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**Surficial - Geologic
and Slope Stability Study
of the
Douglas Pass Region**

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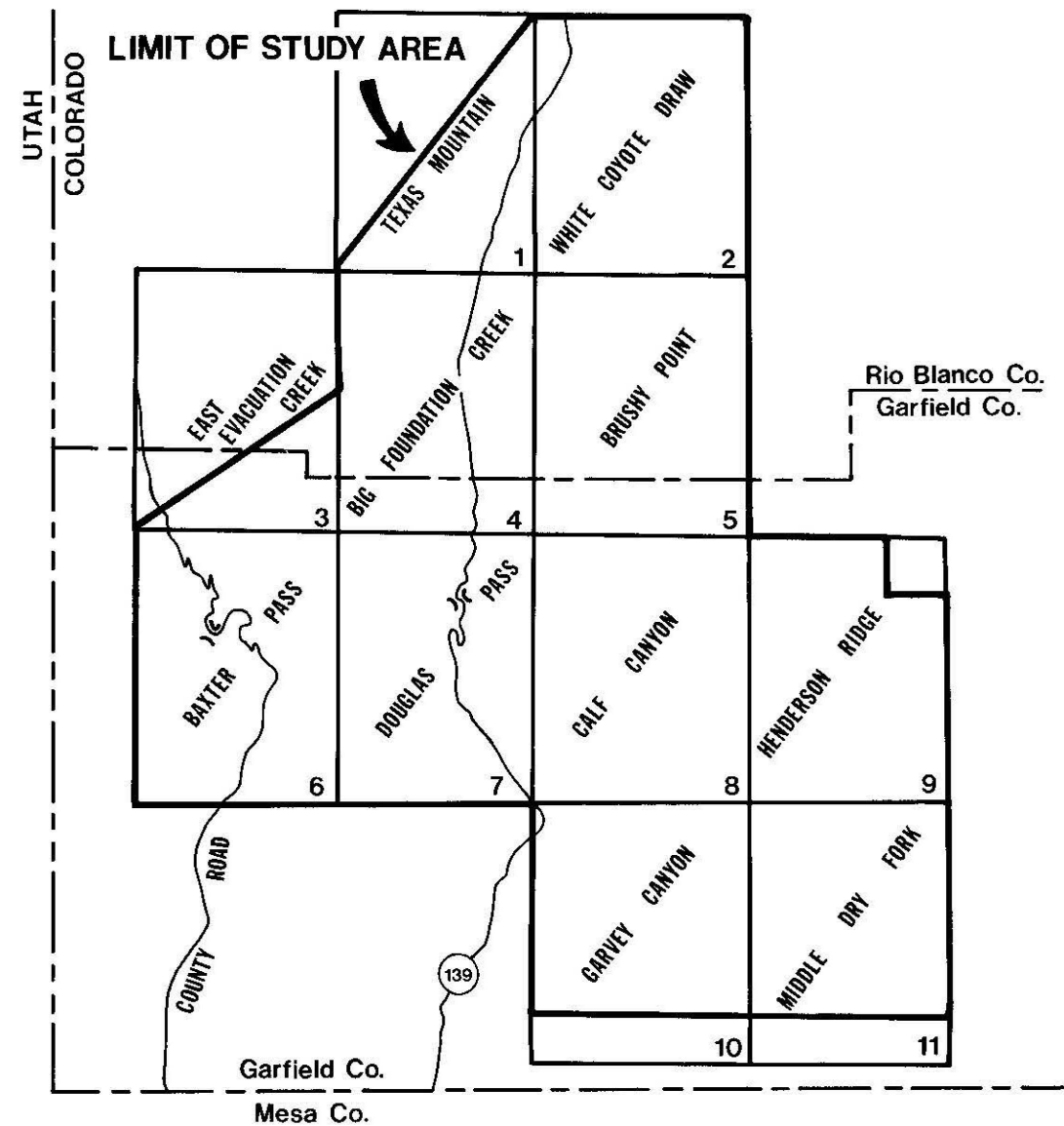
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Notes on Use and Limitations of These Maps

NOTES ON USE OF THESE GEOMORPHIC FEATURES MAPS

These maps depict morphogenetic features developed or developing from late Pleistocene to the present. They can provide insight into the type and intensity of the formative process, the distribution or general frequency of incidents in the recent past, and estimates of the type and thickness of surficial deposits that are associated with each unit.

Morphogenetic features data is used in preparing the Geologic Hazards Maps, and as such can provide supplementary information to the professional user from other disciplines. Used in conjunction with the other maps of this report, they can aid in locational studies and assist in selection of preliminary designs or mitigation. In later stages of project development they can help in selecting appropriate special geotechnical studies that may be required.

Explanation

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. Most of the alluvial valley floors in the Douglas Pass Area have been deeply incised by stream downcutting so that only a narrow channel within the alluvial fill is subject to flash flooding. Severe erosion and bankcaving is occurring in most areas of this landform adjacent to streams and creeks.

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 Rdf and parts of those mapped as af on the surficial geologic maps are active depositional areas.

OTR

Old Terrace Remnants

Areas underlain by surficial deposits of older, weathered, stream-derived sands and gravels that are found above modern streams. These are the remains of ancient floodplains that have been isolated above the modern stream regimen. Frequently covered by a veneer of loess up to 2m thick.

COLLUVIAL LANDFORMS

LS

Earthflows, Translational Landslides, Slumps, and Complex Slope - Failure Terrain

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 scarps and pressure ridges, and disrupted drainage. In the case of active slope failures, movement of man-made structures or cultural works may be evident.

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 mapped.

CO

Colluvial Aprons and Wedges

Accumulations of material on or below moderate to steep slopes that have formed as the result of mass wasting and sheetwash of loose, poorly consolidated slope-derived debris from upslope areas.

DF

Debris Fans

Steep, cone-to-wedge-shaped deposits of talus-flow, debris-flow and/or mudflow-transported material usually found at the mouths of steep, narrow gullies where steep first-order tributary drainages reach a stream confluence or valley floor, floodplain, landslide bench, or terrace adjacent to a larger stream.

EROSIONAL LANDFORMS

ERS

Erosional Rock Slopes and Ridges

Gentle to steep slopes, cliffs, spires, and ridges formed by erosion of Tertiary and Cretaceous sedimentary rock formations. Character of slopes is mainly controlled by lithologic factors associated with various rock types and stratigraphy of bedrock formations. Smooth, steep, uniform slopes and sharp cliffs and spires are characteristic of the Green River Formation (Tgr) marlstones and oil shales. Rugged, steep, rocky terrain with many

