



## **Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin**

**Colorado Water Conservation Board** 

Forecasts Provided by **Dewberry** 

## 2021 FTB Forecast Season

March 18, 2021 / Flood Task Force Meeting

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## http://www.coloradofloodthreat.com

Objective: Increase lead time for anticipating heavy rainfall over Colorado during the warm season



- 14 Forecast Zones with a large range in topography
- Product informs users on heavy rainfall:
  - timing
  - location
  - intensity
  - confidence
  - nature of the threat

# Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin – Products

## • Flood Threat Bulletin (FTB)

- Issued by 11am daily
- Identifies areas of flood risk for a 24-hr period
- Possible PM updates

### State Precipitation Map (SPM)

- Issued by 11am daily
- Recaps the past 72-hours of hydrometeorolgical conditions
- Rainfall totals, flooding, antecedent soil conditions

## • Flood Threat Outlook (FTO)

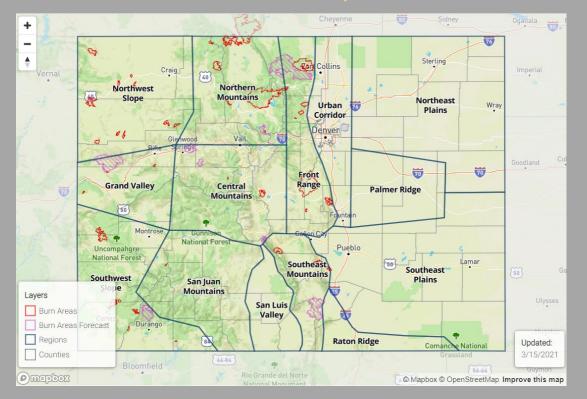
- Issued Monday and Thursday by 3PM
- Outlook of threat and precipitation totals over the next 15 days
- Rapid snowmelt, local heavy rainfall, drought development

THREAT	DESCRIPTION
NONE	No flood threat is expected.
LOW	Low probability (<50%) that isolated/widely scattered flooding will occur. If flooding occurs, low impact/severity is anticipated.
MODERATE	Moderate probability (50-80%) of flooding occurring.
HIGH	High probability (>80%) of flooding occurring.
HIGH IMPACT	High probability (>80%) of <i>high-impact</i> flooding due to a combination of factors including, but not limited to: high population density, antecedent rainfall and/or long-term duration.
NWS WARNING	Active NWS Flood Warnings (riverine).

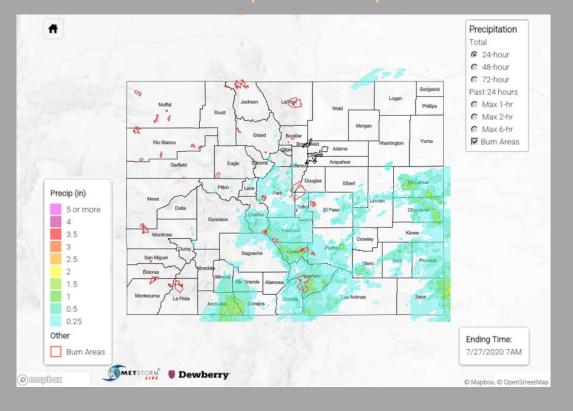
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# Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin – 2020 Upgrade Review

### Burn Area Map

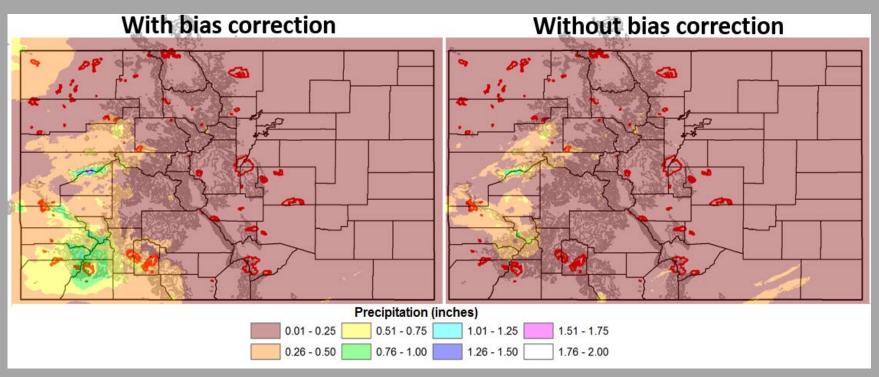


### State Precipitation Map



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## Bias Corrected State Precipitation Map (SPM)



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Report a

## • Report a Flood

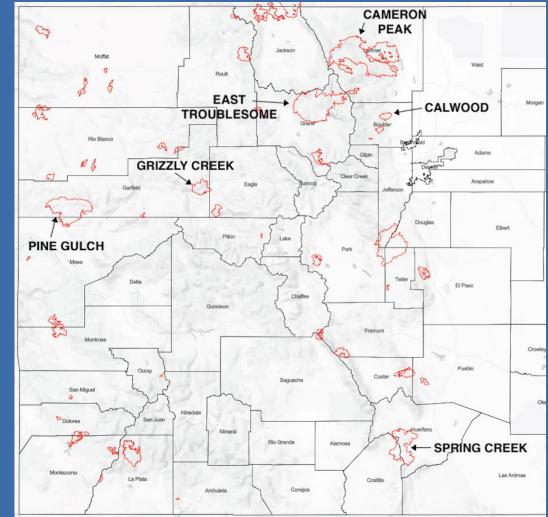
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# Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin – New Upgrades for 2021

- Implementation of dedicated wildfire burn area forecast page
  - Daily monitoring and threat forecasting of 6 large burn areas (5 from 2020) in tabular format
  - Fields include:
    - Multi-variable estimate of antecedent conditions
    - Percentage of burn area that received rainfall
    - Assessment of whether flooding occurred in past 24 hours
    - Threat forecast for next 24 hours
  - Archived daily (blog style) for better awareness during multi-day events



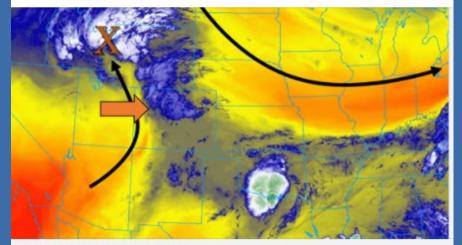
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# Facebook & Twitter: @COFloodUpdates

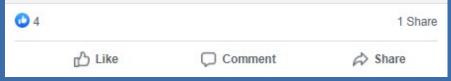
### Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin July 28, 2020 · 🛇

#FTB: A passing shortwave will increase chances for more storms and rain over the mountains and plains today. #Monsoon2020 moisture remains, so a moderate/low #COflood threat has been issued. This includes the SE mtn burn areas. #COwx

https://www.coloradofloodthreat.com/?p=12539



COLORADOFLOODTHREAT.COM FTB 07-28-2020: Upper-Level Energy Uses Monsoon Moisture to Generate More Rainfall





#### CO Flood Updates @COFloodUpdates

Very heavy rain & isolated flooding likely across southeast Colorado. Dangerous mud flows possible over Spring Creek & Decker burn scars warrant High threat. Elsewhere, widespread Mod/Low threat (including San Juans). PM update possible. #COwx #COflood

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### 12:18 PM · Jul 26, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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