



- Quaternary**
- Artificial Deposits**
- af** Artificial fill (Modern)-Compacted mud, sand, and gravel.
- Colluvial Deposits**
- Qc** Colluvium (Holocene)-Gravel and sand deposited along steep slopes. Poorly sorted and unstratified, with weak to absent soil development. 1-4 m thick.
 - Qca** Alluvium and colluvium, undifferentiated (middle?) Pleistocene to Holocene)-Alluvial and colluvial gravels along streams within the highlands, undifferentiated. 0 to 6 m thick.
 - Qta** Talus (Holocene)-Poorly sorted angular pebbles to boulders deposited along steep slopes with little to no matrix material. 1-4 m thick.
 - Qls** Landslides (Holocene)-Deposits of large, semi-cohesive blocks derived from uplifted escarpments of competent rock. 1-6 m thick.
- Alluvium of Tortolita Canyon**
- Qah** Younger alluvial fan sediment (Holocene)-Pebbles to minor boulders with matrix of very fine to very coarse sand with minor silt and clay. No notable soil development. 2-4 m thick.
 - Qah2** Younger terrace sediment of Tortolita Canyon (upper Pleistocene)-Surface is 4-5 m above modern stream grade.
 - Qah1** Older terrace of Tortolita Canyon (lower to upper Pleistocene)-Surface is 5-8 m above modern stream grade.
 - Qah2** Intermediate alluvial fan sediment (Pleistocene)-Alluvial fan whose surface grades into terrace unit Qah1.
 - Qah1** Older alluvial fan sediment (Pleistocene)-Alluvial fan whose surface appears to be geomorphically above that of terrace unit Qah1.
- Alluvial Deposits**
- Qah** Historic alluvium (0-1500 years old)-Sandy gravels deposited by historic discharge events. Very poorly to moderately sorted, subangular to subrounded, pebbles to local boulders, well bedded deposits with no notable soil development. 1 to 3 m thick.
 - Qahgf** Historic gully-mouth fan alluvium (Historic)-Intertwining gravel and sand deposits in distributary fans at the mouths of active gullies. Very poorly to poorly sorted, sand to pebbles to cobbles, in bars and swales that fine downstream. No notable soil development. <1 to 2 m thick.
 - Qay2** Younger alluvium, younger subunit (middle to upper Holocene)-Brownish-gray sand and gravelly sand with local pebble interbeds. Poorly sorted, medium to fine sand, in weakly bedded to massive deposits, with rare paleochannels of well-bedded pebbles. Weak soil development, with up to Stage II carbonate and/or gypsum accumulation, and brownish gray colors (10YR 3/2 to 7.5YR 5/3). 0.5 to locally 4 m thick.
 - Qay2h** Younger alluvium, younger subunit, and historic alluvium, undifferentiated (middle Holocene to Recent)-Units Qay2 and Qah, undifferentiated. 1 to 4 m thick.
 - Qay1** Younger alluvium, older subunit (lower Holocene)-Brown pebbles and sands with rare cobbles. Poorly sorted pebbles and rare cobbles fining downstream to fine to coarse sand with rare pebbles. Well bedded to massive, typically fining upwards. Moderate soil development, with up to Stage II carbonate accumulation, Stage I gypsum accumulation, weak soil illuviation textures, and local reddish brown (5YR 5/2) colors (more commonly 7.5YR 4/2 to 6/3 browns). 1 to 4 m thick.
 - Qay** Younger alluvium, undifferentiated (Holocene)-Units Qay2 and Qay1 undifferentiated. 0.5 to 4 m thick.
 - Qayh** Younger alluvium and historic alluvium, undifferentiated (Holocene to Recent)-Units Qay and Qah, undifferentiated. 1 to 4 m thick.
 - Qai** Intermediate-aged alluvium (uppermost Pleistocene)-Reddish-brown, often clay-rich sands and pebbly sands with local gravel interbeds. Poorly to moderately sorted, clay-rich, well bedded in paleochannels, typically massive. Moderately strong soil development, with up to Stage II carbonate accumulation, Stage I gypsum accumulation, common clay illuviation textures, rare disintegrating clays, and common reddish brown (5YR 4/3 to 6/3) colors. 0 to 2 m thick.
 - Qao** Older alluvium, undifferentiated (Pleistocene)-Gravel and sand deposits characterized by strongly developed carbonate horizons, buried soils, and coarse gravel sizes. Generally assigned to either Qao2 or Qao1 based on the relative height of the surface capping each deposit. Poorly to moderately sorted pebbles to local boulders in well-bedded and commonly cross-bedded deposits, grading to massive sands downstream. Strong soil development, with up to Stage III carbonate accumulation, Stage I gypsum accumulation, local clay-rich textures, rare disintegrating clasts, and reddish brown (2.5YR 4/3 to 5YR 6/3) colors. 0 to 10+ m thick.
 - Qao2** Older alluvium, younger subunit (upper Pleistocene)-Qao deposits capped by a surface inset up to that of Qao1. 1 to 3 m thick.
 - Qao1** Older alluvium, older subunit (middle?) to upper Pleistocene)-Qao deposits capped by a surface inset up to those of Qao2. 1 to 10+ m thick.