BR

Undivided Bedrock Exposures

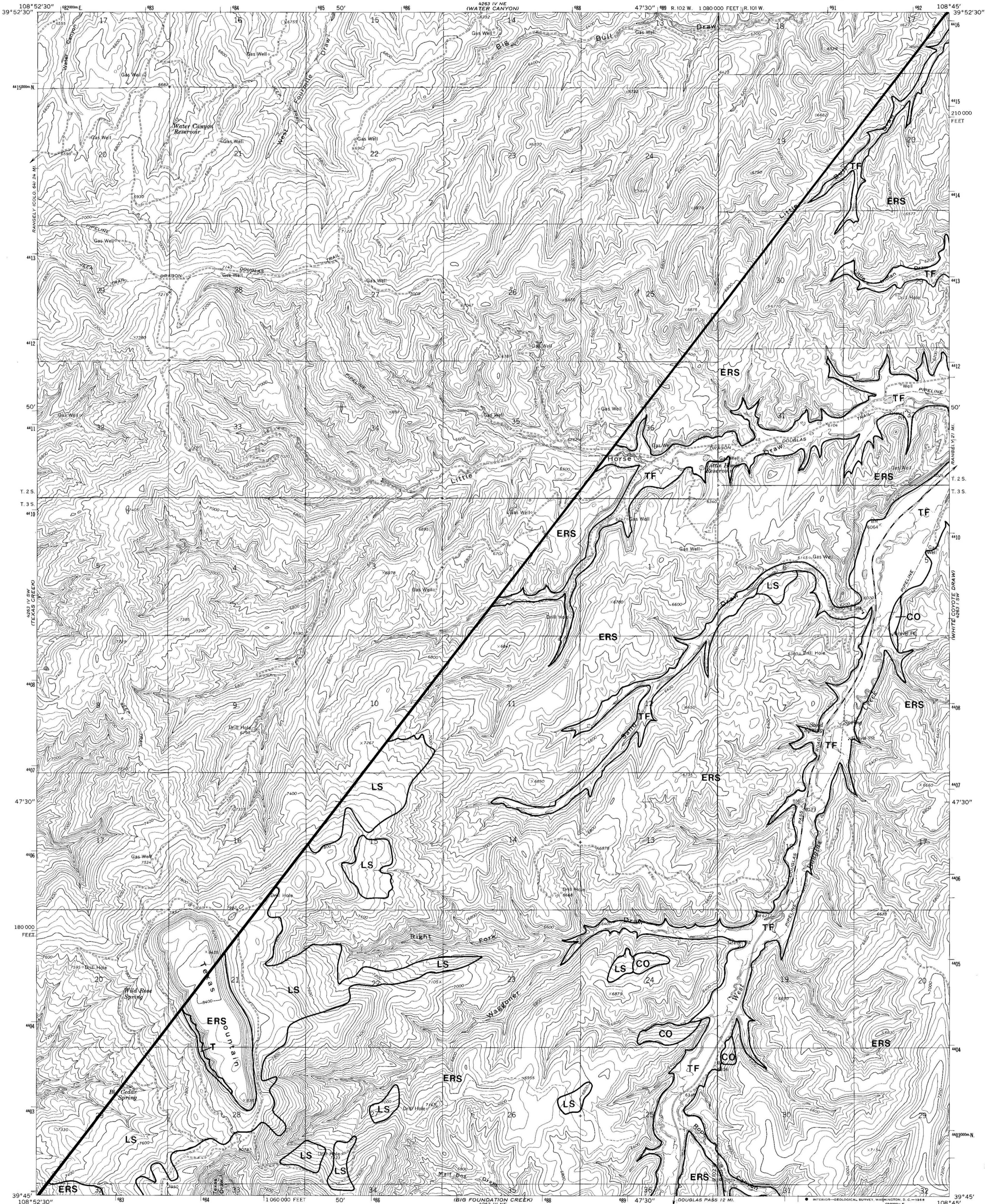
Bedrock exposures whose form is not distinctive enough to fall in the ERS category described above. This classification generally includes scattered, small bedrock outcrops exposed within large landslide-earthflow landforms, (LS). Outcrops occurring within the mass wasted terrain may give general indications as to the thickness of unconsolidated colluvial slope failure deposits. Some exposures probably represent intact blocks of bedrock which have become detached and incorporated into and transported within the slope failure deposits, however, no distinction of this type of bedrock exposure is made.

B

Badlands

Area 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. Mapped only in a small area on the Garvey Canyon Quadrangle.

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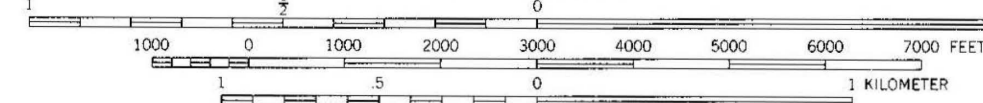
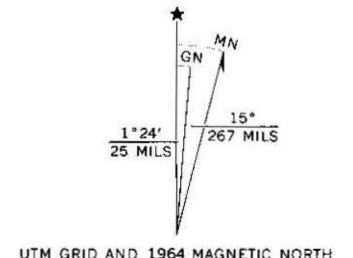
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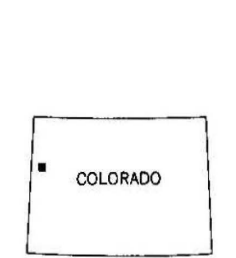
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(BRIGHT POINT)

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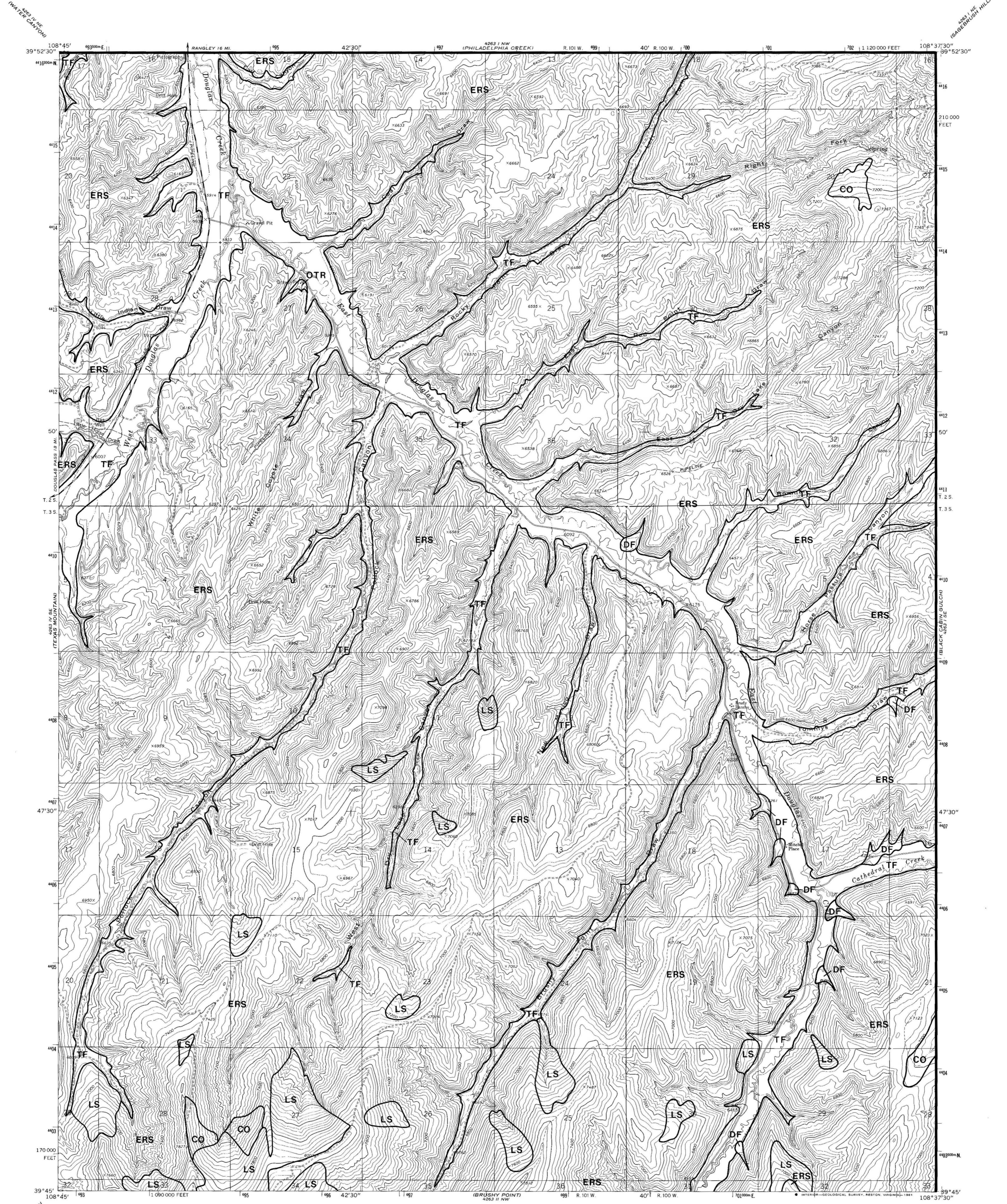


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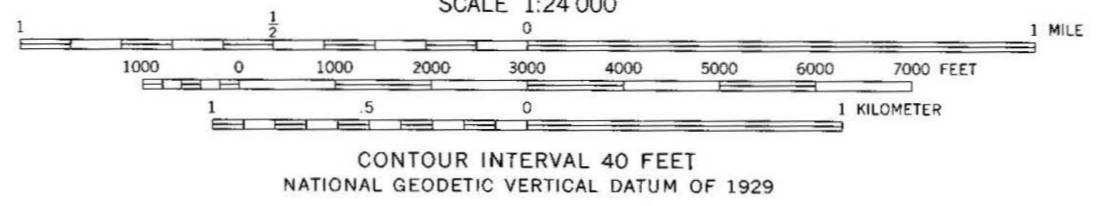
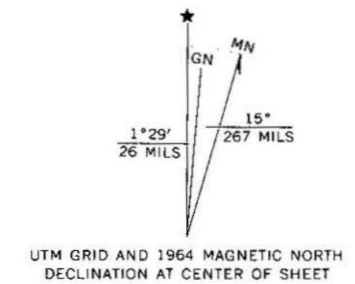


