

Introduction & 2014 Administration



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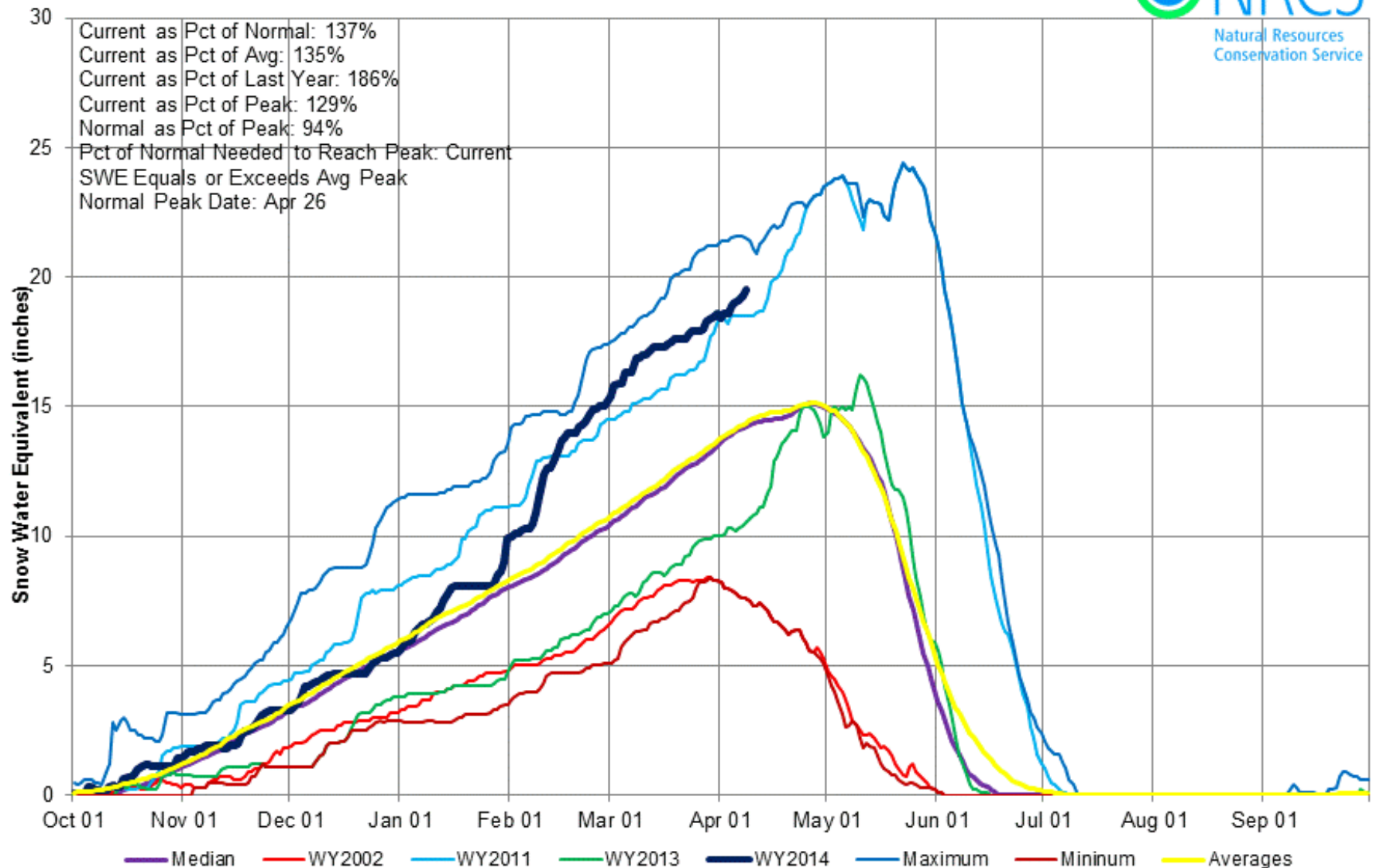
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Topics to Cover