 - Qta** High-level alluvium (upper Pliocene? to lower Pleistocene)-Coarse gravel characterized by very strongly developed carbonate horizons and relatively shallow bedrock. Very poorly sorted pebbles to boulders, commonly heavily cemented by carbonate. Strong soil development, with up to Stage IV carbonate accumulation. Very poorly exposed. 1 to 35+ m thick.

- Tertiary Volcanic Deposits**
- Sierra Blanca Volcanics**
- Tcp** Church Mountain phonolite (Oligocene)-Light gray to dark gray, weathering to beige, buff, and reddish orange, crystal-rich flows with variable lithic content and sparse pumice. Phenocrysts are dominantly medium to coarse grained potassium feldspar and plagioclase feldspar, with local sparse to common fine to medium grained biotite and amphibole. Includes interbedded volcaniclastic sediments, fine grained lava flows, and sparse vitrophyres that grade upward to Twp. K-Ar age of 31.8 Ma (Webster 1971), new Ar-Ar age of 32.7 Ma. Up to 500 m thick.
 - Tnl** Nagai Peak trachyte (Oligocene)-White to pinkish gray, slightly porphyritic to aphyric trachyte lava flows. Sparse phenocrysts of plagioclase, biotite, and hornblende. Includes interbedded flow breccias. 25 m thick.
 - Tkcf** Lava flow of Kountz Canyon (Oligocene)-Crystal-rich feldspar-pyroxene porphyry flows. Feldspar phenocrysts to 7 mm across and zoned, pyroxene to 2 mm across. Up to 25 m thick.
 - Tga** Lava flows of Gaylord Peak (Oligocene)-Gray to pink, crystal-rich feldspar-pyroxene porphyry flows. Feldspar up to 7 mm across and equant to elongate; pyroxene up to 4 mm across. Fine-grained to aphanitic matrix. Upper flow up to 150 m thick; lower flow up to 50 m thick.
- Walker Volcanic Breccia**
- Twd** Unit of Double Diamond Peaks, undivided (Oligocene)-Interbedded plagioclase-phyric porphyry lavas, plagioclase- and amphibole-phyric porphyry lavas, and pebble to locally boulder conglomerates. Typically assigned to either Twd1 or Twds depending on whether flows or sediments dominate, respectively. Up to 280 m thick.
 - Twd1** Unit of Double Diamond Peaks, flow-dominated subunit (Oligocene)-Brownish gray to light purplish gray to bluish gray plagioclase, plagioclase-amphibole, and plagioclase-pyroxene porphyry lava flows. Textures from sparse (<1%) and fine-grained (<1 mm across) porphyry to crystalline (up to 20%), medium-grained (up to 3 mm across) porphyries. Includes rare interbedded conglomerate beds. Up to 280 m thick.
 - Twds** Unit of Double Diamond Peaks, sediment-dominated subunit (Oligocene)-Purplish gray to gray pebble to cobble to locally boulderly volcaniclastic conglomerates. Very poorly to poorly sorted, angular to subrounded clasts of dominantly plagioclase porphyry lavas. Locally appear to fill map-scale paleochannels. Includes rare interbedded lavas. Up to 140 m thick.
 - Twbs** Tuff of Argentina Springs (Oligocene)-Black to gray to yellowish tan, poorly welded to densely welded and strongly flow-foliated (choronorphic), lithic-rich ignimbrite. Locally abundant phenocrysts of sanidine, plagioclase, and biotite up to 5 mm across, with sparse quartz and hornblende(?). Along north flank of Church Mountain, includes an interbedded volcaniclastic interval. 40 to 120 m thick.
- Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, undivided (upper Eocene? to Oligocene).**
- Twra** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, upper (basaltic) trachyandesite subunit (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Light purplish gray to medium gray plagioclase porphyry lava flows. Plagioclase phenocrysts are common (>15%) and up to 9 mm across. Locally common pyroxene phenocrysts are up to 3 mm across. 0 to 30 m thick.
 - Twrbu** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, upper trachybasalt subunit (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Upper section of light gray aphanitic lava flows. 0 to 8 m thick.
 - Twrb** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, fine-grained flow with small pyroxene phenocrysts (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Dark gray brown to medium gray plagioclase-pyroxene porphyry lava flows. Phenocrysts are common (15-20%) and up to 2 mm across; of subequal plagioclase and pyroxene. 0 to 100+ m thick.
 - Twrs** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, volcaniclastic sedimentary subunit (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Dark reddish to purplish gray to medium gray, matrix-supported pebble to cobble conglomerates. Poorly sorted and typically massive, with clasts of aphyric and plagioclase-phyric lavas. Includes rare interbedded aphyric lavas. 10 to 110 m thick.
 - Twrb** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, lower trachybasalt subunit (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Dark gray, fine-grained to aphanitic trachybasaltic lava flows. Phenocrysts are fine (up to 1 mm across) and of plagioclase, pyroxene, and sparse idiomorphic olivine. Includes rare interbedded conglomerate beds. 0 to 75 m thick.
