

**Colorado Water Conservation Board  
1997 Colorado Flood Documentation  
Technical Addendum**

**Section II, County Specific Information, Subsections A - G**

**Riverside Technology, inc.  
July 1998**

## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 5/8/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Owen  
**Spoke With:** Tom Magnuson  
**Company/Affiliation:** Pueblo NWS  
**Phone no.:** (719) 948-3838  
**Project No.:** D479-52

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**Comments:**

Spoke with Tom about NWS spotter data his office might have collected during the August 1997 storms in SE Colorado. He provided the following list:

- A flash flood warning was issued for Baca County along Hwy 116 on August 5
- The night of August 5 through the morning of August 6 appears to be the period with the most activity. The following are reported rainfall during this period:

Holly (Prowers County): 3.0 - 3.25 inches  
Sheridan Lake (Kiowa): 5.0 - 6.0  
Kim ? (Las Animas): approx. 2.0  
John Martin Dam (Bent): approx. 1.0  
Brandan (Kiowa): 2.75 -5.0  
Eads (Kiowa): 2.5  
Haswell (Kiowa): 1.3  
Lamar (Prowers): 2.1  
Ordway (Crowley): 1.5  
Sugar City (Crowley): 2.9

- Nothing on August 7 or 9
- August 13:
  - 6 miles S of Springfield (Baca County): 0.7 inches
  - Hastee (Bent): 3.0 (early morning storm)
  - Fowler (Otero): 0.8

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Bill Owen*

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/8/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Dan Neuhold  
Company/Affiliation: CO Dept. of Nat'l Resources Water Commission, Dist. 66+67  
Phone no.: (719) 336-5364  
Project No.: D479-56

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**Comments:**

District 67 - Big Sandy Creek

↳ no significant diversions on this creek

District 66 - Carrizo Creek + Cimarron River

↳ one significant water right

John B. Moya Ditch → located West Carrizo Creek

headgate @ Section 27, T32S, R53W

↳ irrigates approx. 20 acres of alfalfa

water right of 7.5 cfs (creek normally runs @ 3 cfs on average)

Don Taylor is Water Commissioner in District 67 (in La Junta)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Owen

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↳ (719) 384-1000 (W)

384-503 (H)

350-1655 (cell)

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/1/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Dana Christie, Baca County Commissioners office  
Company/Affiliation: ←  
Phone no.: 719-523-4021  
Project No.: D479-56

**Comments:**

- does not know of any previous or future mitigation projects
- flooding occurs frequently down in the canyon country of Carrizo Creek; water mostly washes over <sup>concrete</sup> road slabs in gullies + other creek crossings
- Two Butte flooded 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1965
- Springfield seldom floods because it lies between two creeks (Bear Creek watershed <sup>tribs of</sup>)
- County shop phone numbers:
  - 1) Two Butte: 719-326-5921
  - 2) Campo: 719-787-2433 →
  - 3) Pritchett: 719-523-4021
- County Sheriff's office: 719-523-6677 → do emergency response efforts they were aware of

Signature Bill Owen

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 4/7/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Owen  
**Spoke With:** Clarence Stevenson  
**Company/Affiliation:** Baca County shop - Prichett  
**Phone no.:** (719) 523-4021  
**Project No.:** D479 - 52

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**Comments:**

Mr. Stevenson said he would send us copies of the reports that specified what repairs and associated costs Baca County had to incur due to the flooding in the summer of 1997. In addition, he was going to look for some pictures that he or other county personnel might have taken of the flooding damage.

Signature Bill Owen

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Bill Owen

DATE: 4/7/98

SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL:

AFFILIATION: Baca Co. Commioners  
(Charles Waite, Don Self) → 523-6775

PHONE #: (719) 523 - 4521

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1. *Affected streams and local drainages?*

Carizzo Creek (near Road M) and Walsh Area

2. *Geographic extent of flooding?*

Check the FEMA reports for this information

3. *Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?*

Approximately 12 hours

4. *Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?*

9 inches near Caizzo Creek (approximatley 25 miles SW of Pritchett)

5 inches 7 miles south of Walsh

5 inches 7 miles SE of Walsh

5. *Rainfall bucket surveys?*

No

6. *Precipitation gauging network?*

No

7. *Documentation of high water marks?*

Ask the foreman (Clarence Stevenson) at the County shop (719-523-4021); FEMA may have some info'

8. *Estimated peak discharges?*

9. *Estimated flood damages?*

10. *Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

Approximately \$68,000 of repairs

11. *Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

12. *Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?*

Road M (4.4 from county line); particularly where it crossed an unnamed wash

13. *Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?*

No

14. *Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?*

No

15. *Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?*



16. *Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?*

Ask Stevenson

17. *Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.*

Check FEMA

18. *Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)*

19. *Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?*

Check FEMA

20. *Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?*

Plainsman Herald; No.

21. *Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?*

None that they know of

## 2. Federal Data

Ok District Phone # 405 - 843 - 7570



## Search Results

Found 8 stations.

Station Number	Station Name	County	Hydrologic Unit Code	Basin Name
07154500	<u>Cimarron River Near Kenton, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040001	Cimarron Headwaters
07154650	<u>Tesesquite Creek Near Kenton, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040002	Upper Cimarron
07155000	<u>Cimarron River Ab Ute Creek Nr Boise City, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040002	Upper Cimarron
07155100	<u>Cold Springs Creek Near Wheeless, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040002	Upper Cimarron
07155500	<u>Cimarron River Near Boise City, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040002	Upper Cimarron
07155510	<u>Flagg Springs Trib Near Boise City, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11040002	Upper Cimarron
07232250	<u>Beaver River Near Felt, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11100101	Upper Beaver
07232650	<u>Aqua Frio Creek Near Felt, Ok</u>	Cimarron	11100103	Coldwater

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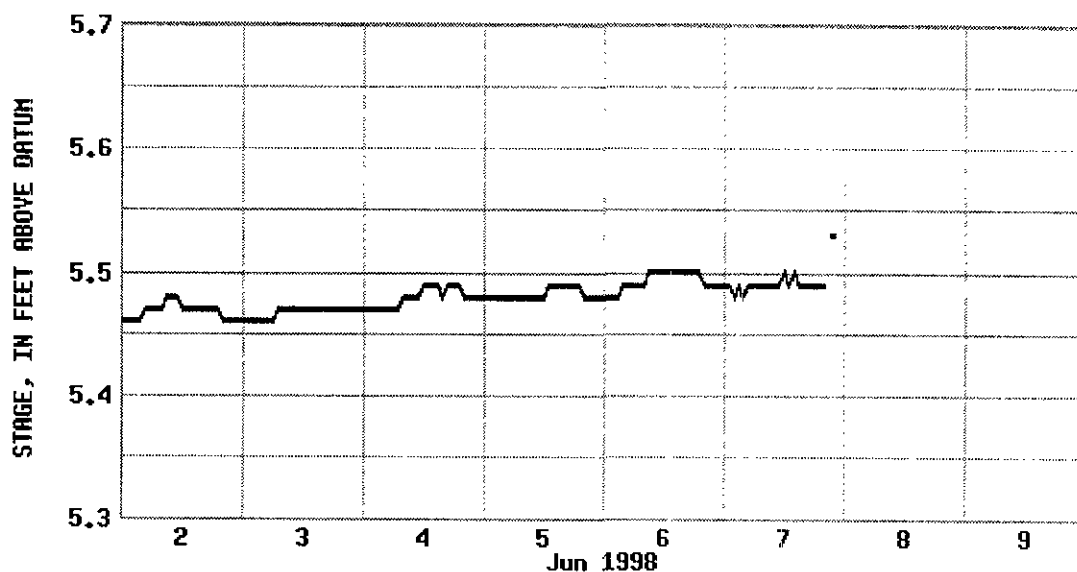
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- [Data used in graph](#)
- [Historical daily mean or peakflow data for this station](#)

### Station Description

STATION.--07154500 CIMARRON RIVER NEAR KENTON, OK  
 LOCATION.--Lat 36 55'36", long 102 57'31", in SW 1/4 sec.4, T.5 N., R.1 E., Cimarron County, Hydrologic Unit 11040001, near right bank on downstream side of pier of county road bridge, 1.5 mi upstream from North Carrizo Creek, 1.7 mi northeast Kenton, 2.2 mi downstream from Carrizozo Creek, and at mile 594.0.  
 DRAINAGE AREA.--1,106 mi<sup>2</sup>, of which 68 mi<sup>2</sup> is probably noncontributing.  
 PERIOD OF RECORD.--April 1904 to July 1905 (gage heights only), October 1950 to current year.  
 REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 1711: 1956 (M).  
 GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Datum of gage is 4,262.08 ft above sea level. April 1904 to July 1905 nonrecording gage at site 0.9 mi upstream at different datum. Oct. 1, 1950 to Sept. 19, 1967, water-stage recorder at same site and at datum 5.00 ft higher.  
 REMARKS.--Records fair. Extensive diversions for irrigation upstream from station.

### Daily Mean Flow Statistics for 06/08 based on 46 years of record, in ft<sup>3</sup>/s

Latest flow 06/07 21:30	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	80 percent exceedance	50 percent exceedance	20 percent exceedance
0.1	0.0	45	1,590	0.0	0.42	15
Percent exceedance means that 80, 50, or 20 percent of all daily mean flows for 06/08 have been greater than the the value shown.						

### Flood thresholds

Flow (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Stage (ft)
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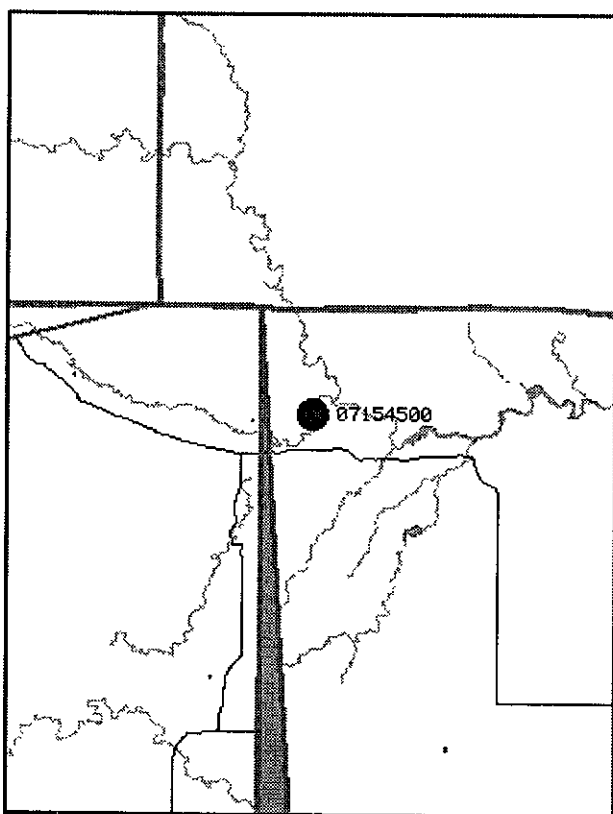
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# Map of region surrounding Cimarron River Near Kenton, Ok

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| — County          | ▨ National Park |
| ▨ Lake/Pond/Ocean | □ City          |
| — Expressway      | — County        |
| — Highway         |                 |
| — Connector       |                 |
| ▨ Stream          |                 |

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 \*average—true scale depends on monitor resolution

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## Cimarron R Nr Elkhart, Ks

### Station Information

Station Number	Latitude (ddmmss)	Longitude (dddmmss)	County	Basin Name	Drainage Area (miles <sup>2</sup> )	Datum (ft above NGVD)
07155590	370730	1015350	Morton	Upper Cimarron	2899.00	3381.89

### Data Types Available

- [Historical Streamflow Daily Values](#)
- [Peak Flow](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)
- [Current Conditions Data](#)
- [EPA "Surf Your Watershed" for Upper Cimarron.](#)

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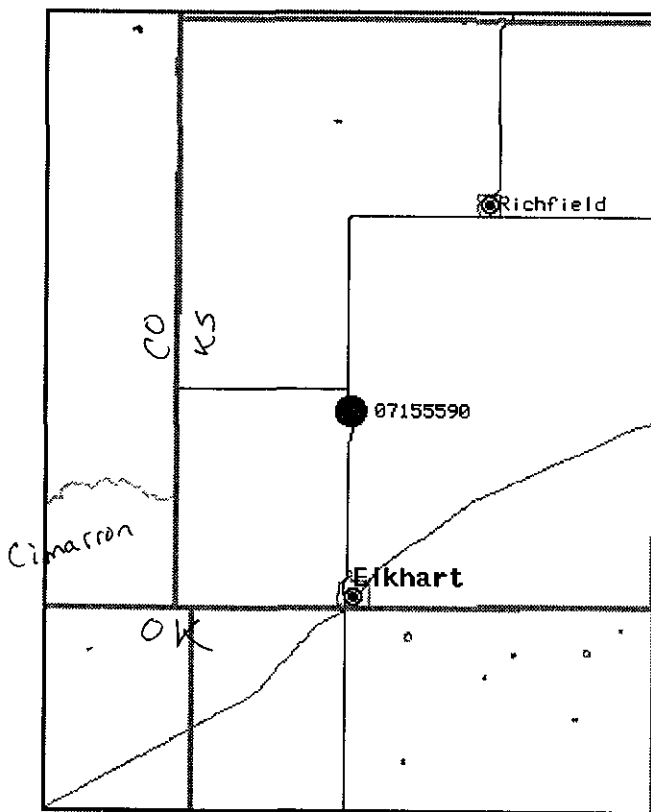
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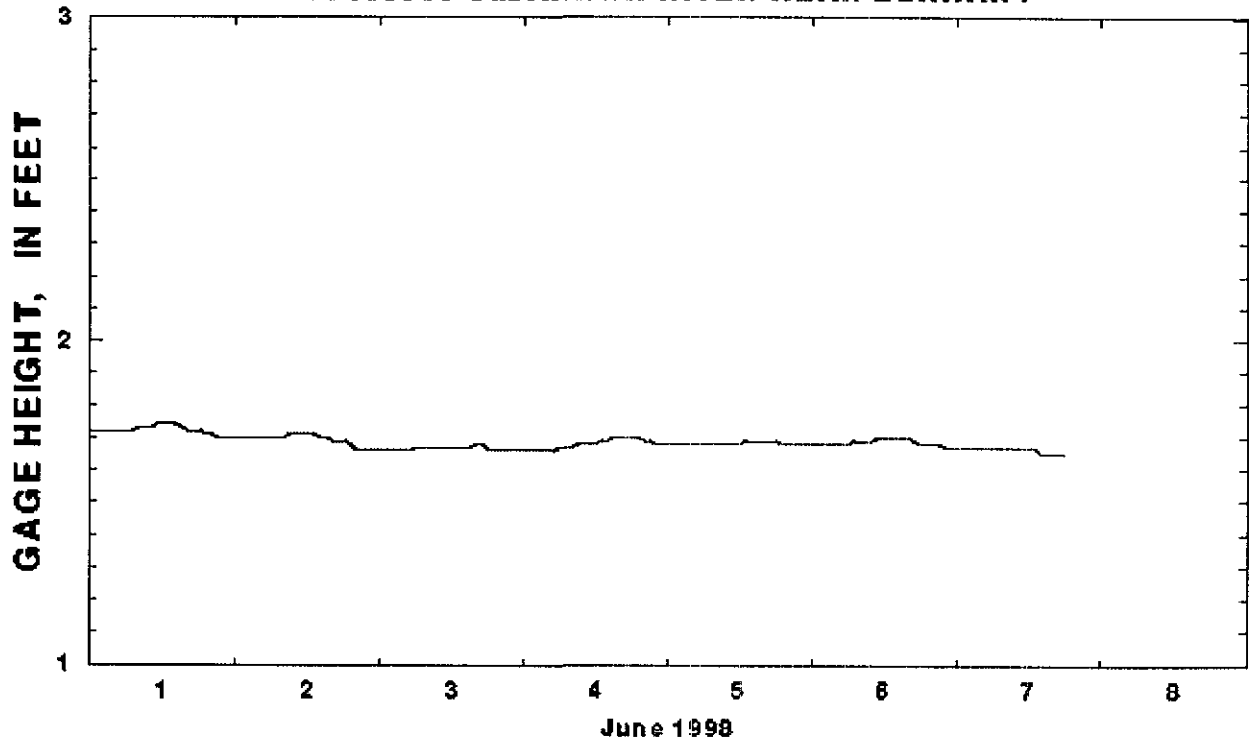
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**U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVIEW  
07155590 CIMARRON RIVER NEAR ELKHART**



— GAGE HEIGHT, via satellite

**NOTE:** Gage Height information may be adversely affected by backwater from ice during cold periods.  
Call (785) 832-3536 for more information.

Updated: 06/07/98 22:17:25 CDT

## **07155590 CIMARRON RIVER NEAR ELKHART, KS**

- [Streamflow hydrograph](#)
- [Complete station data from the 1997 Water Resources Data Report](#)
- [Historical and Peak Flow Data](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)

## **07155590 CIMARRON RIVER NEAR ELKHART, KS**

### LOCATION

Lat 37°07'30", long 101°53'50", in NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ sec.4, T.34 S., R.42 W., Morton County, Hydrologic Unit 11040002, Cimarron National Grasslands, on left bank at downstream side of bridge on Kansas Highway 27, 8.0 mi north of Elkhart, and at mile 499.4.

### DRAINAGE AREA

2,899 sq mi, of which 483 sq mi do not contribute directly to surface runoff.

### PERIOD OF RECORD



April 1971 to current year.

REVISED RECORDS

WDR KS-84-1: 1983.

GAGE

Water-stage recorder. Datum of gage is 3,381.89 ft above sea level.

REMARKS

Satellite telemeter at station.

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*Last modification: 05/20/1998*

STATION (Climatological) **Storington** (River Station, if different)

STATE **CO** COUNTY **BACA** MONTH **May** 19**97**

RIVER

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP PRECIPITATION **7A** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

WS FORM B-91 (12 93)

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**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)				
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A.M.		TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.						Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze
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 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING DATE

SUPERVISING OFFICE **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO** STATION INDEX NO **05-7992-1**









STATION *Stonington* (River Station if different) MONTH *Oct* 19 *97*  
 STATE *Colo* COUNTY *Baca* RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
*7A* *M*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE  
 Ft. Ft.

WS FORM 8-91  
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				Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.		NOON		P.M.				Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze
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*?* *High water on 8/4 ?? maybe / maybe not*

*Rain started evening of the 24 by early morning Sat 25<sup>th</sup> it had turned to snow with white out conditions snowed all day Sat 25<sup>th</sup> the night, wind + snow stopped early Sat 26<sup>th</sup>*

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SUM *247* CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING *12"* DATE

OBSERVER *Max Smith*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE *WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO*  
 STATION INDEX NO. *05-7992-1*

Station **Walsh** County **Baca** State **Colo** Date (Month & yr.) **May 97** Time of Complete Observation (Local time) **8:00 AM** Standard Time in Use **DST**

RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F					PRECIPITATION				WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS							
	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles)		24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -	Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation		
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Melted Snow, etc. (in. & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)								Max.	Min.	
1	62	39	51													Low	High						S.T	
2	80	38	47													0458	0613						54	
3	60	30	42													0602	0818						53	
4	73	37	52													0878	1147						51	
5	81	52	56													0491	1270						53	
6	73	52	65													1162	1491						56	
7	84	50	65													1297	1649						58	
8	80	42	54													1466	1869						59	
9	65	33	51													1577	2005						58	
10	71	42	55													1617	2126						56	
11	80	47	61													1812	2270						58	
12	70	42	45										.02			1947	2463						60	
13	69	45	56													2098	2656						58	
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15	78	47	57										.11			2253	2860						60	
16	77	51	66													2345	2970						60	
17	86	54	73													2439	3078						62	
18	92	54	77													2538	3204						63	
19	87	43	44													2644	3307						64	
20	61	37	56										.04			2786	3532						63	
21	69	54	56													2867	3628						59	
22	69	52	55										.16			3070	3889						61	
23	80	51	61										.29			3291	4167						61	
24	78	47	70													3429	4347						61	
25	85	49	71													3508	4447						63	
26	77	43	58													3619	4588						63	
27	81	44	56													3709	4711						63	
28	71	46	53										.06			3817	4827						63	
29	76	50	62										.01			3895	4953						62	
30	82	53	54										.05			4007	5098						63	
31	85	48	67													4130	5262						63	
Sum													.74			4230	5370						65	
Avg.													.24											69



Station		County		State		Date (Month & yr.)		Time of Complete Observation (Local time)		Standard Time in Use		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS										
Walsh		Baca		Colo		June 97		8:00 AM		DST												
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	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb					Wet bulb	Dew Point								Rain, Melted Snow, etc (in & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)	Low
1	84	51	73										4316	5468	31						57	
2	87	56	59										4450	5628	39							65
3	76	56	58										4597	5802	15							68
4	82	49	57										4700	5933	30							66
5	74	51	66										4811	6074	32							68
6	84	54	61										4985	6288	39							66
7	83	58	65										5147	6471	30							67
8	78	55	64										5258	6616	26							68
9	76	57	58										5406	6789	24							67
10	66	54	56										5527	6937		29						67
11	74	55	70										5669	7109	15							64
12	92	61	66										5739	7188	35							65
13	86	54	60										5866	7349	34							68
14	79	55	70										5961	7459	30							67
15	83	59	64										6178	7750	33							68
16	86	53	62										6301	7909	6							68
17	71	50	67										6368	7988	18							65
18	86	54	75										6420	8032	21							67
19	94	58	75										6523	8158	49							69
20	98	62	79										6615	8266	48							71
21	102	58	69										6713	8386	49							71
22	94	62	79										6891	8630	53							71
23	89	61	68										7089	8896	60							72
24	92	58	69										7253	9107	31							71
25	93	56	65										7348	9228	23							69
26	88	53	63										7461	9371	20							69
27	88	60	73										7572	9505	40							71
28	94	58	77										7677	9643	53							72
29	98	57	75										7783	9774	48							73
30	92	59	76										7876	9894	46							73
31																						
Sum																						1.61
Avg.																						

DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION				WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS					
	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		Anemometer Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +		Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -	Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation		
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Melted Snow, etc. (in & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)							At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Low	High
1	103	81	74											8023		69					75		
2	103	53	66											8132		66					74		
3	87	63	66											8322		60					74		
4	79	51	69											8461		50					73		
5	92	58	70											8662		41					73		
6	87	54	75										.07	8770		39					74		
7	91	63	71											8959		50					73		
8	99	61	74											9067		53					75		
9	98	56	65										.01	9155		39					74		
10	92	65	77											9274		48					75		
11	95	64	73											9473		58					76		
12	93	60	76											9643		63					76		
13	101	64	80											9786		65					76		
14	94	61	71											9897		61					76		
15	94	64	78										.04	0050		48					77		
16	102	63	81										.06	0140		40					75		
17	102	61	80											0214		51					76		
18	101	58	69											0308		48					75		
19	94	64	71											0452		48					73		
20	95	61	70										.25	0553		21					73		
21	88	63	72										.10	0609		14					74		
22	90	62	70											0675		28					75		
23	97	66	76											0723		37					76		
24	78	68	79											0835		58					76		
25	101	69	79											1081		59					76		
26	99	60	81											1207		56					76		
27	100	67	82											1316		60					77		
28	100	65	67										.50	1417		8					75		
29	85	65	66										.04	1514		19					75		
30	84	62	67										.60	1667						33	74		
31	86	67	73										.01	1818		30					75		
Sum													1.68										
Avg.													Greatest 4.0							Adjusted Total			

Station		County		State	Date (Month & yr.)		Time of Complete Observation (Local time)		Standard Time in Use		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS													
WALSH		BACA		Colo	Aug 97		8:00 AM		DST															
DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION				WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS						
	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings of			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement		Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -	Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation		
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Melted Snow, etc (in & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)		Low	High					Max.	Min.	
1	91	67	75													1952	6042	42					S.T	
2	93	66	82									.19			2063	6197	8						75	
3	92	66	74									.32			2126	6309	10						76	
4	88	64	71												2176	6390	30						76	
5	89	68	68												2266	6533	40						77	
6	73	63	65									2.17			2376	6724		182					27	
7	65	50	59									.10			2472	6867		13					73	
8	75	56	63												2549	7006	30						68	
9	84	63	78												2625	7131	31						69	
10	87	58	62									1.52			2735	7369		112					71	
11	73	57	65									.78			2831	7485		50					70	
12	76	59	64									.54			2922	7624		30					69	
13	81	62	65												2999	7735	26						70	
14	86	60	71												3106	7892	26						71	
15	90	60	72												3188	8013	36						71	
16	92	59	73												3253	8114	37						72	
17	95	57	66												3393	8317	39						72	
18	77	61	68												3482	8442	25						72	
19	82	60	67												3586	8588	26						72	
20	90	57	73												3667	8710	23						72	
21	91	57	69												3731	8802	32						72	
22	95	62	67												3828	8943	47						73	
23	88	60	75												3890	9034	34						74	
24	93	64	80									.73			4106	9264		11					74	
25	91	63	70												4151	9424	47						74	
26	93	60	74												4273	9603	44						74	
27	94	61	71												4410	9801	45						74	
28	93	62	73												4479	9905	38						74	
29	96	66	73												4570	0034	41						75	
30	93	61	75												4676	0184	38						75	
31	91	60	66									.04			4751	0292	25						74	
Sum												6.39												
Avg.												Greatest												Adjusted Total

Station <u>Walsh</u>			County <u>BACA</u>			State <u>Colo</u>		Date (Month & yr.) <u>Sept 97</u>		Time of Complete Observation (Local time) <u>8:00 AM</u>		Standard Time in Use <u>DST</u>		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS							
DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION				WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS			
	24 Hour Ending at Observation		At Observation		Supplemental Readings at		Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles) Low High	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -		Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation	
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb					Wet-bulb	Dew Point								Rain, Melted Snow, etc. (in. & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)
1	58	60	72											4857	0444	40				S.T.	
2	92	64	68											4976	0615	41				74	
3	75	59	69											5077	0763	15				74	
4	73	57	68											5203	0948	21				74	
5	83	60	65											5351	1162	30				73	
6	89	61	75											5412	1256	26				73	
7	95	58	69											5490	1360	24			.21	73	
8	87	55	68											5578	1486	32				72	
9	89	55	58											5662	1616	33				72	
10	71	57	65											5733	1720	12				71	
11	84	51	64											5861	1909	33				71	
12	89	62	67											6057	2197	46				71	
13	89	55	70											6149	2333	34				71	
14	94	61	67											6278	2509	42				71	
15	92	59	66											6372	2649	37				71	
16	95	65	69											6461	2780	45				72	
17	86	53	71											6541	2895	41				70	
18	87	59	72											6624	3011	35				70	
19	97	56	64											6733	3177	54				70	
20	82	42	42											6719	3447	28			.12	64	
21	50	42	46											7017	3572				.27	62	
22	65	46	58											7215	3860	9			.05	62	
23	76	51	51											7413	4141	17			.06	62	
24	63	47	50											7577	4369	14				61	
25	67	43	63											7684	4510	21				61	
26	81	49	61											7729	4571	22				62	
27	89	60	62											7830	4716	34				64	
28	86	53	60											7963	4907	36				63	
29	75	49	53											8044	5022	30				62	
30	86	45	55											8102	5103	34				62	
31																					
Sum																					
Avg.																					

Station		County		State		Date (Month & yr.)		Time of Complete Observation (Local time)		Standard Time in (Sec)		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS													
DATE		AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION				WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS						
24 Hours Ending at Observation		Air Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -		Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation				
Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Melted Snow, etc. (in. & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)		Low	High					Max.	Min.			
1	85	49	57													8197	9225	30					63		
2	89	57	68													8298	9365	35					63		
3	90	57	64													8497	9652	55					64		
4	87	45	58													8618	9825	36					64		
5	83	53	63													8728	9980	35					64		
6	90	62	71													8903	6228	42					66		
7	84	61	62													9136	6573	45					66		
8	80	55	60									1.13				9424	6989		48				64		
9	72	37	42													9524	7125	30					58		
10	68	42	62													9694	7267	20					60		
11	78	61	64													9963	7763	30					62		
12	77	50	53									.05				0257	8265	32					62		
13	56	34	38													Brk	8535	19					55		
14	61	29	39														8608	18					53		
15	69	36	48														8691	17					54		
16	73	34	40														8835						53		
17	65	35	42														8891						53		
18	72	39	60														9028						53		
19	80	41	45														9131						54		
20	57	42	43														9278						53		
21	53	40	41									.12					9405						53		
22	48	37	40														9559						51		
23	71	39	41														9694						53		
24	70	33	38														9799						52		
25	58	18	78									.48	.50	50			0146						48		
26	22	13	20									1.27	8.5	9			0734						40		
27	33	13	26														0899						40		
28	49	26	38														0990						42		
29	48	26	42														1122						43		
30	60	31	47														1179						45		
31	60	38	53														1214						45		
Sum												3.05	9.0												
Avg.																									

STATION (Climatological) *Campo 7 Mile South* (River Station if different) *May* MONTH *19* *97*  
 STATE *CO* COUNTY *BACA* RIVER *WST*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP *7AM* PRECIPITATION *7AM* STANDARD TIME IN USE *WST*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO *Fl* FLOOD STAGE *Fl* NORMAL FLOOD STAGE *Fl*

WS FORM B-91  
(7-89)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)												
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN	24 HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY													
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins and hundredths)	At Ob	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder				Hail	Damaging Winds										
			Shower, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins)	A M	NOON	P M	Time of observation if different from above																				
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
1	66	39	51	0																							
2	84	34	49	0																							
3	64	27	39	0																							
4	72	39	47	0																							
5	79	47	58	0																							
6	73	47	59	0																							
7	83	49	59	.18																							
8	80	45	52	0																							
9	66	39	45	0																							
10	68	38	58	0																							
11	79	42	50	0																							
12	73	43	44	.01																							
13	71	42	57	0																							
14	87	45	55	0																							
15	77	49	56	.04																							
16	76	50	58	0																							
17	86	51	60	0																							
18	92	53	73	0																							
19	89	43	44	.03																							
20	57	38	50	0																							
21	70	50	56	0																							
22	70	53	57	.06																							
23	79	47	56	.02																							
24	81	45	61	0																							
25	87	44	48	0																							
26	82	46	54	0																							
27	83	38	58	0																							
28	73	46	52	0																							
29	78	50	57	0																							
30	83	50	55	0																							
31	72	48	62	0																							
SUM			SUM	1.34																							

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but age. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surt with ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

Observer *Armed C. Janner*  
 VISING OFFICE STATION INDEX NO  
 05-1268-1



STATION (Climatological) **Campa 7 Mile South** (River Station different) MONTH **July** 19 **97**  
 STATE **Co** COUNTY **Boca** RIVER  
 TIME (Local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. **7 AM** PRECIPITATION **7 AM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MST**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO F1. FLOOD STAGE F1. NORMAL POOL STAGE F1.

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			24-HR AMOUNTS		PRECIPITATION		WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY
	MAX.	MIN.					A.M.	NOON	P.M.	Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds			
1	105	51	74	0														
2	105	55	65	0														
3	87	63	74	0														
4	81	49	60	0														
5	82	59	63	0														
6	91	52	56	.60														
7	88	60	62	.15														
8	95	59	68	.01														
9	96	59	62	0														
10	93	62	72	0														
11	95	64	68	0														
12	93	57	64	0														
13	100	59	66	0														
14	95	66	70	0														
15	99	58	66	0														
16	103	63	69	0														
17	103	61	68	0														
18	102	61	66	0														
19	94	60	64	0														
20	94	62	65	.20														
21	93	63	65	.48														
22	88	63	65	.07														
23	93	64	67	0														
24	95	65	71	0														
25	97	64	74	0														
26	97	65	73	0														
27	98	65	68	0														
28	99	65	66	0														
29	97	65	67	.02														
30	94	63	68	.85														
31	86	67	70	0														
SUM.			SUM.	2.33														

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING DATE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface with ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge ab H. Pool stage.

Fog Ice Pellets Glaze Thunder Hail Damaging Winds  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE *Fred C. James* STATION INDEX NO. **05-1268-1**







STATION (Climatological) **Campo 7 miles South** (River Station, if applicable) **Oct 19 97**  
 STATE **Co.** COUNTY **BACA** RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP **7AM** PRECIPITATION **7AM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MST**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

WS FORM B-91 (7-89) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON						P.M.	
1	85	49	49	0													
2	87	48	58	0													
3	90	57	63	0													
4	88	51	66	0													
5	89	48	48	0													
6	90	57	58	0													
7	84	58	58	0													
8	74	52	55	1.16													
9	74	36	53	0													
10	69	46	59	0													
11	79	59	62	0													
12	76	51	51	0													
13	61	36	41	0													
14	63	30	37	0													
15	70	33	43	0													
16	74	36	44	0													
17	66	32	44	0													
18	73	33	35	0													
19	83	35	48	0													
20	56	41	43	0													
21	52	40	41	0.24													
22	50	31	40	0													
23	72	33	45	0													
24	70	39	40	0													
25	62	16	19	0.60	3"	SR											
26	32	12	25	1.41	16"	16"											
27	33	23	38	0		16"											
28	54	26	41	0		8"											
29	54	26	27	0		T											
30	66	25	48	0													
31	76	28	42	0													
SUM			SUM	2.41													

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface "h" ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge abc H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE  
 OBSERVER **Fred Janner**  
 STATION INDEX NO **05-1268-1**

### 3. Local Data

State Code	County Code	Site Name	HQ State	HQ County
8	9	BACA COUNTY FSA OFFICE	8	9

CED	Contact Name
T. QUIZZY LUSK	T. LUSK

*call back at 8:00 am 5/7/98*

Area Name	State Name	Site Type Name	Site District	Transmission ID	Time Zone
Southwest	Colorado	FSA County Office	1	AHG	Mountain

*5/8/98*  
Doesn't recall any farm-land damages as a result of

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Phone #	(719) 523-6251	ext.	
Fax #	(719) 523-6263	ext.	

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	MAIL ADDRESS		STREET ADDRESS
Address	P O BOX 398	Address	27200 HWY 287
Address		Address	
City	SPRINGFIELD	City	SPRINGFIELD
State	CO	State	CO
Zip	81073	Zip	81073

*of rains of flooding (mostly grassland upstream of Two Buttes)*

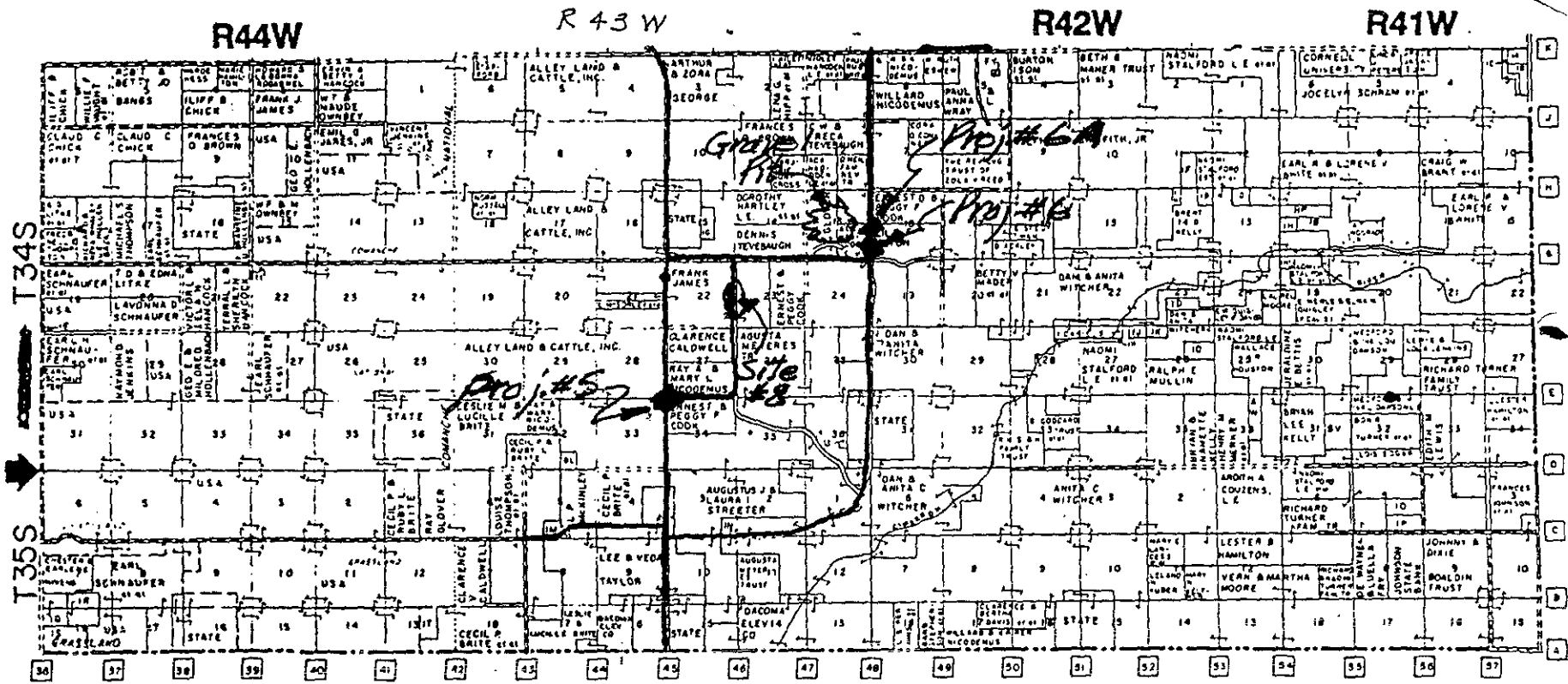
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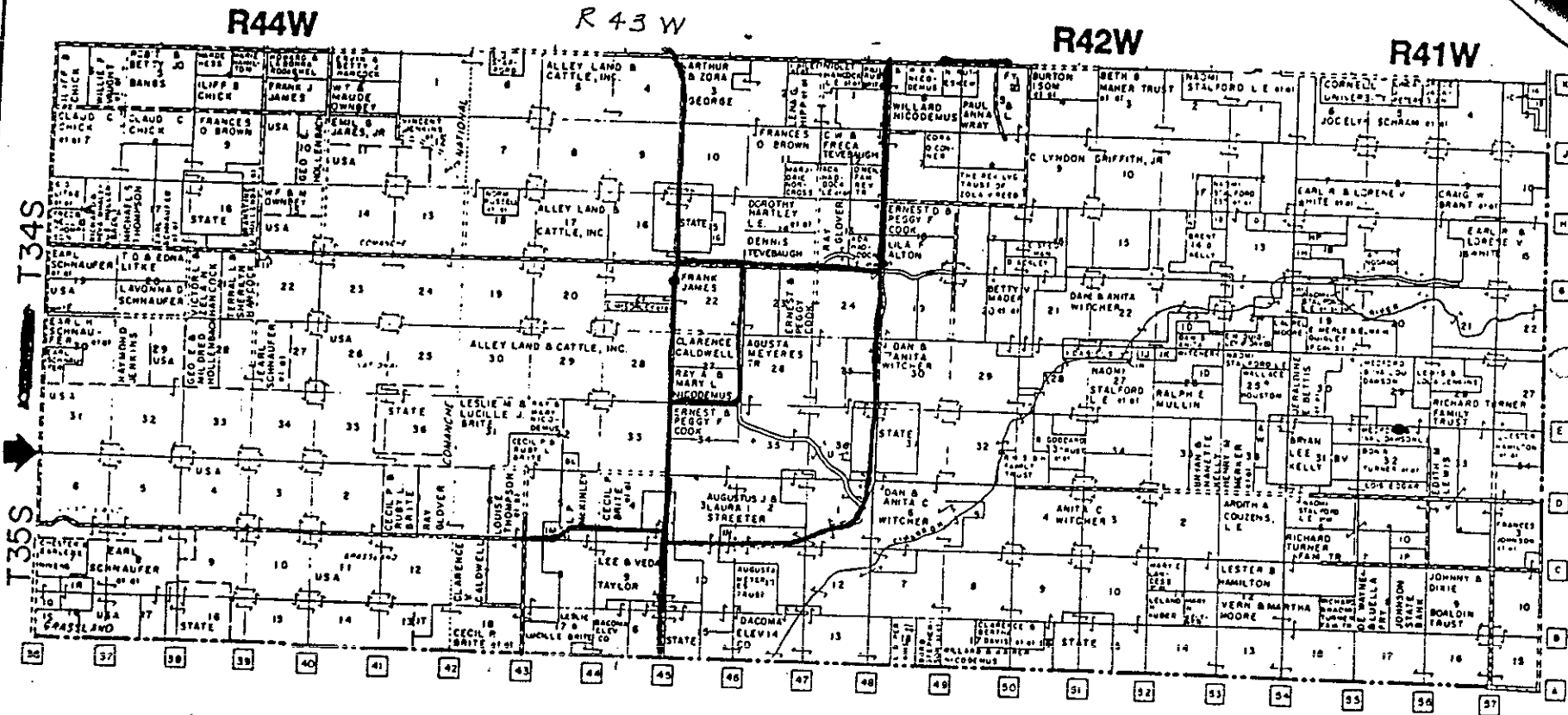
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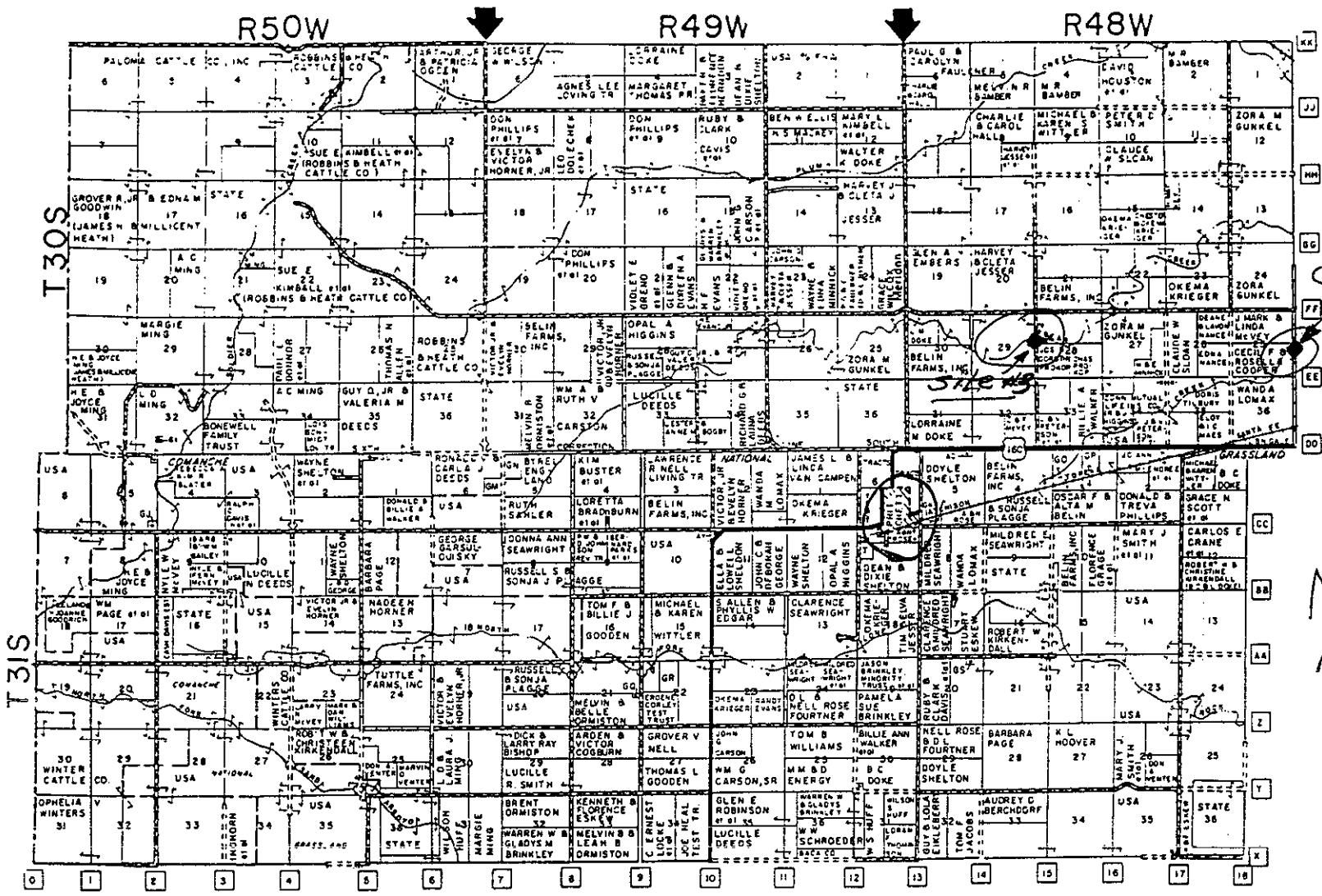


MAP of  
 Damaged Roads in S.E. Back County

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 DISASTER NO. 1186  
 DSR NO. 10601  
 PA NO. 009-00000







Site #1  
Site #2  
for Sites 1 & 3

MAP

AGE 9 OF 11  
DISASTER NO. 1186 CD  
DSR NO. 105644  
PA NO. 009-00000

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BACA COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 3

For Month of Rd M & about 4.4

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Item \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	OPERATOR'S NAME	UNIT NO.	QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	PART NAME	PRICE EACH	MACHINE NAME
8/18/97	CMP				from Colo Springs		2,442 <sup>00</sup>
8/18/97		200			Loaded Mile @ 3 <sup>100</sup>		660 <sup>00</sup>
	Jeff				1775 10yd Cement		720 <sup>00</sup>
					Baca Welding (47 4x8		208 <sup>00</sup>
					12 gauge steel		
8/18/97							9
8/19/97	Salance &				Jeff & Byron		30 hrs
8/21/97	11		11	11			30 hrs
8/25/97			11	11			10 hrs

BACA COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 3

For Month of Aug #2

Item RD 5.5 + South of RD C

DATE	OPERATOR'S NAME	UNIT NO.	QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	PART NAME	PRICE EACH	MACHINE NAME
8/13/97	Carroll - Clinton - Robert - Byron						42 hrs
8/14/97	" - James - " - " - DALE						52 hrs
8/15/97	" - Clinton - "				"		42
8/18/97	"	"	"		"		42
<del>8/18/97</del>							
<del>8/18/97</del>							
8/13/97	(C 2) + (C 3) + (C 5)				Truck + Bottom Dump		15 hrs
8/13/97	(C 47)				950 F cat		5 hrs
8/14/97	(C 31)				140 Z		10 1/2 hrs
8/14/97	C 2 + C 3 + C 5 +				C 47		42 hrs
8/15/97	C 2 + C 3 + C 5 +				C 47 + C 31		52 hrs
8/18/97	C 2 + C 3 + C 5 +				C 47 + C 31		25 hrs

Cement + Car Hatt

(C 31) 140 Z	31 hrs	\$ 750 <sup>00</sup>
(C 47) 950 F	35 hrs	\$ 2,325 <sup>00</sup>
Shell 10 loads @ 6 <sup>00</sup> + 3 <sup>00</sup> per loader mile		\$ 4,200 <sup>00</sup>
Travel 30 loads @ 6 <sup>00</sup> + 3 <sup>00</sup> per loader mi		\$ 90 <sup>00</sup>
		<u>\$ 2,650<sup>00</sup></u>

All Sand & Gravel & Dirt @ 6.00 per load  
 3.00 per loaded mile. Gravel at \$7.50 per ton  
 Loader at \$120 per hr

BACA COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 3

For Month of Proj #3

Item At 5 Rd 0.5 of South M

DATE	OPERATOR'S NAME	UNIT NO.	QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	PART NAME	PRICE EACH	MACHINE NAME
8/11/97	Clarence	- Jeff	- Byron	+ BACKHOE			3 1/2 hrs
8/12/97	"	"	+ James	"			33 <del>37 1/2</del>
8/13/97	"	"	"	+ 950B	+ BACKHOE		3 1/2
8/14/97	"	"	+ CLINTON	"			3 1/2
950B	<del>to 3 hrs</del>	31 hrs	=	3,720	00		
580 Super K		31 hrs	=	2,325	00		
36" X 30' CMAP			=	1,551	10		
				<u>6,596</u>	10		

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: July 8, 1998  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Bob Jarrett,  
Company/Affiliation: USGS  
Phone no.: (303) ~~236-1892~~ 236-6447  
Project No.: XR004

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- Comments: Left a message that we need return interval for 0.6 inches and 2 inches of rainfall at Witter Gulch
- 7/9/98 • Bob thinks this was a 50-100 year event
- 80% of 24 hr / 100 events occur within 1 hour
  - Compare NOAA Atlas 2 w/ KDFCD estimates at nearest township/range/section.
  - On Buffalo Creek, radar image underestimated total rainfall by 50%. ~~2~~
  - Bob is very impressed that the Clear Ck County radar image shows ~2 inches ppt on Aug. 3.
  - Bob says our work is invaluable - very complimentary on our efforts.

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 6/25/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Jim Cannady  
Company/Affiliation: Supervisor, Clear Ck County Road & Bridge Dept.  
Phone no.: (303) 569-3251 x-317  
Project No.: ~~0479-51~~  
⇒ XR004-51

Comments:

- Jim said summer flooding is common in Clear Ck County. Winter of 94-95 had 240% snowpack. This caused flooding from snowmelt on Leavenworth and 5. Clear Cks. Considerable damage in Georgetown.
- At least one location floods every year during the 90's and there were several floods in 1980's.
- County is prone to flooding from "super cells."
- In Witter Gulch, 1997, most damage was in the lower 2 miles of watershed. This area has more development and the canyon narrows - more defined channel. Also, more building on floodplain.
- Since 1992 they have been trying to improve drainage control / structures in Witter Gulch.
- Only emergency response was by Road & Bridge Dept. to

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provide access to residential areas. (Fix roads + culverts).

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# COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

BY: WJE  
DATE: May 29, 1998  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Jim Cannady  
AFFILIATION: Road Supervisor, County  
PHONE #: (303) 679-2317  
569-3251  
mobile 570-0312

1. Affected streams and local drainages?

Bear Ck, Central Clearcreek basin  
Witter Gulch, Indian Ck, Yankee Ck

2. Geographic extent of flooding?

Entire Bearcreek basin  
Clear Ck from Fall River east to county line.

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?

6:15 pm - 10:30 pm Aug. 3

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?

unofficial Clear Ck 1 - 2 1/2 inches  
Bear Ck 7 inches

5. Rainfall bucket surveys?

Bear Ck foreman up to 10 inches  
measured

6. Precipitation gauging network?

Don't have one.

7. Documentation of high water marks?

Photographs, physically marking HWM so that water resources  
can make measurements. (DWR)

8. Estimated peak discharges?

9. Estimated flood damages? \$250,000 (road repair only) gravel & pavement activities are additional. Telephone some home owners driveways

10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.

\$15,400 local

10,800 state

104,740 federal

\$49,606 - Witter Gulch

Damage Survey Report \$54,000 for Witter Gulch

11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.

< \$10,000

12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?

road repairs, culvert replacement, regrading, ditch repair, pavement repair.

13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?

Yes, infrastructure drainage improvement plan 1995. installation of culverts in strategic locations. Reduced damage by as much as 80% Bear Ck basin Evergreen west & Circle K Ranch subdivision

14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?

Yes, need to reconstruct intersection of Murphy Dr. & Upper Bear Ck Rd. (Engineering, that now) New drainage improvement on Witter Gulch. (Installation of ~18 corrugated metal culverts)

15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

Man-made pond washed out & several ditches & embankment failures.



16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

Do have some photos of road washouts.

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

upper Clear Ck basin has watershed map - water resources - GIS

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

Yes, several thousand pages. FEMA documentation is in...

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

Clear Ck Current had limited articles.

(303) 567-4491

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

County offices have one.

\* Call Laura Ohman

rebury some gas lines  
~ \$10,000

Johanne Knowl, Public Service Co.

(703) 670-6204

Sue Lane - US Forest Service

(303) 567-3028

6/5/98

Sue said the forest service did not have any flood related costs last summer.

Phil Ryman (303) 670-6246 6/5/98  
Public Service Co.

Dave Albers - US West

(703) 792-6292

6/5/98

# The Town of Georgetown

Local: 569-2555

P.O. Box 426  
Georgetown, Colorado 80444

Denver: 623-6882

## FAX COVER PAGE

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES

TO: BILL ELLETT (970) 484-7593

FROM: MEGAN WAGERS

RE: FLOOD SURVEY

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER PAGE ONE

DATE: 042998 TIME: 9:15am

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ALL PAGES  
PLEASE CALL 569-2555 LOCAL / -FAX #569-2705

### COMMENTS

BILL: NO FLOODING IN GEORGETOWN LAST YEAR. YOU MAY  
WANT TO CHECK WITH CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TO SEE IF THEY  
EXPERIENCED ANY FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THEIR  
PHONE NUMBER IS (303) 569-3251 EXT. 382 LAURA OMAN.



# Riverside Technology, inc.

5840 Banneker Road, Suite 170 • Columbia, MD 21044

410/740-8220 • FAX 410/740-8221

Subject: Bob Jarrett USGS  
 Computed: wje Date: 6/6/98  
 Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Proposal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project/Proposal No.: 0479 Task: 52  
 Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(303) 236-~~4882~~ 6447

Talked w/ Bob Jarrett at USGS in Denver about Clear Ck County flooding. Bob said that there really is a lot of disagreement/uncertainty about how intense the Aug. 3 event was. He said it was probably only about 2 inches, but that amount could be a 100-yr event in that high country. It was more intense than most people had ever seen up there even though most runoff was associated with gravel roads & driveways and developed areas.

18/98 Dave Alves - US West - No damage

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/8/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Laura <sup>Oman</sup> ~~Johnson~~, Director  
Company/Affiliation: Clear ck County Office of Emgy. Mngmt.  
Phone no.: (303) ~~567-0277~~ 569-3251 x-382.  
Project No.: 0479-51 ~~0479-~~

ELLETT (303) 567-0277 (home)

Comments:

- Same storm as one that hit Ft. Collins. (really?)
- storm set over two little ridges.
- Rained as much as 11" in 3 hrs, or as little as 2" depending on location & who you ask.
- very high intensity electrical storm.
- This intense of storm hasn't been seen by local residents in at least 25 years.
- Entire storm lasted about 3 hours.

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/27/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Bobbi Hawks  
Company/Affiliation: Clear Ck County Commissioners Office  
Phone no.: (303) 569-3251  
Project No.: 0479 - 51

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**Comments:**

Left messages with county commissioner's office, planning director, and road supervisor. Also, tried to call Donnette Oxley - Floodplain Administrator, but line kept disconnecting. (x-343)

Also, left message w/ Laura Ohman @ (303) 569-3251, ext. 382.

Also, left messages with Megan <sup>(303) 569-2555</sup> <sup>Wagers</sup> (?), city clerk in Georgetown and the City Clerk in Silver Plume (303) 569-2363.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*W. J. Ellett*

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/28/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Wendy Heffner, City Clerk  
Company/Affiliation: Idaho Springs  
Phone no.: (303) 567-4421  
Project No.: 0479-51

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**Comments:**

No flooding occurred in Idaho Springs during the summer of 1997.

Signature Mr. J. Ellett

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/27/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Ellett  
Spoke With: Empire City Clerk  
Company/Affiliation:  
Phone no.: (303) 569-2978  
Project No.: 0479-51

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**Comments:**

No flooding occurred in Empire during the summer of 1997. Clear Creek channel is deep near Empire.

Signature W. J. Ellett

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**2290 East Prospect Road, Suite 1  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525  
PHONE (970) 484-7573  
FAX (970) 484-7593**

**TO:** Megan  
Town of Georgetown

**FAX NO.:** (303) 569-2705

**FROM:** Bill Ellett

**DATE:** April 27, 1998

**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)

**SUBJECT:** Documentation for flooding during the summer of 1997

**COMMENTS:**

Hi Megan,

Attached is the list of questions I mentioned on the phone. At this time, the CWBC is only interested in documenting flooding that occurred last summer. If none occurred in Georgetown, then it would help if I could reference you or Ted. If nothing else, this would help document the extent of flooding that occurred last summer in other parts of Clear Creek County.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to hearing from you or Ted.

Bill Ellett

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**TO:** **Jim Cannady**  
**Clear Creek County Road Supervisor**

**FAX NO.:** (303) 679-2446     *mobile phone: (303) 570-0321*

**FROM:** Bill Ellett

**DATE:** May 6, 1998

**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)

**SUBJECT:** Documentation for flooding during the summer of 1997

**COMMENTS:**

Hi Jim,

I appreciate your willingness to provide information about last summer's flooding in Clear Creek County. As I mentioned on the phone, our company is under contract with the Colorado Water Conservation Board to document flooding that occurred last summer in much of eastern Colorado and along the Front Range. I have also tried to contact other people in Clear Creek County, but several of them told me that you were the best source of information.

