

# GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE TORTOLITA MOUNTAINS, PINAL AND PIMA COUNTIES, ARIZONA

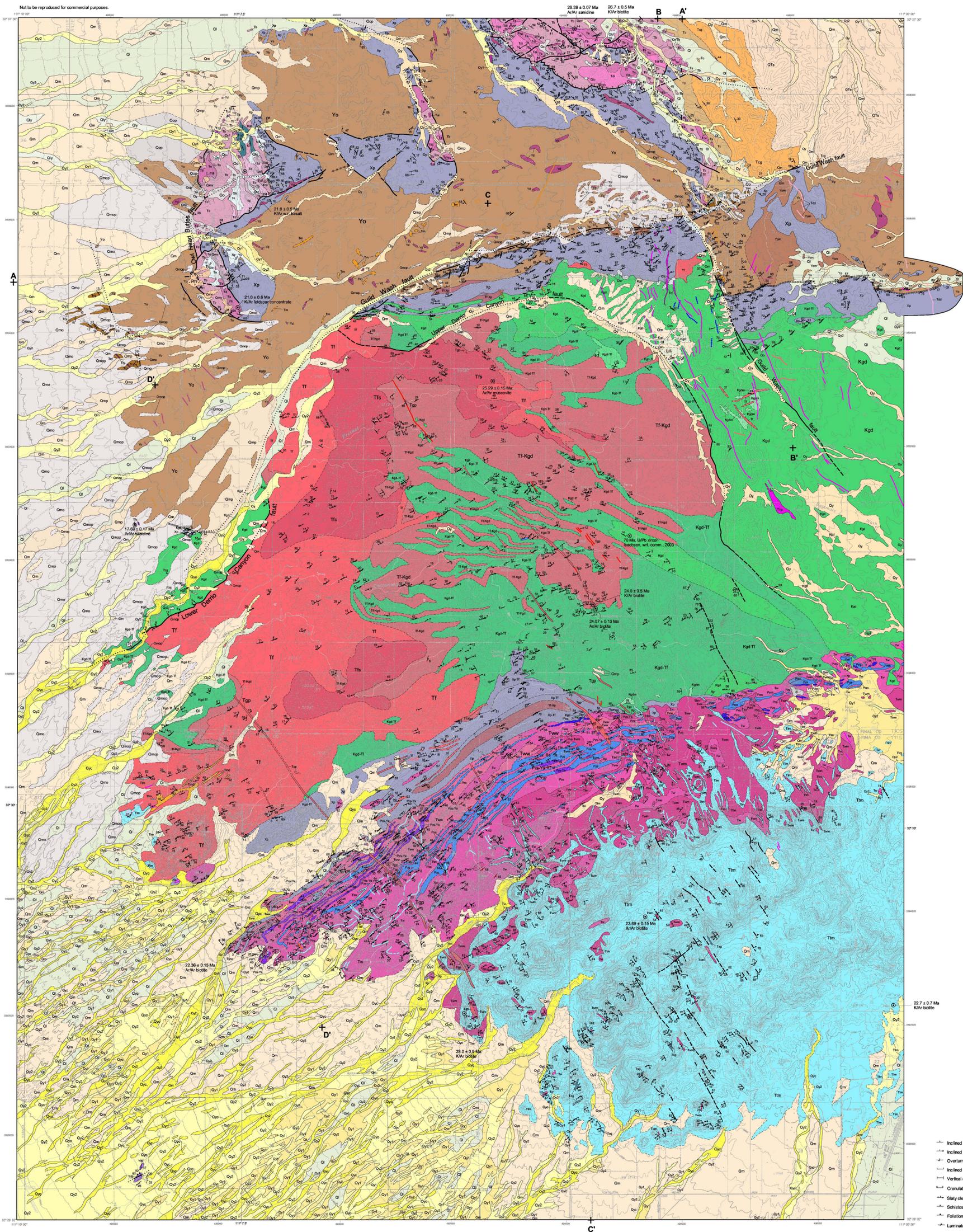
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**Quaternary Unit Descriptions**