 - Twra** Coarse plagioclase porphyritic trachybasalt to basaltic trachyandesite (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Distinctive dark gray to gray coarse plagioclase porphyry lava flow. Elongate plagioclase phenocrysts are abundant (15-25%) and very coarse (1-2 mm across). 1 to 4 m thick.
 - Twrb** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, lower (basaltic) trachyandesite subunit (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Reddish brown to gray plagioclase-pyroxene porphyry lava flows. Crystal-poor to crystal-rich (5-25%) with fine to coarse (<5 to 10 mm across) phenocrysts. Includes rare interbedded aphanitic lava flows. Gradational basal contact. 30 to 290 m thick.
 - Twra** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, trachyandesitic subunits, undivided (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Fine-grained to aphanitic lavas with limited stratigraphic context.
 - Twrb** Unit of Rattlesnake Canyon, trachybasaltic subunits, undivided (upper Eocene? to Oligocene)-Fine-grained to aphanitic lavas with limited stratigraphic context.
 - Twbf** Unit of Barber Ridge, conglomerate- and breccia-dominated subunit (upper Eocene to Oligocene)-Medium gray to reddish and purplish gray pebble to cobble conglomerates and breccias. Poorly sorted pebbles to cobbles and local boulders of plagioclase-pyroxene porphyries of varying textures. Exposed thickness is 40 to 115 m.

- Tertiary and Mesozoic Sedimentary Rocks**
- Twb** Unit of Barber Ridge, conglomerate- and breccia-dominated subunit (upper Eocene to Oligocene)-Medium gray to reddish and purplish gray pebble to cobble conglomerates and breccias. Poorly sorted pebbles to cobbles and local boulders of plagioclase-pyroxene porphyries of varying textures. Exposed thickness is 40 to 115 m.
 - Tsc** Sanders Canyon Formation (upper Eocene)-Interbedded maroon to red floodplain deposits and light gray, sandy channel-fills. Sandstones are of poorly to moderately sorted, subangular, fine to medium sands rich in volcanic lithics (25-60%), with sparse (<1%) fine to coarse pebbles of plagioclase porphyries. Conformable basal contact. 150 to 400 m thick.
- Tertiary Intrusive Rocks**
- Tscl** Sanders Canyon Formation, fine-grained subunit (upper Eocene)-Maroon to red floodplain deposits. Locates areas of the Sanders Canyon Formation where the floodplain deposits dominate.
- Stocks and Map-Scale Sills**
- Tcm** Cub Mountain Formation (lower to middle Eocene)-Interbedded white to pale yellow to light reddish gray, arkosic sandstones and reddish mudstones. Sandstones are of moderately to well-sorted, subangular to rounded, medium sands rich in quartz (30-70%) in massive to cross-stratified paleochannels. Sparse fine pebbles of quartzite, rhyolite, and chert. 370-570 m thick.
 - Kccu** Crevasse Canyon Formation, upper part (upper Cretaceous)-Intercalated yellow channel-fill sandstones and yellowish-green floodplain deposits. Sandstones are moderately to well-sorted, subangular to subrounded, fine to medium sands of mainly quartz and lesser feldspars and lithic grains. Sparse pebbles of rhyolite, felsic intrusives, quartzite, and chert. 250-270 m thick.
 - Kcc** Crevasse Canyon Formation, lower part (upper Cretaceous)-Strata similar to that of unit Kccu, but the proportion of floodplain sediment exceeds that of sandstone channel-fills. 280-330 m thick.
 - Rialto Stock** Monzonite (Oligocene)-Gray, weakly porphyritic fine to medium-grained monzonite. Contains phenocrysts of plagioclase and small pyroxene. Intrudes Twp/Trip.
 - Tirw** Fine-grained white syenite (Oligocene)-White, fine-grained espirogarnic syenite. Hand lens-visible mineralogy of potassium feldspar, altered mafic minerals, and sparse quartz. Gradational contact with Twp/Trip.
 - Tirp** Syenite to syenite porphyry (Oligocene)-Greenish gray, medium- to coarse-grained syenite. Hand lens-visible mineralogy of plagioclase, potassium feldspar, pyroxene, hornblende, and biotite. Slightly porphyritic center (Tirp) has 4-7 mm across potassium feldspar phenocrysts. K-Ar age of 31.4 Ma (Thompson, 1973).
 - Tirp** Syenite porphyry of Tortolita Canyon (Oligocene)-Coarse porphyry syenite. Medium-grained matrix of potassium feldspar, hornblende, and trace biotite surrounds 1-2 cm long, elongate, embayed potassium feldspar phenocrysts. Intruded by Tirw/Trip.
 - Tirg** Fine-grained gray syenite (Oligocene)-Dark gray, fine-grained, sparsely porphyritic syenite. Phenocrysts of green amorphous pink orthoclase, pyroxene, and biotite. Intruded by Tirw/Trip.
 - Tirx** Xenolith-rich margins of the Rialto stock (Oligocene)-Angular to subrounded blocks of fine-grained syenite and Walker volcanics included within medium- to fine-grained syenite near the margins of the Rialto stock.
- Mafic-Intermediate Sills**
- Tiric** Trachyte sill of Little Cub Mountain (Oligocene)-Fine-grained trachyte. Hand lens-visible mineralogy dominated by feldspar, with rare unidentified mafic grains (3-8%), 0 to 100 m thick.
