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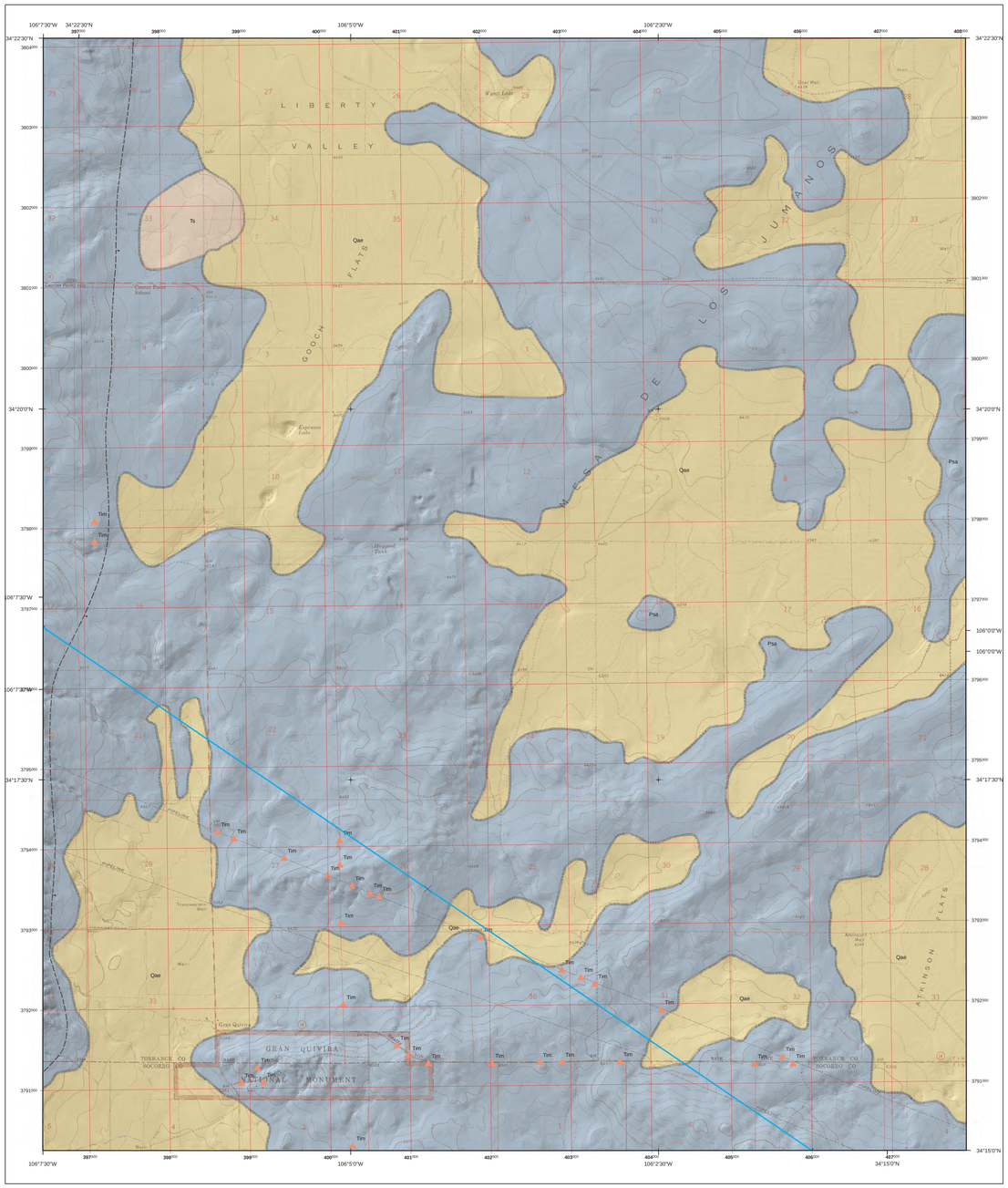

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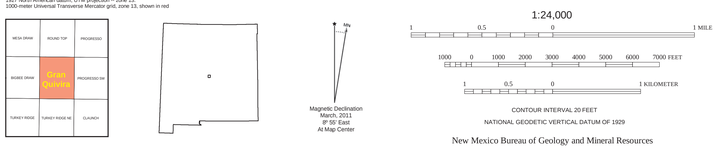
1927 North American datum, UTM projection – zone 13.
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 13, shown in red



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1:24,000

1 0.5 0 1 MILE

1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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Colored Relief map of the Gran Quivira quadrangle, Socorro County, New Mexico

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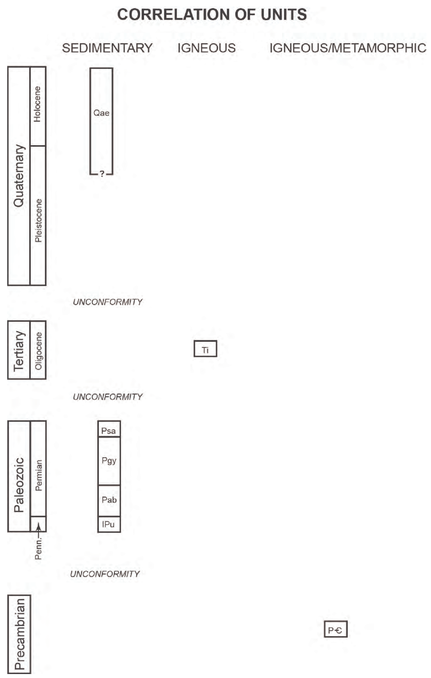

STRATIGRAPHY AND DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

At the surface of the Gran Quivira quadrangle, the bedrock sedimentary units are Early Permian in age, and consist of limestone and gypsum of the Lower Permian San Andres Formation. Tertiary igneous rocks intrude the Permian rocks. Older stratigraphic units (Paleozoic and Precambrian) are shown on the cross section but are not exposed on the Gran Quivira quadrangle.