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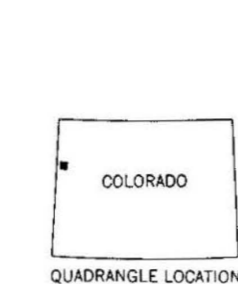
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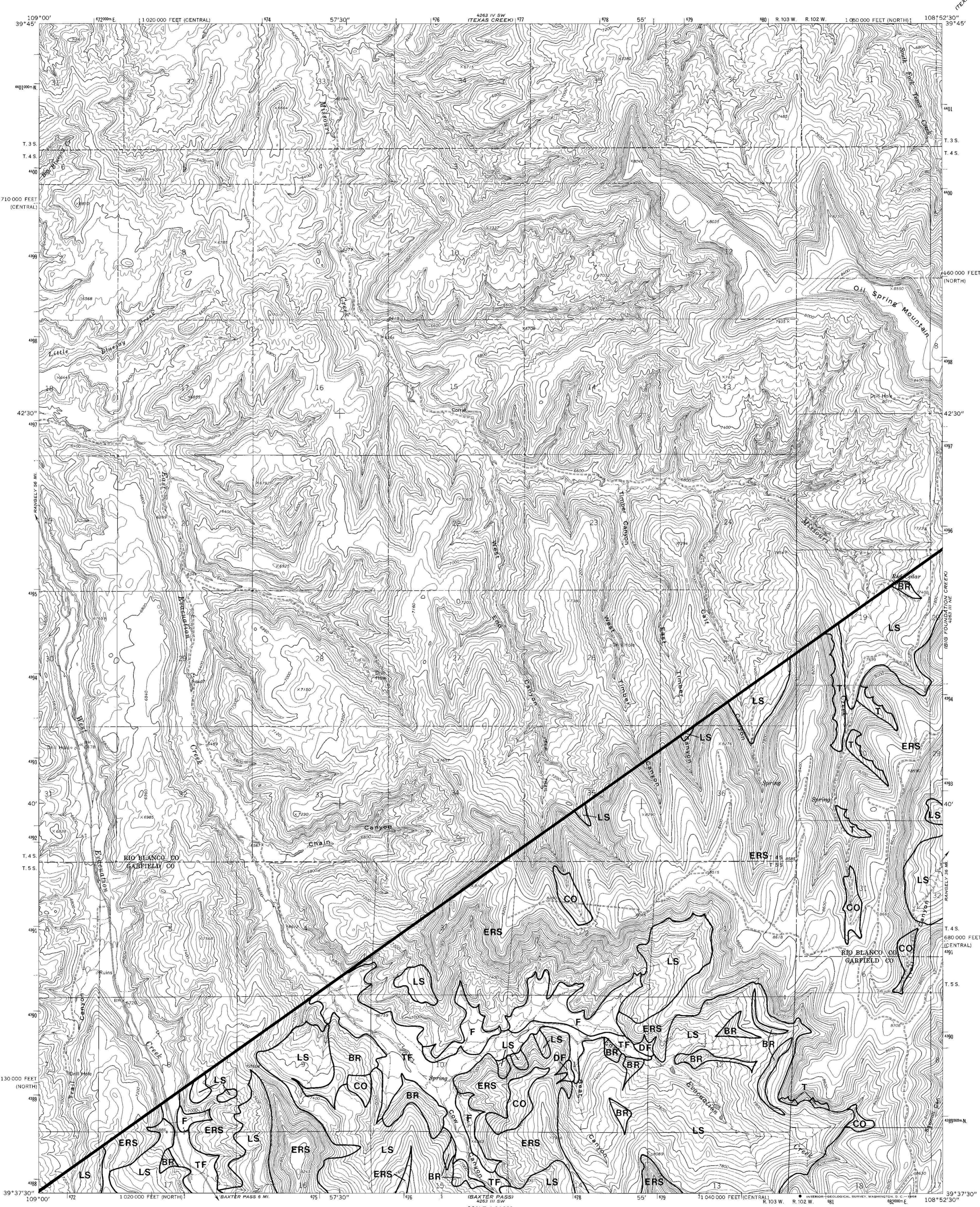


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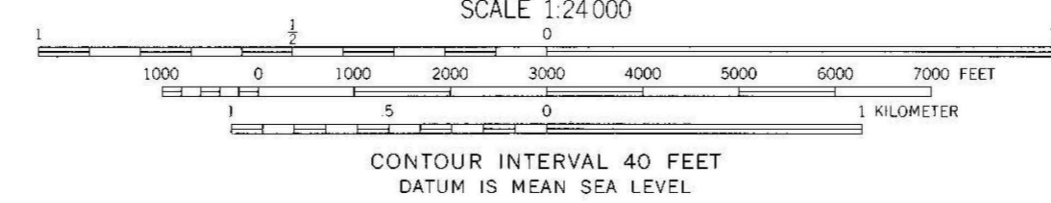
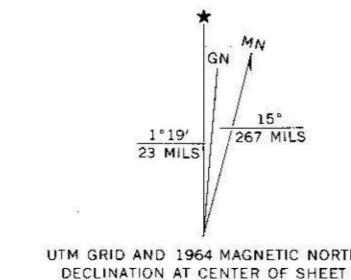


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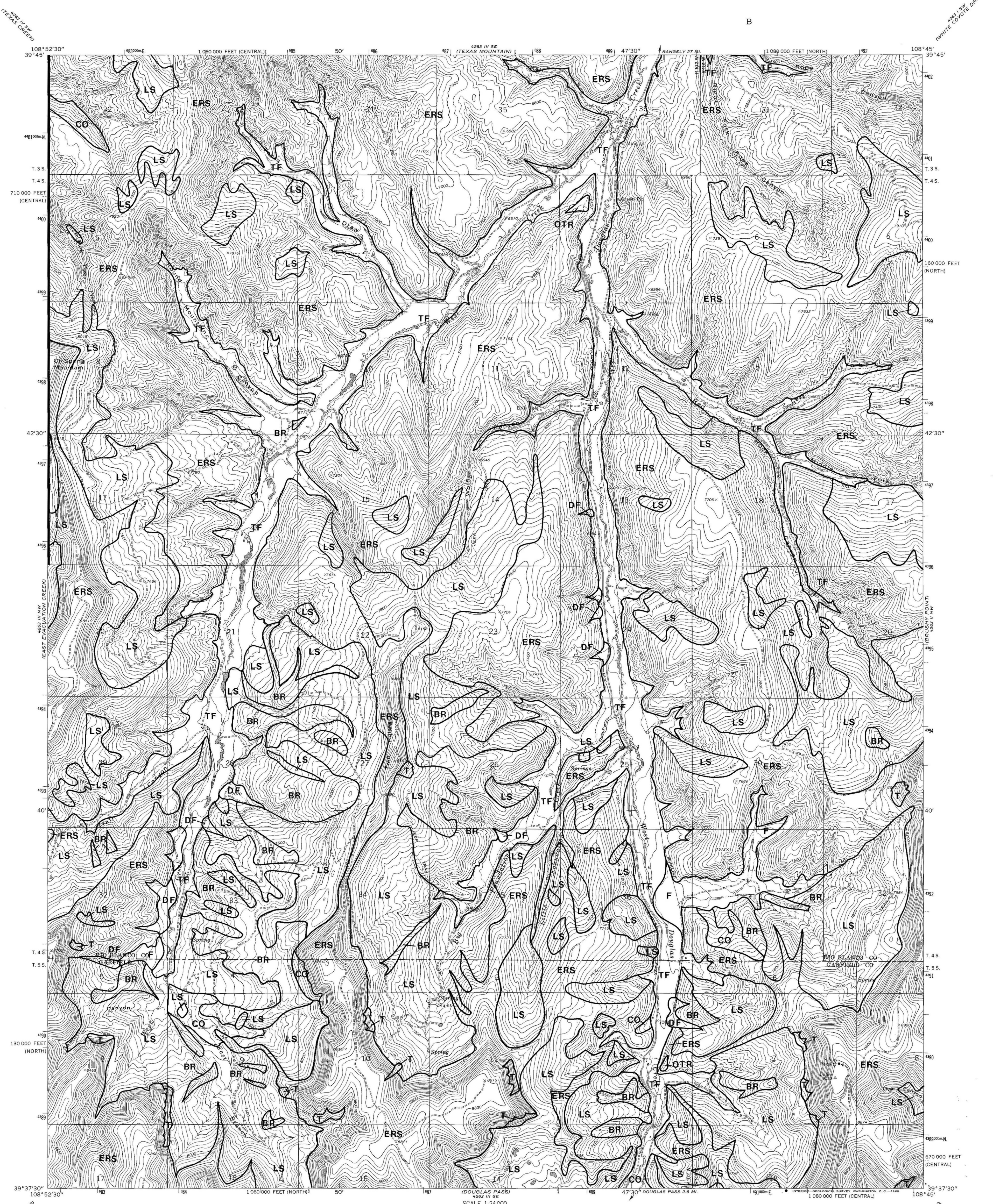


