

Flood Response & Recovery Plans

Division of Water Resources

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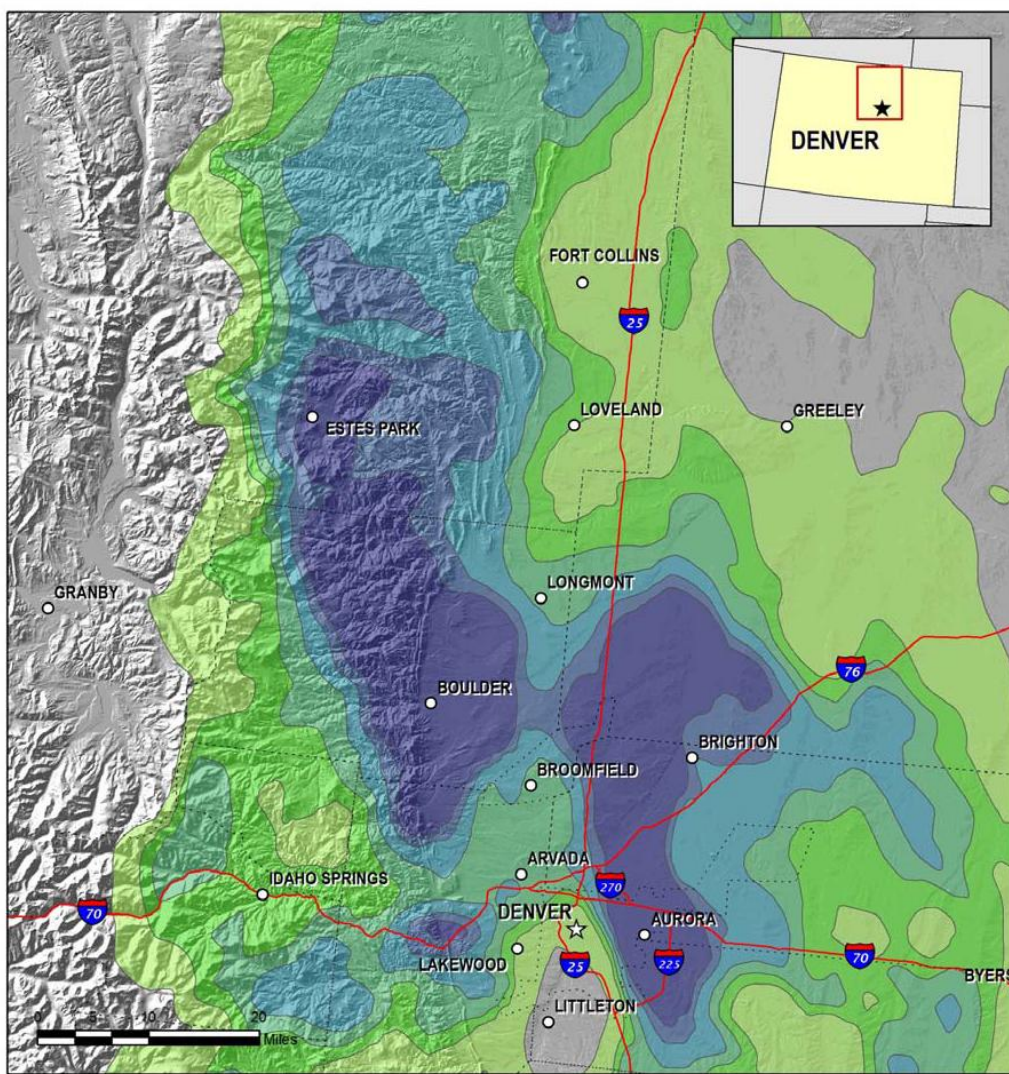
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NOAA Precipitation

Dark (purple) areas experienced storm w/ annual probability of less than 1 in 1000.

(Greater than 1000 year event.)



