

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF  
DOS CABEZAS MOUNTAINS  
WILDERNESS STUDY AREA  
(AZ-040-065)

EXPLANATION OF IDENTIFIED RESOURCES AND  
MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL

[No terrane having high mineral resource potential for any commodity was identified by this study]

Identified resource—Quartz vein

Geologic terrane having moderate mineral resource potential—Dashed line indicates subterranean boundaries. Subscript numbers are keyed to usage in text.  
M/D<sub>1</sub>—Copper, lead, zinc, molybdenum, tungsten, and silver in skarns, stockworks, veins, and breccia pipes. Certainty level D.  
M/D<sub>2</sub>—Copper, lead, and silver in veins. Certainty level D.  
M/C<sub>1</sub>—Copper, lead, molybdenum, tungsten, and silver in veins. Certainty level C.  
M/C<sub>2</sub>—Copper, lead, and silver in veins. Certainty level C.  
M/C<sub>3</sub>—Copper, lead, zinc, molybdenum, tungsten, and silver in stratabound, vein, or skarn deposits. Certainty level C.  
M/B<sub>1</sub>—Copper, molybdenum, lead, and zinc in stockworks, replacements, and veins. Certainty level B.

Geologic terrane having low mineral resource potential for metals, nonmetals, and energy sources—Dashed line indicates subterranean boundaries. Subscript numbers are keyed to usage in text.  
L/C<sub>1</sub>—Certainty level C.  
L/C<sub>2</sub>—Certainty level C.  
L/B<sub>1</sub>—Certainty level B.  
L/B<sub>2</sub>—Certainty level B.

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

QTg	Holocene to Pliocene	QUATERNARY TO TERTIARY
Ta	Miocene and Oligocene(?)	TERTIARY
Tg	Oligocene	TERTIARY OR CRETACEOUS
TKg		
TKri		
TKrb		
TKd	Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous	TERTIARY OR CRETACEOUS
TKr		
TKdl		
Ka	Upper Cretaceous	CRETACEOUS
Ksv	Lower Cretaceous	CRETACEOUS
Kb	Lower Permian and Pennsylvanian	PERMIAN
Pea	Lower Permian and Pennsylvanian	PENNSYLVANIAN
PPh	Lower Permian and Pennsylvanian	MISSISSIPPIAN
Mpe	Upper Devonian	DEVONIAN
Op	Lower Ordovician	ORDOVICIAN
Dp	Upper Cambrian	CAMBRIAN
Cc	Middle Proterozoic	PRECAMBRIAN
Yg	Early Proterozoic	PRECAMBRIAN
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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

QTg Gravel (Holocene to Pliocene)—Alluvial deposits, mainly bouldery to sandy.  
Young intrusive rocks  
Ta Andesite (Miocene and Oligocene?)—Medium-gray dikes.  
Tr Rhyolite (Miocene and Oligocene?)—Pale-yellowish-brown, sparsely porphyritic dikes and plugs.  
Tg Granite or quartz monzonite (Oligocene?)—Light-pinkish-gray, moderately coarse grained rock. Forms Ninemile stock.  
Moderately old intrusive rocks (Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous)—Probably formed partly as shallow intrusives associated with eruptive centers.  
TKg Granodiorite or quartz monzonite—Pale-brownish-gray, moderately coarse grained rock. Contains large included block of altered Paleozoic sedimentary rock (Fu). Forms, among others, the Mascot stock.