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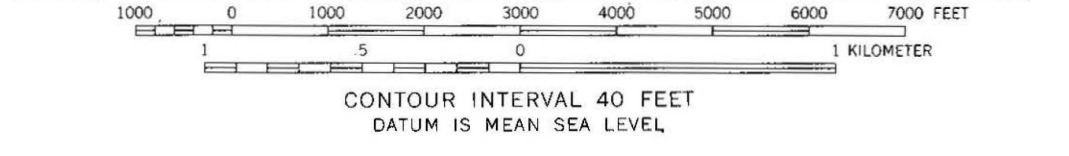
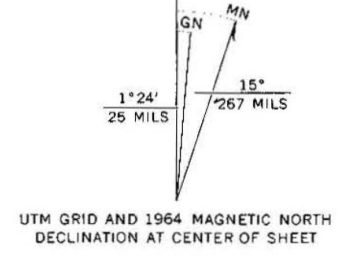


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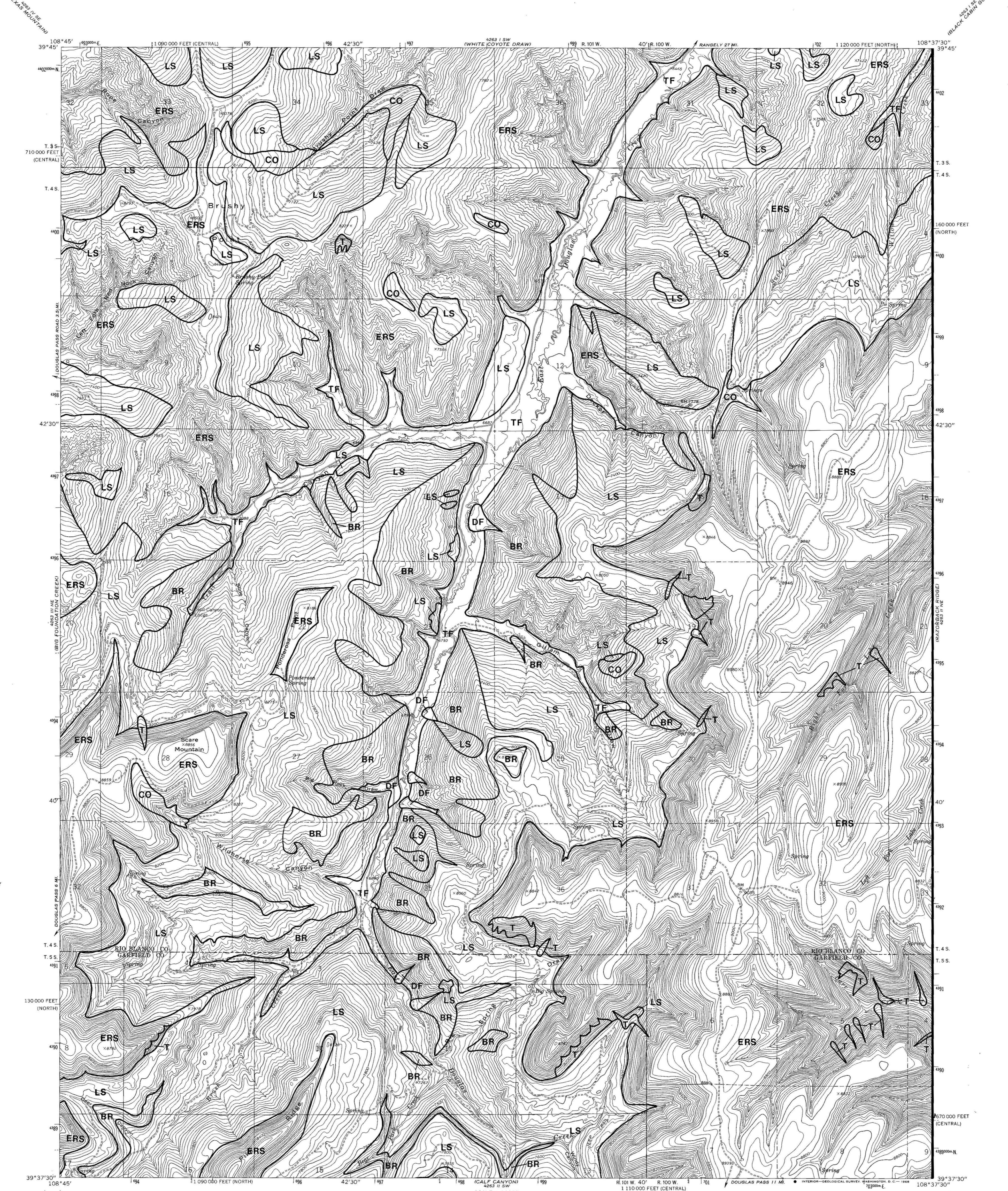


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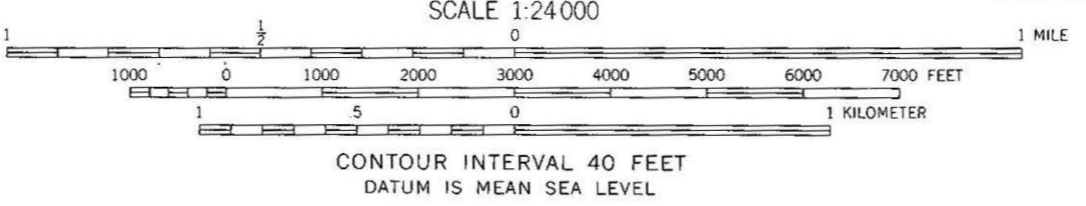
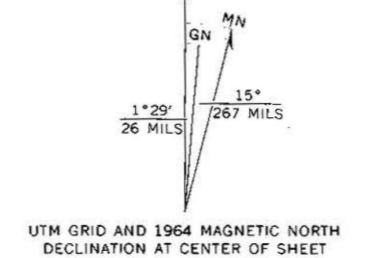


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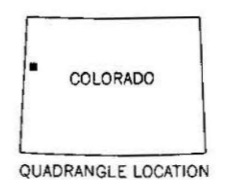
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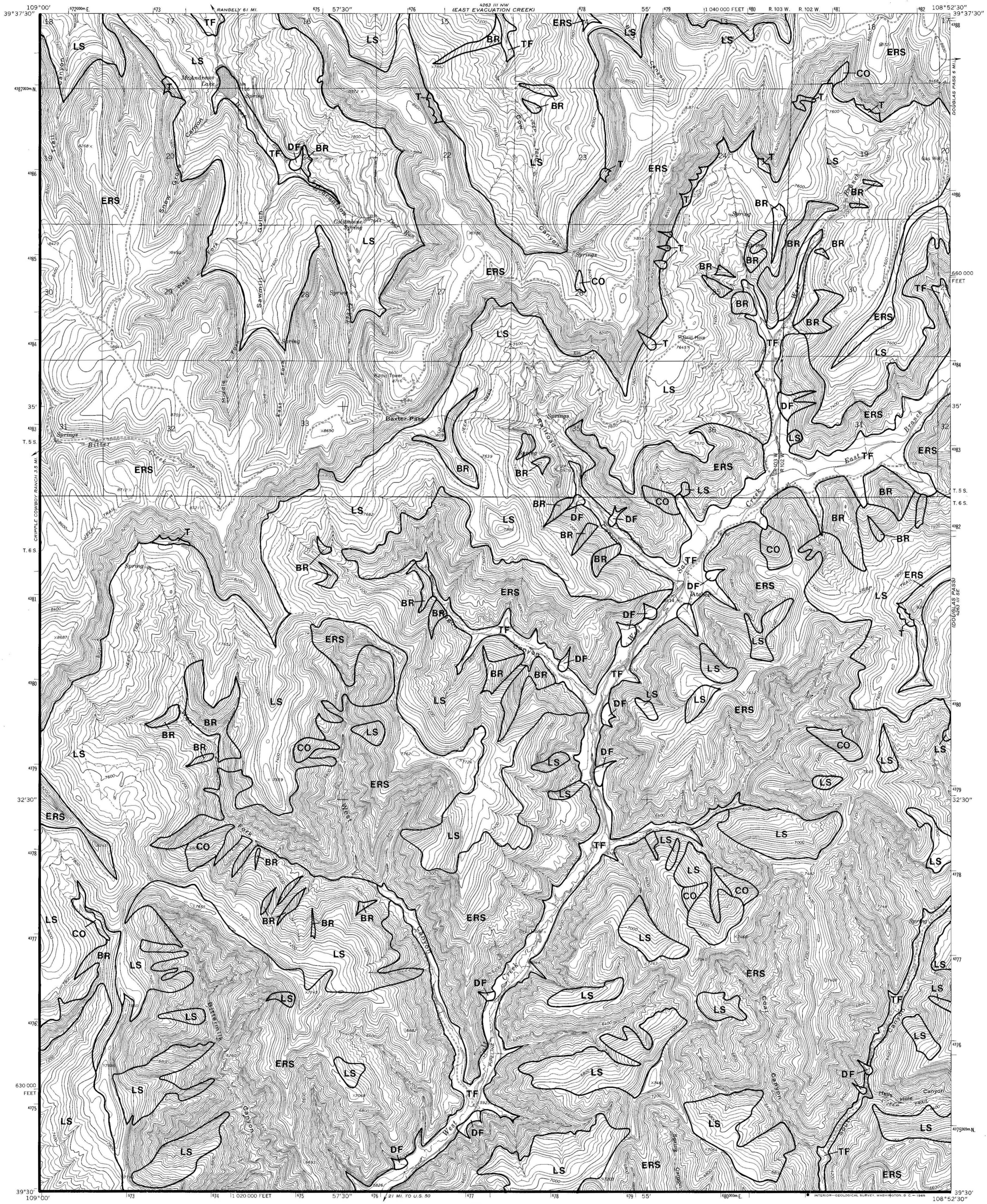


