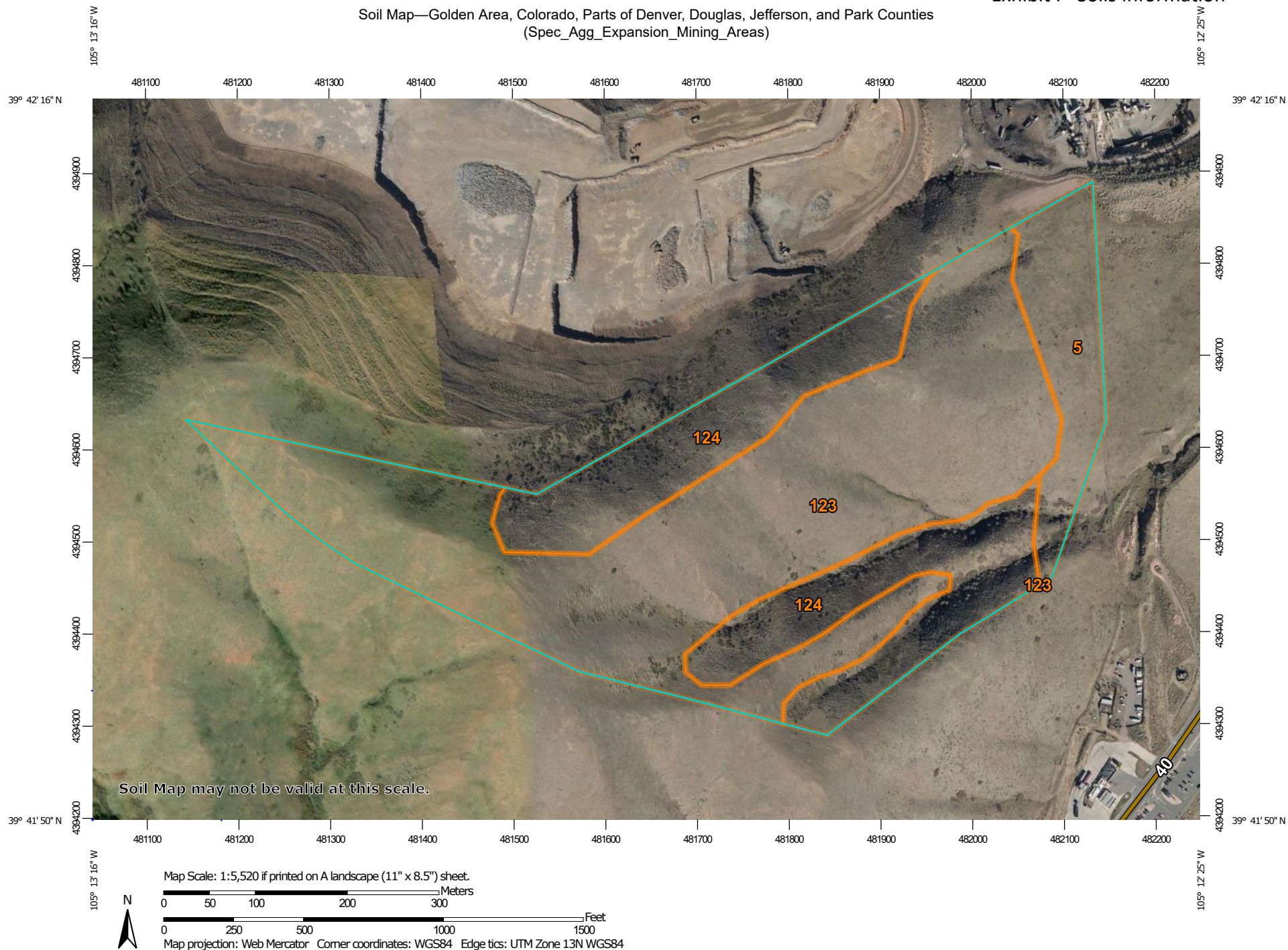


**Specification Aggregates Quarry Amendment**  
**Exhibit I (Rule 6.4.9) – Soils**

Soils within the current mine permit boundary were documented in the original permit application and the 2003 Amendment. The soils in the amendment area were identified using the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Web Soil Survey (<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>). A copy of the Soils Report and the soils data from the USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey for the expansion area are attached.


