

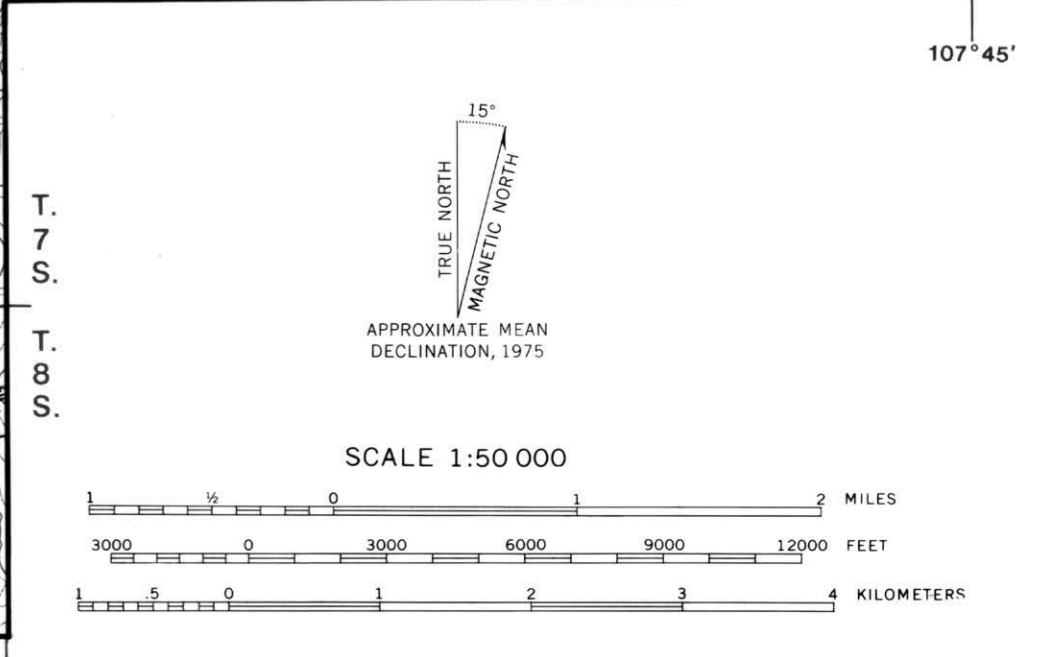
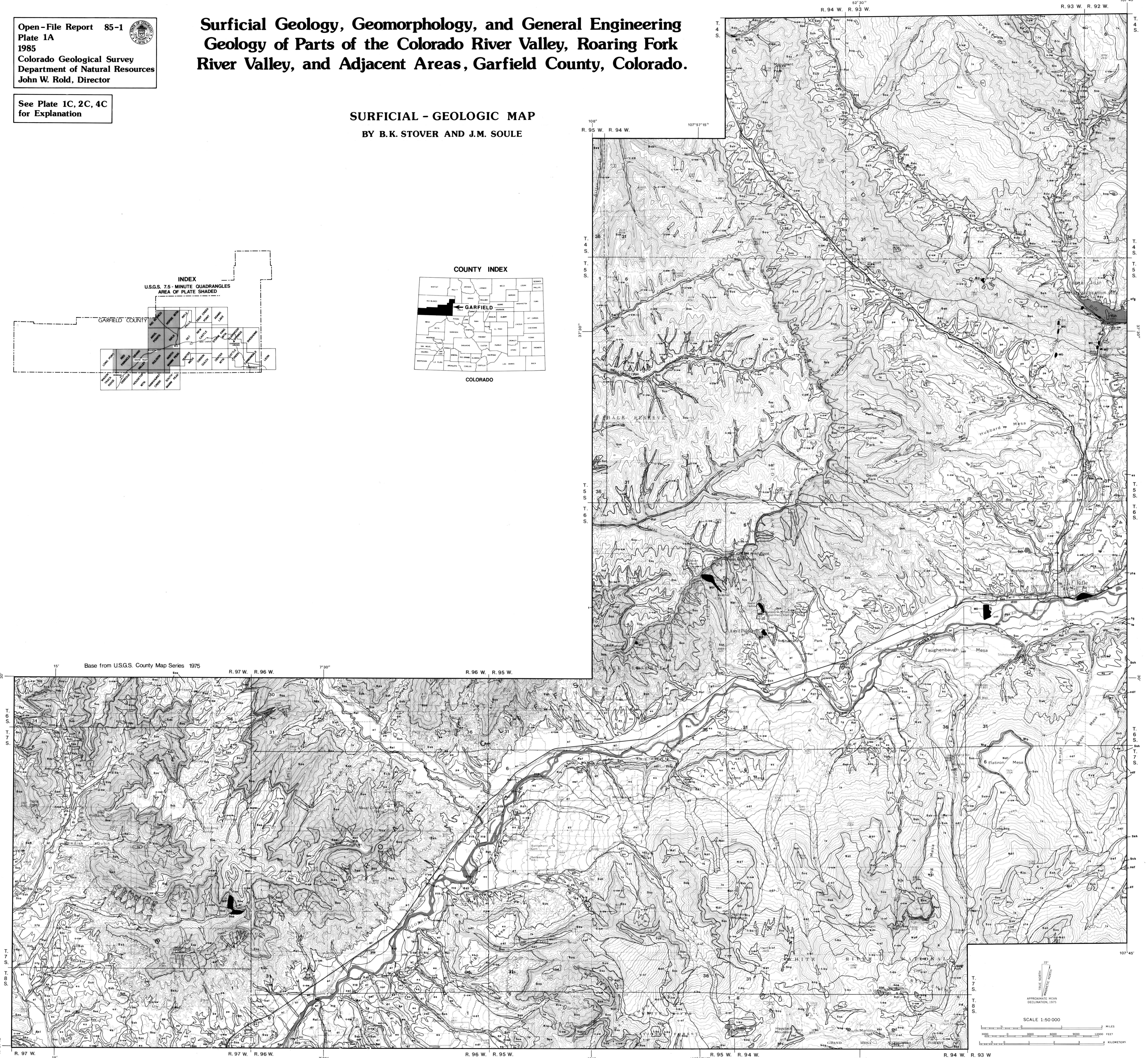
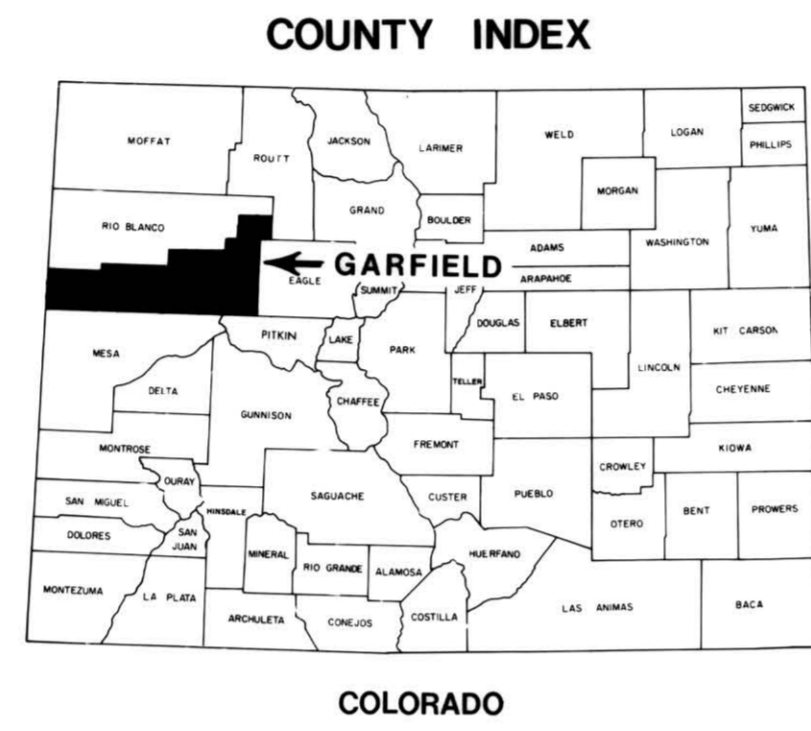
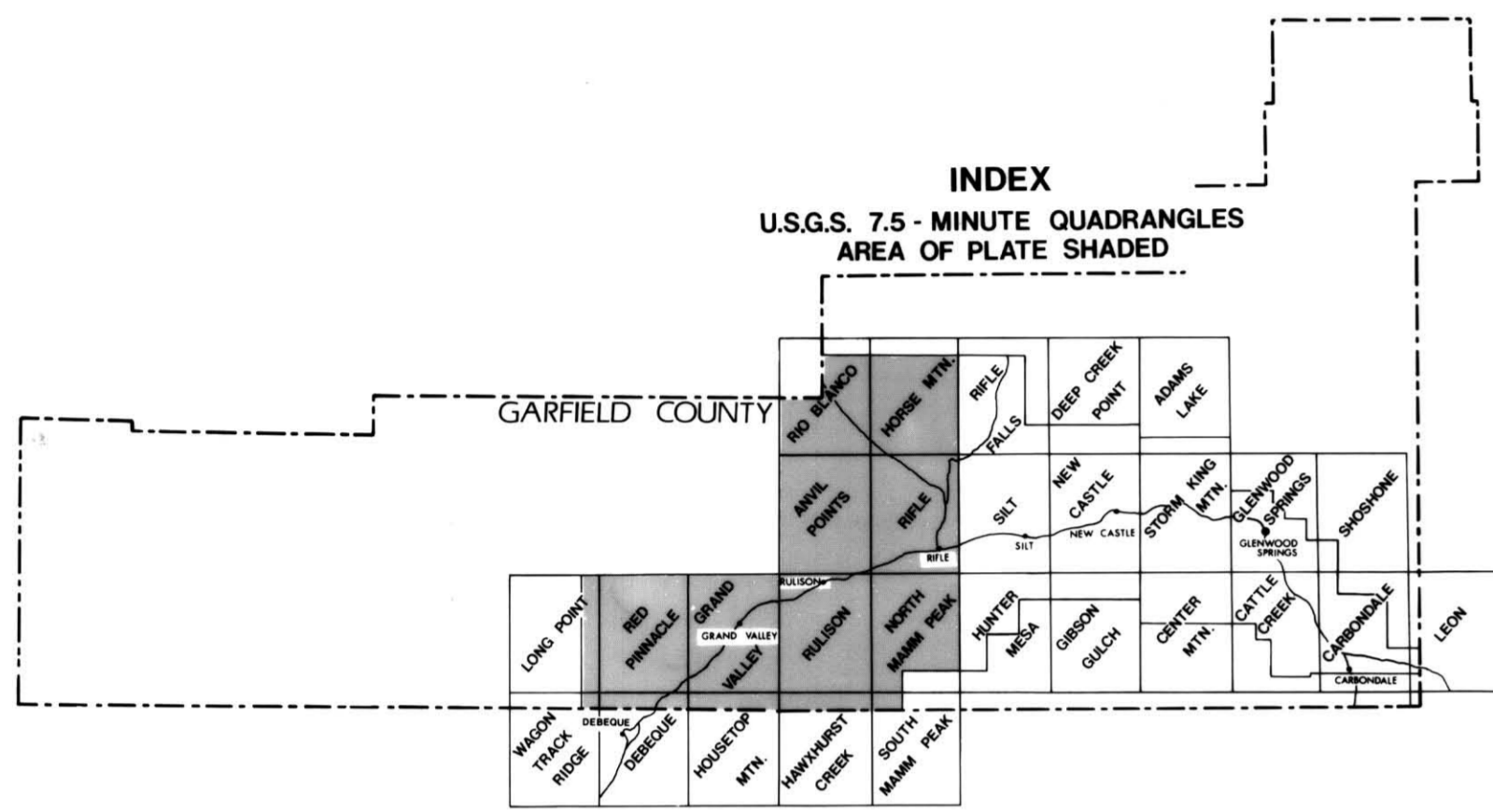
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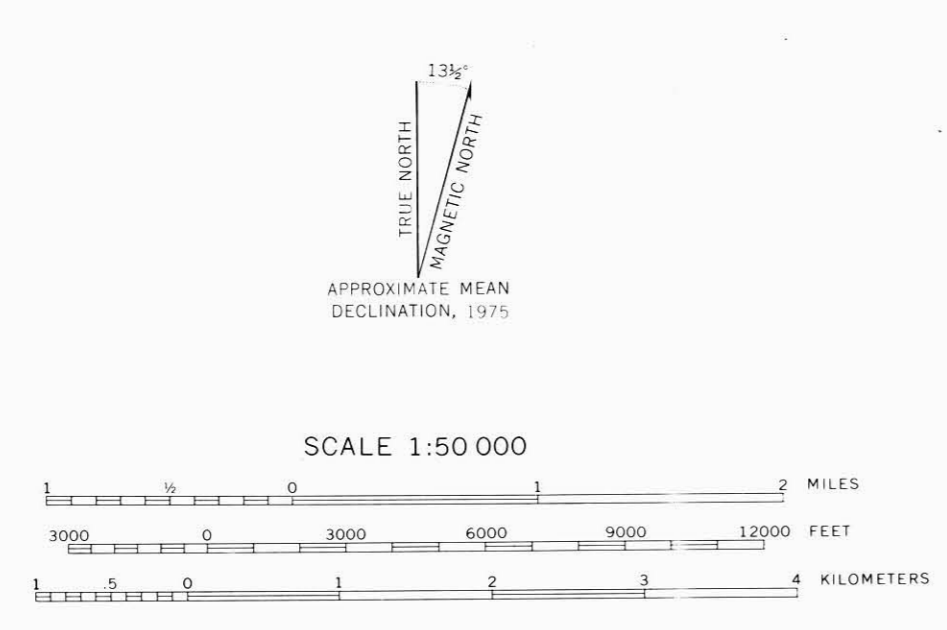
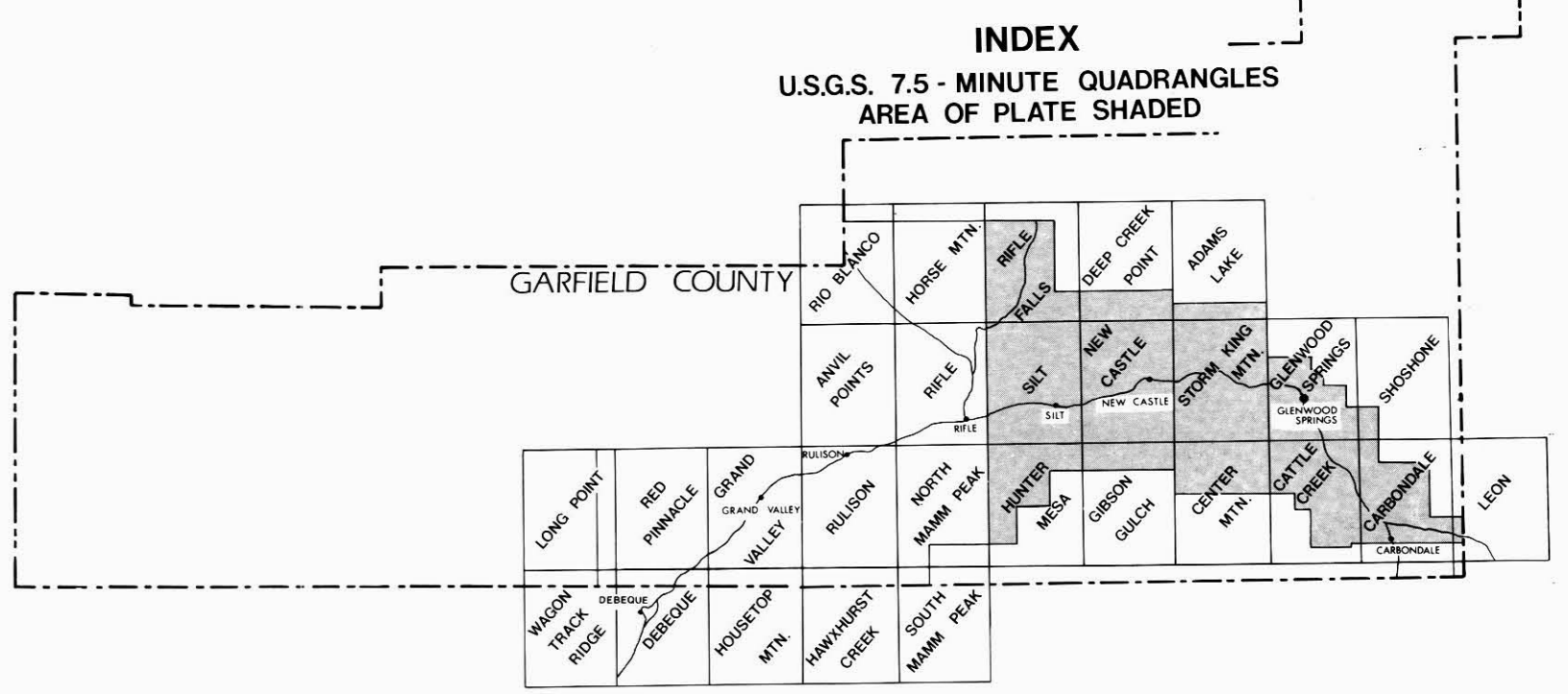
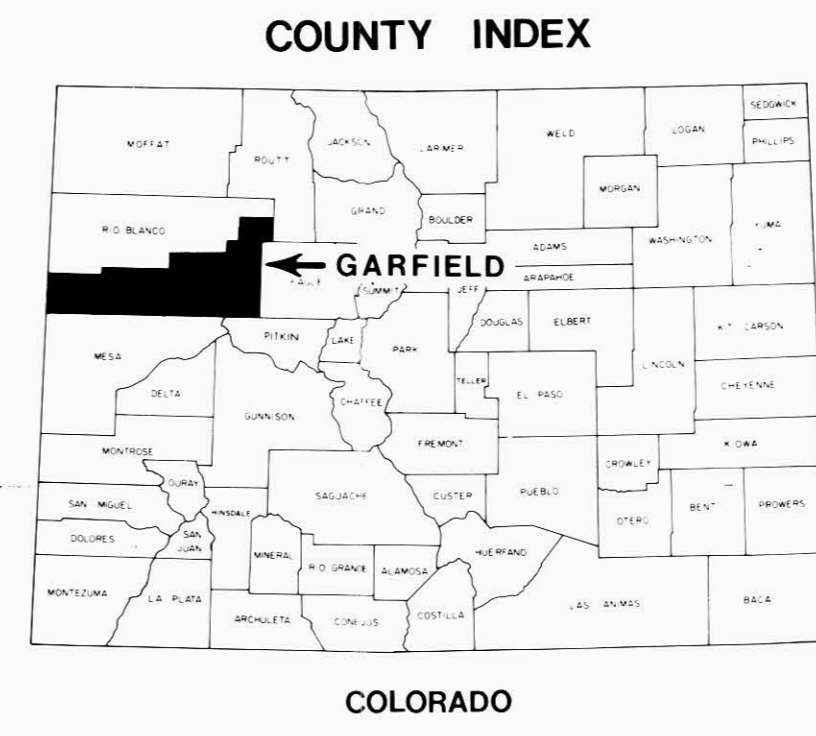
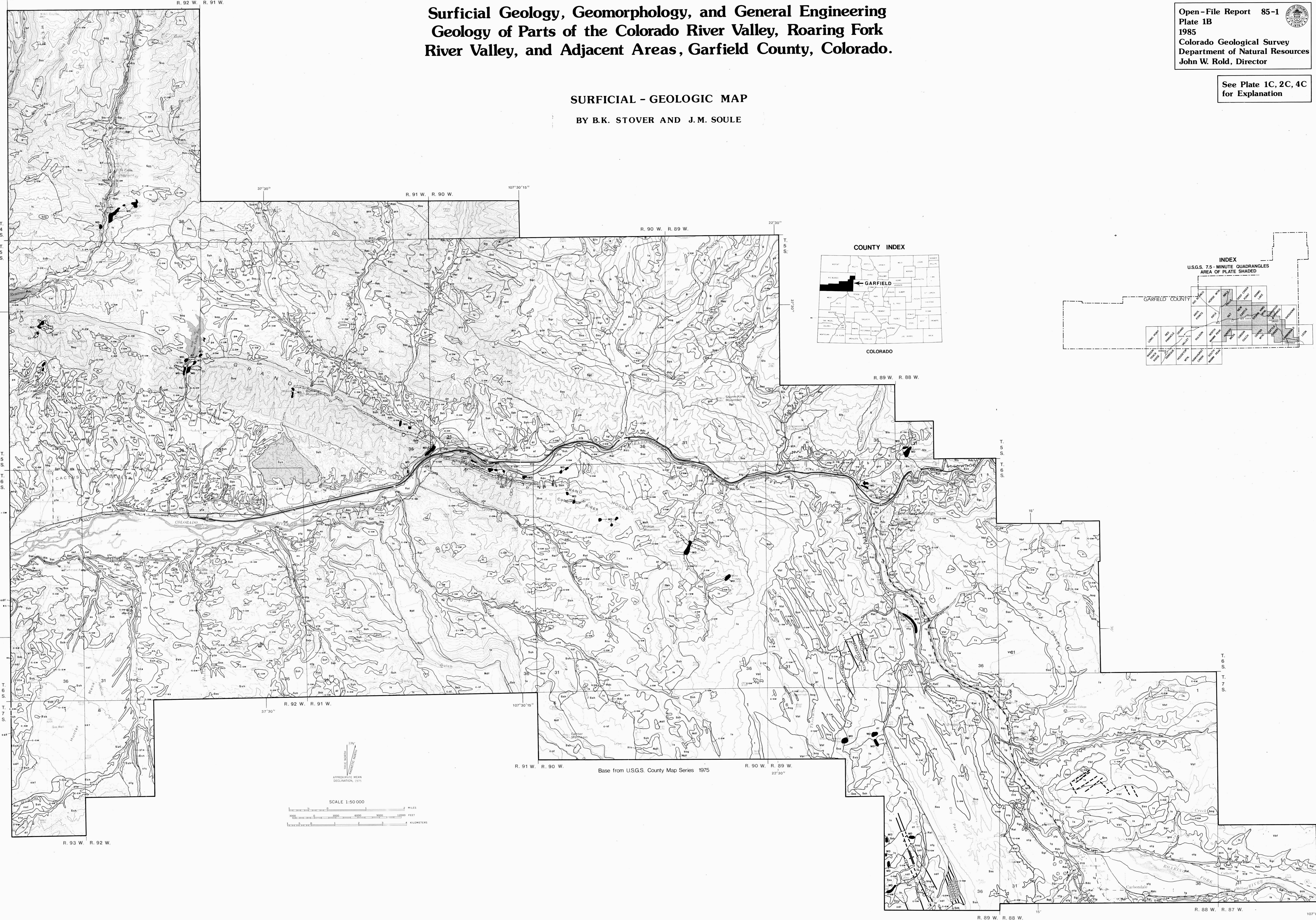
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SURFICIAL- GEOLOGIC MAP EXPLANATION