Colorado Flood Event, 9-16 September 2013 Annual Exceedance Probabilities (AEPs) for Worst Case 7-day Rainfall

Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center
Office of Hydrologic Development, National Weather Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- > 1/10
- 1/50 - 1/10
- 1/100 - 1/50
- 1/200 - 1/100
- 1/500 - 1/200
- 1/1000 - 1/500
- < 1/1000

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ohd/hdsc/>

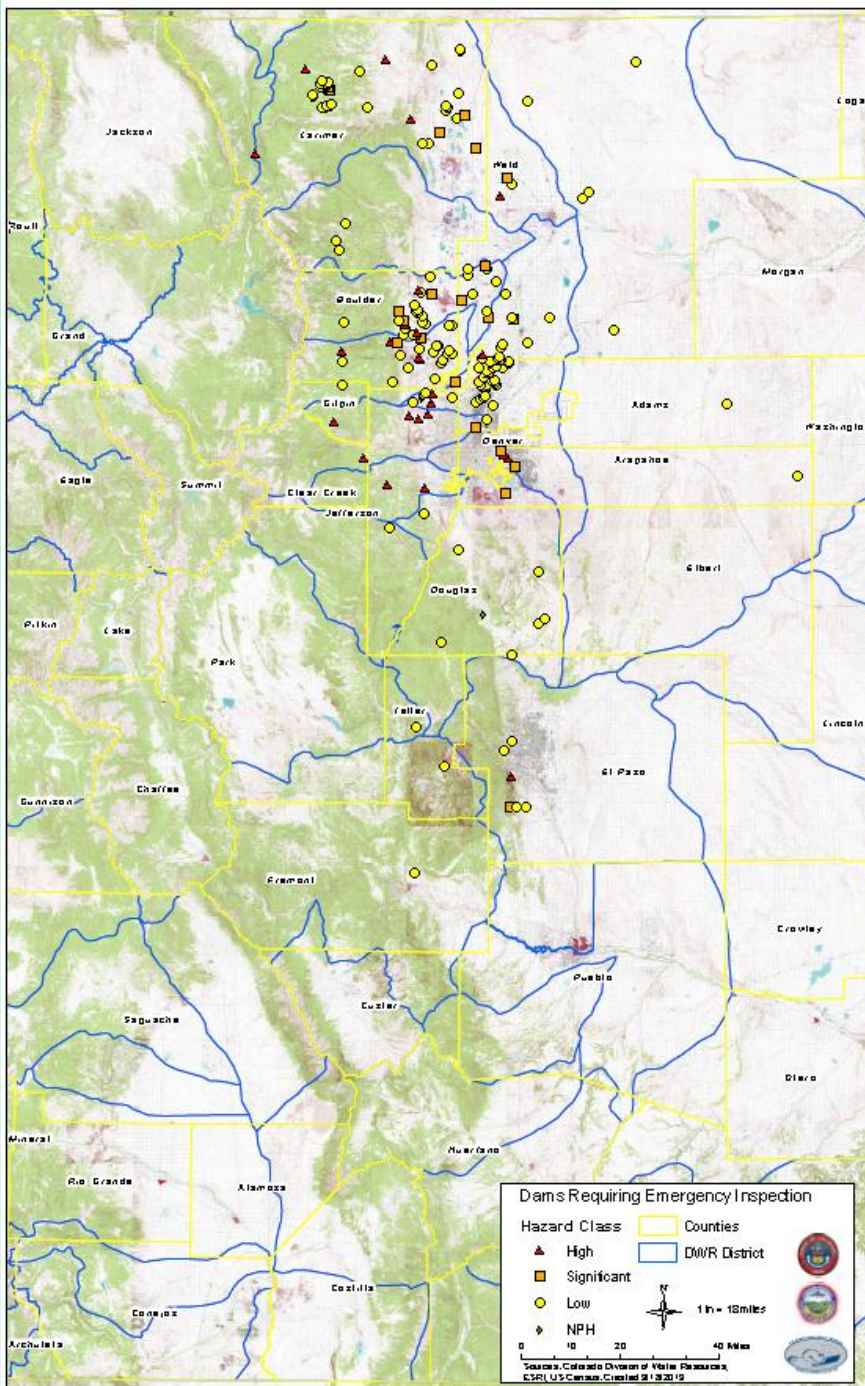
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Precipitation frequency estimates are from NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 8, Version 2.
Rainfall values come from 6-hour multi-sensor data.



