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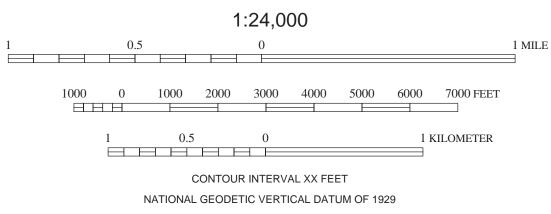




Magnetic Declination

May, 2006 9º 57' East

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Im Monzonite Porphyry (48.8 my; Chapin, personal communication)

Tla Latite-Andesite Sequence Undifferentiated Sheets and lenses of tuff and tuff b reccia, thin to moderately thick flows; local vent complexes of tuff, tuff breccia, and flow rocks; lacust rine accumul ations of volcaniclastic sedime nt; dikes and small plug s.

Porphyritic aphanitic and aphaniti c, greenish g ray to maroon and dark purplish g ray, propylitically altered; typically in moderately thick to thick flow units; forms bouldery outcrops and bold cliffs. Phenocrysts mainly albit zed plagi oclase and hornblende al tered to epido te and chlo rite; rare biotite and pyroxene; quartz and al kali felspar restricted to

Medium to extremely coarse grained, dull lavender and greenish gray to purplish gray and dark maroon, massive and dense, propylitically altered; forms rounded hills with rubbly to bouldery slopes. Fine-grained groundmass of altered pyroclastic m aterials typically crowded with sub-andgular to rounded fragments of latite and trachyandesite; clasts

Fine grained and crystal poor, greenish and pin kish gray to purplish brown, thin to thick bedded, in general altered; compact but apparently not welded; typically intertongued with tuff b reccia; forms few extensive outcrops.

Tuffaceous muds tone, silts tone and sands tone, greenish g ray and olive drab to medium b rown, thin bedded, locally fossiliferous; represents lacust rine deposition of reworked volcanic deb ris, possibly with addition of air fall tuff;

Kd Dakota Formation equi valent (?) (Upper Cretaceous) Interbedded orthoquartzite, shale, limestone, and locally abundant conglomerate with sili ceous or calcareous cement and closely packed pebbles of chert, jasper, quartz, limestone, and sandstone (probably all or in part equivalent to Dakota Formation); locally underlain by brown calcareous shale, bluish gray limestone, and gray silty sandstone; overlain by reddish-brown shale.

Limestone, fine-grained, medium to dark gray, thin to medium bedded, fossili ferous, generally fetid when st ruck; subordinate interbeds of silty limestone, yellowish to reddish silts tone, and reddish fine-g rained sanstone; forms

Sandstone and silts tone, varigated in shades of yellowish, greenish and reddish to reddish b rown, thin to medium

Siltstone, mudstone and sands tone, red, maroon, and yellowish to reddish b rown, thin to medium bedded, generally calcareous; thin beds and lenses of g reenish g ray limestone and reddish b rown limestone-pebble conglome rate near base; lowermost part fossiliferous and may be equivalent to Bursum Formation.

Siltstone, mudstone, and sandstone, greenish to pinkish gray and yellowish to reddish brown or maroon, generally calcareous; numerous thin interbeds of fossiliferous gray to pinkish or greenish nodular silty limestone; thin to thick bedded, fine to medium g rained g ray limestone abunda nt in upper and middle parts; many thin to thick beds and lenses of conglome rate with silty to sandy fossiliferous matrix and abunda nt pebbles of limes tone, siltstone and chert;

Limestone, fine to medium g rained, light to medium g ray, thin to very thick bedded, commonly che rty, locally nodular, sparsely to abundantly fossiliferous; numerous shaly partings and rare layers of calcareous silts tone; thin to thick beds of vit reous or thoquartzite near base; thickest limestone beds form prominent gray cliffs, weathering brownish whe re chert

Siltstone and silty sandstone, greenish gray to reddish brown, calcareous, slab by and platy to papery where weathered, interbedded with limes tone, fine grained, light to medium g ray, medium to thick bedded, commonly cherty; some medium to thick bedded, light gray to brownish o rthoquartzite in middle and up per parts; pebble to large-block conglome rate and b reccia, with fragments of chert and coarse grained limes tone at base; forms some led gy outcrops.

