

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS. A chart correlating map units (e.g., Qac, Qls, Qc, etc.) with geological periods (Quaternary, Tertiary, Cretaceous, Jurassic, Triassic, Permian, Pennsylvanian).

- DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS. Detailed descriptions for units like Alluvium and colluvium (Qac), Landslide deposits (Qls), Terrace deposits (Qc), Bishop Conglomerate (Tb), Castlegate Sandstone (Kc), Mancos Group (Kmm), Frontier Sandstone (Kmf), Mowry Shale (Kmy), Dakota Sandstone (Kd), Cedar Mountain Formation (Kcm), Morrison Formation (Jm), and Redwater Member (Jr).

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containing copper and uranium minerals. Unconformable contact with Entrada Sandstone is sharp. Thickness variable, 0 to 30 ft. Entrada Sandstone (Middle Jurassic)—Resistant, light-gray, fine- to medium-grained, thick-bedded, massive sandstone; glauconitic in upper part. Where underlying Carmel Formation (unit Jca) is absent or very thin generally east of Red Wash water gap the Entrada-Glen Canyon contact is mapped along a topographic low between the two similar sandstone units. Thickness ranges from 90 to 150 ft.

Carmel Formation (Middle Jurassic)—Slope-forming, reddish-brown, fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone. Redbeds of the Carmel display a striking contrast to eolian sandstone units above (Entrada Sandstone, unit Jd) and below (Glen Canyon Sandstone, unit Jg). The Carmel crops out around Moosehead Mountain and, in southwestern part of map area, as far east as Red Wash water gap east of the water gap the Carmel is too thin to map. It is 5 ft thick or less. Contact with underlying Glen Canyon is mapped along color changes from reddish-brown Carmel mudstones to light shades of gray in Canyon Sandstone. Unit thins to east from about 50 ft in southwest to only a few feet east of Red Wash.

Glen Canyon Sandstone (Lower Jurassic)—Massive, thick-bedded, well-sorted, light-gray to grayish-pink, medium- to fine-grained sandstone. Exhibits medium-scale to very large scale sandstone crossbedding. An unconformity lies about 10 ft below the Carmel-Glen Canyon contact, within lithologies similar to Glen Canyon Sandstone (Pipiringos and O'Sullivan, 1975). The unconformity is marked by a very thin less than 1 in. thick layer of chert pebbles. It is relatively resistant and weathers to rounded boulders. Exposed extensively around Skull Creek Monocline, forming the apron of Skull Creek Rim. Thickness ranges from 600 to 700 ft.

Chinle Formation (Upper Triassic)—Includes main body and Garita Member (not mapped separately) at base. Main body is slope-forming, moderate-red to moderate pink siltstone interbedded with very fine-grained sandstone units of similar color. Garita Member is ledge-forming, light-gray, coarse-grained, conglomeratic sandstone; contains laminae, angular heavy-mineral clasts as large as 1 ft, petrifed wood locally; is usually crossbedded. The Garita forms a conspicuous, bench-like, otherwise relatively soft red cliffs around Skull Creek Monocline and ranges from 10 to 30 ft thick. Total thickness of Chinle ranges from about 250 to 300 ft. Unconformable contact with Moenkopi Formation is sharp.

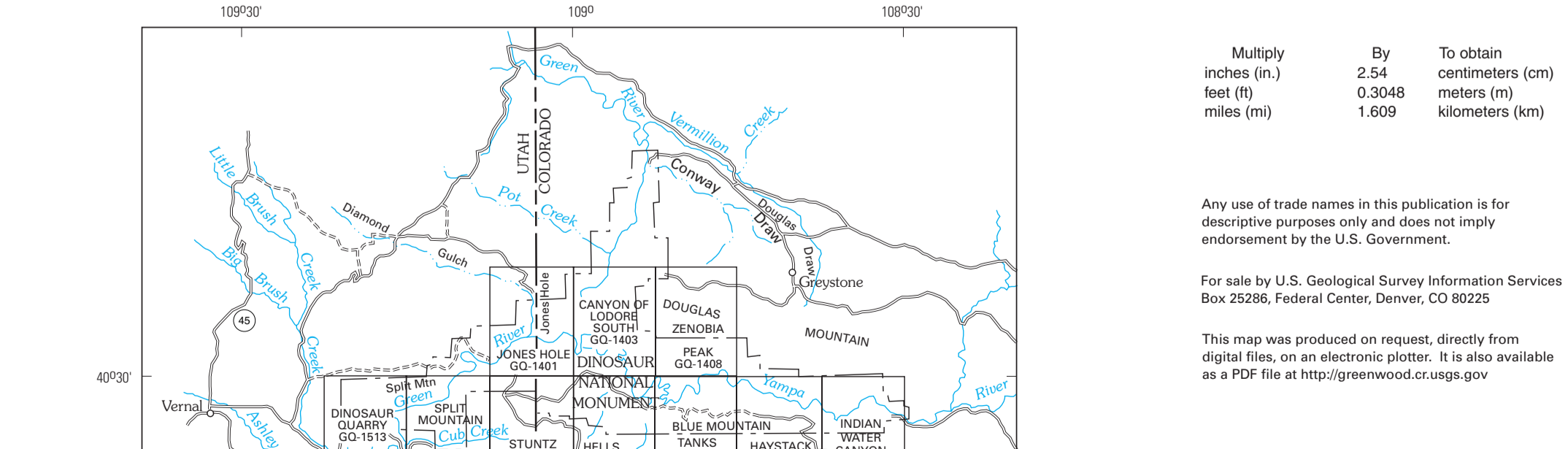
Moenkopi Formation (Middle and Lower Triassic)—Moderate-red to reddish-brown, yellowish-gray, and pale-olive micaceous siltstone interbedded with minor amounts of mudstone and very fine-grained sandstone. Gypsum is common. Unconformable contact with Park City Formation, covered in most places, was mapped below lowermost beds of reddish-brown Moenkopi siltstone; color changes subtly from red Moenkopi to orangish Park City. Thickness ranges from 500 to 600 ft.

