GEOLOGY AND COAL RESOURCES OF THE CANTARALO SPRING 7½' QUADRANGLE, CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Coal Resources - Cantaralo Spring 712'

Coal beds may be seen in outcrop in two formations within the Cantaralo Spring quadrangle - The Dakota Sandstone and the Moreno Hill Formation. The Dakota Sandstone exposures are in the W½ section 30, T 5N, R 20W, (Duran Canyon) and in the SE¼, SE¼ section 25, T 5N, R 21W, and reveal thin lignitic and/or coaly beds generally less than 8" thick in paludal shale sequences. In Duran Canyon only one coaly zone, about 25' below the top of the formation, may be seen; in the section 25 exposure 2 carbonaceous zones may be seen, one in each of two paludal shale units separated by a 6-8 ft. sandstone bed. The Dakota Sandstone coals are of no economic importance.

The Moreno Hill Formation exposures are limited to the perimeter of the Zuni Plateau in the southeast quadrant of the quadrangle. The basal part of the formation does crop out in the east-west trending ridge in sections 16, 17, and 18 T 5N, R 20W, but no coal is present or exposed. The Moreno Hill has been removed by Tertiary erosion in the western one half of the quadrangle and there would be essentially no coal west of Cullen Tank. The accompanying measured sections, the localities of which are marked by an a on the geologic map, show coal seams or coaly beds up to 3.5 ft. thick. The "main coal bed", or the thickest, is within 10 to 20 ft. of the top of the Atarque Sandstone, and is characterized by a medial 2 inch thick white to light bluish gray hard clay (altered ash bed), the exception being in the SW% section 30, T 5N, R 19W where the clay is not present or not easily recognized.

Two test holes drilled on the Zuni Plateau in 1981 provide reserve data. One in the SE¼ section 19, T 5N, R 19W was spudded at an elevation of 7190 and drilled to a T.D. of 500 ft. The other was in the SW¼ section 13, T 5N, R 20W and was spudded at an elevation of 7140 and drilled to a T.D. of 380 ft.; both holes bottomed in the Rio Salado Shale. The logs indicate about 2 ft. of coal at a depth of 163 ft. in section 19. In section 13 no coal was intersected but a carbonaceous zone is present at 110 ft.; drill cuttings show additional carbonaceous zones between 130 and 165 ft.

These two drill holes plus coal sections measured in outcrop at the 8 localities indicated on the map provide the basis for the resource estimates shown in the table below. Only the "main" coal zone was used in the calculations because the lower one is not traceable to any extent in outcrop and generally does not meet the cut off thickness of 14 inches. The factor used is 1750 tons/acre foot (or 1.12 million tons/section foot). The area factor shown in the table is that portion of a square mile that is considered to be underlain by coal of the indicated thickness.

Analysis of grab samples of weathered coal yielded BTU values ranging from about 5000 up to 9350 and ash contents of about 14% up to 44%. BTU values of fresh samples could be expected to run up to 30% higher.