- **Current Conditions**
- **2014 Administration**

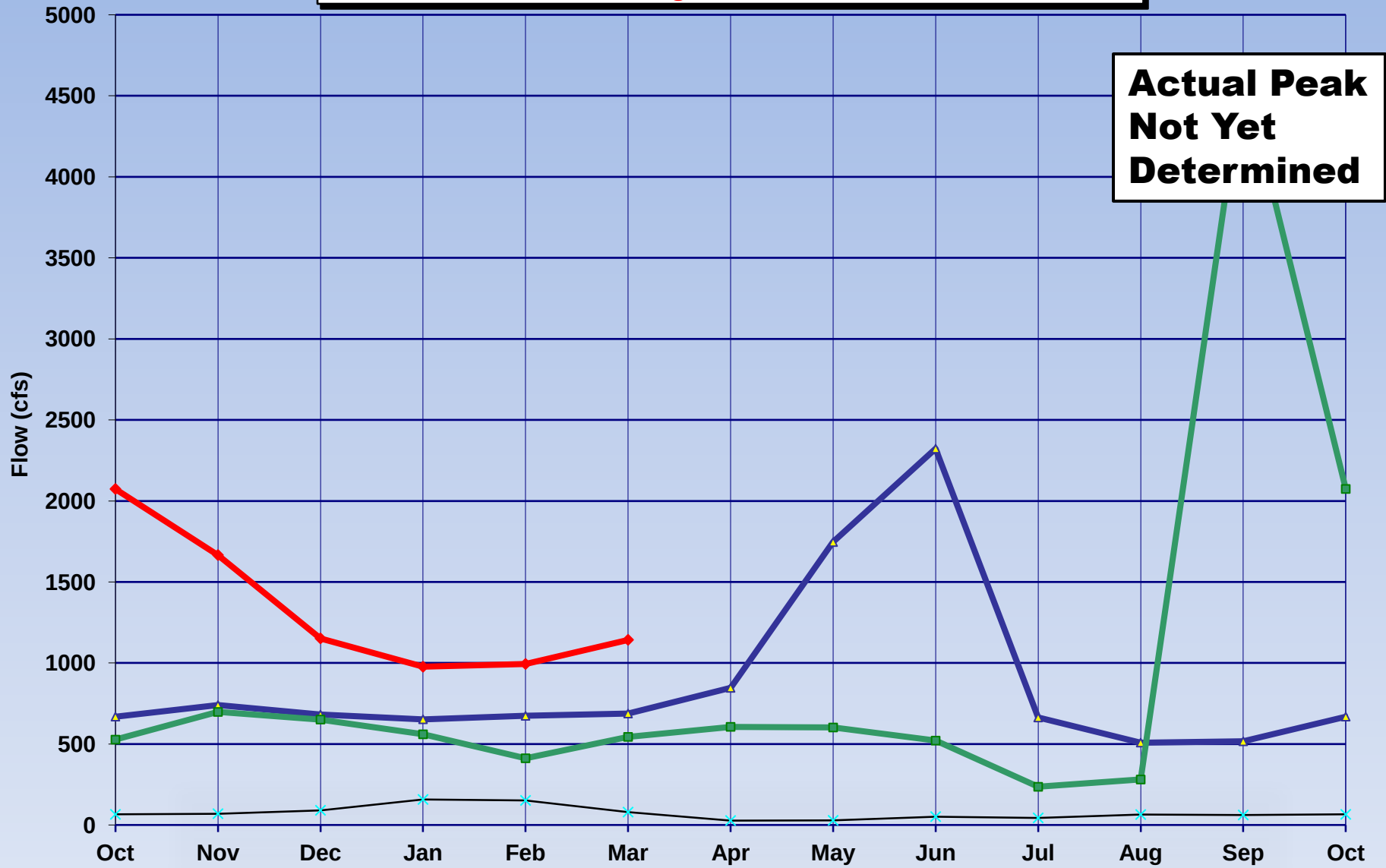
South Platte River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

