

Chapter 14

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 the secondary agent of erosion.