Cantaralo Spring Quadrangle Coal Resources By Section

			Seam Thickness	Area	Coal Resource Estimate
Section 7	ownship!	Range	(in ft.)	Factor	In Short Tons
6 (partial)	* 5N	19W		(.00)	0
1	5N	20W	3.0 m	(.33)	1,120,000
2	5N	20W	2.3 m	(.10)	258,000
3	5N	20W	2.2 m	(.30)	739,000
10	5N	20W	2.3 i	(.75)	1,930,000
11	5N	20W	2.4 i	(.80)	2,150,000
12	5N	20W	3.0 i	(.85)	2,856,000
7 (partial)	* 5N	19W	1.5 m	(.10)	168,000
18 (partial)	* 5N	19W	2.0 i	(.45)	1,008,000
13	5N	20W	0.0 †	()	0
14	5N	20W	1.5 i	(1.00)	1,680,000
15	5N	20W	1.5 m	(.55)	924,000
22	5N	20W	1.4 i	(.20)	313,000
23	5N	20W	1.4 m	(.80)	1,254,000
24	5N	20W	2.0 i	(.95)	2,128,000
19 (partial)	* 5N	19W	2.0 †	(.60)	1,344,000
30 (partial)	* 5N	19W	3.5 m	(.35)	1,364,000
25	5N	20W	3.2 i	(.75)	2,688,000
26	5N	20W		(.00)	0
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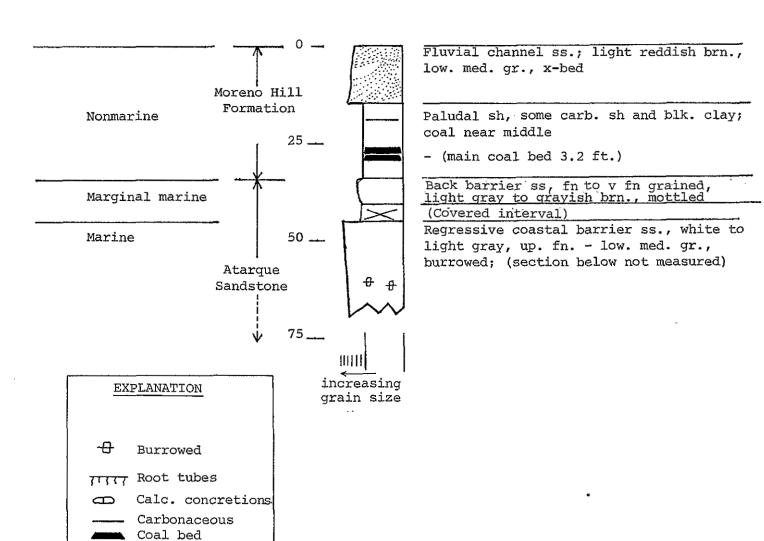