<p>All surficial deposits are Pleistocene or Holocene unless indicated otherwise.</p> <p><u>Alluvial and other water-laid deposits</u></p> <p>Ral Recent Floodplain Alluvium -- Gravels composed of clay, silt, sand, and cobble-to-boulder-size clasts in the modern, active floodplains of streams. These alluviums are composed typically of sand, slightly weathered materials whose composition is controlled by the extent of the drainage basin of the stream(s) containing them. Areas underlain by them are subject to episodic water flooding and rapid water transport of solids and seasonally high ground water tables.</p> <p>ytg Younger Terrace Gravels and Alluvium -- Alluvium composed predominantly of stream gravels in terraces immediately adjacent to and typically 5 to 20 ft above modern-stream floodplains. Except for position these materials closely resemble recent floodplain alluvium. Young terraces usually show little dissection by modern streams, have poorly developed or immature soils on them, and are composed of virtually unweathered clasts.</p> <p>tg Terrace Gravels and Alluvium -- These deposits are similar in all respects to younger terrace gravels and alluvium except that they typically lie 20 to 100 ft above modern floodplains and clasts are slightly more weathered owing to greater time since deposition. Surface soils on these deposits are better developed than those on ytg.</p> <p>mtg Middle Terrace Gravel -- This gravel is mapped approximately 350 ft above the modern Colorado River. This gravel is distinguishable from those in lower terraces by elevation, degree of weathering of clasts, and better developed, older soils on terrace surfaces.</p> <p>ta Terrace Alluvium -- Deposits of fine overbank-flooding-derived silts, sands, and clays with occasional sand and cobble lenses in terraces. These deposits are widely dispersed in terraces and can be seen to cap gravel deposits of mtg or tg in many places.</p> <p>yta Younger Terrace Alluvium -- Younger terrace alluvium has the same character as terrace alluvium except that it usually occurs in the youngest terraces of major tributary streams to the Colorado River excepting the Roaring Fork River at Glenwood Springs. Includes some areas of dissected arroyo fill of smaller tributaries.</p> <p>otg Old High Level Colorado River Terrace Gravels -- These are deposits that are 300 ft or more above the modern Colorado River. These gravels are greatly weathered with an abundance of calcium-carbonate-coated rotted clasts. Only very resistant lithologies, i.e., quartzites, remain sound.</p> <p>Ntg Neogene Terrace Gravels -- Clasts found in colluvium and float that are interpreted as the remains of ancient stream gravels found up to 2000 ft above the modern Colorado River valley. Gravels are preserved only where buried by Neogene debris flow deposits (Ndf). Only the most resistant lithologies are seen, original sedimentary structures are obscured or destroyed by weathering and mass wasting, and exposures of these gravel consist mostly of rounded, transported pebbles and cobbles admixed with colluvium derived from other deposits. These rounded pebbles and cobbles can be traced upslope to an abrupt band of pebble-rich colluvium which marks the level of the terrace deposit.</p>	<p>oal Old Alluvial Deposits -- These are stream-derived deposits in high ancient stranded drainages out of the modern drainage regime. Weathering and erosion of these alluviums has typically destroyed their geomorphic expression and they are usually seen as rounded clasts as "float" in colluvium and slope wash. Includes old alluvium in older valleys west of Silt.</p> <p>Raf Recent Alluvial-fan Deposits -- Deposits formed by activity on modern alluvial fans during flash-flood events usually occurring during heavy summer rainstorms. These deposits consist of clay, sand, silt, subangular gravels, and boulders of rock types derived from the drainage basin of the associated stream. These materials accumulate as triangular or fan-shaped landforms at the confluence of steep, confining side canyons with larger stream valleys.</p> <p>af Alluvial-fan Deposits -- These deposits are essentially identical to recent alluvial-fan deposits except that their associated alluvial fan exhibits dissection by its master stream. This entrenched stream does not indicate an inactive fan surface, but merely one where smaller flood and debris-flow events and movement of debris probably will be confined to an established stream channel. Larger debris-flow or water- and debris-flow events can result in water- and debris-escaping the channel at the debris-fan head or further down fan. Then movement out onto the fan surface can result in unconfined deposition of these deposits on part or all of the alluvial fan.</p> <p>oaf Old Alluvial-fan Gravel -- Deposits of older alluvium that are remnants of ancient alluvial fans whose morphology has been modified by subsequent stream down cutting and erosion. Some of the original fan morphology may be preserved. These deposits have been isolated above the modern stream regime by stream down cutting.</p> <p>ofg Older Fan Gravels and Alluvium -- Gravel deposits that are highly dissected or buried by other materials and do not exhibit alluvial-fan morphology. These deposits are distinguished by clasts derived from an associated, identifiable drainage basin and an elevated position with respect to younger deposits of similar origin.</p> <p>pa Pediment Alluvium -- Deposits consisting of clay, sand, silt, and subrounded to angular cobbles and fragments of underlying bedrock that are found on gently sloping upland surfaces planated by lateral corrosion of the underlying bedrock. This alluvium typically ranges from 5 to 25 ft thick and is commonly veneered with thin deposits of eolian sand and silt mixed with fine grained sheetwash deposits. These deposits may grade laterally into thicker alluvial-fan gravels.</p> <p>lf Lakefill Deposits -- Interbedded, locally derived sand and clay deposits filling small lake basins formed by glacial processes or landslide dams.</p> <p>bog Bog and Peat Deposits -- Soft, organic-rich deposits in poorly drained areas, depressions, and sag-pond areas. This unit also includes areas of locally high seasonal ground water tables where organic matter may accumulate.</p> <p><u>Colluvial and related deposits</u></p> <p>t Talus and Scree Deposits -- Coarse, angular, unconsolidated debris derived from bedrock outcrops and/or exposures; found at the base of steep cliffs, in</p>	<p>steep chutes, and mantling steep side slopes and gullies.</p> <p>t-bs Boulder Streams and Fields -- Course, angular and blocky unconsolidated basalt boulders derived from disintegration and mass wasting of basalt flows. Includes extensive areas strewn with basalt boulders and rubble, rock glaciers and toveva blocks of basalt peripheral to Battlement Mesa.</p> <p>Rtc Active Talus Cone -- A steeply sloping cone shaped deposit of loose rock rubble usually located on steep valley side slopes below bedrock cliffs from which the rock rubble is derived. Rockfall activity is occurring on the deposits and steep slopes.</p> <p>ls Landslide or Slump Deposits -- Slope failure deposits, including some areas of soil creep or earth flowage, that are formed by rotational or translational movement downslope of residuum and/or rock.</p> <p>Rls Active Landslide -- Landslide deposits that can be demonstrated to be moving episodically or continuously at the present time.</p> <p>dc Debris Cone -- Small, steep cone-shaped deposits of poorly sorted debris derived from multiple downslope flows of loose rock, soil debris, and boulders on steep valley side slopes and in gullies. Distinguished from talus cones by presence of fine-grained, matrix-supported clasts in the deposits, and from debris fans by size, position on side slopes, and slope angle.</p> <p>Rdc Active Debris Cone -- The same type of deposit as debris cone but one that is continuing to form presently.</p> <p>Rdf Recent or Active Debris Fans -- Active debris fans are those that are an element of the modern stream regime and episodically are undergoing deposition of mud and debris on them. They are distinguished from recent alluvial fans by composition, grading, and surface texture of the debris deposits. Most of these features are located where small tributary drainages in steeply sloping areas join floodplains and terraces of major drainages. The deposit is visually triangular-shaped in plan, commonly has large boulders strewn on it, and may show evidence, such as damaged vegetation, of activity during the last few years.</p> <p>df Debris-flow Deposit -- Pleistocene material of debris-flow origin forming larger weakly dissected debris fans located on terrace of larger modern streams. These deposits closely resemble Rdf except for being slightly more weathered. The associated debris-fan-forming stream commonly is depositing the newest debris on the smaller debris fan whereas the larger df is out of the direct influence of the modern stream channel.</p> <p>odf Ancient Debris-flow Deposits -- These deposits are cut off from modern streams and drainage, are cross-cut by younger debris flows and other deposits and are isolated at least 400 ft above the modern Colorado River Valley floor. The diagnostic matrix-supported-clast texture of these deposits is preserved and observable in stream and road cuts. However, the debris-fan morphology that presumably these deposits once had has been greatly modified by subsequent mass wasting and erosion, and the deposits themselves exhibit considerable weathering and,</p>	<p>Calcium-carbonate-cemented gravels and deposits of calcium carbonate considered to be precipitated from ground water.</p> <p><u>Man-Made Deposits</u></p> <p>MD Mine Dump -- Deposits of waste-rock debris from mining operations. Includes coal-waste, spoils, uranium-mill tailings, spent-oil-shale dumps, and quarry pit and spoil.</p> <p>Af Artificial Fill -- Man-made fill that includes dumps, trash, landfill areas, and larger earth dams. Fills for railroad grades and roads are not mapped.</p> <p>Cr Clinkered Surface -- Red-to-orange burned and fractured soil, rock, and debris over coal-seam and coal-mine fires. The ground surface in these areas is usually unstable and prone to subside. Commonly these areas are pocked with subsidence craters.</p> <p><u>Exposed Bedrock</u> (Less than 4 ft of other deposits masking exposures)</p> <p>S Bedded sedimentary rocks, undifferentiated.</p> <p>Sss Bedded sedimentary rocks, sandstones predominate.</p> <p>Ssh Bedded sedimentary rocks, shales predominate.</p> <p>Sls Bedded sedimentary rocks, carbonate rocks predominate.</p> <p>Sos Bedded sedimentary rocks, marlstones (oil shale) predominate.</p> <p>Sco Bedded sedimentary rocks, pebble and cobble conglomerates predominate.</p> <p>Sgr Sedimentary rocks, gypsiferous rocks and evaporites dominant. Sinkholes in areas underlain by these rocks are indicated by the symbol</p> <p> Landslide deposit. This unusual feature consists of sandstone and shale bedrock that apparently moved as a large bedrock slump. Exposures exhibit no preferred bedding orientation and the age of the causal event is unknown.</p> <p>V Volcanic and intrusive igneous rocks, undifferentiated.</p> <p>Vbsf Basalt lava flows.</p> <p>Vis Intrusive rock.</p> <p>Vip Intrusive plug or neck.</p> <p>B Precambrian basement rocks, undifferentiated.</p> <p>Bm Precambrian basement rocks, metamorphic rocks predominate.</p> <p>Bg Precambrian basement rocks, granitic rocks predominate.</p> <p><u>Symbols</u></p> <p>Contact</p> <p>T - - Fault, bar and ball on downthrown side; dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed.</p> <p> Sink hole.</p>	<p>depending on the lithology of clasts, variable rotting of them.</p> <p>Ndf Neogene Debris-flow and Colluvial Deposits -- Deposits interpreted to be remnants of the oldest debris fans that were part of the pre-Quaternary landscape in the study area. The debris-fan morphology has been almost totally obliterated; the most observable evidence for the origin of these deposits is sedimentary structure, position in the modern landscape, and stratigraphic relationships to younger, identifiable debris flows.</p> <p>c-sf Colluvial Slope Failure Complex -- Thick deposits of material that has undergone or is undergoing major mass movements. Most of these deposits are located at high elevations and/or on the high slopes of Battlement Mesa. No mass-wasting process appears to be predominant and these deposits consist of a mixture of landslides, slump blocks, boulder fields, and siltification deposits. These deposits are usually over 50 ft thick ranging upward to 150 ft in a few places. This material is commonly the source material for the older large debris flows and may grade downslope to debris-flow deposits. Probably a major percentage of these deposits is undergoing slow movement presently. Distinguished from colluvium and slopewash deposits (c-sw) by their thickness and morphology.</p> <p>c-sw Colluvium and Slopewash Deposits -- Pebble to cobble-sized rock fragments in a sandy or clayey matrix deposited after downslope transport and sheetwash deposition of material from adjacent side slopes. Deposits over three feet thick in small valleys and swales and upland surfaces are mapped as this unit. In some areas these deposits are subject to hydrocompaction.</p> <p>gc-s Gypsiferous Colluvial Material -- Colluvium composed of sand-to-clay-size fines that contain some gypsum and evaporite. These deposits are almost always subject to hydrocompaction.</p> <p><u>Other Natural Deposits</u></p> <p>es Wind-deposited Sand and Silt -- Reddish-brown loess usually found on fragments in a sandy or clayey, in stable dunes, and as a thin veneer on many upland surfaces. Mapped where greater than 3 ft thick but thinner deposits and deposits highly variable in thickness are widespread and necessitate a generalized map pattern for this unit in most places. Frequently modified by or obscured by agricultural beneficiation and non-native plants.</p> <p>r Residuum -- Soil and surficial materials derived from weathering and pedogenesis of underlying bedrock. No discernible transport of them is apparent.</p> <p>gd Glacial Drift -- Gravels composing mostly lateral, end, and ground moraines. Also includes related deposits and ice-contact landforms, such as eskers, fill terraces, and kame terraces.</p> <p>go Glacial Outwash -- Gravels deposited by glacial melt waters. These gravels are essentially unweathered and clean and contain abundant igneous and metamorphic lithologies from the White River Uplift to the north of the studied area.</p> <p>tuf Tufa and Tufa-cemented Gravel --</p>
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GEOMORPHIC - FEATURES MAP EXPLANATION

