

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

47—Nihill channery loam, 6 to 25 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: jnyg

Elevation: 5,000 to 6,500 feet

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Nihill and similar soils: 85 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of
the mapunit.*

Description of Nihill

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, valley sides

Down-slope shape: Linear, convex

Across-slope shape: Linear, convex

Parent material: Alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 11 inches: channery loam

H2 - 11 to 18 inches: very channery loam

H3 - 18 to 60 inches: stratified extremely channery sandy loam to
extremely channery loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 6 to 25 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):

Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 15 percent

Gypsum, maximum in profile: 1 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0
mmhos/cm)

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Rolling Loam (R048AY298CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Sep 22, 2015