Based on Provisional SNOTEL data as of Apr 08, 2014



South Platte River at Kersey

Irrigation Year

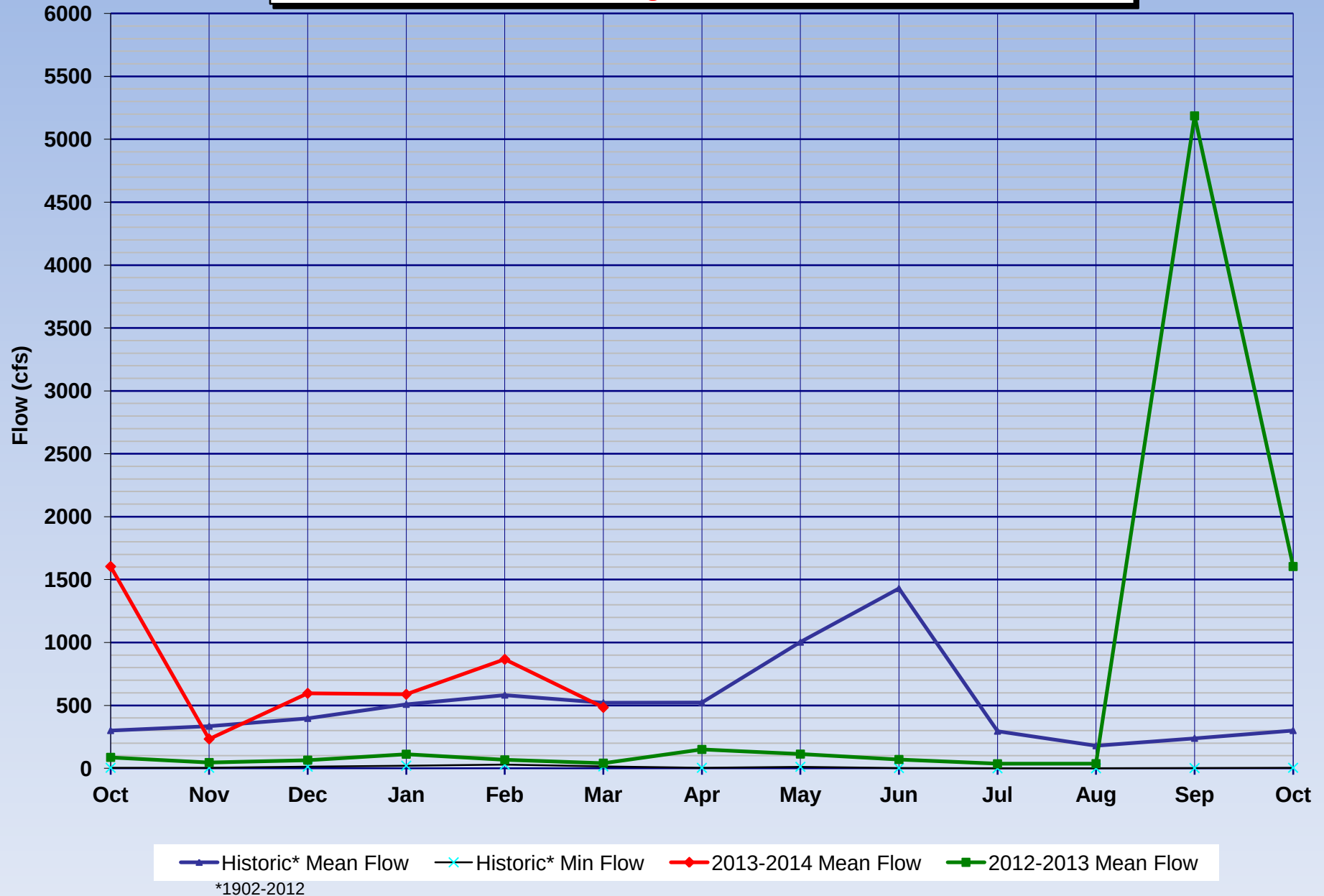


Historic* Mean Flow Historic* Min