Soil Map—Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties  
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## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)

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### Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

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 Soil Map Unit Points

### Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

### Water Features



Streams and Canals

### Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

### Background



Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

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Survey Area Data: Version 15, Jun 5, 2020

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 4, 2010—Apr 9, 2019

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
5	Argiustolls-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes	6.2	9.7%
123	Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent slopes	39.6	61.7%
124	Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent north slopes	18.3	28.6%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>64.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Survey Area Map Unit Symbols and Names

### Report—Survey Area Map Unit Symbols and Names

Survey Area Map Unit Symbols and Names—Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties		
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## Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties

### 5—Argiustolls-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* jpp6

*Elevation:* 5,600 to 6,500 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 17 inches  
*Frost-free period:* 126 to 142 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

### Map Unit Composition

*Argiustolls and similar soils:* 65 percent  
*Rock outcrop:* 20 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Argiustolls

#### Setting

*Landform:* Hillslopes  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder, backslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex  
*Parent material:* Gravelly, stony, loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from sedimentary rock

#### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 10 inches:* stony sandy loam  
*H2 - 10 to 35 inches:* very gravelly sandy loam, very gravelly sandy clay loam  
*H2 - 10 to 35 inches:* unweathered bedrock  
*H3 - 35 to 39 inches:*

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 15 to 60 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* High  
*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  
*Available water capacity:* Low (about 5.4 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B  
*Ecological site:* R048AY206CO - Rocky Foothill  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Description of Rock Outcrop

#### Setting

*Landform:* Ridges  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Summit, shoulder, backslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Crest, free face



*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Residuum weathered from sedimentary rock

**Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 60 inches:* unweathered bedrock

**Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 8s

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Minor Components**

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*Percent of map unit:* 8 percent

*Landform:* Fans, hillslopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Backslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Ecological site:* R048AY202CO - Loamy Foothill

*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Urban land**

*Percent of map unit:* 7 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

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## Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties

### 123—Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* jpl5

*Elevation:* 6,500 to 7,800 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 17 to 20 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 43 to 47 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 76 to 125 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Ratake and similar soils:* 35 percent  
*Cathedral and similar soils:* 30 percent  
*Rock outcrop:* 20 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Ratake

##### Setting

*Landform:* Mountain slopes, ridges  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, crest, side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex, linear  
*Parent material:* Stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 3 inches:* stony sandy loam  
*H2 - 3 to 12 inches:* very gravelly sandy loam, very gravelly loam  
*H2 - 3 to 12 inches:* weathered bedrock  
*H3 - 12 to 16 inches:*

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 25 to 60 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* High  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to high (0.06 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 1.5 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R048AY229CO - Rocky Loam  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Description of Cathedral

##### Setting

*Landform:* Mountain slopes, ridges

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Summit, shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, crest, side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear, convex

*Across-slope shape:* Linear, convex

*Parent material:* Stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium over residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock

#### **Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 3 inches:* very stony sandy loam

*H2 - 3 to 11 inches:* very gravelly sandy loam

*H3 - 11 to 15 inches:* unweathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 25 to 60 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

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*Runoff class:* Very high

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water*

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*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 0.7 inches)

#### **Interpretive groups**

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*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Ecological site:* R048AY229CO - Rocky Loam

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

##### **Setting**

*Landform:* Ridges, mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Summit, shoulder, backslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, free face, side slope, crest, free face

*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Across-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Parent material:* Igneous and metamorphic rock

##### **Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 60 inches:* unweathered bedrock

##### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 8s

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Minor Components

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*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Fans, mountain slopes  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Footslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainbase  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear, concave  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Ecological site:* R048AY237CO - Stony Loam  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Urban land

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Breece

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Drainageways, fans  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Concave, linear  
*Ecological site:* R048AY222CO  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Lininger

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Mountain slopes  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Backslope, summit, shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, mountaintop  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear, convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear, convex  
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*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Mountain slopes  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope, footslope  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainbase  
*Down-slope shape:* Concave  
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## Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties

### 124—Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent north slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* jpl6

*Elevation:* 6,500 to 7,800 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 17 to 20 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 43 to 47 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 76 to 125 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

### Map Unit Composition

*Ratake, north slopes, and similar soils:* 35 percent  
*Cathedral, north slopes, and similar soils:* 30 percent  
*Rock outcrop:* 20 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Ratake, North Slopes

#### Setting

*Landform:* Ridges, mountain slopes  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, crest, side slope  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Convex, linear  
*Parent material:* Stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock

#### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 3 inches:* stony sandy loam  
*H2 - 3 to 12 inches:* very gravelly sandy loam, very gravelly loam  
*H2 - 3 to 12 inches:* weathered bedrock  
*H3 - 12 to 16 inches:*

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 25 to 60 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* High  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to high (0.06 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 1.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R048AY229CO - Rocky Loam  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Description of Cathedral, North Slopes

#### Setting

*Landform:* Ridges, mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Summit, shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, crest, side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Across-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Parent material:* Stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium over residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock

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*H1 - 0 to 3 inches:* very stony sandy loam

*H2 - 3 to 11 inches:* very gravelly sandy loam

*H3 - 11 to 15 inches:* unweathered bedrock

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*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Ecological site:* R048AY229CO - Rocky Loam

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

##### **Setting**

*Landform:* Ridges, mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Summit, shoulder, backslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, free face, side slope, crest, free face