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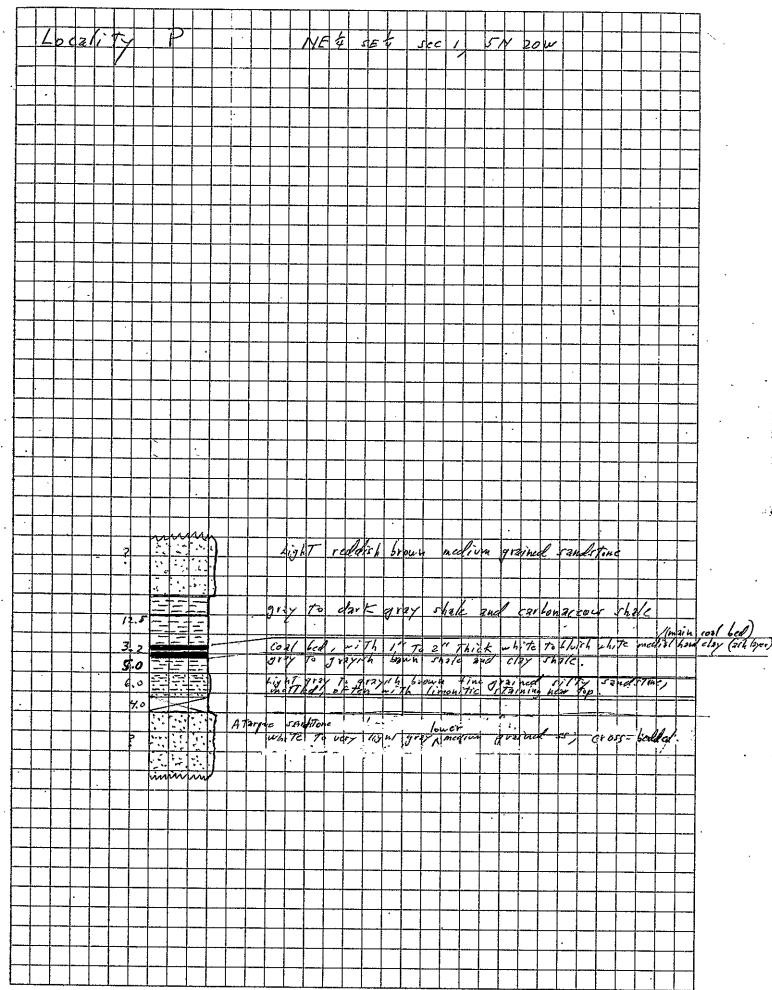
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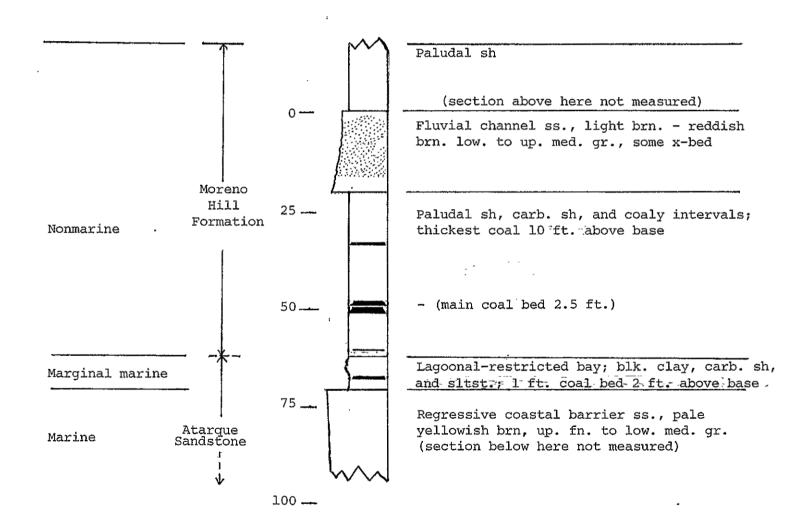
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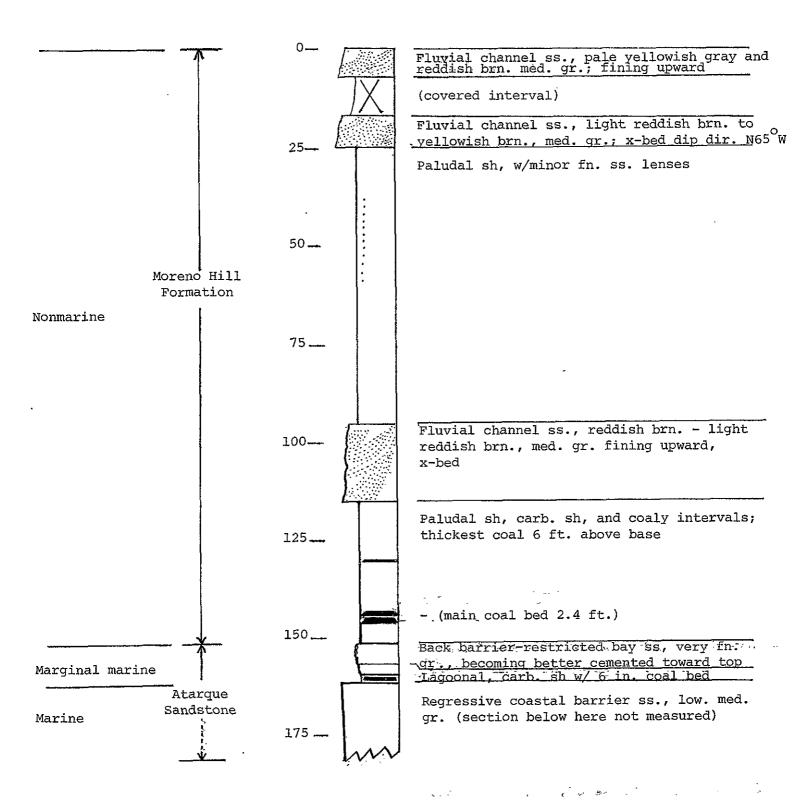
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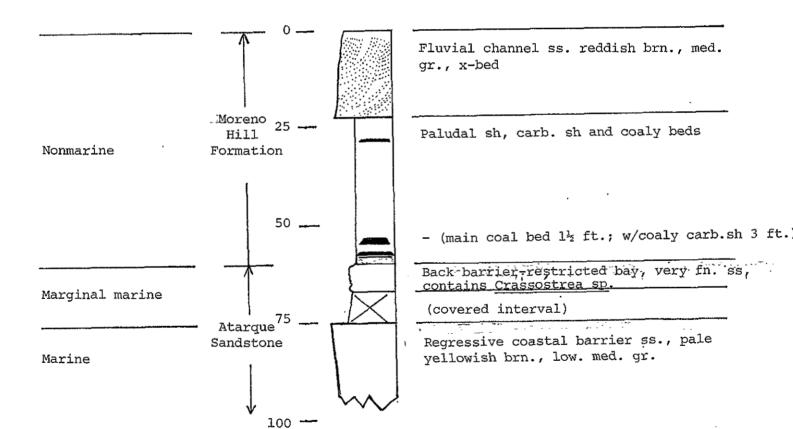
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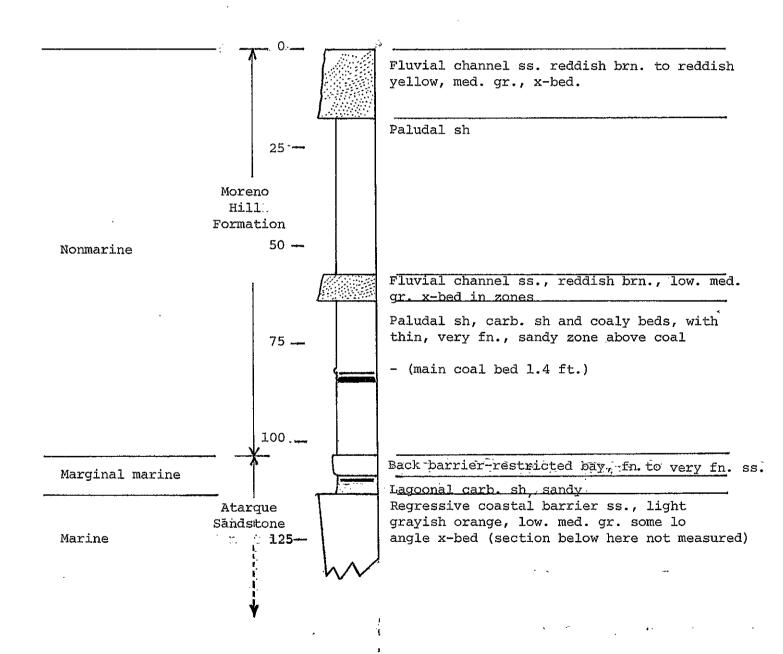