Dams in Affected Area

- Many spillways activated
(Prompted concerns of failure)
- 9 low hazard dams failed
- 207 needed inspection
- Over 100 volunteer,
licensed P.E.
organized



Emergency Dam Inspections Status

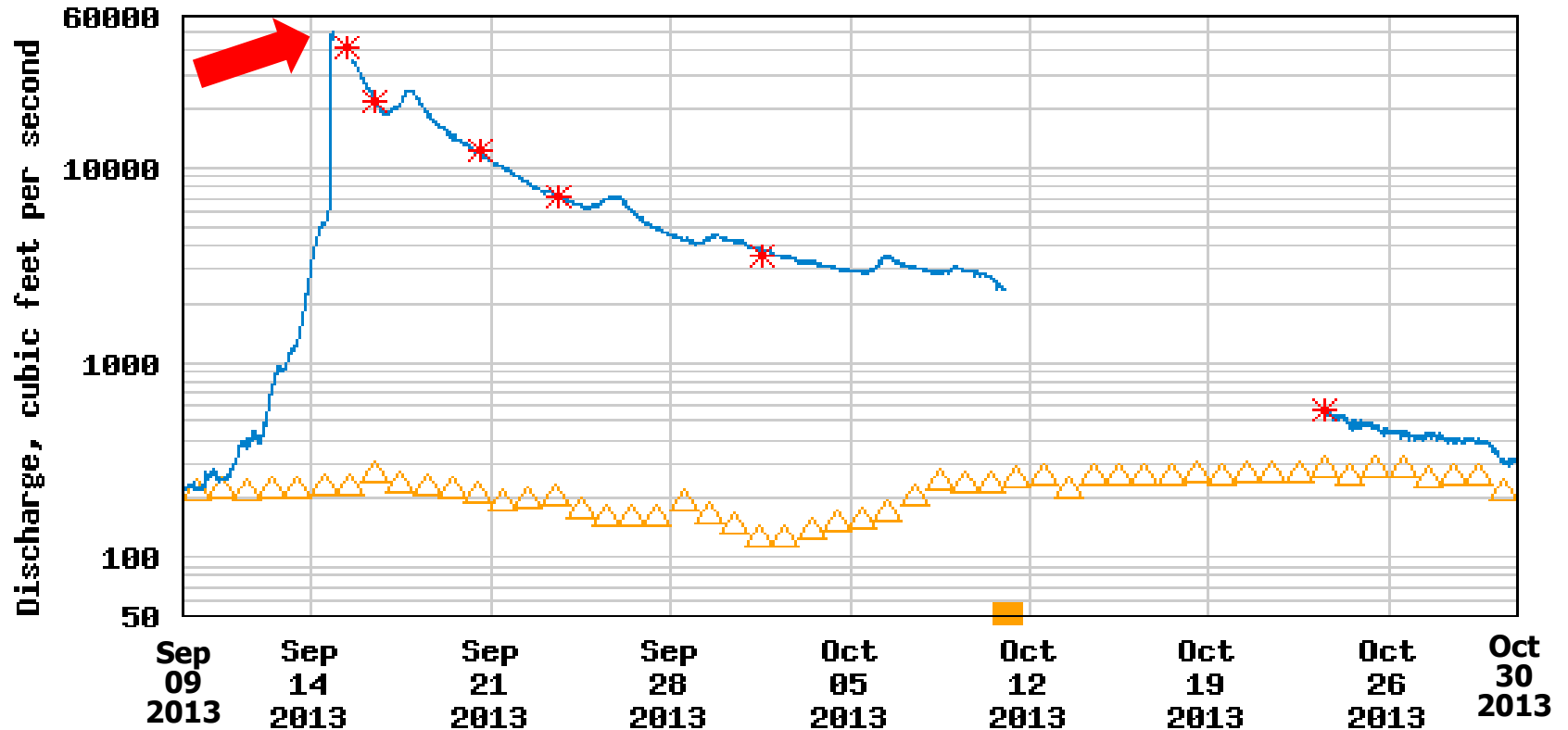
Condition Assessment	Number	Percent of Total
Safe for normal operation	131	63%
Functional; some repairs needed; No dam safety concerns	63	31%
Potential dam safety issue; Required immediate evaluation/mitigation	13	6%
Urgent; failure is a concern	0	0%

Totals

207

100%

USGS 06759500 SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AT FORT MORGAN, CO