<p><u>Fluvial</u></p> <p>TF Terraces and Floodplains -- Alluvial plains or nearly flat and level surfaces adjacent to principal streams. Includes modern flood plains, younger terraces immediately adjacent to streams, and higher, presumably older surfaces composed of floodplain alluvium unquestionably derived from an associated stream.</p> <p>F Alluvial Fans and Aprons -- Deposits, commonly nearly triangular-shaped in plan, of stream-transported material usually consisting of silt-to-boulder-size clasts derived from the drainage basin of the stream that transported them. Individual alluvial fans may coalesce to form alluvial aprons. Alluvial fans mapped as Raf and parts of those mapped as af on the surficial geologic maps are active alluvium-deposition areas.</p> <p>DF Debris Fans (small, young) -- Steep, cone-shaped deposits of debris-flow and/or mudflow-transported material usually found at the mouths of steep, narrow gullies where steep-gradient, first-order tributary drainages reach a stream confluence, floodplain, or terrace adjacent to a master, larger stream.</p> <p>OFR Old Fan Remnants -- Areas underlain by surficial deposits of older, weathered alluvial fan-derived sands and gravels that cap sloping, higher, and usually poorly dissected surfaces above and probably unrelated to modern drainages. The resulting landforms bear little resemblance, except for gross</p>	<p>macroscopic composition and texture of the deposits themselves, to their probable original form. Only larger remnants are shown. Frequently covered by a veneer of loess up to 4 ft thick.</p> <p>OTR Old Terrace Remnants -- Areas underlain by surficial deposits of older, weathered, stream-derived sands and gravels that are found high above modern streams. These are the remains of ancient floodplains that have been isolated above the modern stream regimen. As with old fan remnants, macroscopic composition and texture of the deposits themselves are their most diagnostic properties. Frequently covered by a veneer of loess up to 4 ft thick.</p> <p><u>Colluvial</u></p> <p>LDF Debris Fans (large, old) -- The "mesas" or relatively high, sub-horizontal to gently sloping surfaces and their contiguous sideslopes above the valley of the Colorado River. These surfaces are remnants of very large, presumably composite debris and alluvial fans that were formed by massive debris sliding and flowage during the Neogene and Quaternary. Subsequent erosion and slope failure along the sides of the surfaces, deposition of loess and eolian sand on them, lateral down wearing of originally rough surfaces, and local pedimentation and erosional modification have subsequently smoothed and altered the original form of these surfaces in most places. Also includes deposits of similar geologic materials without the distinctive form of LDF described above.</p>	<p>LS Earthflows, Transitional Landslides, and Complex Slope-movement Features -- areas that have undergone mass slope movements during the Quaternary and/or that are undergoing such movements at the present time. These areas have distinctive hummocky topography, closed, poorly drained depressions, fresh or healed landslide scars, and disrupted drainage. In the case of active slope failures, movement of man-made structures or cultural effects may be evident.</p> <p>T Talus apron -- Larger accumulations of rock rubble below steep bedrock cliffs that are formed by repeated rockfalls and rock slides. Shown only in a generalized fashion in most areas. Only larger areas are shown.</p> <p>Co Colluvial Aprons and Wedges -- Accumulations of material on or below moderate to steep slopes that have formed as the result of mass wasting of loose, poorly consolidated slope-derived debris from up-slope areas.</p> <p><u>Erosional</u></p> <p>E Sheet-Erosion Areas -- Areas subject to overland or sheet flooding of typically fine-grained alluvial and colluvial materials. Usually distinguished by absence of a well-defined drainage net and absence or disruption of climax vegetation. May be accelerated or greatly affected by modern overgrazing or high-intensity human land uses that damage or remove vegetation cover or disrupt surface drainage.</p> <p>P Pediments -- Sub-horizontal to gently sloping, nearly flat surfaces planated on bedrock by lateral corrosion</p>	<p>of weakly developed or weakly incised drainages lying out of the established, strongly developed drainage net of modern streams. Pediments are usually slightly concave surfaces of near-erosional equilibrium extending from the modern perennial-stream regime to higher retreating monadnocks, cuestas and/or mountain fronts. These bedrock exposures are the remains of pre-existing bedrock highs and extend gradually to higher mountainous areas. Pediments are usually covered with a thin veneer of alluvial gravel whose provenance is the underlying or nearby bedrock.</p> <p>PR Pediment Remnants -- Relatively small areas, compared to active modern pediments, that are correlative and accordant in position (elevation). They are the remains of formerly extensive pediments. These areas are seen as sub-horizontal to gently sloping gravel-capped surfaces usually at some consistent elevation above younger pediment remnants and/or a modern pediment.</p> <p>B Badlands -- Areas where modern stream, rill, and sheet erosion of soft, weakly resistant bedrock results in distinctive rounded and fluted low hills and cliffs. These areas are almost exclusively associated with the Wasatch Formation outcrop in places where erosional processes are rapid enough to degrade the bedrock outcrop. The products of erosion in these areas are usually deposited in or near badlands.</p> <p><u>Bedrock</u></p> <p>H Hogbacks -- Gently to steeply dipping bedrock exposures</p>	<p>that form ridges adjacent to the White River Uplift. In the mapped area, hogbacks are the Grand Hogback and lower, less resistant exposures of sedimentary rocks. In places, owing to erosion-resistance variation in bedrock units and drainage development, these hogbacks may include badlands or other types of features.</p> <p>FI Volcanic Landforms -- Areas where extensive exposures or near-surface outcrops of extrusive volcanic rocks are the principal determinant of the shape of the land surface. Such areas are characterized by a nearly level to gently sloping land surface with bedrock at or near the surface, poorly incised to deranged drainage owing to the porous characteristics of underlying bedrock, and occasionally by blocky, rubbly bedrock exposures of volcanic rocks.</p> <p>I Intrusive bodies -- Includes dikes, sills, and stocks. These are exposures of igneous rocks whose shape determines that of the land surface.</p> <p>Br Undivided Bedrock Exposures -- Bedrock exposures whose form is not distinctive enough to fall in some other landform class.</p> <p><u>Glacial</u></p> <p>GI Glacial landforms -- Undivided Glacial Landforms. Moraines, drift, and outwash deposits in Canyon Creek Valley and nearby areas.</p> <p><u>Symbols</u></p> <p>Contact</p>
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CONSTRUCTION-MATERIALS MAP EXPLANATION

