

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

68 Ustic Torriorthents, moderately steep

Setting

Elevation: 4450 to 5100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 16 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 120 to 160 days

Composition

Ustic torriorthents and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ustic torriorthents

Setting

Landform: Escarpments, breaks
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Gravelly alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 9 to 15 percent
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High or very high (5.95 to 19.98 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 5 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Very low (about 1.8 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 7s

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: gravelly sand
10 to 60 inches: gravelly sand

Minor Components

Columbo

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Eckley

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Otero

Percent of map unit: 2 percent