Attached a list of questions/issues for your review that we would like to address in our documentation of flooding in Clear Creek County. It would be helpful we could discuss these items on the phone, or if you prefer, perhaps you could provide written answers. Whatever is easiest for you.

Thanks again for your cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Ellett

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**TO:** Laura Ohmon  
**FAX NO.:** (303) 567-0277  
**FROM:** Bill Ellett  
**DATE:** May 8, 1998  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** Documentation for flooding during the summer of 1997

**COMMENTS:**

Hi Laura,

Thank you for calling me back. I appreciate your willingness to help document flooding last summer in Clear Creek County. I have attached several pages of questions we have put together to try to focus out research efforts. I hope they will be helpful to you in understanding the kinds of issues that we think need to be documented. If there are other things you think are important, please do not hesitate to include them.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to hearing from you and from Brain Hyde.

Bill Ellett

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**TO:** Bob Jarrett  
U.S. Geological Survey

**FAX NO.:** (303) 236-5034

**FROM:** Bill Ellett

**DATE:** June 6, 1998

**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 8 Page(s) (Including this Page)

**SUBJECT:** Documentation for Clear Creek County flooding

**COMMENTS:**

Hi Bob,

Thank you for agreeing to review this documentation of Clear Creek County flooding from last summer. The focus is on flooding in Witter Gulch because that is where most of the flood damage costs were incurred. I would like to incorporate your suggestions as soon as possible. Thanks again for your help.

Bill Ellett

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## 2. Federal Data

X-POP3-Rcpt: kstewart@eazy  
Return-Path: rjarrett@brrcmail.cr.usgs.gov  
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 1997 17:08:59 -0600  
To: kstewart@udfcd.org, burbonas@udfcd.org, brian.hyde@state.co.us  
From: "Robert D Jarrett, Hydrologist, Denver, CO "<rjarrett@usgs.gov> (Bob Jarrett)  
Subject: Witter Gulch, Clear Creek County 8/3/97 storm  
Cc: "Robert D Jarrett, Hydrologist, Denver, CO "<rjarrett@usgs.gov>,  
tom.browning@state.co.us,  
"Mark E Smith, Hydrologist, Denver, CO "<mesmith@usgs.gov>,  
"Jerry E Vaill Jr., Hydrologist, Grand Junction, CO "<jevaill@usgs.gov>,  
nolan@ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu,  
"Gregory B Oneill, Supervisory Hydrologic Tech, Denver, CO "<gboneill@usgs.gov>,  
hms@interserv.com, LARRY.TUNNELL@NOAA.GOV, mgrimm@fema.gov

On October 10-11, 1997, I visited Buffalo Creek and Clear Creek County (referred to as Witter Gulch and Corral Creek storm) related to flash flooding on 8/31/97 and 8/3/97, respectively. In this email, I summarize the Witter Gulch flood; separately, a summary is being prepared for the August 31, 1997 flood in the Buffalo Creek area. [From Kevin Stewart "This storm resulted in a presidential disaster declaration for Clear Creek County. Unconfirmed reports of rainfall exceeding 10 inches."] My site visits and documentation were made to assist CWCB, Clear Creek County, and UDFCD officials with determining the magnitude of storm runoff on 8/3, which also complements flood research I am conducting. The main focus of this research is to visit recent flood sites to relate actual flood height (HWMs) and height of paleostage indicators (PSIs) of flood-deposited sediments and tree scars. PSIs then can be used long after a flood (which hasn't been documented by standard flood methods) to estimate flood magnitude and time since the flood. This writeup is preliminary (and unedited), although final peak discharges likely won't vary by more than 5-10 percent. With these caveats, feel free to pass this info on to others.

Witter Gulch, roughly 5 sq. mi., is a southeasterly flowing tributary to Bear Creek at the Clear Creek-Jefferson County line. Witter Gulch Road, which is oriented south~~west~~<sup>east</sup> to northwest through the center of the basin from Upper Bear Creek Road (at the county line) to State Highway 103 about 2 miles east of Squaw Pass. Elevations range from about 7,400 feet to 10,086 feet (Hicks Mountain on the southwest basin boundary) and the basin length is about 4 miles, which indicates the ruggedness of the mountain basin. Most of the basin is densely vegetated with spruce, pine, and aspen and has a dense undercover with a thick duff (organic leaf litter) layer. Development in Witter Gulch basin is limited to perhaps several hundred homes and slightly more than 20 percent of the basin are Denver Mountain Park Sites. Most roads are gravel (very low infiltration, thus, exacerbating runoff) except about the lower 2 miles of Witter Gulch Road.

1. METHODS. I obtained 5 cross sections (or sites; locations shown on fig. 1) in Witter Gulch using a cloth tape located at high-water marks (HWMs) end points and measuring depth with a survey rod (fig. 2). Three sites (one cross section = a site) were located in the lower mile of Witter Gulch (site 1 near the confluence with Bear Creek, site 2 is located upstream from the first crossing of Witter Gulch Road, and site 3 upstream

from Oak Way), site 4 is located about halfway up Witter Gulch about 0.5 mile upstream from the intersection of Stagecoach, Circle K, and Witter Gulch Roads), and site 5 is located near the lowest "switchback" on Witter Gulch Road about 1 mile below to the Hwy 103 basin boundary. An additional 7 cross sections were obtained in nearby basins (Corral Creek, Pedee Creek, Hicks Mountain tributaries, Yankee Creek, and Murphy Gulch (fig. 1).

Local channel slopes and Manning's n values were obtained for each cross section. HWMs primarily were fine leaf/needle litter, slack-water (sediment) deposits (SWDs), wash lines, and bent grass. The HWMs are very well preserved, in very good agreement at each site (fig. 3, cross section for Witter Gulch upstream from Oak Way). HWMs generally were rated as "good" or "good to excellent," which is typical preservation of HWMs in Colorado. Photographs of cross sections and HWMs also were taken at most sites. Peak discharges were computed using the average of estimates using slope-conveyance and critical-depth methods for each cross section; generally, peak discharge estimates for each method varied by 10 percent or less.

Estimates of 8/3 rainfall were made from geomorphic indicators (similar to those made for the Buffalo Creek storm of July 12, 1996). These indicators include the amount of sediments mobilized on hillslopes, distance transported, width and depth of rill/gully development, and peak discharge estimates.

## 2. RESULTS

### A. Peak-discharges estimates.

SITE NUMBER -- PEAK DISCHARGE in cubic feet per second (cfs).

- 1 & 2. Witter Gulch -- 130 and 135 cfs, respectively.
3. Witter Gulch -- 210 cfs.
4. Witter Gulch -- 150 cfs.
5. Witter Gulch -- 55 cfs.
6. Pedee Creek u/s from Vance Creek -- <10 cfs.
7. Pedee Creek d/s from Vance Creek -- <50 cfs.
8. Corral Creek d/s from Vance Creek -- <50 cfs. Note, maximum peak discharge in 1997 (from snowmelt or rainfall runoff) from older HWMs was estimated to be about 100 cfs.
9. Hicks Mountain southwest tributary -- <5 cfs.
10. Hicks Mountain southeast tributary -- <5 cfs.
11. Yankee Creek -- <10 cfs.
12. Murphy Gulch -- 40 cfs.

Bear Creek channel near Witter Gulch is sufficiently large from high elevation, snowmelt runoff (typically, annual peak flows ~250-550 cfs), which precludes evidence of recent smaller flows, and it was late Saturday (and raining); thus, no peak discharge estimate in Bear Creek. The discharge would have been smaller than the combined flow from sites 1 and 8-12 or less than 175 cfs. This estimate does not incorporate attenuation of peak flow, etc.

## B. Rainfall estimates.

Recent rill development is very limited in the study area. Rills generally were less than 1 inch deep and 2 inches wide on unvegetated, steep hillslopes suggesting moderately intense rainfall for this storm. Gully development (generally <1 ft deep) from runoff along the sides of roads and locally where this runoff flowed over steep slopes. Small sediment deposits (alluvial fans, SWDs, and flood bars) generally only developed in areas draining gravel roads. Notable deposits are in the vicinity of site 4 (which is the area of the greatest concentration of homes, driveways, and gravel roads) and on Murphy Gulch at Upper Bear Creek Road (d/s from site 12). Runoff from undeveloped areas within the study area was negligible. >From past experience, particularly 1996 Buffalo Creek storms, Virginia Canyon near Idaho Springs storm of 1991, and runoff from sites 1-12 of the "Witter Gulch" storm, the peak discharges probably were produced by 1 to 2 inches of rain in a short duration (likely less than 60 minutes -typical thunderstorm duration) and very localized (e.g., minimal increase in peak flows from site 3 to 1 on Witter Gulch, and lack of runoff in other basins). This interpretation does not discount the rainfall amounts from local residents in the Witter Gulch area. It is likely that such rainfall totals reflect total amounts of rainfall in much longer durations (a day or more).

## C. Interpretations/Comments

Undeveloped basins (no gravel roads or homes) in the study area had minimal (<5 cfs) runoff during 1997. Rainfall runoff on 8/3 were caused by runoff from gravel roads, particularly in the center of the Witter Gulch basin. [This has been noted for other foothills streams such as Buffalo Creek in 1996/97, Virginia Canyon at Idaho Springs in 1991, and Cub Creek near Evergreen on June 6, 1997.] Dense vegetation and thick duff on undisturbed hillslopes in foothills and mountain basins such as Witter Gulch also helps minimize runoff. Damage to public utilities resulted from moderate erosion on steep slopes rather than natural stream channels. Many culverts in Witter Gulch were obstructed by woody debris and/or have a flow capacity of less than 100 to 200 cfs. These culverts, particularly driveway crossing streams, overtopped causing water to flow along roads further contributing to erosion and deposition of flood sediments. These backwater/overflow areas help attenuate peak flows (re: sites 4 to 3).

Additional onsite investigations can be made to further refine areas and magnitudes of runoff. A systematic bucket survey may provide some information about rainfall amounts and duration of the 8/3 peak flows if residents recall the storm. Similarly, rainfall estimates for 8/3 could be reconstructed from radar. This small storm does not appear to warrant such a reconstruction as there are far better recent extreme rainstorms in Colorado (e.g., Pawnee Creek/Sterling) where limited resources could better be utilized. Such documentation would provide additional insight about rainfall-runoff processes.

encl via fax ("cc" list will be mailed).

Robert D Jarrett  
"capt'n flood"  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Box 25046, MS 412  
Denver, CO 80225

Phone: 303-236-6447  
Fax: 303-236-5034  
Internet: rjarrett@usgs.gov



Robert D Jarrett, H, 10:18 AM 10/9/97 , Re: Witter Gulch flash flood,

X-POP3-Rcpt: kstewart@eazy  
Return-Path: rjarrett@brrcmail.cr.usgs.gov  
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 1997 10:18:30 -0600  
To: Kevin Stewart <kstewart@udfcd.org>  
From: "Robert D Jarrett, Hydrologist, Denver, CO" <rjarrett@usgs.gov> (Bob Jarrett)  
Subject: Re: Witter Gulch flash flood, evening of 97-Aug-3  
Cc: "Robert D Jarrett, Hydrologist, Denver, CO" <rjarrett@usgs.gov>,  
tom.browning@state.co.us, hms@interserv.com, brian.hyde@state.co.us,  
nolan@ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu,  
"Mark E Smith, Hydrologist, Denver, CO" <mesmith@usgs.gov>,  
"Jerry E Vaill Jr., Hydrologist, Grand Junction, CO" <jevail@usgs.gov>,  
mgrimm@fema.gov

FAX  
236-5034

Kevin

I hope to get up to Witter Gulch friday or Saturday; goal to identify basins affected by the 8/3/97 rainstorm. My objective is to use the data I collect primarily to estimate the rainfall characteristics of the storm from geomorphic indicators. Per a discussion with Brian Hyde, my fieldwork will include peak discharge estimates for several sites in the WG basin (and likely on on Bear Creek -as best as I can tell, Witter Gulch enters Bear Creek a short distance upstream from his paleoflood site (MS thesis). If you would like a XS at your gage, I'll do my best to get one and provide a rating curve (like for Cub Creek). Can you fax (236-5034) maps of UDFCD streamflow gages near Witter GI (Bear Cr at Rosedale?). Thanks

best regards, bob  
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Kevin

10/6 Response  
3:53

Thanks for the heads up. That one doesn't ring a bell nor do I remember hearing about it (Tom, does this sound familiar??). I take it that Witter Gulch is a trib of Upper Bear Creek (approximate location in terms of miles upstream from Evergreen Lake or County line?). Once I locate the site, I'll head up there and will let you know what I find out.

bob

>Bob,  
>  
>Have you conducted any paleo investigations for this event? I just learned  
>last week that this T-storm resulted in a presidential disaster declaration  
>for Clear Creek County. Watershed elevs. range from 7400-10,000' plus.  
>Unconfirmed reports of rainfall exceeding 10-inches. I'm not sure I believe  
>these numbers. Storm duration was about 1-hour. We have hydrographs at  
>Rosedale and Evergreen Dam for this event. We have also archived the radar  
>data. ALERT rainfall at Rosedale was 0.59". Large hail also reported.  
>Lightning was continuous. I remember this Sunday boomer vividly. Henz and  
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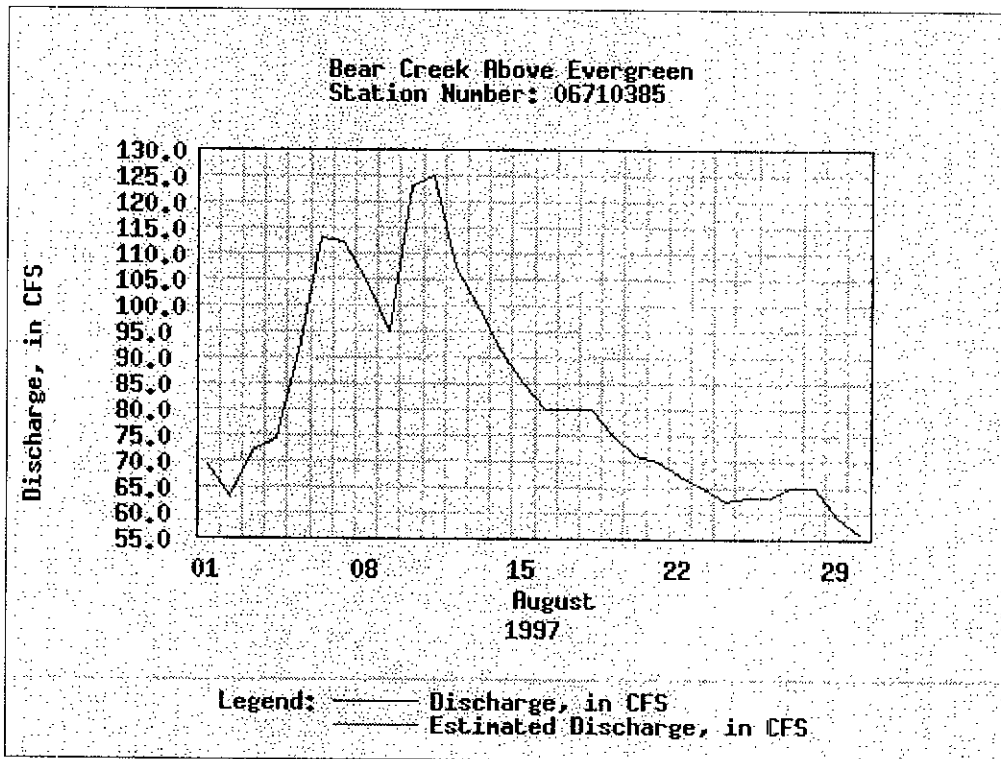
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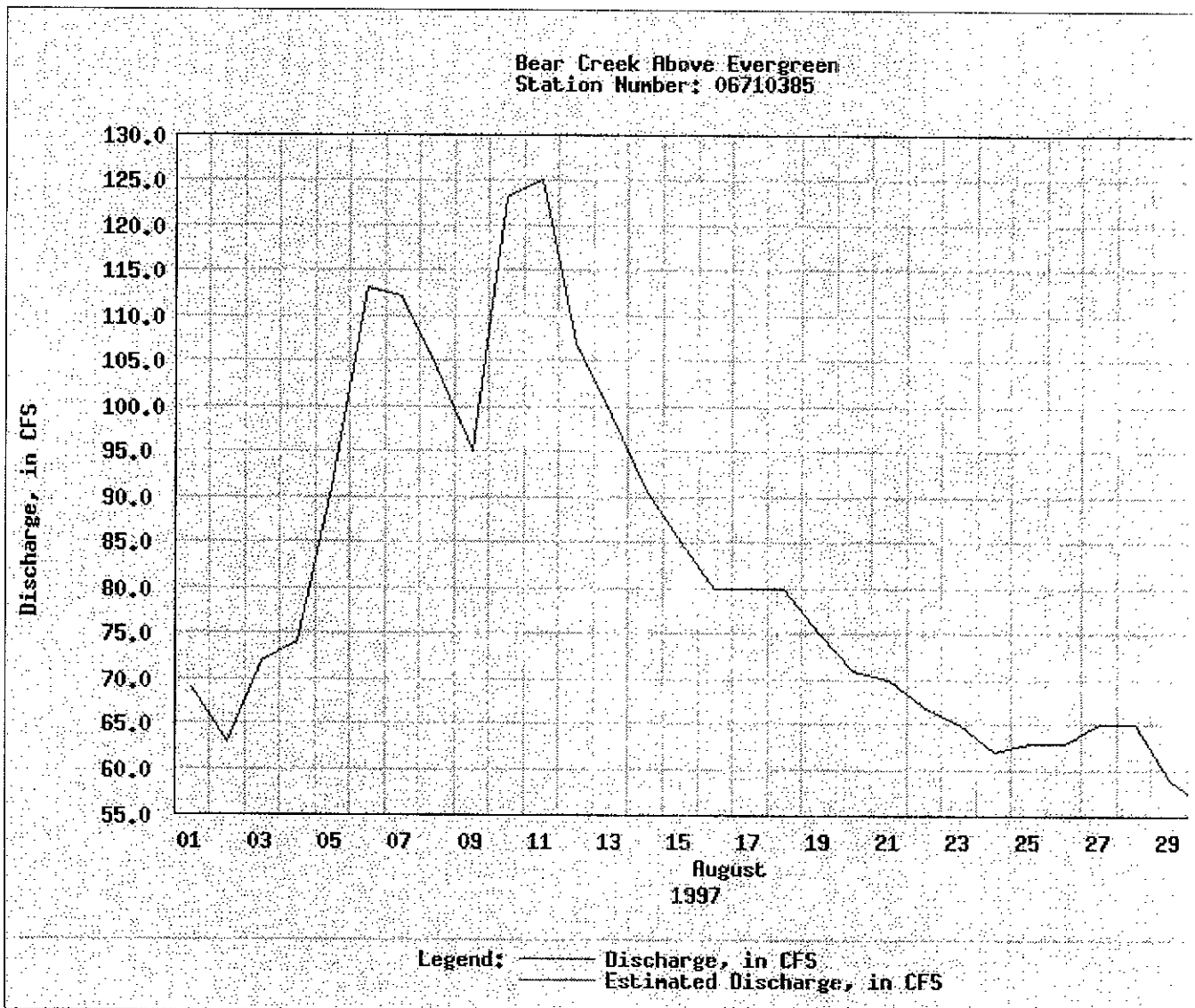
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UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA [NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 08/1997										Station Location: DENVER, CO (DEN) lat: 39° 52', lon: -104° 40' Elev(Ground): 5414 Feet Time Zone: Mountain Standard WBAN: 03017													
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)				Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees					
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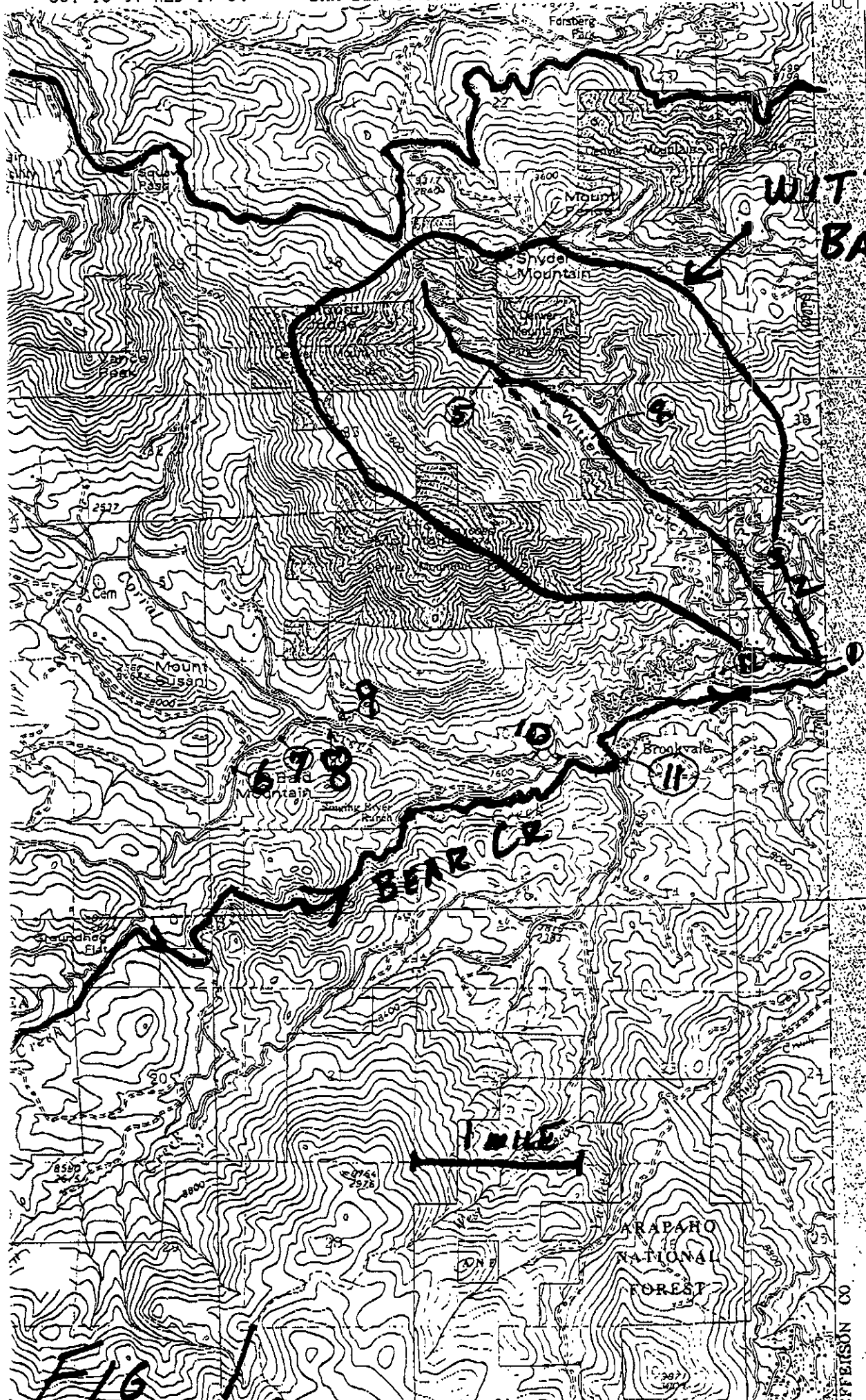
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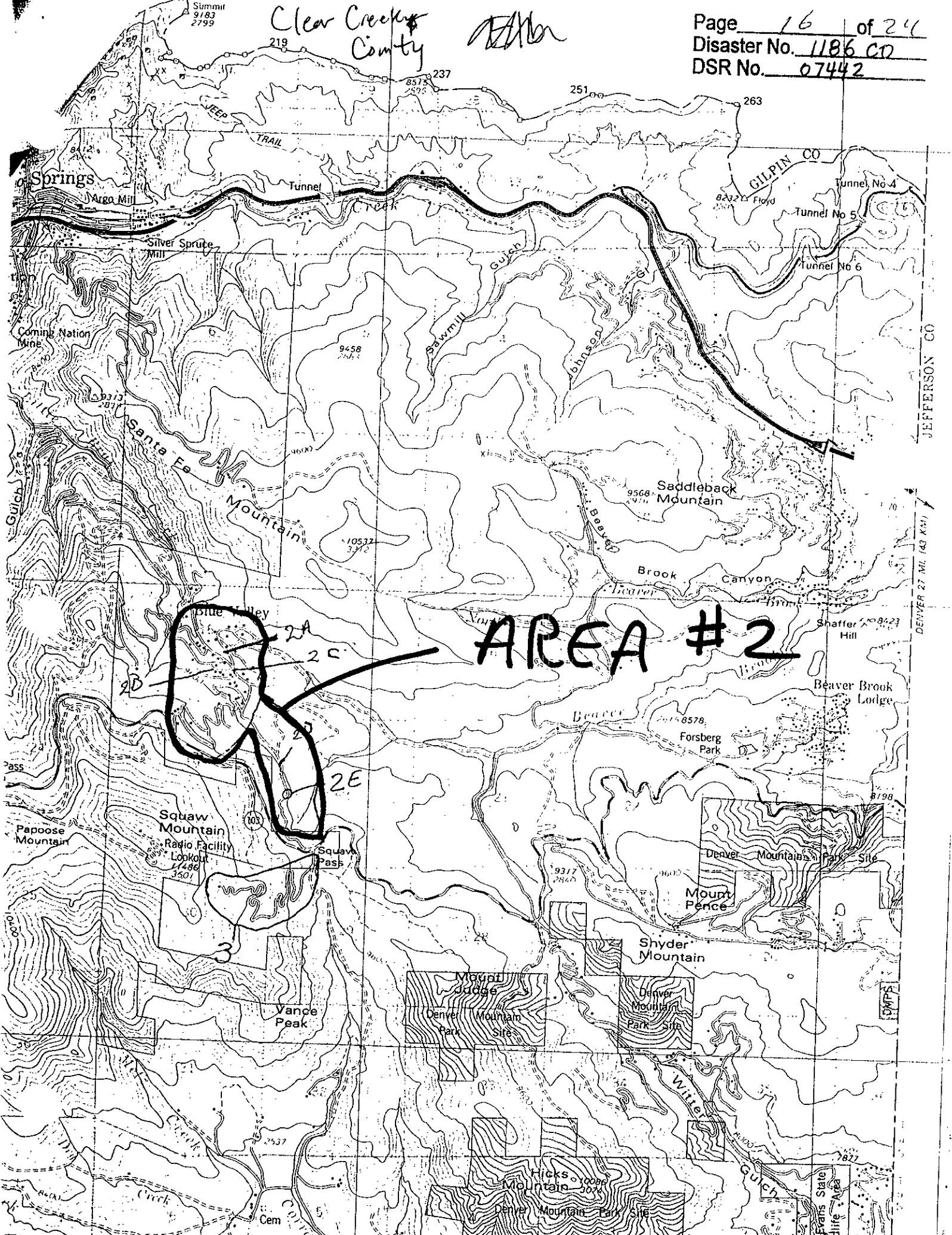
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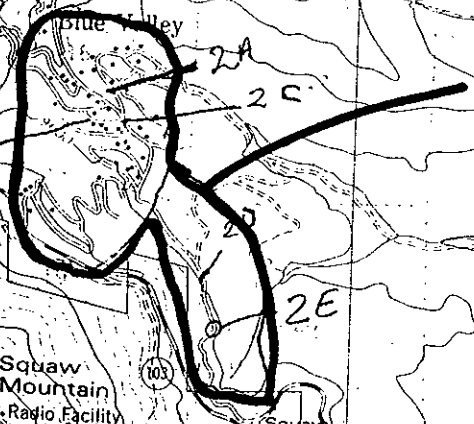
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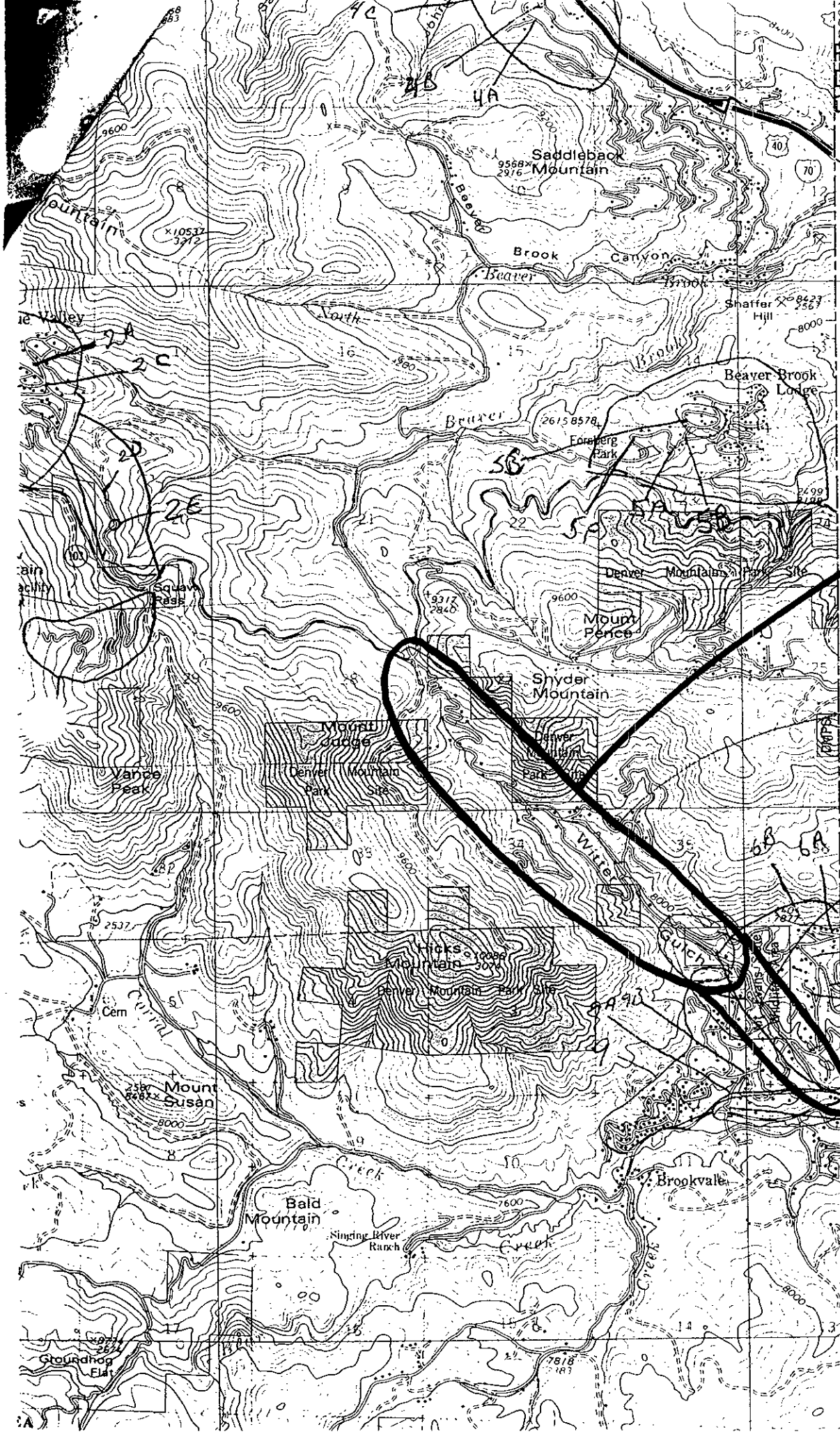


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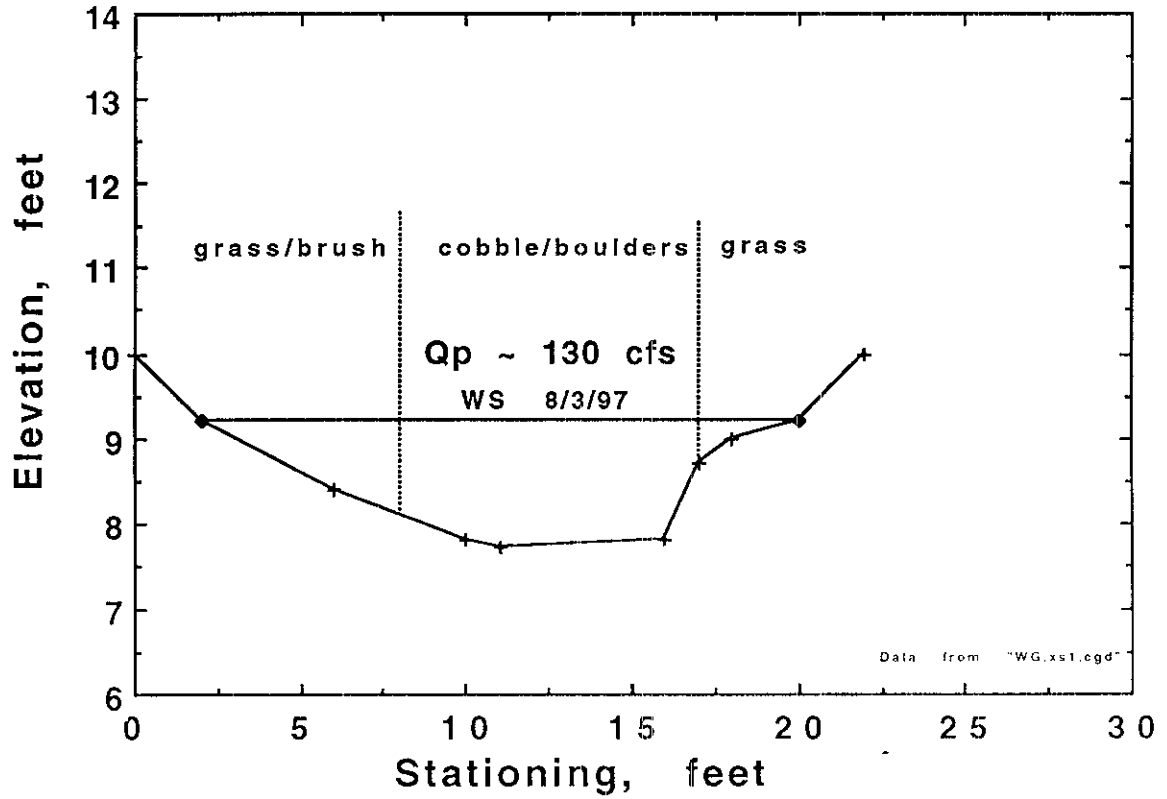
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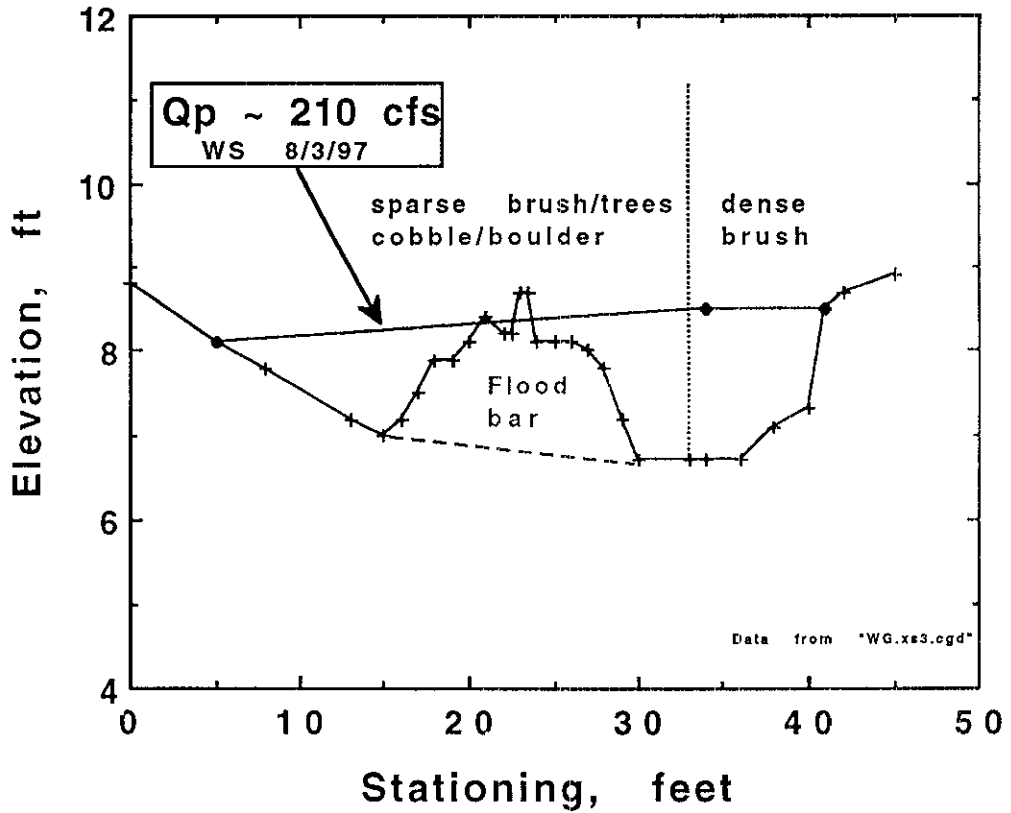
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### Witter Gulch (Site 1) nr Bear Creek



### Witter Gulch u/s Oak Way



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2	2	9.2	9.2
3	6	8.4	
4	10	7.8	
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6	16	7.8	
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30	45	8.9	

### 3. State Data

To: Bob Jarrett  
From: Kevin Stewart <kstewart@udfcd.org>  
Subject: Witter Gulch flash flood, evening of 97-Aug-3  
Cc: Jack Henz, Tom Browning  
Bcc:  
X-Attachments:

Laura Oman  
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x282

Bob,

Have you conducted any paleo investigations for this event? I just learned last week that this T-storm resulted in a presidential disaster declaration for Clear Creek County. Watershed elevs. range from 7400-10,000' plus. Unconfirmed reports of rainfall exceeding 10-inches. I'm not sure I believe these numbers. Storm duration was about 1-hour. We have hydrographs at Rosedale and Evergreen Dam for this event. We have also archived the radar data. ALERT rainfall at Rosedale was 0.59". Large hail also reported. Lightning was continuous. I remember this Sunday boomer vividly. Henz and I were both concerned about it's possible impacts. District was not affected.

Kevin

Call back from Bryan Hyde

{ 18" Two Unconfirmed reports }  
11.25"  
3" + Also: along Squaw Pass Rd. reported



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Clear Creek County Flood Dist.  
Witter Gulch Cross-Sections  
In order from uts to d/s (#1 through #4)

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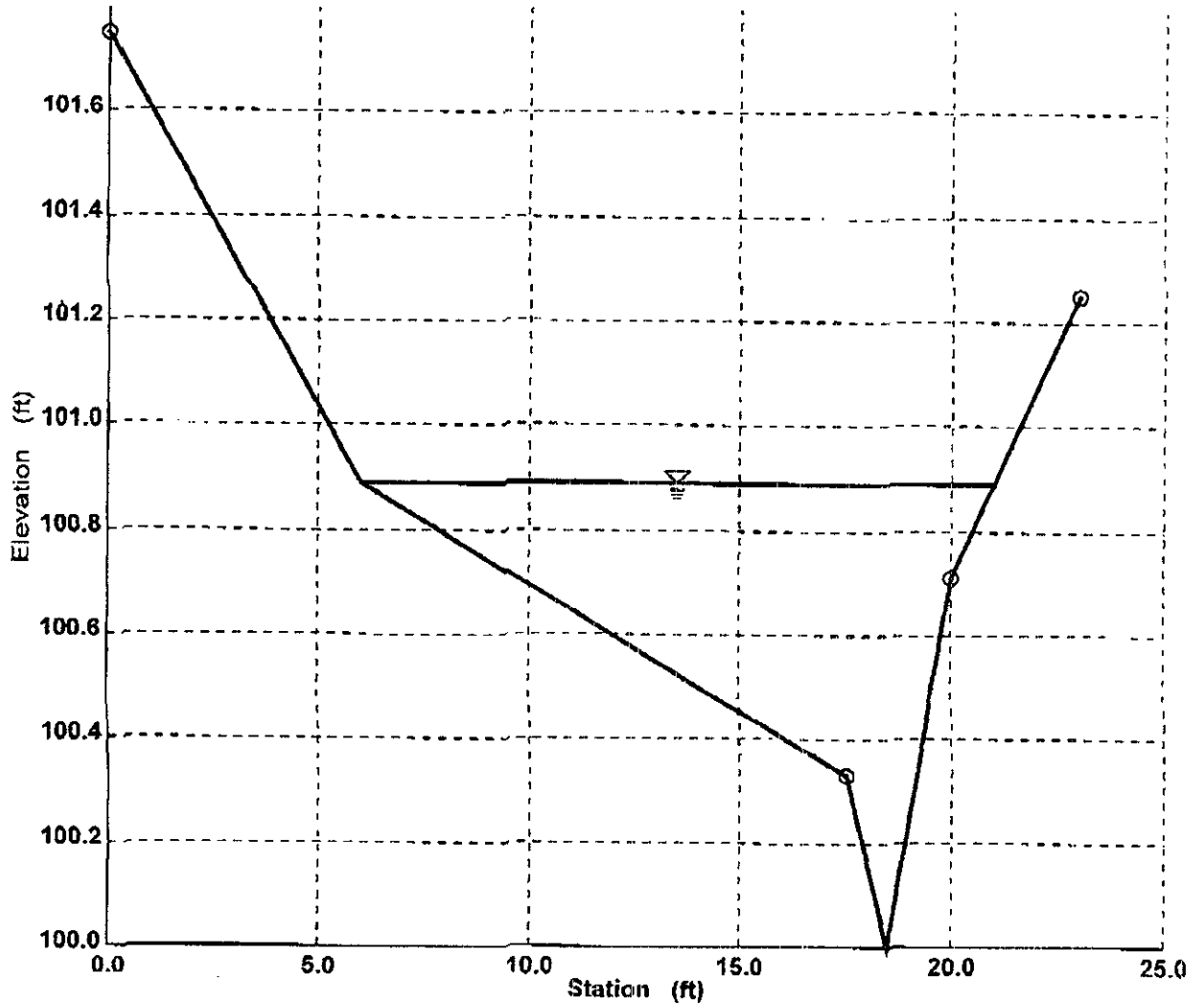
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### Witter Gulch near Switchback Cross Section for Irregular Channel

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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

#1

Section Data	
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Channel Slope	0.100000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	100.89 ft
Discharge	28.65 cfs

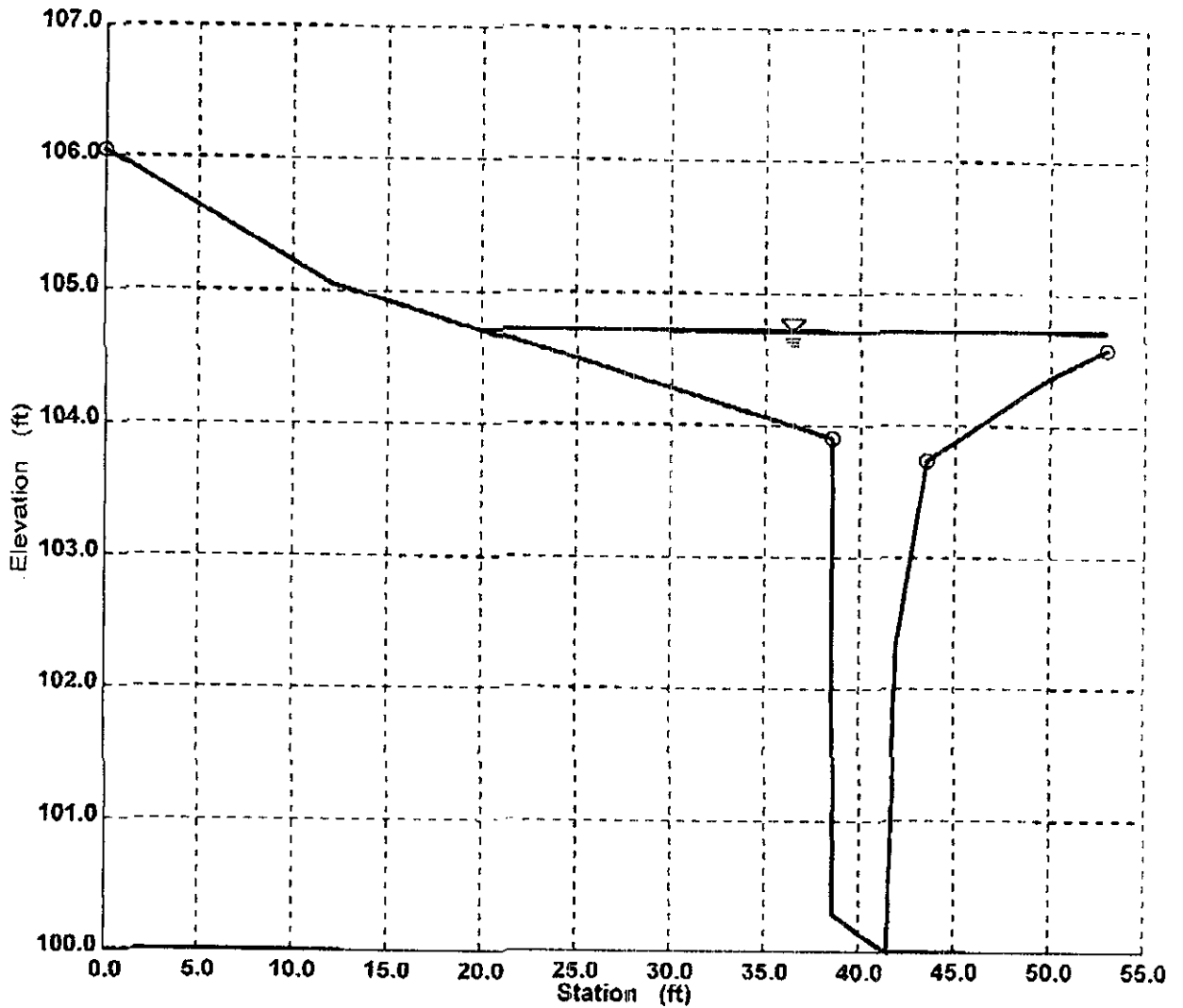


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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

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Section Data	
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Discharge	233.24 cfs

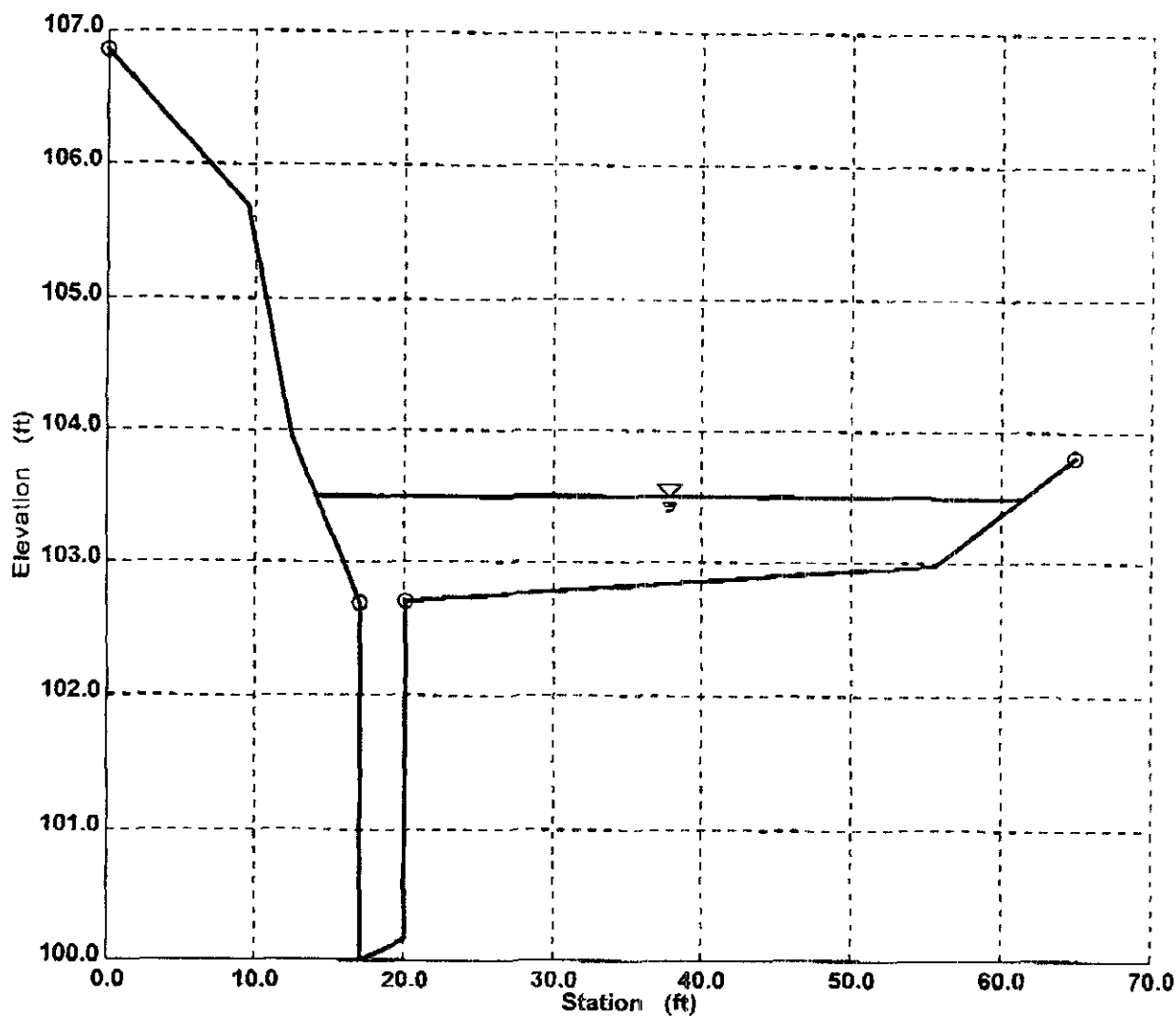


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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

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Section Data	
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Discharge	332.04 cfs

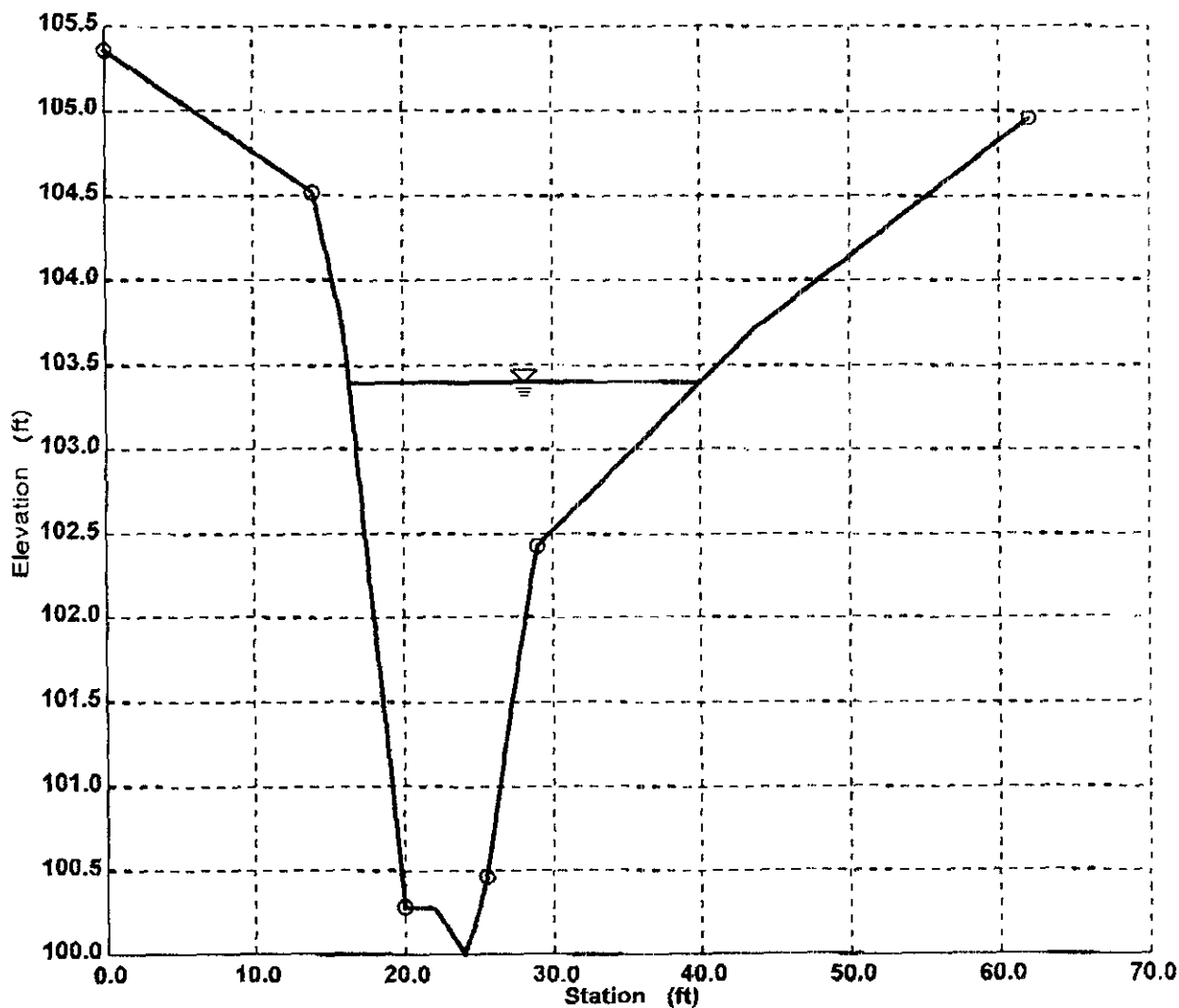


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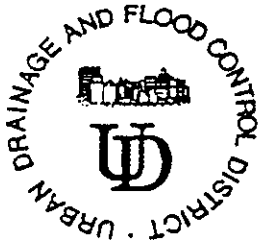
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Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

#4

Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.041
Channel Slope	0.060000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	103.39 ft
Discharge	393.38 cfs



## 4. Local Data



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FAX TRANSMITTAL/LETTER

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MESSAGE: ALERT Data for Upper Bear Creek - 1997

For your files:

- 1) Seasonal plots for Rosedale Gage #2253  
Daily Max/Min Qs + Rain (2 pages)
- 2) Aug 3 Hyds + Rain + statreport (3 pages)
- 3) Aug 11 Hyds + Rain + statreport (4 pages)

↑ A day similar to Aug 3. I believe the peak was higher.

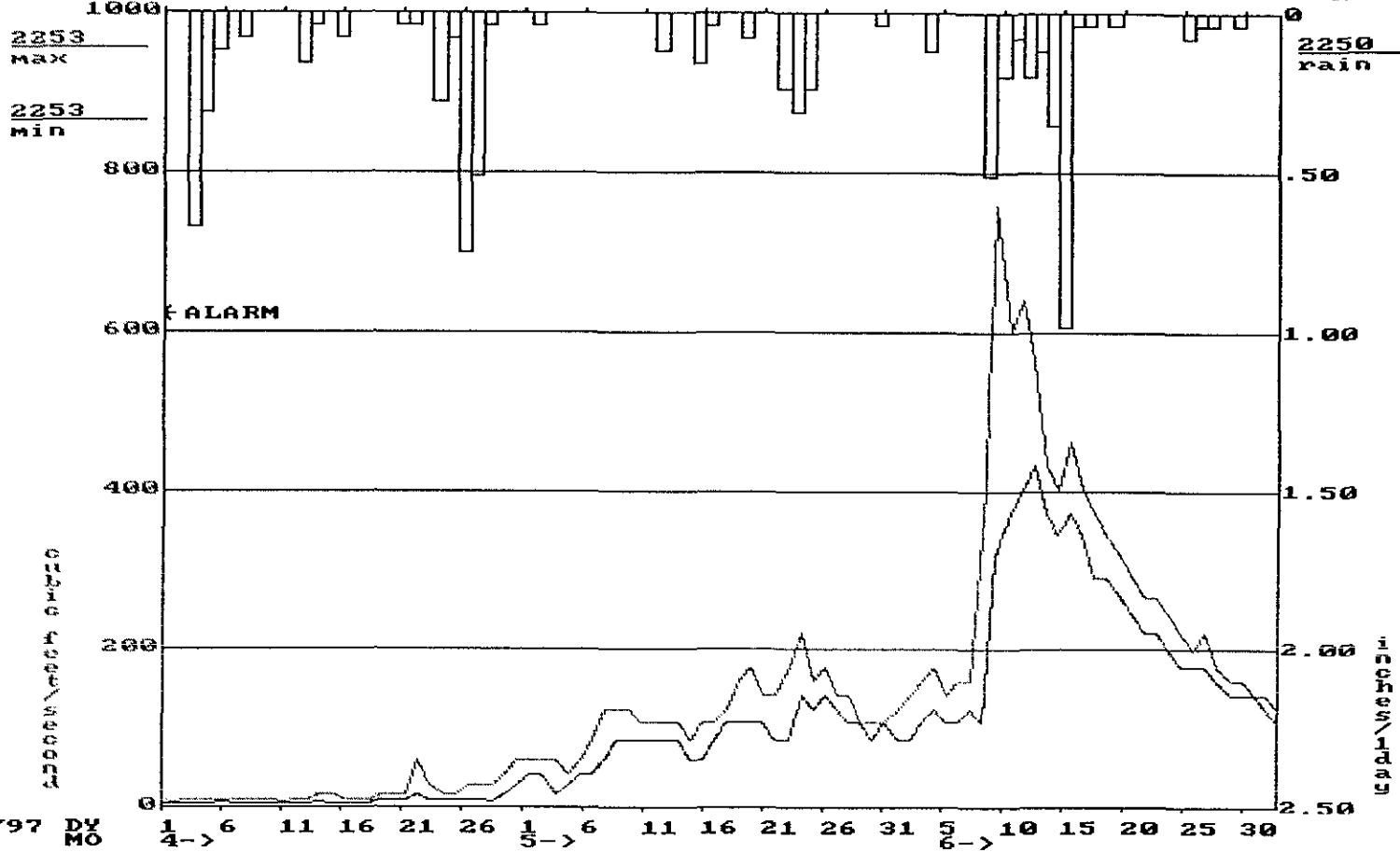
- 4) Season plots for Evergreen Lake + Rain (2 pages)
- 5) Rating table for Rosedale, based on FIS  
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Thanks for your help!