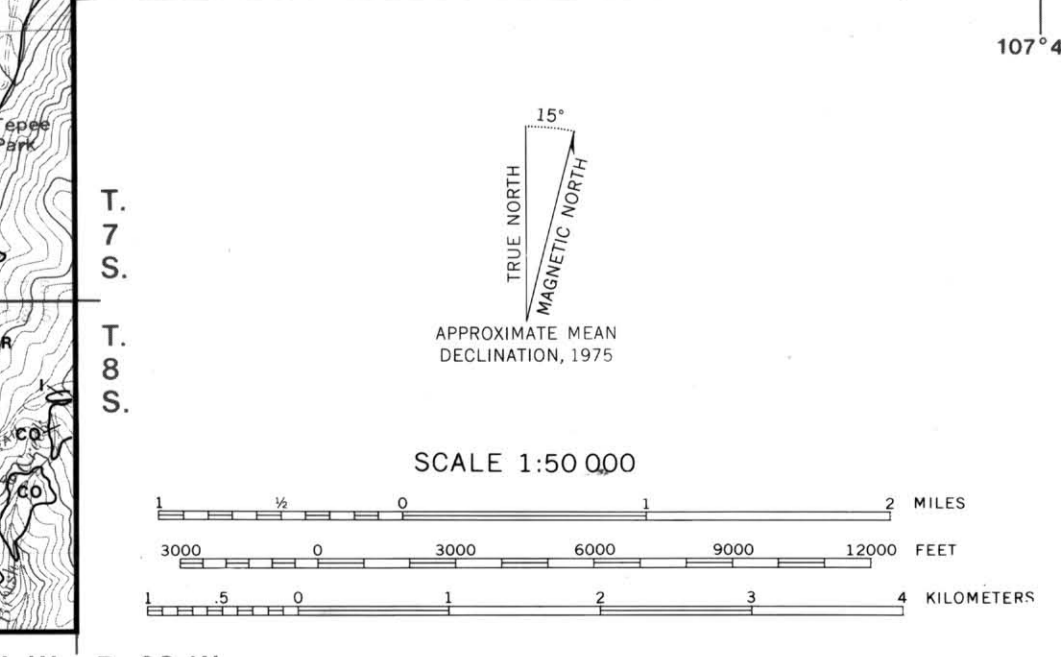
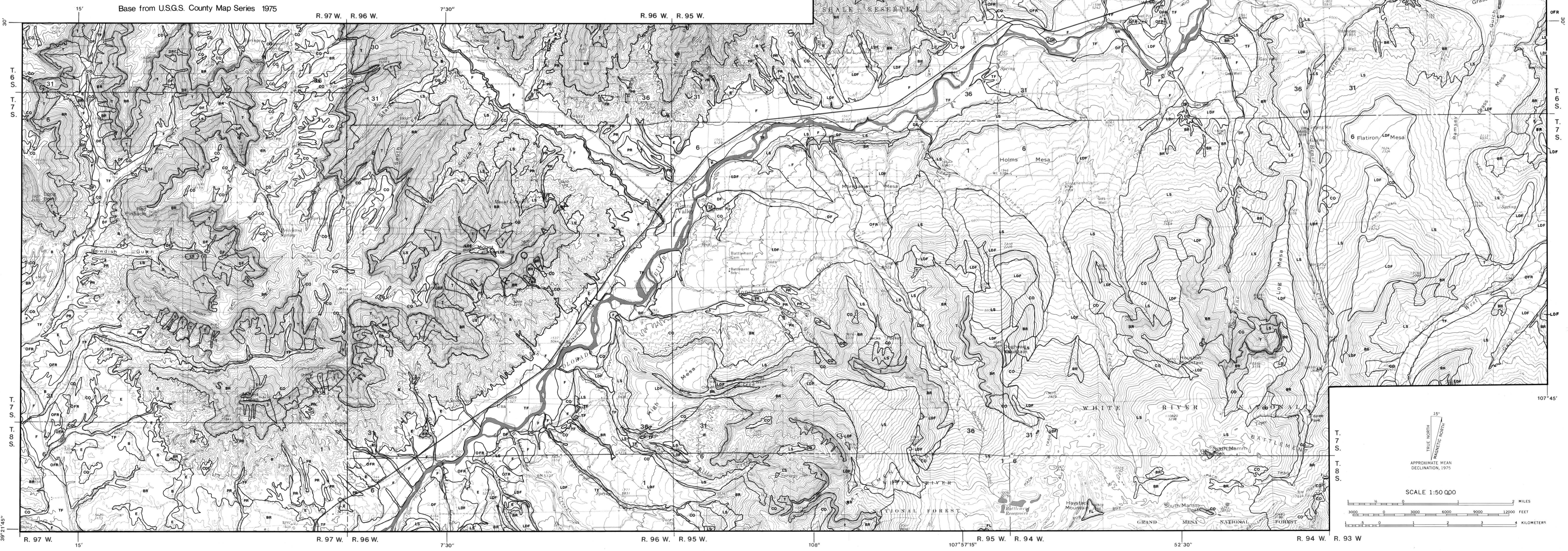
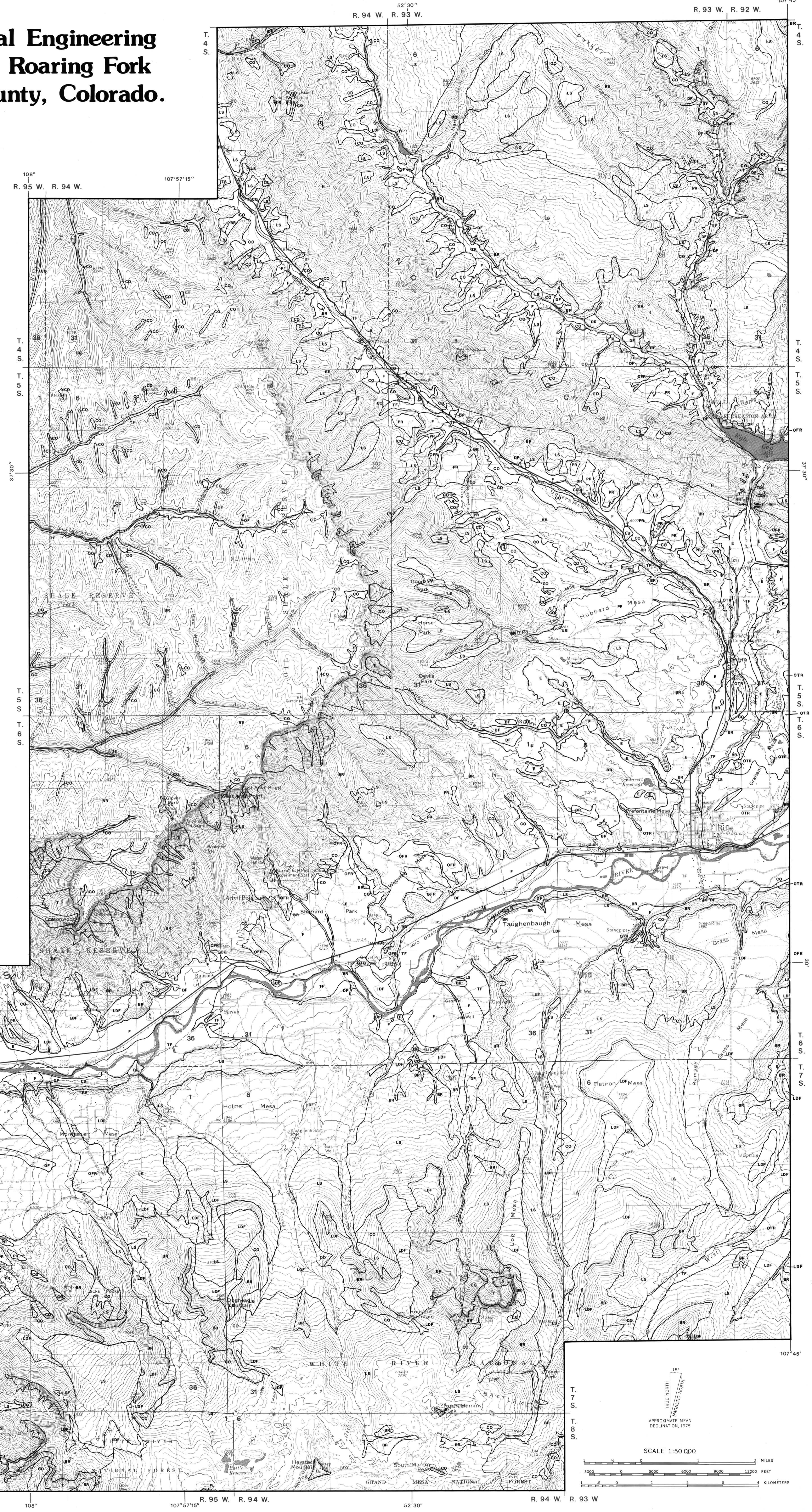
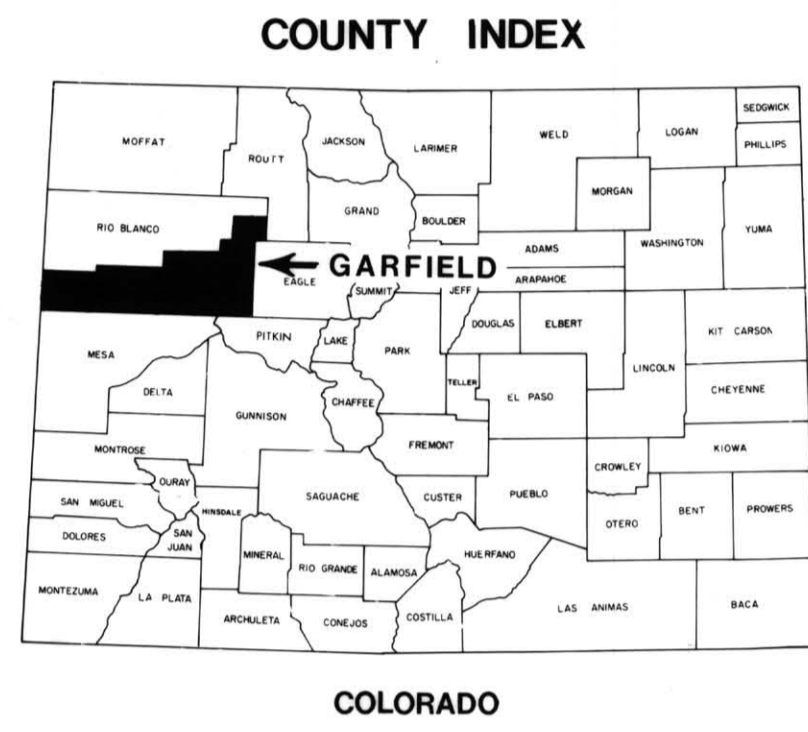
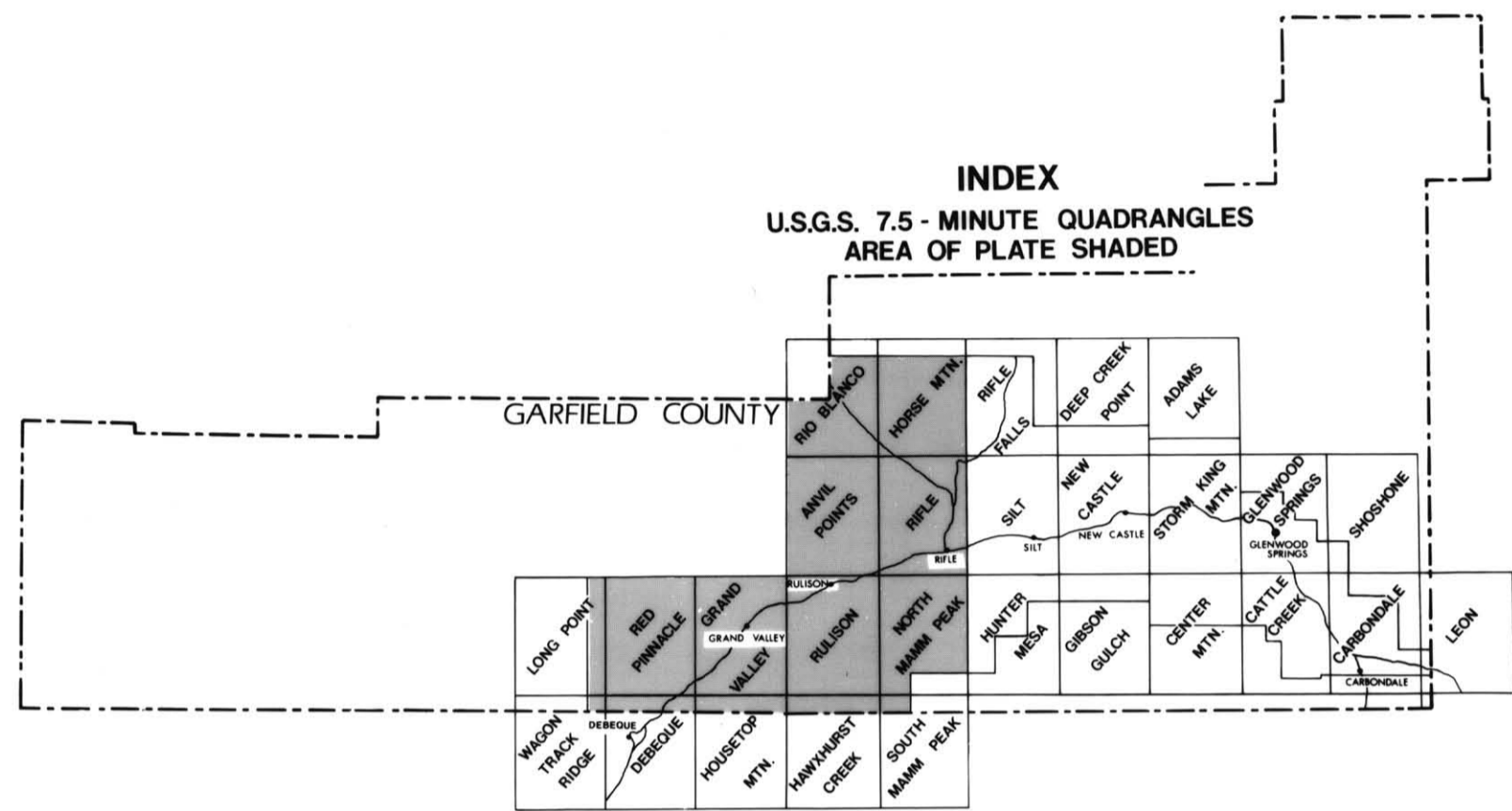
<p><u>Landform Classification</u></p> <p>F Floodplain Deposits -- Sand and gravel of the active floodplains of modern streams. These materials are essentially unweathered and contain few large boulders.</p> <p>T Stream-terrace Deposits -- Sand and gravel of stream terraces of modern streams. Most of these deposits are only lightly weathered and contain few large boulders. They are presently the most heavily exploited resource in the study area.</p> <p>V Valley Fill -- Sand and gravel as F and T above combined for smaller streams.</p> <p>U Upland deposits -- Predominantly pediment gravels composed of materials essentially the same as the underlying bedrock. Usually these deposits are thin, highly weathered, and because of the predominantly sandstone and shale bedrock in the region, are a low grade resource.</p> <p>A Alluvial-fan deposits - Unsorted, ungraded cobble-to-boulder gravels with angular clasts derived from within drainage basins of usually small intermittent stream tributaries to major ancient or modern streams. These gravels usually contain a high percentage of fines, exhibit varying degrees of weathering depending on age of, activity on, and size of the associated alluvial fan. Clast lithologies can vary greatly from place to place depending on bedrock types present in a given drainage basin.