

Map Unit Description

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

55 Potts loam, 3 to 6 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 5000 to 7000 feet

Composition

Potts and similar soils: 85 percent

Description of Potts

Setting

Landform: Valley sides, benches, mesas

Down-slope shape: Convex, linear

Across-slope shape: Convex, linear

Parent material: Alluvium derived from basalt and/or alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 3 to 6 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: 15 percent

Gypsum maximum: 0 percent

Available water capacity: High (about 10.3 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e

Land capability (non irrigated): 3c

Ecological site: Rolling Loam (R048AY298CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 4 inches: loam

4 to 28 inches: clay loam

28 to 60 inches: loam