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# PRELIMINARY DIGITAL SURFICIAL GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CHUGWATER 30' X 60' QUADRANGLE, GOSHEN, LARAMIE AND PLATTE COUNTIES, WYOMING

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# **Background**

The Preliminary Surficial Geologic Map of the Chugwater 30 x 60 Minute Quadrangle shows the surficial features (landforms) and deposits present on the surface in the Quadrangle. The map was primarily generated for a statewide study of aquifer vulnerability to contamination from pesticides. In that context, it was to be used to assist in the generation of a new State soils map, to analyze the effects of the vadose zone on contaminant migration, to define specific Quaternary-age aquifers, and to refine the analysis of regional hydrogeologic settings.

The Preliminary Surficial Geologic Map of the Chugwater 30 x 60 Minute Quadrangle can be used, in conjunction with a bedrock geologic map, as a guide in siting new facilities or industries in Wyoming. It can also be used to identify and locate geologic hazards, such as landslides and windblown deposits, or to assist in the search for shallow ground water supplies and for construction aggregate.

# **Quadrangle Mapping**

The mapping was accomplished through the use of limited existing surficial geology maps, existing bedrock geology maps, existing soil surveys, existing landslide maps, existing windblown deposits maps, existing clinker maps, and aerial photography. Most of the Quadrangle had to be newly mapped for surficial geology, which was accomplished by interpreting aerial photography and using existing related references.

#### **Aerial Photography**

The aerial photography used to generate the surficial geology map was predominantly U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National High Altitude Photography (NHAP I, 1980 - 1982). The USGS photography was color infrared at a scale of 1:58,200. In addition, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) photography (CPIR, RWIR, WWIR, and RKSP series, 1974-1976) was used to provide detail in select areas. The BLM photos were color infrared at a scale of 1:31,680. In localized areas, additional photography from multiple sources and dates was used to fill small gaps in the NHAP coverage. The photography was analyzed by using a Fairchild Aviation Corporation Magnifying Mirror Stereoscope and an Abrams Instrument Corporation Pocket Stereoscope.

# **GIS Methodology**

The surficial geology of the polygons were attributed using a nine-digit character S\_Unit, representing the surficial geologic unit nomenclature, and a six-digit numeric item S\_Code, representing the classification of the unit.

Currently the product can be referred to as Open File Report (OFR) 04-4. Errors may exist as the product is preliminary surfical geology mapping. Any errors will be corrected with future releases. The product was produced at 1:100,000 scale and should not be utilized at scales larger than produced.

The vector polygon product was produces via on-screen digitizing of the original scanned surfical surficial geologic map. The map was scanned at 300dpi on a Hewlwet Packard 800ps scanner. The image was georeferenced in ArcGIS 9.0 to the 1:100,000 quad base and statewide tic layer. The data was initially digitized as an ESRI personal Geodatabase in ArcGIS 9.0. The topology was checked for overlaps and gaps and fixed accordingly. The product was then exported to ESRI shapefiles for use by other GIS and CAD systems. The annotation was created within the map document from the surficial geology attributes and does not exist as a separate annotation layer.

The raster base map was scanned at 300dpi on a Hewlwet Packard 800ps scanner and converted to black and white by Adobe Photoshop. The image was georeferenced in ArcGIS 9.0to the 1:100,000 quad base and statewide tic layer.

# **Mapping Classification Scheme**

The classification scheme for surficial geologic units developed by the Wyoming State Geological Survey was a modification of those developed by Gibbons (1986a, 1986b), Pierce (1973, 1974a, 1974b, 1974c), Reheis (1987), Reheis and Coates (1987), Reheis and Williams (1984), Richmond (1973a, 1973b, 1973c, 1973d, 1974, 1977), Richmond and Pierce (1971, 1972), Richmond and Waldrop (1972, 1975), Waldrop (1975a, 1975b), and Waldrop and Pierce (1975). The classification scheme has two phases, with the first phase being a simple classification and description of single units, such as alluvium (a), colluvium (c), eolian (e), and bedrock (R). The second phase of the classification combines the single elements into a multi-element classification and description for a specific mapping unit. In many cases, a specific mapping unit may be composed of many single elements, such as slopewash (s), colluvium (c), and bedrock (R), that in certain areas can not be shown separately at a scale of 1:100,000. In such cases, the single elements were combined into a more complex unit (scR), with the single elements ranked from most dominant to least dominant. The mapping unit scR would then represent a complex deposit composed of slopewash, colluvium, and bedrock outcrops, with more slopewash present than either colluvium or bedrock outcrop.

