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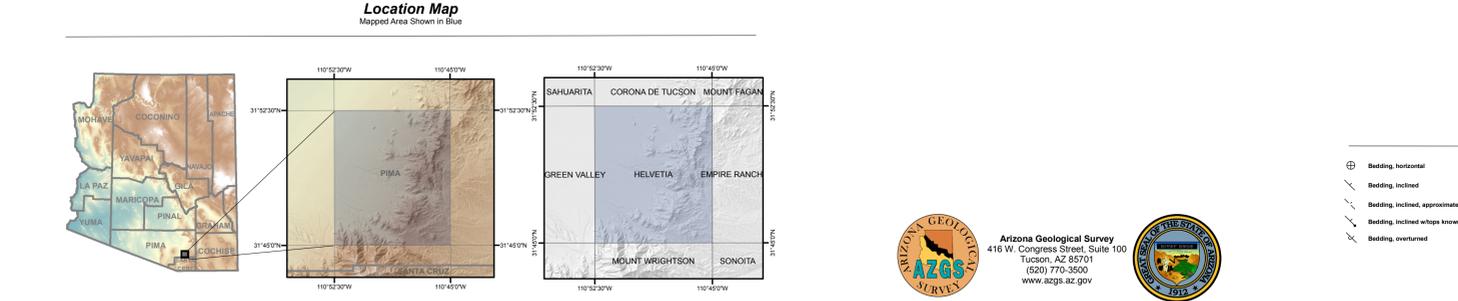
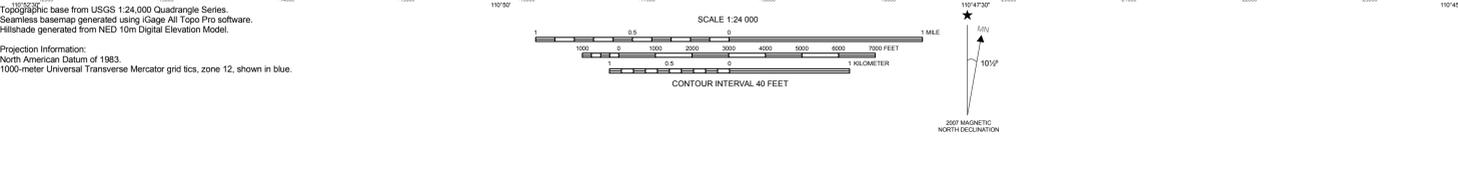
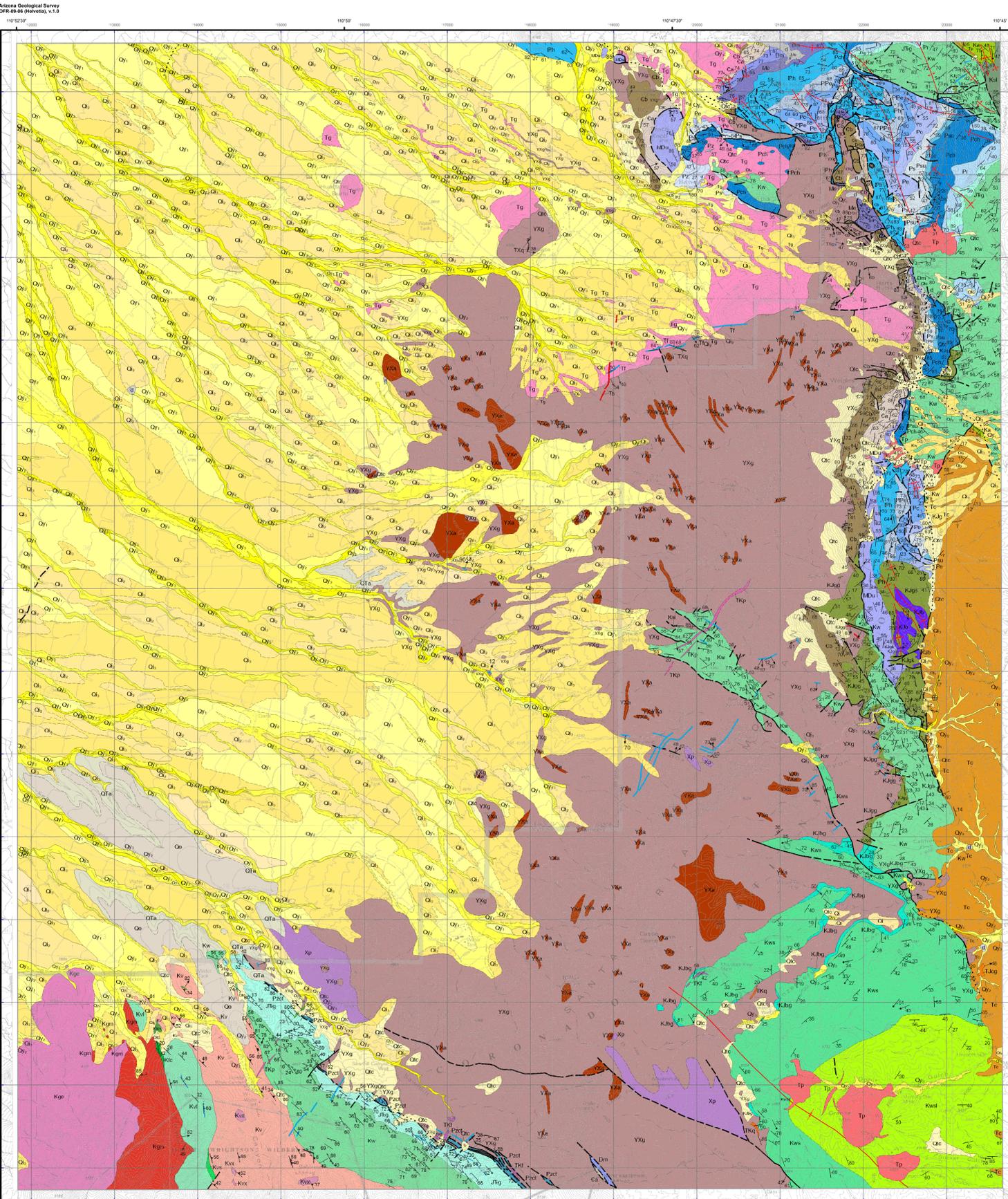
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Map Unit Descriptions

- Surficial Deposits**
- Oy** Active tributary channel alluvium - Unconsolidated, very poorly sorted sand to boulder channel sediments. Channels commonly exhibit bar and swale microtopography with bars composed of sand and silt, and oxbow channels are unvegetated to lightly vegetated and exhibit no soil development. With shrubs and small trees on slightly elevated bars. Channels are generally incised less than 2 m below adjacent Holocene alluvial surfaces. Cyclic deposits commonly become submerged during moderate to extreme flow conditions and can be subject to deep, high velocity flow and lateral bank erosion.
  - Oy1** Latest Holocene alluvium - Very young piedmont alluvium located along active drainages including small channels, low-lying terraces, shallow sheetflood areas, and overbank channels. Cyclic deposits consist of silt, sand and fine gravel, with some cobbles and boulders. Soil development is absent or incipient on Cyclic deposits, which exhibit pale to light brown (10YR 7.5/2 YR) surface coloration. Cyclic deposits support larger and denser vegetation than Cyclic deposits due to less frequent inundation. Cyclic surfaces generally exhibit bar and swale microtopography and are associated to inundation during moderate to extreme flow conditions.
