

View looking north towards Carrizo Arroyo of the Lucero monocline. Flat-lying Pennsylvanian Atrasado (Pa) and Red Tanks (Pt) Formations are exposed in the valley to the west, and are capped by Permian Abo (Pa) and Ysoso (Py) Formations. The Mesa Carrizo basalt flow (Tbmc) caps Ysoso Formation in the background. The steeply dipping eastern limb of the monocline is made up of Permian Gloria (Pg) and San Andres (Psa) Formations. The Albuquerque basin is to the east.

- ### Map Unit Descriptions
- #### Quaternary
- Artificial fill** (Afi) - Artificial fill
  - Youngest stream alluvium (Historic to Holocene)** (Qa1) - Unconsolidated deposits of silt, sand, and gravel in intermittent stream channels draining the Lucero uplift to the east and within the Rio Puerco to the west. Gravel consists of locally-derived clasts of sandstone and limestone derived from the underlying Paleozoic stratigraphy, chert from the Chinle Formation, basalt, and travertine.
  - Older colluvium, alluvium between active channels, and minor eolian sand (Holocene to upper Pleistocene)** (Qa2) - Unconsolidated, well-sorted, fine-grained sand and minor silt. Up to 5 m thick.
  - Older alluvial deposits, calcic soils, and eolian cover of piedmont areas (upper Pleistocene)** (Qa3) - Unlithified to moderately lithified, poorly sorted sand and gravel with minor silt and clay. Clasts are angular and locally derived, and include travertine, basalt, limestone, and sandstone. Deposits occur at several levels above Qa2. Generally 1-3 m thick.
  - Terraces associated with elevated geomorphic surfaces (upper Pleistocene)** (Qb) - Well-cemented, poorly sorted, clast to matrix supported, angular to sub-angular conglomeratic deposits situated above Qa2. Gravels are pebble- to cobble-sized clasts of sandstone, limestone, and basalt that are sometimes cemented with thin rims of travertine or cemented with the thicker (>3 cm to several meters) accumulations of flowstone travertine. Terraces occur at several levels, where Qb1 is the lowest and relatively youngest deposit, and Qb3 is the highest and relatively oldest deposit (Kolomaznik et al., 2013).
  - Travertine (Pleistocene)** (Qc) - Terrace deposits consisting of banded travertine and/or sandstone to pebble-cobble conglomerate which is well-cemented with travertine. Banded travertine shows flowstone morphologies with typically well-preserved dam and spillover geometry. Sandstone and pebble-cobble conglomerate is composed of locally derived sandstone and limestone clasts from the Paleozoic section, and minor basalt. Clasts are typically coated with thin (<1-3 mm) travertine rinds. East of the Santa Fe fault, travertine deposits are typically flat-lying and elevated above modern drainages. West of the Santa Fe fault the travertine deposits mantle the topography and slope towards the east. Different travertine terrace heights are observed. Qc1 consists of recently-precipitated to actively-precipitating travertine in drainages with active springs. These deposits are typically associated with salt deposits. Higher order travertine terraces correspond to higher relative elevations in the local drainage.

- ### Explanation of Map Symbols
- Geologic contact - certain, location accurate** (solid line)
  - Geologic contact - certain, location approximate** (dashed line)
  - Geologic contact - certain, location concealed** (dotted line)
  - Fault - certain, location certain** (line with tick marks)
  - Fault - certain, location approximate** (line with short dashes)
  - Fault - certain, location concealed** (line with long dashes)
  - Normal fault - certain, location accurate, bar and ball on downthrown block, tick shows dip** (line with bar and ball)
  - Normal fault - certain, location approximate, bar and ball on downthrown block** (line with bar and ball)
  - Normal fault - certain, location concealed, bar and ball on downthrown block** (line with bar and ball)
  - Reverse fault - certain, location accurate, teeth on upthrown block** (line with teeth)
  - Reverse fault - certain, location approximate, teeth on upthrown block** (line with teeth)
  - Reverse fault - certain, location concealed, teeth on upthrown block** (line with teeth)
  - Detachment fault - certain, location accurate, hachures on upthrown side** (line with hachures)
  - Detachment fault - certain, location approximate, hachures on upthrown side** (line with hachures)
  - Anticline - certain, location accurate** (line with inward ticks)
  - Anticline - certain, location approximate** (line with inward ticks)
  - Anticline - certain, location concealed** (line with inward ticks)
  - Syncline - certain, location accurate** (line with outward ticks)
  - Syncline - certain, location approximate** (line with outward ticks)
  - Syncline - certain, location concealed** (line with outward ticks)
  - Inclined bedding, showing strike and dip** (line with strike and dip symbols)
  - Overturned bedding, showing strike and dip** (line with strike and dip symbols)