Flow 2013-2014 Mean Flow 2012-2013 Mean Flow

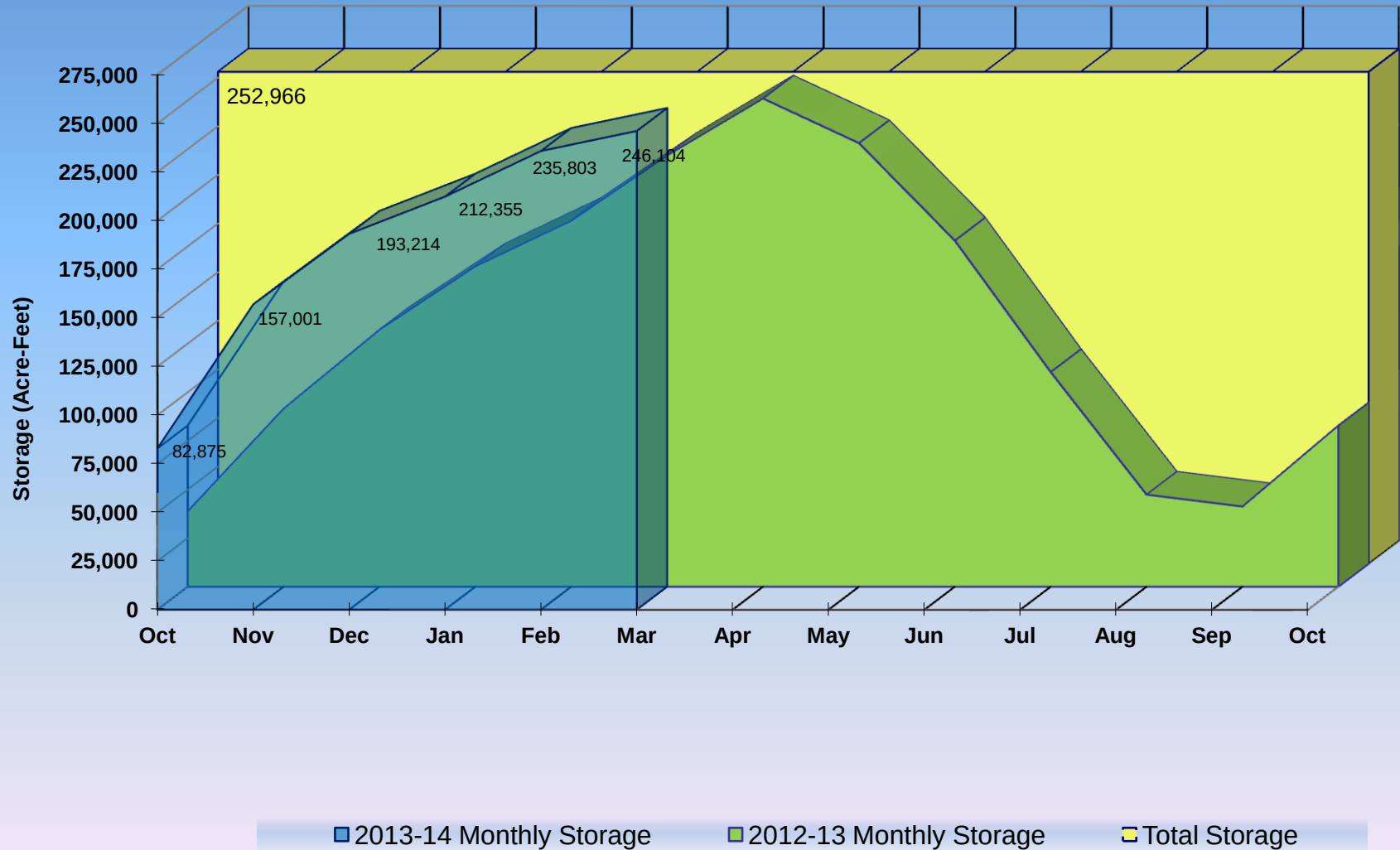
*1901-2012

South Platte River at Julesburg

Irrigation Year

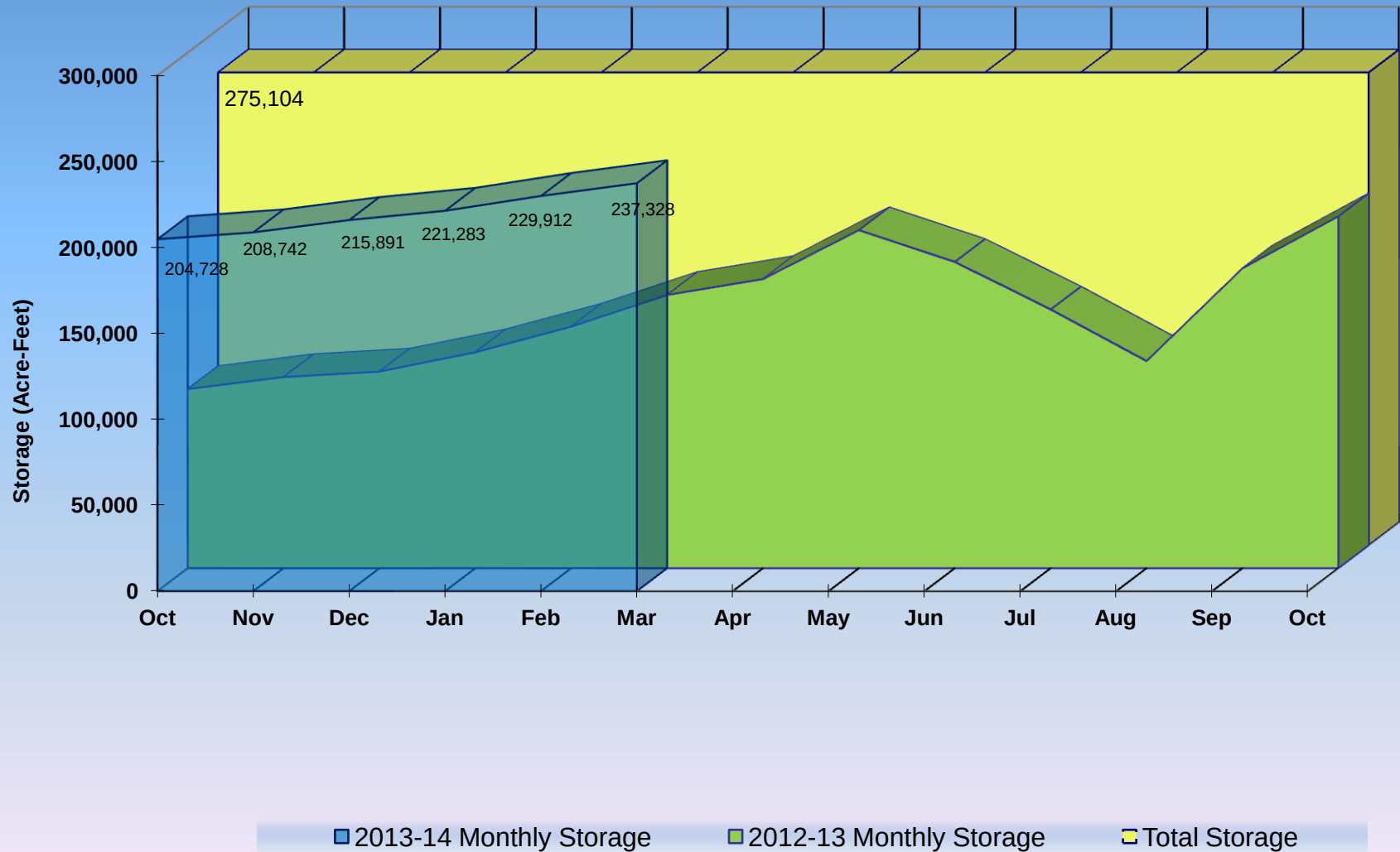


