

Map Unit Description

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

12 Bucklon-Inchau loams, 25 to 50 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 7000 to 9500 feet

Composition

Bucklon and similar soils: 55 percent

Inchau and similar soils: 35 percent

Description of Bucklon

Setting

Landform: Mountainsides, ridges

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone and shale

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 25 to 50 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to Paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate maximum: 0 percent

Gypsum maximum: 0 percent

Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.6 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 7e

Ecological site: Brushy Loam (R048AY238CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 5 inches: loam

5 to 15 inches: clay loam

15 to 19 inches: weathered bedrock

Description of Inchau

Setting

Landform: Mountainsides, ridges

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone and shale

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 25 to 40 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to Paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate maximum: 0 percent

Gypsum maximum: 0 percent

Available water capacity: Low (about 5.2 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 7e

Ecological site: Brushy Loam (R048AY238CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 3 inches: loam

3 to 18 inches: clay loam

18 to 36 inches: gravelly clay loam

36 to 40 inches: weathered bedrock

Map Unit Description

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

45 Morval-Tridell complex, 6 to 25 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 6500 to 8000 feet

Composition

Morval and similar soils: 55 percent

Tridell and similar soils: 30 percent

Description of Morval

Setting

Landform: Mesas, alluvial fans

Down-slope shape: Convex, linear

Across-slope shape: Convex, linear

Parent material: Reworked alluvium derived from sandstone and/or reworked alluvium derived from basalt

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 6 to 12 percent

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate maximum: 25 percent

Gypsum maximum: 0 percent

Available water capacity: Moderate (about 8.4 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 4e

Ecological site: Deep Loam (R048AY292CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 5 inches: loam

5 to 17 inches: clay loam

17 to 27 inches: stony clay loam

27 to 60 inches: stony loam

Description of Tridell

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, mesas

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Reworked alluvium derived from sandstone and/or reworked alluvium derived from basalt

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 6 to 25 percent

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate maximum: 30 percent

Gypsum maximum: 0 percent

Available water capacity: Low (about 5.2 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 6e

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: stony loam

10 to 60 inches: very stony loam