

# 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

# Map Unit Description

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## 65 Torrfluents, nearly level

### Setting

Elevation: 5000 to 7000 feet  
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 15 inches  
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 48 degrees F  
Frost-free period: 90 to 120 days

### Composition

Torrfluents and similar soils: 85 percent  
Minor components: 15 percent

### Description of Torrfluents

#### Setting

Landform: Distributaries, rivers, flood plains  
Down-slope shape: Convex, linear  
Across-slope shape: Convex, linear  
Parent material: Alluvium

#### Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 6 percent  
Drainage class: Moderately well drained  
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)  
Depth to water table: About 12 to 36 inches  
Frequency of flooding: Occasional  
Frequency of ponding: None  
Calcium carbonate maximum: 5 percent  
Gypsum maximum: 1 percent  
Salinity maximum: Non saline or slightly saline (2.0 to 8.0 mmhos/cm)  
Sodium adsorption ratio maximum: 2.0  
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.6 inches)

#### Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 7w

#### Typical Profile

0 to 36 inches: loam  
36 to 60 inches: sand

### Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent  
Landform: Terraces

#### Fluvaquents

Percent of map unit: 5 percent  
Landform: Marshes