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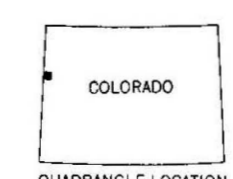
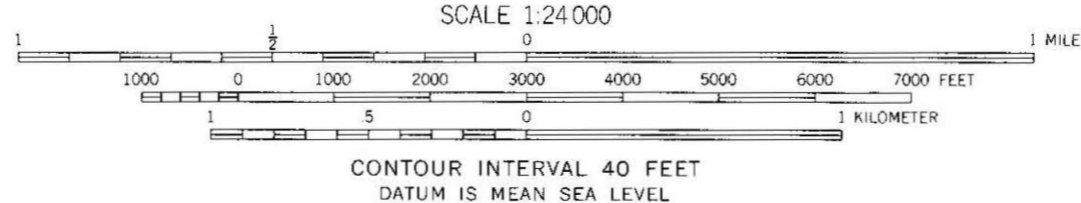
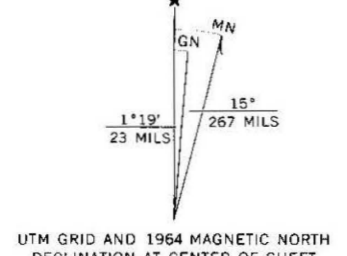


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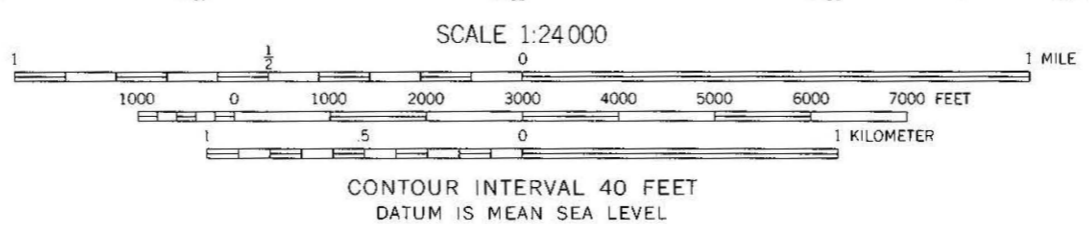
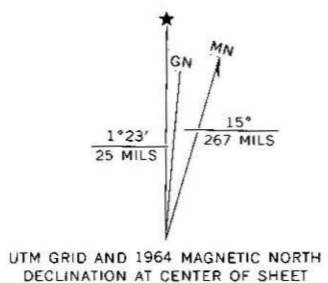


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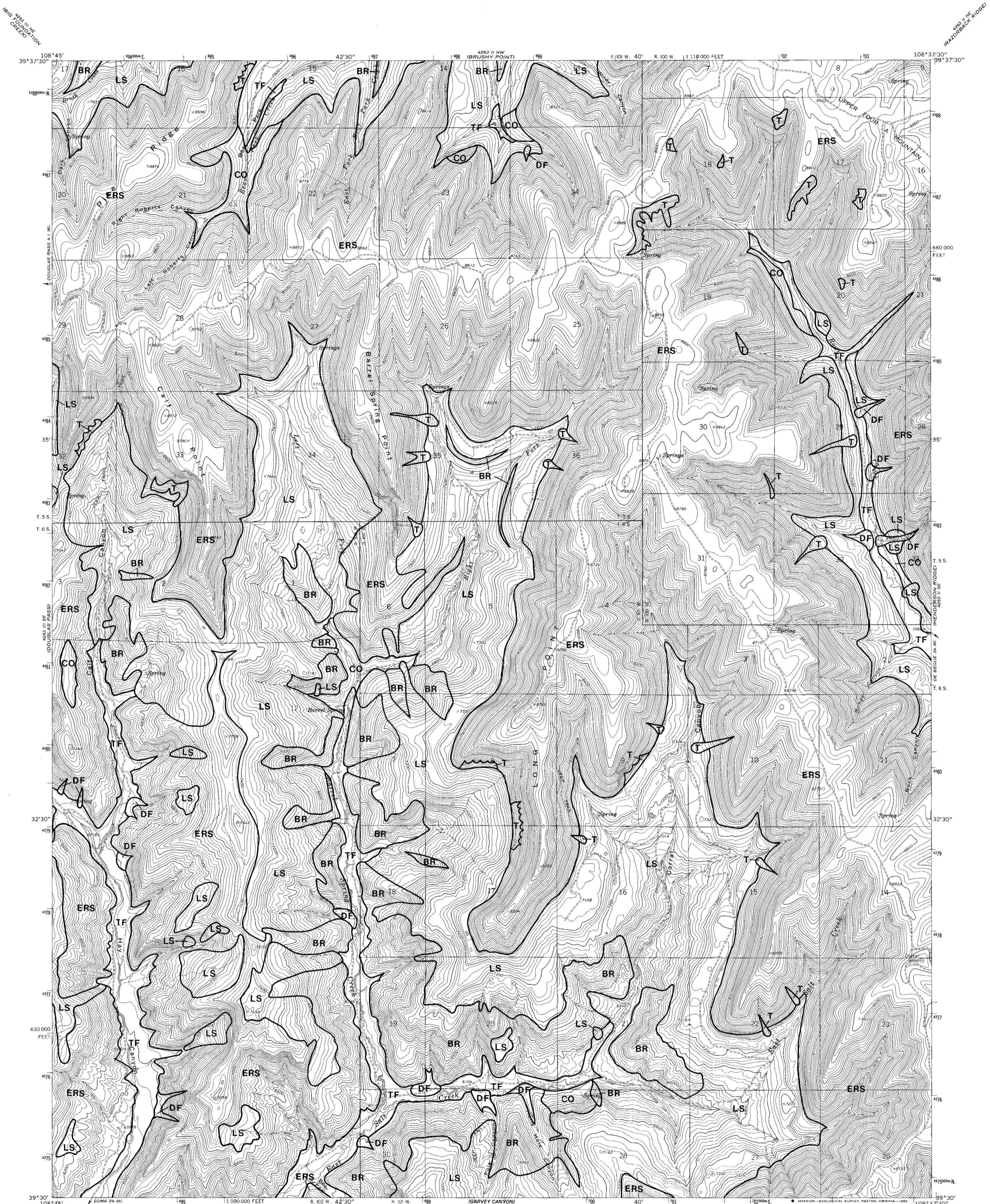
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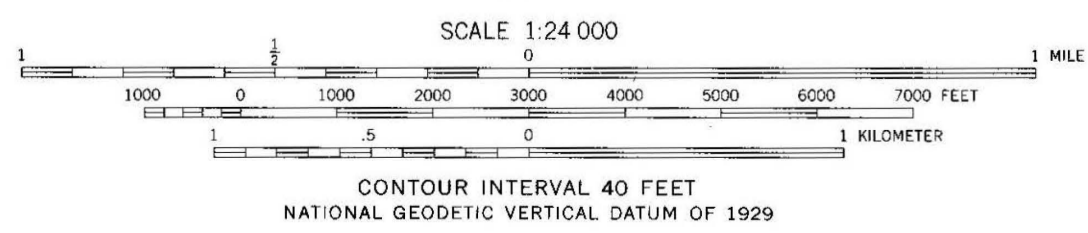