### Neogene

- Suwanee basalt flow (Pliocene)** (Tbmc) - Basalt flow which follows the modern Rio San Jose drainage system. It has a reported K-Ar age of  $0.32 \pm 0.2$  Ma (Bachman and Mohrert, 1978).
- Mesa Carrizo basalt flow (Pliocene)** (Tbmm) - Dark-gray basalt with euhedral plagioclase and olivine and minor clinopyroxene and opaque minerals (Zilinski, 1976). K-Ar age of  $3.7 \pm 0.4$  Ma (Bachman and Mohrert, 1978).
- Basalt of Mohinas Mountain (Miocene)** (Tb) - Black to dark-gray, dense basalt and olivine diabase. Occurs as cone sheet within mountain and as sills and dikes around mountain (Lozinsky and Tedford, 1991). To the north of Mohinas Mountain at Hidden Mountain, Baldrige et al. (1987) report a basalt K-Ar age of  $8.2 \pm 0.2$  Ma.
- Popotosa Formation of the Santa Fe Group (Miocene)** (Tp) - Poorly to well-indurated, poorly sorted, brown to reddish-brown, fine- to very coarse grained sand, conglomeratic sand, silty sand, clayey sand, and conglomerate. Locally cross bedded. Clasts are angular to subrounded and include ash-flow tuff, calcareous shale, basalt, limestone, quartz, granite, and quartzite (Lozinsky and Tedford, 1991).

### Paleogene

- Intrusive complex (Oligocene)** (Im) - An intrusive suite of rocks, located mainly in the southern region of the map area, intrudes into the Comanche monocline, generally following the NS-trending fabric. In the south, the intrusive rocks form a stock, while to the north these rocks are exposed as NS- to NE-SW-trending dikes that cross-cut the Paleozoic rocks. Petrologically, the southern stock ranges from a biotite-rich olivine gabbro, to a microdiorite, to a biotite-rich diorite. These rocks are intruded by younger quartz monzonite (Callender and Zilinski, 1976). A sample of biotite-rich diorite gives a biotite <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age of  $27.51 \pm 0.04$  Ma, which was analyzed at the New Mexico Geochronology Research Laboratory at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico. Sample location: 135 308729 m E, 3846054 m N. Elevation 5809 ft.

### Cretaceous

- Mancos Formation** (Km) - Dusky yellow to moderate olive brown mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone.
- Dakota formation** (Kd) - Very pale-orange to grayish-orange, well-sorted, rounded to subrounded, medium to coarse-grained quartz arenite with some <math>5-10\text{ cm}</math> thick beds of granule conglomerate. Clasts in conglomerate are subrounded to angular quartz and feldspar <math>1-2\text{ mm}</math> in diameter. Quartz arenite displays trough cross-bedding. At the base of this unit is a distinctive

### Jurassic

- Morrison Formation** (Jm) - Brushy Basin Member of the Morrison Formation which consists of grayish-yellow-green mudstone and siltstone with minor sandstone lenses. Sandstone is well-sorted, rounded to subrounded, medium-grained quartz arenite with <math>5-10\text{ cm}</math> high cross-beds.
- Bluff Sandstone** (Jb) - Well-sorted, rounded to subrounded, medium to coarse-grained, grayish-orange to dark-yellowish-orange quartz arenite. Contains <math>1-2\text{ m}</math> high cross-beds.
- Tadito Formation** (Jt) - Dark-gray, thinly bedded, fetid shale and limestone with intraformational folds, faults, and breccia.
- Entrada Formation** (Je) - Pale-yellow to grayish-yellow, medium-grained, well-sorted and well-cemented sandstone.

### Triassic

- Chinle Formation** (Tc) - At the base of the Chinle Formation, <math>1-5\text{ m}</math> of pebble conglomerate containing subrounded to subangular clasts of quartzite, chert, quartz, and limestone of the Shinanump Member are exposed. Above the Shinanump Member the Chinle Formation consists of moderate reddish-brown to pale-purple or whitish-gray benticitic mudstone and siltstone with minor medium- to coarse-grained sandstone beds. This unit contains the Ojo Huelos limestone, a ridge-forming limestone unit <math>2-4\text{ m}</math> thick.
- Moenkopi Formation** (Tm) - Well-sorted, fine-grained, moderate reddish-brown to dark reddish brown sandstone and siltstone. Composed mostly of thin (<math>1-2\text{ cm}</math>) beds that commonly display ripples.

### Permian

- San Andres Formation** (Psa) - Contains multiple lithologies, including medium to light-gray nonfossiliferous limestone, grayish-white gypsum and argillaceous gypsum with gypsiferous shale and secondary selenite, and minor light-brown shale (Zilinski, 1976). The San Andres is commonly interbedded with the underlying Gloria Formation, and the contact between the two is placed at the lowermost limestone bed.
- Glorieta Formation** (Pg) - Buff, medium-grained sandstone with hematite staining and cross-bedding (Zilinski, 1976).
- Ysoso Formation** (Py) - The upper Ysoso formation consists of interbedded, reddish-brown to orangeish-brown shale, siltstone, and sandstone with gray to white gypsum and limestone. The lower Ysoso formation is reddish-brown, well-indurated, massively bedded, fine-grained, well-sorted sandstone with spotty reduction zones (Zilinski, 1976).
- Abo Formation** (Pa) - Deep-brown to reddish-brown siltstone and shale interbedded with ridge forming sandstone. The upper part is brown to light-reddish-brown, medium- to thick-bedded arkosic sandstone and siltstone with minor shale.