Limestone and coquina, medium to very coarse grained, light bluish gray to very light gray, thick bedded to massive, locally rich in light colored chert; forms broad "whaleback" outcrops and rounded cliffs.

Lake Valley Formation (Mississippian)

Limestone medium to coarse grained, light to medium bluish g ray, platy to thick bedded, locally fossiliferous, with sparse to abundant lenses of pin kish to light gray; some beds of coquina near top; scattered silty partings; forms some led gy outcrops. MIn Nunn Member Limestone, marl and coquina, fine to medium g rained, pinkish and yellowish to light gray, very thin bedded to platy, richly fossiliferous; sparse pods of gray chert near base, and locally abundant thin layers of pinkish to light

> Limestone, fine to medium g rained, medium to dark gray, medium to thick bedded, locally fossili ferous; layers and / bulbous lenses of che rt with distin ctive light and dark gray concentric layering; forms rib-like ocutcrops and I ocally

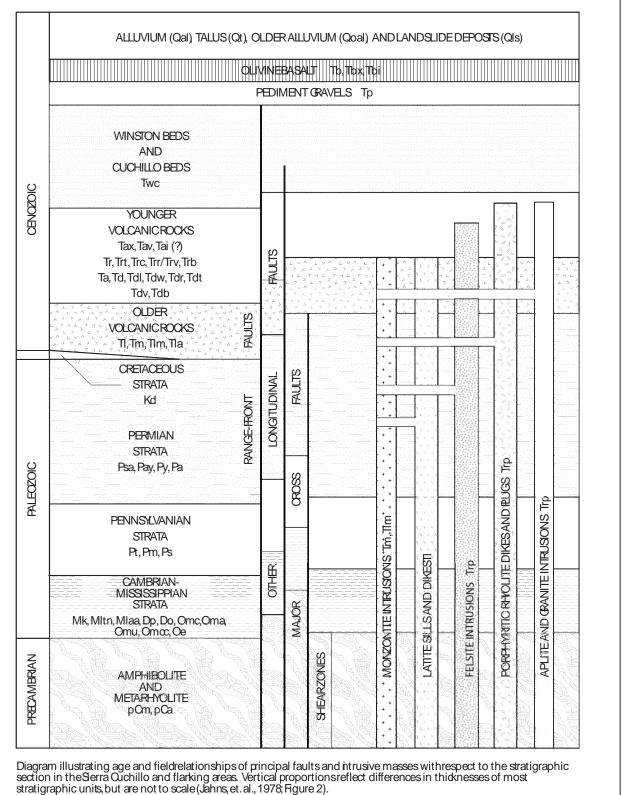
Limestone and marl, fine to medium grained, light to medium bluish gray, very thin to medium bedded and I ocally nodular, richly fossiliferous; includes nume rous silty partings and thick I ayers of deli cately bedded calcareous silt;

rarely well exposed.

Siltstone, medium to dark gray, homogeneous, in part calcareous; thin layer of phosph atic nodules at base; much

Siltstone, medium to dark gray, calcareous, interbedded with medium g ray, silty, nodular to flaggy dolomite and limestone;

Dolomite, fine to medium grained, medium to thickly bedded, locally cherty; forms ledges and I ow cliffs.



Montoya Dolomite (Ordovician)

Omc Cutter Member Dolomite, finely crystalline to sublith ographic, very light gray to greenish gray, thin to moderately thick bedded and locally irregularly bedded, in part cherty; scattered sitty layers and partings; generally weathers to smooth,

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light colored surfaces, but forms brownish crusty surfaces where cherty. Oma Aleman Member Dolomite and limestone, fine-grained, light to medium gray, thin to moderately thick bedded, with many undulatory silty partings; abundant banded g ray chert in sub-paralled thin layers and thic ker globular lenses;

forms bold outcrops and I ow cliffs with ribbed faces. Omu Upham Dolomite Dolomite and limes tone, fine to moderately coarse grained, very light to medium gray and bluish gray, medium to very thick bedded; banded che rt: sparse to moderately abunda nt in upper part; sandy dolomi te in lowest part; locally forms rounded cliffs with surfaces that are rough in detail.