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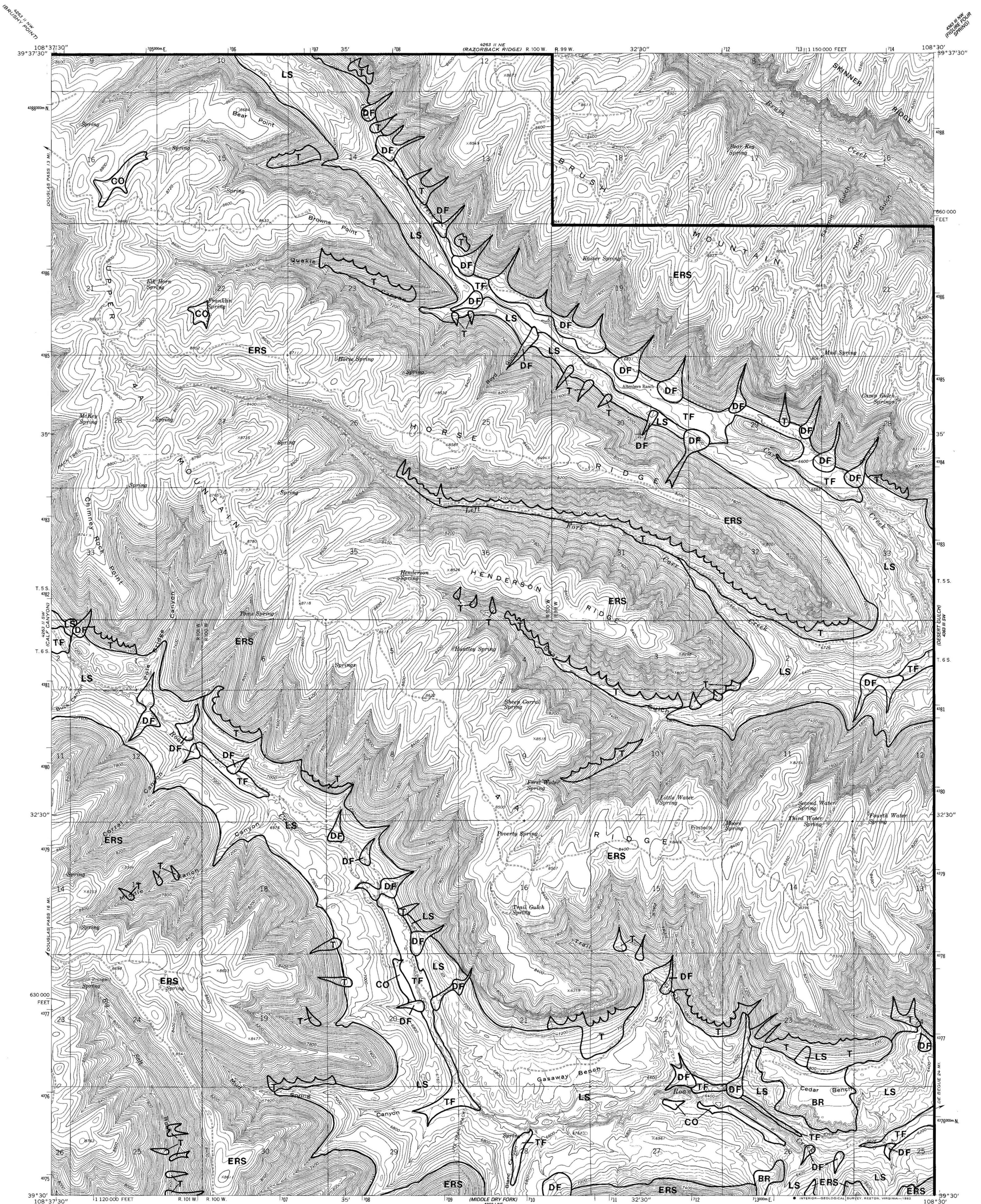