South Platte Reservoir Storage below Kersey*



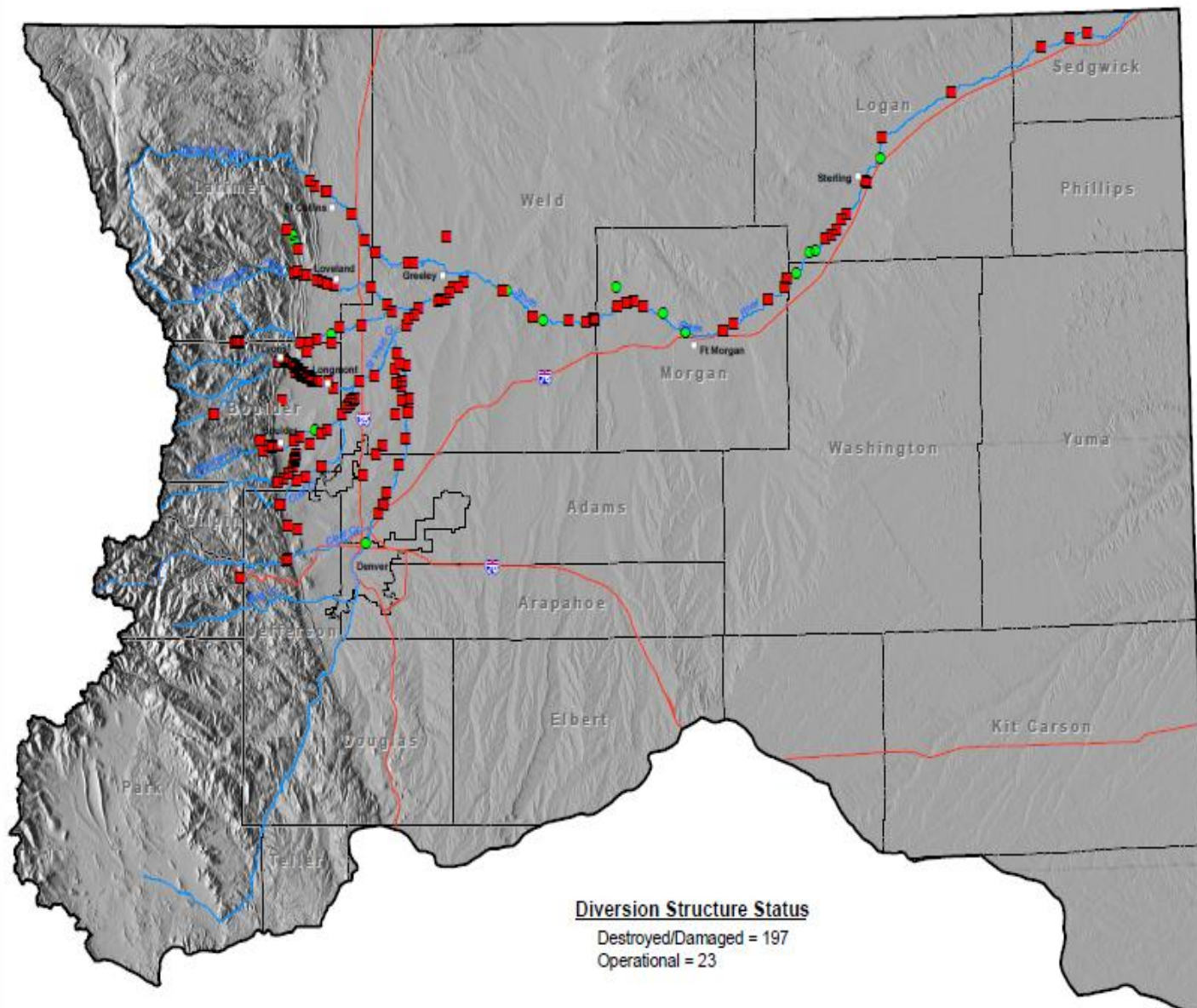
*Empire, Riverside, Jackson, Prewitt, North Sterling, & Julesburg

South Platte Reservoir Storage above Kersey*



*Barr, Cobb, Fossil Crk, Halligan, Marshall, Milton, Union, Standley, Lower Latham, Boyd, Loveland, Windsor, Horse Crk, & Prospect