 - Tirsa** Syenitic sill of Hughes Hill (Oligocene)-Light gray to yellowish gray porphyritic syenite. Phenocrysts of potassium feldspar (5-10%, 1 to 8 mm across), plagioclase (2-3%, up to 1 mm across), hornblende (<1%, up to 1 mm across), and biotite (<1%). Fine-grained matrix. 0 to 20 m thick.
 - Tirdb** Alkali basalt porphyry of Diamond Spring (Oligocene)-Purplish gray to dark gray coarse plagioclase porphyry basalt. Plagioclase phenocrysts are flattened broad lathes 0.3 to 2 cm across (or more in Tirdb) and up to 35% of rock.
- Mafic-Intermediate Intrusions**
- Tirwb** Alkali basalt porphyry of Wind Canyon (Oligocene)-Medium to dark gray, coarse plagioclase fine pyroxene porphyry basalt. Phenocrysts are plagioclase (0-20 mm across, 5-10%) and pyroxene (up to 3 mm across, 0-2%). Aphyric to fine-grained matrix of plagioclase, pyroxene, and other mafic grains.
 - Tirbu** Basaltic porphyry intrusions, undivided (Oligocene)-Medium to dark gray, coarse plagioclase fine pyroxene porphyry basalt. Small outcrops of rocks similar to Tirdb and Tirwb with poorly exposed contacts, interpreted to be mafic intrusive bodies.
 - Tirpn** Monodiorite of Pine Canyon (Oligocene)-Light gray to medium gray, fine to medium-grained monodiorite. Crystals are <1 to 2 mm across of potassium feldspar, plagioclase (up to 30%), amphibole (up to 15%), and biotite (up to 5%).

- Dikes and Thin Sills**
- Felsic Dikes and Sills**
- Tit** Fine-grained to aphyric trachyte dikes (Oligocene)-White to light gray, aphanitic to sparsely porphyritic trachytes. Sparse feldspar phenocrysts up to 1 mm across. Up to 1 m thick.
 - Tis** Medium-grained syenite dikes (Oligocene)-Pink, medium-grained, equigranular syenites. Composed of potassium feldspar, hornblende, and sparse quartz. Up to 7 m thick.
 - Tisp** Porphyritic syenite dikes (Oligocene)-White to light gray and light tan, potassium feldspar plagioclase porphyry syenites. Potassium feldspar phenocrysts 2 to 8 mm across, up to 15% of rock, plagioclase 1-4 mm across, up to 5% of rock. Up to 7 m thick.
 - Tissa** Porphyritic syenite sills (Oligocene)-Light pink to light tan, potassium feldspar porphyry syenite sills. Similar in appearance to Tisp dikes. Up to 1 m thick.
 - Tif** Felsic dikes (Oligocene)-White, fine-grained, aphyric, felsic dikes. 1 to 5 m thick.
 - Tim** Megacrystic trachyte porphyry (Oligocene)-Greenish gray, coarse porphyry dikes and sills. "Megacrysts" of embayed hornblende and/or green pyroxene, up to 4 cm across. Up to 20 m across.
- Mafic-Intermediate dikes**
- Timd** Monodiorite dikes (Oligocene)-Light gray to medium gray, k-feldspar-plagioclase-amphibole-biotite dikes. Identical in appearance to Timn. Up to 2 m thick.
 - Titp** Trachyte porphyry dikes (Oligocene)-Light to dark gray, plagioclase porphyry dikes. Plagioclase phenocrysts are 10 to 20 mm long lathes and are 15 to 25% of the rock. Fine-grained matrix of feldspars and pyroxene. 1 to 4 m thick.
 - Tifa** Porphyritic trachyandesite dikes (Oligocene)-Light gray to purplish gray plagioclase-pyroxene porphyry dikes. Phenocrysts are 1 to 10 mm across, and 5-10% of rock. 1 to 12 m wide.
 - Tig** Equigranular alkali gabbro-syenogabbro dikes (Oligocene)-Salt and pepper, fine- to medium-grained, equigranular dikes and small sills. Plagioclase and pyroxene phenocrysts. 2 to 8 m wide.
 - Tib** Aphyric trachybasalt dikes (Oligocene)-Dark gray, aphanitic to sparsely porphyritic dikes. Sparse phenocrysts of plagioclase. Up to 1 m wide.
- Units Only in Cross-Section**
- Projected from Cub Mountain quadrangle (Koning, 2011).
- Kccdc** Crevasse Canyon Formation, Dalton Sandstone (Upper Cretaceous)
 - Kccdd** Crevasse Canyon Formation, Dico Member (Upper Cretaceous)
 - Kgs** Gallup Sandstone (Upper Cretaceous)
 - Km** Mancos Shale and Tres Hermanos Formations (Upper Cretaceous)
 - Kd** Dakota Formation (Upper Cretaceous)
 - Km** Moenkopi Formation (Middle Triassic)
 - ps-Tm** Pre-Moenkopi Formation units, including San Andres and Yezo Formations.