KS

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Rosedale



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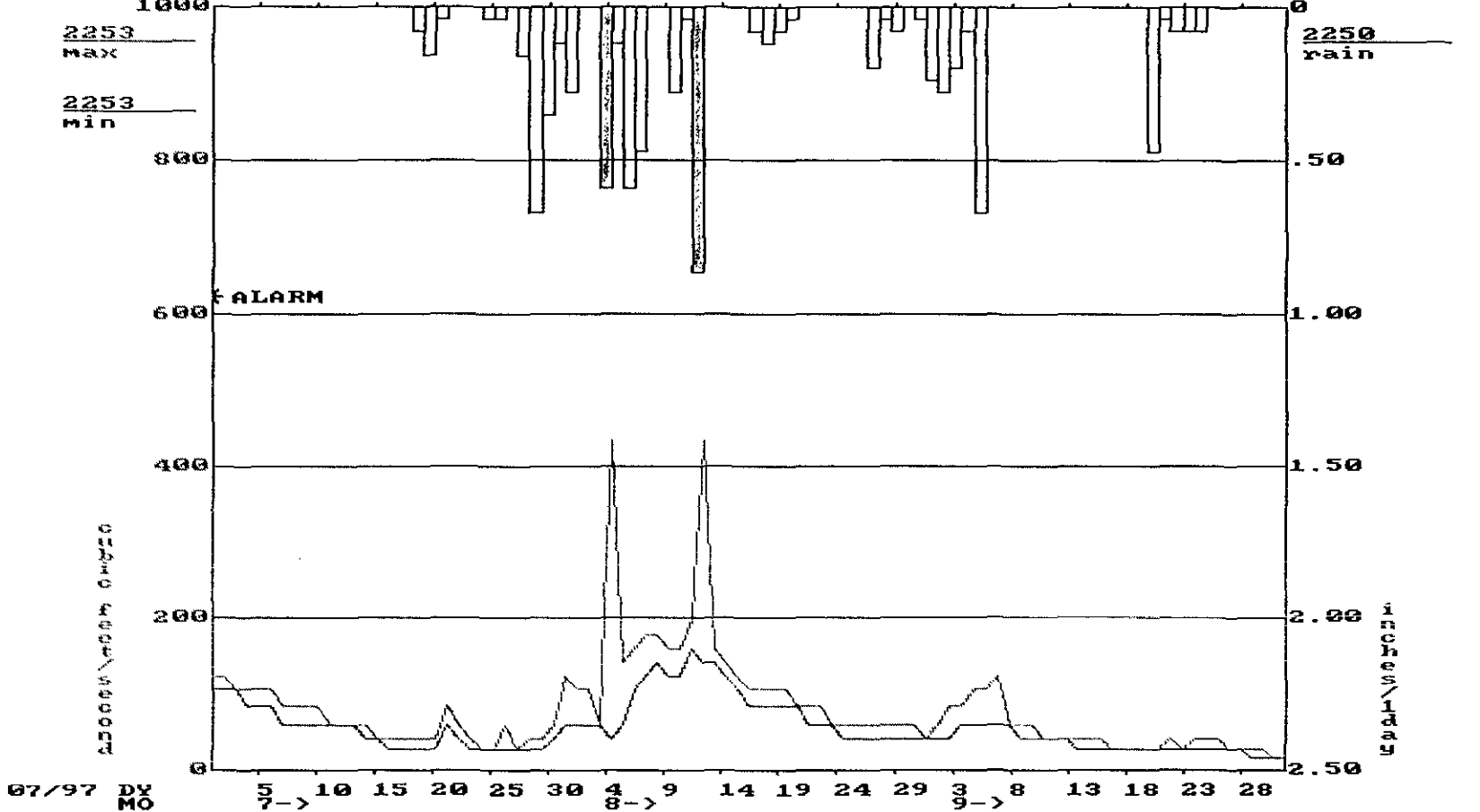
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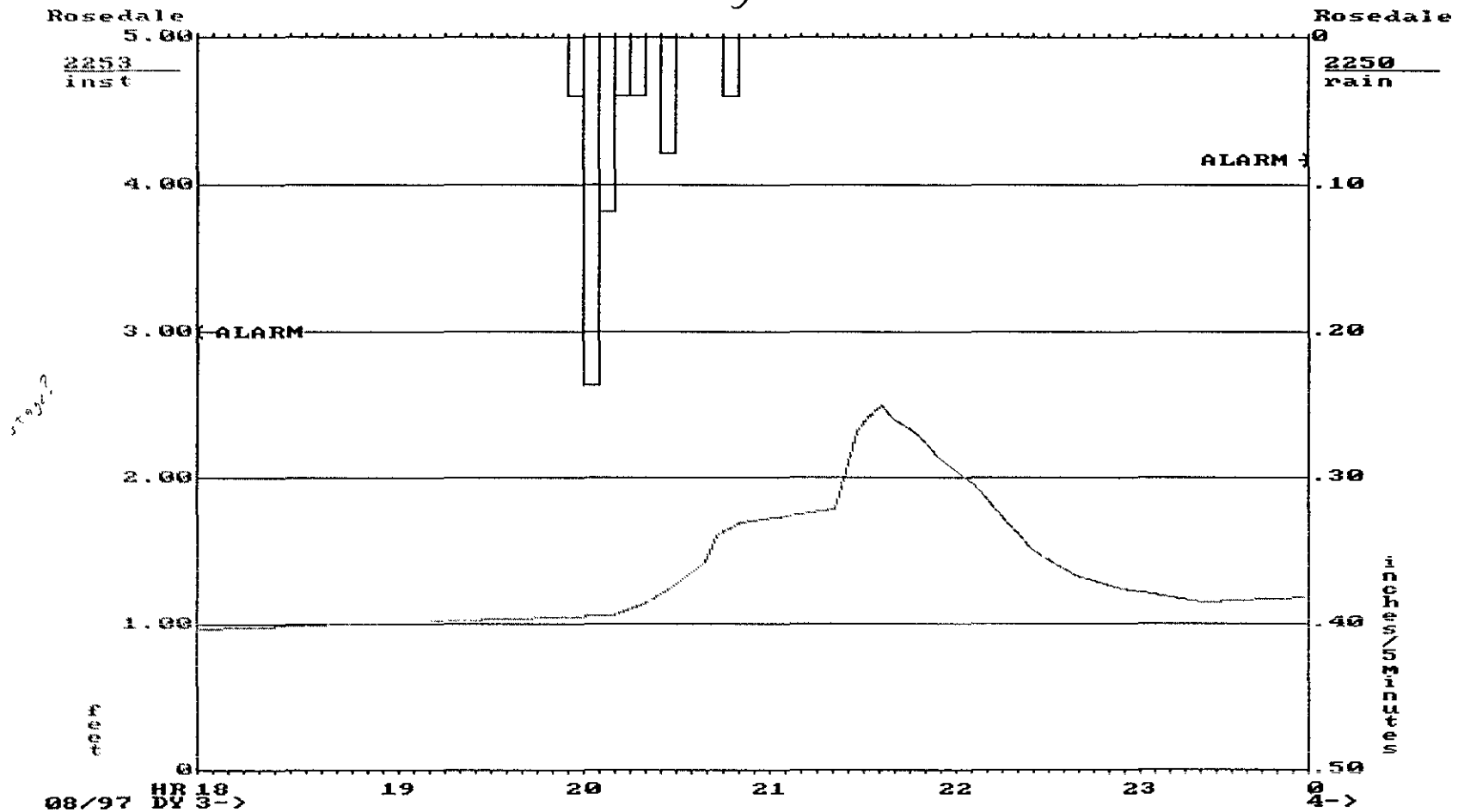
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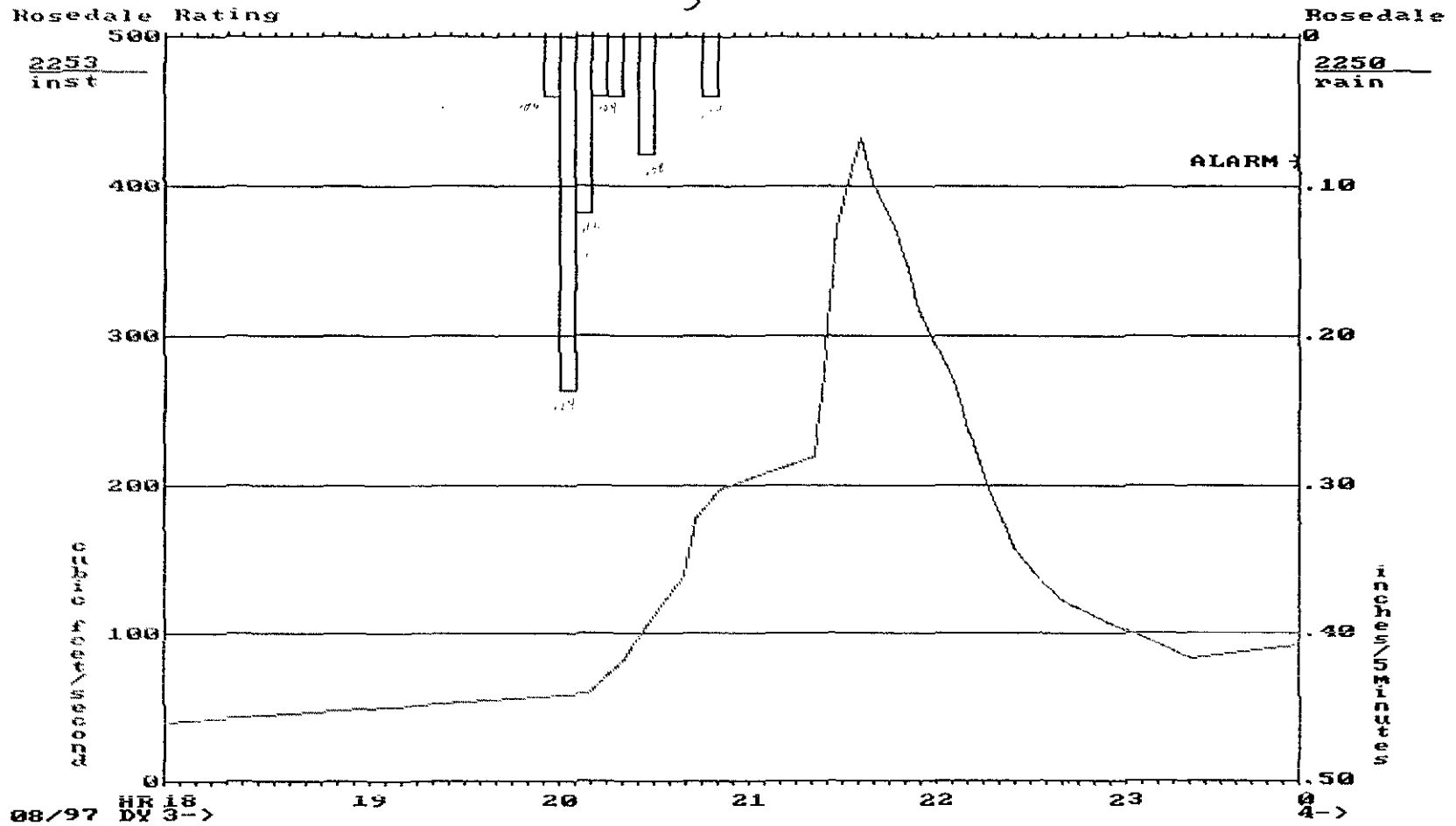
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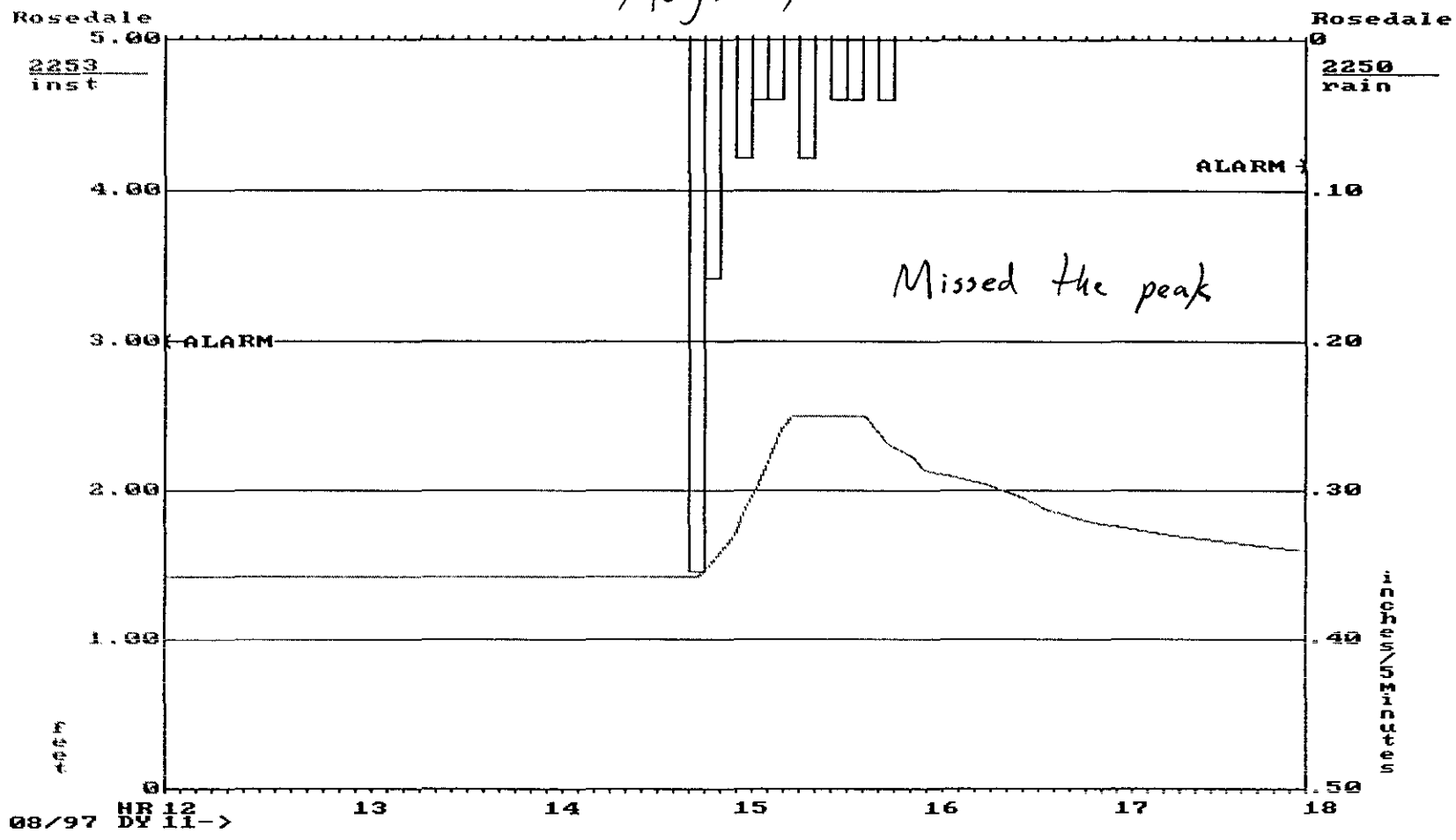
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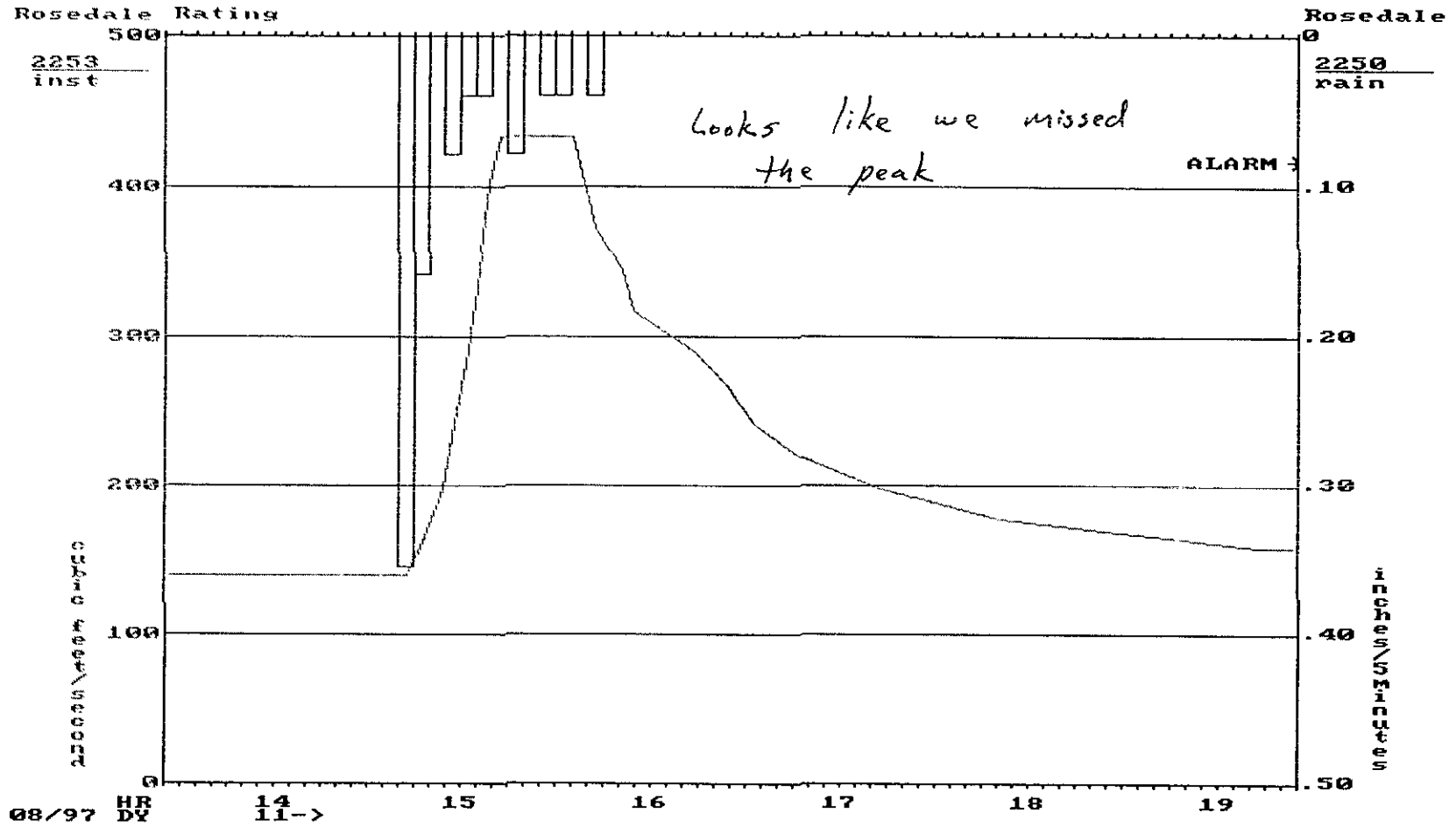
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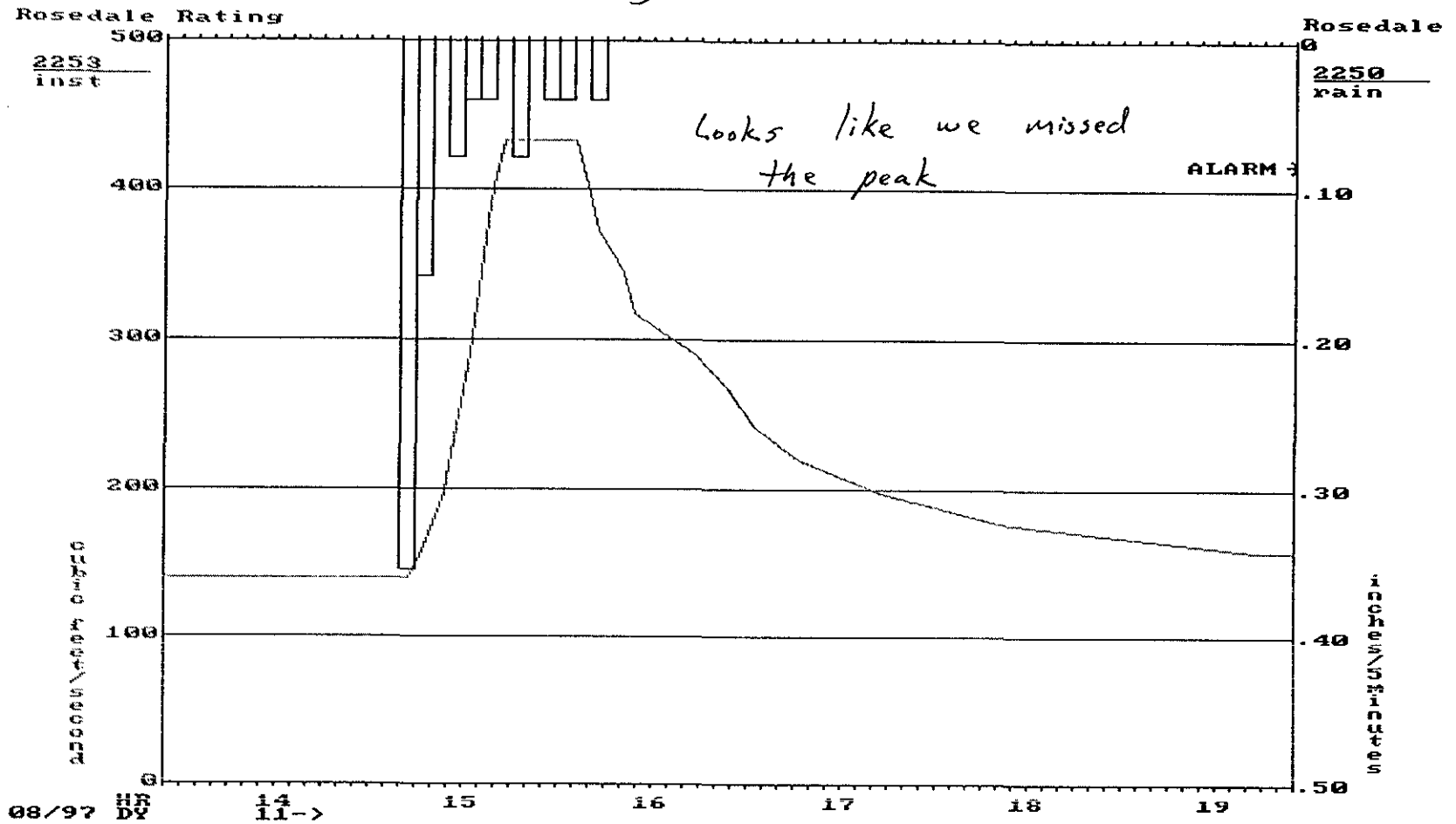
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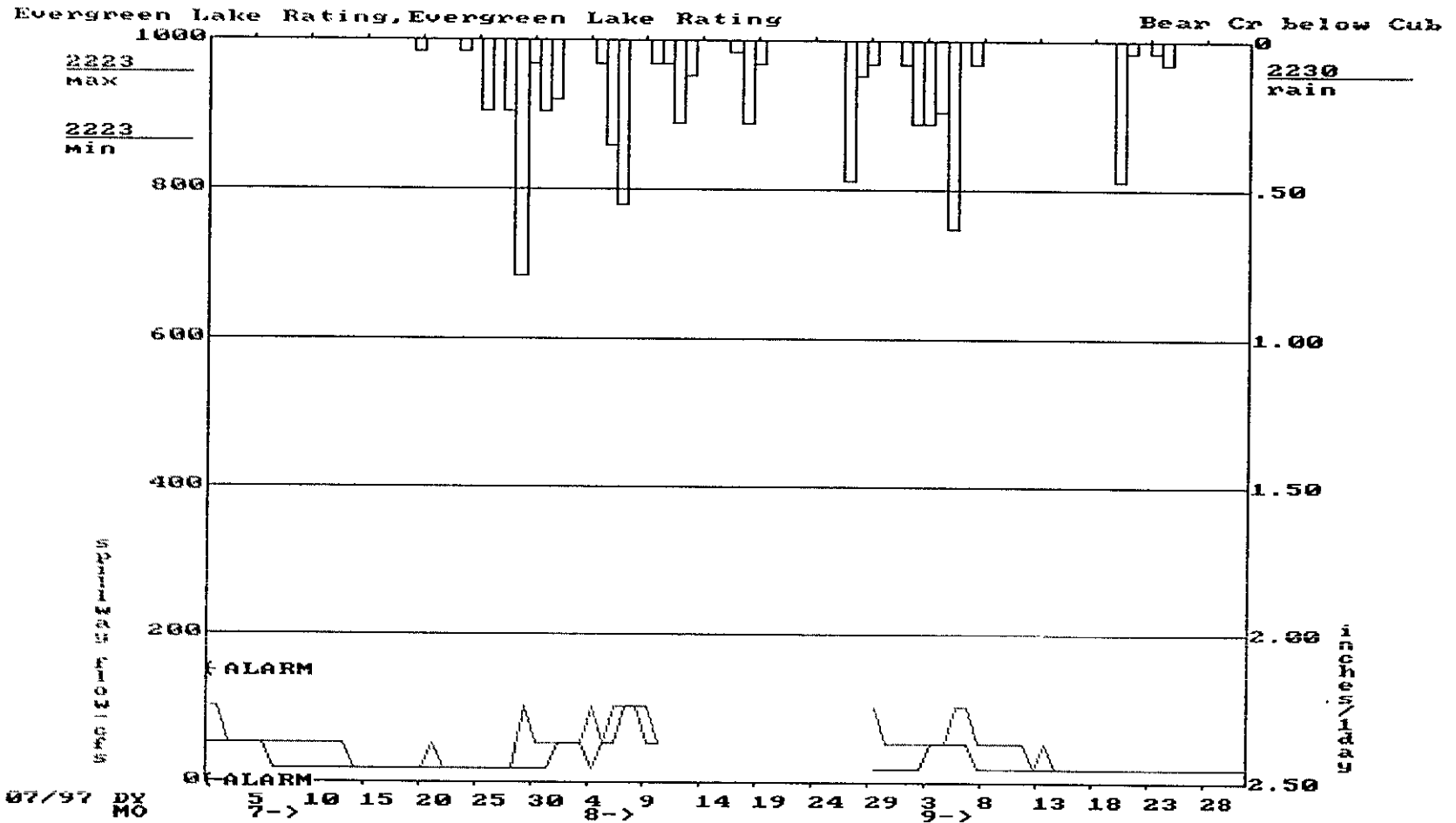




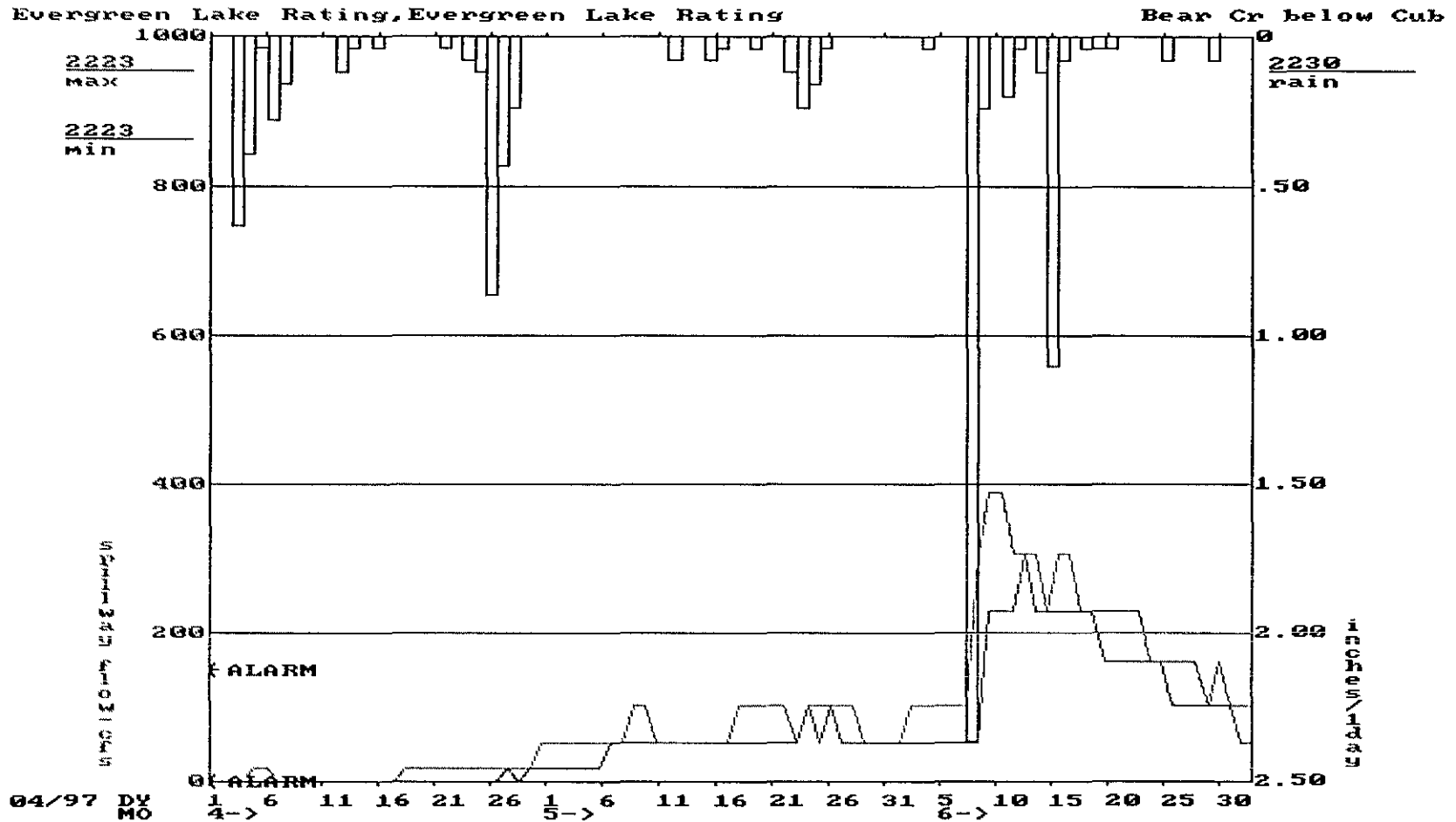
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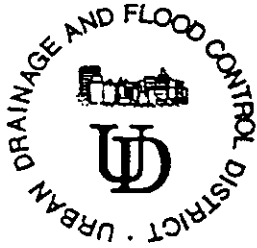
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URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

2480 W. 26th Avenue, Suite 156B, Denver, CO 80211

Tel: (303) 455-6277 • FAX: (303) 455-7880

FAX TRANSMITTAL/LETTER

Date: 10-10-97

To: Bob Jarrett "capt'n flood"

Company: USGS

FAX Number: 236-5034 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Kevin

Number of pages transmitted 1 (not including this sheet) <sup>2/2</sup> OK @ 11:29

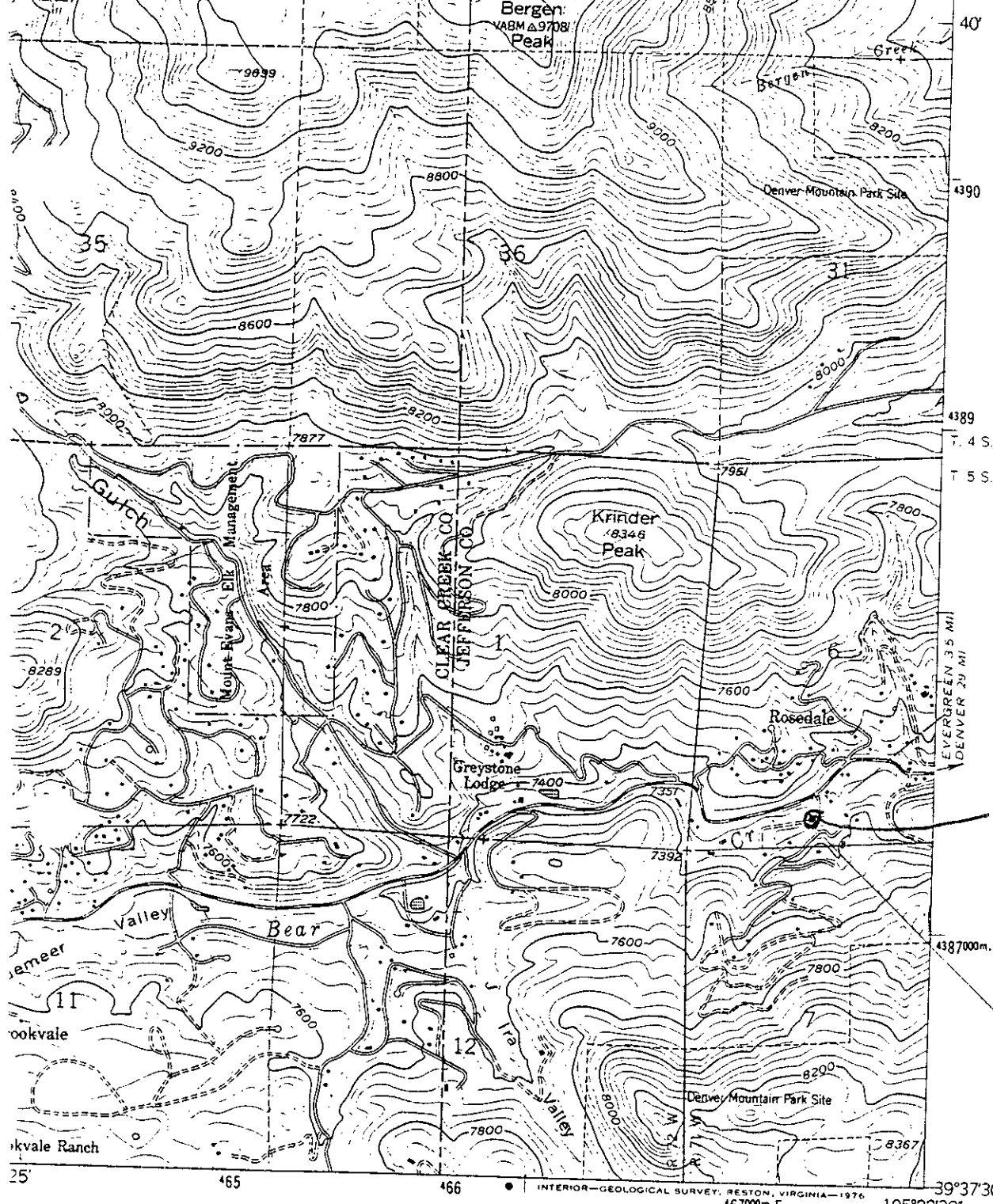
To be followed by original in the mail:  Yes  No

MESSAGE: Your offer is most appreciated.

Thanks!

[Signature] "col. flood"

Cavtim: This gage is on private property.

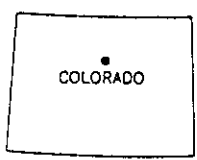


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(CONIFER)  
4963 III SE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SQUAW PASS, COLO.  
N3937.5--W10522.5/7.5

1957  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 4963 III NW-SERIES V877

## 5. Calculations and Estimates

Subject: 100 yr pt. PPT  
Computed: wjc Date: June 18, 1998  
Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Proposal Name: D479 - 5  
Project/Proposal No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Task: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Values for the 100-year point precipitation, 6 hour duration and 24 hour duration events were taken from Precipitation - Frequency contours in the NOAA Atlas 2, Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, Volume III - Colorado, 1973. The value for the 12 hour duration event was found using a nomogram provided in the Precipitation - Frequency Atlas. The following precipitation values for ~~Clear Creek~~ Clear Creek County were obtained in the manner described above:

<u>100-year pt. PPT Totals for Various Durations</u>	
<u>Storm Duration</u>	<u>PPT (inches)</u>
6 hrs	2.9
12 hrs	3.7
24 hrs	4.4



Subject: CW CB 100yr discharge  
Computed: wjc Date: 6/24/98  
Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Proposal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project/Proposal No.: RR004 Task: 54  
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Clear Creek County, Witter Gulch 100-yr  
Peak Discharge Estimate.

Using CWCB regression method, subregion SPL-5

$$Q = 39.4 (A)^{0.776}$$

A = drainage area in mi<sup>2</sup>  
(2 < A < 480)

Q = 100 yr peak flow, cfs

Area  $\approx$  4.9 mi<sup>2</sup> (digital planimeter)

$$Q = 39.4 (4.9)^{0.776} = 135 \text{ cfs}$$

## Return Interval for Rainfall Estimates in Clear Creek County

### Purpose:

The purpose of this calculation file is to determine the return interval of 0.6 inches and 2.0 inches of precipitation in one hour in the Witter Gulch area of Clear Creek County, Colorado. 0.6 inches of rain was recorded by the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District's Rosedale gauge during a one hour interval on August 3, 1997. Bob Jarrett of the USGS estimated that the flood damage in Witter Gulch was caused by 1 to 2 inches of rain in a short duration - probably less than one hour. Therefore, it is of interest to calculate the return interval of 0.6 inches and 2.0 inches of rainfall in one hour in the Witter Gulch area.

### Method:

Equations and nomograms from the NOAA Atlas 2, Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, Volume III - Colorado [1973] (hereafter referred to as the *Atlas*) were used to calculate the return interval of 0.6 and 2.0 inch 1-hour events in the Witter Gulch area of Clear Creek County. The basic method requires the calculation of the 2-year and 100-year 1-hour events and then plotting these values on a nomogram and picking the return frequency for 0.6 inches and 2.0 inches. The equations used are:

$$Y_2 = 0.218 + 0.709 \left( x_1 \frac{x_1}{x_2} \right)$$

where,  $Y_2$  = 2-year, 1-hour event in inches  
 $x_1$  = 2-year, 6-hour event from the Atlas  
 $x_2$  = 2-year, 24-hour event from the Atlas

and, 
$$Y_{100} = 1.897 + 0.439 \left( x_3 \frac{x_3}{x_4} \right) - 0.008z$$

where,  $Y_{100}$  = 100-year, 1-hour event in inches  
 $x_3$  = 100-year, 6-hour event from the Atlas  
 $x_4$  = 100-year, 24-hour event from the Atlas  
 $z$  = Elevation above sea-level in hundreds of feet

The elevation of Witter Gulch is approximately 8,000 feet above sea-level. From the Atlas, the following values for the above variables were found:

$x_1$  = 1.2 inches  
 $x_2$  = 1.9 inches  
 $x_3$  = 2.9 inches  
 $x_4$  = 4.4 inches  
 $z$  = 80

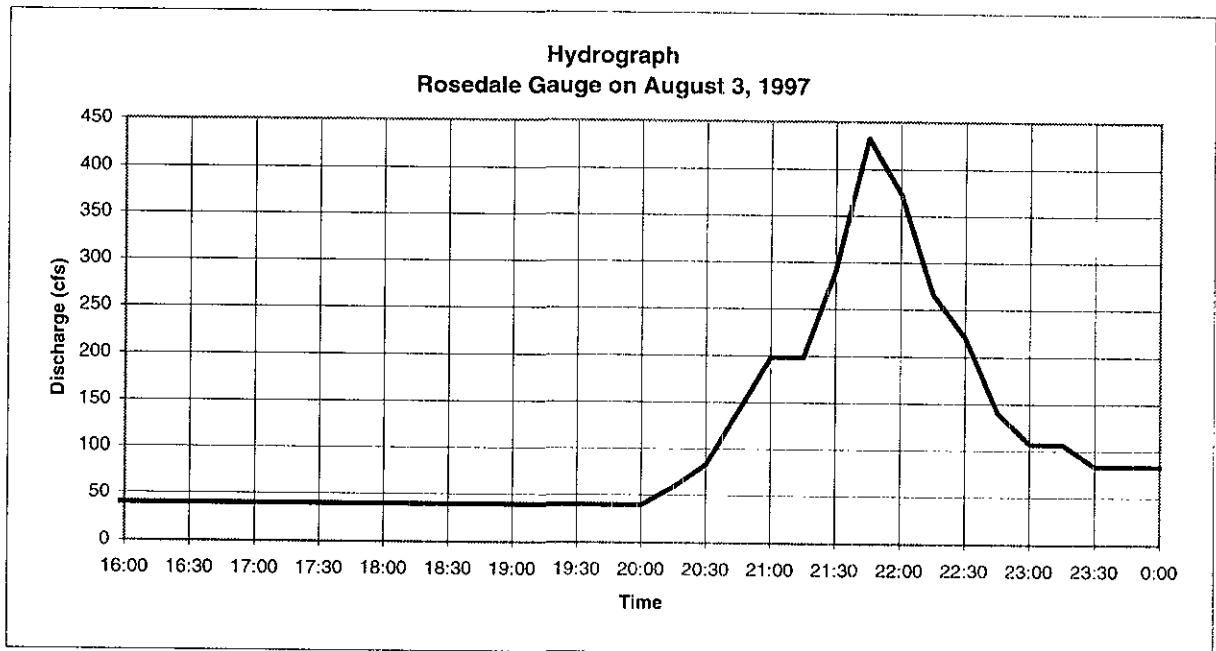
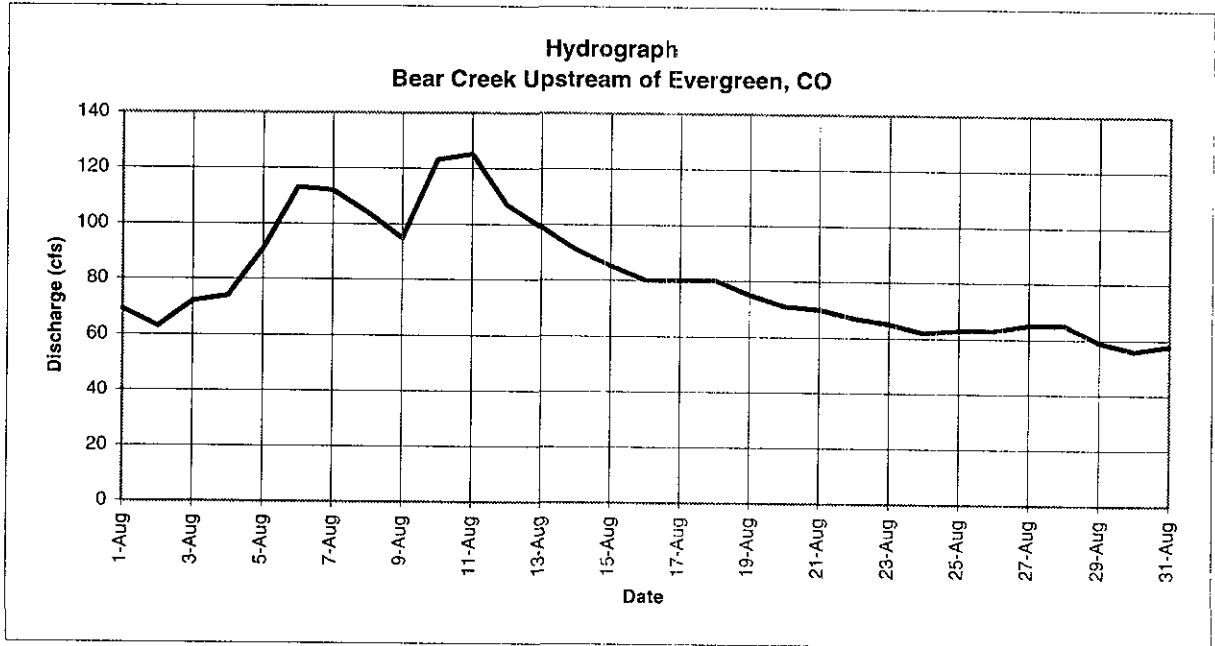
**Results:**

Using the above equations and variables, the 2-year and 100-year, 1-hour events are:

$$Y_2 \approx 0.75 \text{ inches,} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{100} \approx 2.1 \text{ inches}$$

Therefore, 0.6 inches is less than a 2-year, 1-hour event. Plotting the above values ( $Y_2$  and  $Y_{100}$ ) on the Figure 6 nomogram of the Atlas, and drawing a straight line between them allows the return period of a 2.0 inch event to be picked. This value is between 50 and 100 years - or about 80 years.

Hydrograph



## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/10/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Anthony Gutierrez  
Company/Affiliation: Co DWR, Division 2  
Phone no.: (719) 542-3368 x 115  
Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

- Anthony will send daily discharge records for the Horse Creek gage at Hwy 194 (only preliminary values!)
- typical channel characteristics include sand channels with mildly sloping banks (but well-defined)
- Joe Flory will send some photos that Don Taylor took during floods at Aug 1997

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Bill Owen*

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 6/1/98

Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen

Spoke With: Carol Mumm

Company/Affiliation: Crowley County Administrator

Phone no.: 719-267-3248 x221

Project No.: D479-56

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- Comments:
- "North County" experiences most flooding in the County
  - County has an extensive drainage system in the south, primarily used for agriculture → flows eventually make into Lake Meredith
  - County Road + Bridge Dept. put up de tour signs around impassable roads that were damaged
  - Hwy 96 between Olney Springs and Crowley temporarily flooded; CO DOT flugging people through inundated areas
  - Culverts were plugged up due to <sup>neglecting</sup> ~~poor~~ maintenance (some land sold to irrigation district) → lack of use → flood debris
  - Flood mitigation: rebuild damaged roads, enlarged some drainage systems to allow more water to pass; County is primarily in a reactive mode
  - For <sup>city of</sup> Olney Springs info, call Barbara Miller (Mayor)
  - For <sup>city of</sup> Crowley info, call Norine Aydelotte (Mayor) (→ only experienced basement flooding from high ground water table)
- Signature Bill Owen
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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Bill Owen                      INDIVIDUAL: Carol Mumm  
DATE: 4/2/98                      AFFILIATION: Crowley County Administrator  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding      PHONE #: (719) 267-3248    x221

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1. *Affected streams and local drainages?*

2. *Geographic extent of flooding?*

Entire northern portion of the county; no flooding in Ordway, but some in Olney Springs;  
Rains mostly fell on ranch land

3. *Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?*

4. *Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?*

Northern 1/2 of county got approximately 12 inches  
Southern 1/2 of county got approximately 6 inches

5. *Rainfall bucket surveys?*

No

6. *Precipitation gauging network?*

No

7. *Documentation of high water marks?*

State OEM did (970-207-4572) site studies and assessments

Remaining information could be pulled from these assessments

8. *Estimated peak discharges?*



9. *Estimated flood damages?*
10. *Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*
11. *Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*
12. *Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?*
13. *Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?*
14. *Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?*
15. *Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?*
16. *Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?*
17. *Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.*
18. *Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)*
19. *Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?*
20. *Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?*  

Ordway New Era (719-267-3576); do not know if they have a web site
21. *Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?*

## 2. Federal Data

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U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
ANNUAL PEAK FLOW FREQUENCY ANALYSIS  
Following Bulletin 17-B Guidelines  
Program peakfq  
(Version 2.4, Apr, 1998)

--- PROCESSING DATE/TIME ---

1998 JUN 14 22:37:33

--- PROCESSING OPTIONS ---

Plot option = None  
Basin char output = None  
Print option = Yes  
Debug print = No  
Input peaks listing = Long  
Input peaks format = WATSTORE peak file

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U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
ANNUAL PEAK FLOW FREQUENCY ANALYSIS  
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Station - 07123675 HORSE CREEK NEAR LAS ANIMAS, CO.  
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I N P U T D A T A S U M M A R Y

Number of peaks in record = 13  
Peaks not used in analysis = 1  
Systematic peaks in analysis = 12  
Historic peaks in analysis = 0  
Years of historic record = 0  
Generalized skew = -0.099  
Standard error of generalized skew = 0.550  
Skew option = WEIGHTED  
Gage base discharge = 0.0  
User supplied high outlier threshold = --  
User supplied low outlier criterion = --  
Plotting position parameter = 0.00

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE -- Preliminary machine computations. \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* User responsible for assessment and interpretation. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*WCF109W-PEAKS WITH MINUS-FLAGGED DISCHARGES WERE BYPASSED. 1  
\*\*WCF113W-NUMBER OF SYSTEMATIC PEAKS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO NSYS = 12  
WCF134I-NO SYSTEMATIC PEAKS WERE BELOW GAGE BASE. 0.0  
WCF195I-NO LOW OUTLIERS WERE DETECTED BELOW CRITERION. 10.6  
WCF163I-NO HIGH OUTLIERS OR HISTORIC PEAKS EXCEEDED HHBASE. 1631.1  
\*\*WCF233W-EXPECTED PROB OUT OF RANGE AT TAB PROB. 0.00008 0.00200  
WCF002J-CALCS COMPLETED. RETURN CODE = 2

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Station - 07123675 HORSE CREEK NEAR LAS ANIMAS, CO.  
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ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE PARAMETERS -- LOG-PEARSON TYPE III

	FLOOD BASE		LOGARITHMIC		
	DISCHARGE	EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	SKEW
SYSTEMATIC RECORD	0.0	1.0000	2.1188	0.5125	-0.473
BULL.17B ESTIMATE	0.0	1.0000	2.1188	0.5125	-0.251

ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE -- DISCHARGES AT SELECTED EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES

ANNUAL EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	BULL.17B ESTIMATE	SYSTEMATIC RECORD	'EXPECTED PROBABILITY' ESTIMATE	95-PCT CONFIDENCE LIMITS FOR BULL. 17B ESTIMATES	
				LOWER	UPPER
0.9950	4.8	3.7	1.8	0.7	12.8
0.9900	6.8	5.7	3.3	1.2	16.9
0.9500	17.4	16.3	12.8	4.8	35.9
0.9000	28.2	27.6	23.5	9.6	53.6
0.8000	49.5	50.5	45.3	21.1	88.3
0.5000	138.1	144.2	138.1	76.4	253.1
0.2000	359.1	361.1	386.9	201.1	850.2
0.1000	575.8	554.9	664.3	305.5	1642.0
0.0400	933.7	846.1	1207.0	458.4	3296.0
0.0200	1262.0	1090.0	1802.0	585.9	5128.0
0.0100	1643.0	1352.0	2627.0	723.8	7575.0
0.0050	2079.0	1629.0	3765.0	872.3	10760.0
0.0020	2745.0	2018.0	--	1085.0	16300.0

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Station - 07123675 HORSE CREEK NEAR LAS ANIMAS, CO.  
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INPUT DATA LISTING

WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES	WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES
1980	176.0		1987	293.0	
1981	17.0		1989	1030.0	
1982	149.0		1990	165.0	
1983	345.0		1991	18.0	
1984	169.0		1992	118.0	
1985	198.0		1993	49.0	
1986	-239.0	K			

Explanation of peak discharge qualification codes

PEAKFQ CODE	WATSTORE CODE	DEFINITION
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D 3 Dam failure, non-recurrent flow anomaly  
 G 8 Discharge greater than stated value  
 X 3+8 Both of the above  
 L 4 Discharge less than stated value  
 K 6 OR C Known effect of regulation or urbanization  
 H 7 Historic peak

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Station - 07123675 HORSE CREEK NEAR LAS ANIMAS, CO.  
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EMPIRICAL FREQUENCY CURVES -- WEIBULL PLOTTING POSITIONS

WATER YEAR	RANKED DISCHARGE	SYSTEMATIC RECORD	BULL.17B ESTIMATE
1989	1030.0	0.0769	0.0769
1983	345.0	0.1538	0.1538
1987	293.0	0.2308	0.2308
1985	198.0	0.3077	0.3077
1980	176.0	0.3846	0.3846
1984	169.0	0.4615	0.4615
1990	165.0	0.5385	0.5385
1982	149.0	0.6154	0.6154
1992	118.0	0.6923	0.6923
1993	49.0	0.7692	0.7692
1991	18.0	0.8462	0.8462
1981	17.0	0.9231	0.9231
1986	-239.0	--	--

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End PEAKFQ analysis.  
 Stations processed : 1  
 Number of errors : 0  
 Stations skipped : 0  
 Station years : 13

Unrecognized CARD type. Must be Y,Z,N,H,I,2,3,4, or \*.

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# US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
# DAILY MEAN DISCHARGE DATA
# HORSUGCO
# Station name : HORSE CREEK NEAR SUGAR CITY, CO.
# Station number: 07123500
# latitude (degrees, minutes, and seconds)..... 381421
# longitude (degrees, minutes, and seconds)..... 1033804
# state code..... 08
# county code..... 025
# hydrologic unit code..... 11020008
# drainage area (square miles)..... 1080.00
# contributing drainage area (square miles)..... 1026.00
# gage datum (feet above NGVD)..... 4271.40
# WATSTORE parameter code..... 00060
# WATSTORE statistic code..... 00003
# Discharge is listed in the table in cubic feet per second.
#
# Daily mean discharge data were retrieved from the
# National Water Information System files called ADAPS.
# processed into RDB table Tue Jan 24 10:10:28 EST 1995
# filter version 6
#
# Format of table is as follows.
# Lines starting with the # character are comment lines describing the data
# included in this file. The next line is a row of tab-delimited column
# names that are Date and Discharge. The next line is a row of tab-delimited
# data type codes that describe a 10-character-wide date (10d) and an
# 8-character-wide numeric value for discharge (8n). All following lines are
# rows of tab-delimited data values of date (year.month.day) and discharge.
#
# ----Periods of Record----
# 1 1940.04.13-1947.09.30
#
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# US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
# DAILY MEAN DISCHARGE DATA
# HORLASCO
# Station name : HORSE CREEK NEAR LAS ANIMAS, CO.
# Station number: 07123675
# latitude (degrees, minutes, and seconds)..... 380507
# longitude (degrees, minutes, and seconds)..... 1032110
# state code..... 08
# county code..... 011
# hydrologic unit code..... 11020008
# drainage area (square miles).....
# contributing drainage area (square miles).....
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# ----Periods of Record----
# 1 1979.10.01-1993.09.30
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STATION (Climatological) **Ordway** (River Station different) MONTH **Aug** 19 **97**  
 STATE **Colo** COUNTY **Crowley** RIVER \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP **7.47** PRECIPITATION **7.47** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE \_\_\_\_\_ ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. FLOOD STAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

WS FORM B-91 (7-89) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX	MIN		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail ice on ground (ins.)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.					COND.	A.M.
1	98	64	78														
2	96	64	64														
3	m	m	m	.43													
4	91	62	65														
5	94	62	64	1.55													
6	73	61	61	.34													
7	66	56	59	.16													
8	82	56	59														
9	92	59	62														
10	85	60	60	.18													
11	73	58	60	.61													
12	80	56	57	.06													
13	84	56	63														
14	92	56	58	.14													
15	93	55	58														
16	95	57	57														
17	m	m	m														
18	m	m	m														
19	87	54	63														
20	96	59	66														
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23	97	58	60	T													
24	98	57	64														
25	99	61	62														
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28	96	63	65														
29	99	64	65														
30	93	56	58														
31	87	57	57	.03													
SUM				3.50													

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ OBSERVER **Robert Kelly** WSFO DEN STATION INDEX NO **05-6131-1**

A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open " " " " F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface " " " " G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge abo " " " " H. Pool stage.

STATION (Climatological) <b>Ordway</b> <small>(River Station, if different)</small>		MONTH <b>Sept</b> 19 <b>97</b>
STATE <b>COLO</b>	COUNTY <b>Crowley</b>	RIVER —
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION —	TEMP <b>7 AM</b>	PRECIPITATION <b>7 AM</b>
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE —	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO — Fl.	FLOOD STAGE — Fl.
		NORMAL POOL STAGE — Fl.