### Pennsylvanian

- Red Tanks Formation** (Pt) - Grayish-white to reddish-brown shale and sandstone interbedded with gray limestone and limestone-pebble conglomerate. The lower part of the Red Tanks consists of dark-red shale, siltstone, and sandstone, with minor buff sandstone and limestone conglomerate. The upper part consists of whitish-gray, thin-bedded, nodular limestone and gray shale (Kelley and Wood, 1946). Fossil assemblages in the Red Tanks Formation include fresh water plant eurypterid-insect, brackish water bivalve, and marginal marine Myalina gastropod (Kues and Kietzke, 1976). Approximately 450 feet thick.
- Atrasado Formation** (Psa) - Ridge forming, gray limestone and cherty limestone, with minor light-gray to reddish-brown shale, sandstone and conglomerate (Zilinski, 1976).

### Correlation Of Map Units



View looking south of the Santa Fe fault, separating Santa Fe Group (Tsf) rift fill on the east (left side of photo) from Permian San Andres (Psa) and Ysoso (Py) Formations on the west. Perched travertine deposits (Qt2) cover both the Chinle Formation and Santa Fe Group at this location.

Base map from U.S. Geological Survey 2010. North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). North Geoid: System of 1984 (NGS84). Reprojected to NAD2011. Projection and 100-meter grid. Universal Transverse Mercator. Zone 13S. 10 200 000 000. New Mexico Coordinate System of 1977 (New Mexico).  
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 Contours: National Elevation Dataset, 1999

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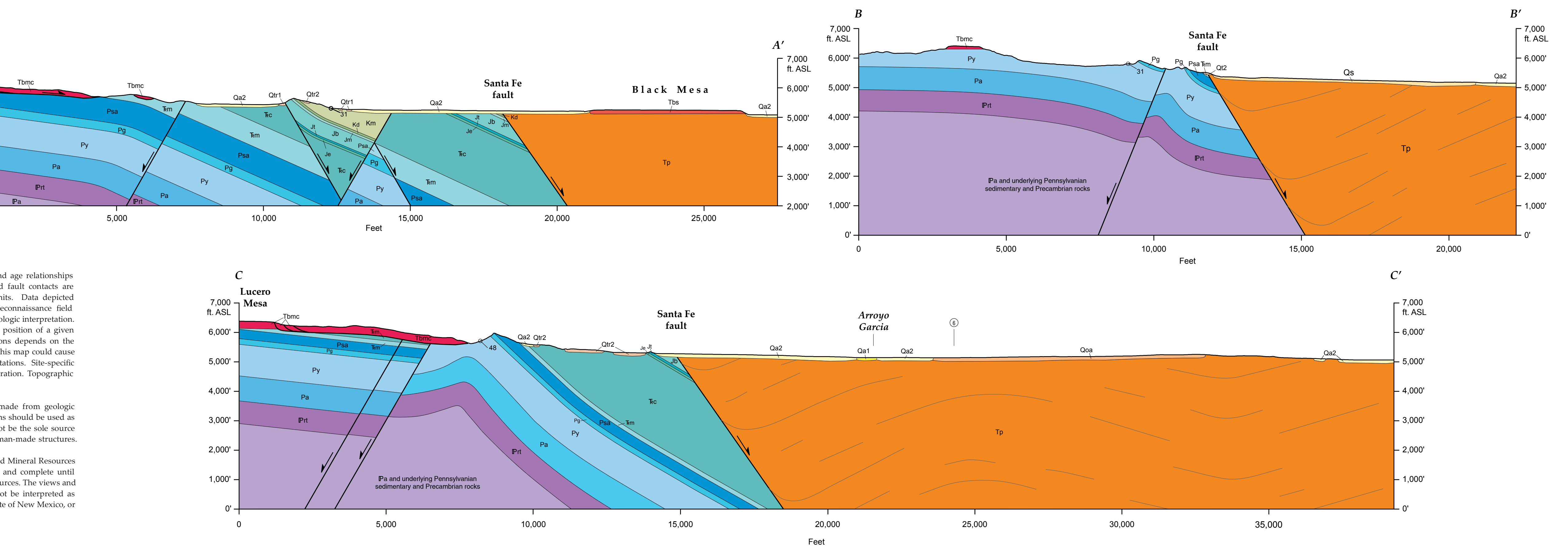
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## Geologic map of the South Garcia SE 7.5-minute quadrangle, Valencia County, New Mexico

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