  - Oy2** Late Holocene alluvium - Young deposits located primarily on low terraces along the flanks of incised channels and on broad, low-relief sheetflood areas. These deposits consist of unconsolidated to weakly consolidated sand, silt, pebbles and cobbles, with boulders. Where inset into older alluvium, Cyclic terrace deposits are planar with remnant bar and swale microtopography. Cyclic terrace deposits are laterally extensive with planar to gently undulating surfaces. Soil development on Cyclic terrace deposits is weak, characterized by incipient stage I calcium carbonate accumulation in the form of small filaments and medium brown (7.5 to 10 YR) surface coloration. Vegetation on Cyclic terrace surfaces typically is fairly dense and includes small mesquite trees, grasses, creosote bush and acacia. Cyclic terrace are less than 1.5 m above adjacent active channels. These surfaces are subject to inundation during moderate to extreme flow conditions.
  - Oy3** Early to middle Holocene alluvium - Slightly higher, weakly consolidated terrace and alluvial fan deposits with weak to moderate soil development. Surfaces are generally concave to undulating, with gravel bars and ridges. Vegetation cover is variable, ranging from fairly medium mesquite to relatively open surfaces with prickly pear, small mesquite, and numerous small shrubs and grasses. Overall relief between terrace or fan surfaces and adjacent channels typically does not exceed 2 meters. Numerous shallow channels drain extensive Cyclic surfaces. Cyclic deposits exhibit weak calcic cementation (stage I) and incipient clay accumulation, and surfaces typically are brown (7.5 YR). Deposition of Cyclic sediments has resulted in shallow burial of older piedmont deposits in many areas. This relationship is visible along incised channels where thin Cyclic deposits overly redder, gravelly clay-rich Cyclic or Cyclic deposits.
  - Oy4** Late Pleistocene alluvial fan and terrace deposits - Widespread relict alluvial fans and terraces with moderate soil development. These deposits consist of weakly consolidated pebbles, cobbles, sand, silt and minor boulders. Soils exhibit weak to moderate calcic carbonate accumulation (stage II) and clay accumulation, with reddish shallow subsurface coloration (5 YR). Surfaces commonly have a pebble cobble lag, and surface clasts have an orange varnish. Cyclic deposits exhibit small to medium mesquite, prickly pear, creosote, acacia, and numerous small shrubs and grasses. Cyclic deposits stand up to 5 m higher in the landscape than adjacent active channels, but more commonly are 2 m above active channels.
  - Oy5** Middle Pleistocene alluvial fan and terrace deposits - Deposits associated with planar to rounded relict alluvial fans and terraces with strongly developed reddish soils. These deposits generally exhibit reddish (5 YR) moderately clay rich near surface soil horizons and moderately strong calcic carbonate accumulation (stage III). Cyclic terrace surfaces are commonly marked by well-sorted reddened cobbles and pebbles, and surfaces have an orange to red color. Cyclic terrace surfaces are planar but can exhibit moderate to strong relief near incised channels or inset terraces. Vegetation on Cyclic terrace surfaces consists of medium mesquite, prickly pear, cholla, barrel cactus, and numerous small shrubs and grasses. Where incised, these deposits often exhibit a cap up to 1 meter thick of moderately calcic cemented caliche. This cap preserves underlying, less-indurated portions of the Cyclic surface as well as any deposits it may overly. Cyclic terrace deposits located on basin fill deposits may stand as much as 30 meters above active piedmont channels.
  - Oy6** Middle to late Pleistocene alluvial deposits, undivided - Middle to late Pleistocene alluvial deposits, undivided.
  - Oy7** Early to middle Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits - Moderately consolidated pebble, cobble, sand and boulder deposits associated with high-standing, moderately well-rounded alluvial fan remnants. Cyclic terrace surfaces exhibit strong, dark reddish (2.5 YR) clay rich shallow subsurface soil horizons and stage II-III calcium carbonate accumulation. Where laterally extensive, Cyclic terrace surfaces exhibit a remnant, resistant planar cap due to strong soil development, but surface edges typically are rounded and well-sorted. Narrow Cyclic terrace surfaces are generally well rounded with moderate soil development on the slopes. Cyclic terrace surfaces are commonly marked by coarse pebbles to boulders and support vegetation consisting of mesquite, acacia, prickly pear, cholla, barrel cactus, and grasses.