- TKri Rhyolite (Light-colored, porphyritic, altered dikes, plugs, and possible ring-fracture intrusive bodies)
- TKa Andesite, dacite, and diorite—Brownish- to greenish-gray, porphyritic, propylitized plugs and dikes
- Moderately old intrusive to extrusive breccia (Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous)—Probably formed in volcanic throats
- TKrb Rhyolite breccia—Finely fragmental, quartz-bearing, strongly propylitized rock
- TKmb Mixed breccia—Finely fragmental, strongly propylitized, rhyolite (quartz-bearing) and dacite or andesite (quartz-free and commonly greenish-gray) rock
- TKeb Exotic breccia—Coarsely fragmental, propylitized rock of rhyolite, dacite or andesite, and Mesozoic and Paleozoic sedimentary blocks
- Moderately old volcanic rocks (Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous)—Probably formed near volcanic vents and partly in a volcanic collapse basin or cauldron
- TKd Dacitic to andesitic breccia—Greenish-gray, finely porphyritic (plagioclase and amphibole), propylitized flow and pyroclastic breccia and welded tuff. May be more than 2,300 ft thick
- TKr Rhyolite—Mainly pale-yellowish-gray, laminated, shaly-textured, porphyritic (quartz, feldspar, and biotite), moderately altered, crystal-litic welded tuff. Includes some uncrystallized tuff breccia, sedimentary rocks, and dacite units interbedded near top of unit. Thickness 1,500-2,500 ft
- TKdl Dacite or latite—Light-brownish-gray to greenish-gray, porphyritic (plagioclase, amphibole, and biotite) lava flows and flow breccia, and some sedimentary rocks. As much as 800 ft thick
- Ka Andesite (Upper Cretaceous)—Dark-greenish-gray, strongly propylitized lava flows, flow breccia, and some interbedded volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks. At least 600 ft thick
- Ksv Sedimentary and volcanic rocks (Upper Cretaceous)—Olive-gray to brown shale, sandstone, and conglomerate containing clasts of andesite, rhyolite, and sedimentary rocks. At least 2,500 ft thick
- Kb Bibebe Group (Lower Cretaceous)—Shale, siltstone, sandstone, limestone-cobble conglomerate, and limestone. Metamorphosed west of Howard Peak. Normally more than 5,000 ft thick but local thickness unknown
- Fu Sedimentary rocks (Paleozoic)—Undivided carbonate rocks and horizons occurring as large inclusions in intrusive rocks, such as in units TKg and TKeb
- Pea Earp Formation (Lower Permian)—Light-colored marlstone, shale, and limestone. About 500 ft thick
- PPh Horquilla Limestone (Lower Permian and Pennsylvanian)—Light-gray cherty limestone and pale-redish-gray shale. Usually about 2,000 ft thick but locally thinner because of erosion and faulting
- Mpe Paradise Formation and Escabrosa Limestone, undivided (Mississippian)—Paradise Formation: light brownish-gray limestone and pale-yellowish-brown shale; as much as 30 ft thick. Underlain by Escabrosa Limestone: very light gray to medium-gray, medium-bedded to massive limestone; about 450 ft thick
- Dp Portal Formation of Sabins (1975b) (Upper Devonian)—Light-gray limestone and dark-gray shale. About 330 ft thick
- Oe El Paso Formation (Lower Ordovician)—Light-brownish-gray dolomitic limestone and dolomite; some interbedded sandstone and siltstone. About 600 ft thick
- Cc Coronado Sandstone (Upper Cambrian)—Brownish-gray quartzite, sandstone, and siltstone; some shale, limestone, and dolomite in upper part. About 330 ft thick. Equivalent to the Bolsa Quartzite as used by Sabins (1957b)
- Old intrusive rocks  
Xa Granite and granodiorite (Middle Proterozoic)—Light gray, very coarse grained quartz monzonite, granodiorite porphyry, and small bodies of aplite, pegmatite, and lamprophyre  
Xpp Phyllite and schist member—Includes meta-argillite, meta-arkose, metagraywacke, and some bodies of metavolcanic rocks; dark colored  
Xpq Metaquartzite member—Includes some arkosic metaquartzite and pebble conglomerate; very light gray to light brownish gray and strongly indurated  
Xpr Metarhyolite member—Light-colored porphyritic rock. Rock has weak foliation and resembles unit TKri  
Xpv Metavolcanic member—Medium gray, strongly propylitized porphyritic dacite, andesite, and some rhyolite. Includes metasedimentary rocks and may include small intrusive bodies  
q Quartz veins (unknown age)—Typically white tabular masses of bull quartz, some bearing metal minerals. Includes veins as old as Precambrian and others as young as Miocene

Selected mineral occurrences in and near the Dos Cabezas Wilderness Study Area

(Chalcopyrite, galena, malachite, and pyrite were determined on site; other elements were determined analytically. Site numbers keyed to Drexels and others (in press))

Section	Site no.	Mineral or element
T. 14 S., R. 28 E.		
29	37	Copper, lead, molybdenum, silver, zinc
30	38	Copper, lead, molybdenum, silver, zinc
T. 14 S., R. 27 E.		
2	22	Bismuth, copper, lead, molybdenum, silver, zinc
3	18	Bismuth, copper, molybdenum, silver, tungsten
4	16	Lead, silver
11	18	Bismuth, gold, lead, molybdenum, pyrite, silver
19	19	Lead, silver
23	23	Bismuth, chalcopyrite, copper, galena, lead, molybdenum, silver, zinc
14	21	Bismuth, copper, lead, silver
15	20	Bismuth, copper, galena, lead, malachite or similar green copper oxide
	59	Copper, silver
	60	Copper, molybdenum, silver, zinc
	52	Copper, lead, silver, zinc
	53	Copper, silver
	48	Copper, lead, molybdenum, silver, zinc
23	46	Copper, molybdenum, silver, zinc
24	47	Lead, molybdenum, silver
	24	Arsenic, copper, silver

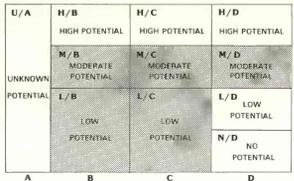
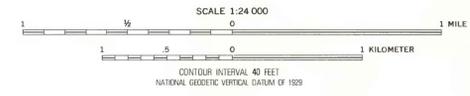


Diagram showing relationships between levels of mineral resource potential and levels of certainty. Shading shows levels that apply to this study area.

Base from U.S. Geological Survey Dos Cabezas, 1974; Bowie Mtn. North, 1979; and Luera, 1979

Geology by Harold Drexels, 1979 and 1984, assisted by R.P. Langford, 1979, and R.C. Davies, 1984; supplemented in lower part of Buckeye Canyon by R.C. Erickson, 1989



MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL MAP OF THE DOS CABEZAS MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA AND VICINITY,  
COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA