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## What does this data set describe?

### *Title:*

Unpublished Digital Geologic-GIS Map of Medano Pass Quadrangle, and parts of the Liberty Quadrangle, Colorado (NPS, GRD, GRI, GRSA, MEPA digital map) adapted from a U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map by Johnson, Bruce and Lindsey (1989)

### *Abstract:*

The Unpublished Digital Geologic-GIS Map of Medano Pass Quadrangle, and parts of the Liberty Quadrangle, Colorado is composed of GIS data layers and GIS tables in a 10.1 file geodatabase (mepa\_geology.gdb), a 10.1 ArcMap (.mxd) map document (mepa\_geology.mxd), individual 10.1 layer (.lyr) files for each GIS data layer, an ancillary map information document (grsa\_geology.pdf) which contains source map unit descriptions, as well as other source map text, figures and tables, metadata in FGDC text (.txt) and FAQ (.pdf) formats, and a GIS readme file (grsa\_geology\_gis\_readme.pdf). Please read the grsa\_geology\_gis\_readme.pdf for information pertaining to the proper extraction of the file geodatabase and other map files. To request GIS data in ESRI 10.1 shapefile format contact Stephanie O'Meara (stephanie.omeara@colostate.edu; see contact information below). Presently, a GRI Google Earth KMZ/KML product doesn't exist for this map. The data were completed as a component of the Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program, a National Park Service (NPS) Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) Division funded program that is administered by the NPS Geologic Resources Division (GRD). Source geologic maps and data used to complete this GRI digital dataset were provided by the following: U.S. Geological Survey. Detailed information concerning the sources used and their contribution the GRI product are listed in the Source Citation section(s) of this metadata record (mepa\_geology\_metadata.txt or mepa\_geology\_metadata\_faq.pdf). Users of this data are cautioned about the locational accuracy of features within this dataset. Based on the source map scale of 1:24,000 and United States National Map Accuracy Standards features are within (horizontally) 12.2 meters or 40 feet of their actual location as presented by this dataset. Users of this data should thus not assume the location of features is exactly where they are portrayed in ArcGIS or other software used to display this dataset. All GIS and ancillary tables were produced as per the NPS GRI Geology-GIS Geodatabase Data Model v. 2.3. (available at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>). The GIS data projection is NAD83, UTM Zone 13N. The data is within the area of interest of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

### *Supplemental Information:*

The data layers (feature classes) that comprise the Unpublished Digital Geologic-GIS Map of Medano Pass Quadrangle, and parts of the Liberty Quadrangle, Colorado include: MEPAATD (Geologic Attitude Observation Localities), MEPAFLD (Folds), MEPAFLT (Faults), MEPAGLG (Geologic Units), MEPAGLGA (Geologic Contacts), MEPAGLN (Linear Dikes), MEPASEC (Geologic Cross Section Lines) and MEPASYM (Map Symbology). There are three additional ancillary map components, the Geologic Unit Information Table (gsamunit), the Source Map Information Table (grsamap), and the Ancillary Map Information Document (grsa\_geology.pdf). Refer to the NPS GRI Geology-GIS Geodatabase Data Model v. 2.3 (available at:

<http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>) for detailed data layer (feature class) and table specifications including attribute field parameters, definitions and domains, and implemented topology rules and relationship classes.

**1. How should this data set be cited?**

National Park Service (NPS) Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program, 20180802, Unpublished Digital Geologic-GIS Map of Medano Pass Quadrangle, and parts of the Liberty Quadrangle, Colorado (NPS, GRD, GRI, GRSA, MEPA digital map) adapted from a U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map by Johnson, Bruce and Lindsey (1989).

**2. What geographic area does the data set cover?**

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -105.625568293  
*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -105.375559908  
*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 37.8750033918  
*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 37.7500010636

**3. What does it look like?**

**4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?**

*Calendar\_Date:* 02-Aug-2018  
*Currentness\_Reference:* ground condition

**5. What is the general form of this data set?**

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* map

**6. How does the data set represent geographic features?**

- a. **How are geographic features stored in the data set?**
- b. **What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?**

*Grid\_Coordinate\_System\_Name:* Universal Transverse Mercator  
*Universal\_Transverse\_Mercator:*  
*UTM\_Zone\_Number:* 13  
*Transverse\_Mercator:*  
*Scale\_Factor\_at\_Central\_Meridian:* 0.999600  
*Longitude\_of\_Central\_Meridian:* -105.0  
*Latitude\_of\_Projection\_Origin:* 0.000000  
*False\_Easting:* 500000.000000  
*False\_Northing:* 0.000000

Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair  
Abscissae (x-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000007  
Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.000007  
Planar coordinates are specified in meters

The horizontal datum used is North American Datum of 1983.  
The ellipsoid used is Geodetic Reference System 80.  
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378137.000000.  
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.257222.