**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION																					WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS <i>(Special observations, etc.)</i>					
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			At Ob. <small>Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (wavy) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved</small>	A. M.			NOON			P. M.			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A M	TENDENCY														
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3				4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail
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29	71	43	44																																				
30	86	49	50																																				
31																																							

SUM: **99**  
 CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR:

A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge abt.	E. Ice gorge below gage F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.	OBSERVED BY: <u>Robert Pety</u> SUPERVISING OFFICE: <u>SFC DEN</u> STATION INDEX NO: <u>05-6131-1</u>
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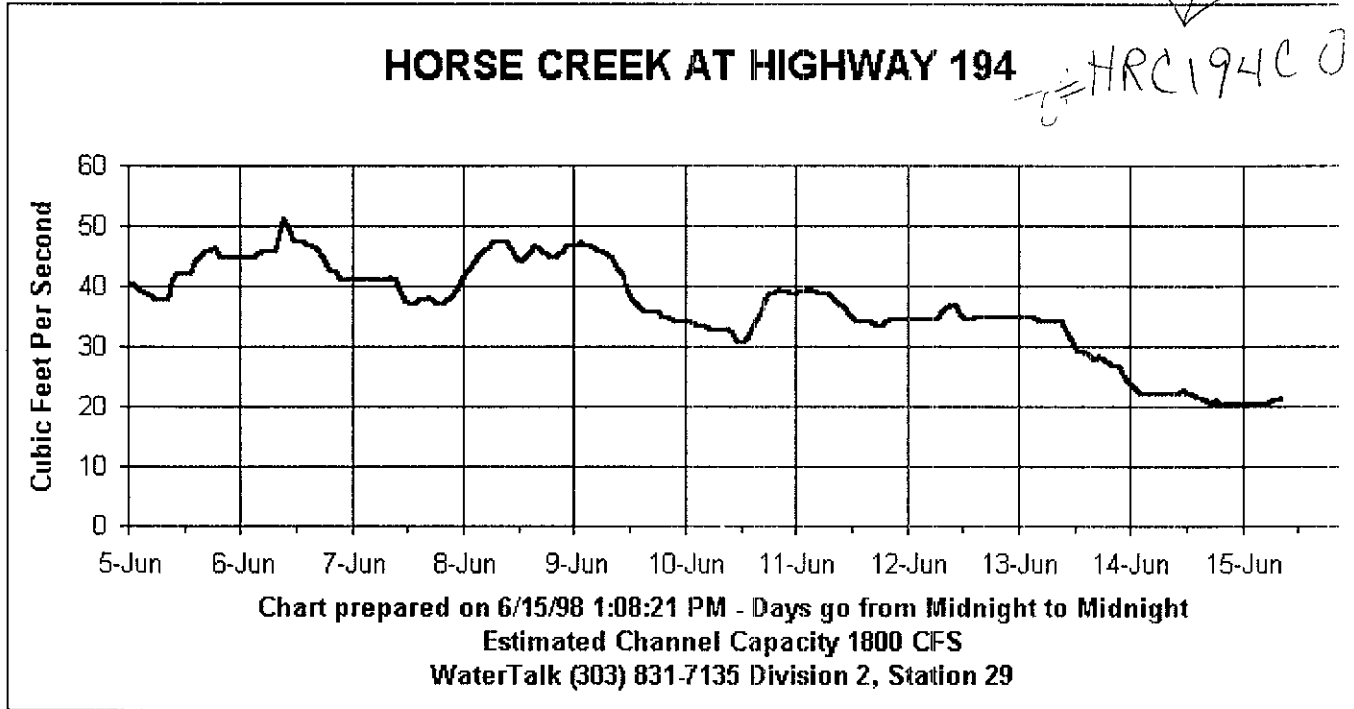


### 3. State Data



## Colorado Streamflow Information

Here's the streamflow information you requested:



[Another Stream]

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Natural Resources | Parks | Wildlife | Water | Geology | Oil & Gas | Mining | Land | Overview

## STATE OF COLORADO

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Pueblo, CO 81004  
Phone (719) 542-3368  
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## MESSAGE:

HERE IS THE PRELIMINARY DATA FOR

THE HORSE CREEK GAGING STATION 1/1/1997



**PRELIMINARY**

**SUBJECT TO REVISION**

STATE OF COLORADO  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

**PRELIMINARY**

STA NO. C0000000 HORSE CREEK AT HIGHWAY 199  
RATING TABLE HRC194C001 USED FROM 01-OCT-1996 TO 30-SEP-1997

PROCESS DATE: 10-JUN-1998 15:00

DISCHARGE, IN CFS, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1996 TO SEPTEMBER 1997  
MEAN VALUES

**SUBJECT TO REVISION**

DAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	20	12	13	15	19	19	16	34	53	22	39	26
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MEAN	12.9	12.3	11.3	12.5	15.3	18.1	20.6	35.5	40.7	29.8	116	42.0
AC-FT	793	734	697	768	852	1110	1230	2190	2420	1770	7130	2500
MAX	20	14	15	18	21	38	25	72	65	68	1290	62
MIN	11	12	5.9	6.0	9.8	9.9	15	16	27	13	26	25

CAU YP 1996 TOTAL 6788.8 MEAN 18.5 MAX 99 MIN 5.9 AC-FT 13470  
WIK YP 1997 TOTAL 11185.1 MEAN 30.6 MAX 1290 MIN 5.9 AC-FT 22190

MAX DISCH 2236 CFS AT 1430 07-AUG-1997 GM 8.15 FT. SHIFT -0.47 FT. MAX GM 6.15 FT. AT 1430 07-AUG-1997  
FOR MORE COMPLETE OR DETAILED INFORMATION SEE DAILY OR MONTHLY RECORD.

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**Division of Water Resources**  
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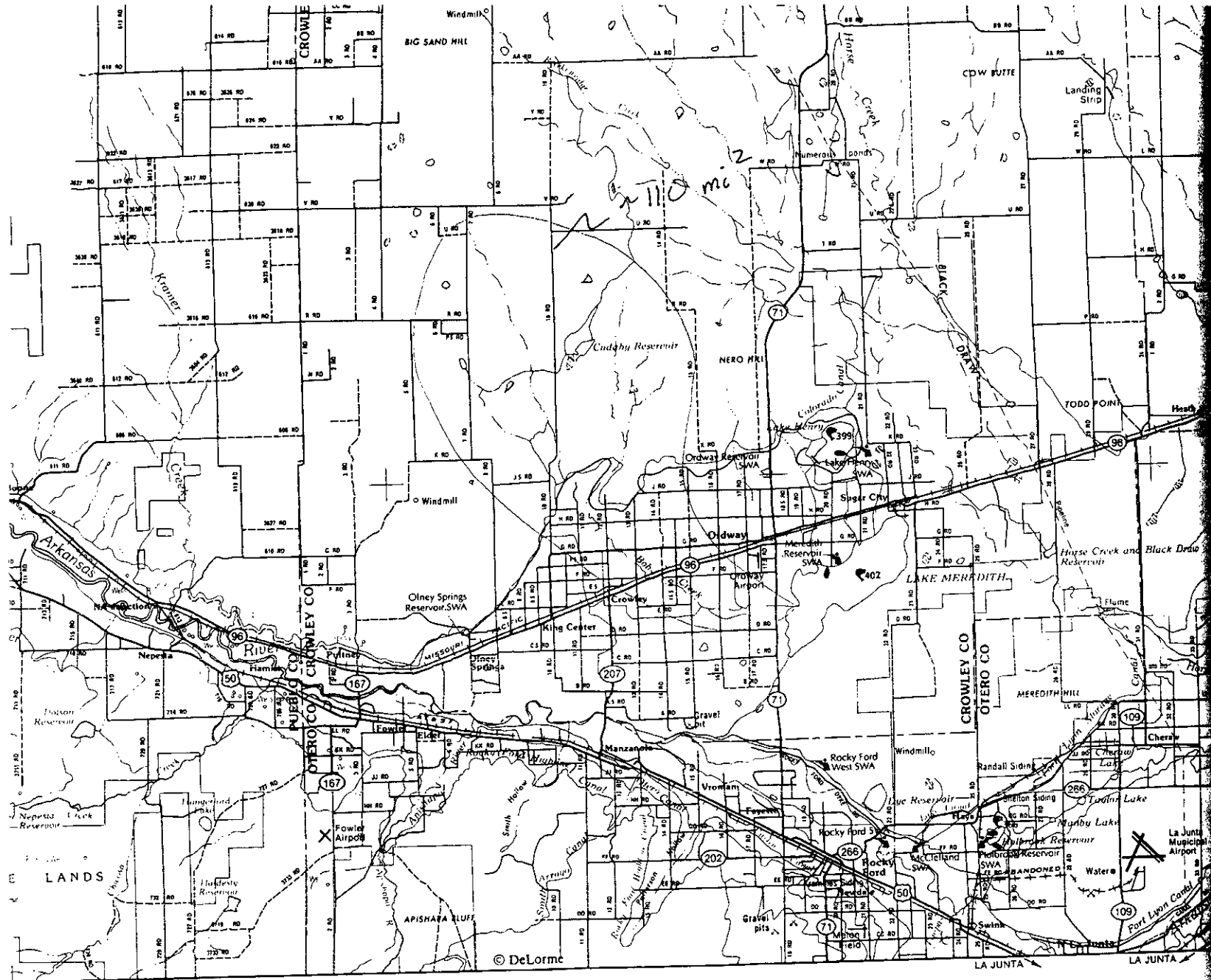
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 at HIGHWAY 190

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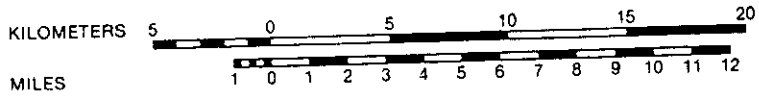
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								Shift Adj. Feet	Per- cent Diff.						
WATER YEAR 1997															
101	1997 JAN 22	A. ADAME	13.3	10.4	1.88	2.05	19.6	+13		6	22	0.08	57		
102	FEB 12	A. D. GUTIERREZ	15.0	10.5	1.44	1.81	15.1	+25		6	19	0	30		
103	21	A. D. GUTIERREZ, ADAME	12.8	9.08	1.51	1.97	13.7	+23		6	27	0	45		
104	MAR 12	A. D. GUTIERREZ	15.1	10.9	1.32	1.96	14.4	+08		6	21	0	37		
105	APR 2	A. ADAME	12.0	11.5	1.32	2.06	15.2			6	25	+01	42		
106	23	A. D. GUTIERREZ	18.3	12.5	1.50	2.12	18.7	+04		6	20	0	30		
107	MAY 12	A. ADAME	12.5	11.8	1.47	2.04	17.4	+09		6	26	0	50		
108	29	A. D. GUTIERREZ	18.4	25.9	1.96	2.55	20.7	+19		6	23	0	45		
109	JUN 12	A. ADAME	13.0	21.2	1.89	2.33	20.0	+25		6	27	0	40		
110	27	do	12.0	15.0	1.84	2.18	27.6	+18		6	25	0	43		
111	JUL 27	do	11.5	13.0	1.60	2.15	21.5	+08		6	24	+01	62		
112	AUG 8	A. D. GUTIERREZ	-	-	-	5.54	44.6	+47	5,6 24.8	48	0.08	1.34		2 CHANNELS WATER ABOVE GAGE OVER ROAD	
113	21	do	16.6	31.0	1.40	3.39	43.3	+24		6	18	0	32		
114	SEP 11	do	16.0	30.5	1.55	2.10	31.7	+39		6	18	0	32		
115	29	do	17.3	26.9	2.08	2.49	53.8	+29		6	22	0	35		
BEGIN WATER YEAR 1998															
116	OCT 16	A. D. GUTIERREZ	16.6	18.9	1.21	2.08	22.8	+20		6	18	0	35		TORNADO 10-11-77

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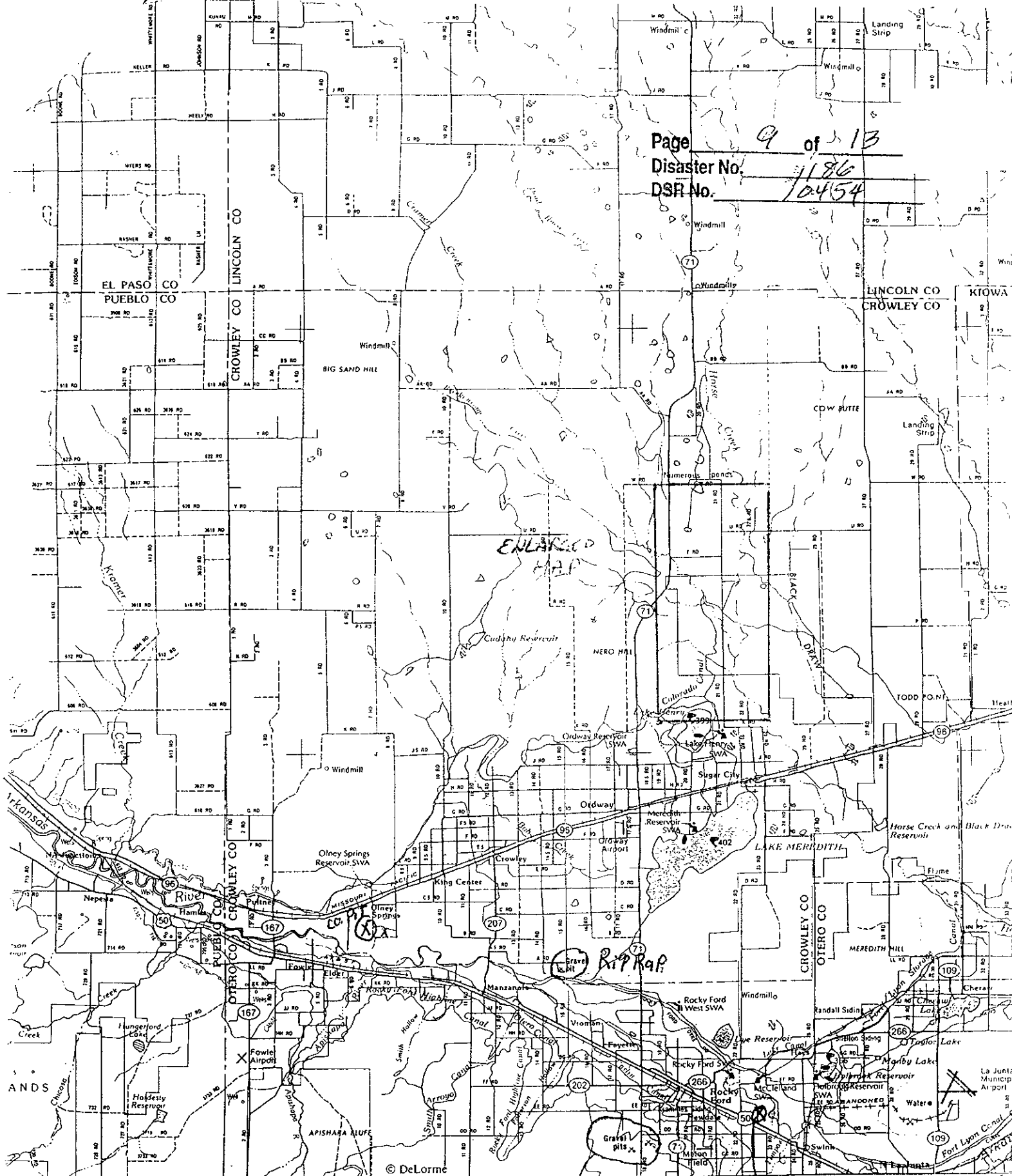


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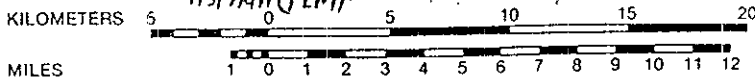


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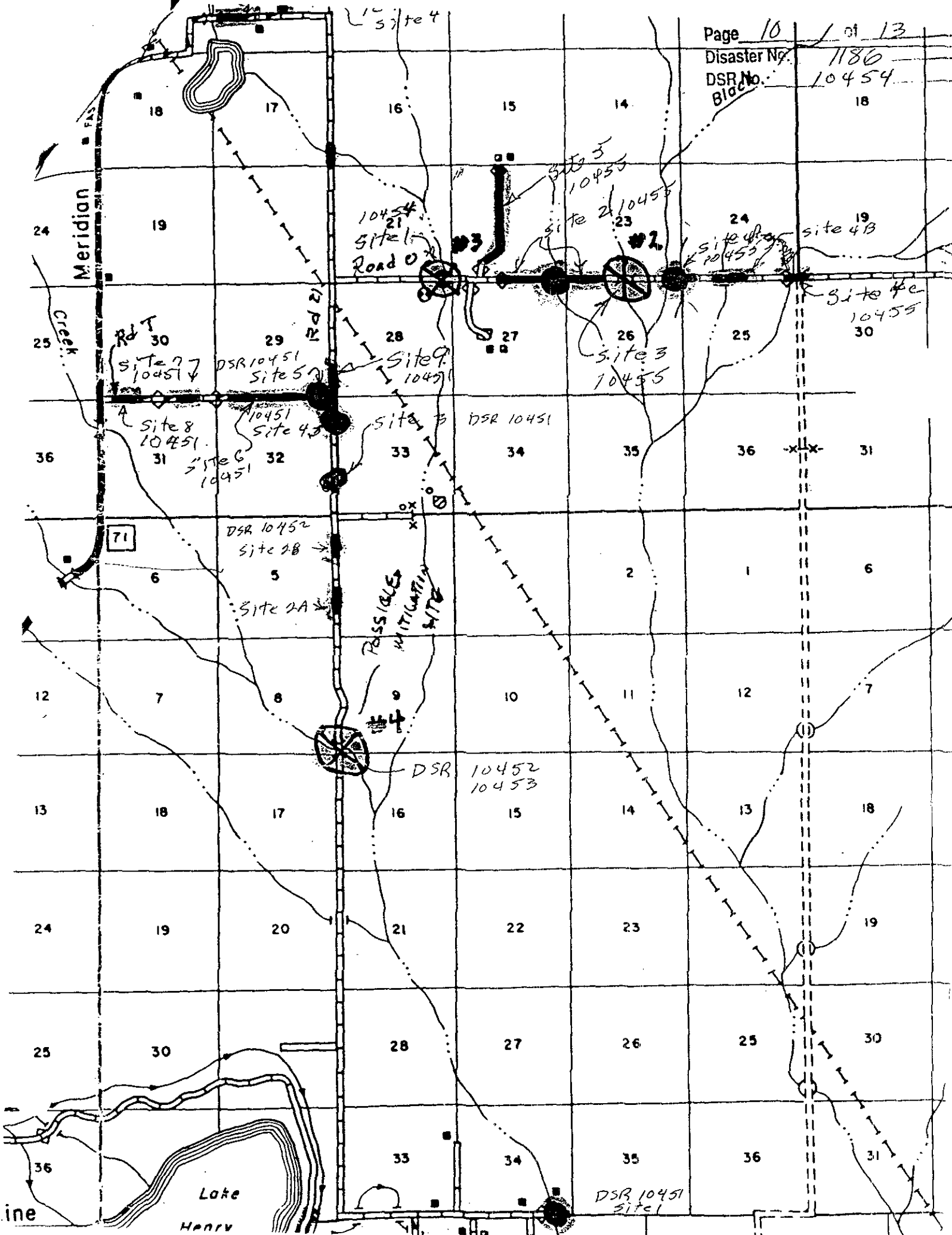
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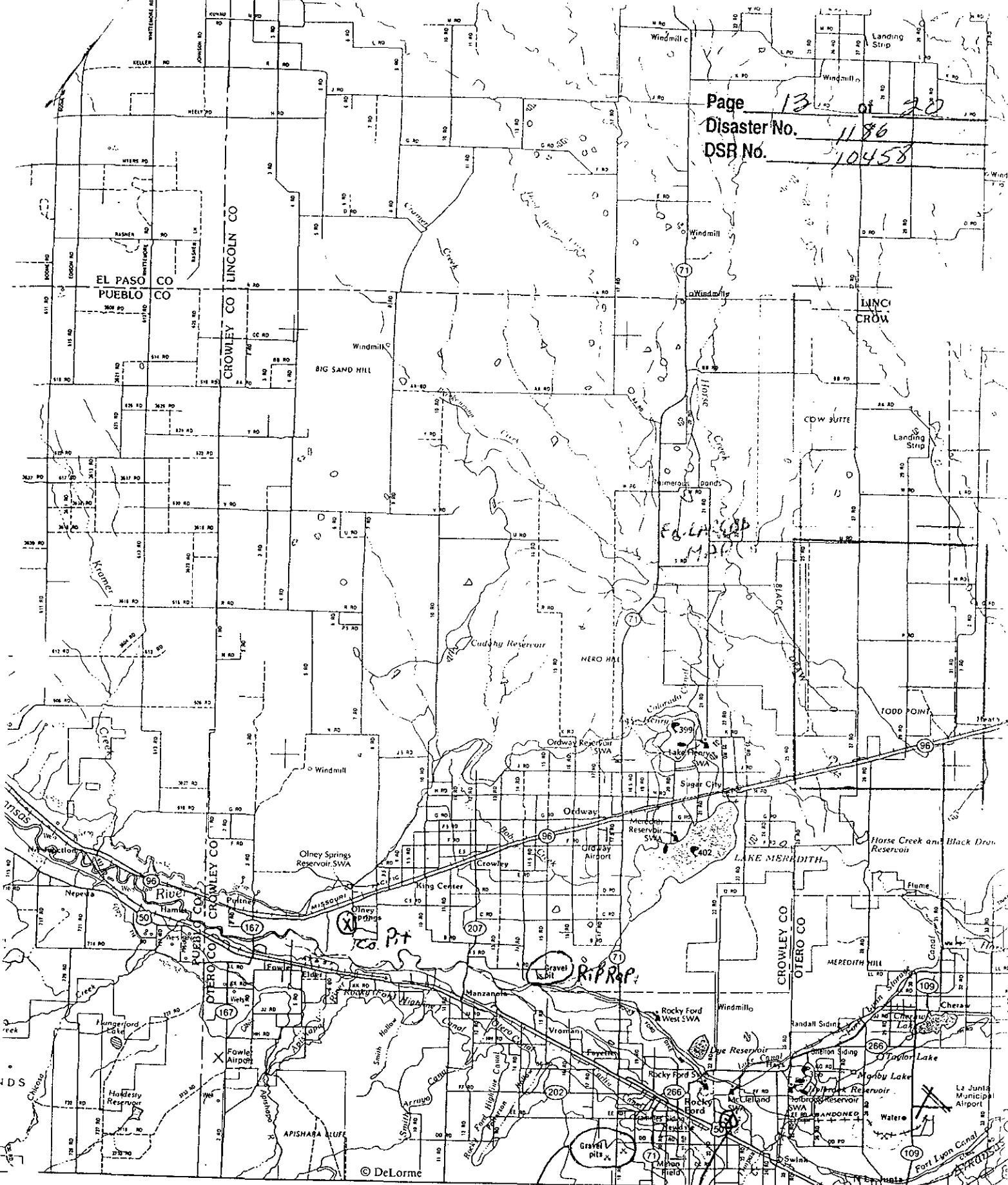


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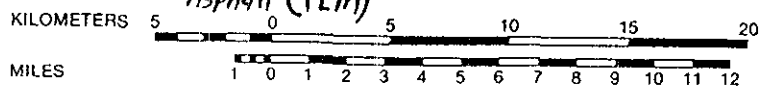




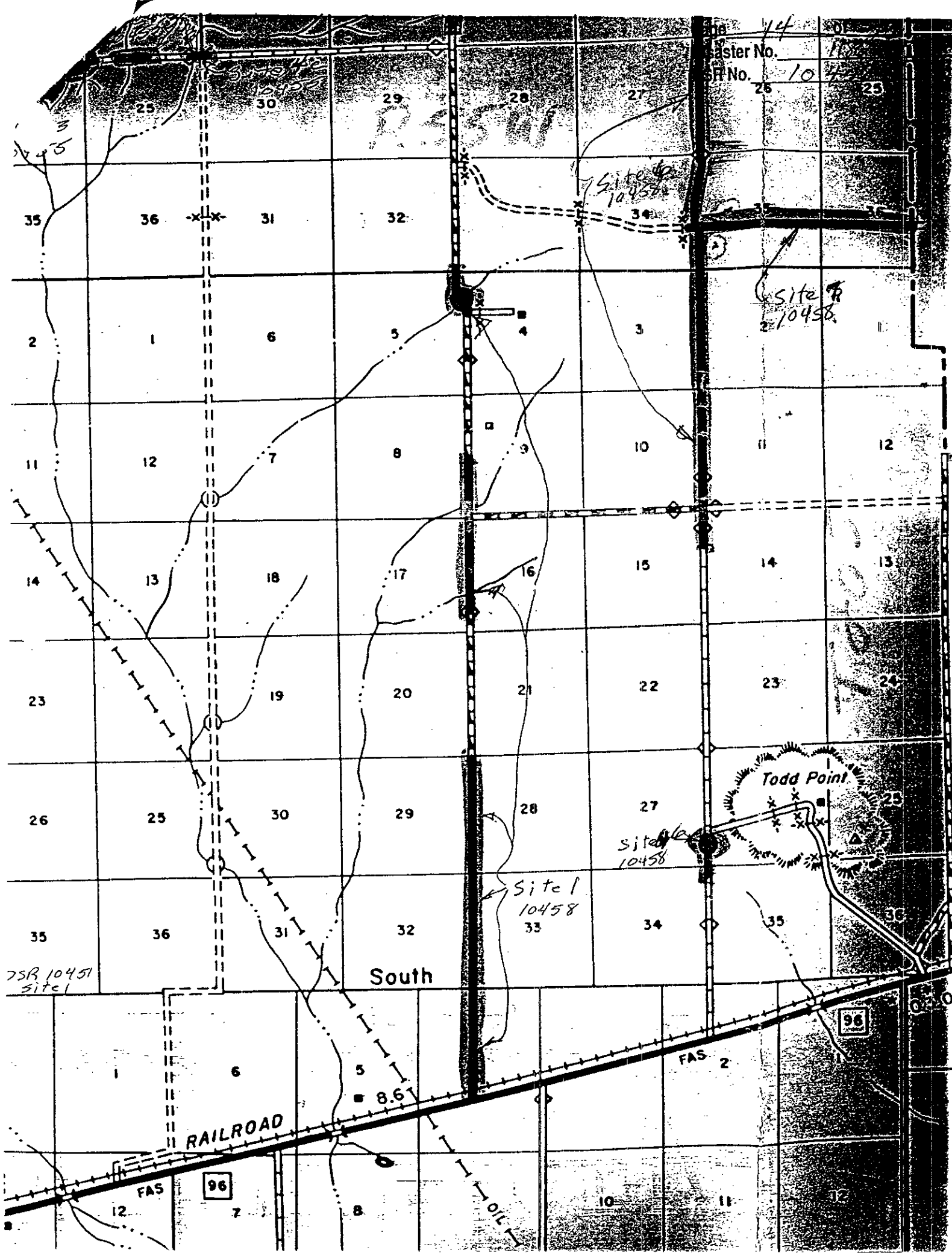
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Rock Aggr. Asphalt (TLM) Concrete

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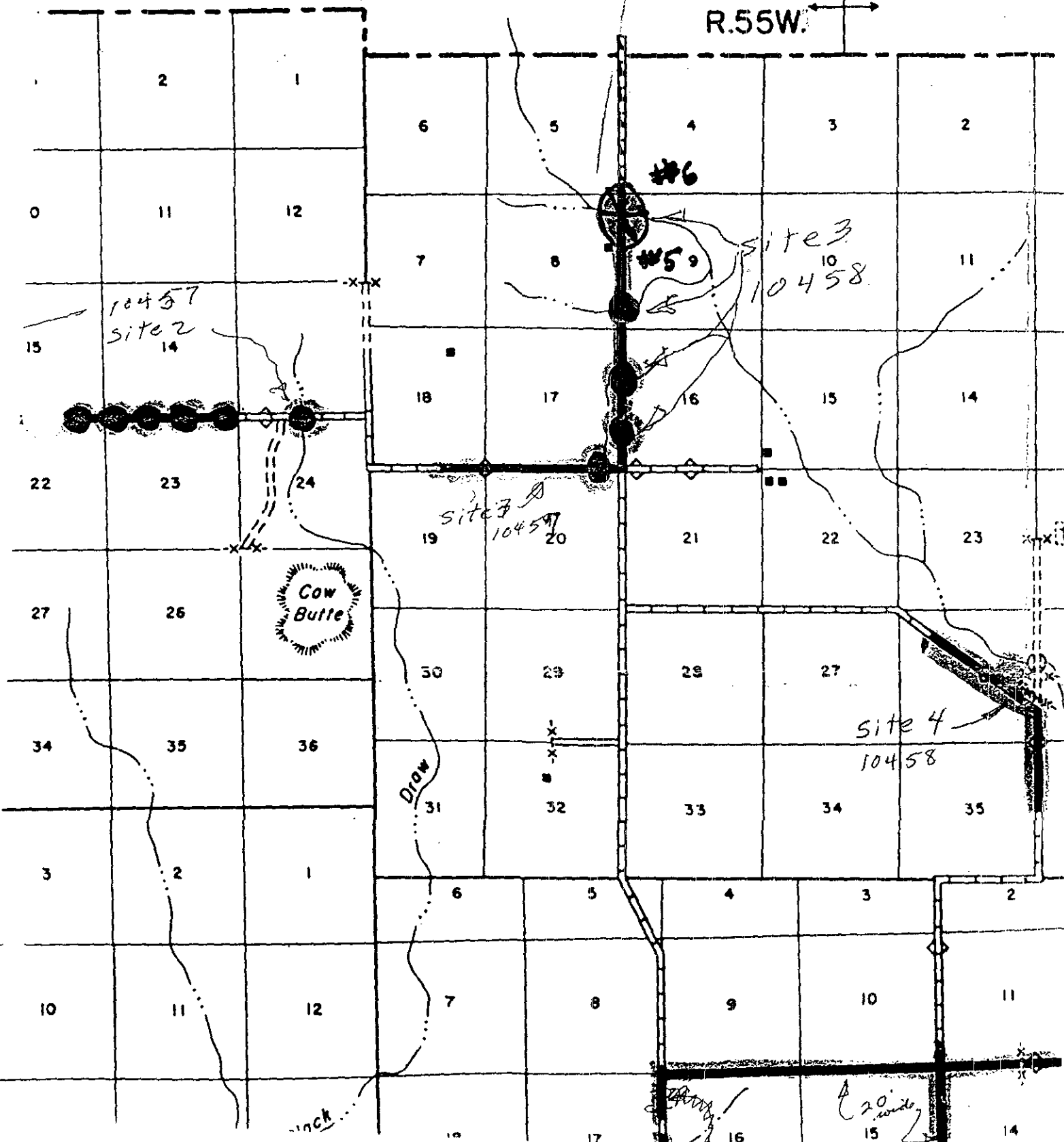


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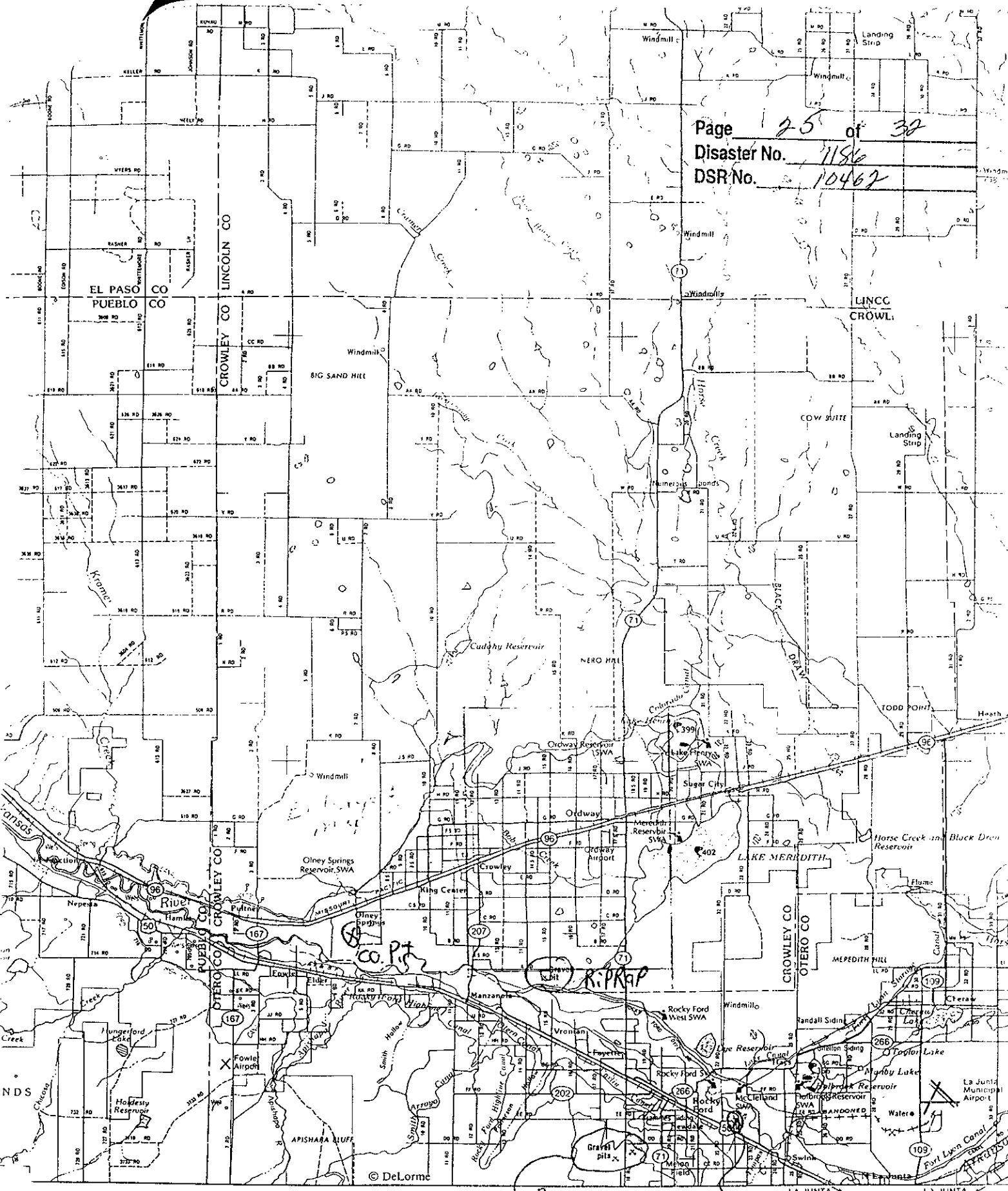
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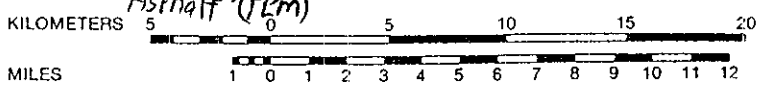
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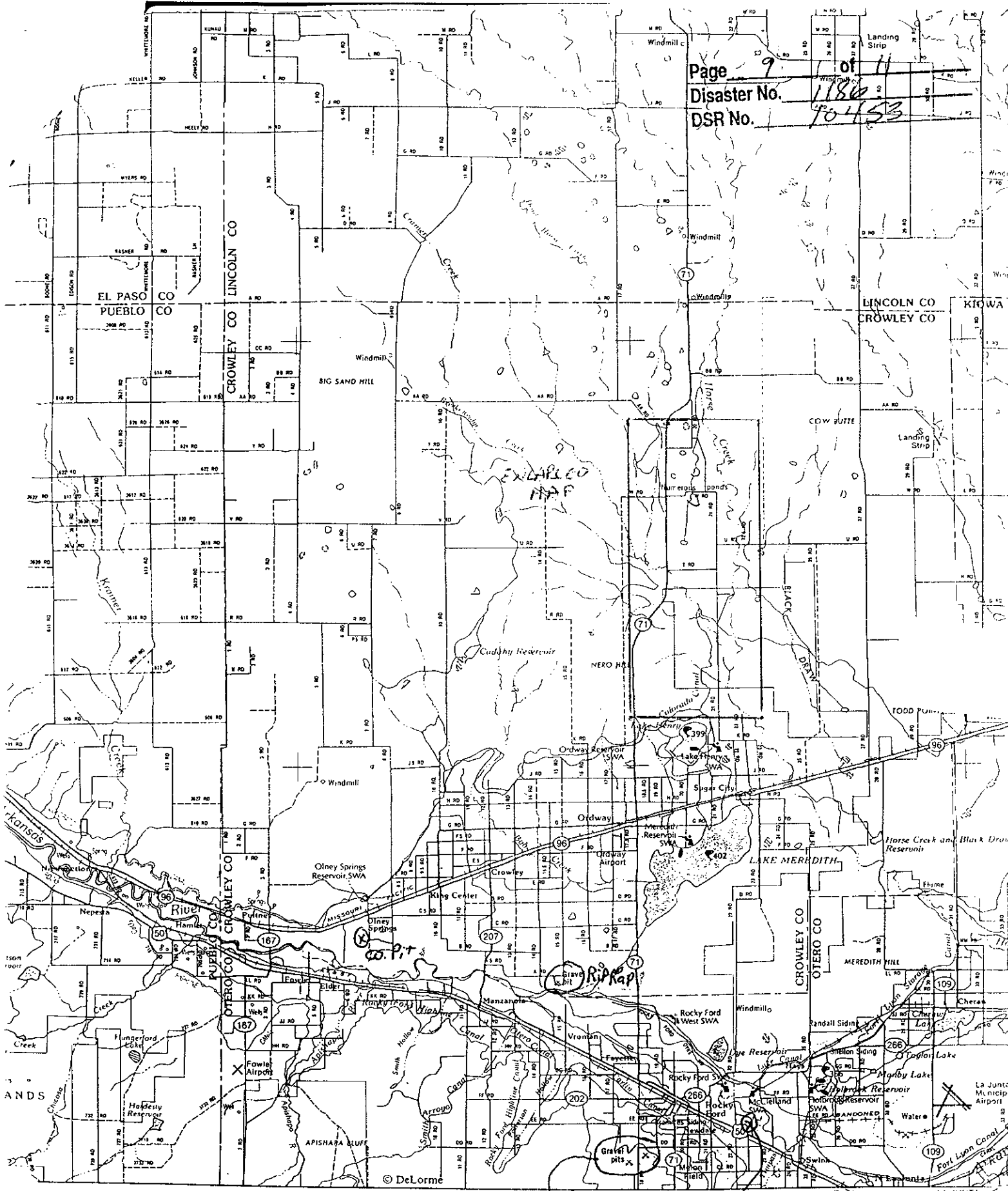
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Asphalt (1.5m)  
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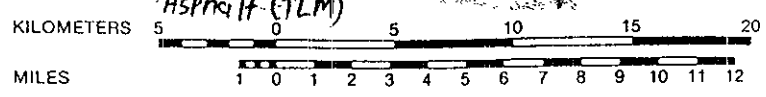


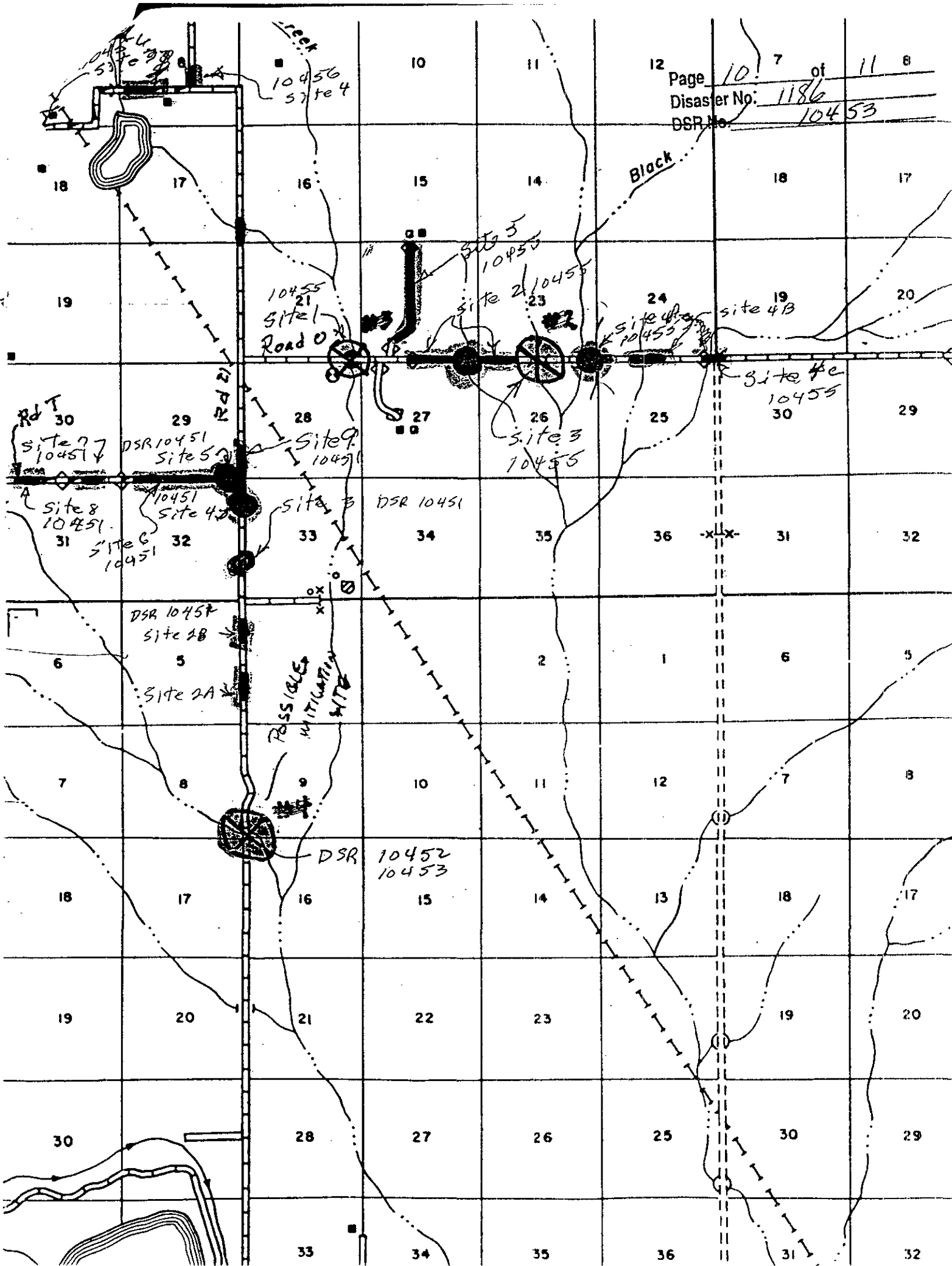


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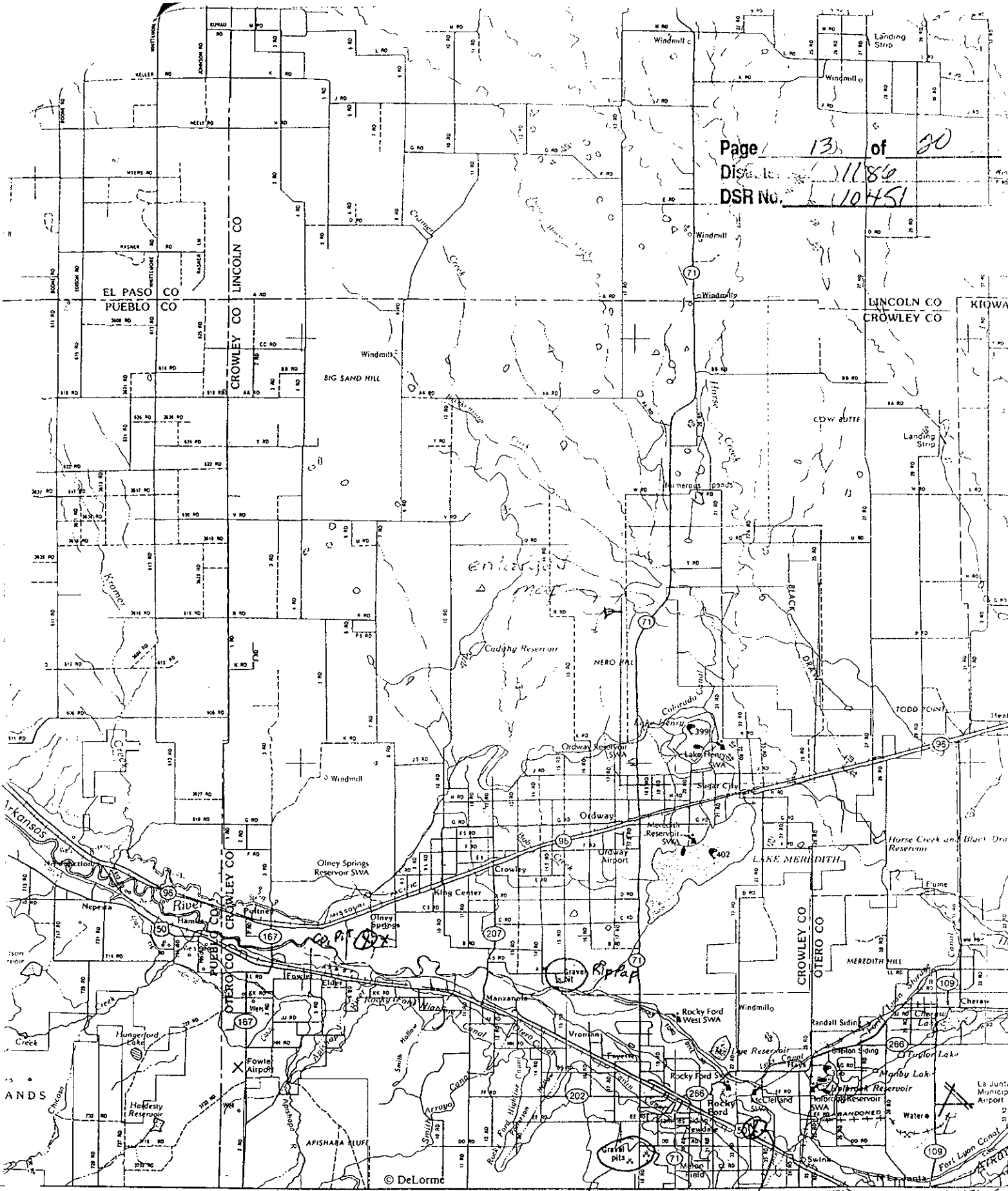


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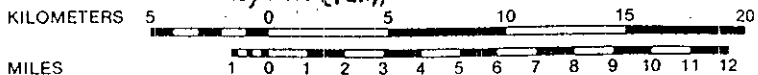




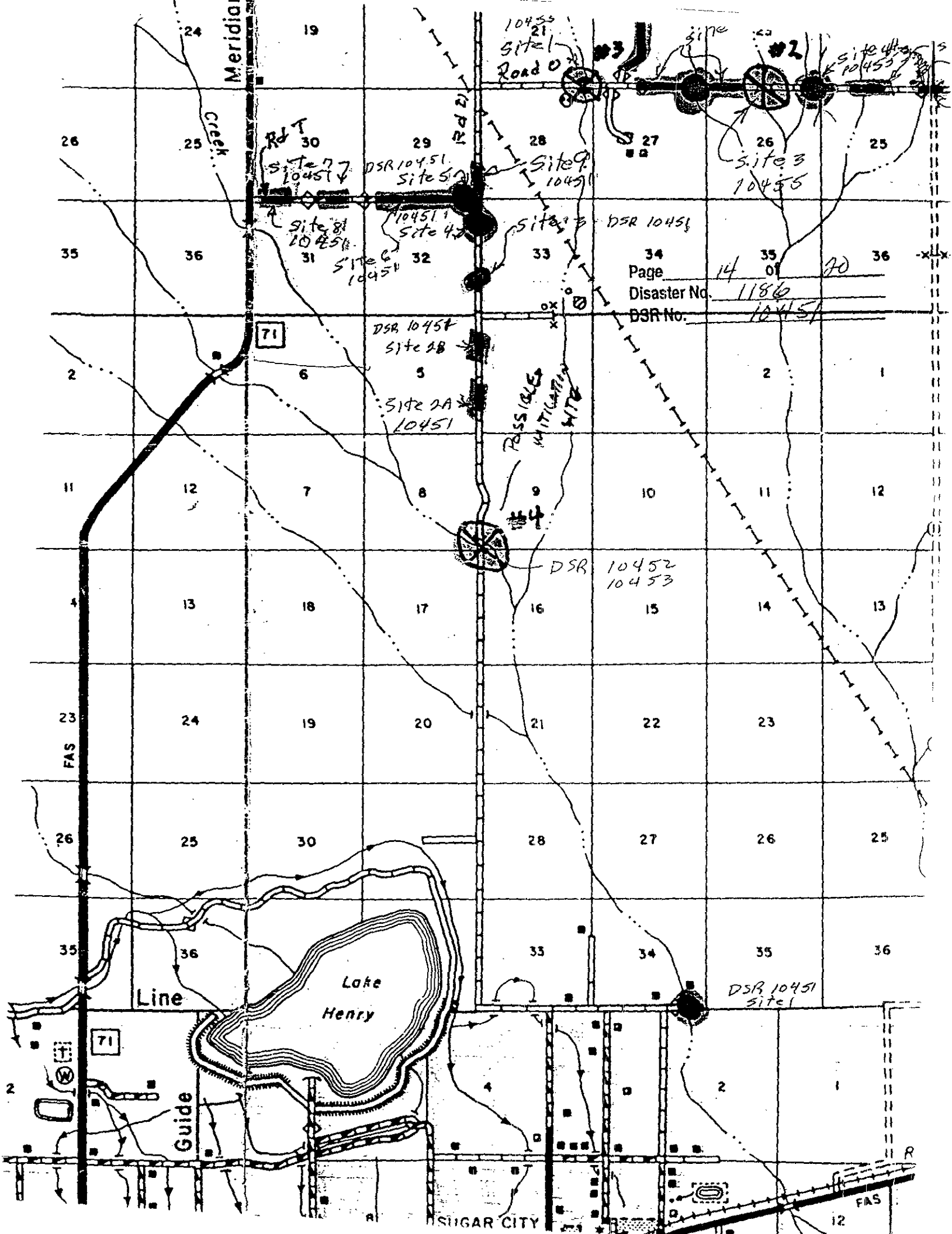




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Guide

POSSIBLE UTILIZATION ROUTE

Road

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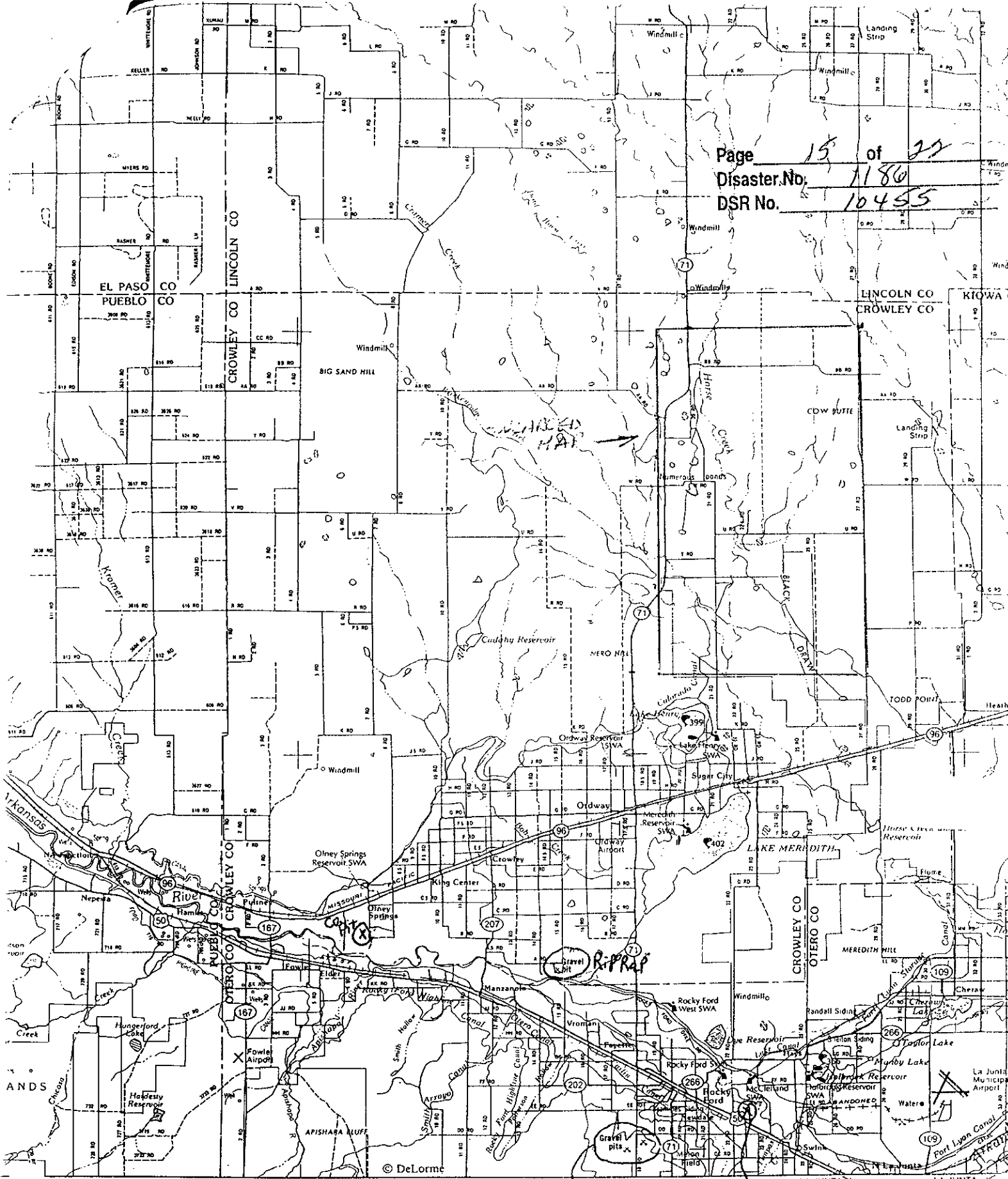
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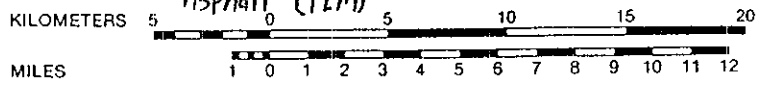
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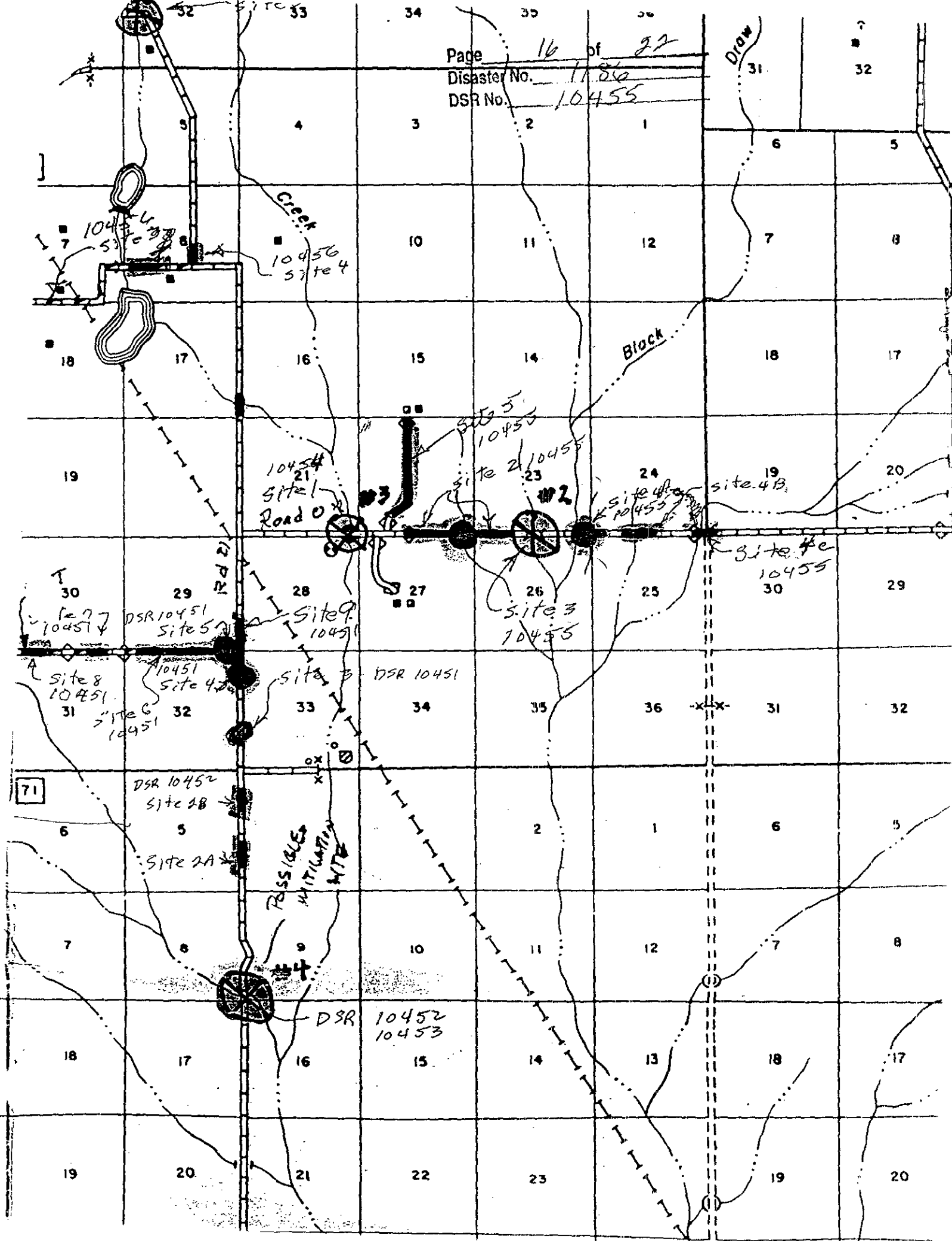
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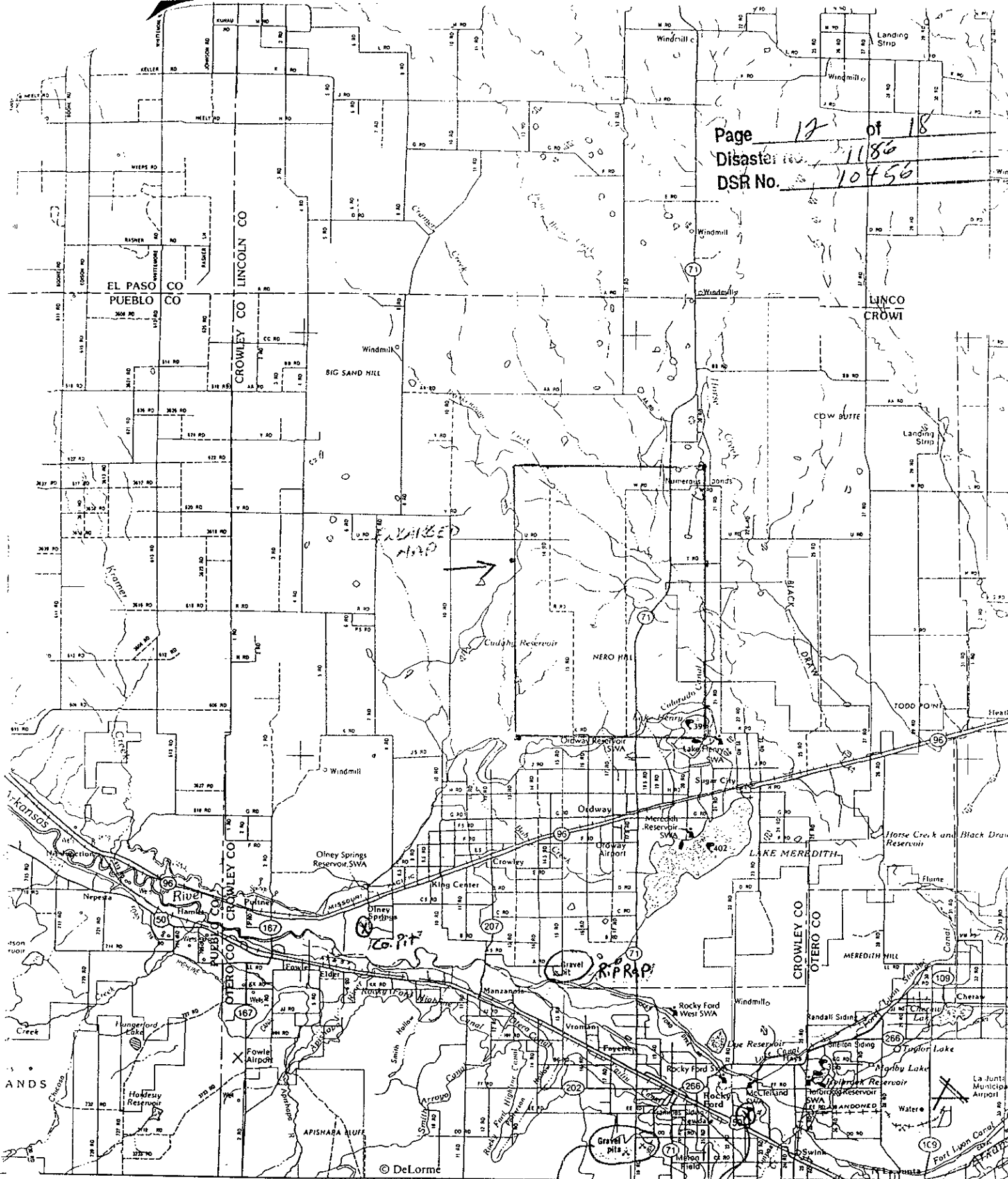