  - Oy8** Early Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits - Moderately consolidated pebble, cobble, sand and boulder deposits with very strong soil development associated with high relict alluvial fans. These deposits are found only near the mountain front, and overlie slightly less coarse uppermost basin-fill deposits. Cyclic terrace surfaces typically are very smooth where laterally extensive, but the margins of the surfaces are well rounded. Very clay rich shallow subsurface soil horizons are reddish brown to red (2.5 YR to 10R), and calcic carbonate development is variable. These deposits typically support moderate to dense grass, with scattered small mesquite trees.
  - Oy9** Late Pliocene to early Pleistocene fan gravel - Poorly exposed, coarse gravel deposits that underlie older Quaternary deposits in a few places near the mountain front. Cyclic terrace surfaces are moderately indurated, very poorly sorted subangular cobbles, pebbles, boulders and sand. Locally these deposits are capped by very old, very high relict Cyclic terrace deposits.
  - Oy10** Talus and colluvium - Locally derived, very poorly sorted and weakly bedded, hillock colluvium and coarse, subangular to angular, bouldery to cobbly talus mantling bedrock-cored slopes.
  - d** Disturbed areas - Areas profoundly disturbed by human activity. Primary stockpiles and mining disturbance.
- Basin fill deposits**
- Tc** Gila Conglomerate (Miocene to Pliocene) - Boulder-cobble-pebble, clast-supported conglomerate and pebbly sandstone. Complementary to very fine-grained units with stratification defined by grain-size variations. Clasts are sub-angular to sub-rounded, and consist of arkosic sandstone (Bisbee), glauconitic quartz-feldspar-biotite ash-flow tuff (TK), argillite and limestone (Bisbee and Paleozoic), quartzite (Cambrian) and Proterozoic granitoid. Clasts of white quartz porphyry (TK) are sparsely present.
- Bedrock Units**
- Ta** Granite dikes (Eocene?) - Granite dikes 2-20 m thick, containing 15-20% K-feldspar phenocrysts (2 mm) and 8-10% mafic minerals (bottle up to 2 mm, magnetite) in an aplitic groundmass of quartz and feldspar.
  - Tf** Feldspar-quartz porphyry (Eocene?) - Porphyry dikes containing 5-12% quartz and 1-10% feldspar phenocrysts in a light gray to light pink aphanitic groundmass. Quartz is 1-3 mm, subhedral to anhedral, and commonly embayed. Feldspar is pale pink, 1-3 mm, subhedral to subangular, and commonly altered to carbonate. Flow foliation parallels dike margins.
  - Tp** Quartz-feldspar porphyry (Paleocene - Eocene) - Light gray to pink tuffaceous porphyry containing 8-15% phenocrysts of anhedral to euhedral quartz (1-5 mm) up to 25% subhedral to euhedral feldspar (3-5 mm, white to pink), and 1-2% biotite. The biotite forms thin 1-2 mm flakes that commonly weather out of the rock. The groundmass ranges from aphanitic to argillite and is commonly silicified. The porphyry forms small stocks and dikes that are associated with copper mineralization in the Rosemont, Helvetia, and Greaterville areas.
  - Tg** Helvetia granite (Paleocene - Eocene) - White to light gray, medium- to coarse-grained monzonitic and granodiorite, typically containing 1-10% euhedral K-feldspar megacrysts 1-2 cm long. Mafic minerals, mostly biotite and magnetite, form fine-grained aggregates 1-5 mm across and constitute 5-12% of the rock.
  - Tk** Feldspar porphyry (Tertiary - Cretaceous) - Feldspar porphyry dikes containing 15-20% feldspar phenocrysts (1-3 mm) and 1-2% mafic phenocrysts (1-2 mm) in a pink to purple aphanitic groundmass. Feldspar phenocrysts are euhedral to subhedral, are mostly sericitized, and some appear broken or embayed. The mafic phenocrysts are iron-oxide-stained and appear to be mostly altered biotite.