## 7. How does the data set describe geographic features?

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

Refer to the NPS GRI Geology-GIS Geodatabase Data Model v. 2.3 (available at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>) for detailed feature class and table attribute field parameters, definitions and domains, and implemented relationship classes, as well as for implemented feature class topology rules.

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Detail\_Citation:*

NPS GRI Geology-GIS Geodatabase Data Model v. 2.3. (available at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>)

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## Who produced the data set?

1. **Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)
  - o National Park Service (NPS) Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program
2. **Who also contributed to the data set?**

Dalton Meyer, James Winter, Stephanie O'Meara and Dylan Rolley  
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## Why was the data set created?

The data are intended to assist NPS personnel in the protection and management of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

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## How was the data set created?

### 1. From what previous works were the data drawn?

#### **USGS Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-2089** (source 1 of 1)

Johnson, B.R., Bruce, R.M., and Lindsey, D.A., 1989, Reconnaissance Geologic Map of the Medano Pass Quadrangle and Part of the Liberty Quadrangle, Alamosa, Huerfano and Saguache Counties, Colorado: Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-2089, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Reston, Virginia.

*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* paper

*Source\_Scale\_Denominator:* 24000

*Source\_Contribution:*

Geologic features present on the source map were digitized using a .TIF image of the paper/mylar map that was scanned at 300dpi and georeferenced in NAD83 UTM. The source map scan was also used to attribute features, as well as to check (QC) line quality, both positionally and spatially, and feature attribution. Ancillary source map text, including unit descriptions, and graphics, if present, were captured, formatted and added to the ancillary map information document. See the Process Step section for additional information.

### 2. How were the data generated, processed, and modified?

Date: 02-Aug-2018 (process 1 of 1)

1.) GIS features were digitized from a TIF image of the source map scanned at 300dpi and georeferenced in NAD83 UTM coordinates. See the Source Information Contribution section(s) for specific source map details. Digitization of geologic features was initially done by the GRI in 2000. In some areas of the map, however, the quality and spatial accuracy of this linework was later deemed insufficient. To correct the linework new source map images were georeferenced with improved spatial accuracy, and the insufficient linework re-digitized. The spatial accuracy of some point features was also corrected using the improved georeferenced images. Geology features were digitized into a data model compliant geodatabase. For details on the GRI data model see the NPS GRI Geology-GIS Geodatabase Data Model v. 2.3 (available at:

<http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>). 2.)

Line quality was checked against the source scan to ensure that GIS features were represented accurately, both positionally and spatially. 3.) Feature attribution was derived

using the source map. 4.) Data Model topology rules were validated for all features and any topology errors corrected. 5.) Quality control (QC) consisting of a visual check of the data against its source, as well as running a GRI developed ArcObjects tool to check for GRI data model validation and feature-related consistency, was conducted. 6.) The UNIT and MAP tables were populated and checked against the source(s). Relationship classes were also added and used to ensure attribution consistency between feature class and table attribution. 7.) Feature symbology was produced for all feature classes. An attempt was made to best match symbology to its source map, however, in some cases feature symbology maybe slightly modified, primarily based on the limitations of the ArcGIS geology style. In some cases, however, symbology may have been modified to reconcile differences from multiple sources. 8.) An ArcMap Document was produced, in part by a GRI finalize mxd tool, and layer (.lyr) files saved for all data layers. 9.) The ancillary map information PDF document, see the Supplemental Information section for additional information, was produced from textual information and figures present on the source map(s) and/or in digital data files. If applicable, source map images were produced at 150dpi or greater resolution and optical character recognition (OCR) software was used to produce text from source map text. The text, source map images and other ancillary source map information were added to a Help & Manual (.hmxz) template file. The .hmxz file was then compiled to produce the ancillary map information document. Any compilation errors were then checked and corrected and the document was reviewed for content, usability and grammatical errors.

