

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

66—Torriorthents-Camborthids-Rock outcrop complex, steep

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 5,000 to 8,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 39 to 46 degrees F
Frost-free period: 80 to 105 days

Map Unit Composition

Torriorthents, steep, and similar soils: 45 percent
Camborthids, steep, and similar soils: 20 percent
Rock outcrop, steep: 15 percent

Description of Torriorthents, Steep

Setting

Landform: Mountainsides
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Mountainflank, base slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: 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 to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7e
Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Variable
4 to 30 inches: Fine sandy loam
30 to 34 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Camborthids, Steep

Setting

Landform: Mountainsides

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Mountainflank, base slope

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Stony, basaltic alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 65 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 60 inches to lithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water

(Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent

Gypsum, maximum content: 2 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Low (about 4.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7e

Hydrologic Soil Group: C

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Variable

4 to 30 inches: Clay loam

30 to 34 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Rock Outcrop, Steep

Setting

Landform: Mountainsides

Landform position (three-dimensional): Free face

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Convex

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 70 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to paralithic bedrock

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)

Available water capacity: Very low (about 0.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Land capability (nonirrigated): 8s

Typical profile

0 to 60 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

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