</p> <p>G Glacial Deposits -- Cobble-to-boulder gravels found in or near areas occupied by Pleistocene glaciers. Because of their relatively young geologic age, these deposits are essentially unweathered. Not heavily</p>	<p>exploited at present, they are an excellent gravel resource in most places. Poor sorting of some tills containing large boulders may necessitate more crushing and processing of them than other deposits.</p> <p><u>Resource Classification</u></p> <p>1 Gravel--Relatively clean and sound.</p> <p>2 Gravel--Significant fines, decomposed clasts, calcium carbonate or poorly rounded clasts.</p> <p>3 Sand--Quality unevaluated.</p> <p>4 Gravel--Unevaluated resource, significant properties as (2) above; may be a potential aggregate resource.</p> <p><u>Quarry-Aggregate Resources</u></p> <p>L Limestone--Quality unevaluated.</p> <p>B Basalt--Quality of resource varies because of variable internal structures.</p> <p>S Sliderock, Talus, and Boulder Fields-- comprises a potential rip-rap or aggregate resource of limestone or basalt.</p> <p><u>Symbols</u></p> <p>--- Contact--Depth of burial is not determined. 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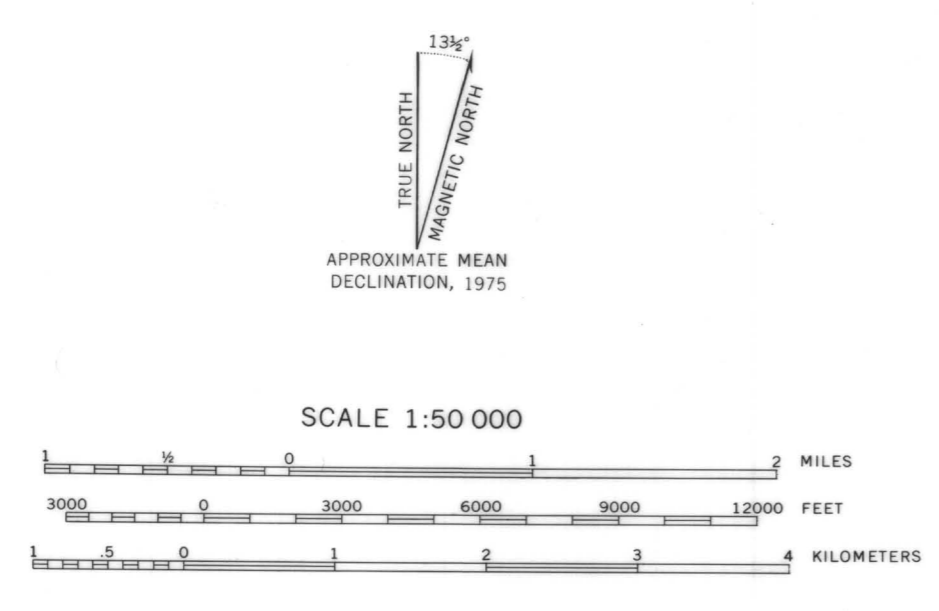
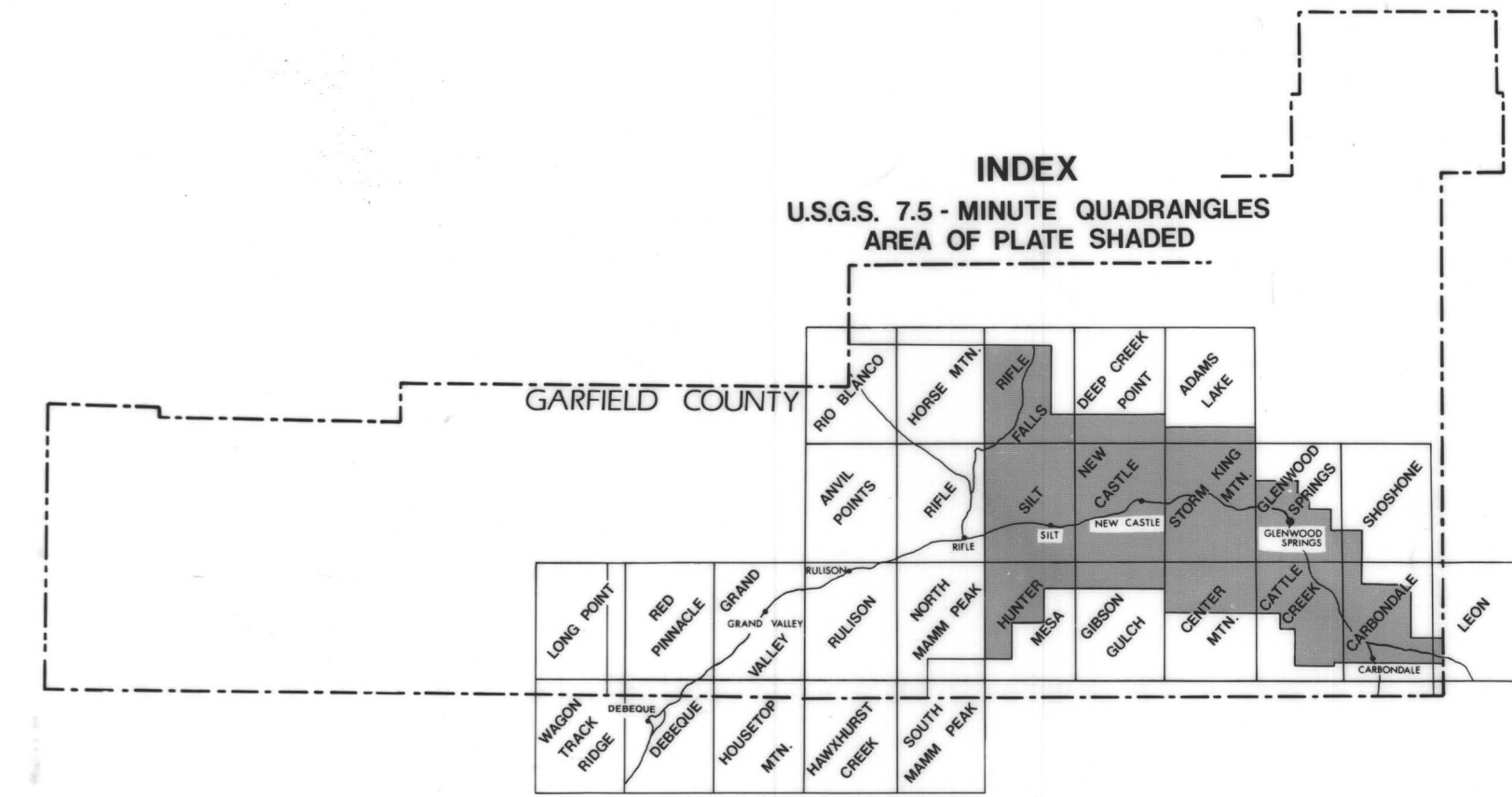
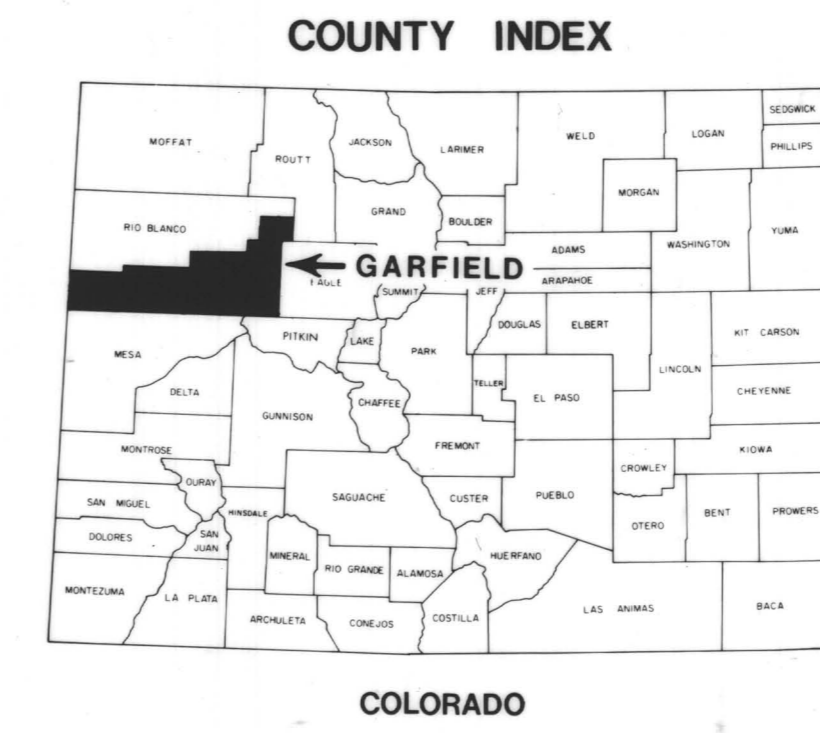
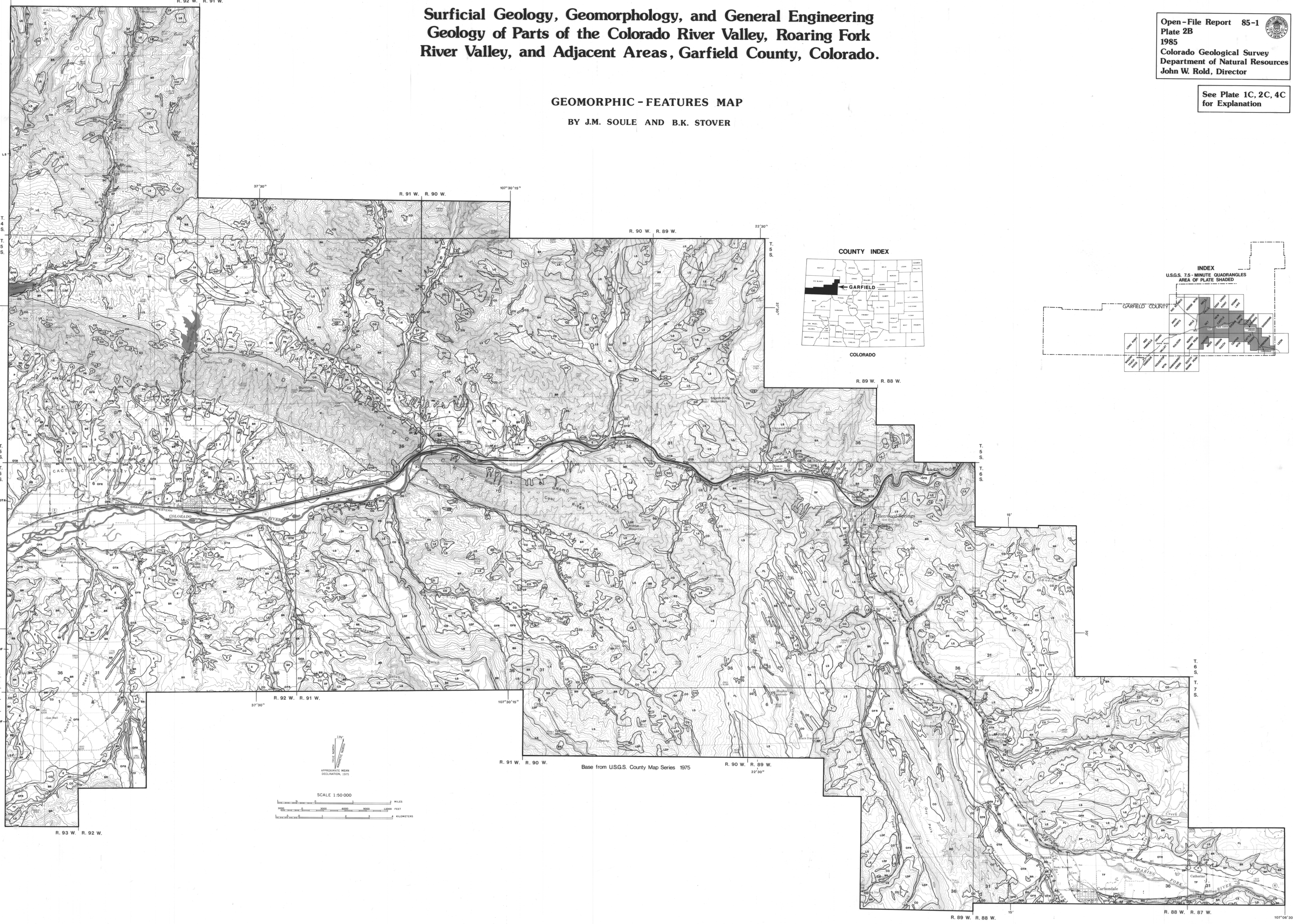
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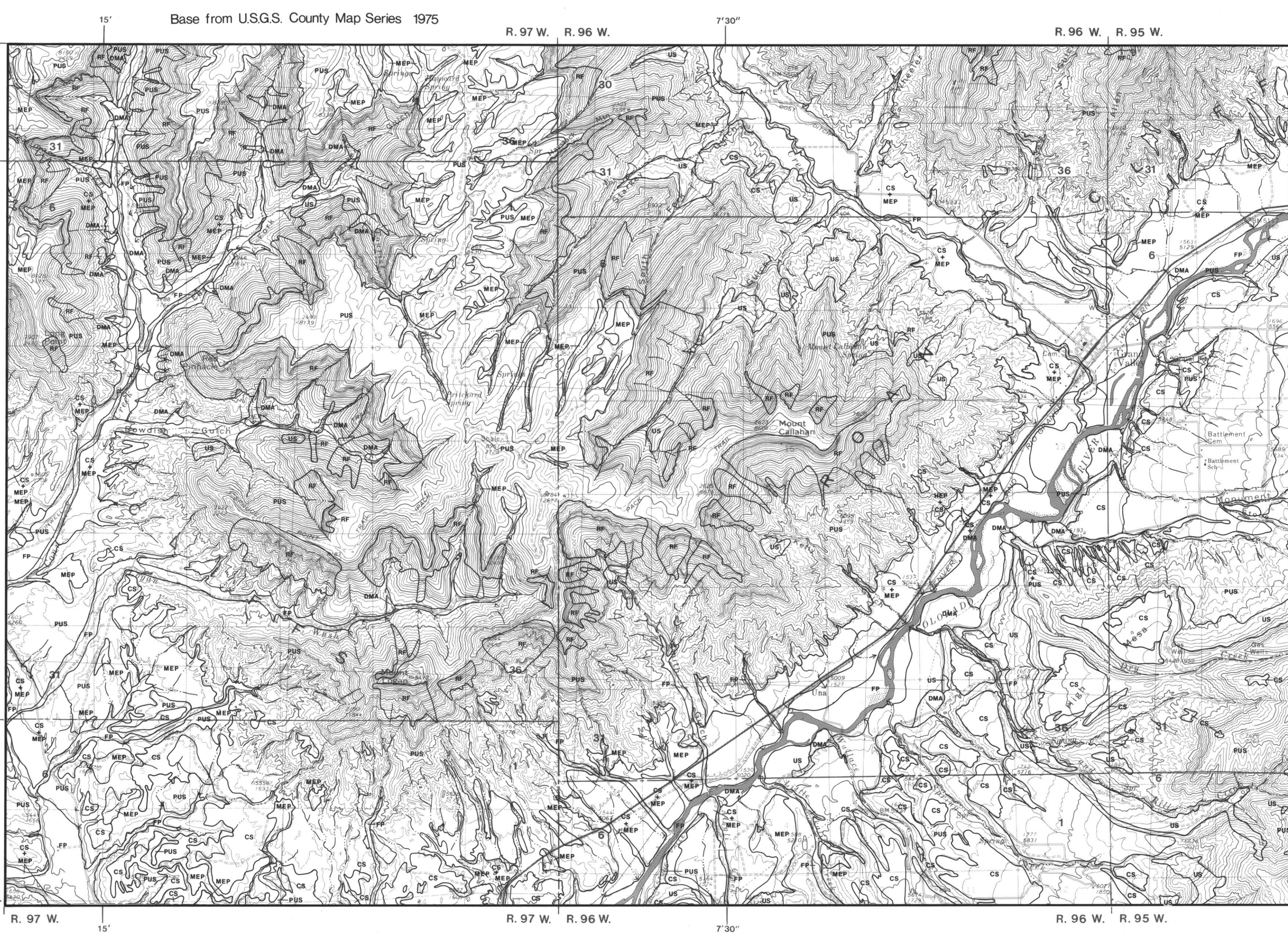
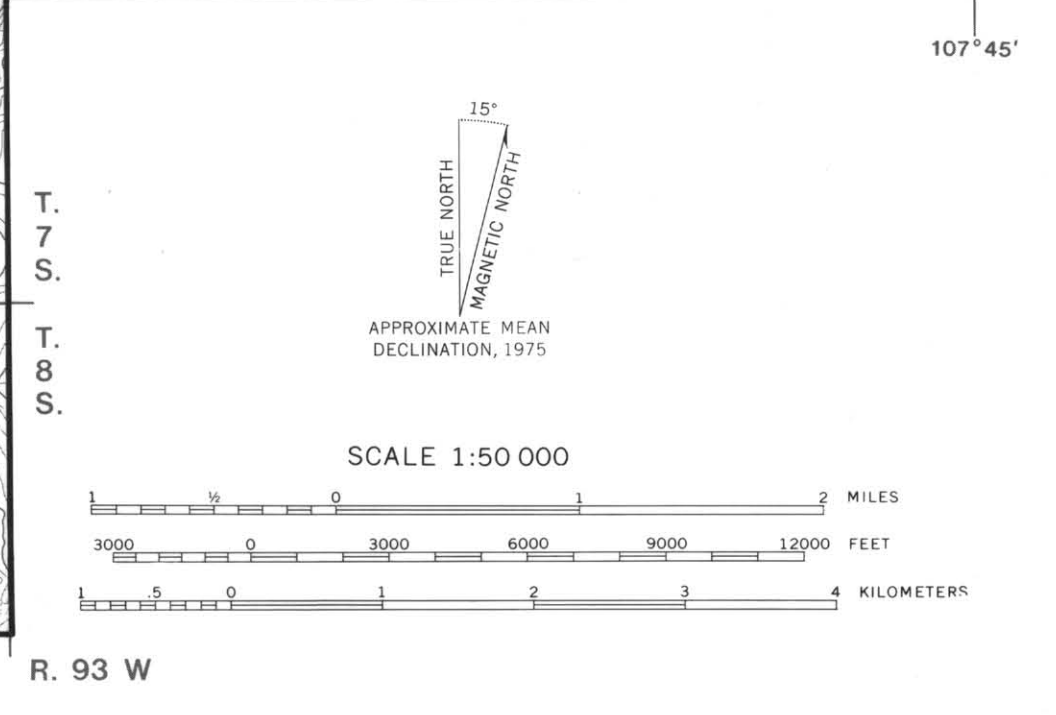
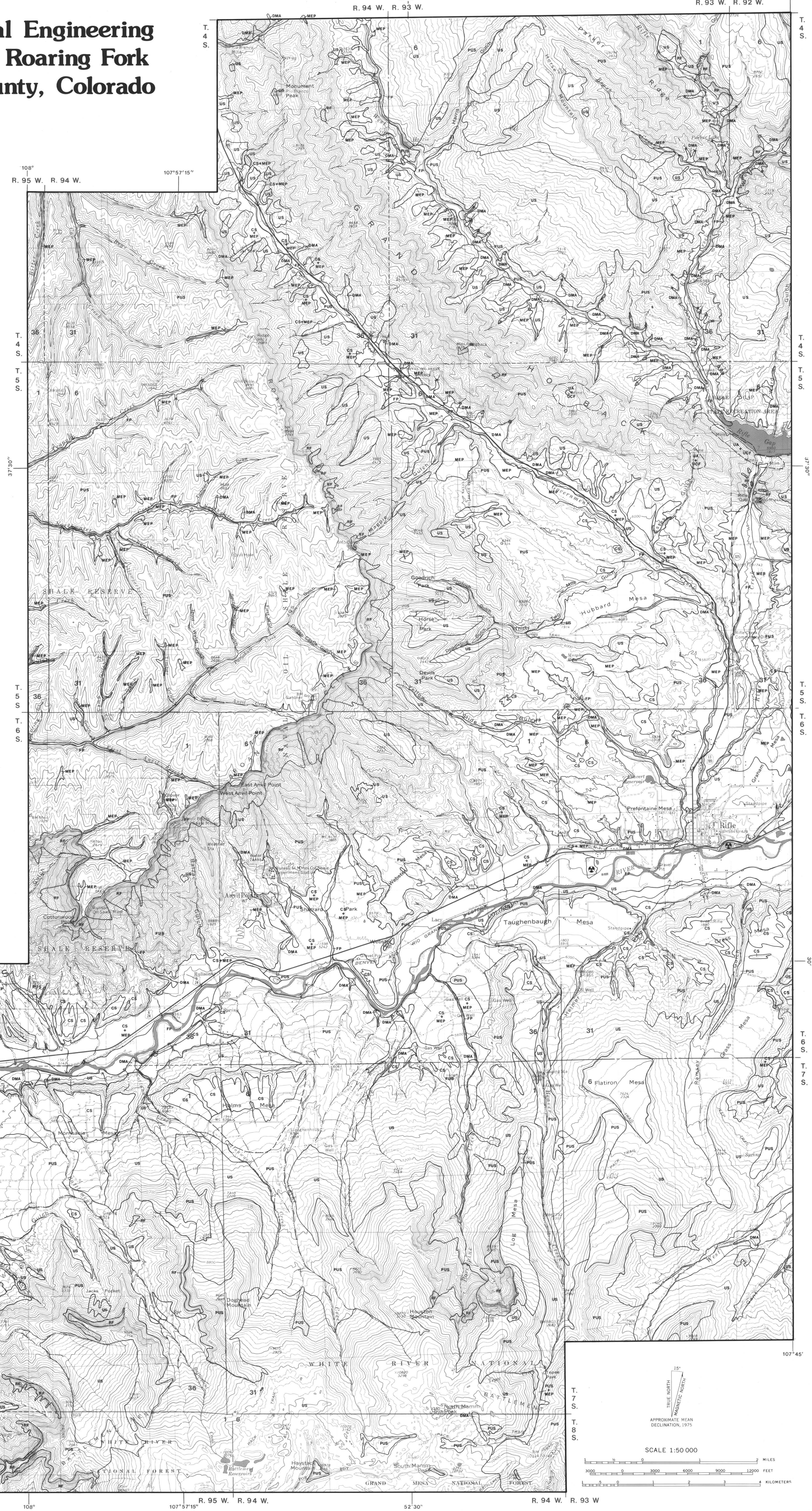
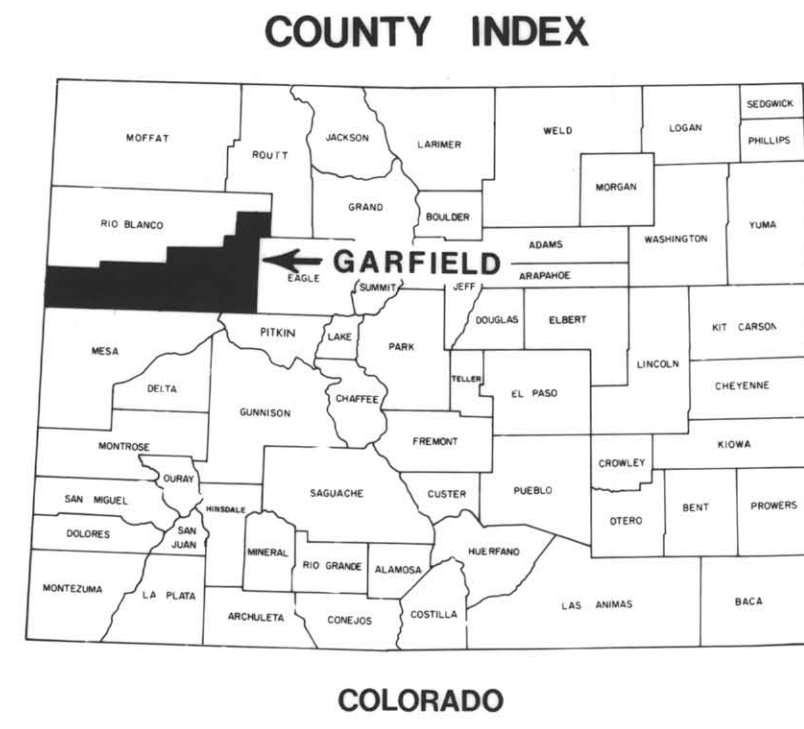
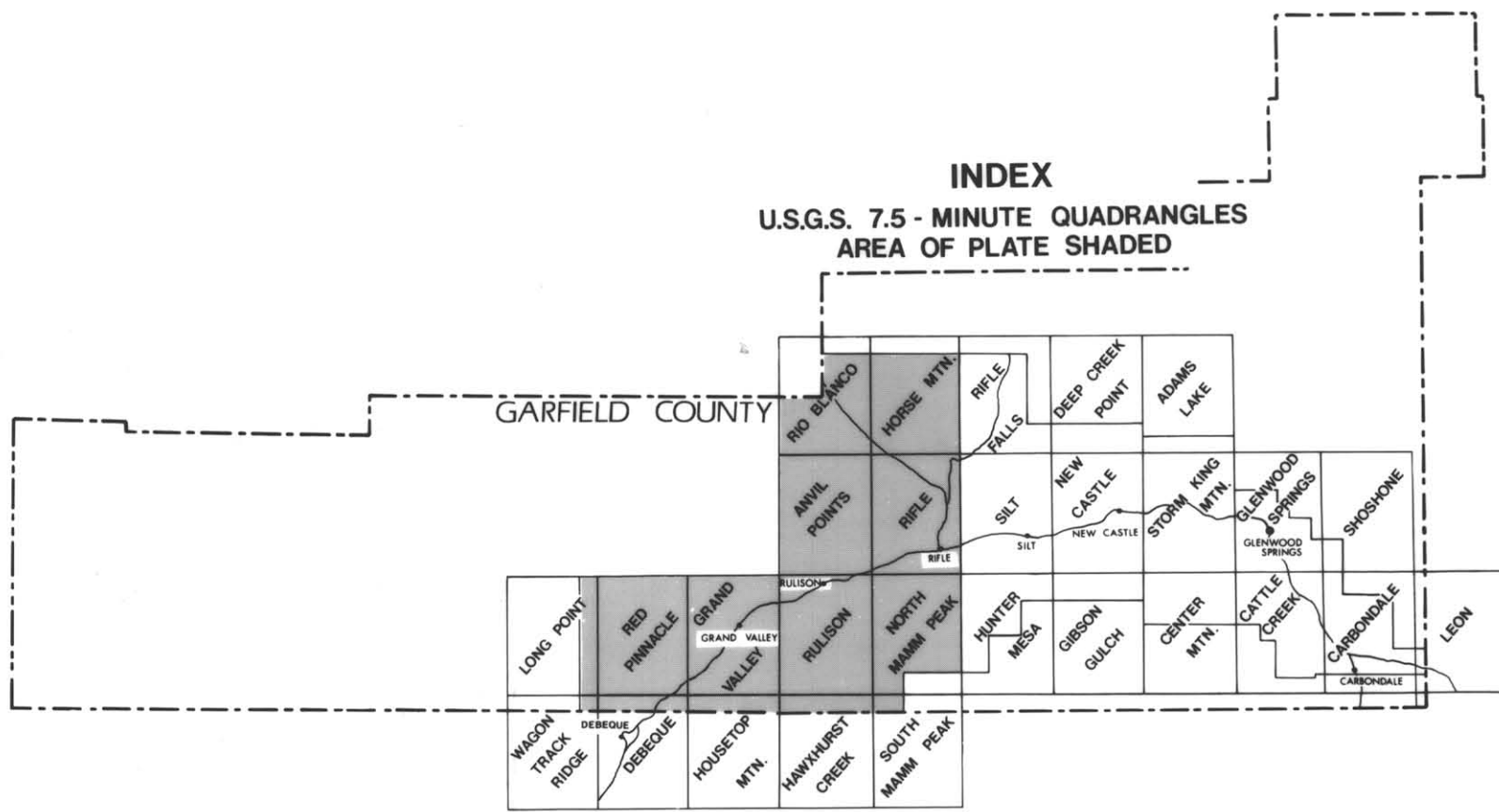
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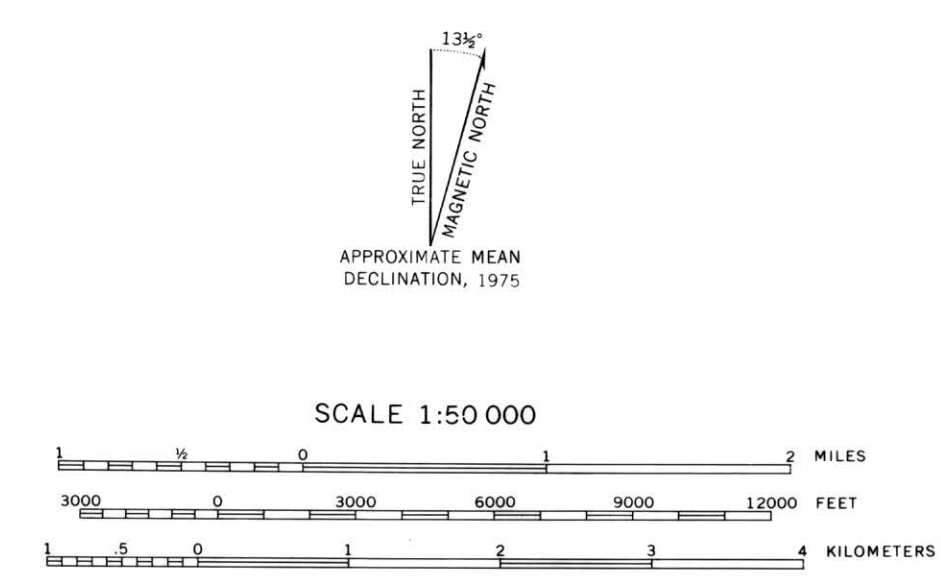
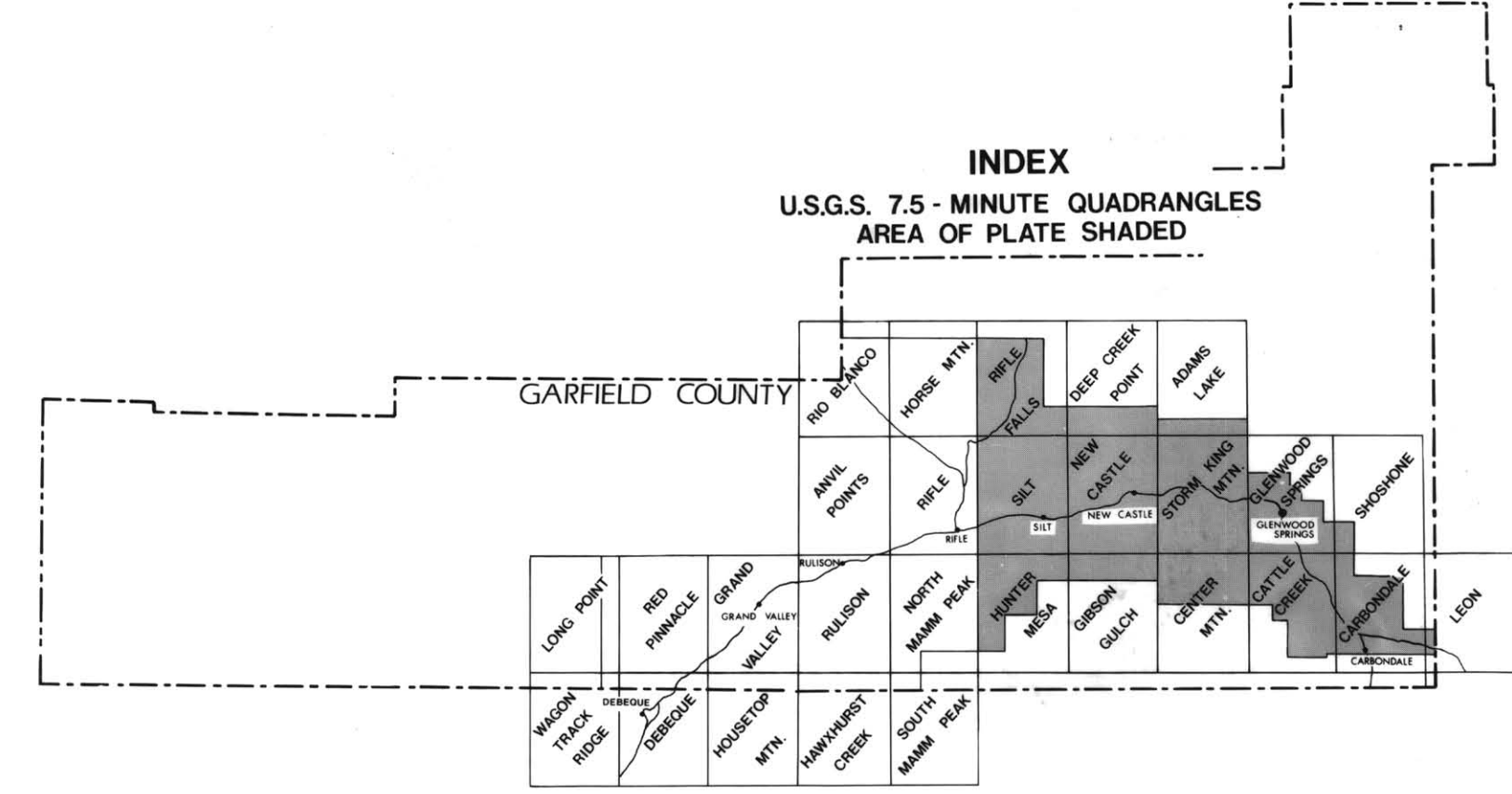
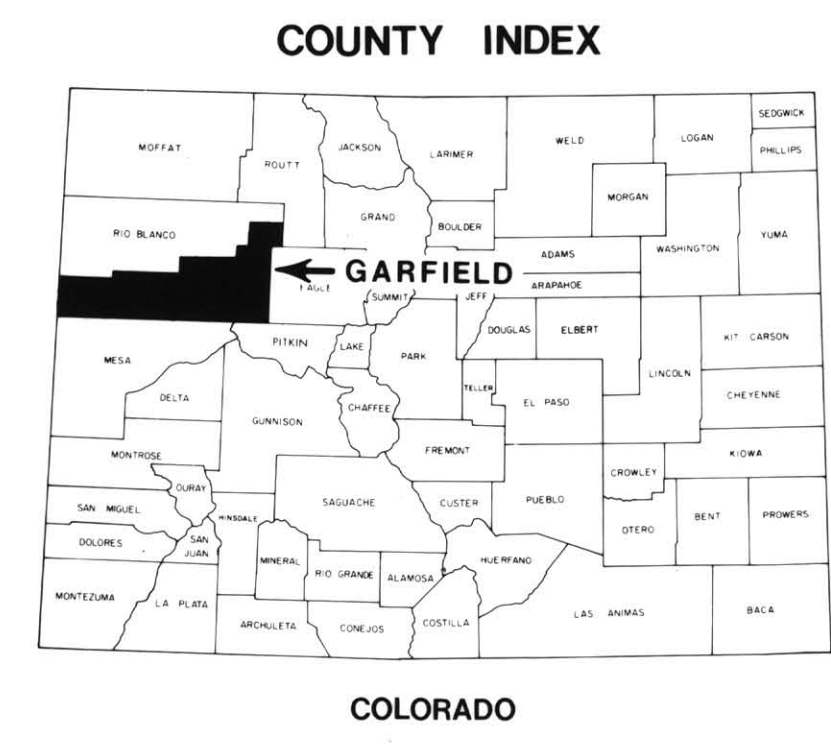
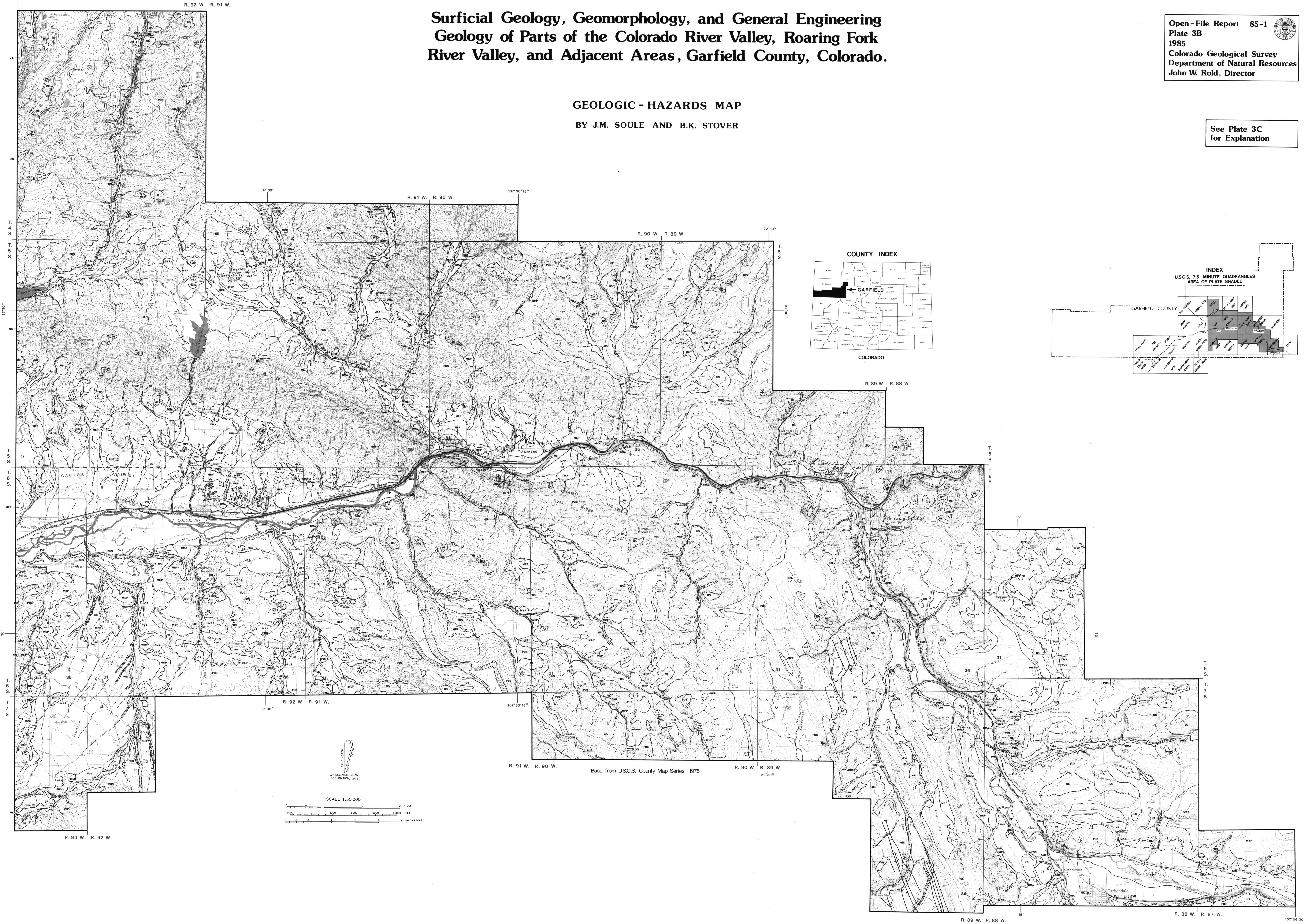
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GEOLOGIC-HAZARD MAP EXPLANATION

