

**COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**Open-file Report OF-24-01**  
**Geologic Map of the Fort Collins Quadrangle**  
**Larimer County, Colorado**

## **HOW TO USE THIS ZIP FILE**

To open the compressed (.zip) file that you downloaded, double-click on the file. Inside the folder labeled **OF-24-01**, there are a number of files and folders. Some files are in Adobe Portable Document (.pdf) format. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data are also included. These data are in ESRI's ArcGIS Pro map file format (.mapx), Shapefile (.shp) and Geodatabase (.gdb) format along with [USGS Geologic Map Schema Standard \(GeMS\)](#) validation files (.html, .xml, and .txt).

## **HOW TO IDENTIFY AND READ FILES**

### **REPORT DOCUMENTS**

- **OF-24-01\_Read\_Me.pdf**  
*This file*
- **OF-24-01 Fort Collins Plate 1 - Geologic map.pdf**  
*Includes geologic map and list of map units*
- **OF-24-01 Fort Collins Plate 2 - xsection correlation oblique.pdf**  
*Includes correlation of map units, geologic cross section, geologic history, stratigraphy, geochronology data, and 3D oblique view of geologic map*
- **OF-24-01\_GIS\_Data folder**  
*Contains Geodatabase, Shape, and ArcGIS Pro map files, along with GeMS validation and metadata files*

### **To view .pdf files**

If you don't already have Adobe Reader installed on your device, visit <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> to download a free version of the software. Then, start Adobe Reader and choose "File," "Open," and locate the .pdf files where you downloaded them, they will open in Adobe Reader. You can also view .pdf files in Microsoft Edge.

### **To view GIS files**

Geographic Information Systems files may be viewed using GIS software packages such as ESRI's ArcGIS platform. Included are Geodatabases, Shapefiles and layer files of the geologic elements. Within ArcGIS, it may be necessary to reset the "data source" on layer files to ensure proper viewing. Metadata is associated with both the Geodatabase feature classes and the Shapefiles and is best viewed using the Metadata feature in ArcGIS Pro. Alternatively, these files may be viewed using QGIS, a free and open-source GIS software package, available for download at <https://download.qgis.org/>. If using open-source GIS software, use the included open-shapefile database, **OF-24-01\_Fort Collins\_open**.

The GIS package follows **GeMS** database design. More information about this critical information resource and the standards it incorporates may be found on the [USGS National Geologic Map Database \(NGMDB\)](#) site.

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