- Qd Disturbed
- Qcl Colluvium
- Qm Modern river channel deposits (< 1 ka)
- Qy2 Late Holocene alluvium (< 2 ka)
- Qy1 Holocene alluvium (2 to 10 ka)
- Qy Holocene alluvium, undifferentiated (< 10 ka)
- Ql Late Pleistocene alluvium (< 2 to 130 ka)
- Qm Middle Pleistocene alluvium (< 130 to 750 ka)
- Qmp Middle Pleistocene alluvium over pediment
- Qmo Middle to Early Pleistocene alluvium (< 500 ka to 1 Ma)
- Qmop Middle Pleistocene alluvium over pediment
- Qmv Middle Pleistocene alluvium with volcanic clasts (130-750 ka)
- Qe Early Pleistocene alluvium (< 750 ka to 2 Ma)
- Qop Early Pleistocene alluvium over pediment (750 ka-2 Ma)
- QTE Early Pleistocene to Pliocene alluvium (< 1 to 5 Ma)
- QTC Talus and colluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene)
- QTB Holocene and Pleistocene regolith alluvium derived from basalt

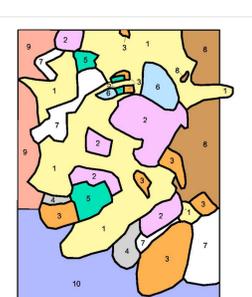
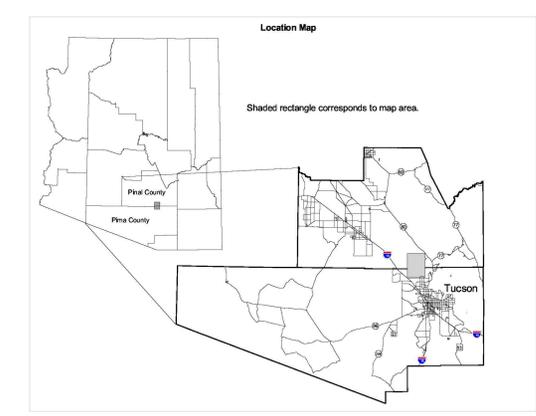
**Bedrock Unit Descriptions**

