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# Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico.

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of rock and deposits and the occurrence of structural features. Geologic and fault contacts are and cultural changes associated with recent development may not be shown.

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#### Map Unit Descriptions

#### **QUATERNARY**

Disturbed and/or artificial fill—Areas affected by human disturbances, mapped where deposits or extractions are areally extensive.

Alluvium (Holocene)—Sand, gravel, and mud in and adjacent to modern arroyo channels. Alluvium is typically at or near the grade of modern channels. 0–10 m thick. Numerous shallow (< 2 m deep) pits are present in this unit and units Qae, Qe, and Qes near San Mateo Creek in the southwest part of the quadrangle. These pits (stippled areas on map) are largely the result of deflation, but some may be the result of soil collapse.

Eolian and alluvial deposits (Upper Pleistocene-Holocene)—Reddish-brown eolian sand and loessic silt locally reworked by alluvial processes. Deposits are stabilized by vegetation in most areas. Includes discontinuous eolian veneers on stable upland surfaces. 0–10 m thick.

**Eolian sand (Upper Pleistocene-Holocene)**—Sparsely–vegetated to unvegetated sand in active eolian dunes and sand sheets. 0–10 m thick

**Semi-stabilized eolian sand (Upper Pleistocene–Holocene)**—Eolian sand dunes and sand sheets stabilized by vegetation. 0–10 m thick Talus and colluvium (Upper Pleistocene-Holocene)—Coarse mass-wasting deposits of sand to

## boulder size that mantle steep slopes adjacent to upland areas. 0–15 m thick.

**Basalt (Pliocene or Early Pleistocene?)**—Flows of black to gray, medium—to fine—grained trachybasalt on La Jara Mesa. Flows contain sparse phenocrysts of olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene. Erupted from vents on adjacent San Mateo quadrangle (McGraw et al., 2009). Unit is not dated. Maximum thickness is ~30 m. Corresponds to map units **Tyotb** and **Tymtb** of McGraw et al. (2009).

**Rhyolite tuff of Grants Ridge (Pliocene)**—White to pale pink, bedded pyroclastic fall, flow, and surge deposits on La Jara Mesa. Contains abundant clasts of obsidian, pumice, and lithics. Lithics consist of Precambrian granite and gneiss, chert, sandstone, and limestone. Unit is ~3.3 million years old. Maximum thickness is about 100 m.

#### **UPPER CRETACEOUS**

Mancos Shale, main body (Cenomanian-Turonian)—Medium to dark gray marine mudstone intercalated with thin-bedded sandstone. Only the lower ~80 m is exposed in quadrangle.

**Dakota Sandstone (Cenomanian)**—Yellowish–brown to light–gray shore-zone sandstone and gray mudstone. About 25 m thick.

#### **JURASSIC**

Morrison Formation (Kimmeridgian and Tithonian)

Brushy Basin Member-Grayish-green to bluish green fluvial mudstone and lenticular, light-gray sandstone. 10–40 m thick.

Westwater Canyon Member—Light-yellowish to reddish-gray fluvial sandstone with subordinate greenish-gray mudstone. Includes units Jmwl and Jmwu of Thaden et al. (1967). 30-60 m thick.

**Recapture Member**—Variegated fluvial mudstone and interbedded sandstone. 40–75 m thick.

Bluff Sandstone (Oxfordian)—Light-gray, yellowish-gray and pale-orange crossbedded eolian sandstone. Includes units Jb and Jsa of Thaden et al. (1967). 30–100 m thick. Numerous sinkholes (small circular areas on map) are exposed in the Bluff Sandstone in the northwest part of the quadrangle. These are presumably the result of solution collapse in the underlying Todilto Formation.

Summerville Formation (Callovian and Oxfordian)—Variegated mudstone and tabular sandstone.

Todilto Formation, Luciano Mesa Member (Callovian)—Olive-gray to pale-yellow, thin- to

thick-bedded limestone deposited in a lacustrine or saline environment. About 10 m thick. Gypsum of the Tonque Arroyo Member is not present in the quadrangle.

Entrada Sandstone (Callovian) - Light-brown, cross-bedded eolian sandstone and reddish brown, tabular-bedded siltstone. About 50 m thick. Includes units Jem and Jeu of Thaden et al. (1967).