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Explanation of Map Units

DMA Debris-flow/mudflow-Flooding Area-Debris fans, alluvial fans, and drainage channels subject to potentially destructive inundation by rapid downslope flow of wet, commonly fluid-like masses of fine-to-coarse debris and water derived from contiguous side slope usually during periods of heavy rainfall and/or snowmelt runoff. Map unit includes only those areas subject to this process in modern times.

PUS Potentially Unstable Slope-Areas subject to slope failure(s) if natural conditions, especially those related to slope, ground moisture, vegetation cover, and drainage, are disrupted. Areas so mapped include those in proximity to or otherwise associated with areas subject to natural slope movements. Does not include steep stream and gully banks, virtually all of which are subject to slope failure during periods of heavy runoff.

US Unstable Slope-Areas subject to natural translational or rotational landslides and/or earthflows. Evidence includes: distinctive landslide and earthflow morphology, proximity to actively falling areas composed of the same or similar geologic units, slope aspect and inclination, vegetation cover conducive to slope failure, and disrupted cultural or structural effects.

RF Rockfall Area-Area subject to free falling, toppling, bounding, or rolling of rock fragments including large boulders, boulders, and blocks capable of damaging or destroying most types of structures. Areas so mapped include rock source areas(s) and estimated runout zones below cliffs where mobilized rocks come to rest. The exact extent of the runout zone is typically difficult or impossible to predict or map precisely without site-specific studies because of the varying effects of ground-surface texture, size and shape of rock fragments, and localized vegetation, ground moisture, and slope variations.

UA Mine-Subsidence Area--Area overlying abandoned underground coal mine(s) that could be subject to potentially destructive surface subsidence and ground failure. Areas so mapped are zones broad enough to indicate where precise extent of undermining and its surface effects might cause problems for activities on the land surface. Detailed investigations including drilling, may in some cases be necessary to precisely delineate the hazard area.

UCF Underground Coal-free Area-Area presently underlain by smoldering or burning underground coal-mine workings or seams, and subject to subsidence effects, fires, and toxic fumes and gases.

PCF Potential Underground Coal-Fire Area-Area adjacent to active underground coal fire(s) that could be subject to future coal-fire effects as fires migrate along coal seams.

CS Collapsing Soils--Low density, mechanically weak soils subject to hydrocompaction associated with excessive wetting and loading. These soils are usually associated with bedrock units containing water-soluble compounds, especially gypsum, their derived colluvium, alluvium, and residuum, and places where wind-blown or rapidly water-laid deposits are the predominant parent material for the soil.

