

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

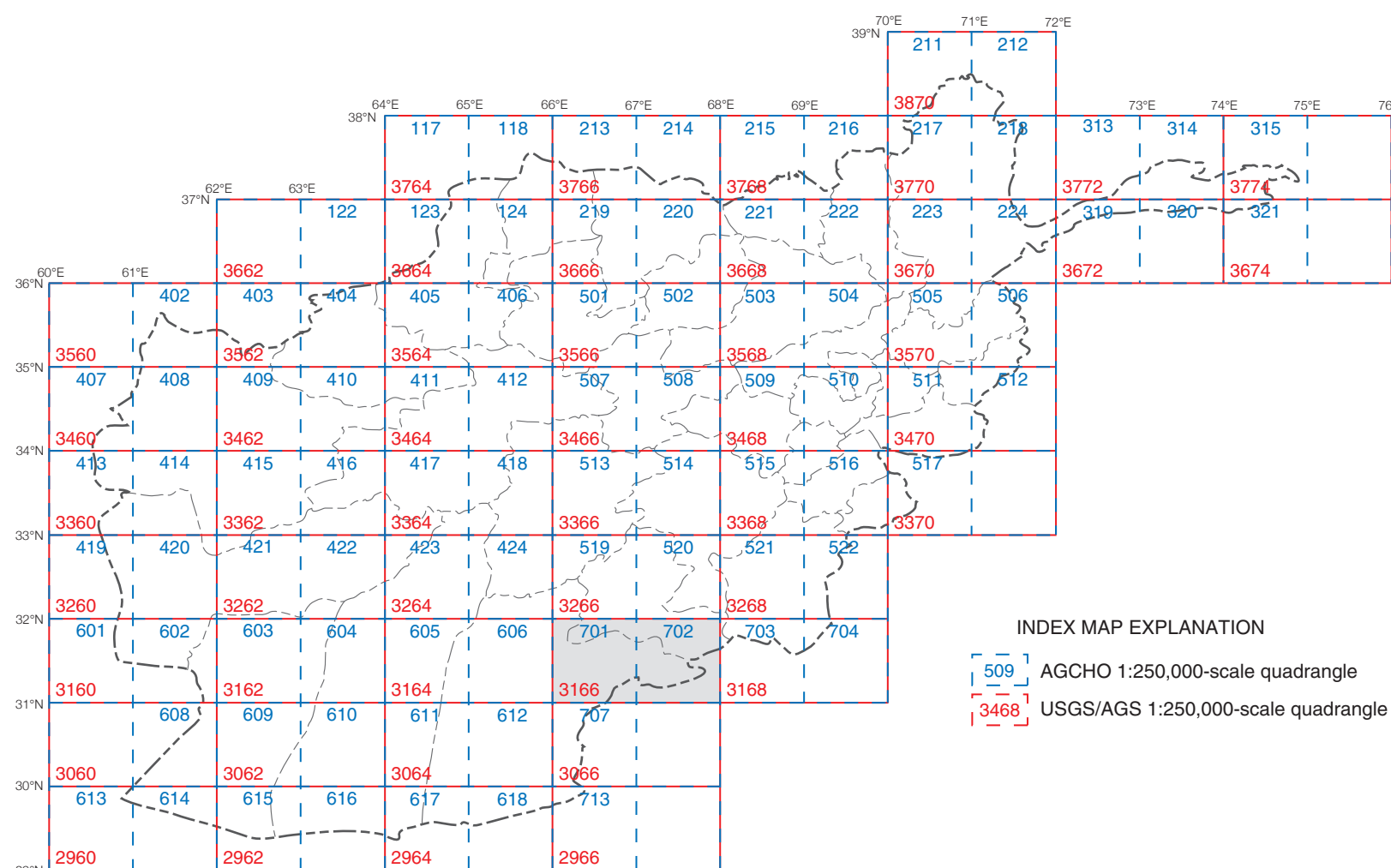
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Q _{al}	Conglomerate and sandstone (Holocene) —Alluvium: shingly and detrital sediments, gravel, sand more abundant than silt and clay
Q _{al} ^{ss}	Eolian deposits (Holocene and late Pleistocene) —Sand
Q _{al} ^{sc}	Fan alluvium and colluvium (Holocene and late Pleistocene) —Fan alluvium and colluvium: shingly and detrital sediments; gravel, sand, clay
Q _{al} ^{sd}	Conglomerate and sandstone (late Pleistocene) —Alluvium: shingly and detrital sediments, gravel, sand more abundant than silt and clay
Q _{al} ^{ss}	Loess (late Pleistocene) —Loess more abundant than sand, clay
Q _{al} ^{sd}	Conglomerate and sandstone (middle Pleistocene) —Alluvium: shingly and detrital sediments, gravel, sand more abundant than silt and clay
Q _{al} ^{sd}	Conglomerate and sandstone (early Pleistocene) —Alluvium: shingly and detrital sediments, gravel, sand more abundant than silt and clay
H _{cgst}	Conglomerate and sandstone (Pliocene) —Gray conglomerate, grit, sandstone more abundant than siltstone, clay, limestone, marl; gypsum, salt; acid to mafic volcanic rocks
H _{dgst}	Diorite and granodiorite (Miocene) —Diorite porphyry, granodiorite porphyry, monzonite porphyry, syenite porphyry, nepheline syenite
H _{dgst}	Conglomerate and sandstone (Miocene) —Red conglomerate, sandstone more abundant than siltstone, clay, acid and mafic volcanic rocks; limestone, marl, olive basal, trachybasalt, andesitic basalt (Tayvira Series)
P _{dgst}	Granodiorite (Oligocene) —Granodiorite (Phase I)
P _{dgst}	Granite and granodiorite (Oligocene) —Granite, granite porphyry, granodiorite more abundant than trachyte, dacite, rhyolite, ignimbrite, tuff, conglomerate
P _{sdst}	Sandstone and siltstone (Oligocene) —Sandstone, siltstone more abundant than clay, conglomerate, limestone, marl; acid and mafic volcanic rocks
P _{sdst}	Basaltic andesite and basalt (Oligocene and Eocene) —Basaltic andesite, basalt more abundant than trachyte, dacite, rhyolite, ignimbrite, tuff, conglomerate; sandstone, siltstone, limestone
P _{sdst}	Ultramafic intrusions (Eocene) —Dunite, peridotite, serpentinite
P _{sdst}	Clay and shale (Eocene) —Clay, shale, siltstone more abundant than sandstone; limestone, marl, gypsum, conglomerate
K _{rl}	Rhyolite and basalt (Tertiary) —Rhyolite and basalt mafic volcanic rocks more abundant than chert, fine- and coarse-grained terrigenous rocks, marl, limestone