  - Tk1** Crystal-poor to aphyric felsite - Crystal-poor to aphyric felsite. Locally this unit is flow-bedded and contains 1-2%, 1-mm oxidized pyrite.
  - Tk2** Quartz porphyry felsite - Crystal-poor dike with 1-1%, 1-mm quartz.
- Biisbee Group**
- Ka** Massive granite-clast conglomerate - Granite clasts are lithologically diverse, with fine, medium, and coarse porphyritic granite clasts, typically 2-20 cm, that all could have been derived from local heterogeneous granite (Continental Granodiorite).
  - Tk3** Quartz veins (Tertiary - Proterozoic) - Quartz veins and stockwork.
  - Kgn** Elephant Head pluton (Late Cretaceous) - Leucocratic syenogranite composed of 60-70% K-feldspar, 8-10% plagioclase, 20-30% quartz, 2-3% biotite, and 1-3% magnetite. Texture grades from fine-grained porphyritic to bimodal fine- to medium-grained, depending on the abundance of pinkish gray K-feldspar crystals 3-10 mm long which form 15% to 50% of the rock.
  - Kgn1** Madera Canyon pluton (Late Cretaceous) - Plutonic rock characterized by light gray, tabular, euhedral K-feldspar phenocrysts up to 2 cm long in a fine- to medium-grained groundmass of plagioclase, K-feldspar, quartz, and 15-20% mafic minerals including aggregates of fine-grained biotite, magnetite, sphene, and hornblende. Plagioclase forms euhedral cores of phenocrysts, mantled by K-feldspar.
  - Kv** Mt. Wrightson Formation, ash-flow tuff (Upper Cretaceous) - Phenocryst-poor, densely welded, rhyolitic ash-flow tuff containing 3-10% 1-4 mm phenocrysts of sandine (or K-feldspar), plagioclase, and sparse biotite. Some tuff in the lower part of the formation also contains a few percent 0.5 mm quartz phenocrysts. Most of the ash-flow tuff in this formation is part of very thick sequence of probable caldera fill. The tuff contains large lithic blocks of older units, chiefly Willow Canyon Formation, but also quartzite of probable Mesozoic age (Kv1).
  - Kv2** Mt. Wrightson Formation, megabreccia (Upper Cretaceous) - Blocks, some very large of quartz sandstone, green arkosic sandstone and mudstone, and green altered mafic lava contained within the ash-flow tuff (Kv).
  - Kv3** Rhyolite lava, Mt. Wrightson Formation (Upper Cretaceous) - Rhyolite lava flows, medium- to fine-grained. This unit is dominated by phenocryst-poor rhyolite lava containing 5-15%, 1-5 mm phenocrysts of feldspar and plagioclase and minor biotite.
  - Kv4** Mt. Wrightson Formation, sandstone and tuff (Upper Cretaceous) - Thin arkosic-felsic sandstone and tuff sequences associated with the rhyolite lava complex (Kv3). The tuffs contain abundant accretionary lag and the sandstone, typically quartzose but locally arkosic and lithic arkosic.
  - Kv5** Fort Crittenden Formation (volcanic facies) - gfa
  - Kv6** Fort Crittenden Formation - Solero Group Conglomerate (undifferentiated) (Upper Cretaceous) - Dark gray pebbly arkosic sandstone and mudstone, with sparse andesitic lava or dikes that underlies the Mt. Wrightson Formation.