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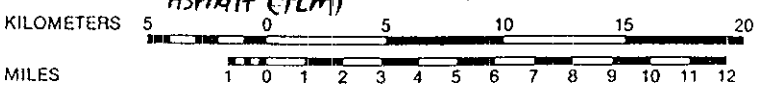
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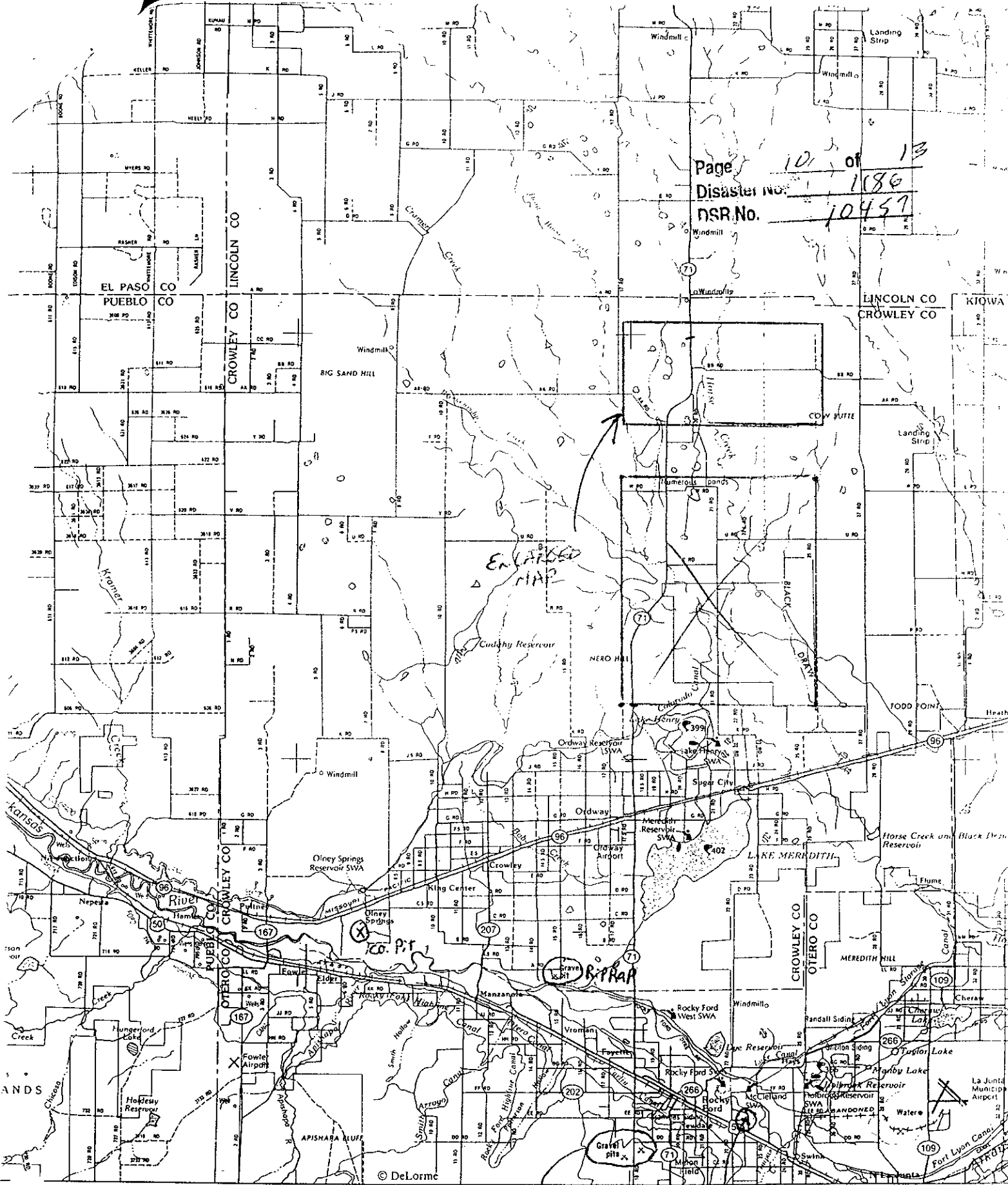
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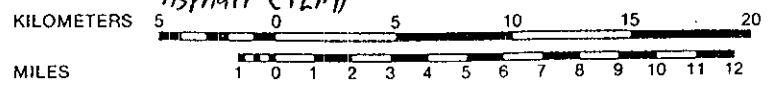
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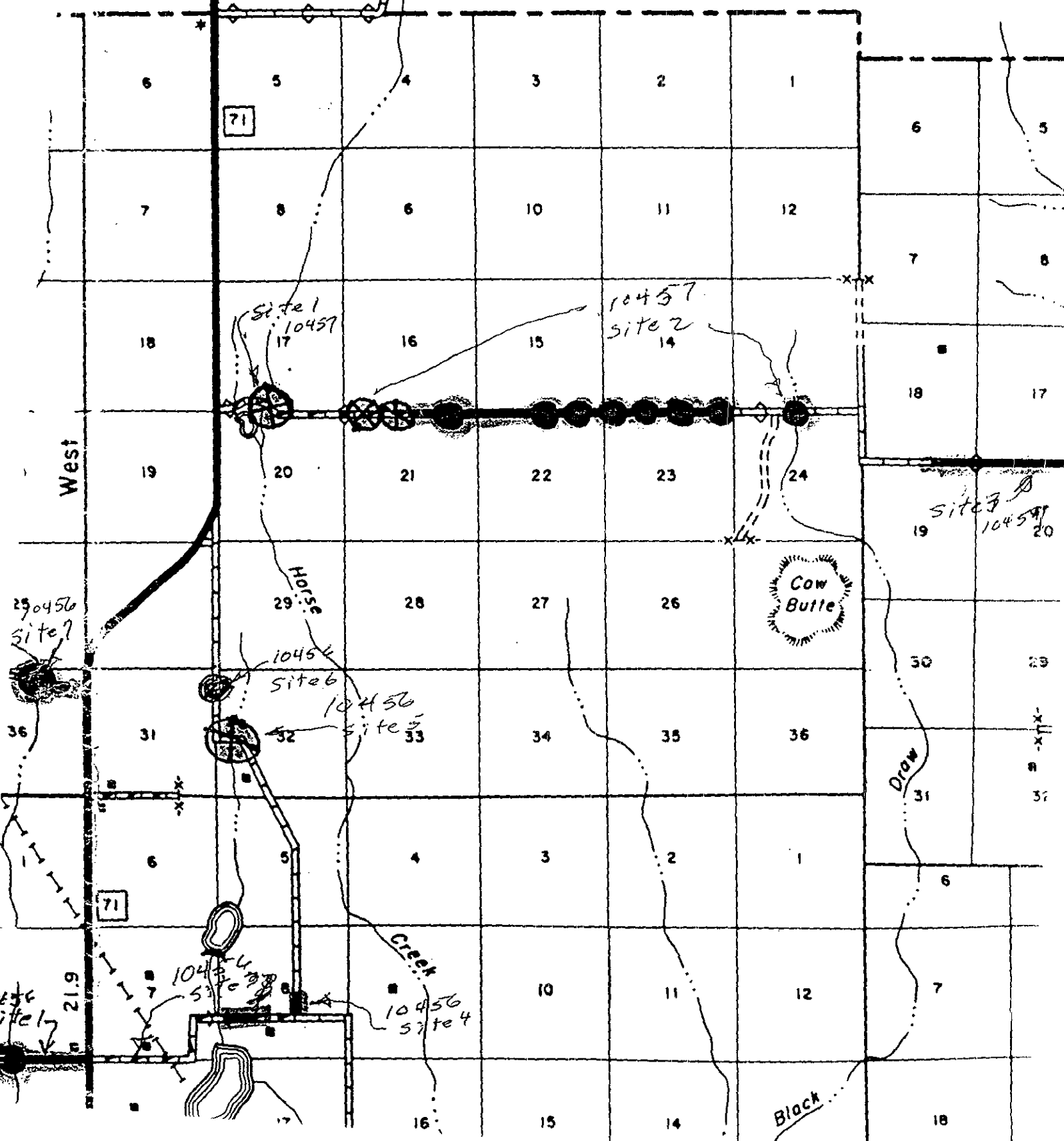
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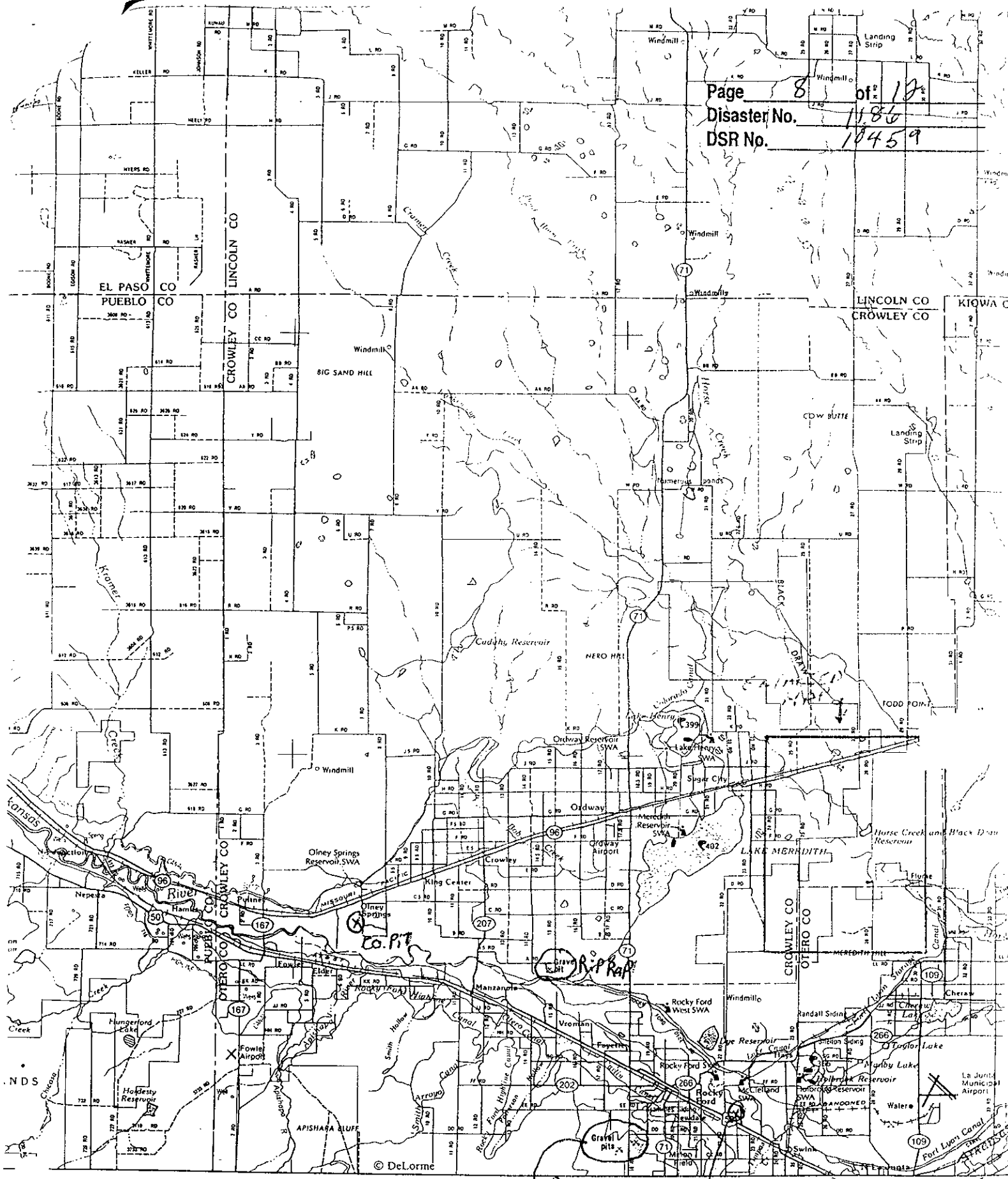


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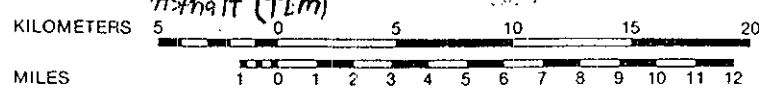
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RAILROAD

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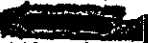


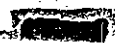
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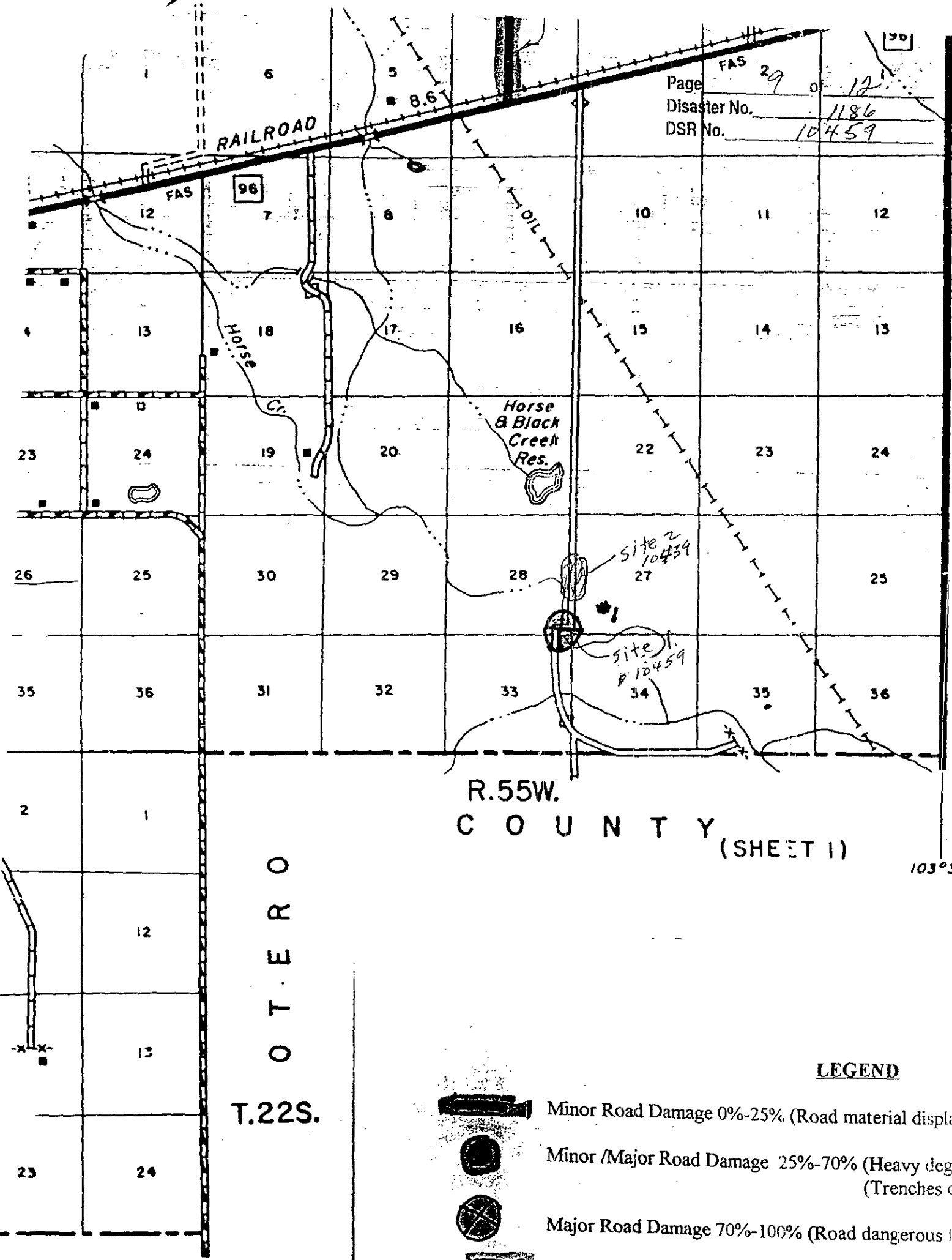
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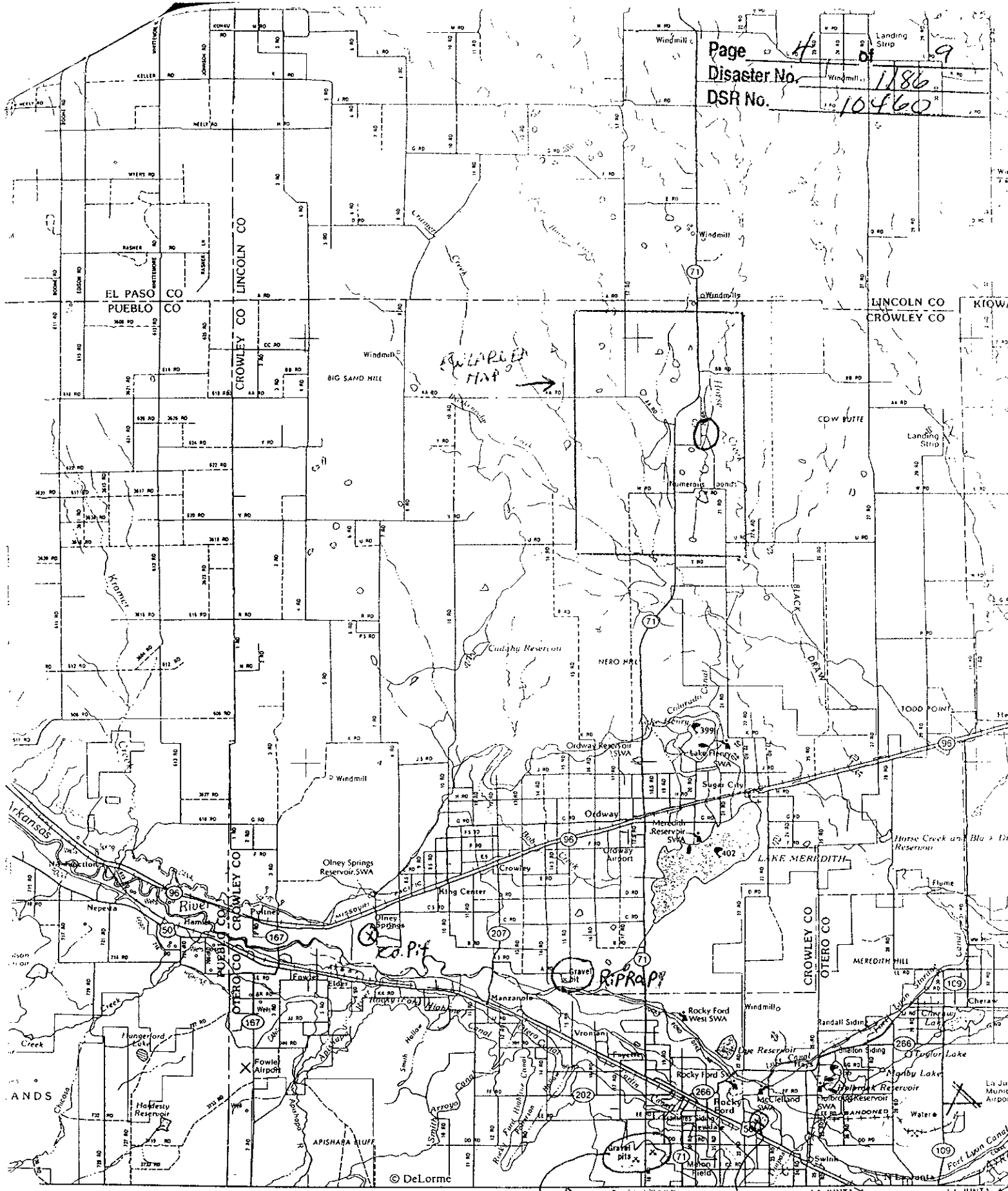
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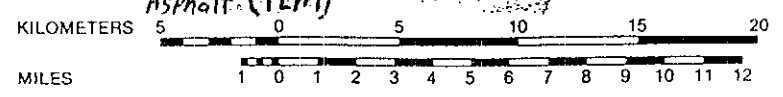
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-  Minor Road Damage 0%-25% (Road material displa
-  Minor /Major Road Damage 25%-70% (Heavy deg  
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-  Major Road Damage 70%-100% (Road dangerous f
-  Storm Structure Damage





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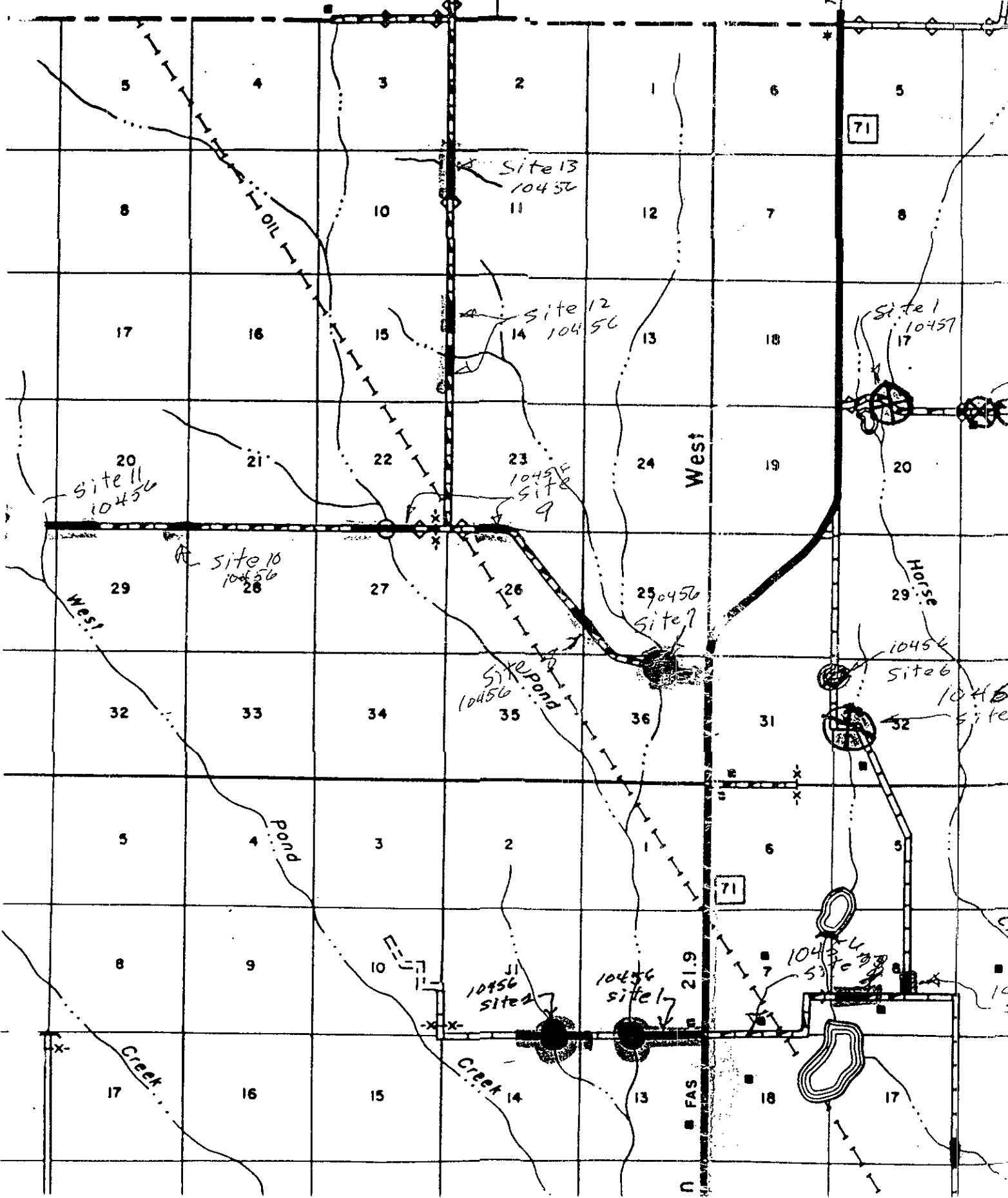
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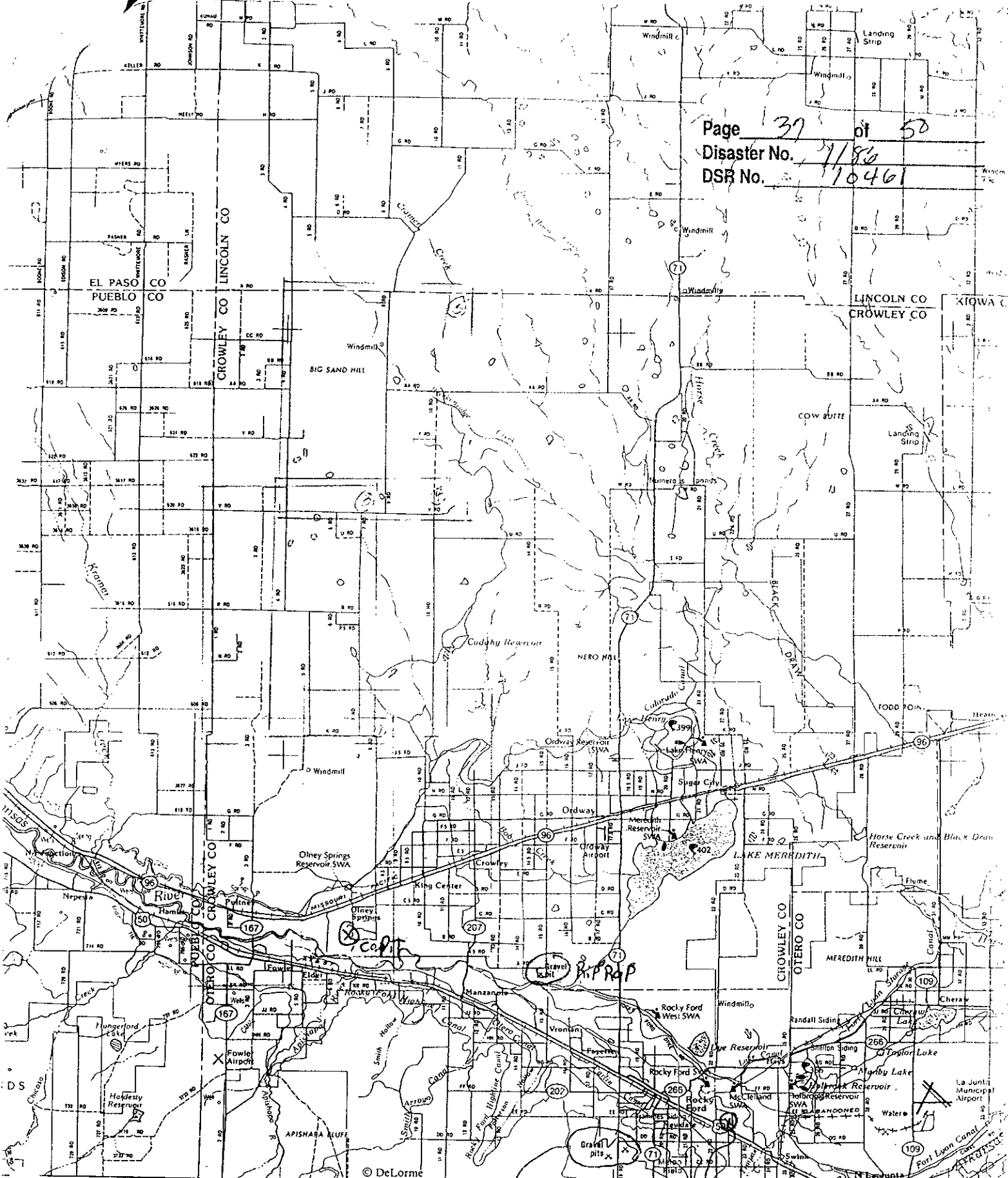
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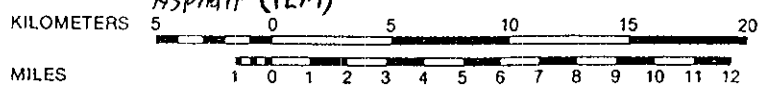
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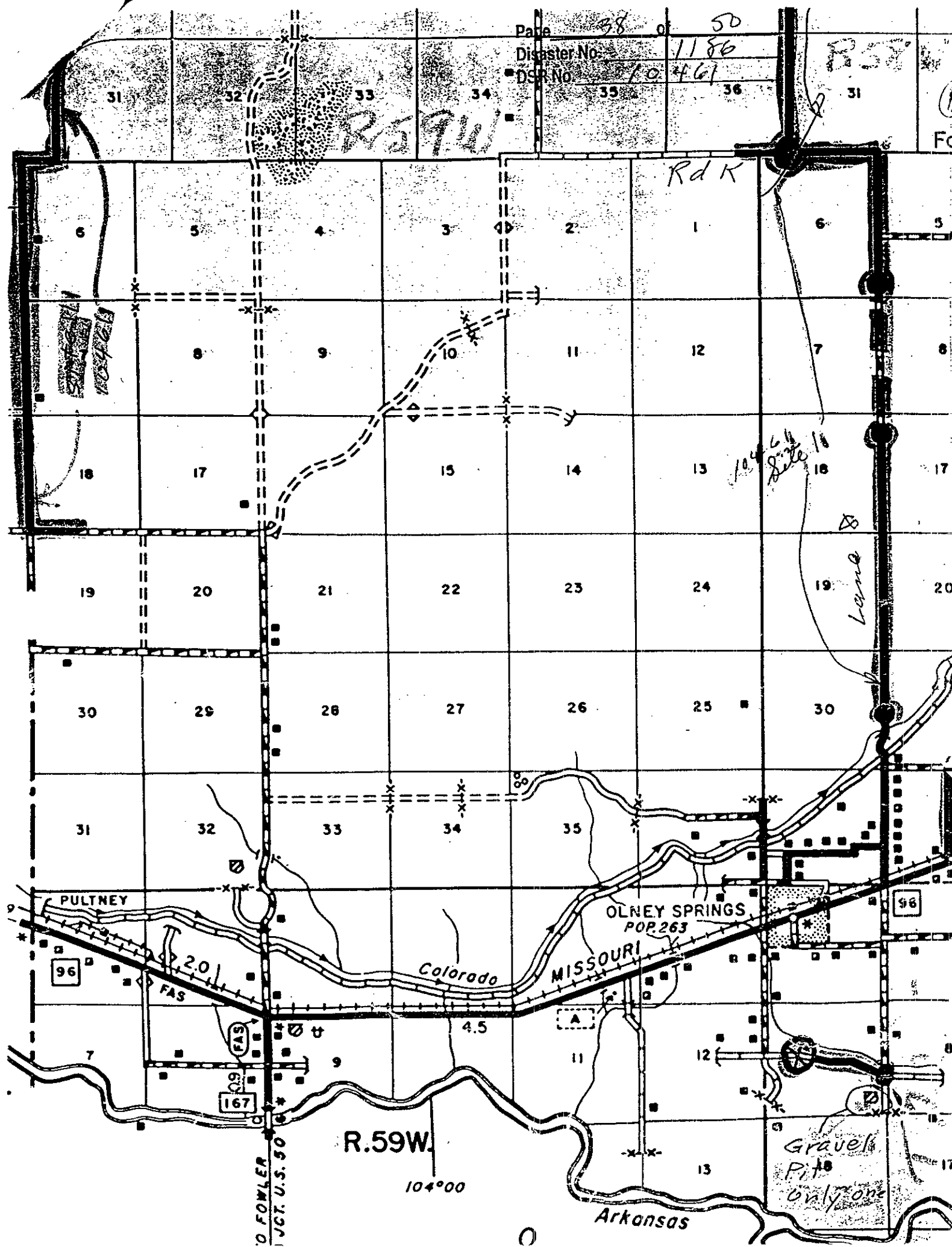
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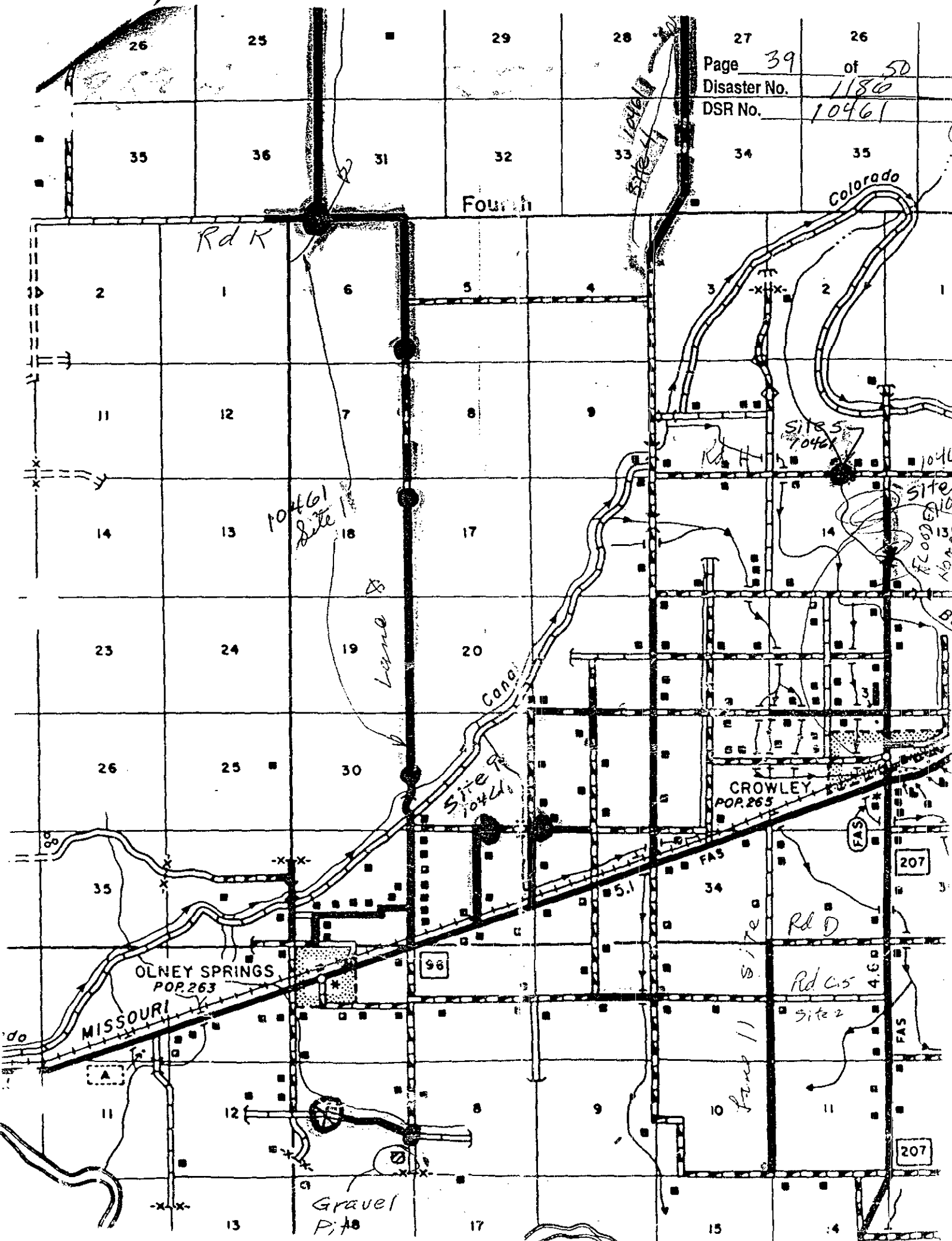
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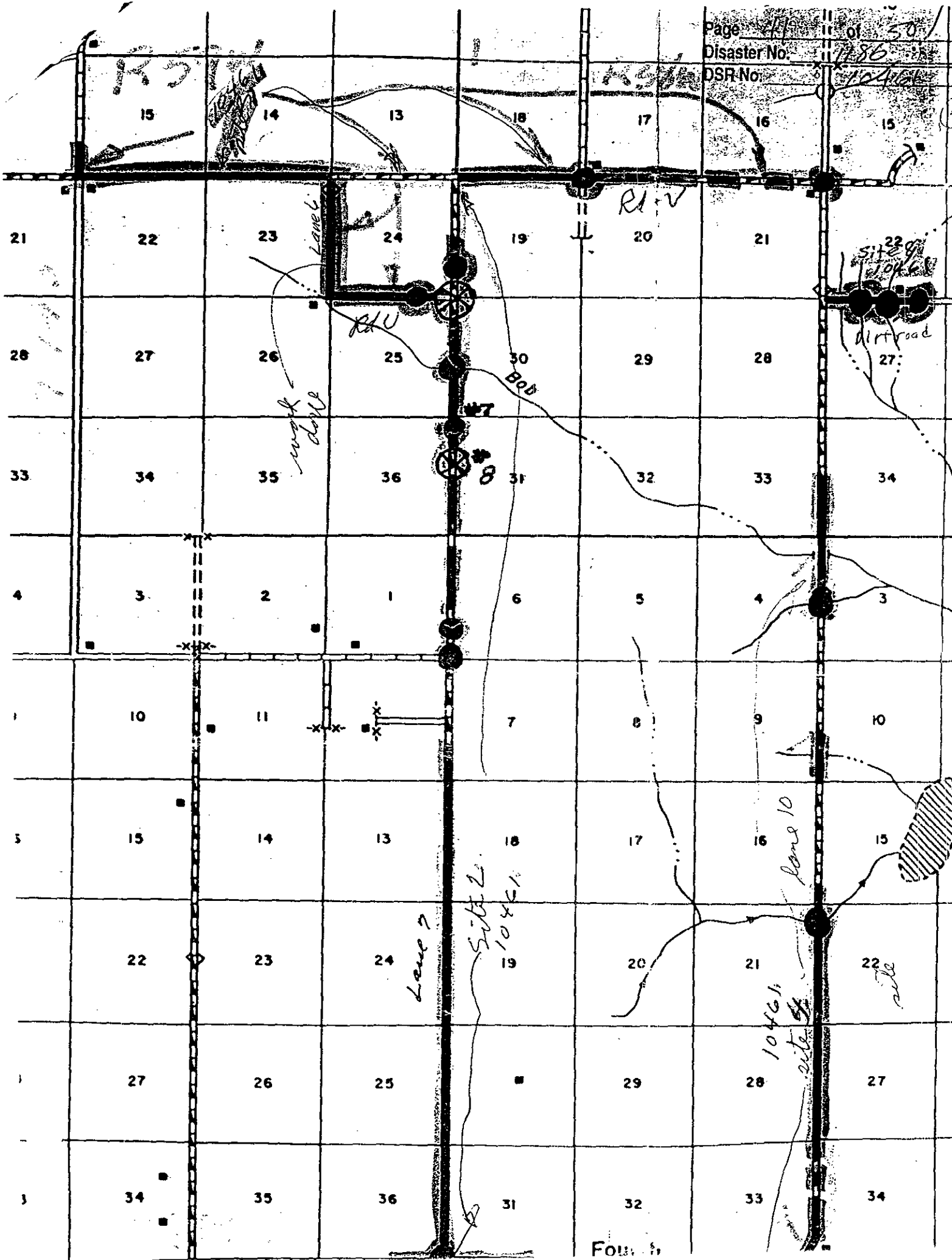
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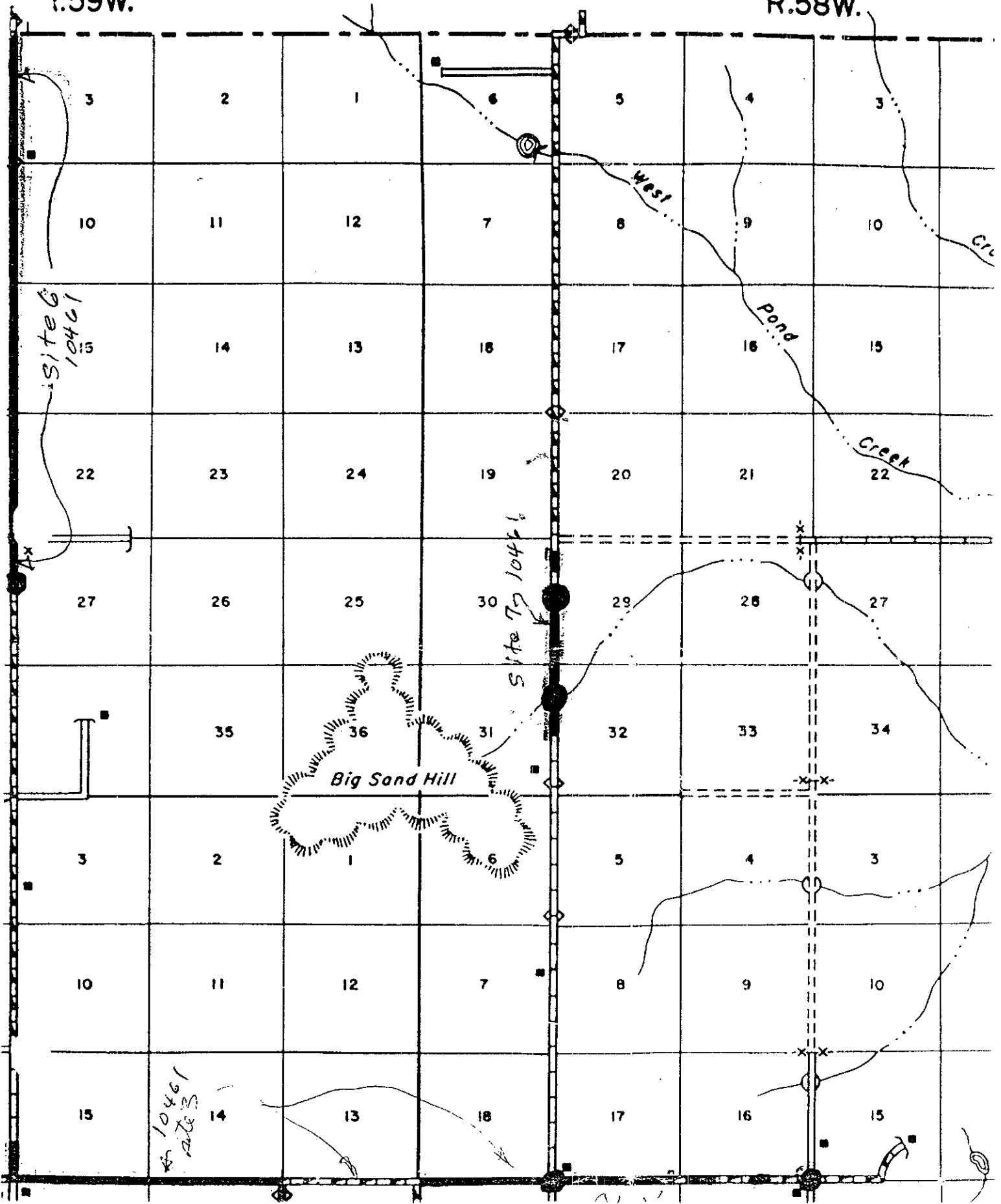




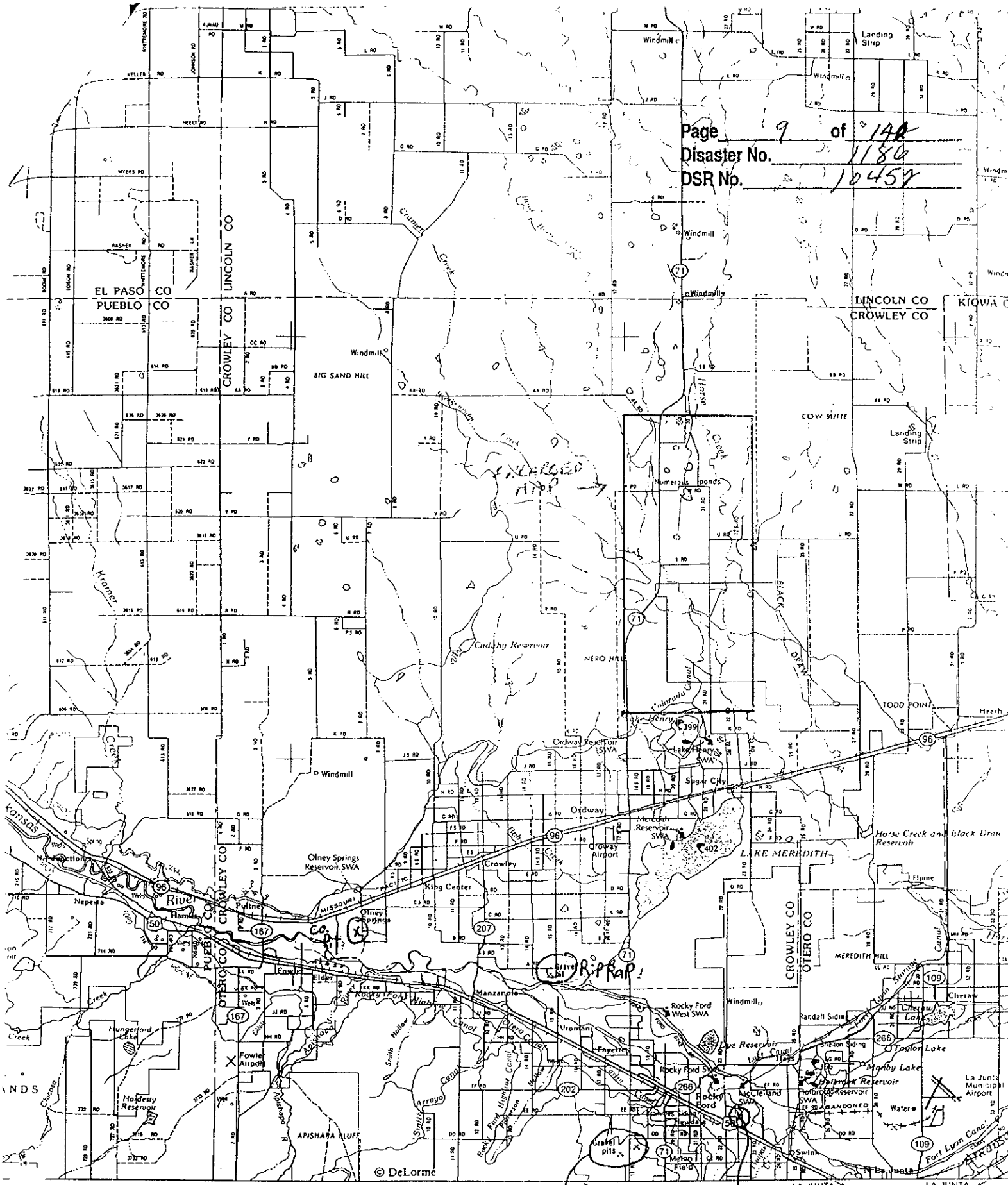


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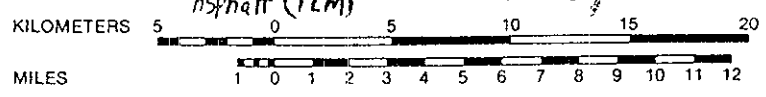
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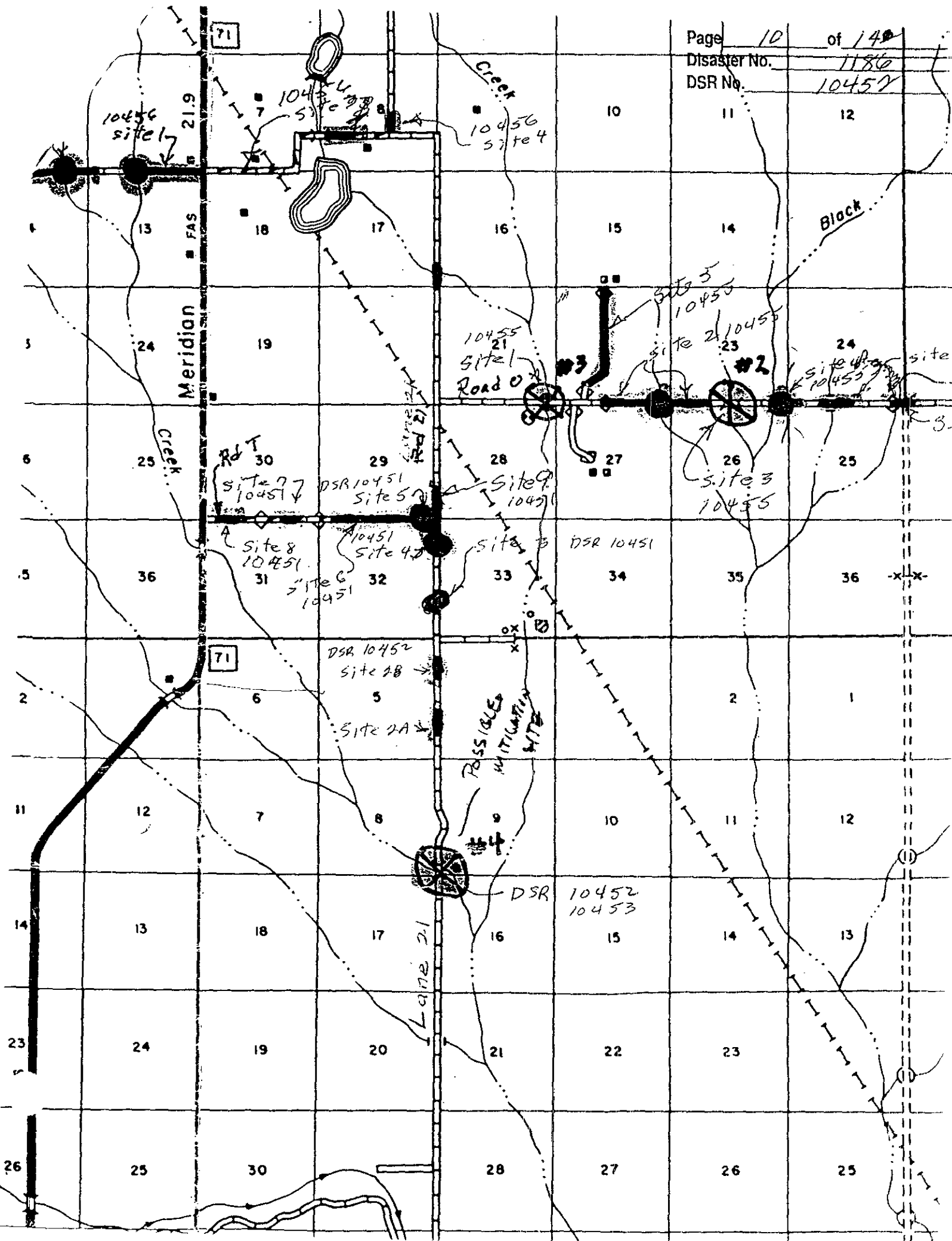


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Rock aggregate  
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## 1. Contacts

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

Kiowa Zoning - Sherman Fehrer (303) 621-3135

BY: JBurrell  
DATE: 4/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: S. Fehrer  
AFFILIATION: Kiowa Zoning/Planning  
PHONE #: (303) 621-3135

- 
1. Affected streams and local drainages? *Best to talk to road crews.*
  2. Geographic extent of flooding? *Storms washed out bridges & roads in northern Elbert County*
  3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?  
*Not specifically other than July*
  4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?
  5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
  6. Precipitation gauging network?
  7. Documentation of high water marks?

*County Road crews - Simla - Joe Craven - covers Agate area, too  
- Kiowa - western part of the county - Bill Casey*

ELBERT

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Jim Burrell  
DATE: 4/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Joe Craven - Simla  
AFFILIATION: Elbert County Roads  
PHONE #: (719) 541-2268

1. Affected streams and local drainages?

- North of Colhan, West Bijou Creek, 8 miles north of where creek starts.
- Fondis area
- West night, S of Simla - Middle Rush Cr, some on N & S Rush Cr.

2. Geographic extent of flooding?

- Big Sandy around River Bend 7/27-28
- Has some FEMA DSR's for roads & culverts

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?

Last week in July, couple before - check June (1st week)

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?

10" 7/28 N. of Colhan 5" 7/27-28  
7/29 South of Simla

5. Rainfall bucket surveys?

Robert Alexander, north of Colhan, rain gage over flowed > 1.0"  
↳ call him

6. Precipitation gauging network?

7. Documentation of high water marks?

- has photos, come to the field, esp. bad along Middle Rush Cr
- Rob't Norris - 541-2456 on Middle Rush Cr.

8. Estimated peak discharges? *NOT YET*

9. Estimated flood damages?

*\$300K + rec'd from FEMA*

10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.