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Data sources used in this process:

- USGS Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-2089

**3. What similar or related data should the user be aware of?**

National Park Service Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program, 20180802, Metadata for the Unpublished Digital Geologic-GIS Map of Medano Pass Quadrangle, and parts of the Liberty Quadrangle, Colorado (NPS, GRD, GRI, GRSA, MEPA digital map).

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## How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?

### 1. How well have the observations been checked?

Feature and table attribution was derived and checked with the source map(s). Attribution was checked (QCd) for errors. Users of this data are advised to FULLY and CAREFULLY READ the "DISTRIBUTION LIABILITY" section of this metadata before using the data.

### 2. How accurate are the geographic locations?

Data was digitized from a georeferenced source map TIF image(s) (300dpi). Users of this data are cautioned about the locational accuracy of features within this dataset. Based on the source map scale and United States National Map Accuracy Standards features are within (horizontally) 12.2 meters or 40 feet of their actual location as presented by this dataset. Users of this data should thus not assume the location of features is exactly where they portrayed are in ArcGIS or other software used to display this dataset. The PRECISION of any Shapefile (.shp) files is DOUBLE. The maximum root mean square (RMS) horizontal accuracy of the georeferenced image as measured in ArcMap is 11 meters. Coordinate tics on the georeferenced (registered and rectified) source map image(s) were checked against control points that had the exact specified coordinates of the tic. The direct distance between the image tic and its control point were measured. All measured distances were less than 50% of the required distance to meet National Map Accuracy Standards (1/50th of an inch for maps at 1:20,000 scale and smaller). Features were checked (QCd) after digitizing for positional accuracy errors using the georeferenced source map image.

### 3. How accurate are the heights or depths?

### 4. Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?

All data is considered complete to the extent of the source map(s).

### 5. How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?

GIS data in 10.1 file geodatabase file format.

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## How can someone get a copy of the data set?

### Are there legal restrictions on access or use of the data?

*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

Not for use at scale greater than 1:24,000 (source map scale). Users of this data are cautioned about the locational accuracy of features within this dataset. Based on the

source map scale and United States National Map Accuracy Standards features are within (horizontally) 12.2 meters or 40 feet of their actual location as presented by this dataset. Users of this data should thus not assume the location of features is exactly where they are portrayed in Google Earth, ArcGIS or other software used to display this dataset.

**1. Who distributes the data set?** (Distributor 1 of 1)

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*Contact\_Instructions:*

GRI data are available at: <http://irma.nps.gov/App/Reference/Search>

**2. What's the catalog number I need to order this data set?**

GIS map data available in 10.1 file geodatabase format (in mepa\_geology\_gdb.zip)

**3. What legal disclaimers am I supposed to read?**

The National Park Service shall not be held liable for improper or incorrect use of the data described and/or contained herein. These data and related graphics are not legal documents and are not intended to be used as such.

The information contained in these data is dynamic and may change over time. The data are not better than the original sources from which they were derived. It is the responsibility of the data user to use the data appropriately and consistent within the limitations of geospatial data in general and these data in particular. The related graphics are intended to aid the data user in acquiring relevant data; it is not appropriate to use the related graphics as data.

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not indirectly through other sources which may have changed the data in some way. Although these data have been processed successfully on a computer system at the National Park Service, no warranty, expressed or implied is made regarding the utility of the data on another system or for general scientific purposes, nor shall the act of distribution constitute any such warranty. This disclaimer applies to both to individual use of the data and aggregate use with other data.

#### 4. How can I download or order the data?

- **Availability in digital form:**

**Data format:** GDB (version ArcGIS 10.1) GIS (geodatabase format) map download (mepa\_geology\_gdb.zip) Size: 0.6

**Network links:** NPS Data Store, <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/>

**Data format:** PDF (version 9) Ancillary Map Information Document Size: 34.5

**Network links:** NPS Data Store, <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/>

**Data format:** PDF (version 9) GIS Readme Document Size: 0.1

**Network links:** NPS Data Store, <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/>

**Data format:** PDF (version 9) FAQ Metadata File Size: 0.1

**Network links:** NPS Data Store, <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/>

- **Cost to order the data:** None

- **Special instructions:**

Search and download GRI data at:

<http://irma.nps.gov/App/Reference/Search>

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## Who wrote the metadata?

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FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata (FGDC-STD-001-1998)

Metadata extensions used:

- <http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/>

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