# **State Map Classification Codes**

# Alluvial Deposits

#### Alluvium

Alluvium and alluvium mixed with residuum, eolian deposits, grus, lacustrine deposits and/or slopewash (101)

(a, ae, aer, aes, ar, are, ars, arse, arw, asre, aw, awr, ea, ear, eas, raw)

Alluvium mixed with terrace deposits, with scattered eolian deposits, slopewash, and/or residuum (102)

(ast, at, ate, ater, atr, ats, atsr, eat, sat)

Shallow alluvium mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and residuum, slopewash, and/or colluvium (103)

(aR, aRe, arR, ascR, aseR, asR, asRe)

# Alluvial Fan Deposits

Alluvial fan deposits and alluvial fan deposits mixed with slopewash, alluvium, residuum, and/or eolian deposits (201)

(af, afe, afr, afs, asf, f, fa, far, fas, fe, frsa, fs, fsa, fse, fsr, sf, sfa, sfae, sfar, sfe, sfr, sfre)

Alluvial fan deposits grading into bench deposits or terrace deposits, or alluvial plain deposits mixed with slopewash, residuum, and/or eolian deposits (202)

(fAs, fb, fbe, fbr, fbs, ft, fte, ftr, fts, sfb, sft, sftr)

Alluvial fan deposits grading into dissected bench deposits, mixed with slopewash, residuum, and/or eolian deposits (203) (fbd, fbdr, fbds, sfbd)

Dissected alluvial fan deposits and dissected alluvial fan deposits that grade into terrace deposits, mixed with slopewash and/or residuum (204) (fd, fdr, fdrs, fds, fdsr, ftd, ftde, ftdr, ftds, rftd, sftd, sfd, sfdr)

# Old Alluvial Plain Deposits

Dissected old alluvial plain deposits and dissected old alluvial plain deposits mixed with eolian deposits (301) (Ad, Ade)

#### Bench Deposits

Bench 401 – Bench deposits and bench deposits mixed with eolian deposits, residuum, and/or slopewash (401) (b, be, br, bre, bs, eb, rb)

Bench 402 – Dissected bench deposits and dissected bench deposits mixed with slopewash, eolian deposits, and/or residuum (402) (bd, bde, bdr, bdre, bdrs, bds, ebd, ebdr, sbd, sbde)

#### Bench Deposits or mesa caprock undifferentiated

Bench deposits / mesa caprock and bench deposits/mesa caprock with a thin cover of eolian deposits and/or residuum (501) (b/m, b/me, eb/m, erb/m, rab/m, rb/m, rb/ma, rb/me)

Bench-Mesa 502 – Dissected bench deposits / mesa caprock and dissected bench deposits / mesa caprock with a thin cover of eolian deposits, slopewash, and/or residuum (502) (b/md, b/mde, eb/md, rb/mde, sb/md)

# Terrace Deposits

Terrace deposits and terrace deposits mixed with alluvium, eolian deposits, residuum, and/or slopewash (601) (et, st, str, t, ta, tae, tar, tare, tas, te, ter, tra, ts, tse, tsr)

Dissected terrace deposits and dissected terrace deposits mixed with slopewash, alluvium, eolian deposits, and/or residuum (602) (etd, etdr, std, stde, stdr, td, tda, tdar, tde, tdr, tdre, tdrs, tds)

Shallow terrace deposits or shallow terrace deposits / structural terrace mixed with residuum, alluvium, and/or eolian deposits (603) (ert, ert/T, etr, rat, ret/T, rt, rte, rt/Te, rt/Ts, tr, tre, t/Tr)

Dissected shallow terrace deposits and dissected shallow terrace deposits / structural terrace mixed with residuum and/or eolian deposits (604) (ertd, ret/Td, rtd, rtde, rt/Td, rt/Tde)

