

Horse Lake	Sawmill Mesa	Soatzis
Apache Mesa	<b>Heron Reservoir</b>	Tierra Amarilla
Picacho Mesa	El Vado	Las Nuevas

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






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	Contact—Identity and existence are certain, queried where questionable; location accurate where line is solid, approximate where dashed, and concealed where dotted.
	Fault (unspecified orientation or sense of slip)—Identity and existence certain, location accurate where solid and approximate where dashed.
	Normal fault—Identity and existence are certain, queried where questionable; location accurate where line is solid, approximate where dashed, and concealed where dotted.
	Reverse fault—Identity and existence are certain; location accurate where line is solid, approximate where dashed, and concealed where dotted.
	Anticline—Identity and existence certain; location accurate where solid and approximate where dashed.
	Lineament
	Cross section line
	Horizontal bedding
	Inclined bedding
	Inclined fault
	Horizontal slickline, groove, or striation on fault surface
	Inclined slickline, groove, or striation on fault surface.
	Minor vertical or near-vertical joint
	Perennial lake or pond boundary
	Dammed reservoir

## Quaternary

## Anthropogenic

**Artificial Fill (dams etc.)**—Anthropogenic fill including dams on Heron Lake.

## Holocene to Pleistocene

**Quaternary Alluvium**—Mostly fine-grained grayish and brownish valley-fill alluvium. Commonly developed over shale. Contact mapped from aerial imagery and presence confirmed in the field. 2-15(?) m thick.

**Higher Quaternary Alluvium**—Re-worked(?) river cobbles/pebbles and fine-grained alluvium deposited on flat areas above modern drainages. Commonly overlying shale and "benches" developed on sandstones. 1-10(?) m thick.

**Quaternary Gravel**—Coarse river cobble/pebbles commonly overlain by 1-5 m "overbank" silt and pebbly silt. Cobbles consist of Proterozoic quartzite; metaconglomerate and schistose quartzite; Tertiary volcanic rocks; Quaternary basalt; and sometimes Cretaceous sandstone.

**Quaternary Colluvium**—Poorly sorted, locally derived hillslope material.

**Quaternary Landslide Deposit**—Blocky debris composed mostly of Dakota Sandstone blocks and alluvium in poorly defined Terebra blocks.

## Cretaceous

Mancos Group	Kmsa	<p><b>Cooper Arroyo Sandstone of the Mancos Shale</b>—Tan, fine-grained, glauconitic, trough-cross-bedded quartz sandstone found within the Carlile Shale. 1–2 m thick.</p>
	Kmfj	<p><b>Juana Lopez Member of the Mancos Shale</b>—Yellow/reddish, weathering gray, thinly bedded, shelly, recrystallized limestone with shale interbeds. Approximately 3–10 ft thick. Lower and upper contacts on this quad are first and last locally continuous limestone beds. Thin limestone beds and lenses sometimes found up to 15 m above and below. Weathers to distinctive platy fragments containing sparse to common shell fragments, burrows, and ripple marks. Shaly fragments sometimes cover slopes right below outcrops.</p>
	Kmc	<p><b>Carlile Member of the Mancos Shale</b>—Dark, to light-gray, sometimes shelly, laminated to very thin-bedded shale and locally (7) hard, platy, weathering siliceous. Between 120–150 ft thick. The lower contact is to the south of the Kmfj member. Kmcg upper contact not exposed on this quadrangle. Sometimes contains up to 2 m diameter septarian concretions that weather to distinctive, reddish to yellowish prismatic fragments.</p>
	Kmcgr	<p><b>Greenhorn Member of the Mancos Shale</b>—Light to dark-gray, weathering very light-gray to whitish; very thin to medium-bedded, dense, finely crystalline, recrystallized, ridge-forming limestone with relatively thin interbedded shale. Lower contact sharp. Upper contact with overlying Carlile Shale commonly not exposed. 10–25 m thick.</p>
	Kmg	<p><b>Graneros Member of the Mancos Shale</b>—Dark-gray to black laminated to medium-bedded; somewhat friable; slope forming shale containing locally abundant concretions. 40–50 m thick. *Includes Whitewater Arroyo Member of Mancos Shale and Twowells Member of Dakota Sandstone on this quadrangle.</p>
	Kmsm	<p><b>Clay Mesa Member of the Mancos Shale</b>—Very dark-gray to light-bluish-gray, somewhat friable laminated to thinly bedded; slope forming shale. Upper and lower contacts sharp. Approximately 6–18 m thick, thinning from north to south.</p>

## Dakota Group

Yp	strong; moderately well-sorted; subrounded; medium- to thick-bedded; very fine-grained; commonly burrowed; arkosic quartz sandstone. 2-18 m thick.
Ys	<b>Cubero Member of the Dakota Sandstone</b> —Yellowish to tan; moderately strong to strong; moderately well- to well-sorted; subrounded to rounded; medium- to thick-bedded; very fine- to fine-grained; commonly burrowed; quartz sandstone and minor silt and shale. 15-20 m thick.
Yss	<b>Oak Canyon Member of the Dakota Sandstone</b> —Gray to blackish, sparsely fossiliferous, mostly non-laminar; laminated to medium-bedded shale and silt shale and yellowish to tan, moderately strong, moderately well-sorted, subrounded, very thin- to medium-bedded, very fine- to fine-grained, sometimes bioturbated, sometimes ripple laminated, quartz dominated sandstone with characteristic plant fragments. 12-20 m thick.
Yss	<b>Encinal Canyon Member of the Dakota Sandstone</b> —Very light-tan to whitish; thick-bedded; sometimes weakly bioturbated; very fine- to medium-grained sandstone. Approximately 8 m thick.

## Burro Canyon Formation

**burro Canyon Formation**—Whitish to tan, moderately strong to strong, poorly to moderately sorted; subrounded; medium- to thick-bedded; fine- to medium-grained; sometimes pebbly; cross- and plane-laminated sandstone and red and/or green; sometimes mottled; laminated or massive clay and siltstone. Regionally 35–55 m thick.

## Jurassic

**Morrison Formation**—Red and sometimes green, poorly exposed mudstone, buff to light green sandstone and conglomeratic sandstone.

## Jurassic to Proterozoic



FIGURE 1—Limestone Concretion in Carlisle Shale exposed in cliffs near Salmon Run Campground in Heron Lake State Park (see Narrative Description for further details).

## Geologic Cross Section A-A'

Vertically Exaggerated 4x