Flash-Flood-Prone Drainageway or Gully--Drainage channels or gullies subject to rapidly rising and flowing flood water during heavy snow-melt and/or rainfall runoff. Areas so mapped include only the channel area. In some places adjacent areas, especially where stream banks are only a few feet high may be subject to overbank sheet flooding with flood waters, at most, a few feet in depth. Bank erosion during flash floods can be a serious problem and involves areas above flood elevation depending on bank material and channel configuration.

FP Physiographic Flood Plain--Area subject to overbank flooding underlain by modern flooding-derived deposits. Shown only for major drainages. Areas mapped as this unit are subject to flooding but not statistically definable recurrence of flooding is implied. Additionally, the effect of man-made structures on movement of flood water is not considered in the definition of this map unit.

Radiation Area--Area subject to elevated levels of natural or man-made radioactivity. Includes natural occurrences of radioactive minerals, natural concentrations of radioactive materials in sedimentary rocks, radioactive mine-waste dumps, and radioactive mill tailings.

HEP High Erosion-Potential Area--Area presently undergoing rapid headward erosion, gullying, and/or sheet erosion exhibiting a high potential for continued erosion (generalized).

MEP Moderate Erosion-Potential Area--Area undergoing moderate gullying, headward erosion, and exhibiting a moderate potential for continued erosion (generalized).

Symbols
 --- Contact
 --- Potentially active fault. Seismic risk unevaluated. Bar and ball on downthrow side.

--- Zone -- Dashed line indicates a high level of uncertainty about extent of mapped area. Precise determination of extent of mapped area will require detailed field and/or subsurface investigation in virtually all cases.

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Suggestions to Users of the Diagram Below

This diagram, which is a matrix that is intended to be used only with the accompanying geologic-hazards map, is designed to enable the map user to predict generally the kinds of engineering-geology-related situations that are apt to arise if the specified land use takes place in the indicated geologic-hazard area. The scenarios that result can be used in several ways. For example:

- 1.) To enable land-use planners, land owners, land developers, and others to anticipate well in advance of land use changes the kinds of problems that might arise if the land use changes do, in fact, take place.
- 2.) To indicate to public officials and others responsible for public safety those areas where geologic conditions are so adverse for some land uses as to be directly life and property threatening.
- 3.) As a basis for indicating the kinds of problems that should be addressed in detailed, site-specific engineering-geologic studies for specific projects. Designs, engineering, and construction can then take the problems into account adequately.
- 4.) To enable land owners, real-estate appraisers, and financiers to consider generally geologic conditions when evaluating property.

In no instance are the recommendations or advice that can be assembled for the specific cases to be used as a replacement for detailed geotechnical investigations. The intention is rather that this information be used to focus such studies such that only relevant ones are made or required.

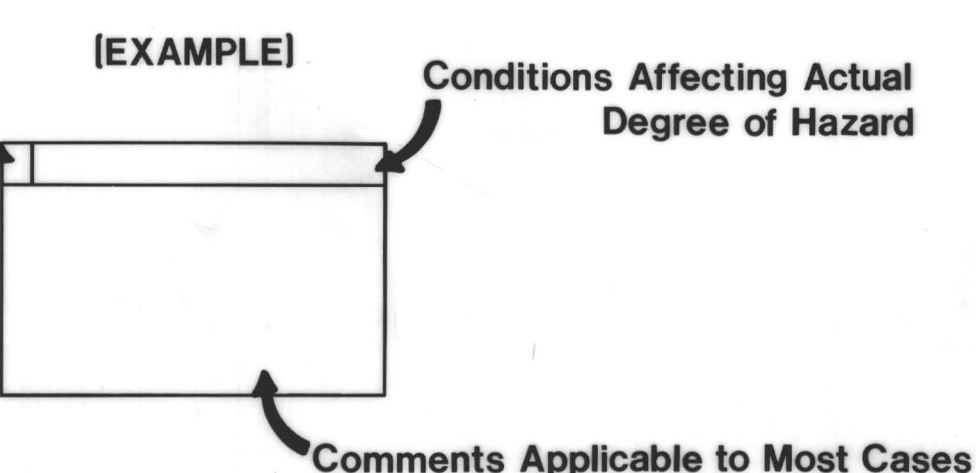
Generalized Geologic-Hazard Scenarios for Common Land Uses

Land-Use Activity

	AGRICULTURE (FARMING AND RANCHING)	HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	UTILITY LINES (ABOVE GROUND)	PIPELINES AND UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	LOW-DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (1 D.U./5 ACRES)	MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (1 D.U./2 ACRES)	HIGH DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (1 D.U./ACRE)	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (APARTMENTS AND TOWN HOUSES)	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (OFFICE AND SERVICE FACILITIES)	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (LOW-DENSITY OFFICE PARKS, ETC.)	HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (OIL-SHALE REFINERIES, OIL REFINERIES, PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING PLANTS, RAILROAD YARDS, ETC.)	MINING AND QUARRYING AND ATTENDANT FACILITIES	DEVELOPED OPEN SPACE (GOLF COURSES, PARKS, GREENBELTS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, ETC.)	SOLID-WASTE DISPOSAL (EXCLUDING HAZARDOUS WASTES; INCLUDING MINE TAILINGS)	WATER-RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (RESERVOIRS, IRRIGATION CANALS, DAMS)		
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Explanation of Chart Symbols

KEY TO CHART



Degree of Hazard

- 0 In all cases essentially no geologic hazards will be created - little, if any, hazard.
- 1 Typically minor problems related to geologic conditions will be experienced - low hazard.
- 2 In some serious problems related to geologic conditions will be experienced - moderate to high hazard.
- 3 In many cases serious problems related to geologic conditions will be experienced - moderate to high hazard.
- 4 In most cases serious problems related to geologic conditions will be experienced - high hazard.
- 5 In essentially all cases serious problems related to geologic conditions will be experienced - very high to extreme (severe) hazard.

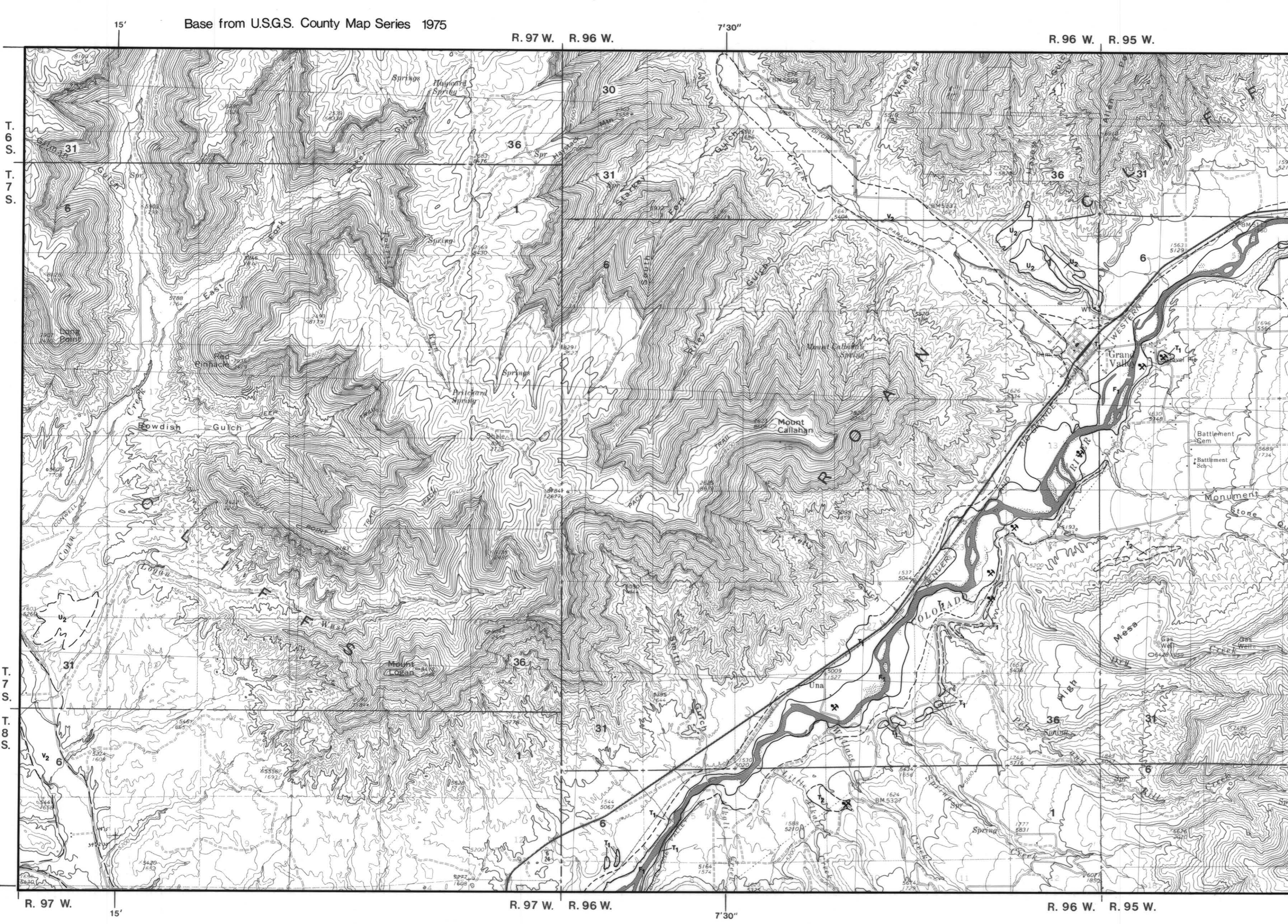
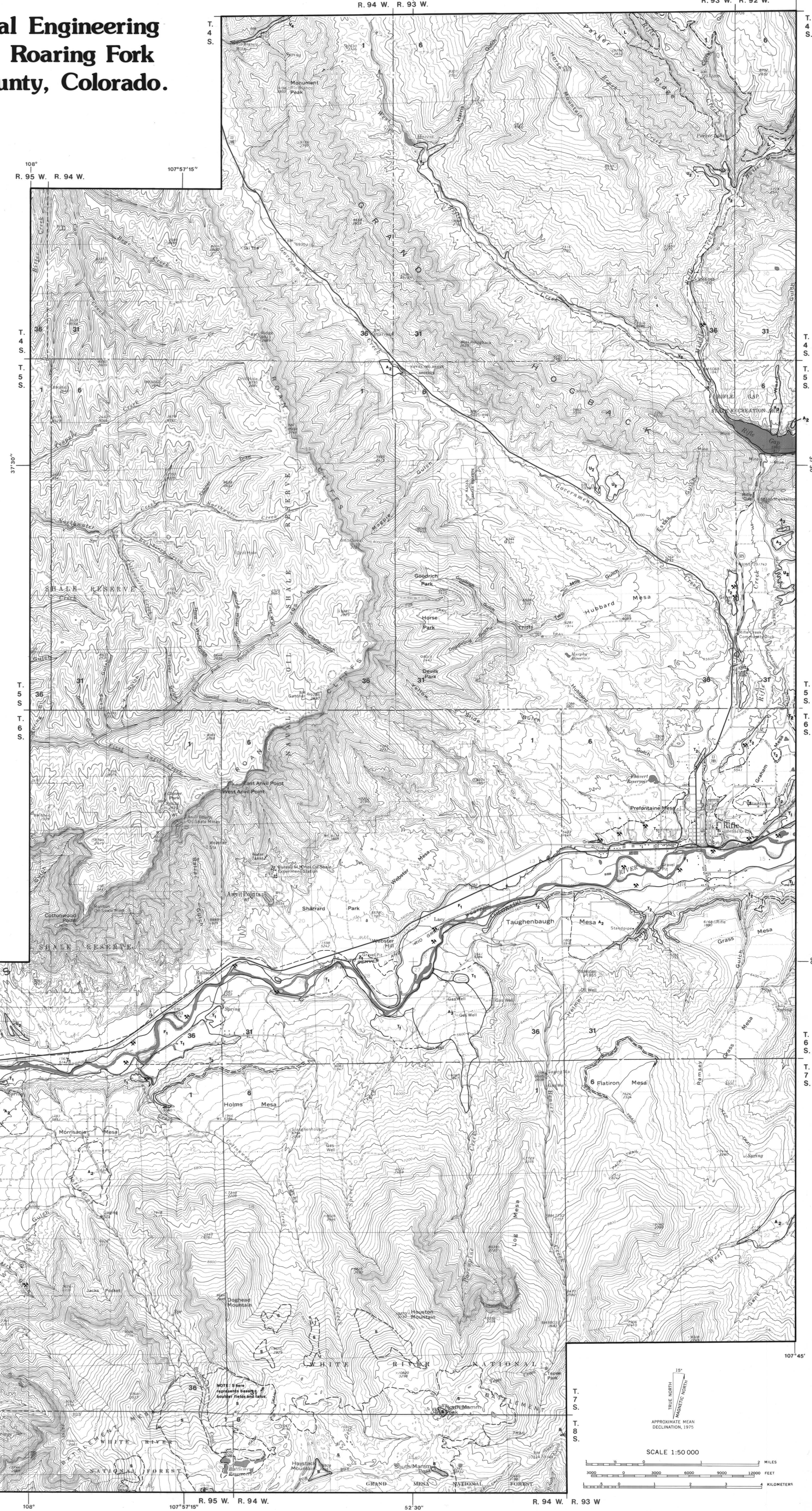
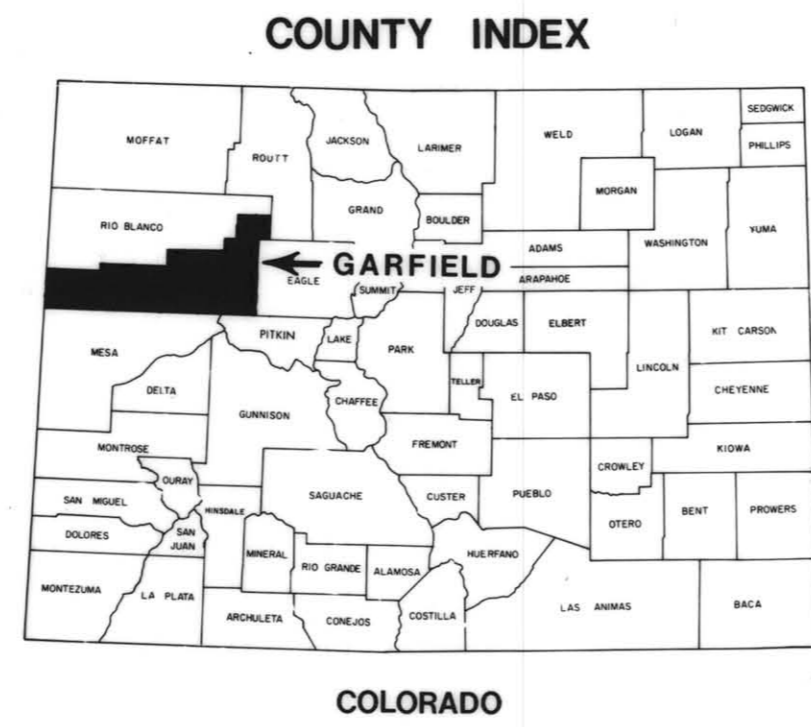
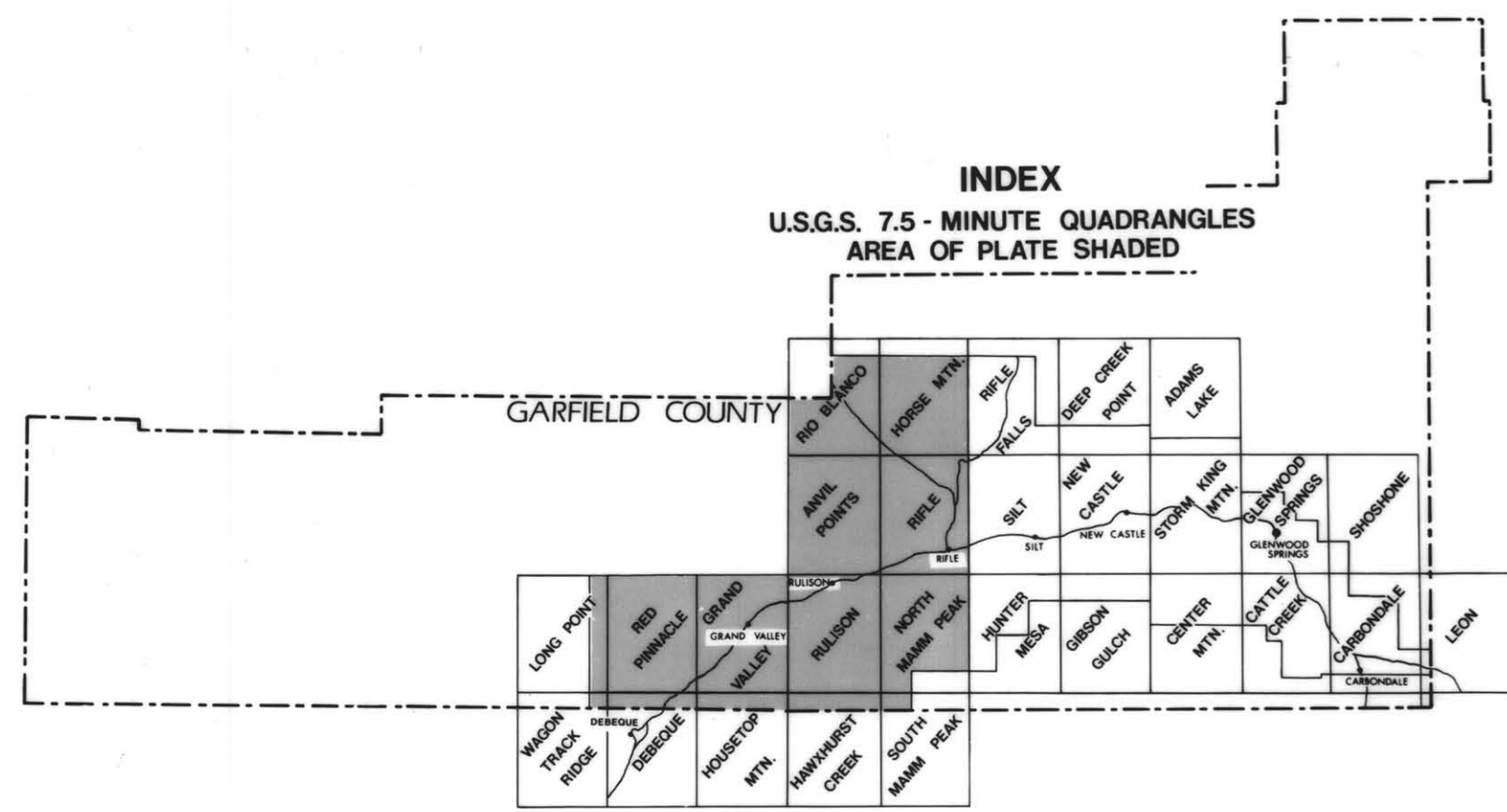
Conditions Affecting Hazard