- Yc Younger Conglomerate (Miocene) - Thin to thick-bedded, pebbly sandstone, pebble-cobble sandy conglomerate and sandstone, typically in tabular-planar sets. Clasts are dominated by schist and granite with 0-20% mafic volcanics (500 m thick).
- Yp Younger tuff (Miocene) - Phenocryst-poor, white nonwelded tuff containing sparse lithic lapilli of granite and schist (0-5 m thick).
- Yb Basal of Three Buttes (mid-Tertiary) - Basalt flows and dikes that contain <1% dark, glassy clinopyroxene up to 30 mm in diameter and <1% untabular, white to clear feldspar crystals up to 15 mm in diameter. Dated at 21 ± 0.5 Ma. Equivalent to unit T1 on the Owl Head Butte Quadrangle (DGM-22). Shown here in cross-section only.
- Tg Granite-clast conglomerate (mid-Tertiary) - Massive to very thick-bedded, bottle-cobble, granitic (orange-grained, K-feldspar porphyritic) conglomerate that contains up to 10% clasts of mafic volcanics and/or schist (10-30 meters thick).
- Tc Polymict conglomerate (mid-Tertiary) - Thin to thick-bedded, reddish sandy matrix, cobble-pebbles, rare boulder, clast-supported, conglomerate and pebbly sandstone containing sub-angular to rounded clasts of schist and granite (>75%) and mafic to intermediate volcanic and/or schist (<25%) (10-30 meters thick).
- Tb Oracle Granite breccia (mid-Tertiary deformation of a Mesoproterozoic unit) - Strongly fractured, medium to coarse-grained, K-feldspar porphyritic biotite schist and gneiss containing rounded, angular to sub-angular, pebble- to boulder-sized clast-supported breccia.
- Xp Pinal Schist breccia (mid-Tertiary deformation of a Paleoproterozoic unit) - Strongly fractured, sericitic phyllite and schist of massive outcrop of nonwelded, angular to sub-angular pebbles to boulder-sized clast-supported breccia with red sandy to silty matrix.
- Tcv Volcanoclastic conglomerate (Oligocene) - Thin to thick-bedded, reddish sandy matrix, cobble-pebbles, rare boulder, clast-supported, conglomerate containing greater than 80% volcanic clasts, locally with subordinate clasts of schist and granite (>20 meters thick).
- Tcd Dacitic clast conglomerate - breccia (Oligocene) Dominantly monomict dacitic clast conglomerate and breccia, typically thick-bedded to thin-bedded or massive with poorly defined bedding (0-120 meters thick).
- Td Dacitic lava (Oligocene) - 5-10% plagioclase-porphyrific, biotite-phylic dacite lava (0-200 meters thick).
- Tsc Schist-clast conglomerate (Oligocene) - Monomict, medium to thick-bedded, clast-supported, red sandy matrix, pebble-cobble schist-clast conglomerate (0-30 meters thick).
- Tdi Hypabyssal dacitic rocks (Oligocene) - Phenocryst-poor, plagioclase- and biotite-phylic hypabyssal dacitic porphyritic.
- Ta Hypabyssal andesitic rocks (Oligocene) - Small stocks of hypabyssal andesite similar in composition to andesite lava unit (Ta).
- Ty Welded rhyolitic tuff (Oligocene) - Moderately welded rhyolitic ash-flow tuff containing 10% phenocrysts of oligoclase, sanidine, quartz, and biotite (0-15 meters thick).
- Ta Andesitic lava (Oligocene) - Mafic to intermediate lava flows characterized by phenocryst assemblages of plagioclase (1 mm - 6 mm) with subordinate pyroxene and olivine phenocrysts (0-100 meters thick).
- Tb Basaltic andesite lava (Oligocene) - Amalgamated mafic lava flows characterized by phenocryst assemblages of 2-15% pyroxene + olivine (0.5 mm - 4.0 mm), and subordinate plagioclase (typically <1.5 mm) (0-600 meters thick).
- Tdd Aphyric basaltic andesite lava (Oligocene) - Massive, crystalline mafic aphyric lava (0-100 meters thick).
- Td Dacite dikes (mid-Tertiary) - A swarm of north-striking dikes up to 4 m wide intrude the Carpas Wash Shear zone along the eastern edge of the map.
- Tm Mafic dikes and small stocks (Mid-Tertiary) - Fine to medium-grained mafic dikes and small stocks with variable amounts of plagioclase (10-60%) and mafic minerals, typically chloritic altered.
- Tpp Granite porphyry dikes (Mid-Tertiary) - Medium-grained syenogranite to alkali feldspar granites dikes up to 50 meters but generally less than 15 meters thick.
- Tp Rhyolite porphyry dikes (Mid-Tertiary) - Phenocryst-poor rhyolite porphyry dikes containing less than 10% phenocrysts of feldspar (1-4 mm), quartz (1-3 mm), and sparse biotite.
- Ttg Agite granite dikes (Tertiary) - Apatite granite dikes intrude the Tortolita Mountains granite.
- Tth Tortolita Mountains Granite (Tertiary) - Medium-grained, equigranular granite containing 5-12% biotite.
- Ttm Tortolita Mountains Granite, mafic phase (Tertiary) - Rare dikes less than 3 meters wide of fine-grained, equigranular, weakly proclino-mylonitic granite with up to 30% biotite.
- Tww Pluton of Wild Burro Canyon, western phase (Tertiary) - Medium to coarse-grained, equigranular, <10% biotite granite occurs along the northwestern margin of the pluton.
- Xp Pinal Schist with 5-30% pluton of Wild Burro Canyon dikes (Paleoproterozoic and Tertiary) - Sericitic to granitic schist cut out by leucogranite dikes.
- Tm Pluton of Wild Burro Canyon, mafic phase (Tertiary) - Medium to fine-grained 50-500 m biotite and hornblende, quartz monzonite to monzonitic and diorite concentrated along the southeastern margin of the pluton of Wild Burro Canyon.
- Tw Pluton of Wild Burro Canyon (Tertiary) - The main and oldest phase of a composite pluton consisting of medium to coarse-grained, K-feldspar porphyritic quartz monzonite to quartz syenite with 15-30% biotite and hornblende.
- Tdd Diorite dikes (Tertiary) - Fine to medium-grained diorite dikes and small enclaves.
- Tf Granite of Frenal Canyon, composite unit (Tertiary) - Medium to coarse-grained leucogranite with abundant (>40%) perthite. Leucogranite areas from muscovite-bearing, pegmatite, and rare biotite. Pegmatite consists of K-feldspar granite with minor muscovite, quartz, and rare biotite.
- Tfs Granite of Frenal Canyon (Tertiary) - Medium-grained, muscovite-bearing, biotite leucogranite distinguished from map unit Tf by paucity of perthite and pods (< 5%).
- Tfkg Granite of Frenal Canyon with less than 80% pluton of Chiron Wash eclogite (Cretaceous + Tertiary) - A composite unit consisting of pluton of Chiron Wash intruded by abundant dikes of granite of Frenal Canyon.
- Tfkgp Granite of Frenal Canyon with less than 80% Pinal Schist enclaves (Paleoproterozoic and Tertiary) - Pinal Schist intruded by granite of Frenal Canyon.
- Kgp Pluton of Chiron Wash (Cretaceous) - Medium-grained, equigranular granodiorite to monzonite containing 15-30% biotite, hornblende, minor clinopyroxene, and opaque minerals. A sample of pluton of Chiron Wash (Lange, 1962) yielded a U-Pb zircon date of 69.6 ± 0.6 Ma (Clark, 1998, written comm., 2003).
- Kgdp Pluton of Chiron Wash with andesite 5-20% granite of Frenal Canyon dikes (Cretaceous + Tertiary) - Pluton of Chiron Wash intruded by granite of Frenal Canyon.
- Kgm Pluton of Chiron Wash, mafic phase (Cretaceous) - Fine to medium-grained granodiorite containing >35% mafic minerals.
- Kgdp Leucocratic phase of the pluton of Chiron Wash with less than 30% granite of Frenal Canyon dikes (Cretaceous + Tertiary) - Medium-grained, equigranular monzonite containing less than 15% biotite intruded by granite of Frenal Canyon.
- Kgdp Pluton of Chiron Wash, leucocratic phase (Cretaceous) - Medium-grained, equigranular monzonite containing <15% mafic minerals.
- Kgp Granodiorite porphyry (Tertiary) - One small body of granodiorite porphyry on the piedmont south of Owl Head Buttes in the north-west part of the map.
- Quartzite (Paleozoic) - Thin to thick-bedded or banded, gray, vitreous quartzite with sparse interbeds of calc silicate schist and rusty sericitic schist.
- M (Paleozoic) - Massive, light gray marble.
- Metasedimentary rocks (Paleozoic) - Quartzite, calc silicate schist, sericitic schist, and marble with lenses of fine to medium-grained amphibolite.
- Dacite (Mesoproterozoic) - Mafic dikes and pods displaying diabase texture or interpreted to be associated with nearby mafic dikes with diabase textures.
- Dripping Spring Quartzite (Mesoproterozoic) - Thin to thick-bedded, fine to medium-grained, moderately sorted, pink, feldspar porphyritic, biotite granite.
- Oracle Granite (Mesoproterozoic) - Medium to coarse-grained, K-feldspar porphyritic, biotite granite.
- Oracle Granite, medium-grained equigranular phase (Mesoproterozoic) - Medium to coarse-grained, equigranular to slightly quartz-porphyrific granite with up to 15% biotite.
- Pinal Schist, aphyric rhyolite lava (Paleoproterozoic) - Aphyric rhyolite lava flow interbedded with quartzose paragneiss.
- Xp Pinal Schist (Paleoproterozoic) - Laminated to thin-bedded siltstone and thin to medium bedded sandstone and siltstone with mudstone north of Carpas Wash Shear zone. Quartz vein and sericitic schist and coarse-grained schist to thin-bedded quartzofeldspathic siltstone grades to the south.