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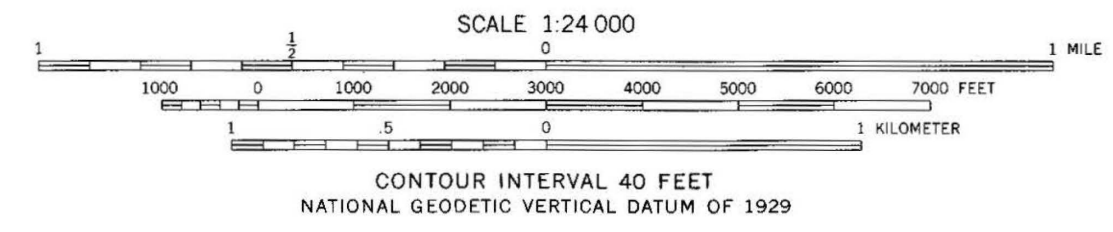
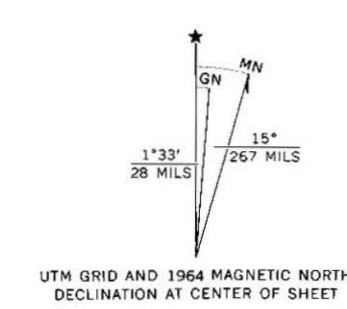
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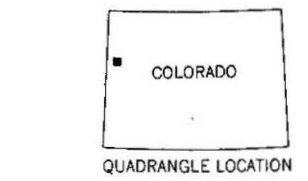
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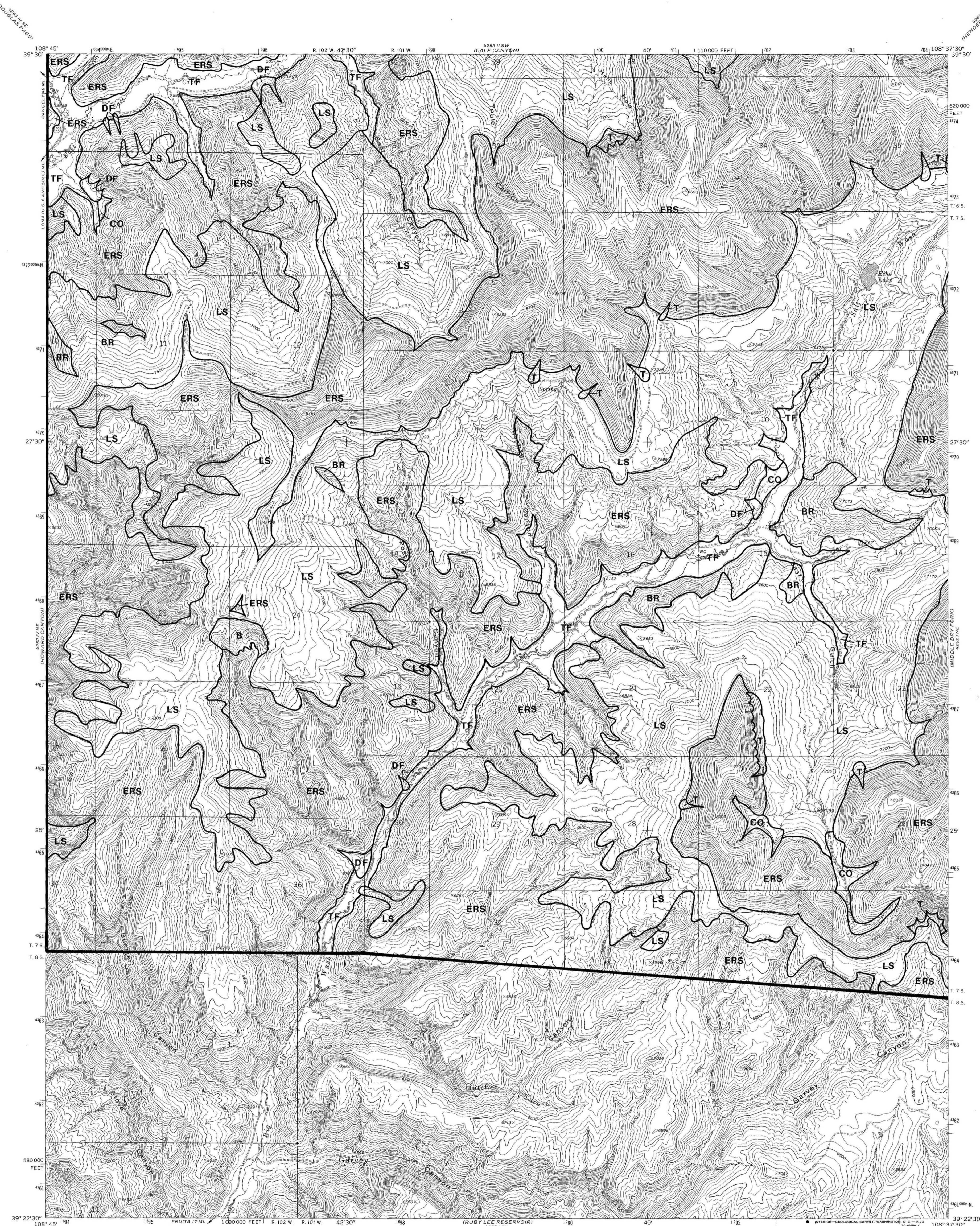
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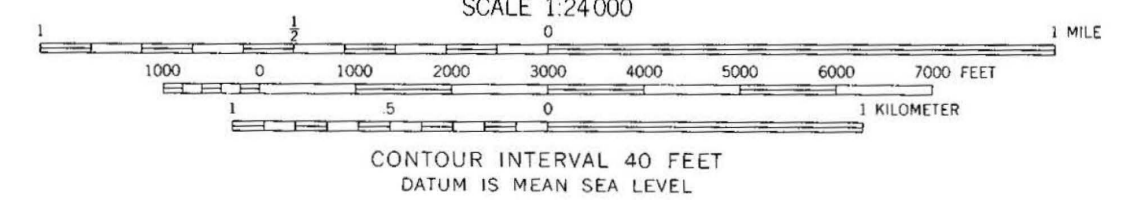
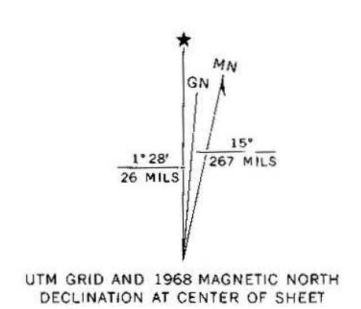
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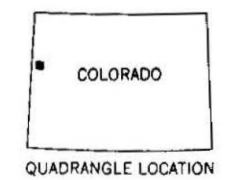
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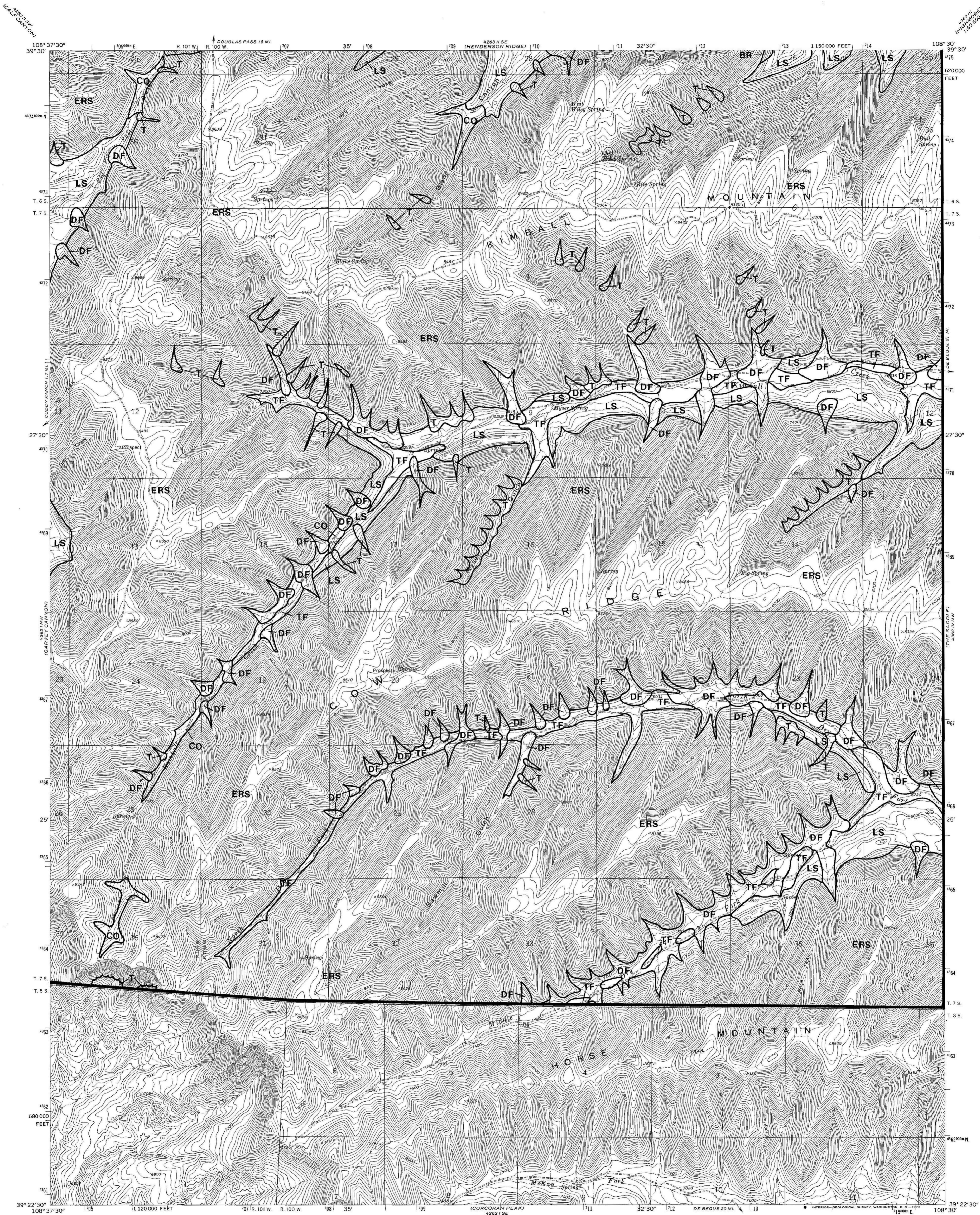
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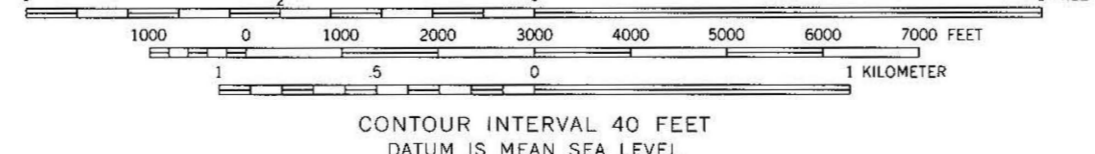
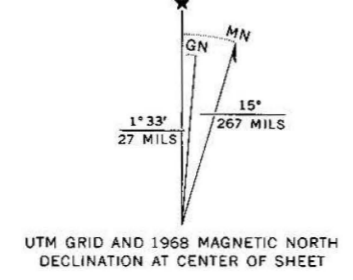
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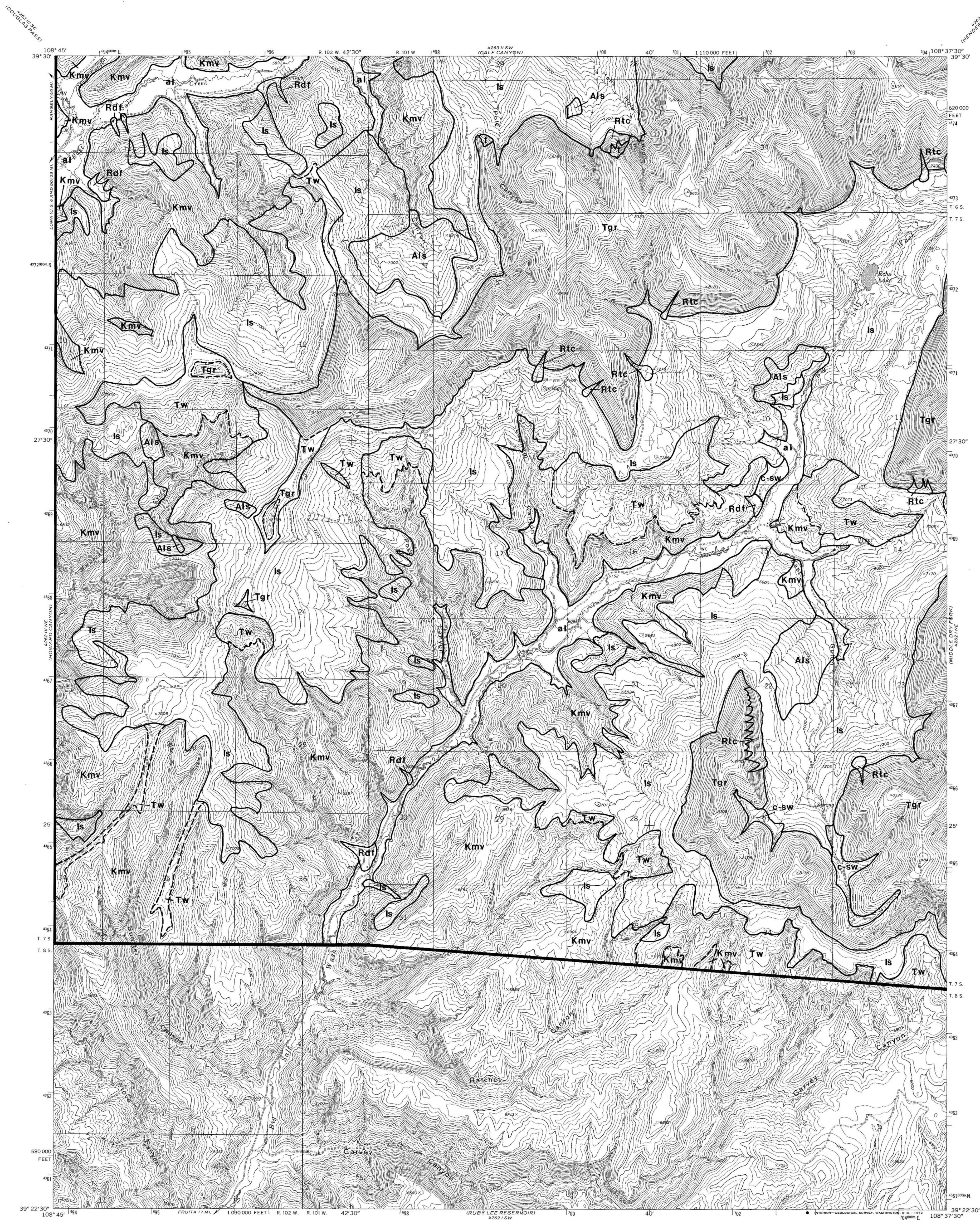