- A Surcharging near-surface soils and/or groundwater with sewage effluent or uncontrolled runoff from impervious (developed) areas increases hazard greatly.
- B Undercutting slopes increases hazard greatly in most instances.
- C Removing natural vegetation by overgrazing or ill-advised construction practices increases hazard greatly.
- D Hazard usually increases considerably with increased slope.
- E Expansive soils are common and may require specialized designs for structural foundations and drainage control.
- F Hazard or likelihood of occurrence of this hazardous process varies seasonally.
- G Nearly all of the hazardous events occur rapidly during heavy rainstorms.
- H Occasional flash flooding in small tributary drainage channels (not mapped) can be a severe hazard.
- I Pre-construction, detailed engineering-geology investigations will be necessary in nearly all cases.
- J Detailed engineering-geologic studies, including drilling, are necessary to properly assess hazards in these areas.
- K Improperly designed cuts and fills can greatly increase hazards in these areas.
- L Engineered fills will be absolutely necessary to minimize hazards in these areas.
- M In some instances careful siting of structures after detailed engineering-geologic studies of these areas can reduce hazards to an acceptable level.
- N In some cases rerouting drainage or draining slopes can reduce hazards considerably.
- O This hazardous process is virtually impossible to halt or mitigate adequately.

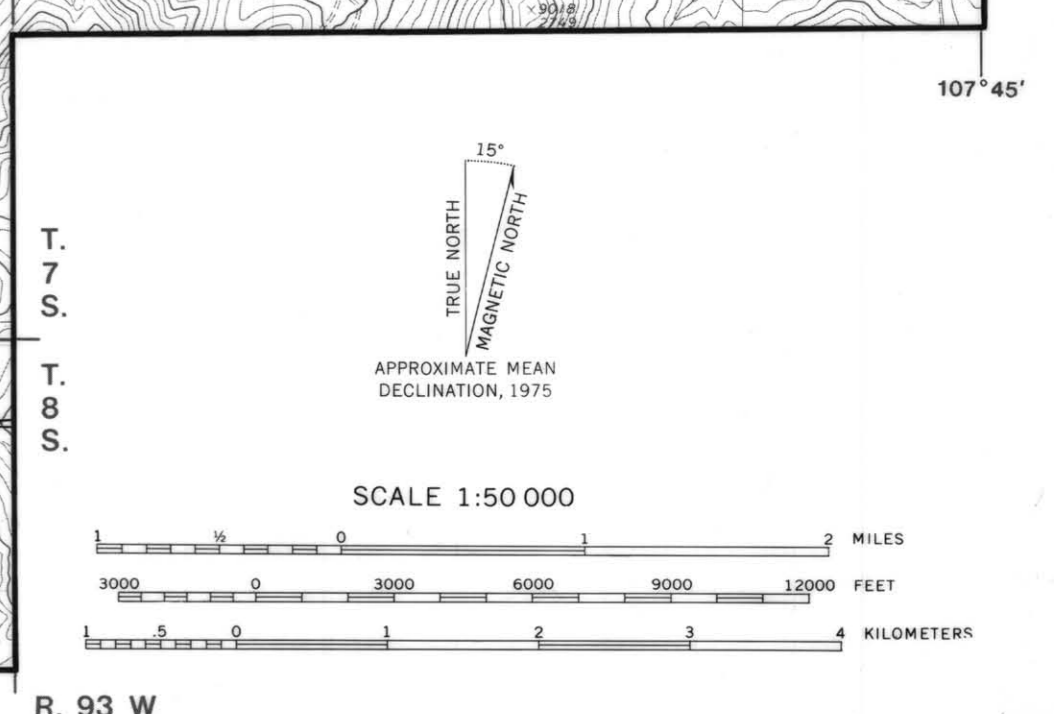
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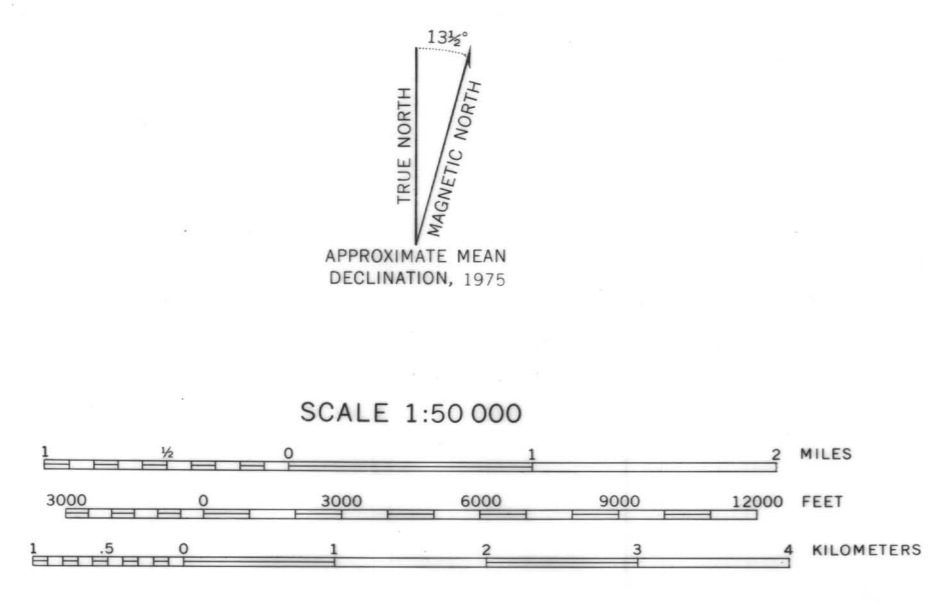
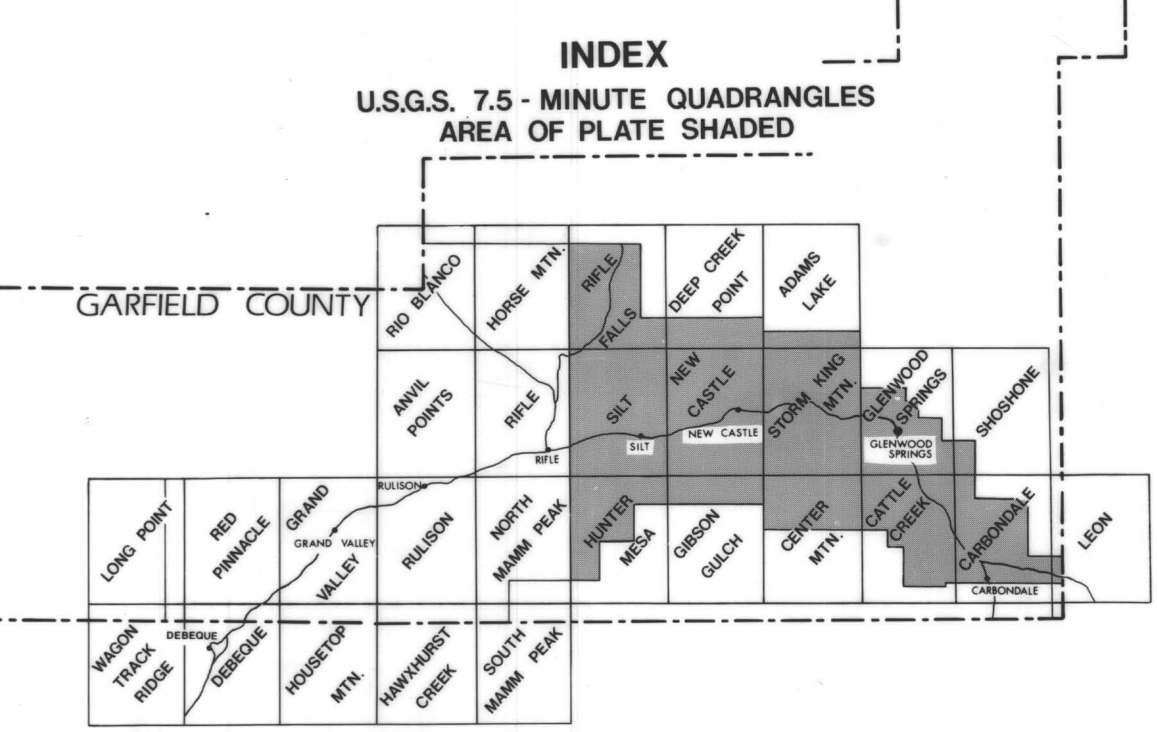
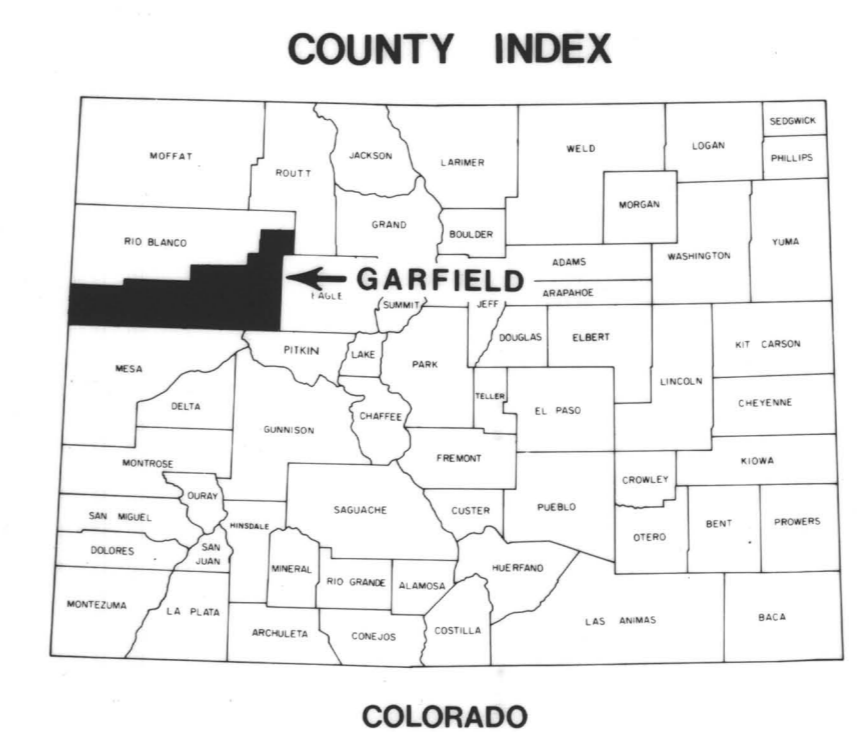
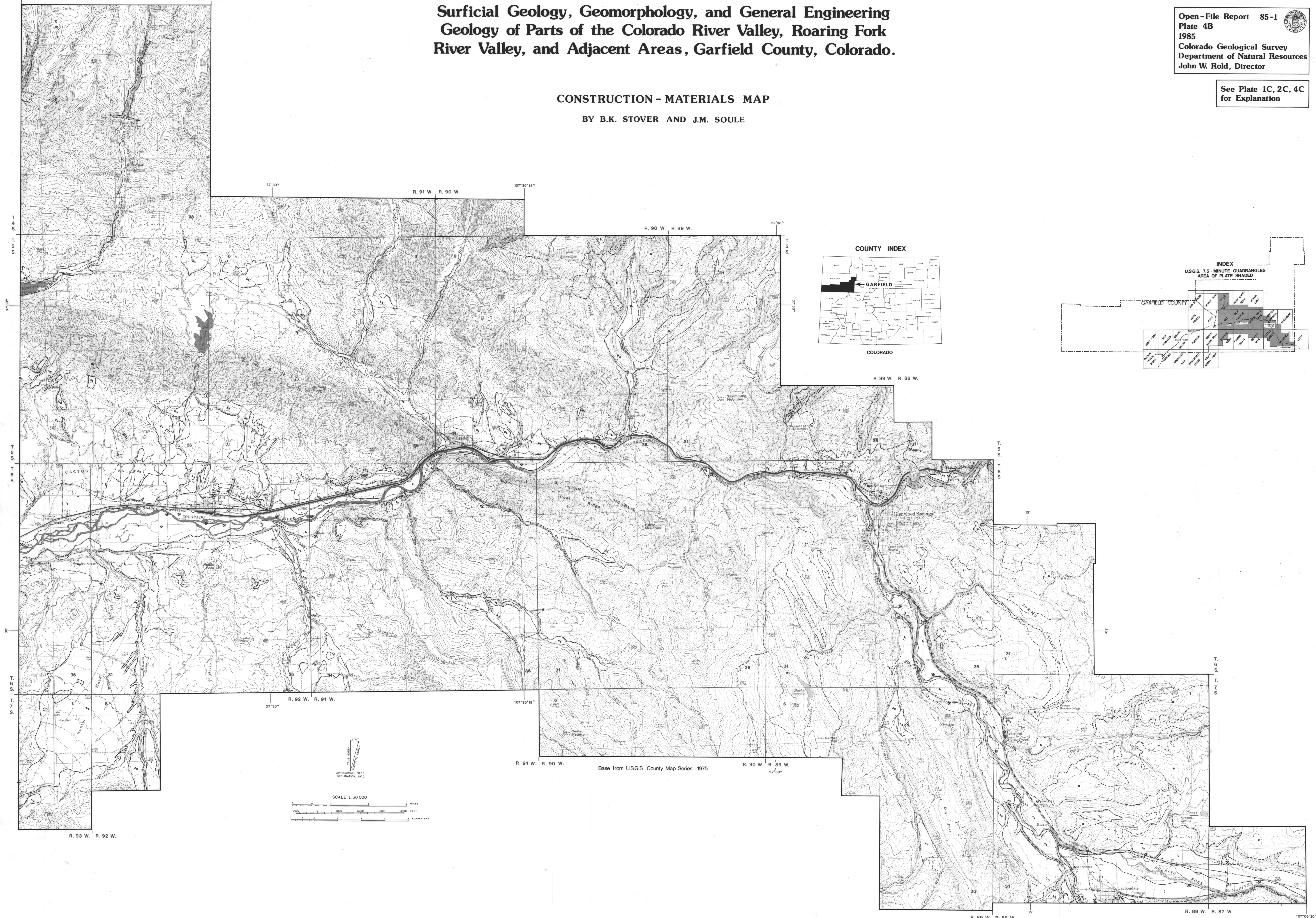
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T. 4 S.
T. 5 S.
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T. 6 S.
T. 6 S.
T. 7 S.

107°45'
37°30'
107°30'15"
32°30'
37°30'
107°30'15"
22°30'

R. 93 W. R. 92 W.
R. 92 W. R. 91 W.
R. 91 W. R. 90 W.
R. 90 W. R. 89 W.
R. 89 W. R. 88 W.
R. 89 W. R. 88 W.
R. 88 W. R. 87 W.

107°06'30"