Geologic Time Scale, Formations and Major Happenings in/around Fremont County, CO

ERA	mya		Period	Epoch	Formation (Natural Reso	ource/Other)	Major Geologic Events	
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		١,	Juartar	Holocene	Pinedale and Bull Lake Glaciation	and and Graver,	Continued down-cutting and a period of	
			Quarter- nary	Pleistocene			mountain glaciation. Many sand and gravel	
	2.6		nai y		Verdos and Rocky Flat Alluvium deposits formed in county.		deposits formed in county.	
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	23		e 0	Pliocene	Dry Union Formation		Laramide Orogeny at beginning of Period (65	
		Т	e	Miocene	Sante Fe Formation		mya) produced much of the present day Rocky	
		ļ			Waugh Mountain Andesite		Mts. Thick sediments deposited between grabens. Eocene erosional surface formed followed by major volcanism. Neogen Orogeny	
	66	r t	P a	Oligocene	Gribbles Park Tuff			
		i a r y	l e o g e n		Tallahassee Creek Conglomerate (Uranium) at end of Period uplifts Sangre deCristos, continued volcanism. Regional uplift late in			
							Wall Mountain Tuff	
					Eocene	Echo Park Alluvium (U	Jranium)	geography shaped.
				Paleocene	*Poison Canyon and Raton Formation	n		
			*Trindad SS (Coal and Fossils)	Swampy lowlands of dinosaurs turn to beach	
М			Cretaceous		*Pierre Shale ((Oil/Gas and Fossils)	Great Inland Sea to cover Colorado deposits limestone and shale. Uplift returns and seas	
E					Whitehorn Granodiorite			
S O Z O I C					*Niobrara Formation ("Portland	d Type" limestone)		
					*Carlile Shale			
					*Greenhorn LS and Graneros Shale disappearance of the dinosaurs.		•	
	145				*Dakota Sandstone (Skyline Drive/Dinosaur tracks)			
			Jurrasic		*Morrison Formation (Major Dinosa	ur discoveries)	Low-flat desert conditions turn to warmer,	
	201				*Ralston Creek Formation	(Gypsum)	wetter with swampy conditions.	
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^{*}Major Formation of Cañon City Embayment - found only in Eastern Fremont County and part of Colorado Piedmont/Plains Province

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