Flood Affected Diversion Structures in the South Platte Basin



Legend

Diversion Structure Status

- Operational
- Destroyed/Damaged

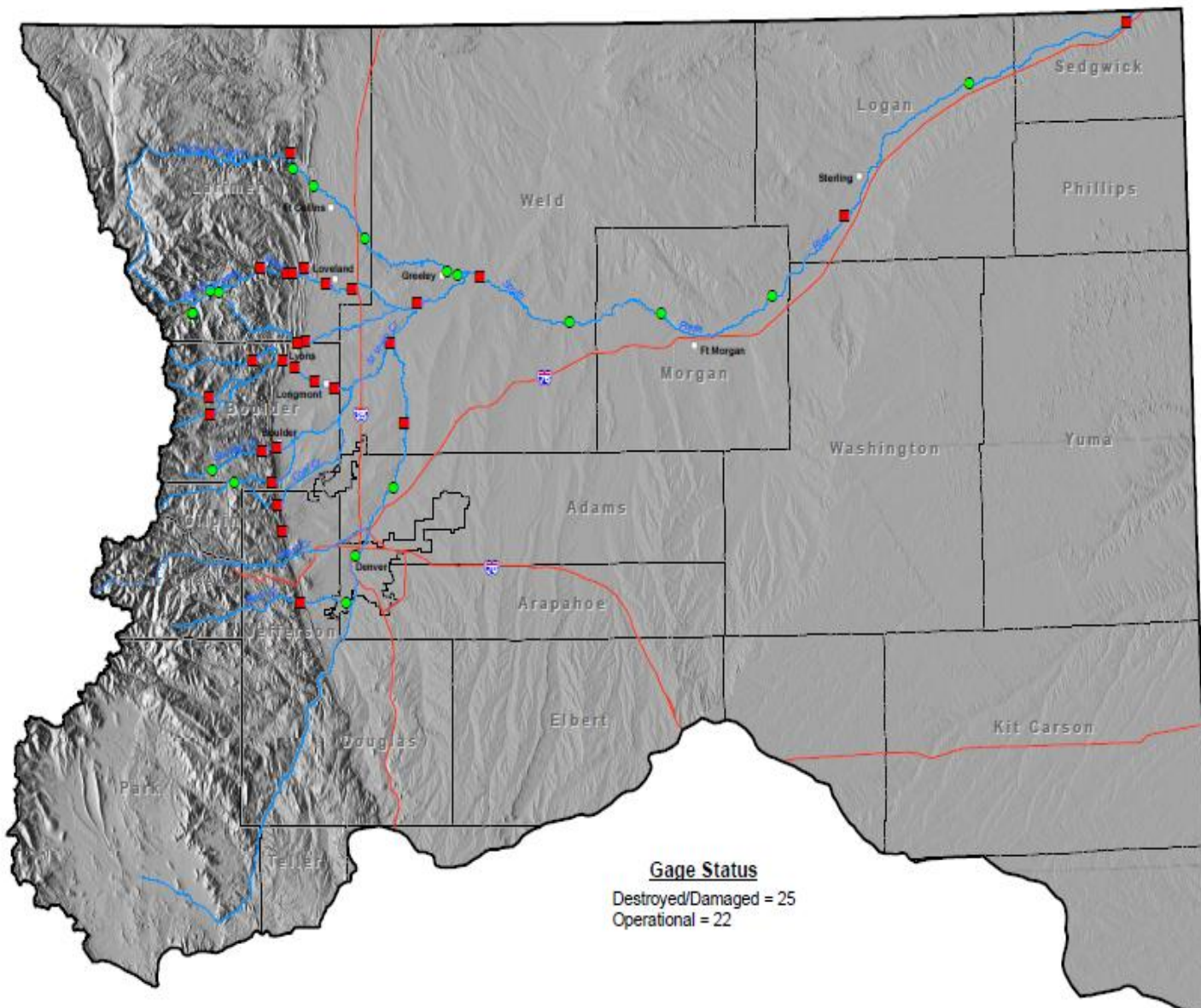


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1" = 18 Miles

Diversion Structure Projected Recovery

Stream Reach	4/1/2014	5/1/2014	6/1/2014	10/31/2014
S.P. - Ker. to NE	90%	98%	98%	100%
S.P. - Den. to Ker.	50%	75%	75%	75%
Poudre	91%	91%	91%	100%
Thompson	50%	53%	53%	53%
St. Vrain	43%	43%	51%	57%
Boulder Creek	86%	86%	86%	95%
Clear Creek	20%	100%	100%	100%
All	64%	72%	74%	78%

Flood Affected Stream Gages in the South Platte Basin



Legend

Gage Status

- Operational
- Destroyed/Damaged



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Flood Affected Stream Gages

- **14 Gages permanently repaired**
- **3 Gages temporarily repaired**
- **2 Surrogate gages installed**
- **2 Gages currently under construction (pre-runoff finish projected)**
- **4 Gages unrepaired until after runoff**

Stream Administration 2014

- **Less “old school” than expected**
- **Adjustment to “new” stream conditions**
 - **Time/flows to develop new stream gage rating curves**
 - **Different gage locations**
 - **Probable changes in return flow patterns**
 - **More time to react to changes / Less precise administration**
- **Fewer structures may mean more junior diversions by functional structures**
- **Will use same transit loss procedure as last year**

Questions?

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