- Lower Shellenbarger Formation (Lower Cretaceous) - Arkosic sandstone and mudstone capped by a distinctive limestone unit <5m thick. This is an oyster packstone that defines the top of this map unit. Sandstones of this unit are fine- to medium-grained, lithic, and argillite and argillite sandstone.**
- Apache Canyon Formation (Lower Cretaceous) - Arkosic sandstone, limestone, and rare pebbly sandstone. It is distinguished by its signature lithology, dark, typically laminated, nonconformable limestone. The limestone, making up as much as 50% of the formation, occurs in laminae and thin to medium-bedded, rarely thick-bedded sequences of amalgamated laminated to thin-bedded black limestone interbedded with dark mudstone and shale. Sandstone occurs in thin to thick-bedded units that display bed-scale cross-stratification, but also, and more commonly, graded bedding. Other massive to ripple-bedded sandstone and ripple-laminated sandstone are common in individual thin beds and laminae, and as gradational tops to the graded beds. The mudstone, which dominates the formation, occurs in sets that range up to 10m thick. The mudstone is mostly shale or claystone with sparse siltstone and thin beds.**
- Willow Canyon Formation (Lower Cretaceous) - A succession of fine to coarse-grained, locally pebbly, sandstone and arkosic-lithic sandstone interbedded with dark olive gray to maroon to dark purple mudstone. Mudstone is typically silty with rare pink claystone or shale intervals. The sandstone is mostly medium to thick-bedded, and displays graded bedding, planar bedding, and cross-stratification. Ash beds are locally present near the base.**
- Willow Canyon Formation, sandstone and siltstone facies (Lower Cretaceous) - This unit consists of fine-grained, medium- to coarse-grained sandstone with magnetite laminations and cross beds in 10-30 cm thick sets. Color is generally tan to medium brown, includes a minor component of fine-grained sandstone and siltstone, and local pebble and rare cobble conglomerate. Base of unit is locally conglomeratic.**
- Willow Canyon Formation, mafic lava (Lower Cretaceous) - Mafic lava flows within the Willow Canyon Formation. The flows are massive to amygdaloidal (calcite and quartz) and typically very fine-grained with sparse mafic phenocrysts up to 2 mm. The matrix consists of fine-grained microcline of pagopagite.**
- Basal gneiss (Jurassic - Cretaceous) - Disaggregated, reworked, and oxidized megacrystic Continental Granodiorite that forms poorly sorted, weakly bedded base of Bisbee Group in the Greaterville area. Unit rests directly on continental Granodiorite. Unit includes poorly sorted maroon siltstone, sandstone, and pebbly sandstone.**
- Glance Conglomerate (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Conglomerate at the base of the Bisbee Group that contains a wide variety of clast types. The conglomerate is typically massive to thick-bedded, mostly clast-supported, but locally matrix-supported. Clasts are typically pebble-cobble, and range from angular to rounded, with mostly sub-angular to sub-rounded. The assemblages range from monomict to oligomict defined by varying abundances of granite, quartzite, limestone, argillite, lesser arkose, and sparse volcanic. Four varieties are locally recognized: KJg - sedimentary clasts dominated (quartzite-limestone-argillite), KJg1 - carbonate clast dominated, KJg2 - granite clast dominated, KJg3 - granite and quartz sandstone clast dominated.**
- Glance Conglomerate (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Oligomict granite quartz sandstone to quartzite and argillite clast conglomerate, typically massive to thick-bedded and clast-supported.**
- Glance Conglomerate (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Argillite, limestone and carbonate (limestone and dolomite) - argillite clast conglomerate, typically thick-bedded to massive and clast-supported.**
- Glance Conglomerate (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Monomict limestone clast dominated conglomerate, typically massive to thick-bedded and clast-supported.**
- Glance Conglomerate (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Monomict granite clast conglomerate, typically massive to thick-bedded and clast-supported.**
- Basaltic lava (Lower Cretaceous - Upper Jurassic) - Vesicular to amygdaloidal and massive basaltic lava containing sparse altered mafic phenocrysts up to 20mm in a fine-grained plagioclase microcline-rich matrix.**
- Gardner Canyon Formation (Jurassic - Triassic) - Maroon to tan metasiltstone and sparse fine metasandstone. Includes medium-gray siltstone with sparse sandstone and pebble conglomerate beds up to 40 cm thick. Contains sparse, one- to seven-meter-thick, resistant, white, fine-grained quartzite beds (larger beds are mapped separately), and local conglomerate.**
- Naco Group**
- P1** Rainvalley Formation (Permian) - Light to dark gray, medium- to thick-bedded dolomite and limestone, interbedded with minor fine- to medium-grained quartzose sandstone and siliceous shale.