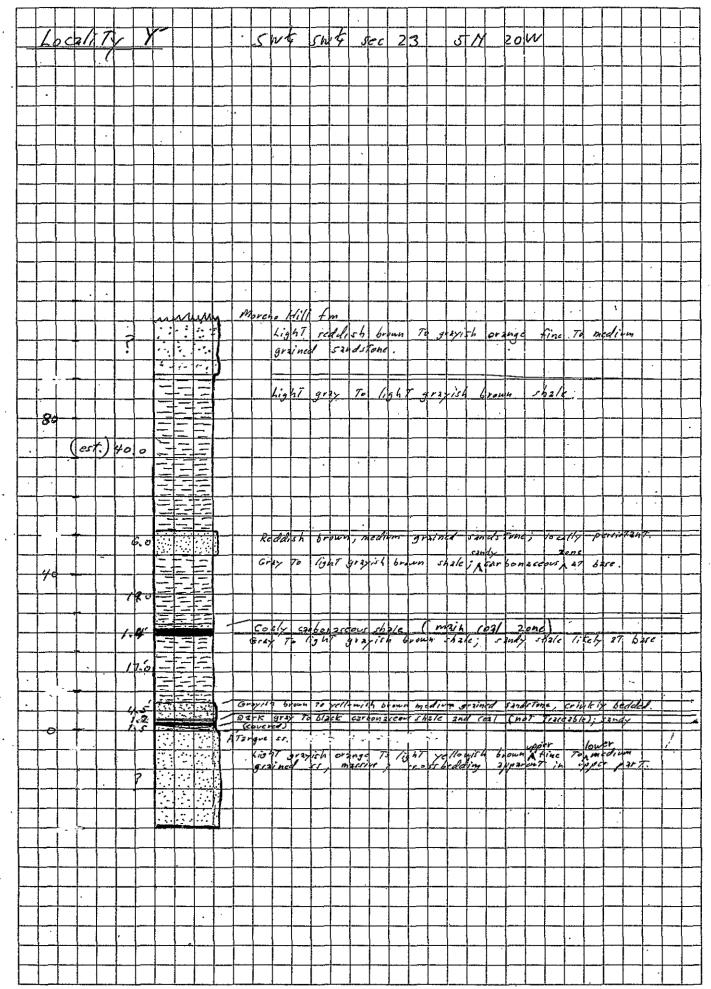


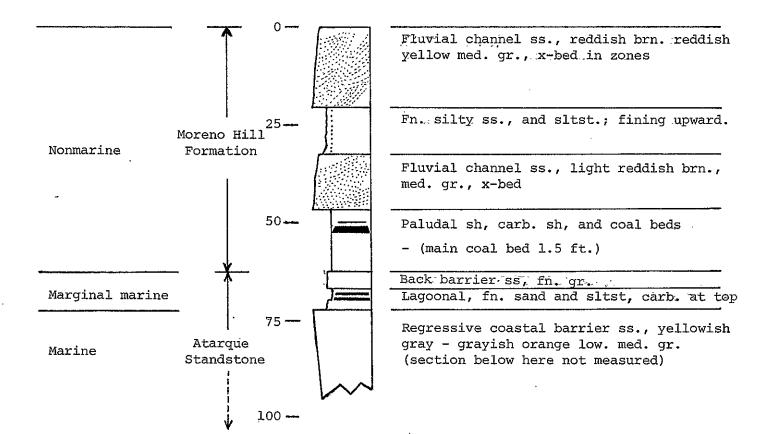




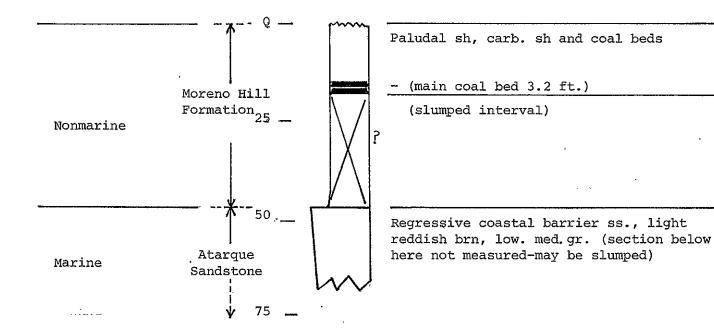


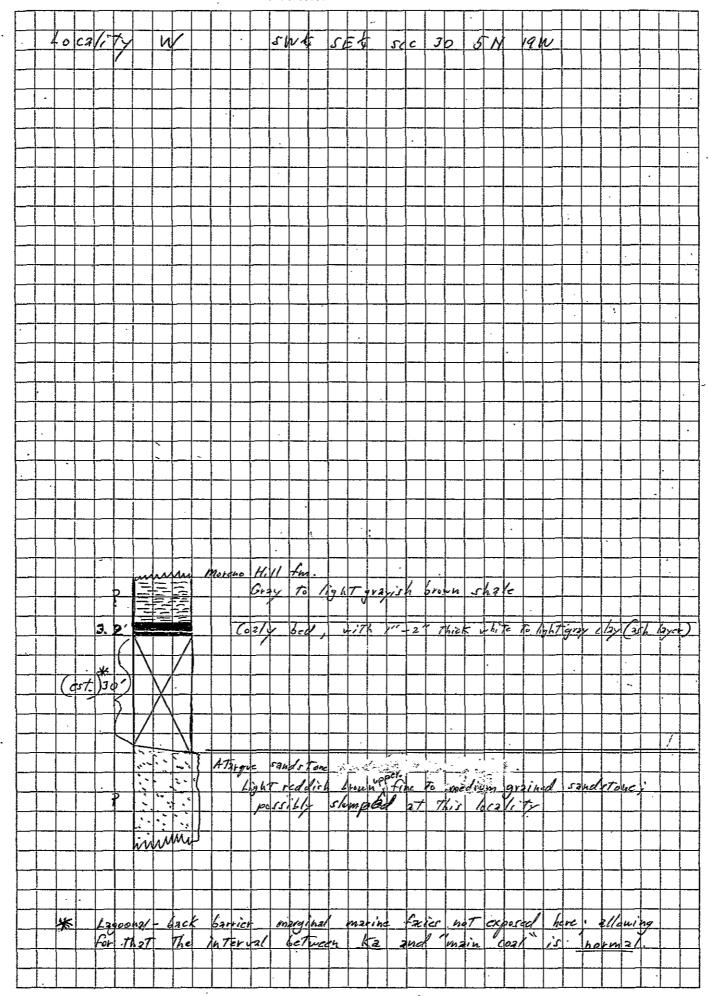




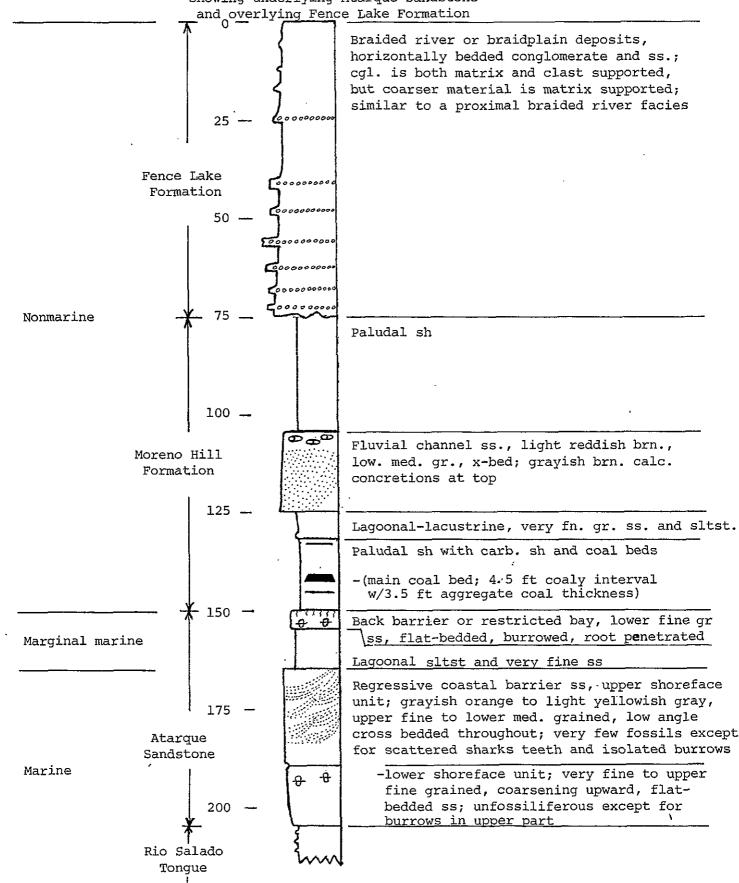


Measured coal bearing section in the SW $^{1}_{4}$ SE $^{1}_{4}$ sec. 30, T.5N R 19W





Measured coal bearing section in SW_4^{1} SW_4^{1} sec. 30, T 5N R 19W showing underlying Atarque Sandstone



