

# 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