This map was produced from several digital digital datasets. Topography was derived from Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) 85-meter digital data. Gaps in the original dataset were filled with data digitized from contours on a 1:200,000-scale Soviet General Staff sheets (1:200,000-scale Soviet General Staff sheets). The 1:200,000-scale Soviet General Staff sheets were digitized from the 1:200,000-scale SRTM's surface-measurement files. Cultural data were extracted from files downloaded from the Afghanistan Information Management Service (AIMS) web site (<http://www.aims.org.af>). The AIMS files were originally derived from maps produced by the Afghanistan-German Joint Military Geographical Institute. The international boundary of Afghanistan were taken directly from Abdullah and Chmyrnov (1977).

It is the primary intent of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to present the geologic data in a useful format while making them publicly available. These data represent the state of geologic knowledge as of the time of publication. The USGS does not intend to update the data (Abdullah and Chmyrnov, 1977). The USGS has made no attempt to modify original geologic map-unit boundaries and faults; however, modifications to map-unit symbology, and minor modifications to map-unit descriptions, have been made to clarify lithostratigraphy and to modernize terminology. The generation of a Correlation of Map Units (CMU) diagram required the use of the original data, because no CMU diagram was presented by Abdullah and Chmyrnov (1977).

This map is part of a series that includes a geologic map, a topographic map, a Landsat natural-color-image map, and a Landsat false-color-image map for the USGS/AGS Afghanistan Geologic Map Series. The USGS/AGS Afghanistan Geologic Map Series is a series of maps that have the same open-file number but a different letter suffix, namely, -A, -B, -C, and -D for the geologic, topographic, Landsat natural-color, and Landsat false-color maps, respectively. The present map series is to be followed by a second series, in which the geology is reinterpreted on the basis of the USGS/AGS Afghanistan Geologic Map Series. The second series is to be produced by the USGS in cooperation with the AGS and AGCHO.

Abdullah, Sh., and Chmyriov, V.M., eds., 1977, Map of mineral resources of Afghanistan: Kabul, Ministry of Mines and Industries of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of Geological and Mineral Survey, V/O "Technoexport" USSR, scale 1:500,000.



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