*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Across-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Parent material:* Igneous and metamorphic rock

##### **Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 60 inches:* unweathered bedrock

##### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 8s

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Minor Components

### Urban land

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Trag

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope, footslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainbase

*Down-slope shape:* Concave

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Ecological site:* R048AY222CO

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Curecanti

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fans, mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Footslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainbase

*Down-slope shape:* Linear, concave

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Ecological site:* R048AY237CO - Stony Loam

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Breece

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Drainageways, fans

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Concave, linear

*Ecological site:* R048AY222CO

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### Lininger

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Mountain slopes

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Backslope, summit, shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Mountainflank, mountaintop

*Down-slope shape:* Linear, convex

*Across-slope shape:* Linear, convex

*Ecological site:* R048AY222CO

*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties

Survey Area Data: Version 15, Jun 5, 2020

## Component Text Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the selected area. The component descriptions in this report, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit. A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the associated soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas (components) for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

The "Map Unit Component Nontechnical Descriptions" report gives a brief, general description of the soil components that occur in a map unit. Descriptions of nonsoil (miscellaneous areas) and minor map unit components may or may not be included. This description is written by the local soil scientists responsible for the respective soil survey area data. A more detailed description can be generated by the "Map Unit Description" report.

Additional information about the map units described in this report is available in other Soil Data Mart reports, which give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. Also, the narratives that accompany the Soil Data Mart reports define some of the properties included in the map unit descriptions.

## Report—Component Text Descriptions

### Golden Area, Colorado, Parts of Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park Counties

**Map Unit:** 5—Argiustolls-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes

**Description Category:** GENSOIL

Argiustolls: 65 percent



The Argiustolls component makes up 65 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 15 to 60 percent. This component is on hillslopes. The parent material consists of gravelly, stony, loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from sedimentary rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. This component is in the R048AY206CO Rocky Foothill ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category:** GENSOIL

Rock outcrop: 20 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Rock outcrop is a miscellaneous area.

**Description Category:** GENSOIL

Ascalon: 8 percent

The Ascalon component makes up 8 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 15 to 60 percent. This component is on fans, hillslopes. The parent material consists of calcareous, loamy eolian deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY202CO Loamy Foothill ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category:** GENSOIL

Urban land: 7 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Urban land soil is a minor component.

**Map Unit:** 123—Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent slopes

**Description Category:** GENSOIL

Ratake: 35 percent

The Ratake component makes up 35 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes, ridges. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, paralithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R048AY229CO Rocky Loam ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Cathedral: 30 percent

The Cathedral component makes up 30 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes, ridges. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium over residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R048AY229CO Rocky Loam ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Rock outcrop: 20 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Rock outcrop is a miscellaneous area.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Curecanti: 3 percent

The Curecanti component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on fans, mountain slopes. The parent material consists of noncalcareous, stony & gravelly colluvium derived from schist and/or granite and gneiss. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY237CO Stony Loam ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Urban land: 3 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Urban land soil is a minor component.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Breece: 3 percent

The Breece component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 5 to 15 percent. This component is on drainageways on mountains, fans on mountains. The parent material consists of noncalcareous, loamy alluvium and/or colluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Lining: 3 percent

The Lining component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, paralithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Trag: 3 percent

The Trag component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes. The parent material consists of loamy alluvium and/or colluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Map Unit: 124—Ratake-Cathedral-Rock outcrop complex, 25 to 60 percent north slopes**

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Ratake, north slopes: 35 percent

The Ratake, north slopes component makes up 35 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on ridges, north-facing mountain slopes. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium and/or residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, paralithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R048AY229CO Rocky Loam ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Cathedral, north slopes: 30 percent

The Cathedral, north slopes component makes up 30 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on ridges, north-facing mountain slopes. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy colluvium over residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R048AY229CO Rocky Loam ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Rock outcrop: 20 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Rock outcrop is a miscellaneous area.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Urban land: 3 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Urban land soil is a minor component.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Trag: 3 percent

The Trag component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes. The parent material consists of loamy alluvium and/or colluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Curecanti: 3 percent

The Curecanti component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on fans, mountain slopes. The parent material consists of noncalcareous, stony & gravelly colluvium derived from schist and/or granite and gneiss. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY237CO Stony Loam ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Breece: 3 percent

The Breece component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 5 to 15 percent. This component is on drainageways on mountains, fans on mountains. The parent material consists of noncalcareous, loamy alluvium and/or colluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

**Description Category: GENSOIL**

Lining: 3 percent

The Lining component makes up 3 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 25 to 60 percent. This component is on mountain slopes. The parent material consists of stony, gravelly, and loamy residuum weathered from igneous and metamorphic rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, paralithic, inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This component is in the R048AY222CO Loamy Park ecological site. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

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