11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.

12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?

*Culverts blown out } extensive  
Road embankments }  
Bridge lost on W. Bijou*

13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?

*NO*

14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?

15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

*Lots of culverts, embankments failed*

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

*Thinks one of his maintenance guys has some photos he could send*

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

*will send map*

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

*hardcopy*

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

*Ranchland News - Simla  
- Tim Taylor*

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?



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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: *Jim Burrell* \* *(719) 541-2268*  
*Joe Craven*  
DATE: *4/23/98*  
SUBJECT: *1997 Flooding*

INDIVIDUAL: *Bill Casey*  
AFFILIATION: *Elbert Co. Road Dept*  
PHONE #: *(303) 621-2366*

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1. Affected streams and local drainages?

*Didn't get hit too bad in Kiowa - talk to Joe Craven -  
he got hit hard & has a lot of projects as a result  
(719) 541-2268*

2. Geographic extent of flooding?

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?

5. Rainfall bucket surveys?

6. Precipitation gauging network?

7. Documentation of high water marks?

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

*check Elbert County paper (303)646-2710  
also - Ranchland News - Simla*

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: J. Burrell  
DATE: 6/5/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Dale Ashcraft  
AFFILIATION: Rancher  
PHONE #: (719) 544-2851

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1. Affected streams and local drainages? South Rush. His place is located where a county road dead ends. The road goes on down to Kutch (Hall's Station (north-south), on Hwy 46 going E-W.
2. Geographic extent of flooding?
3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?
4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall? had 6+'' on the 27 (July). 3.5'' the night before. Got 3.5'' rain + 8'' hail on 6/13/97.
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
6. Precipitation gauging network?
7. Documentation of high water marks?

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: JBurrell  
DATE: 6/5/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: John Atwater  
AFFILIATION: Rancher  
PHONE #: (719) 541-2858

1. Affected streams and local drainages? South Rush Creek, July 29, 1997, 4.5".  
Also got 2" on 6/13/97 and 4" further to west than.

2. Geographic extent of flooding?

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event? (Re: 29 July 97)  
Saw big storm coming up - got on Internet - radar at around 6:30 p.m. Rain started at ~~ca~~ 7:30 p.m. Went to bed around 10:30 - still raining. Got up around 11:15 & looked outside - lots of water!! Creek

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall? about 100 ft wide. Basement flooded because water couldn't run off the lawn fast enough. Window wells filled up. 12:30 p.m. >> creek is 100 yds wide!!

5. Rainfall bucket surveys? Flowing approx 4 ft above pilings on irrigation works, which is normally 2 ft above water. 1:00 a.m. - creek has

6. Precipitation gauging network? peaked and is dropping.  
4:30 a.m. - creek "stacked off a bunch" only 4 ft deep or so. still running at a good rate a week or so later. Lots of sand transported. Spent most of the night moving

7. Documentation of high water marks? furniture & stuff out of basement, and running around on county roads marking washouts. Ran out of markers & flags. Had lots of damage to pasture & irrigation take-out down near creek. Got 4.45" in a good Gov't gage - parents were NWS observers. Gordon Bros 1/2 mi N&W got 5.25"

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: JKB  
DATE: 6/5/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Dennis Stone  
AFFILIATION: Rancher  
PHONE #: (719) 446-5452

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1. Affected streams and local drainages? South Rush Cr. was up out of its banks one night only. Ran 5-6 days before got back to normal.
2. Geographic extent of flooding? Had a lot on Middle Rush, too. Jay Jolle had to replace culverts all summer up there (4-5 mi N of Stone)
3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?  
Lasted 3-4 hrs., just steady rain, no big bursts. Got 4".
4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?  
4"
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
6. Precipitation gauging network?
7. Documentation of high water marks?

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: J. Burrell  
DATE: 6/  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Joe Craven  
AFFILIATION: Elbert roads  
PHONE #: (719) 541-2268

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1. Affected streams and local drainages? Have most trouble on Big Sandy & South Rush/Middle Rush. Big Sandy wastes out the I-70 exit at Agula this happened 3-4 times last summer
  2. Geographic extent of flooding? Big Sandy Creek - washed out road at River Bend & Matteson on 30 July. Matteson is not a big culvert - flows over the road there often. West Bijou was only high for a day or so. Saw it at a road crossing downstream of CR112 - it was more or less normal.
  3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?  
normal.
  4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall? FLOOD CONTROLS - RAMAH RESERVOIR had flow over the spillway for a month after July event. Also, SCS flood control dams along Big Sandy helped a bunch.
  5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
  6. Precipitation gauging network?
  7. Documentation of high water marks?

People we were unable to reach in Elbert Co.

Harold Eldrich 347-2212

Leonard Volosin 347-2305

Greg Olayier 347-2295

Alan Moore 541-2337 (fax machine)

Hugh Scherrer 541-2801

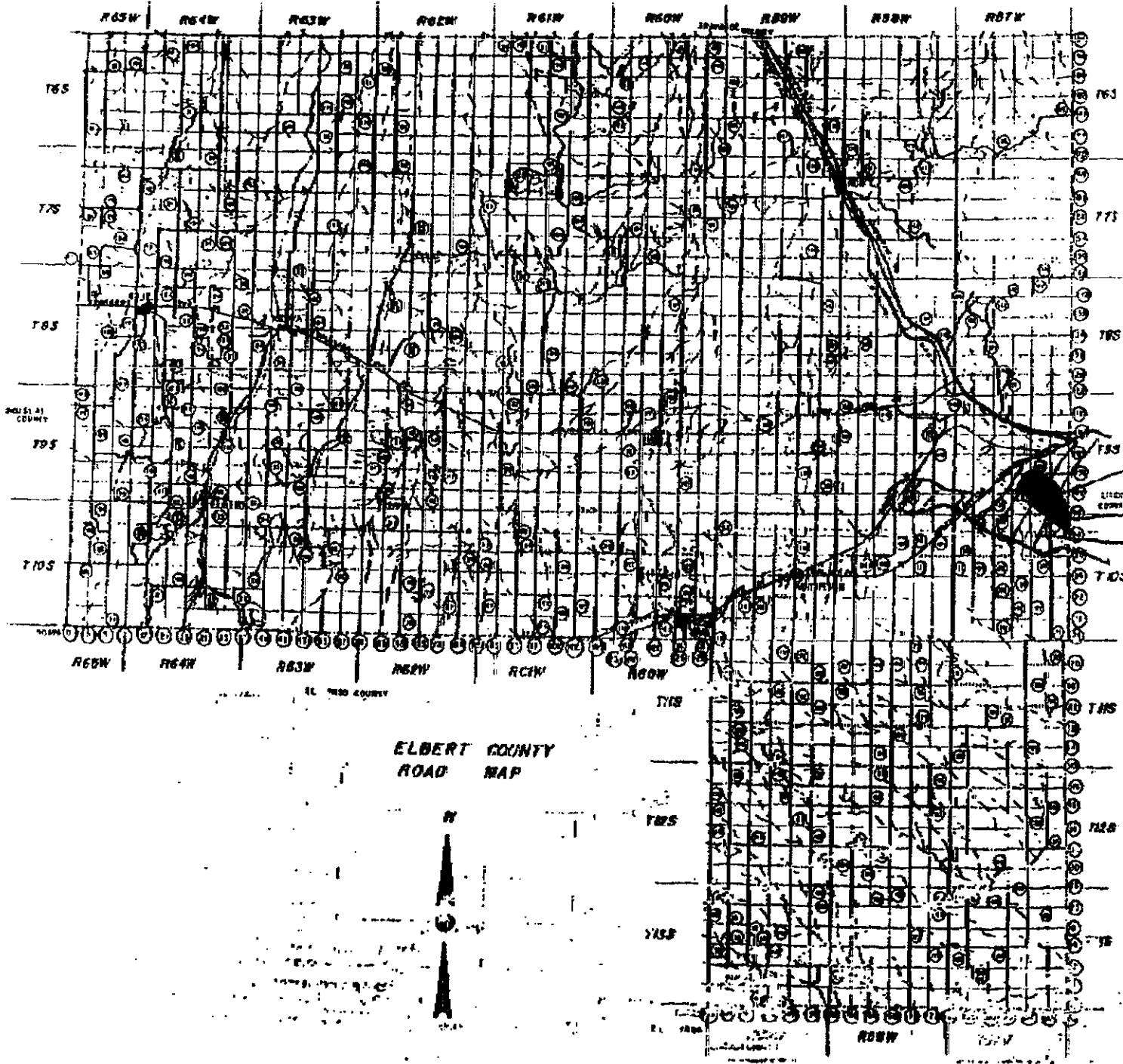
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### USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>Colorado</i>		COUNTY <i>Elbert</i>		DISASTER DATE: <i>6-14-97</i>	
				DISASTER TIME: <i>~ 1:00 AM</i>	
TYPE OF DISASTER:					
Blizzard	Drought	Excessive Rain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excessive Snow	Flash Flooding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flooding
Freeze	Frost	Hail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High Winds	Hurricane	Lightning
Tornado	Other (Identify):				
DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA: <i>large thunderstorm with heavy hail and wind</i> <i>Areas of the crop that are indicated by X reflect damage ranging from 40 to 100%</i> <i>Loss "X" reflects areas that show light to 40% loss. Time of hail ~ 1:00 am</i> <i>6-14-97</i>					
POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:					
APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control		FCS, Disaster Food Assistance		CSRE & ES, Technical Advice	
FSA, Emergency Conservation Program		FCS, Food Stamps		NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment	
FSA, Livestock Feed Programs		FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety		NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance	
FSA, Emergency Loans		RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance		FS, Fire Protection	
FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		CSRE & ES, Information Material			
ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:			Total Acres Affected:		Number of Farms:
Crop Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth	
<i>wheat</i>	<i>~ 40,000</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>3 weeks to harvest</i>	
<i>alfalfa/hay me</i>	<i>~ 5,000</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>1st cutting ready, grass 2nd cut to harvest</i>	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only - no dollar amount. <i>NA</i>					
Cattle (Beef)		Poultry (Layers)		Swine	
Cattle (Dairy)		Poultry (Broilers)		Aquaculture	
Sheep		Turkeys		Other (Identify)	
ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount. <i>NA</i>					
Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings			Farm Machinery & Equipment		
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)			Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)		
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:					
AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON: <i>NA</i>					
USDA Office Buildings:					
Office Equipment and Records:					
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:					
REPORTED BY: <i>Michael Meyer</i> TO: <i>Ed Buck</i> DATE: <i>6-18-97</i>					

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# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>Colorado</i>	COUNTY <i>ELBERT</i>	DISASTER DATE: <i>6-24-97</i>
		DISASTER TIME: <i>6:00pm</i>

**TYPE OF DISASTER:**

Blizzard	Drought	Excessive Rain	Excessive Snow	Flash Flooding	Flooding
Freeze	Frost	Hail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High Winds	Hurricane	Lightning
Tornado	Other (Identify)				

**DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA:** *wind driven hail 4"-6" deep in some areas  
lined area represents light to up to 40% losses, Blackened area represents  
40-100% losses*

**POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:**

APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control	FCS, Disaster Food Assistance	CSRE & ES, Technical Advice
FSA, Emergency Conservation Program	FCS, Food Stamps	NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment
FSA, Livestock Feed Programs	FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety	NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance
FSA, Emergency Loans	RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance	FS, Fire Protection
FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSRE & ES, Information Material	

**ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:** Total Acres Affected: *≈ 15000 ACRES* Number of Farms: *≈ 25*

Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth
<i>wheat</i>	<i>≈ 8000</i>	<i>3500</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>starting to turn</i>

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST:** Numbers only - no dollar amount: *NA*

Cattle (Beef)	Poultry (Layers)	Swine
Cattle (Dairy)	Poultry (Broilers)	Aquaculture
Sheep	Turkeys	Other (Identify)

**ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.:** Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount: *NA*

Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings	Farm Machinery & Equipment
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)	Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:	

**AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON:** *NA*

USDA Office Buildings:

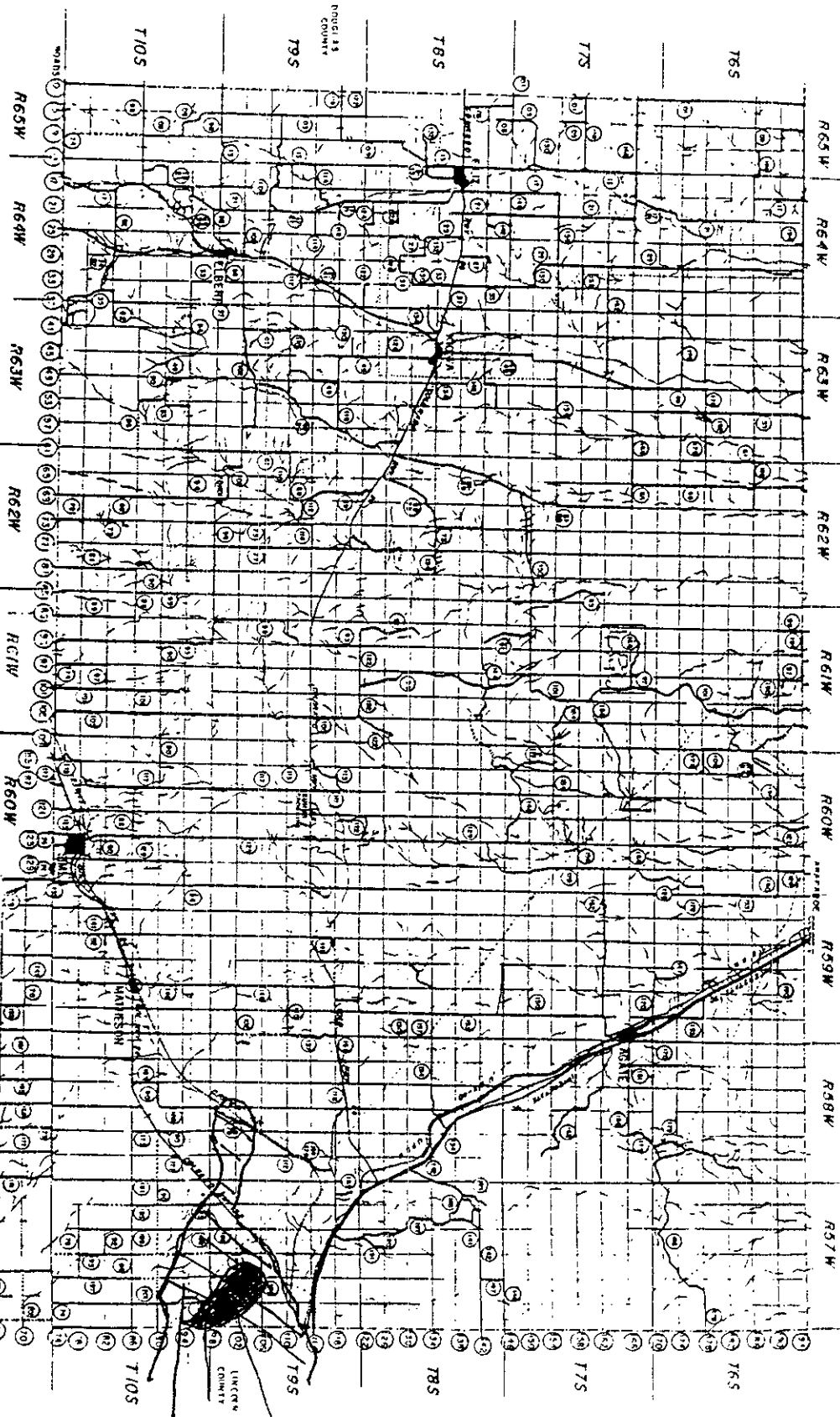
Office Equipment and Records:

Employees, Employee Families & Homes:

REPORTED BY: *Michael Meyer* TO: *Ed Buck* DATE: *6-25-97*

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ELBERT COUNTY  
ROAD MAP



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D. HANLEY  
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Light Darning  
Win - 40-10-111

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# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>Colorado</i>	COUNTY <i>Elbert / Douglas</i>	DISASTER DATE: <i>6-24 @ 6:25</i>
		DISASTER TIME: <i>pm</i>

**TYPE OF DISASTER:**

Blizzard	Drought	Excessive Rain	Excessive Snow	Flash Flooding	Flooding
Freeze	Frost	Hail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High Winds	Hurricane	Lightning
Tornado	Other (Identify)				

**DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA:** *SSW of Kiowa beginning 2 miles from city limit Heavy area ~ 4" of hail pea to marble shipped alfalfa leaves and flattened hay/wk to harvest Douglas hail is S of Franktown ~ 4 miles, Heavy area 4"-6" of hail pea to marble flattened wheat field broken heads ~ 1 wk to harvest*

**POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:**

APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control	FCS, Disaster Food Assistance	CSRE & ES, Technical Advice
FSA, Emergency Conservation Program	FCS, Food Stamps	NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment
FSA, Livestock Feed Programs	FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety	NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance
FSA, Emergency Loans	RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance	FS, Fire Protection
FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSRE & ES, Information Material	

**ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:** Total Acres Affected: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Farms: \_\_\_\_\_

Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth
<i>Forage hay</i>	<i>400 ac / 1000 native mx</i>	<i>19840</i>	<i>~50%</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> cut ready to clip</i>
<i>wheat</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>~50%</i>	<i>1 wk to harvest</i>
<i>ts</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>~80%</i>	<i>2 wk to harvest</i>

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only-no dollar amount: NA**

Cattle (Beef)	Poultry (Layers)	Swine
Cattle (Dairy)	Poultry (Broilers)	Aquaculture
Sheep	Turkeys	Other (Identify)

**ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount: NA**

Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings	Farm Machinery & Equipment
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)	Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:	

**AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON:** *NA*

USDA Office Buildings:

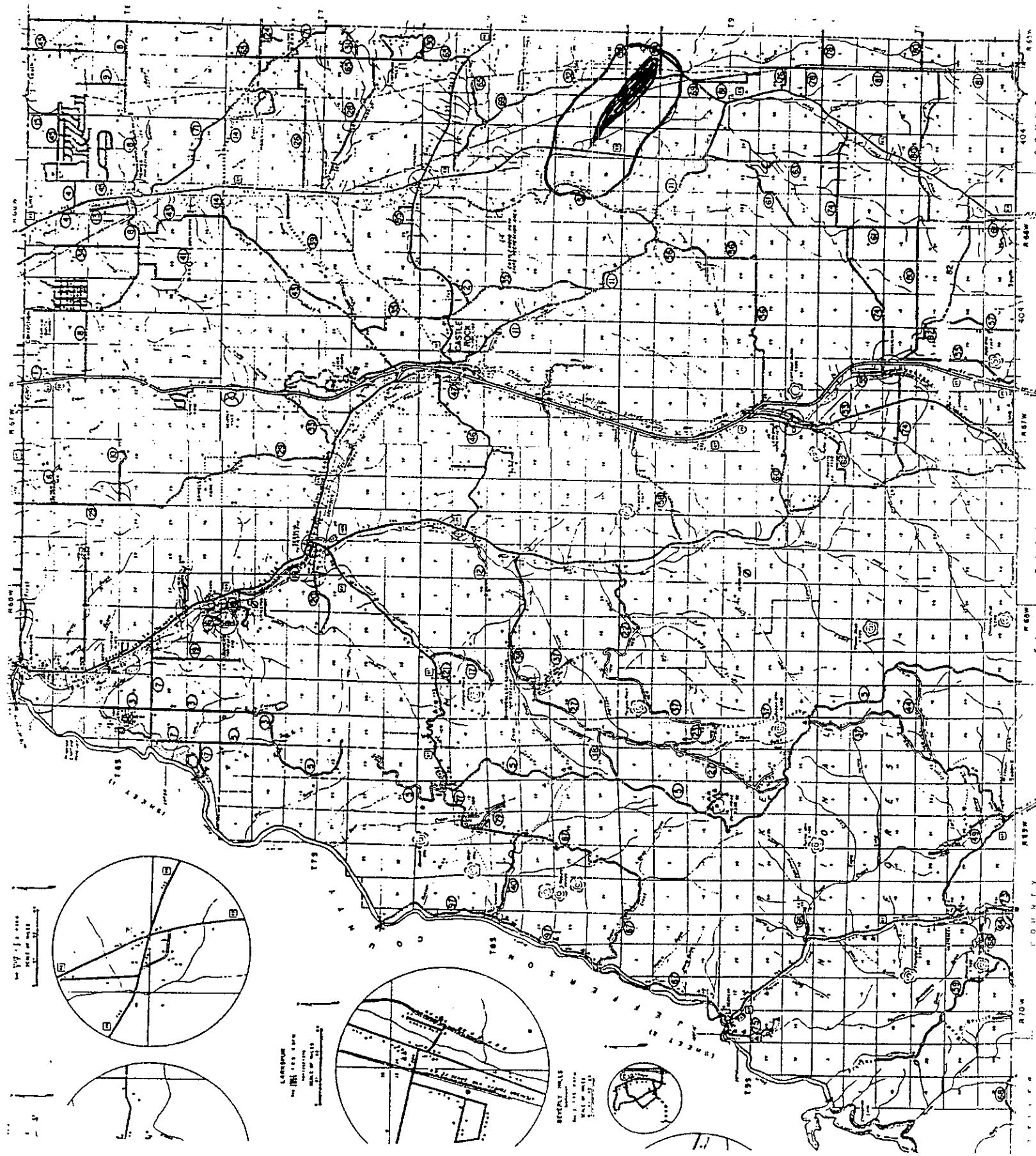
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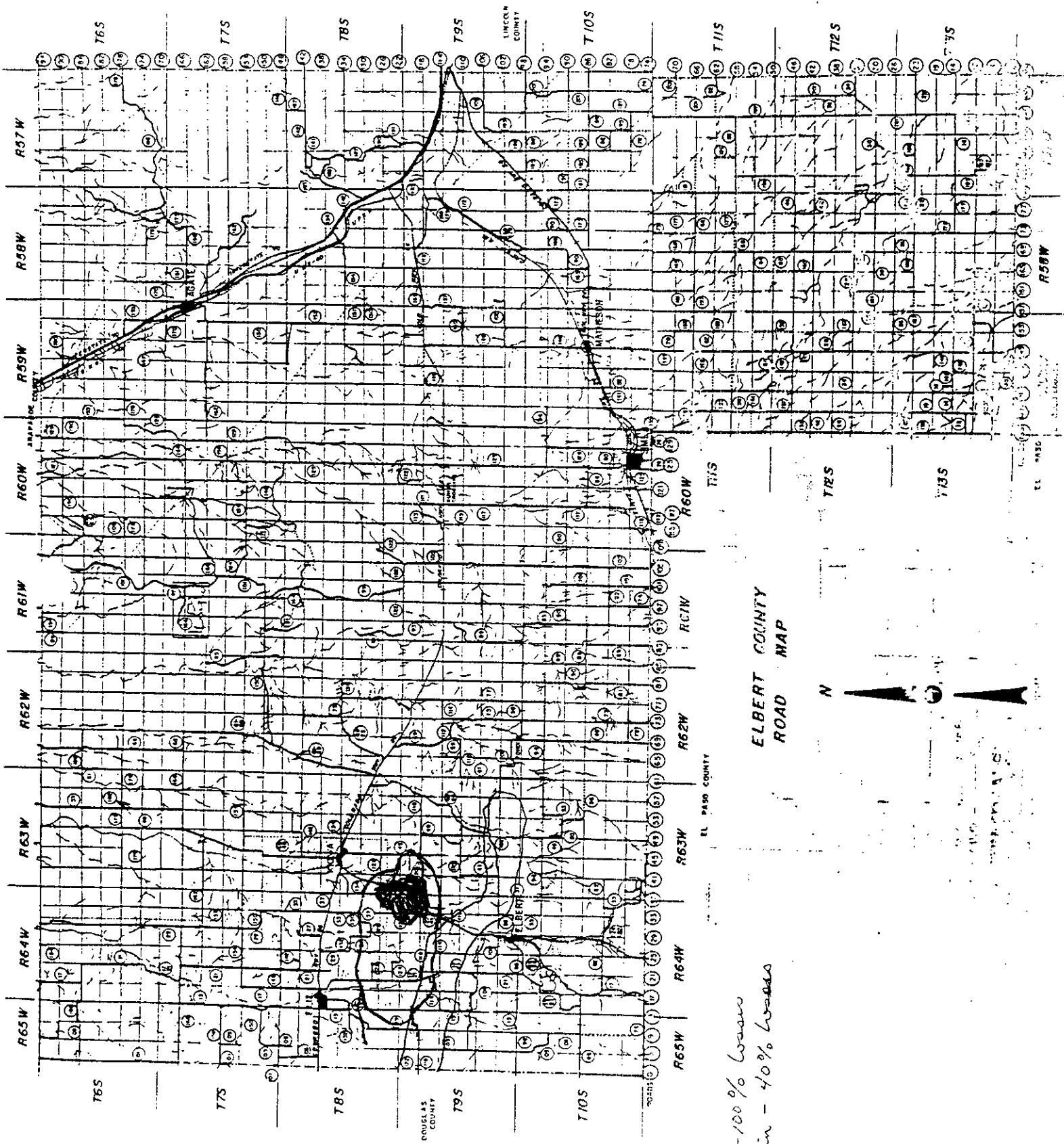
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:

REPORTED BY: *Michael Meyer* TO: *Ed Busch* DATE: *6-30-97*

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● = 40-100% Loam  
 ○ = min - 40% Loam

ELBERT COUNTY  
 ROAD MAP



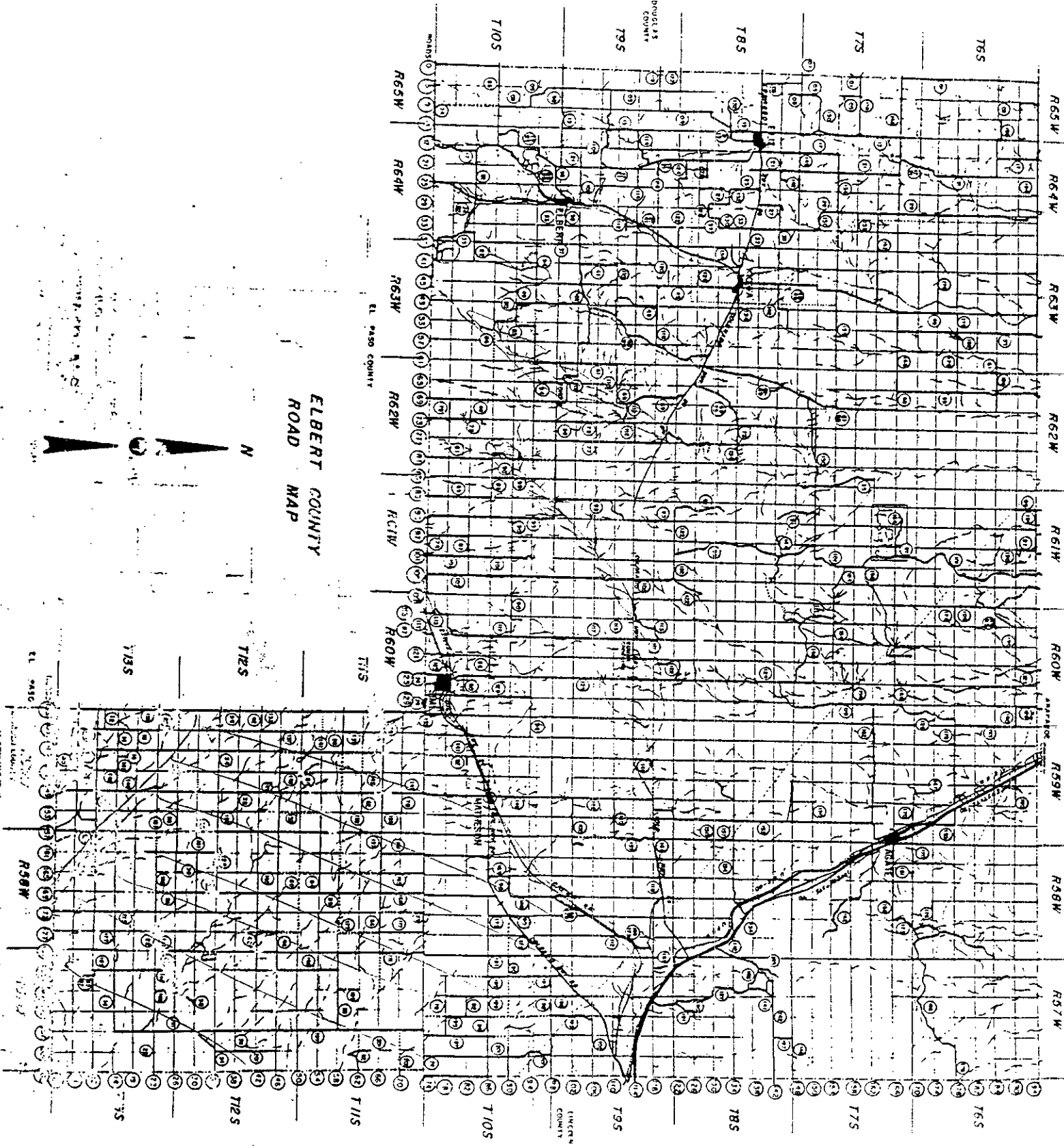
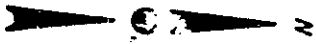
# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>Colorado</i>		COUNTY <i>Elbert</i>		DISASTER DATE: <i>7-29/30-97</i>	
				DISASTER TIME: <i>pm</i>	
TYPE OF DISASTER:					
Blizzard	Drought	Excessive Rain <i>X</i>	Excessive Snow	Flash Flooding <i>X</i>	Flooding <i>X</i>
Freeze	Frost	Hail	High Winds	Hurricane	Lightning
Tornado	Other (Identify)				
DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA: <i>heavy rains (up to 7 inches in some areas) field erosion, some dam, terrace &amp; diversion damage, cross fences &amp; parameter fences destroyed in drainage areas</i>					
POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:					
APHIS. Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control		FCS. Disaster Food Assistance		CSRE & ES. Technical Advice	
FSA. Emergency Conservation Program		FCS. Food Stamps		NRCS. Earthmoving Equipment	
FSA. Livestock Feed Programs		FSIS. Meat & Poultry Safety		NRCS. Technical & Financial Assistance	
FSA. Emergency Loans		RUS. Technical & Loans Assistance		FS. Fire Protection	
FSA. Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSRE & ES. Information Material			
ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:		Total Acres Affected:		Number of Farms:	
Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth	
<i>Alfalfa - Hay mix</i>	<i>≈ 600</i>	<i>≈ 1300</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>7/2 - second cutting</i>	
<i>millet / prozo</i>	<i>≈ 1500</i>	<i>≈ 1000</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>4-6" stage predominately</i>	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only - no dollar amount. <i>NA</i>					
Cattle (Beef)		Poultry (Layers)		Swine	
Cattle (Dairy)		Poultry (Broilers)		Aquaculture	
Sheep		Turkeys		Other (Identify)	
ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount.					
Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings			Farm Machinery & Equipment		
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.) <i>10-12 dams, ≈ 5mi DIVERSION &amp; TERRACES</i>			Land Damages (erosion, gullving, etc.) <i>≈ 600</i>		
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:					
AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON: <i>NA</i>					
USDA Office Buildings:					
Office Equipment and Records:					
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:					
REPORTED BY: <i>Michael Meyer</i>		TO: <i>Ron Kobertstein</i>		DATE: <i>8-1-97</i>	

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ELBERT COUNTY  
ROAD MAP



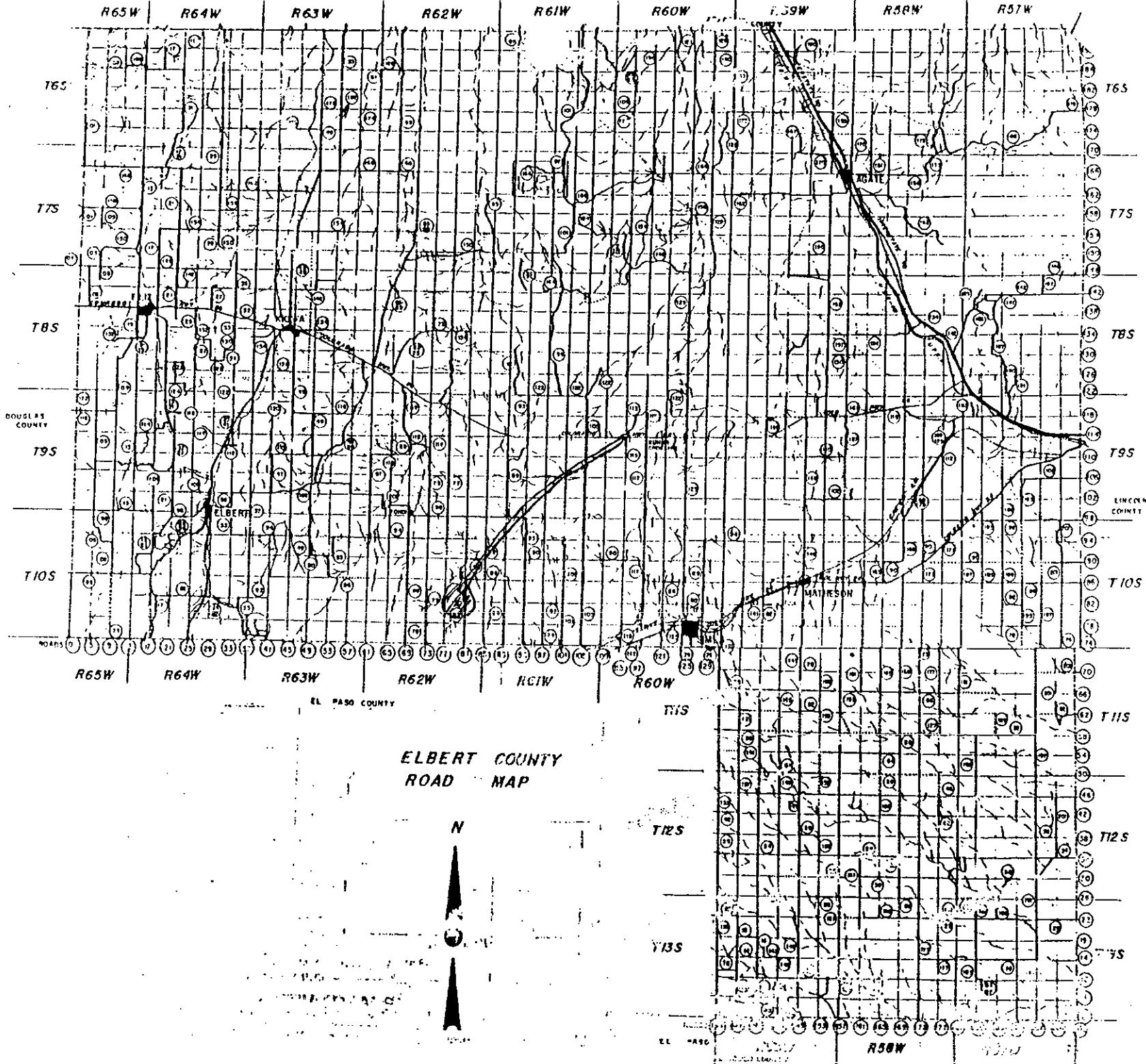
# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE Colorado		COUNTY Elbert		DISASTER DATE: 7-28-97	
				DISASTER TIME: 5 PM to 10 PM	
TYPE OF DISASTER:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excessive Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Snow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flash Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding
<input type="checkbox"/> Freeze	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost	<input type="checkbox"/> Hail	<input type="checkbox"/> High Winds	<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightning
<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Identify)				
DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA: Small heavy rain cell located at the headwaters of East Bijou Creek. East Bijou drainage exhibited boundary fences and county road damage. 1 old (32 years) dam washed out contributed to the flash flood.					
POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:					
APHIS. Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control		FCS. Disaster Food Assistance		CSRE & ES. Technical Advice	
FSA. Emergency Conservation Program		FCS. Food Stamps		NRCS. Earthmoving Equipment	
FSA. Livestock Feed Programs		FSIS. Meat & Poultry Safety		NRCS. Technical & Financial Assistance	
FSA. Emergency Loans		RUS. Technical & Loans Assistance		FS. Fire Protection	
FSA. Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSRE & ES. Information Material		
ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES: Total Acres Affected: approx 400 Number of Farms: 15					
Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth	
alf/alf mix	approx 100	approx 100	80	ready to harvest	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only-no dollar amount: NA					
Cattle (Beef)		Poultry (Layers)		Swine	
Cattle (Dairy)		Poultry (Broilers)		Aquaculture	
Sheep		Turkeys		Other (Identify)	
ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount: NA					
Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings			Farm Machinery & Equipment		
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)			Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)		
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:					
AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON: NA					
USDA Office Buildings:					
Office Equipment and Records:					
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:					

REPORTED BY: *Michael Meyer* TO: *Rob Kabinstein* DATE: 7-29-97

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FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
440 AM MDT SAT JUN 14 1997

...SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM MDT FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN ELBERT COUNTY...

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THAT THE  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH HEAVY RAIN HAD MOVED OUT OF THE AREA.  
HOWEVER...RADAR ESTIMATED UP TO 2 INCHES OF RAINFALL WITH THE STORMS  
EARLY THIS MORNING IN THE MATHESON AND SIMLA AREAS. THIS COMBINED  
WITH LAST EVENINGS RAINFALL OF ANOTHER 2 TO 3 INCHES TO PRODUCE SOME  
FLOODING.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF HAD REPORTED THAT WATER HAD COVERED SOME  
ROADWAYS...BUT CONDITIONS WERE NOW IMPROVING AS THE RAIN HAD COME TO  
AN END. PERSONS LIVING NEAR SMALL STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD STILL  
CONTINUE TO MONITOR WATER LEVELS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE HOURS AS  
RUNOFF GATHERS IN THE STREAMS. MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IF FLOODING  
IS OBSERVED.

BARJENBRUCH

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FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
503 PM MDT TUE JUL 29 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR WESTERN ELBERT COUNTY UNTIL 630 PM MDT...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
KIOWA...ELBERT...AND ELIZABETH

AT 500 PM MDT...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH TORRENTIAL RAIN FROM KIOWA TO JUST WEST OF  
ELBERT.

AT 450 PM MDT...THE KIOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT KIOWA CREEK  
WAS ALREADY OVERFLOWING. WATER COVERED THE ROAD TO A DEPTH OF 2  
FEET 2 MILES NORTH OF KIOWA.

THE STORMS PRODUCING THE FLASH FLOODING WERE MOVING VERY SLOWLY EAST  
AT 5 MPH. RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 2 TO 3 INCHES WILL FALL WITHIN AN  
HOUR. STORM TOTALS MAY APPROACH 5 INCHES IN AND NEAR KIOWA.

PERSONS LIVING ALONG KIOWA CREEK...GOPHER CREEK...DRY CREEK...  
AND RUNNING CREEK SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!  
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS OF UNKNOWN  
DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY AUTOMOBILE. IF YOUR VEHICLE STALLS...ABANDON IT  
IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK HIGHER GROUND.

BARJENBRUCH

ZCZC DENFFSDEN DEF  
TTAA00 KDEN DDHMM  
COZ046-300200-

FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
658 PM MDT TUE JUL 29 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING CONTINUES FOR EASTERN ELBERT COUNTY UNTIL  
800 PM MDT...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
AGATE...MATHESON...CEDAR POINT...AND SIMLA

AT 655 PM MDT...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH TORRENTIAL RAIN FROM 5 MILES NORTH OF MATHESON TO  
6 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MATHESON. THESE STORMS WERE PRODUCING BETWEEN  
2 AND 3 INCHES OF RAIN IN AN HOUR OR LESS. THEY WERE MOVING SLOWLY  
SOUTHEAST AT 10 MPH.

PEOPLE ALONG SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS...INCLUDING BIJOU CREEK AND  
BIG SANDY CREEK...SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!

RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE  
PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS  
SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS OF UNKNOWN DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY  
AUTOMOBILE. IF YOUR VEHICLE STALLS, ABANDON IT IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK  
HIGHER GROUND.

BARJENBRUCH

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FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
745 PM MDT TUE JUL 29 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING CONTINUES FOR EASTERN ELBERT COUNTY UNTIL  
800 PM MDT...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
AGATE...MATHESON...CEDAR POINT...AND SIMLA

AT 738 PM MDT...WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THAT THE  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH TORRENTIAL RAIN WERE MOVING SOUTH OF THE SIMLA  
AREA AND SLOWLY WEAKENING. THESE STORMS HAD PRODUCED AT LEAST 3  
INCHES OF RAIN BETWEEN AGATE AND SIMLA IN AN HOUR OR LESS.

PEOPLE ALONG SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS...INCLUDING BIJOU CREEK AND  
BIG SANDY CREEK...SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!

HIGHWAY 86 WAS CLOSED FROM KIOWA EAST TO MILE MARKER 42 IN ELBERT  
COUNTY DUE TO WATER COVERING THE ROAD.

RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE  
PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS  
SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS OF UNKNOWN DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY  
AUTOMOBILE. IF YOUR VEHICLE STALLS, ABANDON IT IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK  
HIGHER GROUND.

BARJENBRUCH

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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
FLASH FLOOD WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
955 PM MDT TUE JUL 29 1997

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS EXTENDED THE FLASH FLOOD  
WARNING UNTIL MIDNIGHT FOR EASTERN ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN  
COUNTIES.

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...  
HUGO...KUTCH...LIMON...MATHESON...SIMLA...AND PUNKIN CENTER

AT 950 PM MDT...WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH VERY HEAVY RAIN CONTINUING OVER EXTREME SOUTHEAST  
ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTIES. THE STRONGEST STORMS WERE  
LOCATED FROM 8 MILES SOUTH OF LIMON THROUGH THE KUTCH AREA.  
THESE STORMS WERE PRODUCING BETWEEN 2 AND 2.5 INCHES OF RAIN  
IN AN HOUR.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTED THAT INTERSTATE 70 WAS CLOSED  
JUST WEST OF LIMON. WATER AND MUD WAS FLOWING ACROSS THE ROAD  
AND STREAMS WERE OVERFLOWING THEIR BANKS.

THE STORMS WERE SHOWING LITTLE MOVEMENT...BUT A SLOW DECREASE IN  
INTENSITY. THIS TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH MIDNIGHT.  
HOWEVER...STORM TOTAL RAINFALL OF 5 INCHES OR MORE CAN BE EXPECTED  
IN AREAS BETWEEN KUTCH AND HUGO.

PERSONS LIVING NEAR SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS...INCLUDING BIG  
SANDY...LONG BRANCH...AND RUSH CREEKS...IN SOUTHEASTERN ELBERT AND  
CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTIES SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING.  
RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE  
PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS  
SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS OF UNKNOWN DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY  
AUTOMOBILE.

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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
FLASH FLOOD WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
1126 PM MDT TUE JUL 29 1997

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS ISSUED A FLASH FLOOD  
WARNING EFFECTIVE UNTIL 130 AM MDT FOR PEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING  
COUNTIES

IN EAST CENTRAL COLORADO  
SOUTHEASTERN ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
HUGO...KUTCH AND PUNKIN CENTER

AT 1126 PM MDT WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED VERY HEAVY  
RAIN OVER SOUTHEAST ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTIES. RADAR  
ESTIMATES SHOW THAT RAINFALL OF 1 TO 2 INCHES PER HOUR HAS BEEN  
OCCURRING IN THIS AREA WITH AS MUCH AS 5 INCHES IN SOME LOCATIONS.

THE THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCING THIS RAIN HAVE BEEN NEARLY STATIONARY  
AND ARE SHOWING FEW SIGNS OF WEAKENING. THEY COULD DUMP ANOTHER  
2 TO 4 INCHES OF RAIN BY 130 AM MDT PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS  
NEAR KUTCH...HUGO AND PUNKIN CENTER.

EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM THIS STORM WILL CAUSE FLASH FLOODING OF SMALL  
CREEKS AND STREAMS...COUNTRY ROADS...NORMALLY DRY WASHES AND  
ARROYOS...AS WELL AS FARMLAND ALONG THE BANKS OF CREEKS AND STREAMS.  
PERSONS LIVING NEAR SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS...INCLUDING BIG  
SANDY...LONG BRANCH...AND RUSH CREEKS...IN SOUTHEASTERN ELBERT AND  
CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTIES SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!

BE ESPECIALLY CAUTIOUS AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS HARDER TO RECOGNIZE THE  
DANGERS OF FLOODS AND FLASH FLOODS. IF FLASH FLOODING IS OBSERVED ACT  
QUICKLY. MOVE UP TO HIGHER GROUND TO ESCAPE FLOOD WATERS. DO NOT STAY  
IN AREAS SUBJECT TO FLOODING WHEN WATER BEGINS RISING.

DO NOT DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE INTO AREAS WHERE THE WATER COVERS THE  
ROADWAY. THE WATER DEPTH MAY BE TOO GREAT TO ALLOW YOUR CAR TO CROSS  
SAFELY. VEHICLES CAUGHT IN RISING WATER SHOULD BE ABANDONED QUICKLY.  
MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND.

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING.  
IF YOU ARE IN THE WARNING AREA MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY.  
RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE  
PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS  
SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS OF UNKNOWN DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY  
AUTOMOBILE. IF YOUR VEHICLE STALLS, ABANDON IT IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK  
HIGHER GROUND.

TO REPORT SEVERE WEATHER HAVE THE NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
RELAY YOUR REPORT TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE IN  
DENVER.

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FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
130 AM MDT WED JUL 30 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING IN SOUTHEAST ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN  
COUNTY EXPIRES...

A 120 AM...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THAT  
THUNDERSTORMS ON THE EASTERN PALMER DIVIDE WERE MOVING FROM SOUTHERN  
LINCOLN COUNTY INTO KIOWA AND CHEYENNE COUNTIES. SCATTERED  
RAINSHOWERS WERE CONTINUING OVER SOUTHEAST ELBERT AND CENTRAL  
LINCOLN COUNTIES...BUT RAINFALL INTENSITIES IN THE FLASH FLOOD  
WARNING AREA HAD DIMINISHED.

RADAR ESTIMATED THAT TWO AND A HALF TO FOUR INCHES OF RAIN HAD  
FALLEN OVER SOUTHEAST ELBERT AND CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTIES.  
EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM THESE RAINS WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP CREEKS AND  
STREAMS RUNNING QUITE HIGH THROUGH SUNRISE. RESIDENTS AND MOTORISTS  
IN SOUTHERN LINCOLN COUNTY SHOULD REMAIN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DANGER  
FROM HIGH WATER...AND MOVE TO SAFETY IF WATER LEVELS RISE.

DO NOT DRIVE VEHICLES INTO AREAS WHERE WATER COVERS THE ROADWAY. THE  
WATER DEPTH MAY BE TOO GREAT TO ALLOW YOUR CAR TO CROSS SAFELY.  
VEHICLES CAUGHT IN RISING WATER SHOULD BE ABANDONED QUICKLY. MOVE TO  
HIGHER GROUND.

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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
512 AM MDT WED JUL 30 1997

...LOCAL FLOODING PROBLEMS IN EXTREME NORTHEAST COLORADO...  
...MORE HEAVY RAINS EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON...

SLOW MOVING THUNDERSTORMS CONTINUE PRODUCING HEAVY RAIN IN LOGAN...  
SEDGWICK AND PHILLIPS COUNTIES THIS MORNING. MOST OTHER SHOWER  
ACTIVITY OVER NORTHEAST COLORADO HAS BEEN COMING TO AN END. THE  
STATE PATROL IN STERLING REPORTED THAT SEVERAL ROADS IN LOGAN AND  
MORGAN COUNTIES ARE CLOSED THIS MORNING...INCLUDING HIGHWAYS 14 AND 61  
IN LOGAN COUNTY AND HIGHWAYS 71 AND 144 IN NORTHERN MORGAN COUNTY.

RADAR HAS ESTIMATED THAT MUCH OF WESTERN AND SOUTHERN LOGAN COUNTY  
HAS RECEIVED FROM TWO TO FIVE INCHES OF RAIN OVERNIGHT. SINCE 430  
AM...RAIN HAD MOSTLY ENDED OVER THESE AREAS AND THE HEAVY RAINFALL  
HAD MOVED INTO NORTHEAST LOGAN COUNTY. ROADWAYS...FIELDS...CREEKS  
AND IRRIGATION DITCHES WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE THE EXCESSIVE  
RUNOFF FROM THE HEAVY RAINS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS.

NORTHERN MORGAN COUNTY HAS ALSO HAD PROBLEMS WITH FLOODING SINCE AN  
EARTHEN DAM ON THE RIVERSIDE IRRIGATION DITCH COLLAPSED DURING LAST  
EVENING'S HEAVY RAINS. EVACUATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN WELDONA  
THIS MORNING.

ALTHOUGH SHOWER ACTIVITY IS ON THE WANE THIS MORNING...A VERY MOIST  
AIRMASS REMAINS IN PLACE OVER ALL OF COLORADO. MONSOON MOISTURE  
CONTINUES TO MOVE OVER THE STATE FROM THE SOUTH WHILE UPPER LEVEL  
WINDS REMAIN LIGHT. ANOTHER ROUND OF SLOW MOVING RAIN SHOWERS AND  
THUNDERSTORMS IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP ACROSS NORTHEASTERN COLORADO  
THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. MORE FLASH FLOODING PROBLEMS WILL BE  
POSSIBLE SINCE SOILS ACROSS THE NORTHEAST HAVE BECOME SATURATED BY  
RAIN STORMS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM RAIN  
SHOWERS WILL BEGIN VERY QUICKLY AFTER RAIN SHOWERS DEVELOP.

PEOPLE ACROSS NORTHEAST COLORADO SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER  
TODAY AND BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH FLOODING PROBLEMS IF  
THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOP IN THEIR AREA. STAY TUNED TO NOAA WEATHER  
RADIO AND OTHER BROADCAST AND CABLE MEDIA OUTLETS FOR POSSIBLE FLASH  
FLOOD WATCHES OR WARNINGS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED.

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FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
1040 AM MDT WED JUL 30 1997

A FLASH FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR MOST OF NORTHEASTERN COLORADO  
UNTIL MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

24 HOUR RAINFALL AMOUNTS IN NORTHEASTERN COLORADO TUESDAY MORNING  
INCLUDED 5.03 INCHES NEAR LEROY...3.51 INCHES AT PADRONI...3.48  
INCHES 15 MILES WNW OF STERLING...3.39 INCHES 8 MILES SE OF  
MATHESON...AND 4.60 INCHES AT FLEMING. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES AND SEVERAL ROADS AND RAILROAD TRACKS ARE  
UNDER WATER IN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE STATE.

ALL OF THIS IS IN ADDITION TO HEAVY RAIN EVENTS EARLIER...  
PARTICULARLY IN THE FORT COLLINS AREA. THE POINT IS THAT THE ENTIRE  
AREA IS MORE OR LESS SATURATED AND IT WILL NOT REQUIRE MUCH IN THE  
WAY OF ADDITIONAL RAINFALL TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT FLOODING.

MOISTURE FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO CONTINUES TO STREAM OVER THE AREA  
AND LOCALLY HEAVY RAINS WILL OCCUR TODAY AND TONIGHT. THE EXACT  
LOCATION OF THESE HEAVY RAINS CANNOT BE PINPOINTED THIS EARLY...BUT  
THEY WILL OCCUR.

THIS IS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AND YOU SHOULD BEGIN TO  
MAKE PLANS NOW TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLE HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING THIS  
AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

FURTHER STATEMENTS OR WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED AS REQUIRED.

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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
200 PM MDT THU JUL 31 1997

...THUNDERSTORMS WITH HEAVY RAIN IN WESTERN ELBERT COUNTY...

AT 155 PM MDT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED  
THUNDERSTORMS WITH HEAVY RAIN OVER WESTERN ELBERT COUNTY. SMALL  
HAIL IS ALSO POSSIBLE WITH THE STORMS.

THE STORMS WERE MOVING NORTHEAST AT 20 MILES PER HOUR.

DOPPLER RADAR ESTIMATED UP TO AN INCH AN HOUR HAD FALLEN SOUTHWEST  
OF KIOWA.

PERSONS IN OR NEAR ELIZABETH AND KIOWA SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR  
THREATENING WEATHER AND MOVE TO A PLACE OF SAFETY IF BAD WEATHER  
APPROACHES.

SOME ROADS MAY BE COVERED WITH WATER. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE  
THROUGH WATER OF UNKNOWN DEPTH.

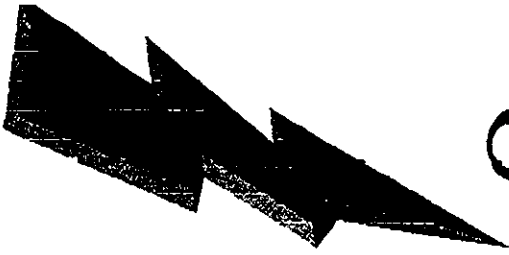
A FLASH FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR MUCH OF NORTHEAST COLORADO  
UNTIL MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

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### 3. Local Data

Elbert County Rainfall Amounts for the Week of July 27, 1997

<u>Name</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rainfall</u>	<u>Phone</u>
John Atwater	3	12S	57W	7/29/97	4.45"	719-541-2858
Joe Frasier	6	9S	57W	7/27/97 7/28/97	3.5" 1.66"	719-775-2790
Dick Young	5	9S	59W	7/27/97	0"	719-541-2310
Joe Dickens	1	9S	57W	7/28/97	~8"	719-775-2437
Rob Alexander	27	10S	62W	7/28/97 7/29/97	9.73" 7.7"	719-347-2979
Jack Swennes	26	11S	58W	7/29/97	~1.5"	719-541-2810



date: 6/22/98

**to:** Jim BURRELL  
970-484-7593

**from:**

NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION  
SERVICE

B. KITTEN

P.O. Box 188 Simla, CO  
80835

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**SUBJECT:** Ramah DAM STORAGE

RE: YOUR REQUEST TO DOUBLE EI SCD.

Late July '97 - Flowing approx. 34" ABOVE  
principal spillway. If more info needed contact

Cheryl @ 719 541 2358  
Double EI SCD

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FAX REPLY: 719-541-3061



PERTINENT DATA

A. GENERAL

Name . . . . .	Ramah
State . . . . .	Colorado
Inventory of dams I.D. Number	CO 1347
Hazard Potential Classification . . .	High
Owner . . . . .	Double L Soils Conservation District

B. EMBANKMENT

Type . . . . .	Zoned earthfill
Crest Length . . . . .	6000 Feet
Crest Width . . . . .	17 Feet
Crest Elevation . . . . .	104.5 feet (Local Datum)
Height . . . . .	60 Feet (Structural) 49 Feet (Hydraulic)

C. SPILLWAY (EMERGENCY)

Type . . . . .	Uncontrolled Grasslined Earth
Location . . . . .	Beyond Left Abutment
Sideslopes . . . . .	2(H):1(V)
Crest Elevation . . . . .	99.5 Feet (Local Datum)
Bottom Width . . . . .	850 Feet
Length . . . . .	2200 Feet (270' Level Section)
Discharge Capacity @ Dam Crest . . . .	19130 cfs

D. OUTLET WORKS & PRINCIPLE SPILLWAY

1. Principle Spillway

Type . . . . .	11'-9" x 4'-6" Concrete Vertical Drop Inlet with Baffle & Trashrack
Location . . . . .	900 Feet from Left Abutment
Invert Elevation . . . . .	84.7 Feet (Local Datum)
Size . . . . .	6'x6' Concrete Box Culvert
Length . . . . .	281 Feet
Outlet Invert Elevation . . . . .	56.3 Feet (Local Datum)
Outlet Type . . . . .	Stilling Basin
Discharge Capacity at Dam Crest . . . .	1050 cfs

2. Drawdown

Inlet Type . . . . .	Concrete Drop Inlet With Slide Gate & Trashrack
Inlet Invert Elevation . . . . .	62.21 Feet (Local Datum)
Pipe Type . . . . .	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
Pipe Length . . . . .	70' to Spillway Drop Structure
Pipe Dimensions . . . . .	30" diameter

**MAIN**

E. RESERVOIR

<u>TYPE OF STORAGE</u>	<u>STORAGE VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)</u>	<u>ELEVATION</u>	<u>SURFACE AREA (ACRES)</u>
Recreation Pool	500	77.5 (Local Datum)	78.5
Principle Spillway Crest	1400	84.7 (Local Datum)	167.0
Emergency Spillway Crest	5388	99.5 (Local Datum)	403.3
Dam Crest	7641	104.5 (Local Datum)	495.6

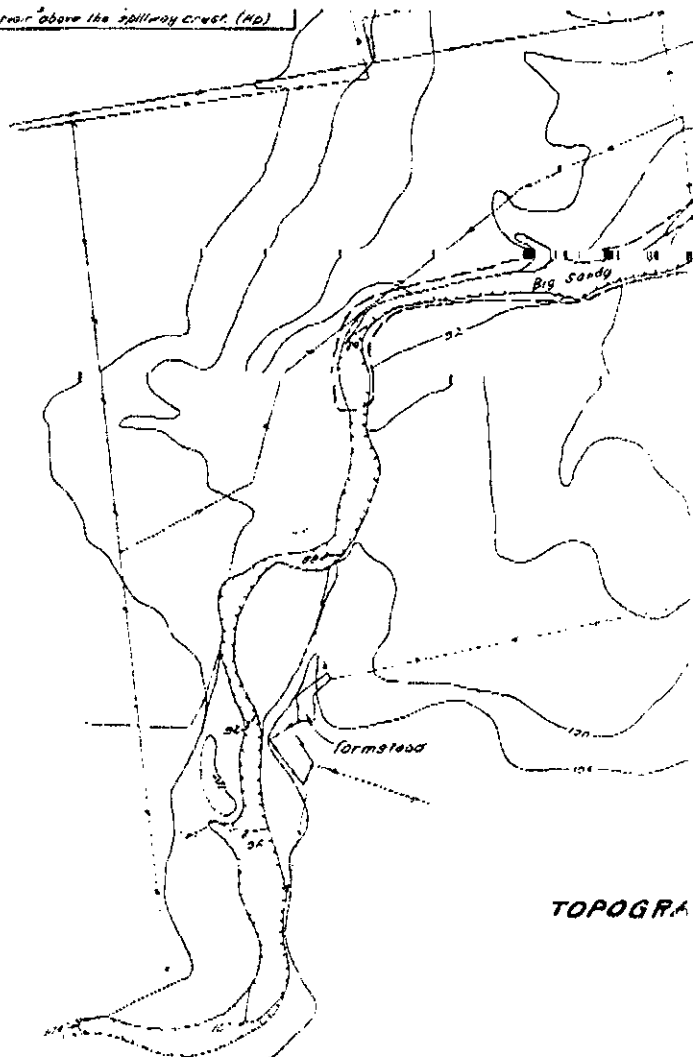
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50.4 Sq. Mi.