Dissected shallow terrace deposits mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and slopewash (606) (stdR)

Terrace deposits/structural terrace and terrace deposits/structural terrace mixed with eolian deposits (607) (t/T, t/Te)

Terrace 608 - Dissected terrace deposits/ structural terrace and dissected terrace deposits/structural terrace mixed with slopewash, alluvium, residuum, and eolian deposits (608) (sat/T, st/Td, t/Tde, t/Tdr, t/Tdra, t/Tdre)

#### **Eolian Deposits**

Eolian deposits and eolian deposits mixed with residuum, slopewash, and alluvium (701)

(e, er, era, ers, ersa, es, esr, esra)

Eolian deposits covering terrace deposits or terrace deposits / structural terrace (702)

(et/T)

Eolian deposits mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops or structural terrace / terrace deposits and residuum and/or slopewash (703) (eRp, erR, erS, erT, erT/t, erT/ta)

Eolian deposits covering dissected terrace deposits or dissected terrace deposits / structural terrace (704) (ertd, et/Td)

Eolian deposits mixed with dissected structural terrace / terrace deposits and residuum (705) (erTd, erT/td)

# Landslide Deposits

Landslides and landslides mixed with slopewash, colluvium, alluvium, and/or scattered bedrock outcrops (801)

(l, laR, lc, ls, srl)

#### Mesa

Mesa caprock mixed with a thin cover of residuum and/or eolian deposits (901) (erm, rm, rme, rms)

Dissected mesa caprock with a thin cover of residuum and/or eolian deposits (902)

(mdr, rmd, rmde, rmdsa, srmd)

# Playa lake and playa lake deposits

Playa lake, playa lake deposits, and playa lake deposits mixed with eolian deposits, residuum and/or alluvium (1001) (aep, ap, eap, epa, epr, p, pa, pe, pre)

# Slopewash

Slopewash and slopewash mixed with residuum, alluvium, eolian deposits, alluvial fan deposits, grus and/or colluvium (1101)

(as, ase, asr, asu, esa, s, sa, sae, saf, sar, sare, sau, sc, scr, sea, ser, sera, sr, sra, srae, src, sre, srf, srfe, sur, sura)

Slopewash mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and residuum, alluvial fan deposits, alluvium, grus, colluvium, clinker, and/or eolian deposits (1102) (sacR, saR, saRe, sarR, sauR, scR, scRa, scRe, scRr, scrR, scuR, sfdR, sfR, sfRe, sfrR, sraR, srcR, srcR, sreR, srfR, srk, srr, srRa, srRc, srRe, srRf, srRk, sruR, sucR, surR)

#### Colluvium

Colluvium mixed with slopewash, alluvial fan deposits, and/or residuum (1201) (c, cs, csa, csf, csr)

Colluvium mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and residuum, grus and/or slopewash (1202)

csR, csrR, csuR, cuR, rcs, rcsR

## Glacial Deposits and Features

#### Glacial Outwash

Glacial outwash, and glacial outwash mixed with alluvium, terrace deposits, and glacial deposits (1301) (ag, ao, go, o, to)

#### Glacial deposits

Glacial deposits and glacial deposits mixed with colluvium, slopewash, alluvium, grus, and landslide deposits (1302)

(ag, csg, g, ga, gs, gsa, lg, rsg, sag, sg, srg, uga)

Glacial deposits mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and alluvium, colluvium, grus, residuum, and/or slopewash (1303) (csgR, gsR, rsgR, rsRg, sagR, scgR, sgR, suRg, usgR)

#### Glaciated bedrock

Glaciated bedrock with a mantle of glacial deposits and alluvium, colluvium, residuum, slopewash, and/or grus (1304) (csgG, , Gcg, Gcsg, gG, Grg, gsaG, gcsG, gsG, Gg, Gsg, Gucg, Gusg, rgG, rsgG, sagG, sgG, usgG)

#### Residuum

Residuum mixed with slopewash, alluvium, eolian deposits, and/or alluvial fan deposits (1401)

(r, ra, rae, raes, ras, rase, re, rea, reas, res, rs, rsa, rsae, rse, rsf)