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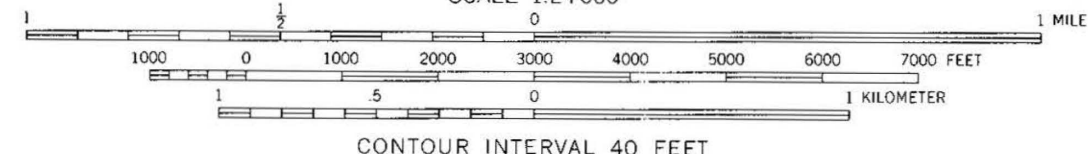
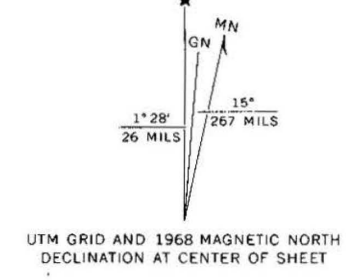
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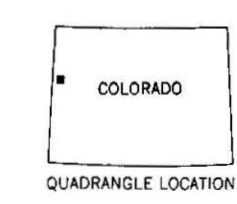
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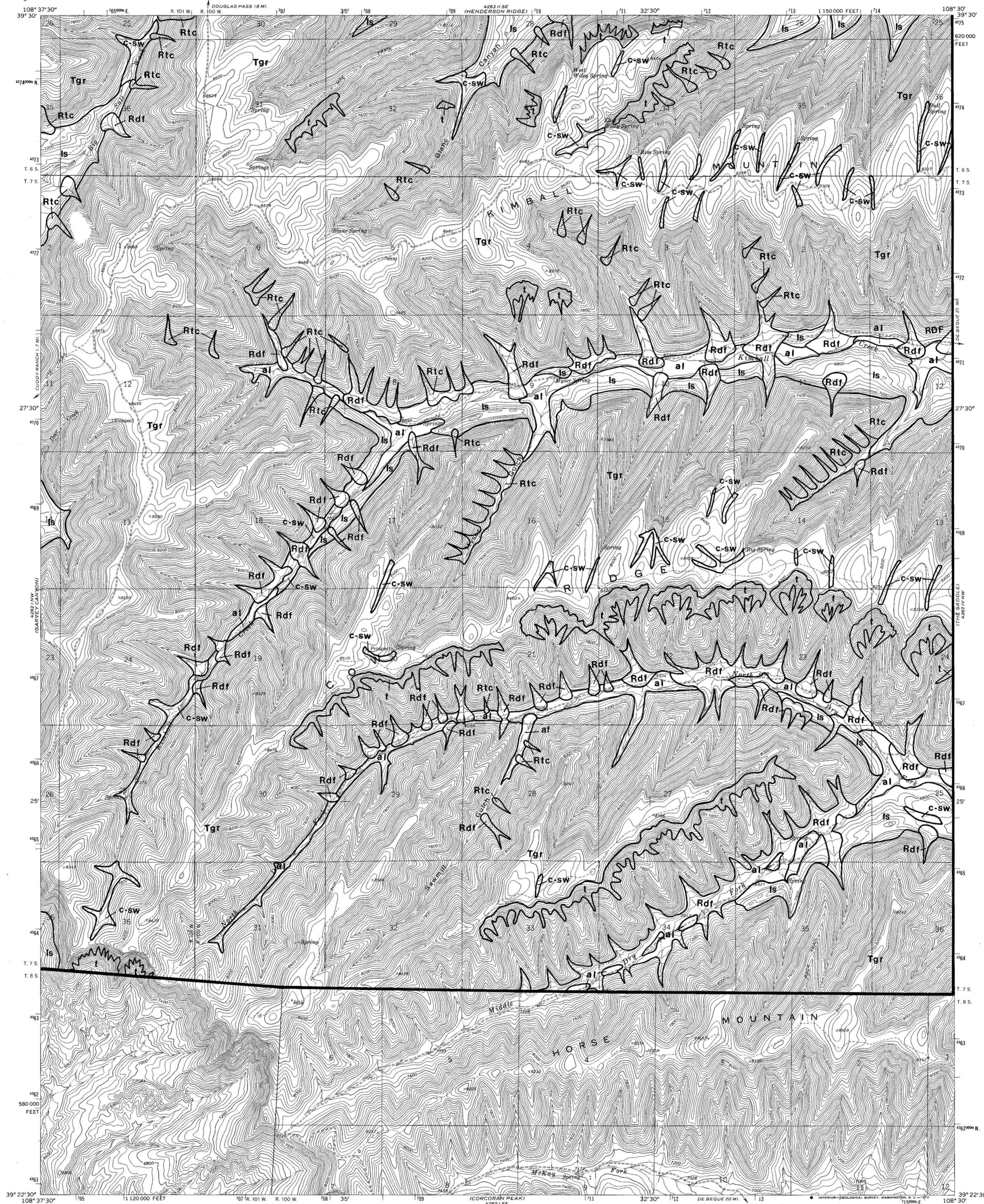


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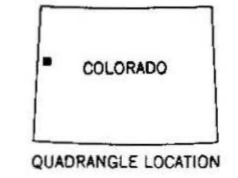
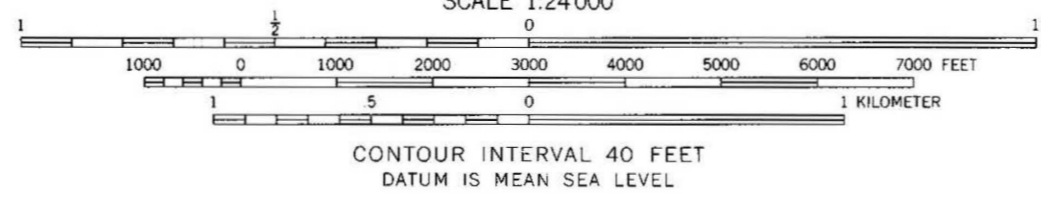
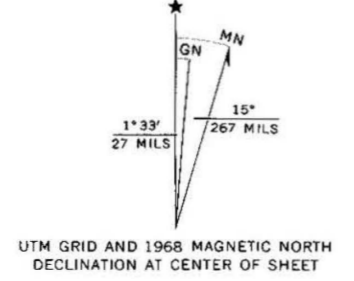


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