----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

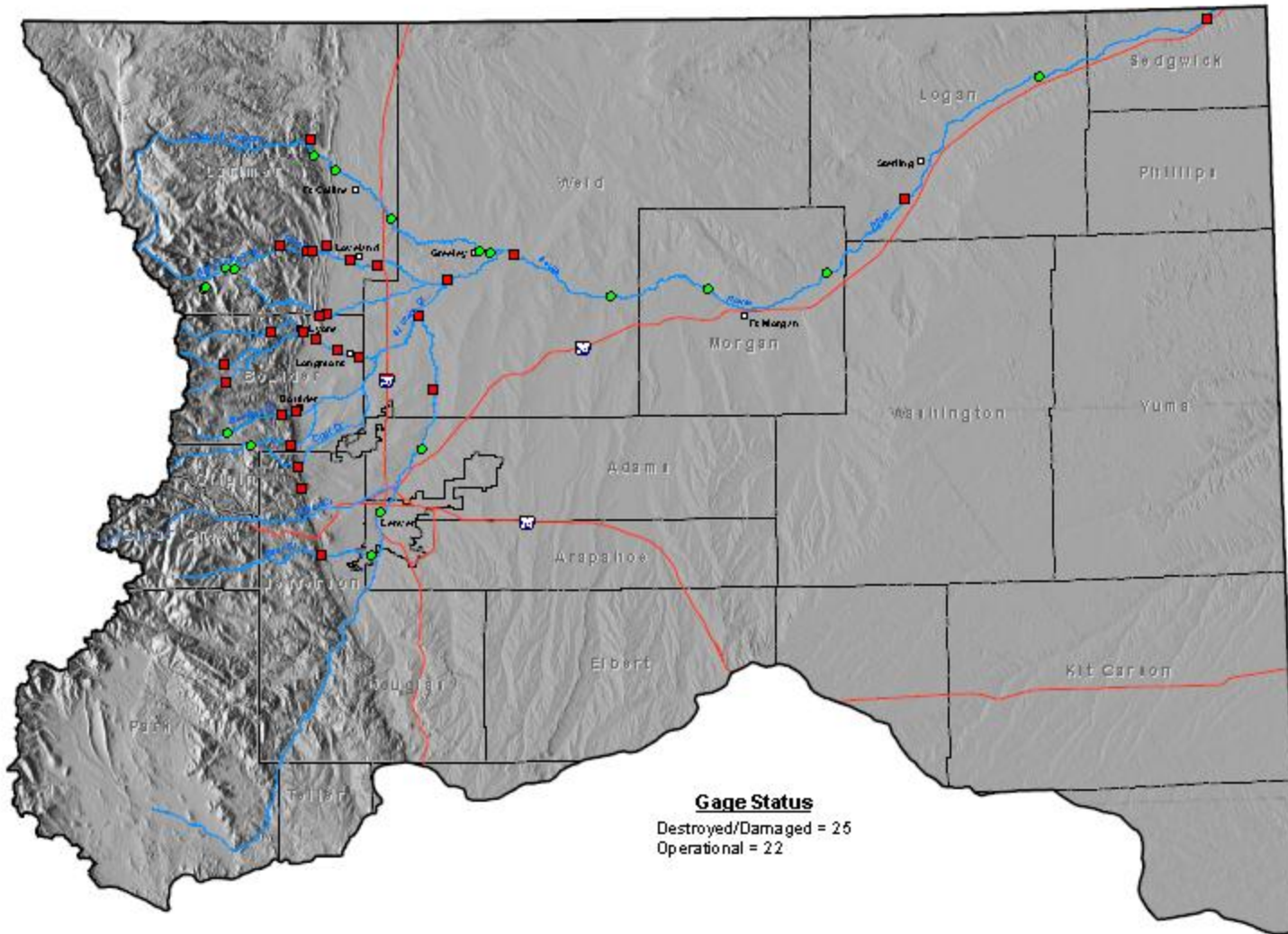
- △ Median daily statistic (25 years)
- Data temporarily unavailable
- Discharge
- * Measured discharge

- 50,600 CFS at Fort Morgan (8:15 pm)
- Took 46 days for basin to drain (9/14 - 10/30)

Flood Comparisons, CFS

	Fort Morgan	Julesburg
Jun-1965	100,000	37,600
Jun-1935	84,300	31,300
Sep-2013	50,600	21,440

