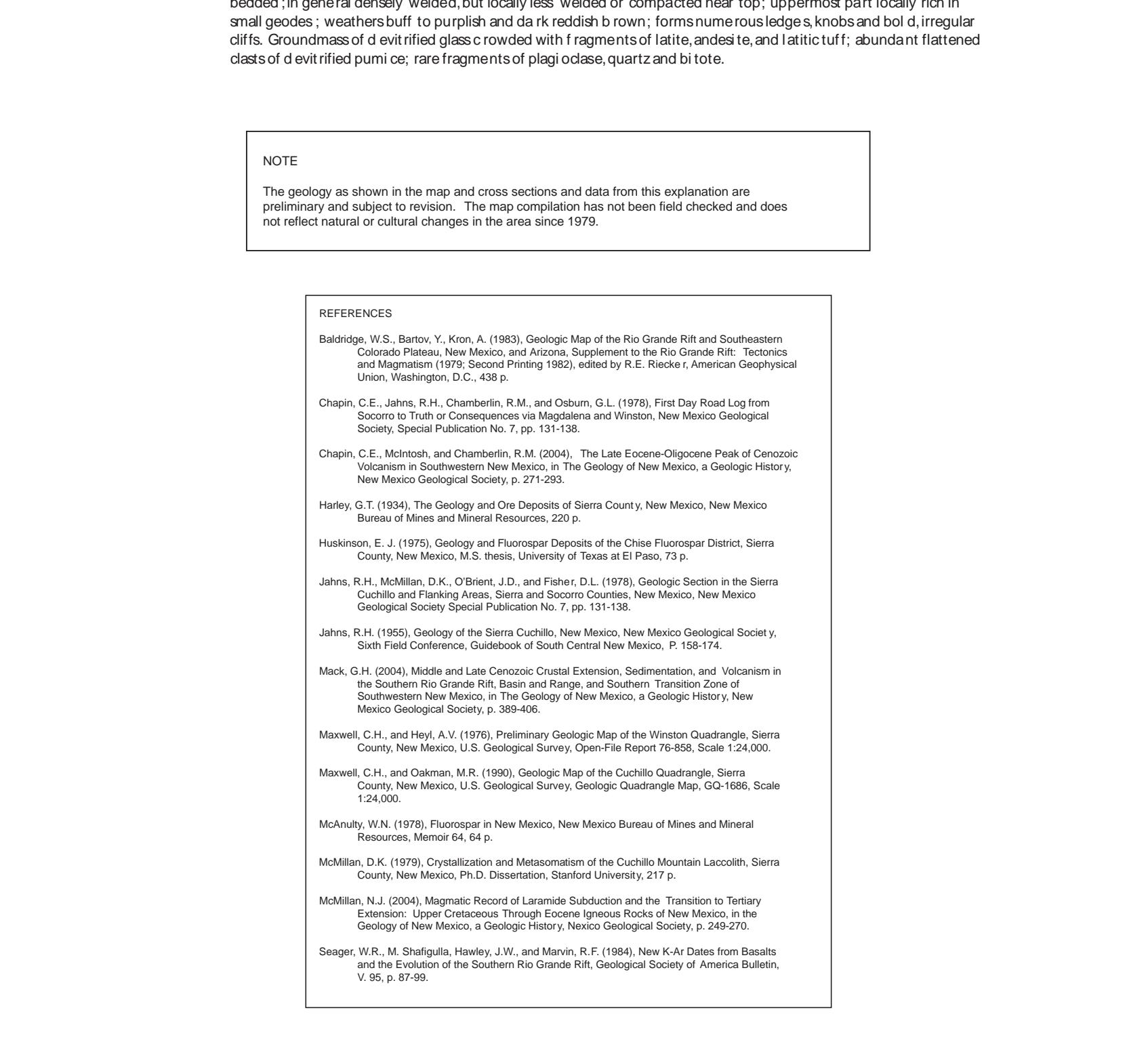


Diagram illustrating ages and sedimentation of principal faults and structural features with respect to the stratigraphic column in the Chise Quadrangle and Buckhorn Valley. Vertical proportions are exaggerated. Differences in thickness of most stratigraphic units but are to scale (Lahm et al., 1976, Figure 2).