

## Map Unit Description

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

### 67 Torriorthents-Rock outcrop complex, steep

#### Setting

Landscape: Foothills  
Elevation: 5800 to 8500 feet  
Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 15 inches  
Mean annual air temperature: 39 to 46 degrees F  
Frost-free period: 80 to 105 days

#### Composition

Torriorthents, steep, and similar soils: 60 percent  
Rock outcrop, steep: 25 percent

#### Description of Torriorthents, steep

##### Setting

Landform: Mountainsides  
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope  
Down-slope shape: Concave, convex  
Across-slope shape: Concave, convex  
Parent material: Stony, basaltic alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

##### Properties and Qualities

Slope: 15 to 70 percent  
Depth to restrictive feature: 4 to 30 inches to Lithic 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: 5 percent  
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent  
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.4 inches)

##### Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 7e

##### Typical Profile

0 to 4 inches: variable  
4 to 30 inches: fine sandy loam  
30 to 34 inches: unweathered bedrock

#### Description of Rock outcrop, steep

##### Setting

Landform: Mountainsides  
Down-slope shape: Convex  
Across-slope shape: Convex

##### Properties and Qualities

Slope: 15 to 70 percent  
Depth to restrictive feature: 0 to 0 inches to Paralithic bedrock  
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low or moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)  
Frequency of flooding: None  
Available water capacity: Very low (about 0.0 inches)

##### Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 8s

##### Typical Profile

0 to 60 inches: unweathered bedrock