**Structural Symbols**

- Inclined bedding
- Inclined bedding whips
- Overtuned bedding
- Inclined close disjunct cleavage
- Vertical close disjunct cleavage
- Concretion cleavage
- Slaty cleavage
- Schistosity
- Foliation
- Laminated differentiated foliation
- Crenistic foliation
- Mylonitic foliation
- Protomylonite foliation
- Weak protomylonite foliation
- Ultramylonite foliation
- Mylonitic stretching lineation
- Discrete mylonite zone
- Mylonitic stretching lineation, directed down plunge
- Inclined joint
- Vertical joint
- Minor anticline fold axis
- Sideline fold axis
- Minor fault
- Fault surface orientation
- Fractures
- Concretion lineation
- Sample location for geochronology analysis
- Contact, accurate
- Contact, approximate
- Contact, concealed
- Fault, accurate
- Fault, approximate
- Fault, concealed
- Low-angle fault, accurate
- Low-angle fault, approximate
- Thrust fault, accurate
- Thrust fault, approximate
- Thrust fault, concealed
- Gradational contact
- Flow boundaries in unit Td
- Scratch contact
- Shear zone
- Vein, accurate
- Vein, approximate
- Dacite dikes (Tdd), accurate
- Mafic dikes (Tm), accurate
- Granite porphyry dikes (Tpp), accurate
- Rhyolite porphyry dikes (Tp), accurate
- Tortolita Mountains Granite dikes (Tth), accurate
- Tortolita Mountains Granite mafic dikes (Ttm), accurate
- Granite of Frenal Canyon dikes (Tf), accurate
- Leucocratic dikes, accurate
- Dacite dikes (Yd), accurate

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