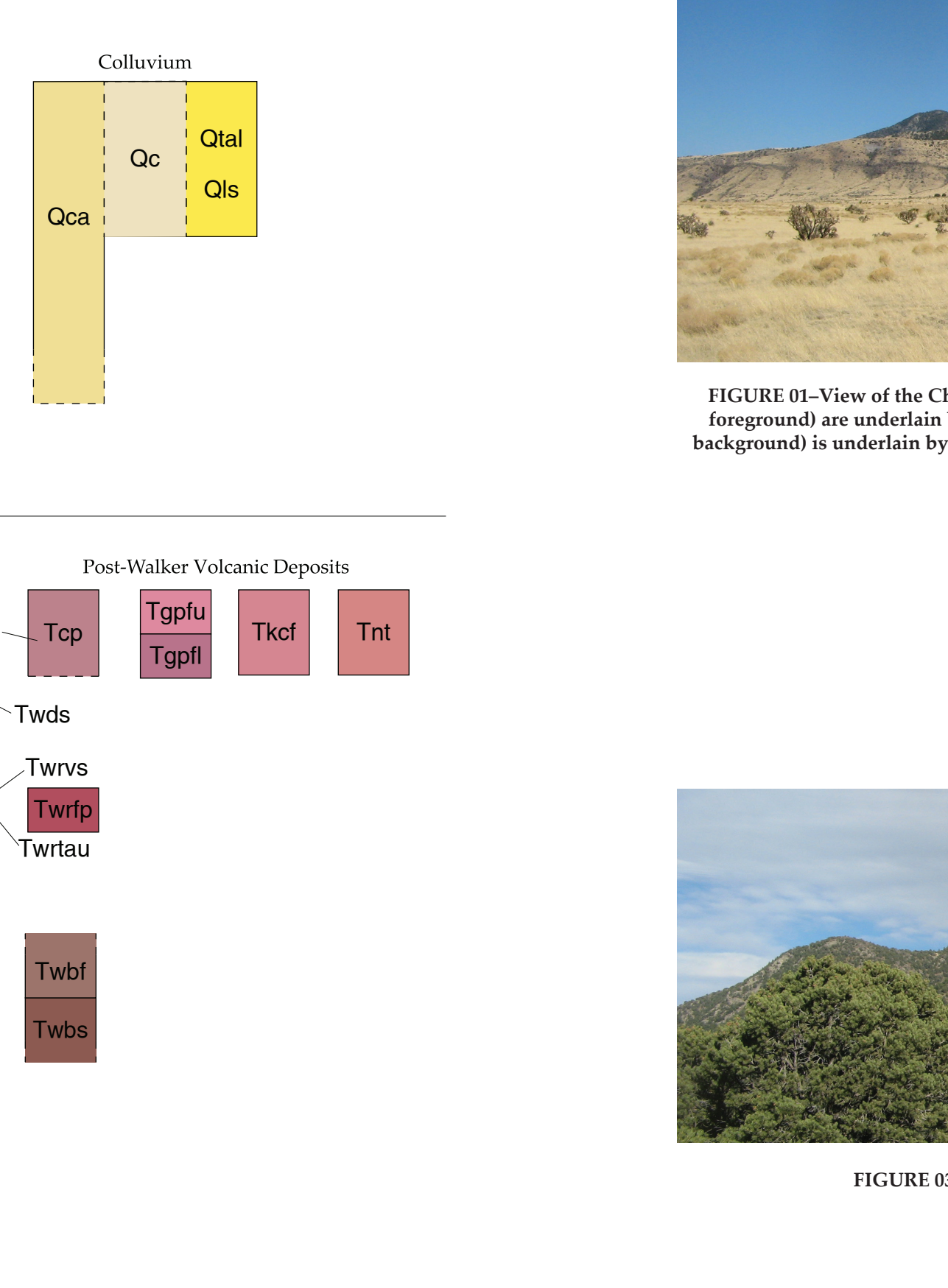
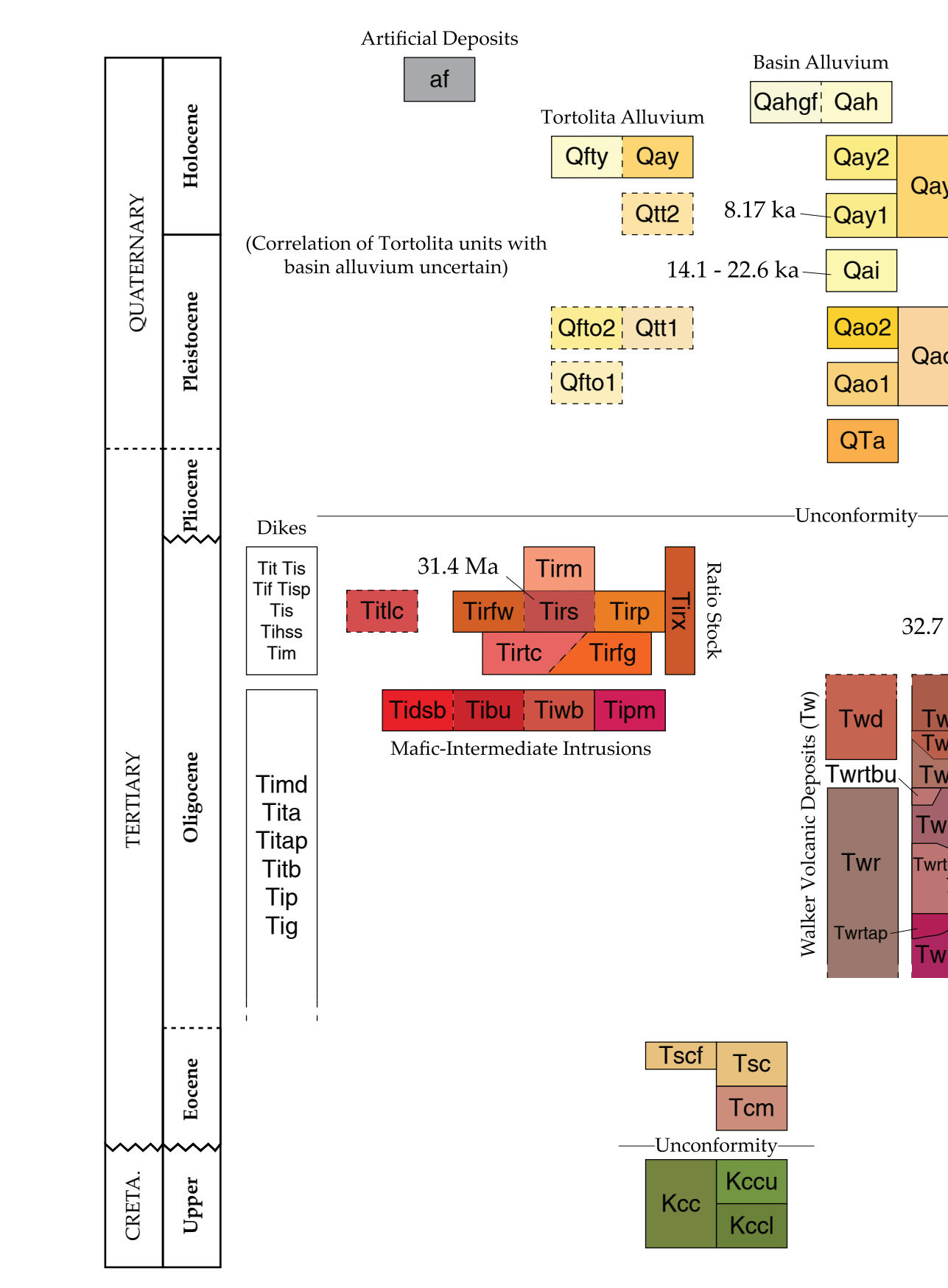


FIGURE 01-View of the Church Mountain highlands from the west. The Double Diamond Peaks (grass-covered hills in foreground) are underlain by gently-dipping