Residuum mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops or structural terrace / terrace deposits and slopewash, alluvium, eolian deposits, alluvial fan deposits, and/or colluvium (1402)

(raR, raRe, rasR, reR, resR, reT/t, reT/tR, rRa, rRae, rRcs, rRe, rRs, rRsa, rRsc, rRse, rsaR, rscR, rseR, rsfR, rsR, rsRa, rsRe, rsT, rsT/t, sRs)

Residuum mixed with slopewash, eolian deposits, and/or alluvium on dissected bedrock outcrops and/or a dissected structural terrace/terrace (1403) (raT/td, raT/tde, reRd, resTd, reTd, reT/td, rsaRd, rsaT/td, rsRd, rsRda, rsT/td)

Grus mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and slopewash, alluvium, and/or residuum (1404)

(rusR, uaR, ursR, usR, usaR, usrR)

#### Bedrock

Bedrock and bedrock mixed with colluvium, alluvial fan deposits, eolian deposits, glacial debris, slopewash, grus, clinker, alluvium, and/or residuum (1501) (R, Rc, Rcr, Rcs, Rcsa, Rcsg, Rcsr, Rcsu, Rcu, Re, Rr, Rrc, Rrce, Rrcs, Rres, Rrsa, Rrsc, Rrse, Rrsk, Rs, Rsa, Rsc, Rsc, Rsc, Rsf, Rsk, Rsr, Rsra, Rsra, Rsre, Rsrk, Rsu, Ru, Ruc, Rucs, Rus, Rusc, Rusr)

Bedrock or upturned truncated bedrock with a thin mantle of eolian deposits, residuum, colluvium, and/or slopewash (1502) (eaR, eR, eRrs, esR, rR, sR, sRc)

Upturned and truncated bedrock with a thin mantle of residuum, terrace deposits, alluvium, bench deposits, and/or eolian deposits (1503) (bx, rx, rxae, rxe, trx, tx)

Dissected bedrock with a thin mantle of residuum, colluvium, slopewash, alluvium, and/or eolian deposits (1504) (Rdrc, rRde, rRda, rRds, srRda)

#### Lake

Lake (1601)

#### Mined Areas

Mined Areas (1701) (M, RrM, RrsM)

#### Structural terrace/terrace deposits

Structural terrace/terrace deposits with a mantle of eolian deposits, residuum, slopewash, and/or alluvial deposits (1801) (raT/t, raT/te, reT, reT/tr, rTe, rTs, rT/t, rT/ta, rT/te, rT/tR, rT/ts, sT, Tr, T/t, T/tr)

Structural terrace/terrace deposits 1802 – Dissected structural terrace/terrace deposits with a mantle of residuum, slopewash, and/or eolian deposits (1802) (rTd, rTde, rTdeR, rTds, rT/td, rT/tda, rT/tde, saT/td, Tdr, T/tde, T/tdra)

Volcanic neck

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Volcanic neck (1901)
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#### Clinker

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Clinker mixed with residuum, slopewash, and/or alluvial deposits (2001) (kr, kra, krs, rak, rsak, rsk, srak, srk)
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Clinker mixed with scattered bedrock outcrops and slopewash and/or Residuum (2002)

(rRsk, rskR, rsRk)

# Periglacial Features and Deposits

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Periglacial features and deposits mixed with colluvium (2101) (csq, rsq)
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Periglacial features and deposits mixed bedrock outcrops and grus, colluvium, and/or slopewash (2102) (csRq, rsRq, Rucq, usRq)

#### Karst

Karst mixed with alluvium, residuum, and/or residuum mixed with slopewash (2201) (arK, Krs)

NOTE: rtd and rtde were originally classified as 603. They are now 604. erT/ta moved from 1801 to 703 reTd moved from 1802 to 1403

#### **Multi-Element Classification and Description**

The first letter represents the main surficial unit seen on aerial photographs. Following letters represent other deposits that were seen in smaller amounts.