  - P2** Concha Limestone (Permian) - Dark to medium gray, thick- to medium-bedded, fossiliferous limestone commonly containing chert nodules 10-30 cm across. Lime mudstone and wackestone are predominant, with minor skeletal packstone. Fossils include brachiopods, gastropods, pelecypods, turgid corals, crinoid columnar fragments, and echinoid spines.
  - P3** Sherer Formation, upper division (Permian) - Dolomite, limestone, and quartz arenite.
- Permian**
- P4** Sherer Formation, lower division (Permian) - A unit dominated by white to pink, fine-grained, planar-laminated quartz arenite. Grains are subrounded to rounded and well-sorted, typically fine-grained but ranging from very fine-grained to medium-grained.
  - P5** Ephraim Formation (Permian) - A mixed siliceous-carbonate unit consisting of white to medium gray, thin- to thick-bedded limestone and dolomite, and thin- to medium-bedded siltstone, mudstone, and fine-grained sandstone. The carbonate and siliceous components have commonly been metamorphosed to, respectively, fine-grained marble and light hornfels.
  - P6** Colina Limestone (Permian) - Medium- to thick-bedded, white to light gray, massive limestone. The unit is tabular but creamy white to tan weathered surfaces locally pinkish gray, rarely medium to dark gray, and lack of resistant weathered siliceous layers. Limestone grades laterally to dolomite, and has been metamorphosed to fine-grained marble in much of the map area.
  - PP1** East Formation (Pennsylvanian-Permian) - A mixed siliceous-carbonate unit consisting of light green to light brown, thin- to medium-bedded, planar-laminated mudstone, siltstone, and very fine-grained sandstone, interbedded with subordinate light gray to pinkish gray micritic limestone and skeletal wackestone. The siliceous components are commonly metamorphosed to light green or orange-pink hornfels. The limestone is locally dolomitic and is commonly metamorphosed to fine-grained marble.
  - PH** Horquilla Limestone (Pennsylvanian) - Thick- to thin-bedded, light gray to white, fine-grained, cherty, recrystallized limestone, with interbedded shale, silt mudstone, and fine- to very fine-grained quartzose sandstone. In most of the Helvetia map area, carbonate-dominated intervals are characterized by thick to medium bedsets of light gray to white, fine-grained marble with thin interbeds of siliceous hornfels that form resistant ribs. Siliceous intervals consist of thin, medium-bedded to laminated siliceous hornfels and recessive fine-grained limestone.
  - ME** Escabrosa Limestone (Mississippian) - Light gray to white, thick-bedded massive limestone. The limestone of this unit, and is typically metamorphosed to medium- to coarse-grained marble. The limestone is typically massive and exhibits internal laminations. Siliceous layers are much less common than in the overlying Horquilla Limestone and are mostly 1-10 cm thick. Large columnar and lenses of pink recrystallized chert are common.
  - MDU** Escabrosa Limestone (Mississippian) and Martin Limestone (Devonian), undifferentiated - Light gray, medium- to thick-bedded, amalgamated, massive, locally crystalline limestone and marble. Massive dolomite or dolomitic limestone is present in the lower portion locally. Although an unconformity is present between the Escabrosa Limestone and the Martin Limestone, the two are not preserved well enough in the Rosemont area to identify the contact between them. In the Helvetia area near Helvetia, this unit consists of gray marble with siliceous and calcite-silicate laminations and stringers that are interpreted as successively bedded.