volcanic and volcanoclastic of the upper Walker Tm. Diamond Peak (right background) is underlain by similar, though altered, rocks. Church Mountain (left background) is underlain by the Church Mountain phonolite (gray cliffs on right side).

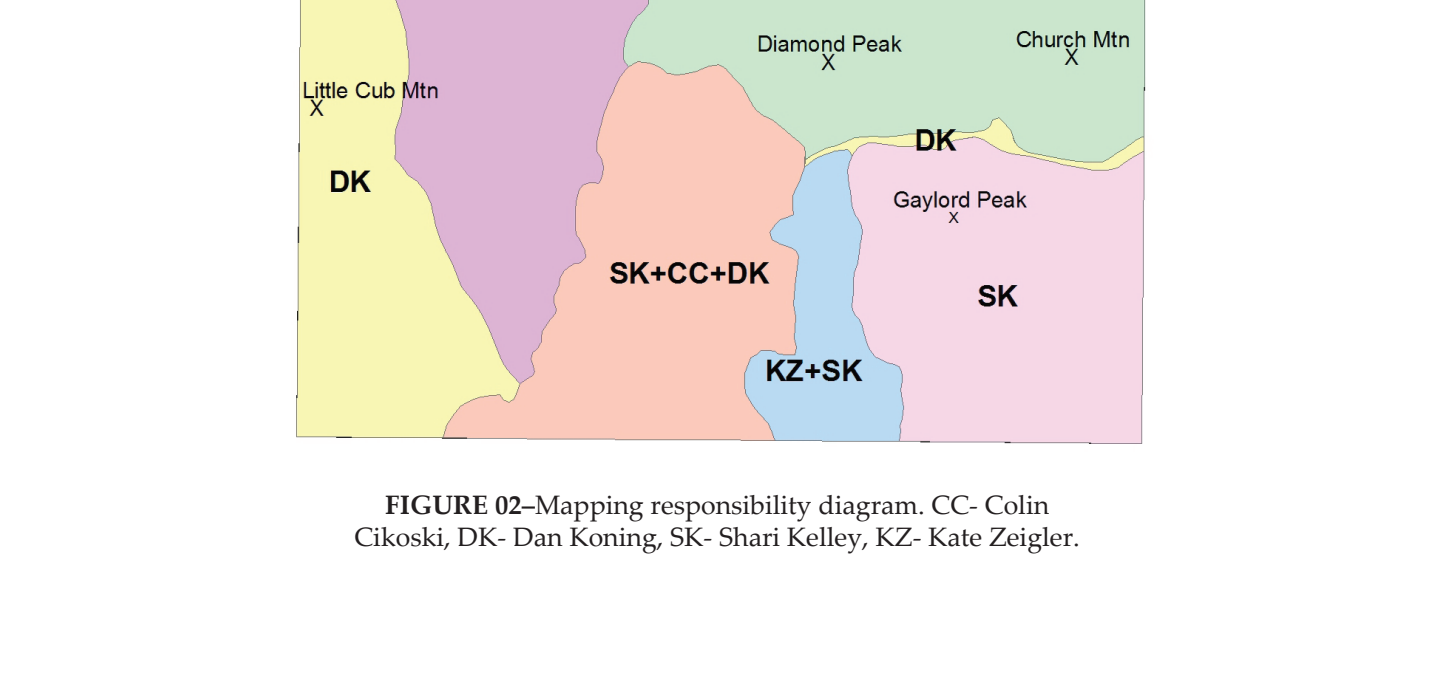
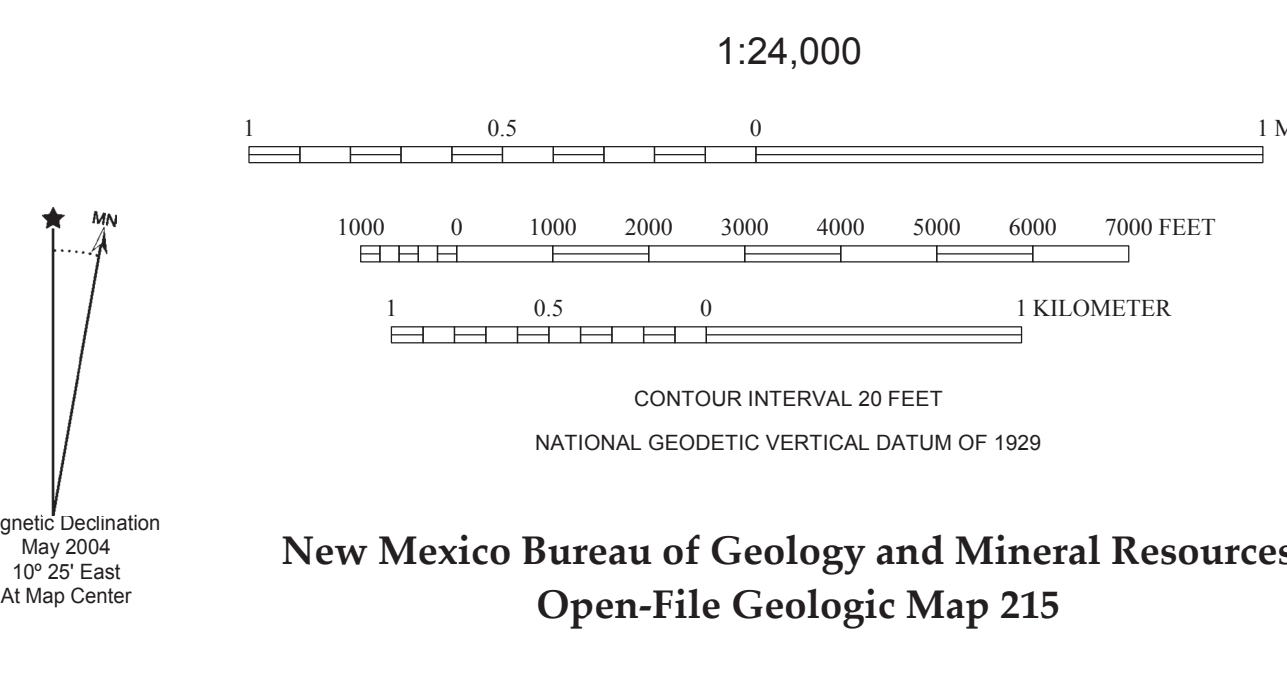
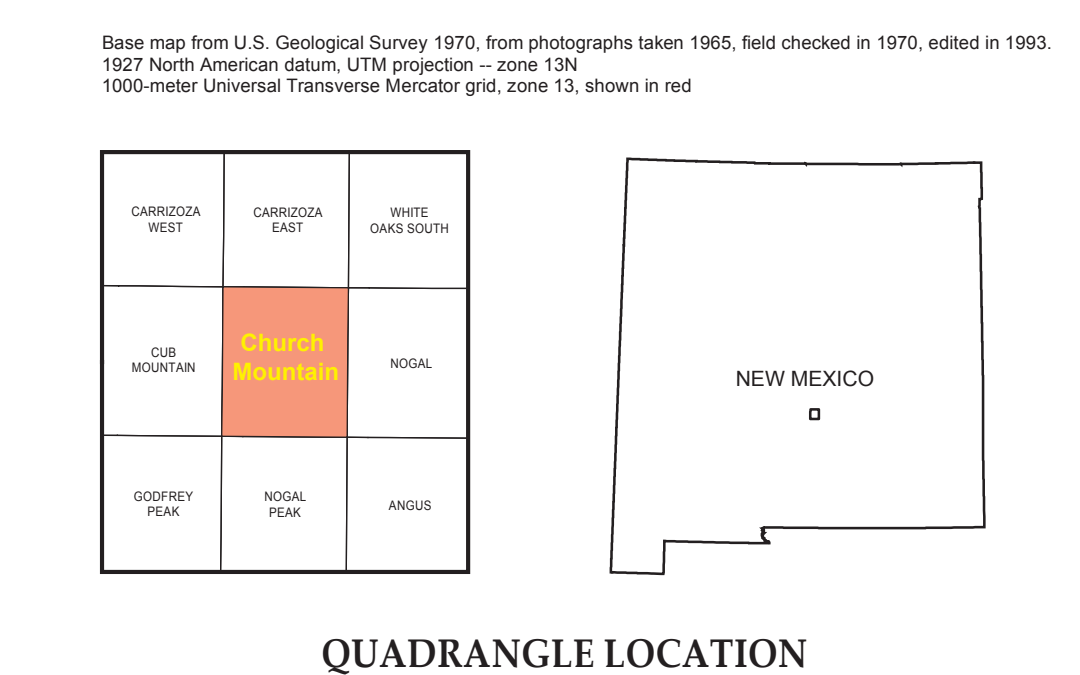


FIGURE 02-Mapping responsibility diagram. CC, Colin Cikoszki; DK, Dan Koning; SK, Shari Kelley; KZ, Kate Zeigler.