Cenozoic

QaeeStream alluvium and eolian sand (late Holocene to late Pleistocene) – poorly sorted, sandy to gravelly alluvium on valley bottoms, and eolian sand and silt in small dunes and mixed with alluvium and colluvium. Eolian deposits are present throughout the quadrangle, and these deposits, plus alluvium and colluvium, effectively cover the bedrock everywhere. Eolian sand in poorly developed longitudinal dunes appears on aerial photographs and satellite images as long streaks, having a southwest to northeast trend, but the longitudinal dunes are difficult to detect on the ground. Thickness is less than 30 ft (10 m).
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TimMafic dike rocks (Tertiary) – fine- to medium-grained basaltic andesite in poorly exposed dikes and sills that have intruded limestone and gypsum of the Permian Yeso Group and San Andres Formation. These dikes are Oligocene in age, and are part of the Magdalena radial dike swarm described by Chamberlin et al. (2009). Because the dikes intrude the Permian rocks and are poorly exposed, they are mapped on the Gran Quivira quadrangle with the San Andres Formation using the symbol Psa/Ti. Small exposures of Ti are marked on the geologic map with an X symbol. Thickness not determined.

TsvGravel (Tertiary) – coarse-grained gravel, including well-rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of rocks exotic to the Gran Quivira quadrangle; clast lithology includes: quartzite, chert, quartz, fine-grained volcanic rocks, and red, ripple-laminated sandstone similar to that from the Abo Formation. None of these rock types is presently exposed in the Gran Quivira quadrangle; the closest potential sources for most of the rocks is west of Chupadera Mesa, in the vicinity of Abo Pass and the Manzano and/or Los Pinos Mountains. Pebbles of these rock types are mixed with Quaternary deposits in low-lying areas in the northern 1/3 of the quadrangle. Thickness not determined.

Paleozoic

PsavSan Andres Formation (Lower Permian or Leonardian) – gray marine limestone and interbedded gypsum. Thickness greater than 200 ft (60 m); neither the top nor the base of the formation is exposed in the Gran Quivira quadrangle.

[Paleozoic rocks not exposed at the surface on the Gran Quivira quadrangle, but shown on the cross section; thicknesses from exposures of these rocks west of the Gran Quivira quadrangle (Lucas et al., 2005; Scott et al., 2005; Krainer et al., 2009)]

PgyvGlorieta Sandstone and Yeso Group (Lower Permian or Leonardian) – sandstone, mudstone, gypsum, dolomite, limestone; Yeso Group consists of the Los Vallos and Arroyo de Alamillo Formations (Lucas et al., 2005). Thickness about 1100 ft (330) m.

PabvAbo and Bursum Formations (Lower Permian or Leonardian) – sandstone, mudstone, limestone. Thickness about 1100 ft (330 m).

IPuvPennsylvanian stratigraphic units, undifferentiated (Pennsylvanian) – limestone, mudstone. Thickness about 2100 ft (650 m).

Precambrian

PCvPrecambrian rock units, undifferentiated (Precambrian) – includes metamorphic rocks, such as quartzite, schist, and gneiss, and igneous rocks, such as granite, in the Manzano and Los Pinos Mountains to the west and northwest (Baer et al., 2003; Scott et al., 2005).

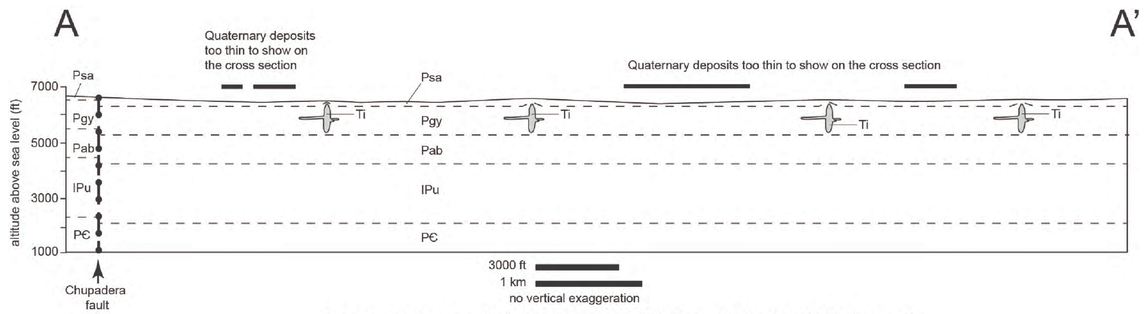
XvXs indicate small exposures of mafic intrusive rocks (Ti) in roadcuts, and along pipeline roads and fence lines (including approximate locations mapped by Bates et al., 1947).

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

Stratigraphic Units

- Qae — Quaternary alluvial and eolian sediment
- Ts — Tertiary gravel
- Psa/Ti — Permian San Andres Formation intruded by Tertiary mafic igneous rock
- X — small exposure of Tertiary mafic igneous dike rock
- exposed, sub-horizontal, gradational geologic contact
- obscured but probable fault; bar and ball on the downthrown side

Figure 1. Modified from Cather (2009; Figure 7). Schematic cross section showing the relationship between dikes of the Tertiary intrusive igneous rocks (Ti) and the Permian sedimentary rocks in the Gran Quivira quadrangle. Psg = Permian San Andres and Glorieta Formations. The anticline symbol at the top of the diagram indicates that anticline structures were produced in the overlying sedimentary rocks; these anticline structures create elongate hills in the quadrangle; this includes the hill on which Gran Quivira pueblo and mission are built.



diagramatic shape and relative placement of Ti dikes after Cather (2009, Figure 7)