

Chapter 15

Wind and Deserts



Deserts

- ***A **desert** is any region that receives less than 25cm (10in) of rain per year.***
- ***Evaporation equals or exceeds rainfall.***
- ***Boulder gets about 62 cm (24 in) of rain per year.***
- ***Deserts tend to have sparse vegetation due to low moisture, and **high relief** due to short duration catastrophic rain with no vegetation to hold soils.***

Desert Erosion

- ***Water is the primary agent of erosion.***
- ***Wind is a secondary agent of erosion.***