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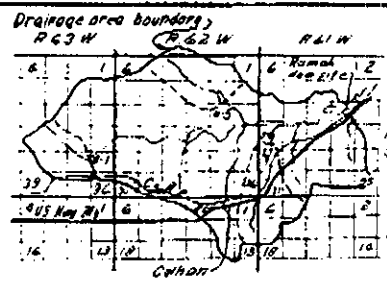
Crest prior splash	88.7	120.42	27.7	1460.12
	88	189.58	31.0	2068.31
	82	250.68	38.0	2967.38
	86	323.43	39.0	4116.01
Crest water table	89.5	407.30	42.5	5388.18
	100	416.69	43.0	5582.42
	104	484.48	47.0	7395.36
Top of dam at E	102.5	495.68	47.5	7640.95

Position above the spillway crest. (Hd)



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Approved Elden H. Hoff, Chief, July 5, 1942  
 Head, E. A. McF. Unit, S. C. E.  
 Approved: [Signature] State Conservation Engineer, S. C. E.  
 U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service



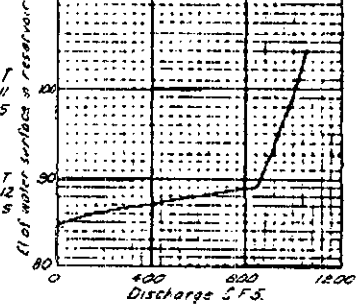
**LOCATION MAP**  
Approx. scale 1" = 1 mi.

Drainage area ..... 690 sq mi  
 Maximum expected run off  
 125% 3 RI storm ..... 27,300 c.f.s.  
 Approximate elevation ..... 6,150 ft.  
 Surface area of reservoir  
 at crest of spillway ..... 403.3 acres  
 Capacity of reservoir at  
 crest of spillway ..... 5388.12 ac.ft.  
 " considering spillway storage  
 routing 125% 3 RI storm ..... 19,500 c.f.s.

**STORAGE CAPACITY TABLE**

	Water surface Et. in reservoir	Surface area in acres	Depth in feet	Capacity in acre-feet
	57	0	0	0
	60	176	3.0	262
	62	332	5.0	770
	62.2	348	5.2	838
	64	488	7.0	1580
	68	1066	11.0	4696
	72	3527	15.0	15375
	76	7603	19.0	37888
	80	12107	23.0	77694
	84	16446	27.0	132291
Crest of spillway	84.7	17042	27.7	146012
	88	19859	31.0	206891
	92	25059	35.0	294738
	96	32363	39.0	411601
Crest of emergency spillway	99.5	40330	42.5	538812
	100	41869	43.0	559262
	104	48668	47.0	739396
Top of dam at 2	104.5	49546	47.5	764035

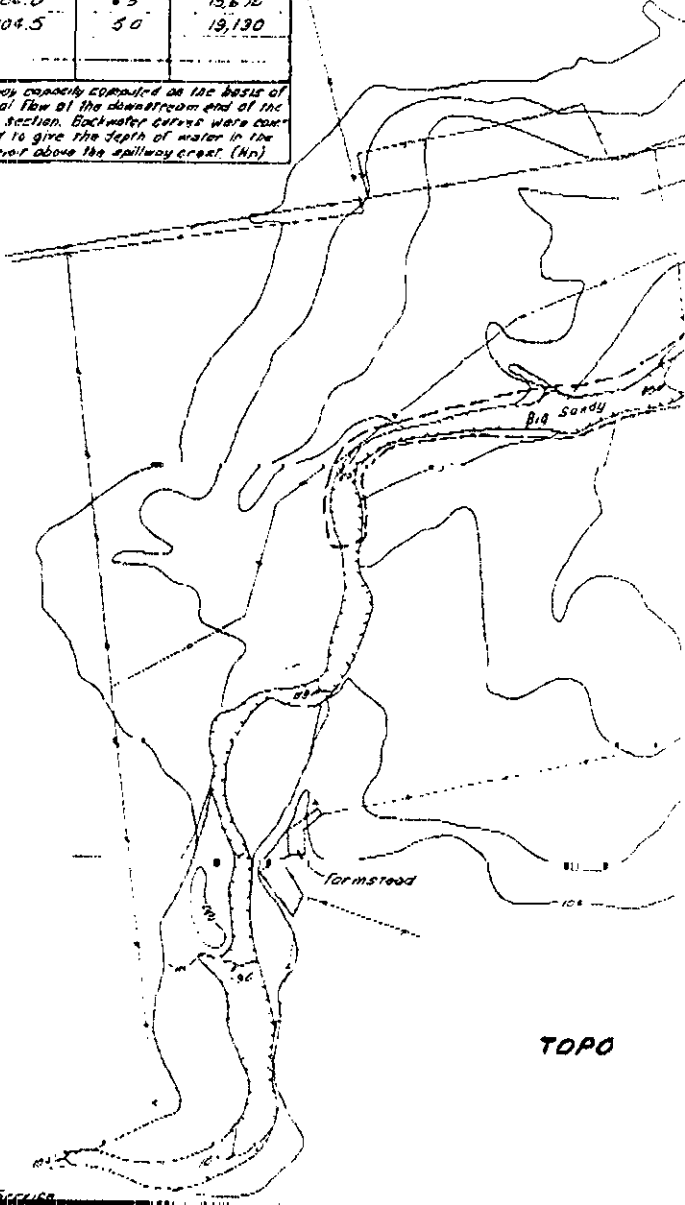
**PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY CAPACITY**



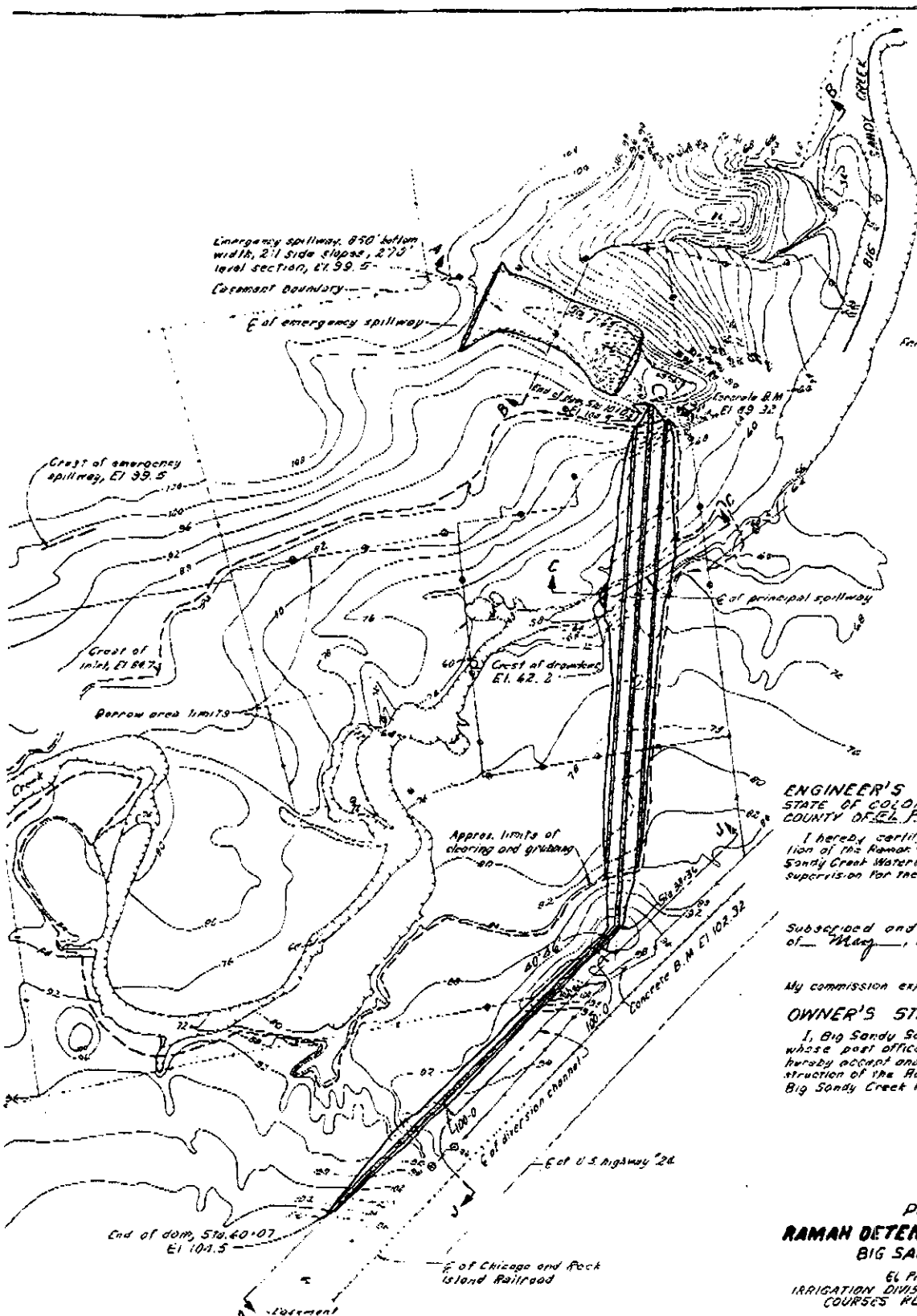
**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY CAPACITY**

Water surface Et. in reservoir	Hp	Quantity, C.F.S.
99.5	0	0
100.0	0.5	190
100.5	1.0	730
101.0	1.5	1702
101.5	2.0	3140
102.0	2.5	5060
102.5	3.0	7120
103.0	3.5	9450
103.5	4.0	12000
104.0	4.5	15670
104.5	5.0	19130

Spillway capacity computed on the basis of artificial flow of the downstream end of the level section. Backwater curves were computed to give the depth of water in the reservoir above the spillway crest. (N)



Approved: E. J. [Name], [Title] 3-4-62  
 Head, U.S. Dept. of Interior  
 Approved: [Name], [Title]  
 State Conservation Engineer, S.C.S.  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service



Fence legend:  
 - - - Existing fence  
 - - - Existing fence to be removed by contractor

**ENGINEER'S AFFIDAVIT**  
 STATE OF COLORADO }  
 COUNTY OF EL PASO } 3.5

I hereby certify that these plans for the construction of the Ramah Detention and Recreation Dam, Big Sandy Creek Watershed, were prepared under my direct supervision for the owners thereof.

*Joseph J. Whitten*  
 Registered Engineer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1962

*James L. Starnett*  
 Notary Public

My commission expires on 1st day of April, 1963

**OWNER'S STATEMENT**

I, Big Sandy Soil Conservation District, owner, whose post office address is Simla, Colorado do hereby accept and approve these plans for the construction of the Ramah Detention and Recreation Dam, Big Sandy Creek Watershed

Big Sandy Soil Conservation District  
 Holder of Easement  
*Richard L. Starnett*  
 President

**PLANS FOR THE  
 RAMAH DETENTION AND RECREATION DAM  
 BIG SANDY CREEK WATERSHED**

EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO  
 IRRIGATION DIVISION NO. 2 WATER DISTRICT NO. 67  
 COURSES REFERRED TO - TRUE MERIDIAN  
 Scale: As shown

**SHEET 1 OF 10 SHEETS**

Approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1962

*J.E. Whitten*  
 State Engineer

COPY OF ORIGINAL by *John L. Starnett*  
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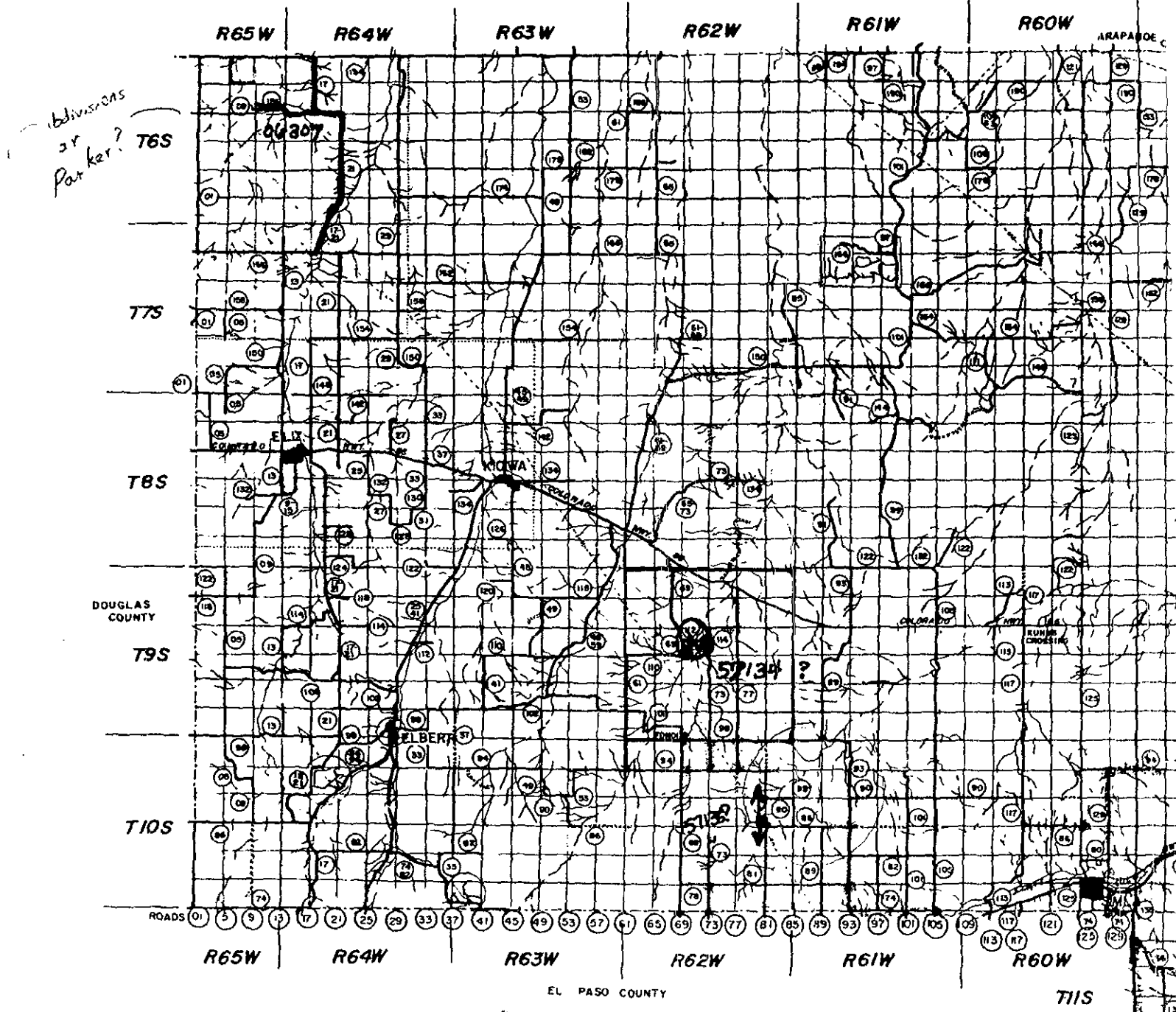
**MAP OF DAM AND RESERVOIR**  
 Scale 1" = 400'

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These plans consist of 10 sheets including Sheets 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 & 15

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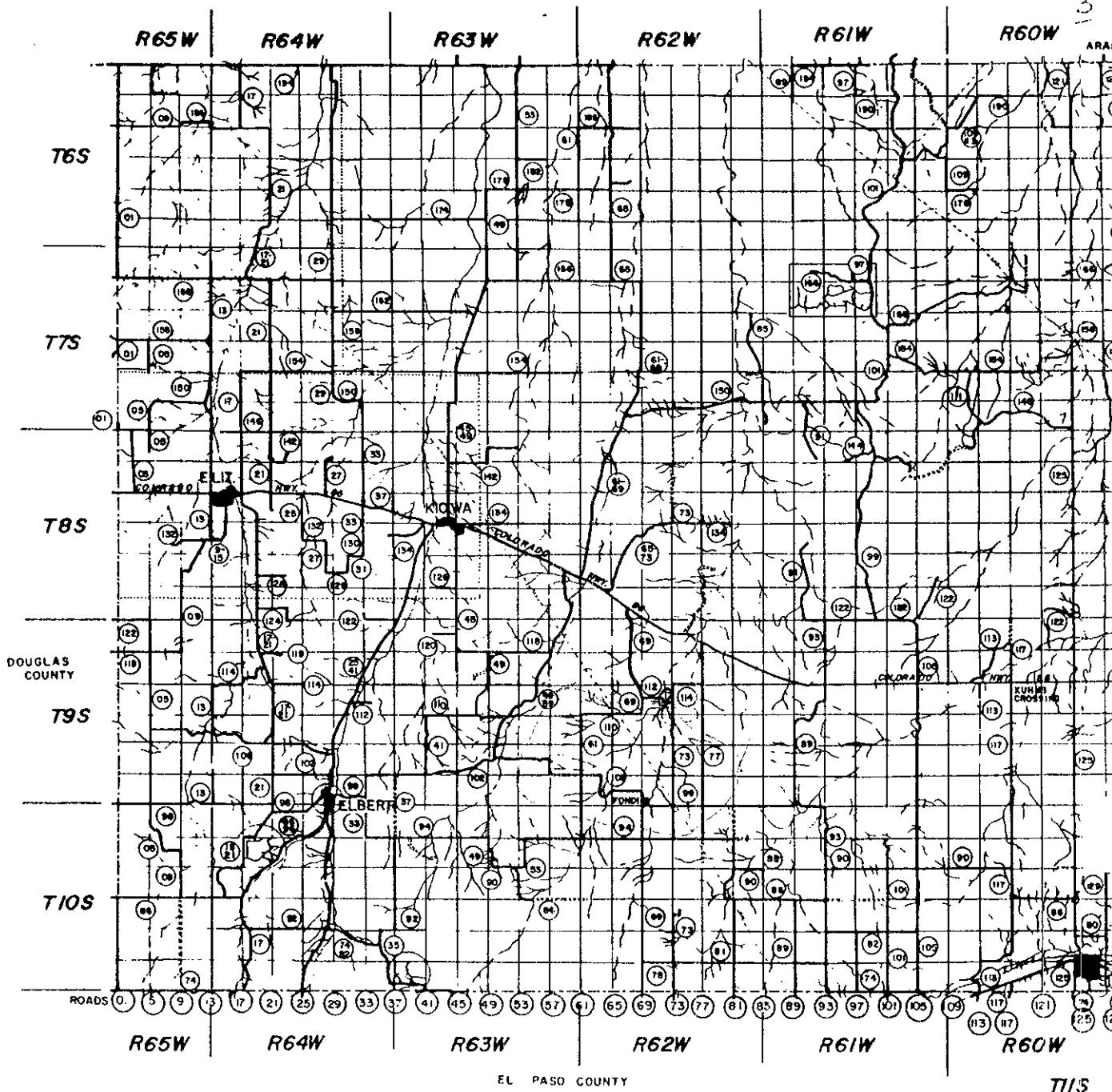
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**ELBERT COUNTY ROAD MAP**

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36



See above  
 Sec 3, 197  
 1/2 mi between 34 & 35





SITE 3

DAMAGE TO STRUCTURE ON CR 112  
 BETWEEN CR 69 & CR 73

ELBERT COUNTY  
 ROAD MAP

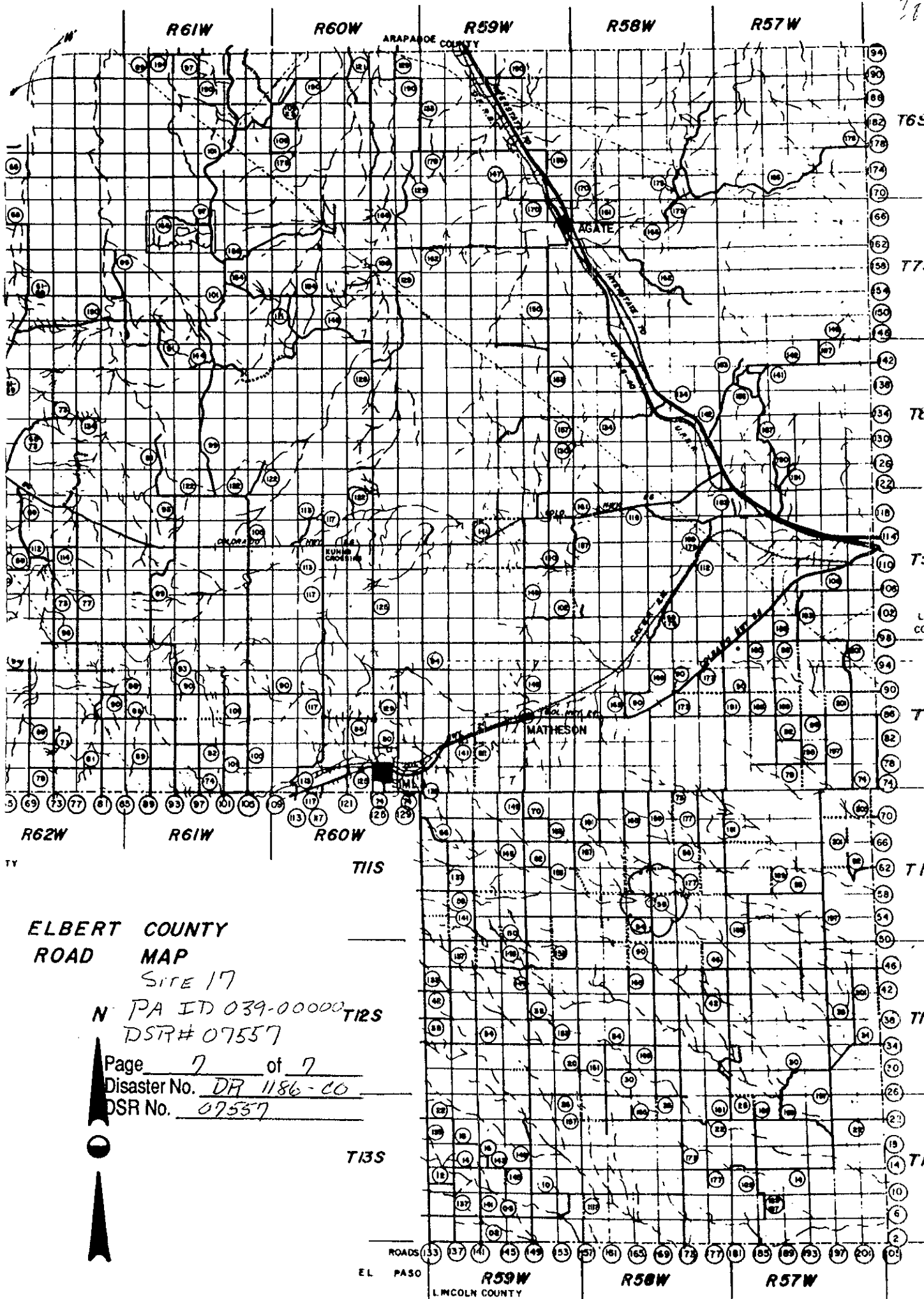
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**ELBERT COUNTY  
ROAD MAP**

SITE 17

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## 4. Calculations and Estimates

## **Assumptions Used in the Hydraulic Computations**

In order to estimate peak discharges, the CWCB flood documentation team employed Manning's equation. The application of Manning's equation to open channel flow problems requires that several generalizing assumptions be made.

Flow in open channels typically occurs as turbulent flow over rough surfaces. Open channel flow is also seldom either steady or uniform. (Steady flow has characteristics that do not vary with time while uniform flow implies that a constant cross sectional area and velocity occur at each section within a reach.) Steady, uniform flow almost never occurs in open channels (Morris and Wiggert, Applied Hydraulics in Engineering, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1972).

In engineering applications, the Manning's equation has been used extensively and has been shown to be quite reliable even though it is an empirical approach derived for application to the following conditions:

- uniform flow in which the rate of head loss is equal to the bed slope
- steady flow

The open channel flow computations contained herein are treated as approximate solutions based on the assumptions of both steady and uniform flow. In actuality, the floods investigated in this study generally exhibited rapidly-rising and receding floodwave conditions that occurred in highly variable natural channels and adjacent floodplains. Flow characteristics under these circumstances were unlikely to be either steady or uniform.

Approaches are available for estimating floodwave flows, but they require substantial amounts of time and data that were not practical for these investigations. Manning's equation was used due to its general acceptance in the engineering community, and because of its relative ease of application. The Manning "n" values used in the calculations were based on engineering judgement, the reasonableness of results, and the understanding that the "n" term represented energy loss factors not typically found in steady, uniform flows.

CALCULATION FILE: WEST BIJOU CR. IN ELBERT COUNTY (ONE SITE).

Purpose: The purpose of the calculations is to estimate flood discharge at a bridge crossing of West Bijou Creek on County Road 112 in south-central Elbert County Colorado.

Background: A rapidly rising floodwave moved through the channel during the late evening and early morning of July 29 and 30, 1997 as a result of localized extreme precipitation in the headwaters immediately upstream of the Elbert County site. The central bridge pier was severely damaged by flow and debris impact, with corresponding damage to the integrity of the bridge deck.

The site was selected for a field visit to estimate the magnitude of flood discharge on the basis of the severity of damages and the availability of related storm information. A field visit to survey the channel were conducted on June 4, 1998 by RTi personnel.

File Organization: The following materials are presented in this calc file:

1. West Bijou Creek bridge site
  - Discharge calculations using the slope-area method and a range of Manning's "n" values.
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GIVEN:

1. FLOW AREA BY SURVEY DATA & AUTOCAD = 927.63 ft<sup>2</sup>
2. WETTED PERIMETER = 117.23 ft (per spreadsheet - Append. A)
3. SLOPE = 0.0035 (per previous calc's - Append. A)
4. MANNING'S n = 0.028 (field estimate)

FIND: PEAK FLOOD DISCHARGE

SOLUTION:

1.  $Q_P = \frac{1.49}{n} A R^{2/3} S^{1/2}$  where  $R = A/P = 7.913 \text{ ft}$

⇒  $\frac{1.49}{0.028} (927.63) (7.913)^{0.6667} (0.0035)^{0.5}$

⇒ 11,596.6 cfs REALITY CHECK:  $V = Q/A = 12.50 \text{ fps}$

2. ALTERNATIVES: if  $n = 0.025 \Rightarrow Q = 12,988 \text{ cfs}, V = Q/A = 14.0 \text{ fps}$   
 if  $n = 0.030 \Rightarrow Q = 10,823 \text{ cfs}, V = 11.67 \text{ fps}$   
 if  $n = 0.035 \Rightarrow Q = 9,277 \text{ cfs}, V = 10.00 \text{ fps}$   
 if  $n = 0.040 \Rightarrow Q = 8,118 \text{ cfs}, V = 8.75 \text{ fps}$

NOTE: DARYL SIMONS SAYS V IN NATURAL SAND-BED OR FINE GRAVEL CHANNELS RARELY GETS OVER 10 FPS BECAUSE THE KINETIC ENERGY WILL RE-FORM THE CHANNEL, DROPPING V. USING THIS AS A GENERAL GUIDE, Q HERE SHOULD BE 8,000 TO 10,000 CFS AT THE UPPER LIMIT OF V. NEW SAND BARS AND SCOUR WERE OBSERVED IN THE FIELD - SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AND BEDFORMS COULD RAISE n TO THE HIGHER VALUES ABOVE.

ANSWER:  $Q = 8,000 \text{ TO } 10,000 \text{ cfs}$ .

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EST. BICOY, CREEK, ELBERT, CO.

	T	M	B	EL.	
HI =	4.79	ARE. 3A	10=500	504.79	
$\Delta = 99^\circ$	AD	5.37	5.28	5.20	499.51
(CH. LINE)	AI	8.49	8.35	8.21	496.30
(RIGHT DECK'S LINE)					
	A2	17.95	17.70	17.44	487.09
	A3	18.98	18.56	18.15	486.23
	A4	20.07	19.64	19.20	485.15
	A5	20.98	20.46	19.93	484.33
(channel bottom = A5)					
	A6	19.20	18.68	18.15	486.11
	A7	14.13	13.48	12.82	491.31
	A8	2.26	1.52	0.79	503.27
(A8 = TOP OF OPP. BANK - V. STEEP)					
D1 = DEBRIS LINE SHOT ON OPP. BANK					
D1	$\Delta L =$	42.5°	(READING)		
D1		8.59	7.61	6.62	497.18
UPSTREAM THALWEG SHOT					
TI		20.91	19.56	18.21	485.23
TI	$\Delta L =$	19°	(reading)		
(A's ARE READINGS NOT REDUCED FROM 90°)					
S1	$\Delta R 133^\circ$	1.31	0.73	0.15	504.06
S2	$\Delta R 139^\circ$	1.30	0.89	0.47	503.90
piers shots on low steel = S1, S2					

JUNE 4, 1998, 1500HR

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LEVEL: LEICA WILD NA20

50°F, RAIN, WINDY

LOW CLOUDS

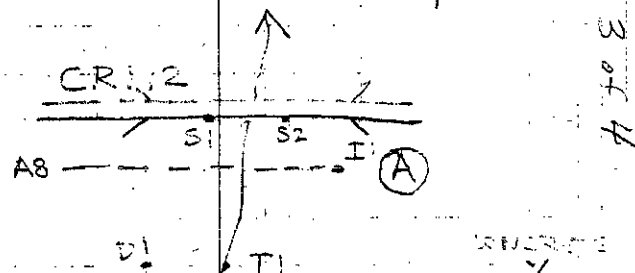
(100% CLOUD COVER)

NOTE: A0 &amp; A5 ARE TOP OF BANK

A5 &amp; T1 ARE THALWEG

D1 IS ~100 FT UPSTR  
OF SURVEY LINE

n = 0.025



WERE ALL PILING'S

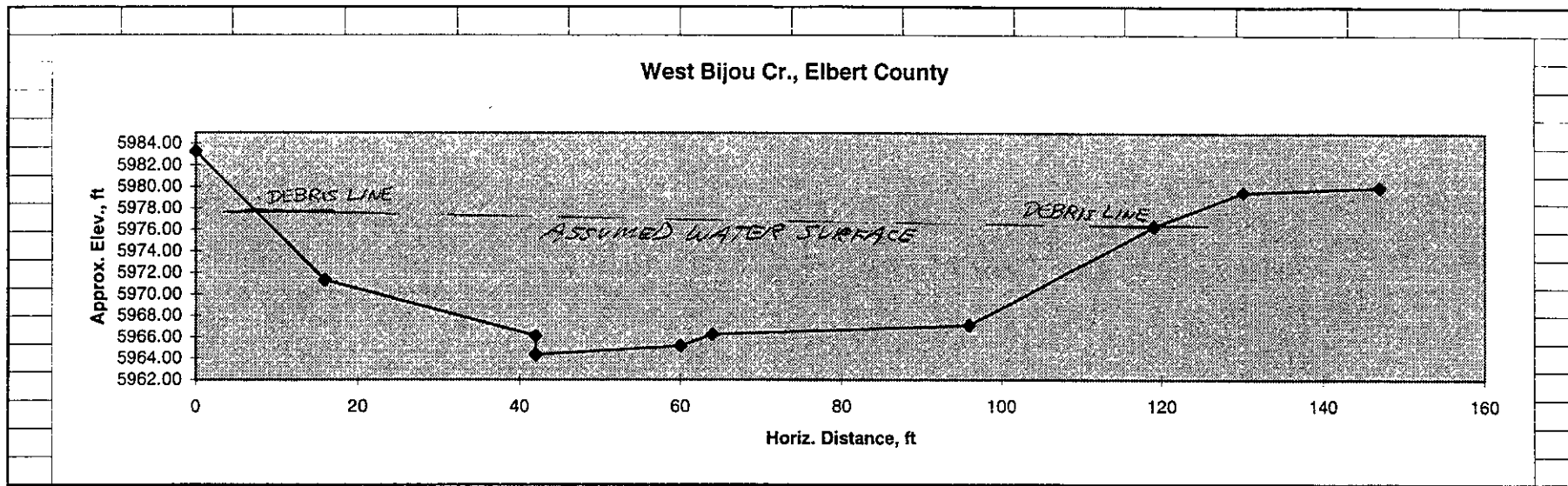
DURING STORM 7/97

NOTE: 0.0 IS AT LOW STEEL ELEV ON  
THESE SHOTS. S1 = 503.33, S2 = 503.01  
FOR LOW CHORD ELEV.BRIDGE HAS 3 PIERS  
5 FT HIGH, PILING'S TO  
DECK ~15 FT HIGHERJOE CRAYEN SAYS  
CONCRETE ADDED LATER

WEST BIJOU CR., ELBERT CO.											
Arbitrary Datum = 500 ft at I1				Horiz.		Re-order	Re-calc	Arbitrary	Actual (a)	Wetted	
Transect	Point	High	low	Distance		From Left	Horiz.	Datum	Approx	Perimeter	
				ft		Bank	Coord, ft	Elevation	Elev., ft	ft	
A	A0	5.37	5.20	17		A8	0	503.27	5983.27	0	
	A1(debris)	8.49	8.21	28		A7	16	491.31	5971.31	19.97603	
	A2	17.95	17.44	51		A6	42	486.11	5966.11	26.5149	
	A3	18.98	18.15	83		A5	42	484.33	5964.33	1.78	
	A4	20.07	19.20	87		A4	60	485.15	5965.15	18.01867	
	A5	20.98	19.93	105		A3	64	486.23	5966.23	4.143235	
	A6	19.20	18.15	105		A2	96	487.09	5967.09	32.01155	
	A7	14.13	12.82	131		A1(debris)	119	496.30	5976.30	24.77547	
	A8	2.26	0.79	147		A0	130	499.51	5979.51		
						I1	147	500.00	5980.00		
(a) based on USGS topographic quad.						TOTAL Wetted Perimeter below Points A1				117.2318	*
						and D1 (interpolated latter-used half of A8 to A7 value)					
	D1	8.59	6.62	197		debris line - oppo. bank		497.18	5977.18		
	T1	20.91	18.21	270		thalweg upstr		485.23	5965.23		
	S1	1.31	0.15	116		low chord	on bridge	504.06	5984.06		
	S2	1.30	0.47	83		low chord	on bridge	503.90	5983.90		

NOTE: per ANA, using AutoCad, area below debris lines = 927.63 ft<sup>2</sup>  
 $P = 117.23$  per above.  
 $\Rightarrow A/P = 7.91347$





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GIVEN:

THALWEG ELEVS AND RELATIVE POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POINT</u>	<u>DISTANCE, FT</u>	<u>ELEVATION, FT</u>	<u>INTERNAL <math>\angle</math></u>
T1	270	5965.23	(PER FIELD NOTES) 20 - 19 = 71°
A5	42	5964.33	

FIND:

CHANNEL SLOPE

SOLUTION: USING COSINE LAW

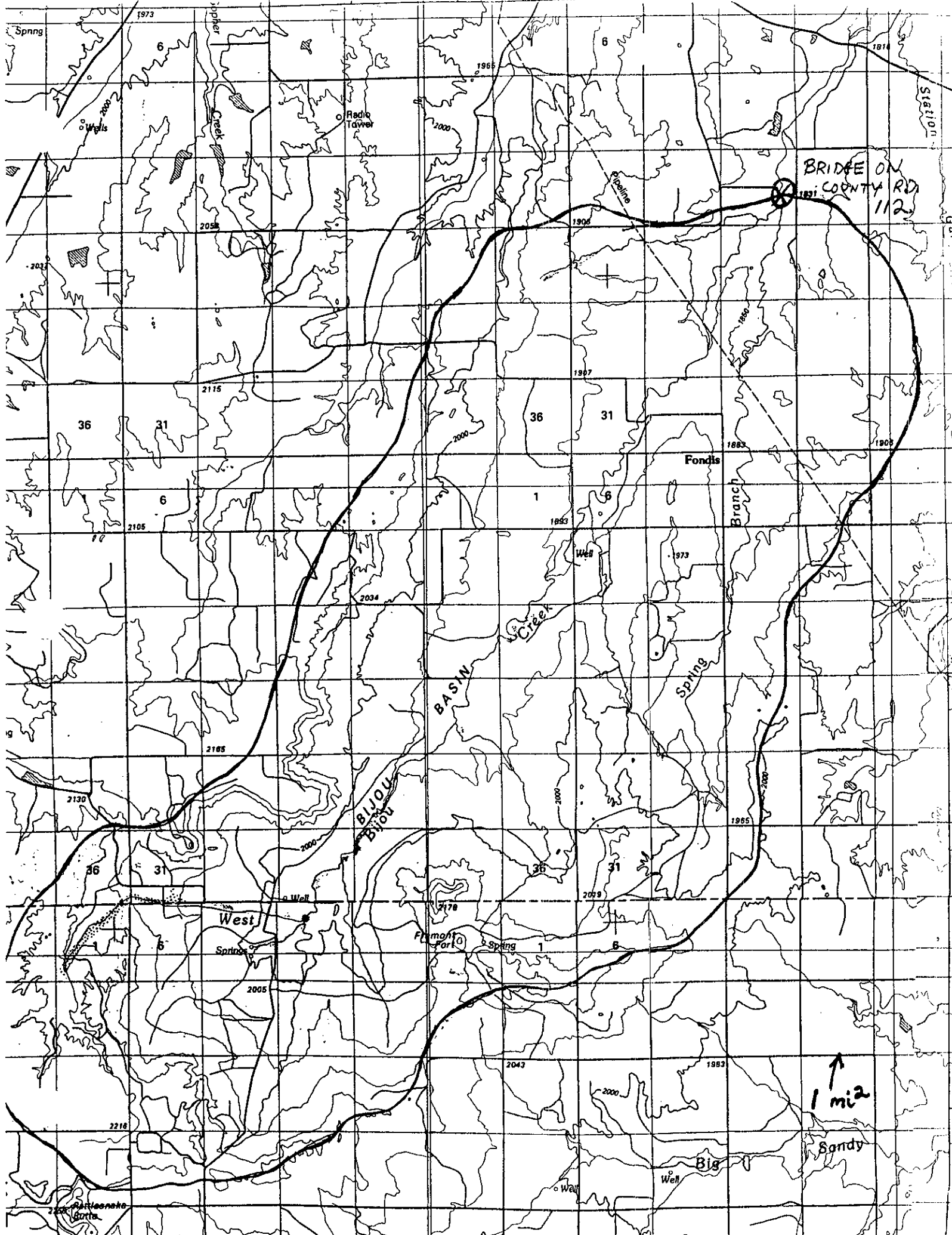
$$1. \text{ DISTANCE } T1 \rightarrow A5 = \left[ 270^2 + 42^2 - 2(270)(42) \cos 71^\circ \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 259.4 \text{ ft}$$

$$2. \text{ SLOPE} = \frac{(5965.23 - 5964.33)}{259.4} = \underline{\underline{0.0035}}$$

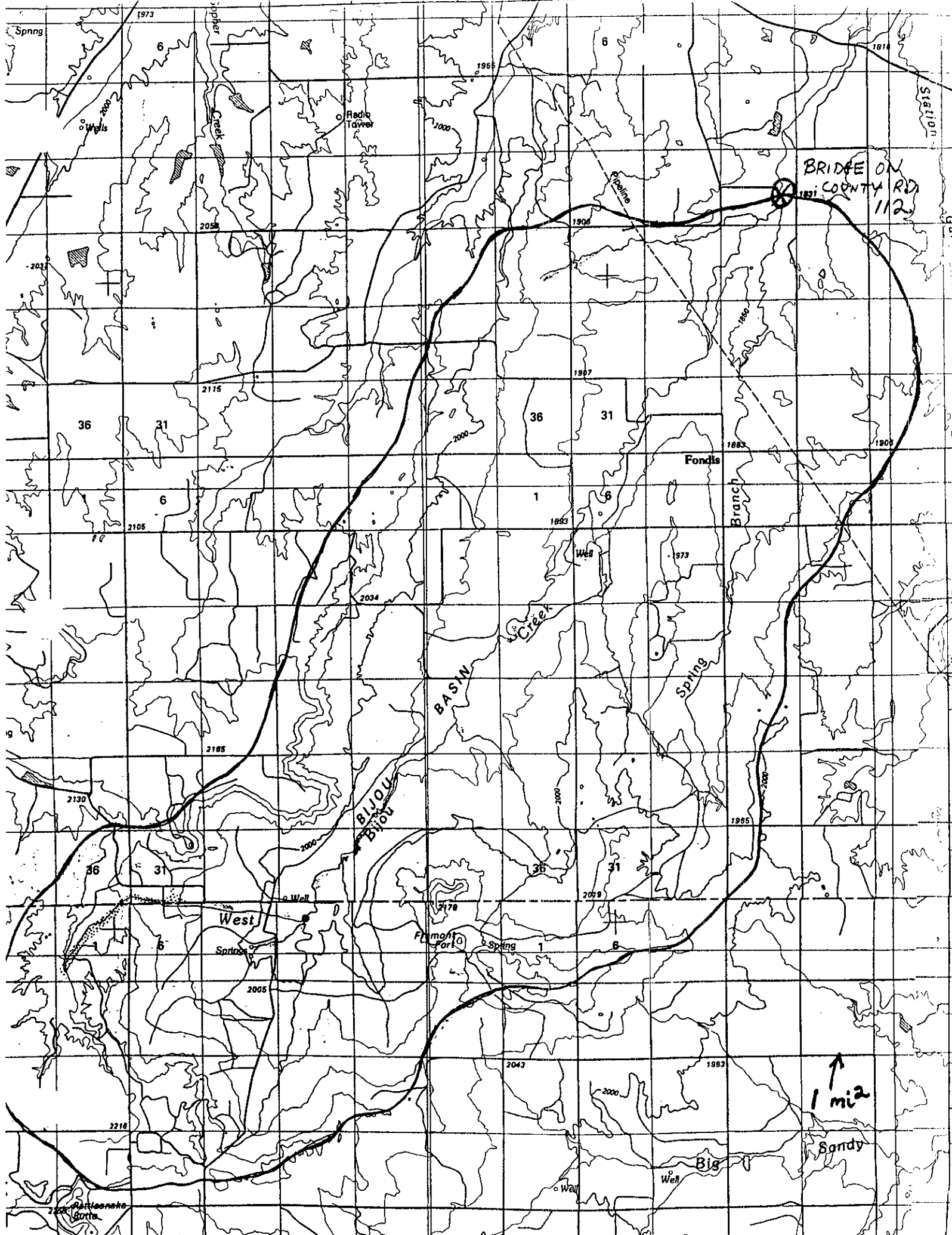
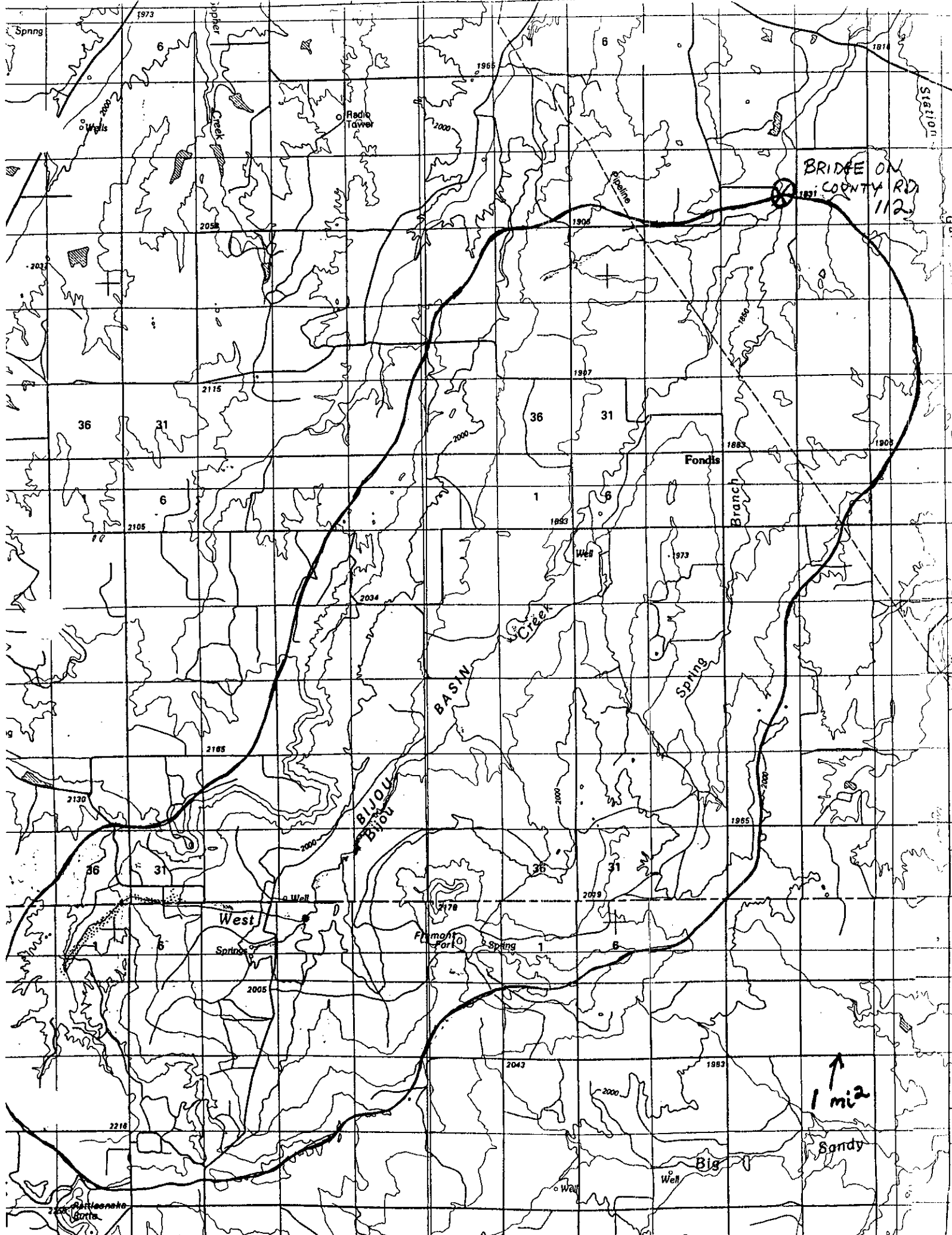
ANSWER:

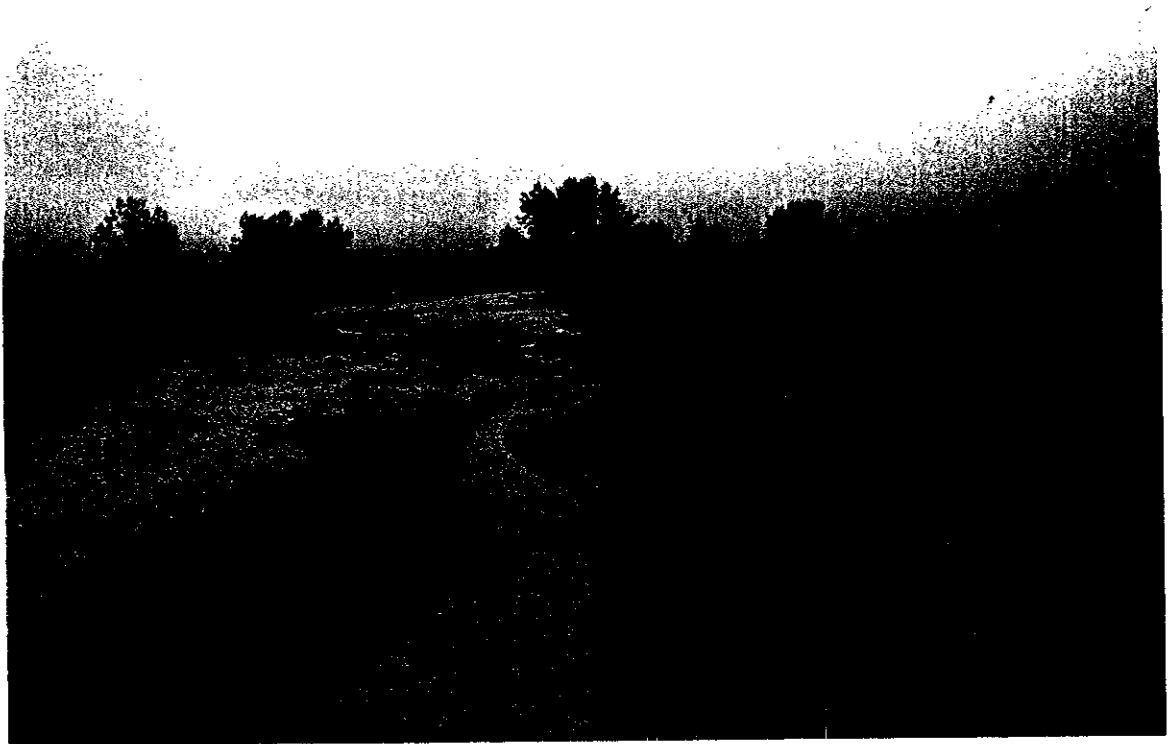
$$S = 0.0035$$



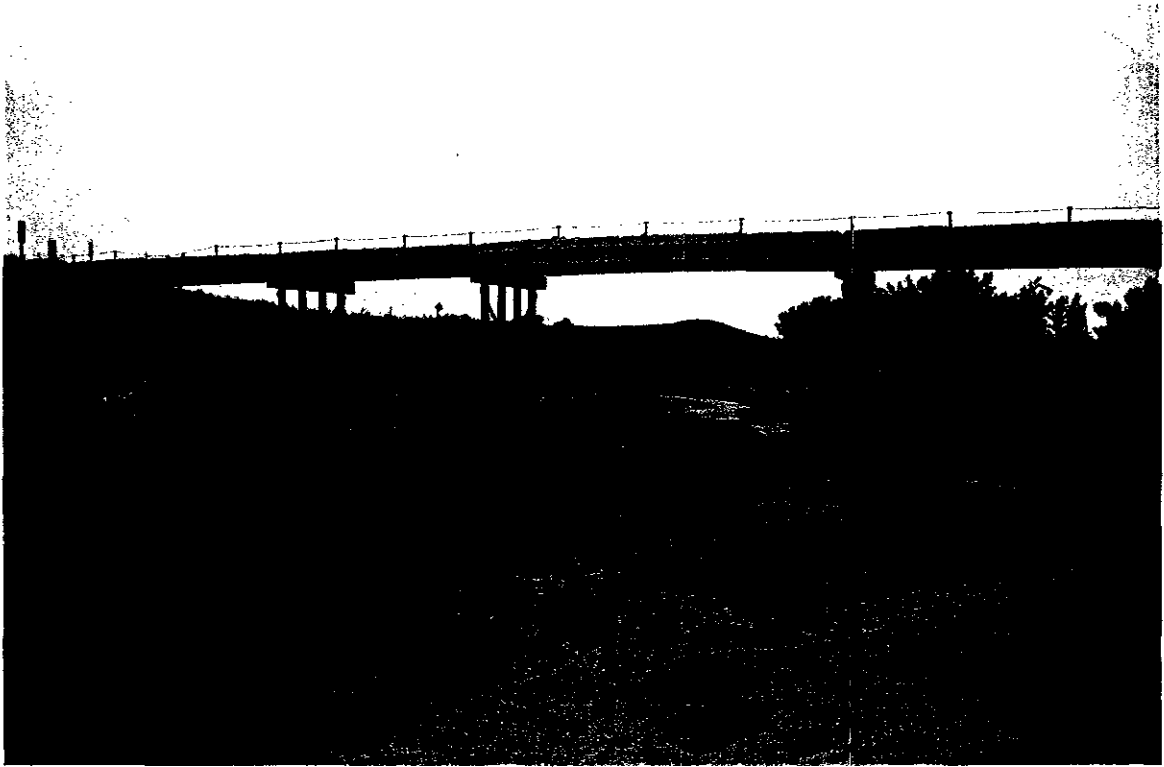
BRIDGE ON  
COUNTY RD  
112

1 mi  
↑  
Sandy





west Bijou Creek just upstream of County Rd. 112 (Elbert County). Flow extended about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way up on the steep bank at right. Flow is toward viewer. Note sand bars. Flow width is on the order of 15 or 20' at the time of the picture (6/1/95).



View downstream of Elbert County Rd 112 bridge over West Bijou Creek. Bridge is about 20 ft above the channel.

**CALCULATION FILE: SOUTH RUSH CR. IN ELBERT AND LINCOLN COUNTIES (TWO SITES).**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the calculations is to estimate flood discharges at a road crossing of South Rush Creek in southeastern Elbert County Colorado, and at a second location on the same stream approximately 8.5 miles downstream in Lincoln County, Colorado.

**Background:** A rapidly rising floodwave moved through the channel during the late evening and early morning of July 29 and 30, 1997 as a result of localized heavy precipitation in the headwaters immediately upstream of the Elbert County site. A 6-ft diameter culvert and associated roadfill were completely washed away in Elbert County, and a bridge approach was destroyed in Lincoln County.

These sites were selected for field visits to estimate the magnitude of flood discharges on the basis of the severity of damages and the availability of related storm information. Field visits to survey the channel were conducted on June 3 and 4, 1998 by Rti personnel.

**File Organization:** The following materials are presented in this calc file:

**1. Elbert County Site**

- Discharge calculations using the slope-area method and a range of Manning's "n" values.
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  - Watershed map
  - Site Photographs

**2. Lincoln County Site**

- Discharge calculations using the slope-area method and a range of Manning's "n" values.
- Appendix B containing
  - Surveying field notes
  - Survey data reduction (distances, angles, and cross-sections) primarily using an Excel spreadsheet.
  - Supplemental calculations (based on surveying data) for channel slope, flow area, wetted perimeter, etc.
  - Watershed map
  - Site Photographs

**3. A summary discussion of the discharge estimates for the two sites, dealing with how and why the two estimates relate to each other and the hydrologic/hydraulic factors involved.**

SOUTH RUSH CR. LEB-RT 2011/

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GIVEN:

1. FLOW AREA BY SURVEY DATA = 2,859.82 ft<sup>2</sup> (APPENDIX A)
2. WETTED PERIMETER BY SURVEY DATA = 361.3 ft (APPENDIX A)
3. SLOPE BY SURVEY DATA = 0.00144 (APPENDIX A)
4. MANNING'S n = 0.035

FIND: PEAK FLOOD DISCHARGE

SOLUTION:

$$Q_p = \frac{1.49}{n} A R^{2/3} S^{1/2} \quad \text{where } R = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{2859.82}{361.3} = 7.9154 \text{ ft}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_p = \frac{1.49 (2,859.82)(7.9154)^{2/3} (0.00144)^{1/2}}{0.035} = \underline{18,349.3 \text{ cfs}}$$

COMMENTS: Channel lined w/ old cottonwoods; depth ≈ 20 ft max, debris on trees up to 10 ft high; 6 ft dia culvert and all road fill, blown out in flood.