Park City Formation (Lower Permian)—Alternating slope-forming, pale-orange and pale-olive mudstone and ledge-forming, indurated, yellowish-brown siltstone. Contains minor amounts of fine-grained, lenticular sandstone (some asphaltic); all lithologies are calcareous. The Park City is poorly exposed around Skull Creek Monocline, thought to be correlative with Franson Member (Hansen and Rowley, 1980). Possibly unconformable contact with Weber Sandstone is marked locally by a 2-ft-thick conglomerate containing coarse quartz pebbles and angular rock fragments as large as 1 in. Thickness estimated at 150 ft.

Weber Sandstone (Lower Permian and Upper and Middle Pennsylvanian)—Upper part is mainly light-gray, massive, thick-bedded, fine-grained sandstone except near top, where the sandstone is pale yellowish brown and slightly calcareous; large-scale crossbedding is common; several canyons locally expose 500-600 ft of sandstone at center of Skull Creek Dome. Lower part is highly indurated, interbedded light-gray (predominant) to pale-yellowish-orange, fine-grained, mostly thin bedded, commonly crossbedded, calcareous sandstone and light-gray, fine-grained, mostly thin bedded, commonly cherty, somewhat crossbedded, fossiliferous, locally sandy limestone, exposed in steeply dipping beds north of Wolf Creek Fault. Contact with Morgan Formation mapped at top of uppermost Morgan rebed. Reported to be about 1,000 ft thick about 6 mi northeast of national Monument (Hansen and Rowley, 1980).

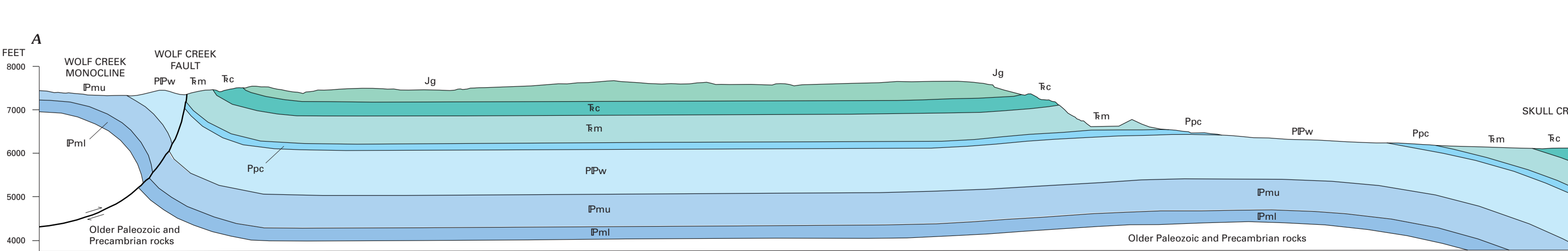
Morgan Formation (Middle Pennsylvanian) Upper member—Ledge-forming, interbedded light- to moderate-red, fine-grained, crossbedded sandstone, gray to pale-olive, cherty, fossiliferous limestone, and purple-red siltstone. Pink to red chert nodules are conspicuous. Beds range from 2 to 10 ft thick. Breccia of red siltstone and limestone fragments occurs as float in upper part. Contact with lower member placed at break in slope at base of ledge-forming, relatively hard limestone and sandstone units of upper member. Only upper part of member is exposed in northeast corner of map area. Hansen, Carrara, and Rowley (1980) reported member to be about 600 ft thick a few miles north of map area.

Lower member—Slope-forming, interbedded varicolored gray, red, and lavender shale and siltstone and minor grayish-pink to pale-lavender limestone and calcareous sandstone. Base not exposed in quadrangle; about 280 ft thick nearby (Hansen, Carrara, and Rowley, 1980).



GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE LAZY Y POINT QUADRANGLE, MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO

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Base from U.S. Geological Survey, 1962. Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum, 10,000-foot grid based on Colorado coordinate system, north zone 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 12. SCALE 1:24,000. CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET. DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 20-FOOT CONTOURS. NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929.

Multiple inches (in.) By To obtain feet (ft) 2.54 centimeters (cm) miles (mi) 0.3048 meters (m) 1.609 kilometers (km)