Townsh1	p and Range	Section	Parcel	patent or action number	Railroad _ Grant	Homestead or other	State of	Rights reserved
6N	19W	18	all	•		_private	New Mexico	to U.S. Government
•	274	19	all	1078497	X			ditches and canals
		30	all	670394 1067470	x			ditches and canals
		31	all	670394	x x			ditches and canals
6N	20W							ditches and canals
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			SWZ SWZ	1089020		x		all minerals, ditches and canals
		15	all	1121757 611945		x		coal, ditches and canals
		16	a11	1223973	x			-none-
		17	a11	611945	x		x	ditches and canals
		18	all	30-63-0045	•		v	-none-
		19	a11	611945	x		x	all minerals, ditches and canals
		20	all	30-63-0045	4		x	-none-
		21	a11	611945	x		Α.	all minerals, ditches and canals
		22	all	1121757	-	x		-none-
		23	all	670394	x			coal, ditches and canals ditches and canals
		24	a11	1121757		x		coal, ditches and canals
	•	25	all	670394	x			ditches and canals
		26	a11	1121757		x		coal, ditches and canals
		27	a11	670394	x			ditches and canals
		. 28	all	1117038		x		-none-
		29	all	611945	х			-none-
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		24	all	1117039		x		-none-
		25	all	790935	x			-none-
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		19	all	670394	x	x		all minerals, ditches and canals
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	•	2	all	1222551			x	ditches and canals
		3	all	670394	x		-	ditches and canals
		4	all	1121757		x		coal, ditches and canals
		` 5	all	670394	x			ditches and canals
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		12	all	· 1117038		x		coal, ditches and canals
		13	a11	670394	x			ditches and canals
		14	N¹₂	30680100		x		all minerals, ditches and canals
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		16	all	1222515			x	ditches and canals
		17	a11	670394	x	*		ditches and canals
		18	N ¹ 2	1078908	. x			ditches and canals
		10	S ¹ 5	1117038	20	x		coal, ditches and canals
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		23	all	670394	x			ditches and canals
		24	all	1078908	x			ditches and canals
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		28	a11	1078908	x			ditches and canals
		29	all	570394	x			ditches and canals
		30	all	1078908	- <u>x</u>			ditches and canals
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GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CANTARALO SPRING QUADRANGLE, CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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		0/	<u>گ</u>	<u> </u>		Upper Member of Bidahochi Formation; brn sand, and It gry coarse gr friable ss w/minor cgl, best exp in E—sec 4, T5N R2OW, lower pt everywhere covered, rests topographically lower than Fence Lake Member.	
	PLIOCENE		9	120'			
TERTIARY		100-	ί	i de			
		0-	,	,	K.	FENCE LAKE MEMBER of Bidahochi Formation, It gry to pinkish gry ss and cgl, poor to firm calc cement, coarser mat basaltic w/some rhyolite and minor quartzite; assemblage prob represents a type of proximal braided river deposit	
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			•			Atarque Sandstone; tan to it reddish brn fn to lower med gr marine ss, w/medial silty zone, poorly exp lagoonal carb sh near top overlain by crinkly bedded grysh brn fn g	- r
				40'			•
						Rio Salalad Tongue of Mancos Shale; gry to med dk gry marine sh, calc sh and calcarenite zone present 25 ft above base; thin ss beds and calc concret very common in upper 70 ft, the ammonites Mammites sp and Neotychites cephalotus are found in association with the calc concret	
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	,	500-				Twowells Tongue of Dakota Sandstone	-
			5	28'		Twowells Tongue of Dakota Sandstone; yellowish gry to it gry lower fin to lower med gr marine ss, with v fin silty ss beds near middle, upper part is prominently X—bedded with dip direction due south	-
			4	50'		Whitewater Arroyo Tongue of Mancos Shale; gry to dk gry marine sh, slope former, sparsely scattered calc concret near base have yielded <u>Calycoceras</u> canitaurinum, about 20ft above base is 18 to 20 inch thick bentonite bed, above bentonite <u>Exogyra trigeri</u> are prese	ent
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		600-	3 2	16 ¹		Paguate Tongue of Dakota Sandstone; yellowish gry fin to lower med griss, with brin calc concret, up to 3ft in diam in upper part, Exogyra levis and Pychodonte kellumi abundant at top. Mancos Shale, Lower part, gry to It olive gry siltst and fin sity ss, with a 3 ft thick micaceous bentonite at top	
				- '	0000000000	Dakota Sandstone; pale yellowish brn and grayish orange lower fn to med griss, and gray to dk gry sh and carbish, lower ss prominently X—bedded; lignitic carb. sh above and below a medial ss, pebbly cgl-at top overlies X—bedded ss	•
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