Omcc Cable Canyon Sandstone Orthoquartzite, vitreous, fine to coarse grained and pebbly, and sandstone with sili ceous or calcareous cement and numerous granules of quartz, chert, dolomite; light gray to yellowish and b rownish b ray; hard and resistant but forms

Limestone and dolomi te, fine-grained, light to medium gray and pin kish gray, thin to medium bedded and in part irregularly bedded, locally cherty; sandy and sil ty partings in up per part; locally stromatolitic, detrital, and irregularly bedded; thickest beds form low, rib-like cliffs.

Sierrito Limestone Limestone and dolomi te, fine to very fine grained, light to medium gray, thin to medium bedded with abunda nt closely spaced, crenul ated lamin ations of light gray chert; glau conitic and I ocally silty near base; forms some I ow cliffs with gray to light brownish faces that appear banded.

6b Bliss Sandstone (Cambrian and Ordovician) Upper part interbedded greenish gray to dark reddish brown sandstone, siltstone, and silty limestone and dolomi te

and dolomite, with many glau conite-rich layers; lower part interbedded light gray vitreous orthoquartzite, greenish gray to dark brownish gray felspathic sands tone and sil ty sanstone, and medium to dark reddish brown sands tone with layers of oolitic hem atite; thick beds of orthoquartzite with thin lenses of quartz pebble conglome rate at base;

upper part of section forms dark colored slopes with some ledge s, lower part light to dark colored cliffs.

low, blocky outcrops rather than conspicuous clif fs.

De El Paso Limestone (Ordovician)

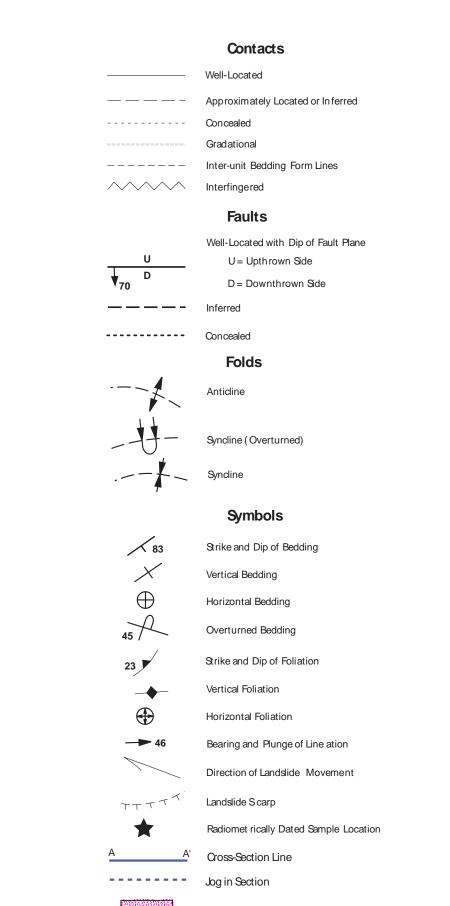
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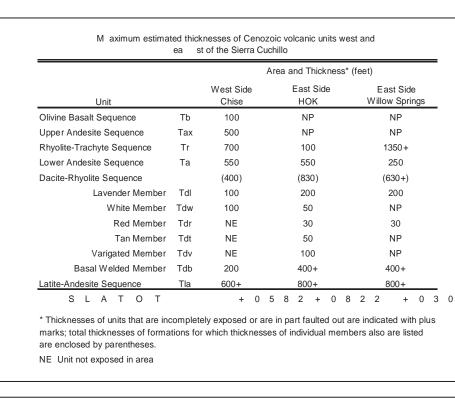
Metamorphosed Volcanic Rocks Finely crystalline, in gerneral porphyritic with sparse to abundant small phen ocrysts of quartz and al kali felsdpar,

pinkish to creamy-gray with in conspicuous g reenish-gray speckling; distinctly layered to essentially massi ve; forms bold cliffs and extensive rubbly outcrops.

pCa Amphibolite Medium - to coarse-g rained, distinctly foliated, medium to dark greenish g ray; numerous epido te-rich layers and small a mygdaloidal pods; local lenses and I ayers of breccia (agglome rate?); small masses of metadiabase; in places cut by dense dark-greenish gray metadiabas e, forms dark colored slopes.

pCu Undifferentiated (Geologic Cross Sections)





Jasperoid replacement; mainly of

Generalized dip of bedding or foliation

projected on section

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