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alluvial deposits
a
         alluvial deposits mixed with eolian deposits
ae
         alluvial deposits and alluvial fan deposits
af
         alluvial deposits mixed with playa lake deposits
ap
         alluvial deposits mixed with residuum
ar
         alluvial deposits mixed with residuum and eolian deposits
are
         alluvial deposits mixed with residuum and slopewash deposits
ars
         alluvial deposits mixed with slopewash and residuum
asr
         alluvial deposits mixed with slopewash, residuum and eolian deposits
asre
         alluvial deposits mixed with terrace deposits
at
         alluvial deposits mixed with terrace and eolian deposits
ate
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b bench deposits

bd dissected bench deposits

be bench deposits mixed with scattered eolian deposits

e eolian deposits

ea eolian deposits mixed with alluvial deposits

eb eolian deposits covering dissected bench deposits

ep eolian deposits mixed with playa lake deposits

er eolian deposits mixed with residuum

esr eolian deposits mixed with slopewash and residuum

eR eolian deposits mixed with bedrock outcrops

eRp eolian deposits mixed with bedrock outcrops and playa lake deposits

erR eolian deposits mixed with residuum and bedrock

esR eolian deposits mixed with slopewash and bedrock outcrops

kr clinker deposits mixed with residuum

kra clinker residuum mixed with alluvial deposits

krs clinker covered in places by slopewash, and residuum

landslide debris

ls landslide debris mixed with slopewash

m mesa caprock

p playa lake and playa lake deposits

pa playa lake and playa lake deposits mixed with alluvial deposits

pe playa lake and eolian deposits, often occurring in a deflation hollow

pre playa lake deposits mixed with residuum and eolian deposits

Rcs bedrock covered in places by colluvium and slopewash

Rr bedrock covered in places by residuum

Rrs bedrock covered in places by slopewash, and residuum

Rse bedrock covered in places by slopewash and eolian deposits

r residuum

ra residuum mixed with alluvial deposits

rae residuum mixed with alluvial and eolian deposits rak residuum mixed with alluvial deposits and clinker ras residuum mixed with alluvial deposits and slopewash

rm mesa caprock with a thin cover of residuum rR residuum mixed with bedrock outcrops

rRs residuum mixed with bedrock outcrops and slopewash

rs residuum mixed with slopewash

rsa residuum mixed with slopewash and alluvial deposits

rsak residuum mixed with slopewash, alluvial deposits and clinker

rsk residuum mixed with slopewash and clinker

rsaR residuum mixed with slopewash, alluvial deposits, and bedrock outcrops

rse residuum mixed with slopewash and scattered eolian deposits

rsR residuum mixed with slopewash and bedrock outcrops

rsRa residuum mixed with slopewash, bedrock outcrops and alluvium

rsRe residuum mixed with slopewash, bedrock outcrops, and eolian deposits

rT/t residuum on a structural terrace and/or terrace deposits

s slopewash

sa slopewash mixed with alluvial deposits

sae slopewash mixed with alluvial and eolian deposits sar slopewash mixed with alluvial deposits and residuum scr slopewash mixed with colluvium and residuum

scR slopewash mixed with colluvium and bedrock outcrops

sf slopewash mixed with alluvial fan deposits

sfa slopewash mixed with alluvial fan deposits that grade into alluvial deposits

sfr slopewash mixed with alluvial fan deposits and residuum

sr slopewash mixed with residuum

sRe slopewash mixed with bedrock outcrops and eolian deposits

sra slopewash mixed with residuum and alluvial deposits

srae slopewash mixed with residuum, alluvial deposits, and eolian deposits

srak slopewash mixed with residuum, alluvial deposits, and clinker

sraR slopewash mixed with residuum, alluvial deposits, and bedrock outcrops

srcR slopewash mixed with residuum, colluvium, and bedrock outcrops

srf slopewash mixed with residuum and alluvial fan deposits

srk slopewash mixed with residuum and clinker

srR slopewash mixed with residuum and bedrock outcrops

srRa slopewash mixed with residuum, bedrock outcrops, and alluvium

t terrace deposits

ta terrace deposits mixed with alluvial deposits

tar shallow terrace deposits mixed with alluvial deposits and residuum

td dissected terrace deposits

tde dissected terrace deposits mixed with scattered eolian deposits

tr terrace deposits mixed with residuum terrace deposits mixed with slopewash