

GEOLOGY & SOILS REPORTS

Development in General

New development within La Plata County is encouraged to avoid areas prone to geologic hazards. Any development within a known geologic hazard area in La Plata County requires certification from a licensed professional engineer that the hazard has been investigated and that the development will minimize the risk of structural failure and/or potential risk to roads, lots, and other development. Known geologic hazard areas can be seen on the county's GIS web site within the Environment data group. (LPLUC Sec. 82-148)

Subdivisions

1. *Geologic Report:* All subdivision applications, except for minor exempt subdivision applications, must include a geologic report prepared by a professional geologist. The report shall include maps and written information as appropriate to determine the impact of geologic conditions on the site. Both Planning Department staff and Colorado Geologic Survey staff shall have an opportunity to review the report. (LPLUC Sec. 102-58)
2. *Soils Report:* All subdivision applications, except for minor exempt subdivision applications, must include a soils report prepared by a licensed professional engineer. The report shall include a map including soils types, lot and right-of-way lines, and topography; and a table of the soils types identifying soil conditions that might preclude development of any part of the site or require particular design considerations. (LPLUC Sec. 102-60)