Flood Affected Stream Gages in the South Platte Basin



Legend

Gage Status

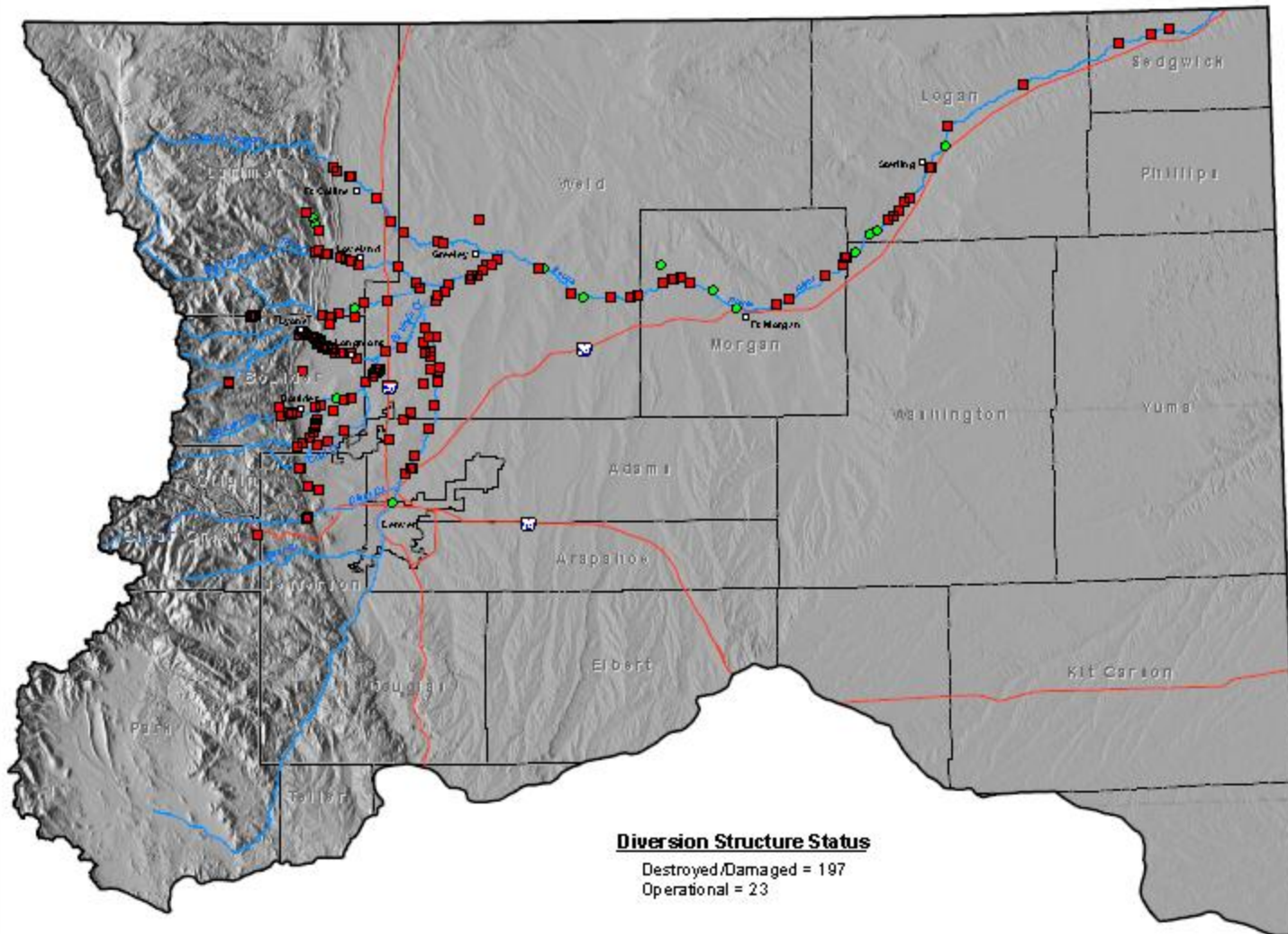
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- Destroyed/Damaged



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1" = 18 Miles



Flood Affected Diversion Structures in the South Platte Basin



Legend

Diversion Structure Status

- Operational
- Destroyed/Damaged



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Recovery Effort – Dam Safety

- Herculean effort by salaried staff
- Inspection documentation will take thru 11/24
- Triage missed normal duties and catch up
- Some dam owners may seek help for repairs

Recovery Effort – Hydrography

- Set up 7 temporary gages for administration
 - 224 hours to install (2 FTE x 2 days x 7 gages)
 - 336 hours to rate (correlate stage to flow)
(1 FTE x 4 hours x 12 measurements x 7 gages)
- Rebuild/repair 25 permanent gages
 - Approximately \$500,000 in damaged infrastructure
 - \$100,000 in electronics
 - 2500 FTE hours to install (2.5 FTE x 40 hours/gage)
 - 1200 FTE hours to rate
- DWR pursuing FEMA grant to fund repairs