  - DM** Martin Limestone (Devonian) - A carbonate-dominated succession characterized by medium-bedded, gray to brown limestone and dolomite. The lower part of the unit contains thin- to medium-bedded limestone with thin interbeds and laminations of dolomite and calcitic hornfels. Limestone and dolomite are fine-grained and recrystallized (typically metamorphosed to marble). The limestone is weathered tan, light brown, or olive to medium gray. In contrast, the dolomite and hornfels typically are weathered dark to medium brown.
  - DCU** Martin Limestone (Devonian) and Abrego Formation (Cambrian) undifferentiated - Hornfels, skarn, dolomitic and calcitic marble.
  - P21** Carbonate tectonite in the Sawmill Canyon shear zone (Paleozoic protolith with Mesozoic deformation fabric) - Massive to laminated carbonate tectonite, locally with siliceous stringers and laminations.
  - P22** Marble, hornfels, and skarn - marble, hornfels, and skarn in varying proportions.
  - Ca** Abrego Formation (Cambrian) - A succession of thin- to medium-bedded, white to light-gray, micritic limestone with thin, brown weathered siliceous beds and laminations. The lower part contains rare planar-laminated to ripple-laminated fine-grained sandstone interbedded with siltstone, silty mudstone, and shale. In much of the map area, the unit has been metamorphosed to fine-grained marble and light pinkish-gray to greenish-yellow calcitic hornfels. The hornfels forms resistant outcrops with recessive thin beds, lenses, and laminations of carbonate. Thinly interbedded to interlaminated marble and siliceous hornfels also are laminated. Near the northern edge of the map area west of Chavez Spring, the unit contains intervals of thin-bedded to medium-bedded, white to light gray, micritic limestone or orange-brown. On weathered surfaces, some amalgamated carbonate bedsets exhibit alternate gray and brownish gray (or lighter and darker gray) layers. Mottling of lighter and darker carbonate is also common.
- Vein quartz** - Vein quartz produced by hydrothermal activity.
- Apilite dike swarms (Proterozoic)** - Clusters of apilite dikes in the Continental Granodiorite as mapped by Drewes (1971).
- Continental Granodiorite (Proterozoic)** - Granitoid rock ranging in composition from granodiorite to monzonitic, quartz monzonite, and quartz monzonitic. The rock typically is medium-grained and contains 3-25% K-feldspar megacrysts, is pinkish gray to light gray, and weathers brown to orange-brown. The distinctive K-feldspar megacrysts are pink to grayish pink, subhedral to subangular, typically are nearly equant and slightly to moderately oval, are generally 1-3 cm, and range up to 5 cm. Mafic minerals, mostly chlorite-biotite and magnetite and sphene, form fine-grained aggregates and constitute 10-35% of the rock.
- Pinal Schist (Paleoproterozoic)** - Fine-grained, heterogeneous, quartz-biotite schist.

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Map Symbol Descriptions

- Bedding, horizontal
- Bedding, inclined
- Bedding, inclined, approximate
- Bedding, inclined, steep
- Bedding, overturned
- Bedding, overturned with top known
- Bedding, vertical
- Bedding, vertical, approximate
- General foliation, inclined, open triangle
- General foliation, inclined, closed triangle
- Inclined cumulate foliation
- Inclined flow foliation
- Inclined gneiss foliation
- Truncated bedding, inclined
- Inclined first generation tectonic fabric
- Inclined second generation tectonic fabric
- Close dip-slip cleavage, inclined
- Bedding parallel to cleavage, inclined
- Protomylonite
- Sphynite
- Inclined joint, open rectangle
- Inclined joint, closed rectangle
- Minor folds - color red
- Generic lineation
- Dickensite strike lineation
- Lineation at intersection of bedding and cleavage
- Contact, accurate
- Contact, approximate
- Contact, concealed
- Fault, accurate
- Fault, approximate
- Fault, concealed
- Felsic porphyry dike
- Porphyritic aphyric dike
- Mafic dike
- Quartz dike
- Wash
- Preferential direction determined from clast host