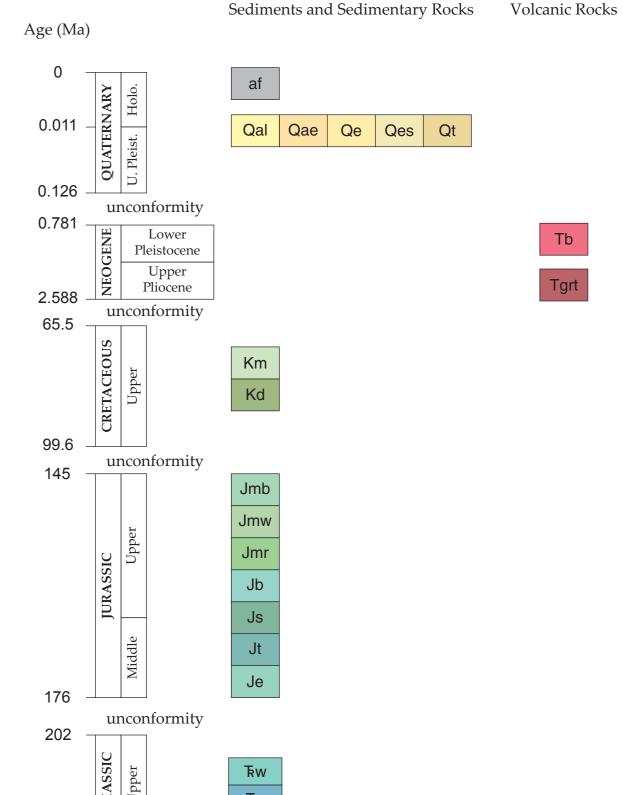
### TRIASSIC

40-50 m thick.

Wingate Sandstone (Rhaetian?) — Reddish–brown, cross–bedded eolian sandstone. About 30 m thick.

Chinle Group (Norian)—Dark red to bluish gray mudstone, lenticular sandstone, and thin-bedded limestone. About 400 m thick, although only the middle and uppermost parts are exposed on the quadrangle. Includes units **Trcs** and **Trcu** of Thaden et al. (1967).

## Correlation Diagram



## A geologic map displays information on the distribution, nature, orientation, and age relationships

irregular surfaces that form boundaries between different types or ages of units. Data depicted on this geologic quadrangle map may be based on any of the following: reconnaissance field geologic mapping, compilation of published and unpublished work, and photogeologic interpretation. Locations of contacts are not surveyed, but are plotted by interpretation of the position of a given contact onto a topographic base map; therefore, the accuracy of contact locations depends on the scale of mapping and the interpretation of the geologist(s). Any enlargement of this map could cause misunderstanding in the detail of mapping and may result in erroneous interpretations. Site-specific conditions should be verified by detailed surface mapping or subsurface exploration. Topographic

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AMBROSIA LAKE

DOS

**OMAS** 

GRANTS

BLUEWATER



**NEW MEXICO** 

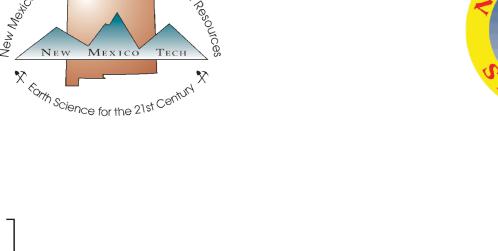


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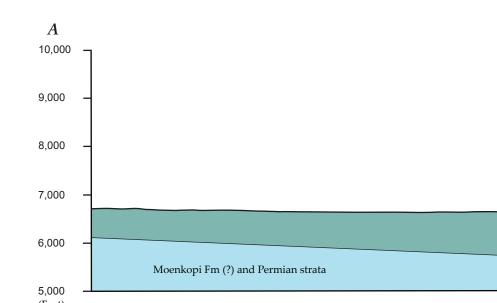
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9° 49' East At Map Center





**QUADRANGLE LOCATION** 





**-** 10,000

9,000

8,000

Shallow pit in Quaternary sediments due to deflation or soil

Fault, dashed where approximately located, dotted where

covered, bar and ball on downthrown block, arrow showing

Map Symbols

direction and amount of dip

Strike and dip of bedding