FIGURE 04-Gully cut exposes some of the soil characteristics used to differentiate units. Gray unit with white carbonate patches at base is Qao2 medial, thin, brown deposit is Qay1; brownish gray uppermost deposit is Qay2. For scale, Qay2 is 1-2 m thick.



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Geologic map of the Church Mountain quadrangle, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

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- MAP SYMBOLS**
- Contact-Solid where exposed or known; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; queried where uncertain.
 - Normal fault-Bar and ball on downthrown side; solid where exposed or known; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; queried where uncertain in existence.
 - Strike-slip fault-Showing relative horizontal separation; solid where exposed or known; dashed where approximately located; dotted where concealed; queried where uncertain in existence.
 - Strike and dip of inclined bedding.
 - Horizontal bedding.
 - Vertical bedding.
 - Horizontal foliation.
 - Inclined foliation.
 - Geologic cross section.

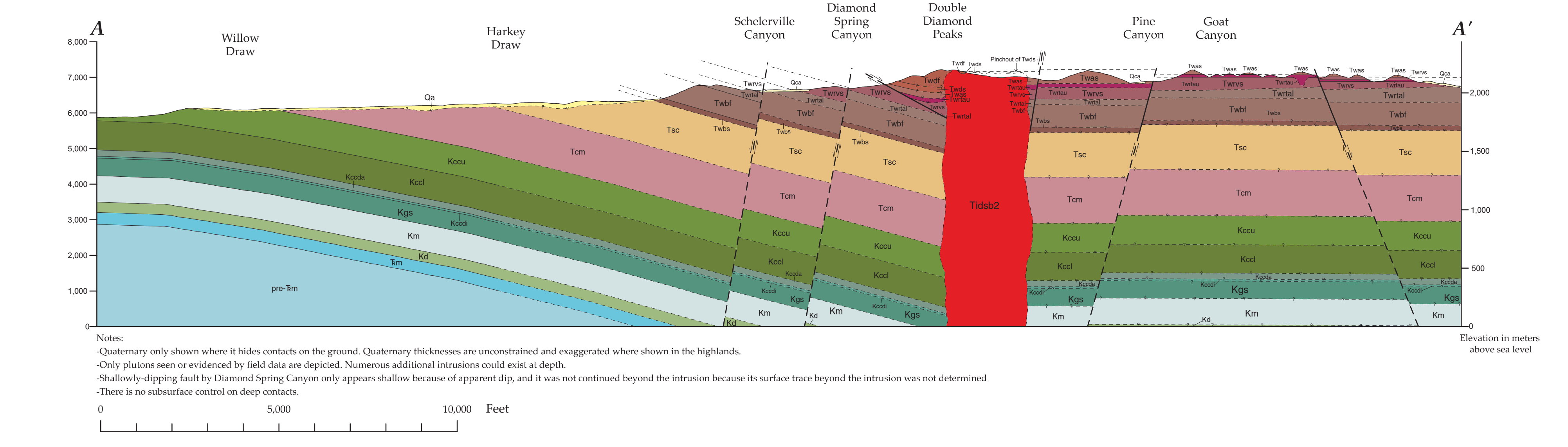
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FIGURE 05-Cliff of the tuff of Argentina Springs, showing strong flow foliation, lithic-rich nature, and feldspar phenocrysts.



Notes:
-Quaternary only shown where it hides contacts on the ground. Quaternary thicknesses are unconstrained and exaggerated where shown in the highlands.
-Only plutons seen or evidenced by field data are depicted. Numerous additional intrusions could exist at depth.
-Shallowly-dipping fault in Diamond Spring Canyon only appears shallow because of apparent dip, and it was not continued beyond the intrusion because its surface trace beyond the intrusion was not determined.
-There is no subsurface contact on deep contacts.