- If n = 0.050 ⇒ Q = 12,844.5 cfs and V = Q/A = 4.5 fps
- If n = 0.045 ⇒ Q = 14,271.7 cfs, V = 5.0 fps
- If n = 0.040 ⇒ Q = 16,055.6 cfs, V = 5.6 fps
- If n = 0.035 ⇒ per solution, Q = 18,350 cfs, V = 6.5 fps
- If n = 0.030 ⇒ Q = 21,407.5 cfs, V = 7.5 fps
- If n = 0.028 ⇒ Q = 22,936.6 cfs, V = 8.0 fps

ANSWER:

ANY Q<sub>p</sub> BETWEEN 14,000 TO 18,000 SEEMS REASONABLE, YIELDS V = 5.0 TO 6.5 FPS AT PEAK. CALL IT 16,000, n = 0.040.



**Appendix A (Elbert County):**

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RUSH CR. @ CR197, ELBERT CO.

INTERSECTION W/ CR22

E 4, 1995 1030 HR

CLOUDY,  
WINDY, 55°F

I 1

HI = 4.70 FT, HA 20.7°, DATUM 500'

504.70

504.70

(at south debris line)

A1 5.21 5.19 5.16 499.51

A2 9.65 9.32 9.00 495.38

A3 15.13 14.59 14.06 490.11

(at toe of bank)

A4 16.51 15.36 14.21 489.34

on terrace

A5 20.63 19.45 18.26 485.25

"channel bottom"

~~(at toe of bank)~~

A6 20.03 18.72 17.40 485.98

"channel bottom"

~~(at toe of bank)~~

A7 18.11 16.74 15.38 487.96

A8 16.91 15.39 13.88 489.31

A9 15.56 14.02 12.49 490.68

A10 14.60 12.95 11.30 491.75

A11 9.16 7.40 5.65 497.30

A12 6.18 4.34 2.50 500.36

(left debris line)

JIM BURRILL TR  
BILL EULETT

LEVEL: LEICA WILD NA20

SOUTH

LINE

I1

A

CR22

PHOTOS:

(2) BILL EULETT

AT SO. RUSH CR

CULVERTS. DEBRIS IN TREE 10 FT HIGH

N ↑  
CR1972x6' CMP'S  
(NEW)

FLOW

2 of 2 TO RUSH CR.

HANNEL SLOPE BY EDGE OF WATER

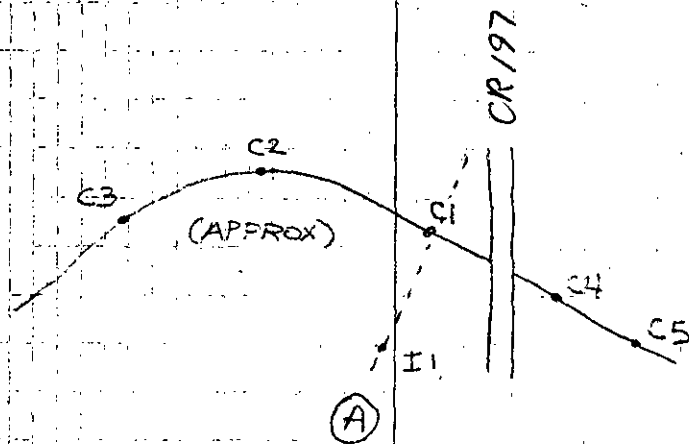
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504.70	Reading	T	M	B	EL.
C1	on line	18.94	17.77	16.60	486.93
C2	182°	19.25	17.73	16.20	486.97
C3	157°	20.12	17.70	15.28	487.00
C4	R 275°	21.26	19.98	18.69	489.72
C5	R 293°	22.53	20.28	18.04	484.42
C6	TOO FAR OR TOO MANY TREES				
C7	-				

NOT  
REDUCED  
(READ IS  
ONLY)

EXCEPT AS NOTED, C4, C5 ARE  
DOWNSTREAM OF CULVERT, OTHERS UPSTREAM

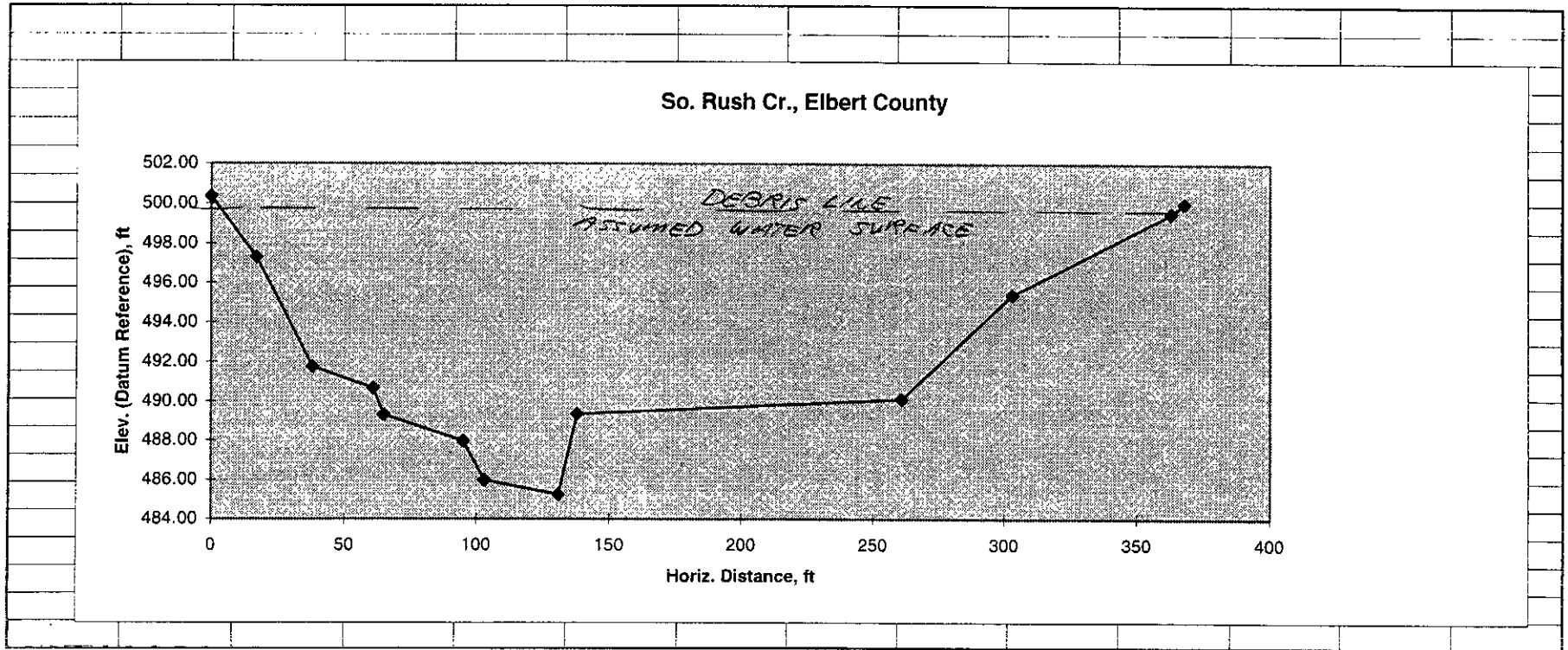
NOTE: CHANNEL CONSISTS OF DEEP POOLS  
HAVING UNDULATING BOTTOM, 10 TO 15 FT  
WIDE.



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S. RUSH CR., ELBERT CO.									
Arbitrary Datum = 500.00 ft at I1					Horiz	Elevation	Re-order	Re-calc	Arbitrary
Transect	Point	High	low	Dist., ft	Coord	Per Datum, ft	From Left	Horiz	Datum
							Bank	Coord, ft	Elevation
A									
	I1			0			A12	0	500.36
	A1	5.21	5.16	5			A11	17	497.30
	A2	9.65	9.00	65			A10	38	491.75
	A3	15.13	14.06	107			A9	61	490.68
	A4	16.51	14.21	230			A8	65	489.31
	A5	20.63	18.26	237			A7	95	487.96
	A6	20.05	17.40	265			A6	103	485.98
	A7	18.11	15.38	273			A5	131	485.25
	A8	16.91	13.88	303			A4	138	489.34
	A9	15.56	12.49	307			A3	261	490.11
	A10	14.60	11.30	330			A2	303	495.38
	A11	9.16	5.65	351			A1	363	499.51
	A12	6.18	2.50	368			I1	368	500.00
							Re-order		Arbitrary
	Slope Measurement						Upstr to		Datum
							Dnstr		Elevation
	C1	18.94	16.60	234		486.93	C3		487.00
	C2	19.25	16.20	305		486.97	C2		486.97
	C3	20.12	15.28	484		487.00	C1		486.93
	C4	21.26	18.69	257		484.72	C4		484.72
	C5	22.53	18.04	449		484.42	C5		484.42
NOTE: C4 and C5 are below (downstream of) the culvert - channel drops at road.									

← WATER SURFACE & HIGHEST DEBRIS



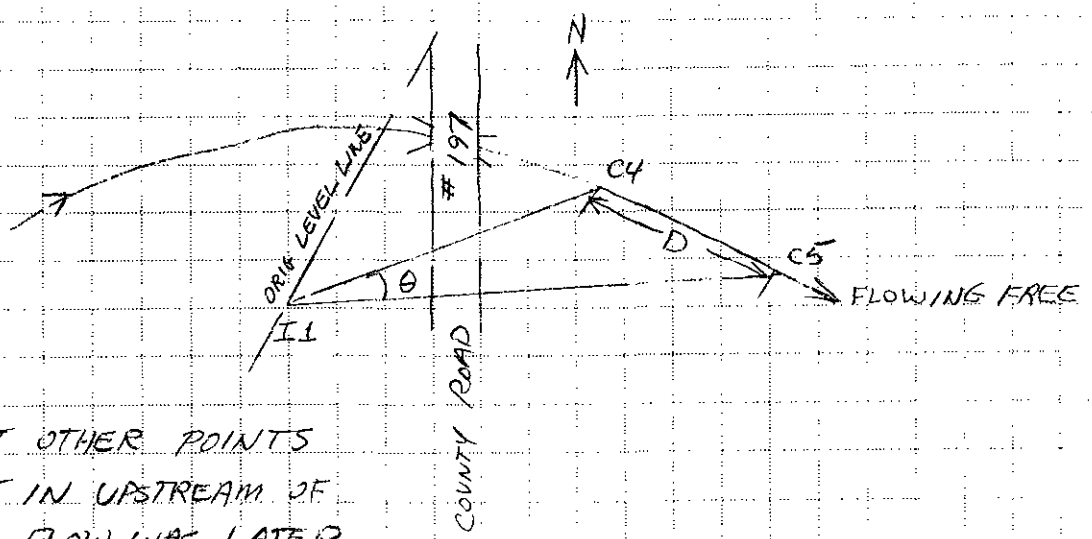
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GIVEN:

1. BASE & READING = 207°
2. ANGLE READINGS, ETC, AS FOLLOW, TO THE EDGE OF WATER.

POINT	Δ READ	ELEV., FT.	DISTANCE, FT.
C4	LR 279°	484.72	257
C5	LR 293°	484.42	449

3.



4. NOTE THAT OTHER POINTS WERE SHOT IN UPSTREAM OF ROAD, BUT FLOW WAS LATER FOUND TO BE OBSTRUCTED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AT ROAD, CAUSING "DEAD" POOLS UPSTREAM OF ROAD. THESE WERE THEREFORE NOT USED.

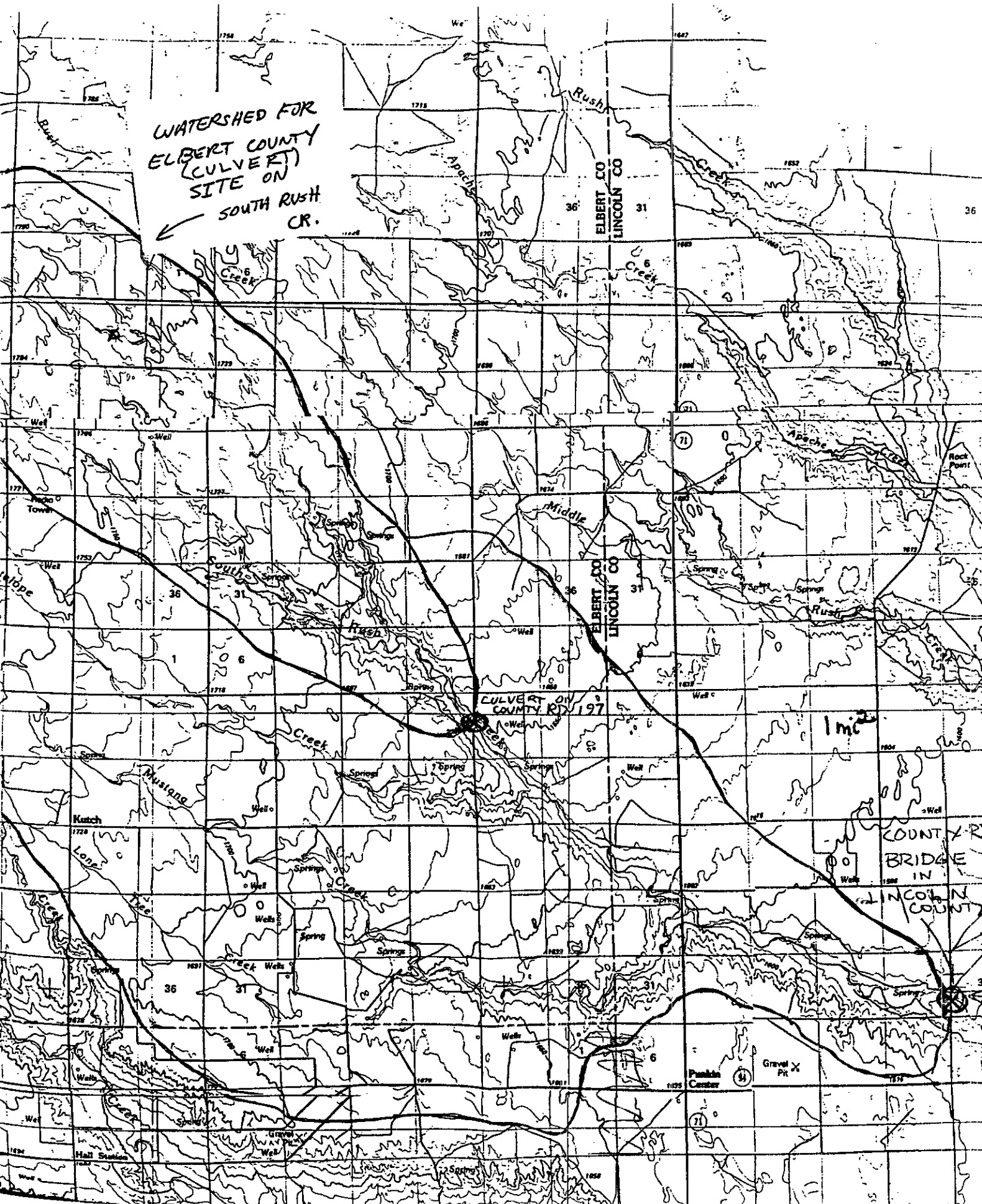
FIND: CHANNEL SLOPE

SOLUTION: BY COSINE LAW

$$1. D_{C4-C5}^2 = 257^2 + 449^2 - 2(257)(449) \cos(293-279)^\circ \Rightarrow D = 209.09 \text{ ft}$$

$$2. \text{SLOPE} = (484.72 - 484.42) / 209.09 = 0.00144$$

ANSWER: SLOPE = 0.00144



WATERSHED FOR  
ELBERT COUNTY  
(CULVERT)  
SITE ON  
SOUTH RUSH  
CR.

Rush

ELBERT CO  
LINCOLN CO

Middle

CULVERT ON  
COUNTY RD 197

Mustang

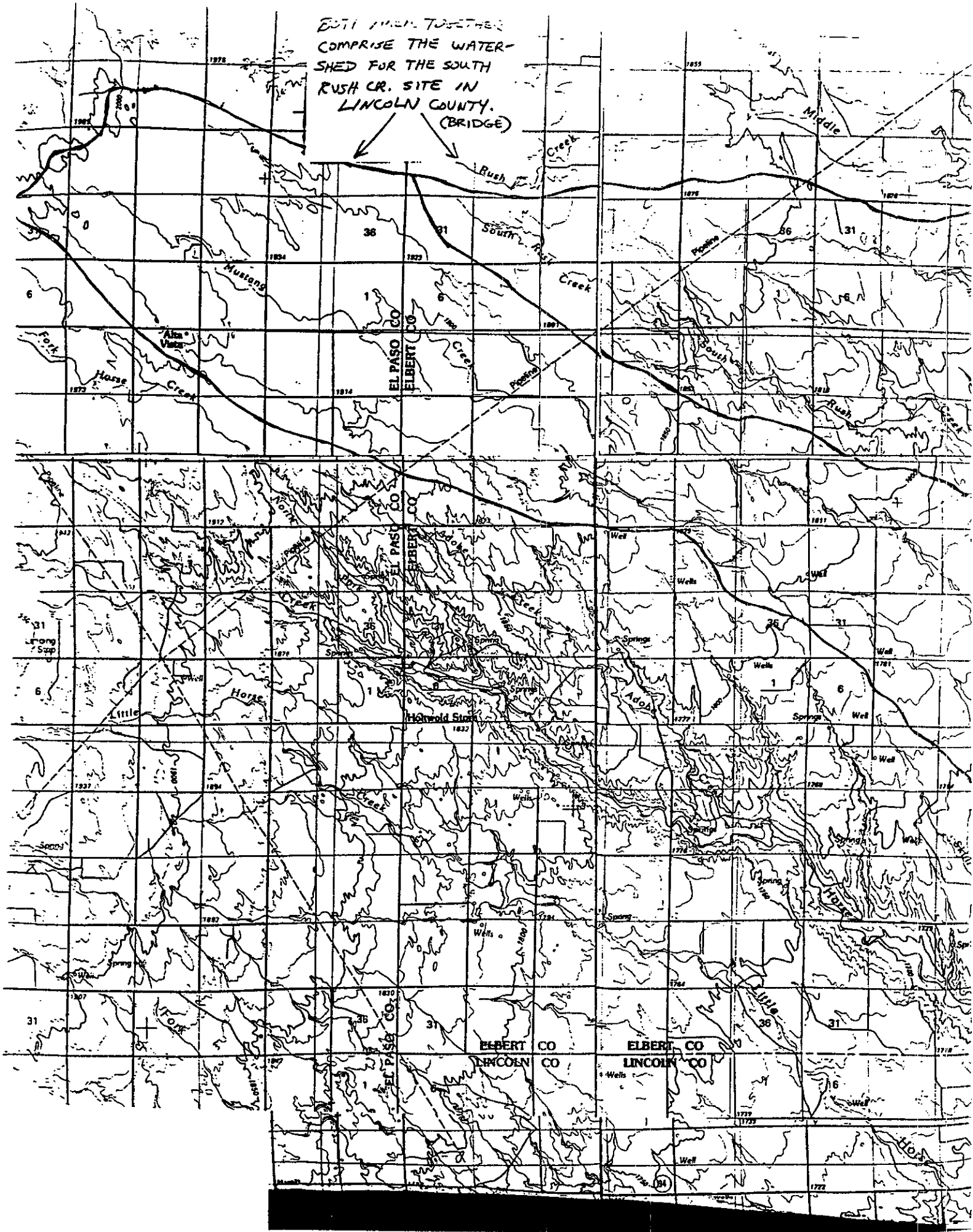
COUNTY RD  
BRIDGE IN  
LINCOLN COUNTY

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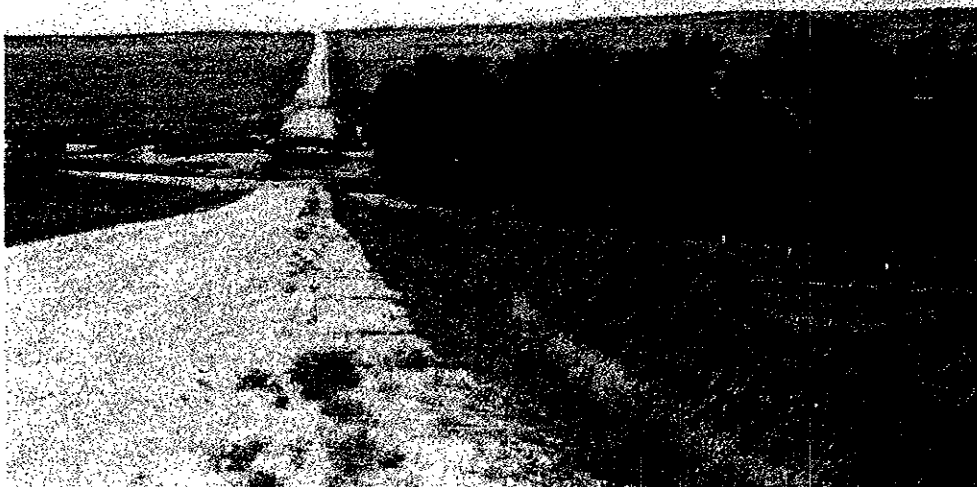
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BOTH TOGETHER  
COMPRISE THE WATER-  
SHED FOR THE SOUTH  
RUSH CR. SITE IN  
LINCOLN COUNTY.  
(BRIDGE)







←  
So. Rush Cr. the  
day after the flood  
Flow from right  
to left. Trees  
extend about 1/4  
mile upstream.



← Note  
6-ft culvert  
sections lying  
along banks  
downstream.  
Flow from right  
to left.



- Upstream View on South Run Creek, Wilkes County. Note grassy areas & trees at right. Flow was approximately 50% higher than the top of the dam. Grass is covered the grassy areas in the foreground & behind the trees.
- Cottonwood enters stream for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. No trees occur downstream of the dam. Road is way down to the right of the picture. Top of the dam is the tree line. Grass is cut off the stream. Note logs in the trees. Logs like these were carried on flow, and clogged the main culvert.



6-ft curvies being replaced at Van Horn Creek in  
Elbert County. Flow was from left to right. Note  
sand on right side above the road crest on the  
right.

Subject: <u>SOUTH RUSH CR. DISCHARGE SUMMARY</u>		Project/Proposal Name: <u>CWCB FLOOD STUDY</u>	
Computed: <u>JKB</u>	Date: <u>6/11/98</u>	Project/Proposal No.: <u>D479</u>	Task: <u>54</u>
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GIVEN: South Rush Cr. calculations for Elbert County site (upstr.) and Lincoln County site (8.3 mi. downstr.), as follows:

1. FLOW GEOMETRY

COUNTY	FLOW AREA, ft <sup>2</sup>	WETTED PERIMETER, ft	HYDRAULIC RADIUS, ft	SLOPE ft/ft	T ft	Y <sub>max</sub> , ft
ELBERT	2,860	361	7.9	0.00144	350	~15
LINCOLN (at bridge)	~1,930	218	~8.8	0.00186	218 +	~13

2. ROUGHNESS CONDITIONS - RAPIDLY RISING FLOOD WAVE, WITH:

ELBERT - COTTONWOODS, CULVERT & ROAD FILL IN A V-SHAPED VALLEY W/ GRASSY SLOPES. MUCH VEGETAL DEBRIS, SAND TRANSPORT, ROAD REMOVED & CULVERT DESTROYED.

LINCOLN - GRASSLANDS W/ SHORT REEDS IN A WIDE VALLEY, SCOUR & FILL FORMING HOLES & BARS, BRIDGE SECTION FLOWING (JUST) FULL, SOUTH APPROACH TO BRIDGE WASHED OUT, MUCH VEGETAL DEBRIS AT EDGES OF FLOW.

3. FLOW CALCULATIONS - PEAK DISCHARGE

n	ELBERT		LINCOLN	
	Q, cfs	V, fps	Q, cfs	V, fps
0.040	16,055	5.6	11,151	5.58
0.035	18,350	6.5	12,744	6.38
0.030	21,408	7.5	14,868	7.44
0.028	22,937	8.0	15,930	7.98

Subject: <u>SO. RUSH DISCHARGES.</u>	Project/Proposal Name: _____
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FIND: REASONABLE DISCHARGES AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE 2 SITES.

DISCUSSION: AT ANY GIVEN  $n$  VALUE, THE LINCOLN COUNTY SITE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS DISCHARGE AND APPROXIMATELY THE SAME VELOCITY AS THE ELBERT COUNTY SITE. RAINFALL IN THE WATERSHED WAS DISTRIBUTED HEAVILY OVER THE ELBERT COUNTY AREA, TAPERING OFF SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE REST OF THE WATERSHED, THUS, THE LINCOLN COUNTY SITE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MORE CONTRIBUTING PRECIPITATION IN SPITE OF A LARGER WATERSHED AREA.

THE SLOPE IS SLIGHTLY FLATTER UPSTREAM IN ELBERT COUNTY (INTERESTING...). THE WETTED PERIMETER IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER, IN PROPORTION TO AREA IN ELBERT COUNTY VS. LINCOLN. ALSO, THE LINCOLN SITE IS PROBABLY A BIT SMOOTHER HYDRAULICALLY; VEGETATION (ESPECIALLY COTTONWOODS) PROBABLY INCREASES THE  $n$  VALUE FOR ELBERT COUNTY. THE SLOPES ARE VERY CLOSE, AND PROBABLY WITHIN ERROR TOLERANCES, ESPECIALLY FOR DISTURBED SITES HAVING A LOT OF NATURAL VARIATION FROM SECTION TO SECTION.

CONCLUSION: GO WITH  $n = 0.040$  FOR A RAPIDLY RISING FLOOD CREST IN THE COTTONWOODS AT THE ELBERT SITE. THIS GIVES  $Q = 16,000$  cfs AND  $V = 5.6$  fps. DOWNSTREAM, THE RISE WAS ATTENUATED, BUT BRIDGE EFFECTS AND DEBRIS STILL PERTAINED. GO WITH  $n = 0.032$ ; THIS GIVES  $Q = 14,000$  cfs AND  $V = 7.0$  fps. ADD/SUBTRACT 1,000 cfs TO EITHER VALUE FOR A RANGE OF  $Q$  AT EACH SITE.

ANSWER:  $Q_{ELBERT} = 15,000$  TO  $17,000$  cfs.

$Q_{LINCOLN} = 13,000$  TO  $15,000$  cfs.

## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/8/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Dan Neuhold  
Company/Affiliation: CO Dept. of Nat'l Resources Water Commissioner, Dist. 66, 67  
Phone no.: (719) 336-5364  
Project No.: D479-56

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**Comments:**

District 67 - Big Sandy Creek

↳ no significant diversions on this creek

District 66 - Carrizo Creek + Cimarron River

↳ one significant water right

John B. Moya Ditch → located West Carrizo Creek

headgate @ Section 27, T32S, R33W

↳ irrigates approx. 20 acres of alfalfa

water right of 7.5 cfs (creek normally runs @ 3 cfs on average)

Don Taylor is Water Commissioner in District 17 (in La Junta)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Owen

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→ (719) 384-1000 (w)  
384-503 (H)  
250-1655 (cell)

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/1/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Donna Peck  
Company/Affiliation: Town Clerk, City of Eads, CO  
Phone no.: 719-438-5590  
Project No.: D479-56

**Comments:**

- town population approximately 820
  - east side of town has poor drainage, mainly ~~because~~ <sup>because</sup> all water flows <sup>SE</sup> to one culvert that passes water under the railroad tracks
  - east side is lower in elevation than the central section of Eads
  - this area typically is flooded, with yards inundated + basements flooded  
↳ however home owners are aware of this + many have own pumps
  - 1997 floods, Eads street department cut a trench across the road to divert water (East 13th street)
  - The City plans to construct a dip in this road to facilitate drainage for future storms
  - The street department did close the road (using a backhoe) + cleaned the drains
  - Kathy Eikenberg, Town Clerk in Haswell (719) 436-2324
- Signature Bill Owen



**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/1/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Janet Frederick  
Company/Affiliation: Kiowa County Commissioners office / Admin. Assist. Aide  
Phone no.: 719-438-5810  
Project No.: 0479-56

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**Comments:**

- Some flooding occurred in Eads and Haswell  
↳ speak with Donna Peck in Eads
- frequent flooding typically occurs in the central + western part of the county  
↳ however, substantial flooding only occurs <sup>every</sup> 5-10 years
- warning signs + road closures were put up the night + day after the floods

Signature Bill Owen

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# Kiowa County Commissioners

Commissioners  
**J.D. Wilson**  
Sheridan Lake, Colorado  
**Dutch Eikenberg**  
Haswell, Colorado  
**Cardon Berry**  
Eads, Colorado

1305 GOFF  
P.O. BOX 591  
EADS, COLORADO 81030  
(719) 438-5810  
(719) 438-5615  
FAX (719) 438-5327

Commissioners Meet  
Twice Monthly

MAY 13 1998

Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

May 12, 1998

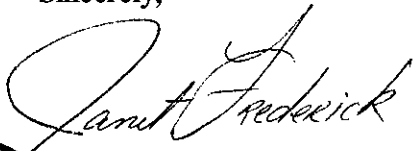
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Bill Owen  
721 State Centennial Building  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Bill,

Enclosed please find the 1997 flood documentation survey you requested. Our Road Commissioner filled out most of it. As I told you, we probably did not have a lot of useful information for you as our circumstances were a little different from those in the northeastern part of the state. Most of our work involved repairing damaged county roads.

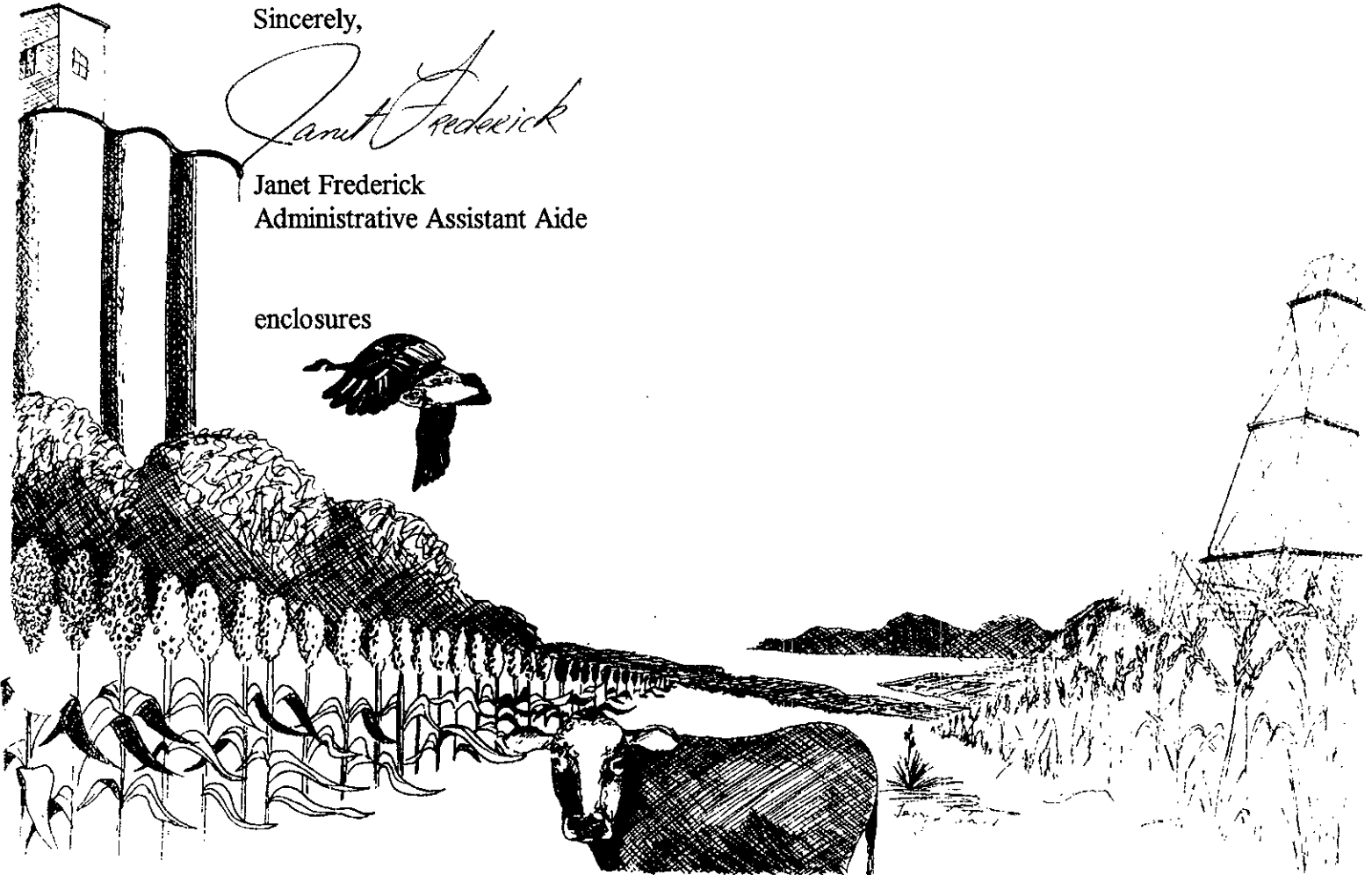
If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Janet Frederick  
Administrative Assistant Aide

enclosures



## COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

BY:  
DATE:  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Dutch Eikenberg  
AFFILIATION:  
PHONE #:

1. Affected streams and local drainages? (Eads area) Sand Creek, Farrington (Haswell Area) Adobee Creek, Mustang Creek, North Fork Mustang Creek, Middle Fork Mustang Creek, South Fork Mustang Creek, Lara Arroyo, + John's Creek
2. Geographic extent of flooding? most all of the flooding occurred from [unclear] of range land, some of problem started in [unclear] + Crowley counties where these creeks + Arroyos start.
3. Storm duration?
4. Rainfall amounts? Most all of the ranches in this area [unclear] in one week period 3 in, they had from [unclear] inches of rain.
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?  
None
6. Precipitation gauging network?  
None
7. Documentation of high water marks? The only documentation we have is bridges built in the early 1990's to the 100 year flood plain had debris stuck on top of the gawd's [unclear].

8. Estimated peak discharges? The Fort Lyons canal people claim that Adobe Creek ran 17,000 acre feet of water into Adobe Creek Reservoir.
9. Estimated flood damages? \$108,000.00
10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
- |                    |               |         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Local (FEMA Grant) | 15,729        | Local   |
|                    | 23,002        | State   |
|                    | 30,614        | Federal |
|                    | <u>69,345</u> |         |
11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding? (Repairing) washed out roads and installing bigger and more culverts.
13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?
- None
14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding? We inserted culverts where bridges should have went. Without sufficient funds what is one to do.
15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?
- N/A

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

*We have maps pertaining to flood damage.*

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

*NO*

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

*just the maps and photos*

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

*Kiowa County News - www.ruralnet.net/~kynews*

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

*www.kiowacty.ruralnet.net*

 **Riverside Technology, inc.**

**2290 East Prospect Road, Suite 1  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525  
PHONE (970) 484-7573  
FAX (970) 484-7593**

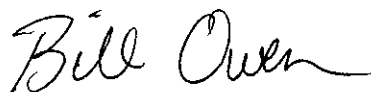
**TO:** Janet Frederick/Dutch Eikenberg  
**FAX NO.:** (719) 438-5327  
**FROM:** Bill Owen  
**DATE:** April 2, 1998  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** Questions concerning Kiowa Country 1997 flood  
**COMMENTS:**

Janet:

I've attached a blank copy of the form I'm using to elicit information from county and city personnel in your area about the 1997 floods. I would appreciate any time you and Mr. Eikenberg might have to review and answer these questions. I look forward to hearing from you two soon.

Thanks again for your help in documenting the flooding events in Kiowa County.

Sincerely,



***If you did not receive all the pages, or if any are illegible, please call  
(970) 484-7573.***

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 4/2/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Owen  
**Spoke With:** Janet Frederick  
**Company/Affiliation:** Kiowa County Commissioners office  
**Phone no.:** (719) 438-5810  
**Project No.:** D479 - 51

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**Comments:**

Dutch Eikenberg, Kiowa County Commissioner, was in, but she accepted our offer to send her a fax of the questions we will be asking about the 1997 flooding in Kiowa County (fax number; 719-438-5327).

Ms. Frederick suggested that I contact other potential sources of flood information in the county:

1. Chris Sorenson ,editor of Kiowa County Press, at (719) 438-5800
2. Dean Loukonen, director of the NRCS in Kiowa County, at (719) 438-5414
3. Rod Johnson, office manager of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, at (719) 438-5851

Ms. Frederick said Dutch Eikenberg would call us back.

Signature Bill Owen

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## 2. Federal Data



STATION (City or Locality) **HASWELL** (River Station, if different):  
 STATE **COLORADO** COUNTY **KIOWA** MONTH **May** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP PRECIPITATION **7 AM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M DT**

WS FORM B-91  
(12-93)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

Observer: **Frankie E. Stoker**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE: **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO**  
 STATION INDEX NO.: **05-3828-**

STATION *HASWELL* (River Station if different) MONTH *JUNE* 19 *97*  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY *KIOWA* RIVER \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION \_\_\_\_\_ TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIPITATION *7 AM.* STANDARD TIME IN USE *MDT*  
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 OBSERVER *Frankie E. Stober*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ STATION INDEX NO \_\_\_\_\_

WSO PUEBLO; COLORADO

05-3828-1

STATION (Climatological) **HASWELL** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **COLORADO** COUNTY **KIOWA** MONTH **July** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER PRECIPITATION **7 A.M.** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MDT**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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OBSERVER **Frankie E. Stokes**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE  
 STATION INDEX NO. **05-3828-1**

WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO

STATION *HASWELL* (River Station if different)  
 STATE *COLORADO* COUNTY *KIOWA* MON *August 15 97*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP PRECIPITATION *7 AM* STANDARD TIME IN USE *MDT*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO F1 FLOOD STAGE F1 NORMAL POOL STAGE F1

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OBSERVER *Frankie E. Stokes*  
 ISSUING OFFICE **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO**  
 STATION INDEX NO. **05-3828-12**



STATION (Climatological) **HASWELL** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **COLORADO** COUNTY **KIOWA** MONTH **OCT** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
**7 AM** **MDT**

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 D. Ice gorge above. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 OBSERVER **Frankie E. Stodex**  
 STATION INDEX NO. **05-3828-1**  
 WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO



STATION (Climatological) **BRANDON** (River Station, Tributaries)  
 STATE **CO** COUNTY **KIDWA** MONTH **JUNE** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION **07:00** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE F. NORMAL POOL STAGE F.

WS FORM B-91 (7-89)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION		WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)							
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.						Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A.M.		TENDENCY						
	MAX	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A M		NOON		P M							Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds
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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above H. Pool stage.

OBSERVER **GARY HEDKE**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE **USFO DENVER**  
 STATION INDEX NO. **05-0895-1**



STATION (Climatologic) **BRANDON** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **CO.** COUNTY **KIDWA** MONTH **JULY** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. **07.00** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

### RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION													WEATHER (Calendar Day)					RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc..)												
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			At Obs. <small>Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.</small>	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.											Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT _____ A.M.	TENDENCY									
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)													Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail					Damaging Winds								
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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge abc	E. Ice gorge below gage F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.	CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR READING _____ DATE _____	OBSERVER <b>GARY HEDKE</b> SUPERVISING OFFICE <b>USFO DENVER</b> STATION INDEX NO. <b>05-0895-1</b>
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STATION (Climatological) **BRANDON** (River Station, if different)

STATE **CO.** COUNTY **KIOWA** MONTH **Aug** 19 **97**

RIVER

TEMP **07:00** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**

PRECIPITATION **07:00** FLOOD STAGE

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO **Fl.** NORMAL POOL STAGE **Fl.**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.		PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT		TENDENCY	
	MAX	MIN	AT OBSN	Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON						P.M.
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| A. Obstructed by rough ice.  | E. Ice gorge below gage. |
| B. Frozen, but open at gage. | F. Shore ice.            |
| C. Upper surface thin ice.   | G. Floating ice.         |
| D. Ice gorge ab.             | H. Pool stage.           |

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING	DATE

OBSERVER **GARY HEDKE**

STATIONING OFFICE **USFO DENVER**

STATION INDEX NO **05-0895-1**

STATION (Climatological) **BRANDON** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **CO.** COUNTY **KIDWA** MONTH **SEPT** 19 **97**  
 RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION **07:00** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE

WS FORM B-91 (12-93) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.		AT OBSN.	PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)	
	MAX.	MIN.		24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob.	Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.		TENDENCY
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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of --- with ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge ab H. Pool stage.

READING DATE

Observer: **GARY HEDRE**  
 Supervising Office: **USFO DENVER**  
 Station Index No.: **05-0895-1**

STATION (Climatological) **BRANDON** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **CO.** COUNTY **KIOWA** MONTH **OCT** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER PRECIPITATION **07:00** STANDARD TIME IN USE **M**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

WS FORM B-91 (12-93) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION														WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc..)													
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		Al Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	A.M.			NOON			P.M.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A.M.	TENDENCY														
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9												10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Gauge under 12 foot drift

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

OBSERVER **GARY HEDRE**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE **SFO DENVER** STATION INDEX NO. **05-0895-1**

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ANNUAL PEAK FLOW FREQUENCY ANALYSIS  
Following Bulletin 17-B Guidelines  
Program peakfq  
(Version 2.4, Apr, 1998)

--- PROCESSING DATE/TIME ---

1998 JUN 12 13:10:07

--- PROCESSING OPTIONS ---

Plot option = None  
Basin char output = WATSTORE  
Print option = Yes  
Debug print = No  
Input peaks listing = Long  
Input peaks format = WATSTORE peak file

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1998 JUN 12 13:10:07

I N P U T D A T A S U M M A R Y

Number of peaks in record = 16  
Peaks not used in analysis = 0  
Systematic peaks in analysis = 16  
Historic peaks in analysis = 0  
Years of historic record = 0  
Generalized skew = -0.097  
Standard error of generalized skew = 0.550  
Skew option = WEIGHTED  
Gage base discharge = 0.0  
User supplied high outlier threshold = --  
User supplied low outlier criterion = --  
Plotting position parameter = 0.00

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE -- Preliminary machine computations. \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* User responsible for assessment and interpretation. \*\*\*\*\*

WCF134I-NO SYSTEMATIC PEAKS WERE BELOW GAGE BASE. 0.0  
WCF195I-NO LOW OUTLIERS WERE DETECTED BELOW CRITERION. 35.0  
WCF162I-SYSTEMATIC PEAKS EXCEEDED HIGH-OUTLIER CRITERION. 1 2471.8

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## ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE PARAMETERS -- LOG-PEARSON TYPE III

	FLOOD BASE		LOGARITHMIC		
	DISCHARGE	EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	SKEW
SYSTEMATIC RECORD	0.0	1.0000	2.4685	0.4057	0.091
BULL.17B ESTIMATE	0.0	1.0000	2.4685	0.4057	-0.004

## ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE -- DISCHARGES AT SELECTED EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES

ANNUAL EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	BULL.17B ESTIMATE	SYSTEMATIC RECORD	'EXPECTED PROBABILITY' ESTIMATE	95-PCT CONFIDENCE LIMITS FOR BULL. 17B ESTIMATES	
				LOWER	UPPER
0.9950	26.4	28.7	17.1	8.5	50.8
0.9900	33.4	35.7	23.9	11.8	61.3
0.9500	63.2	64.9	54.3	28.4	103.8
0.9000	88.8	89.7	80.8	44.9	138.7
0.8000	134.0	133.5	127.8	76.8	200.2
0.5000	294.3	290.0	294.3	196.7	440.3
0.2000	645.7	642.7	677.1	432.3	1127.0
0.1000	973.2	982.2	1069.0	623.3	1927.0
0.0400	1507.0	1553.0	1792.0	903.9	3475.0
0.0200	1999.0	2096.0	2558.0	1142.0	5118.0
0.0100	2577.0	2750.0	3593.0	1405.0	7269.0
0.0050	3250.0	3533.0	4998.0	1695.0	10040.0
0.0020	4307.0	4799.0	7679.0	2123.0	14870.0

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Station - 07134100 BIG SANDY CREEK NEAR LAMAR, CO.  
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## INPUT DATA LISTING

WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES	WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES
1968	227.0		1976	2520.0	
1969	330.0		1977	720.0	
1970	209.0		1978	355.0	
1971	568.0		1979	317.0	
1972	205.0		1980	304.0	
1973	254.0		1981	43.0	
1974	73.0		1982	138.0	
1975	601.0		1996	419.0	

Explanation of peak discharge qualification codes

PEAKFQ CODE	WATSTORE CODE	DEFINITION
D	3	Dam failure, non-recurrent flow anomaly
G	8	Discharge greater than stated value
X	3+8	Both of the above

L 4 Discharge less than stated value  
 K 6 OR C Known effect of regulation or urbanization  
 H 7 Historic peak

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Station - 07134100 BIG SANDY CREEK NEAR LAMAR, CO.  
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## EMPIRICAL FREQUENCY CURVES -- WEIBULL PLOTTING POSITIONS

WATER YEAR	RANKED DISCHARGE	SYSTEMATIC RECORD	BULL.17B ESTIMATE
1976	2520.0	0.0588	0.0588
1977	720.0	0.1176	0.1176
1975	601.0	0.1765	0.1765
1971	568.0	0.2353	0.2353
1996	419.0	0.2941	0.2941
1978	355.0	0.3529	0.3529
1969	330.0	0.4118	0.4118
1979	317.0	0.4706	0.4706
1980	304.0	0.5294	0.5294
1973	254.0	0.5882	0.5882
1968	227.0	0.6471	0.6471
1970	209.0	0.7059	0.7059
1972	205.0	0.7647	0.7647
1982	138.0	0.8235	0.8235
1974	73.0	0.8824	0.8824
1981	43.0	0.9412	0.9412

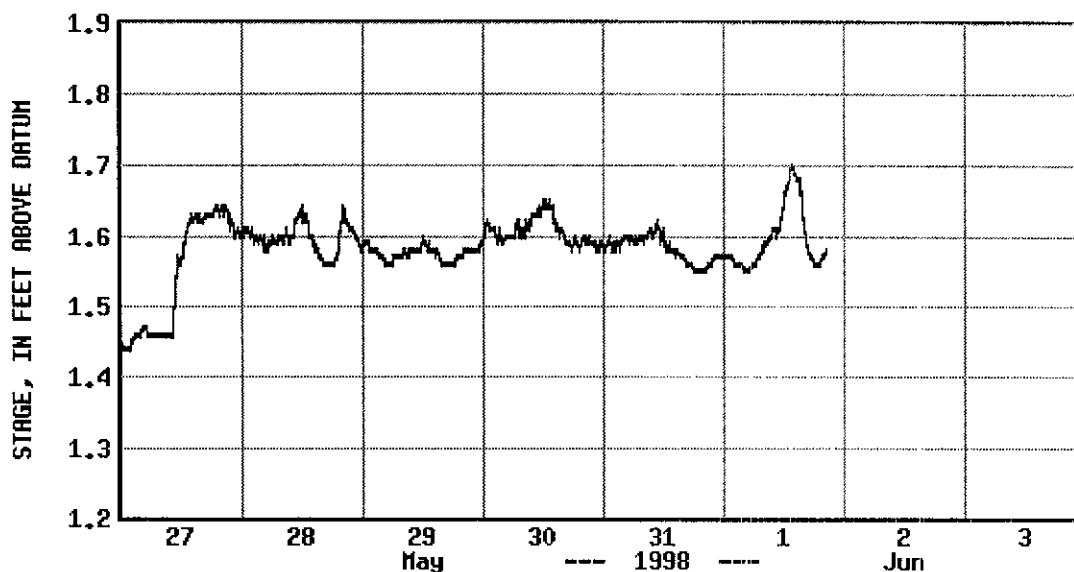
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End PEAKFQ analysis.

Stations processed : 1  
 Number of errors : 0  
 Stations skipped : 0  
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Unrecognized CARD type. Must be Y,Z,N,H,I,2,3,4, or \*.



- [Data used in graphs](#)
- [Historical daily mean data for this station](#)
- [Complete station data for previous water year](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)
- [Return to Current Streamflow Conditions table](#)

## Station Description

STATION.--07134100 BIG SANDY CREEK NEAR LAMAR, CO.

LOCATION.--Lat 38°06'51", long 102°29'00", in SW1/4SW1/4 sec. 21, T.22 S., R.45 W., Prowers County, Hydrologic Unit 11020011, on right bank 35 ft upstream from State Highway 196, 950 ft upstream from mouth, and 7.5 mi east of Lamar.

DRAINAGE AREA.--3,248 mi<sup>2</sup>.

PERIOD OF RECORD.-- February 1968 to September 1982, July 1995 to current year.

REVISED RECORDS.--WDR CO-71-1: Drainage area.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry. Elevation of gage is 3,545 ft above sea level, from topographic map.

REMARKS.--Records good except for estimated daily discharges and those above 100 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, which are poor. Natural flow of stream affected by diversions above station for irrigation and return flow from irrigated areas. Several measurements of specific conductance and water temperature were obtained and published in the "Supplemental Water-Quality Data For Gaging Stations" section of this report.

EXTREMES OUTSIDE PERIOD OF RECORD.--Flood of Aug. 21, 1965, reached a stage of 9.93 ft from floodmarks, discharge not determined.

## Daily Mean Flow Statistics for 06/01 based on 16 years of record, in ft<sup>3</sup>/s



Latest flow 06/01 12:30	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	80 percent exceedance	50 percent exceedance	20 percent exceedance
19	.75	14	56	4.56	8.85	17.2
<i>Percent exceedance means that 80, 50, or 20 percent of all daily mean flows for 06/01 have been greater than the value shown.</i>						

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### **3. General Maps and Information**

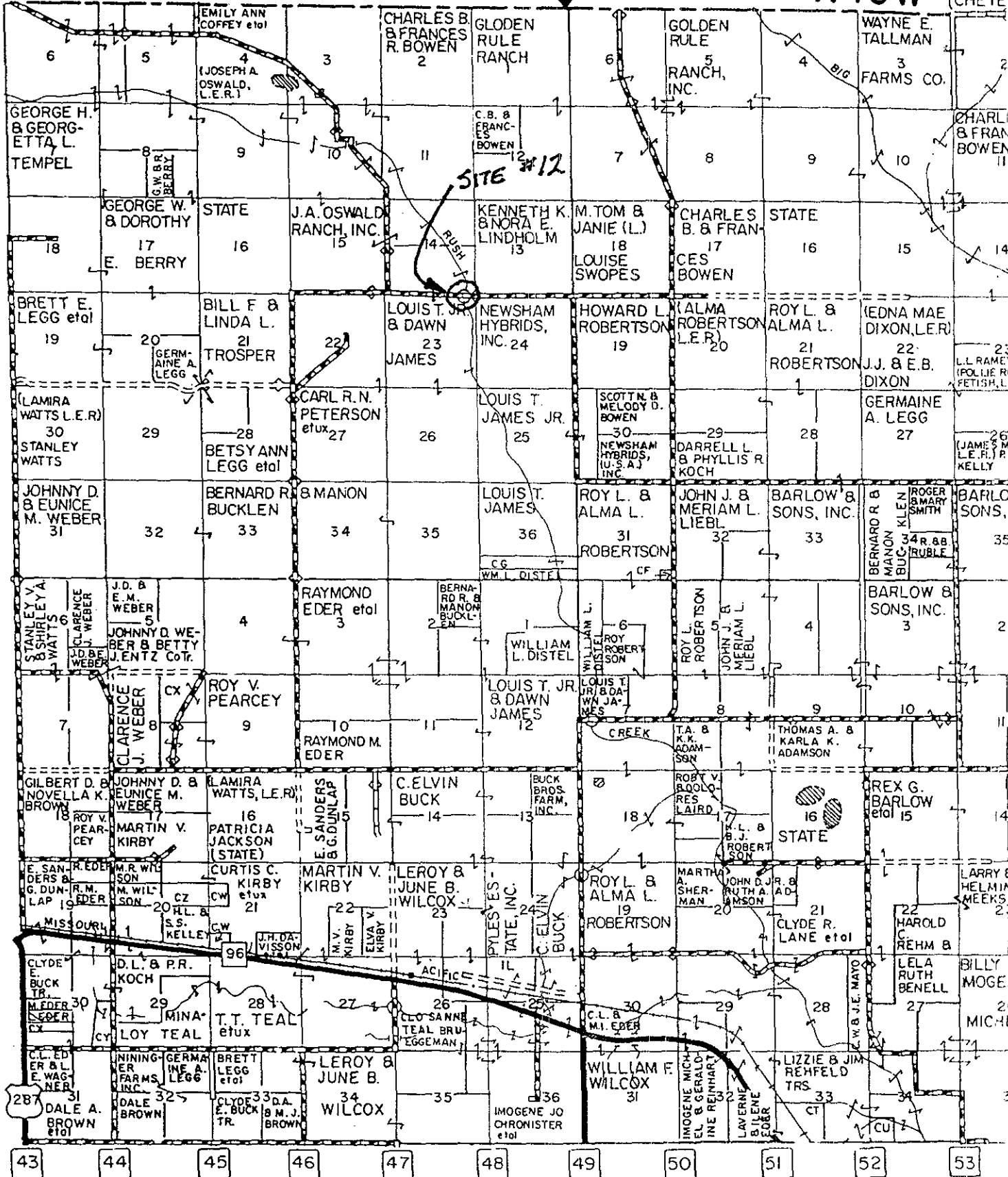
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R46W (CHEYE

(MAP 5)

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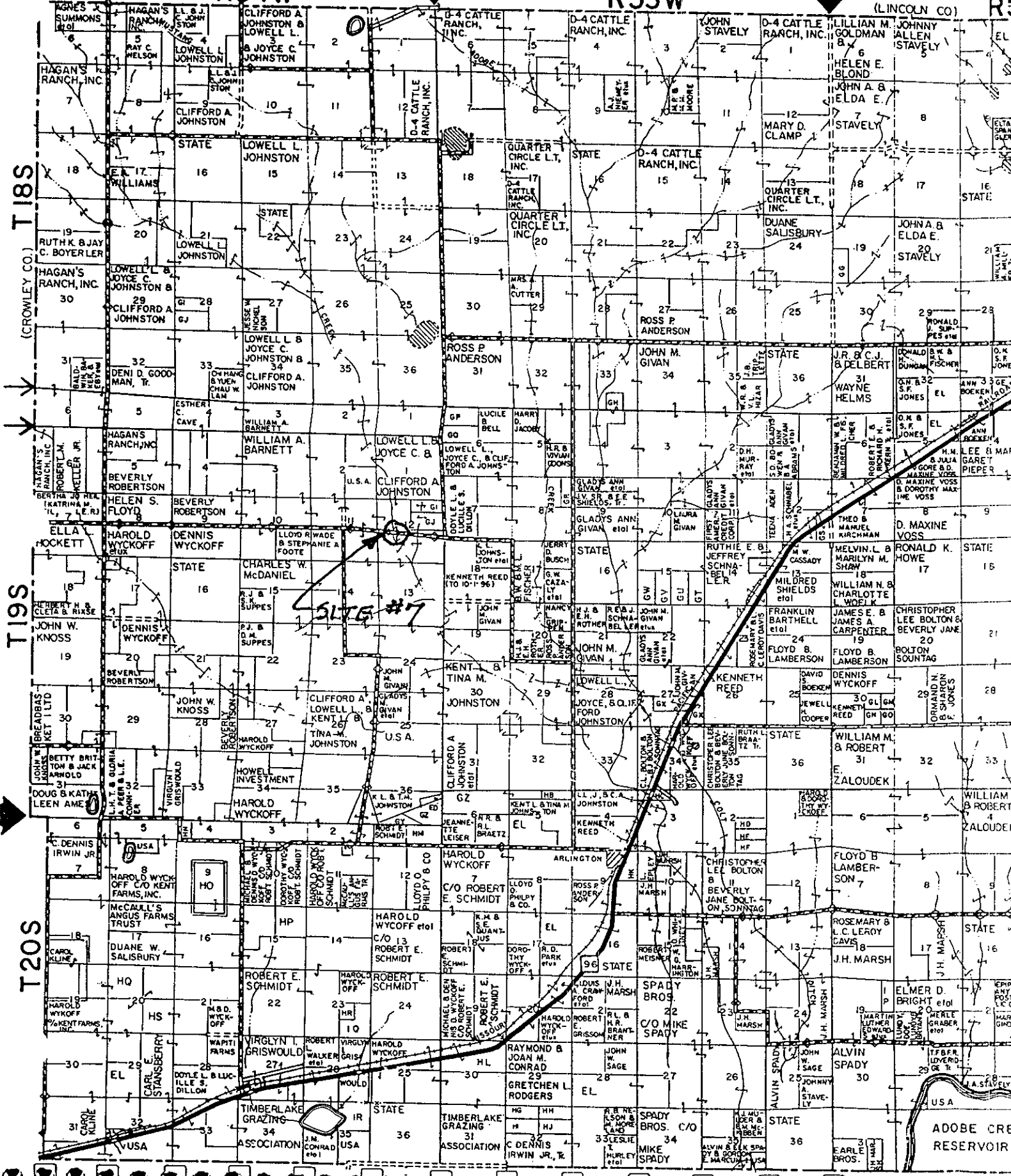


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R53W

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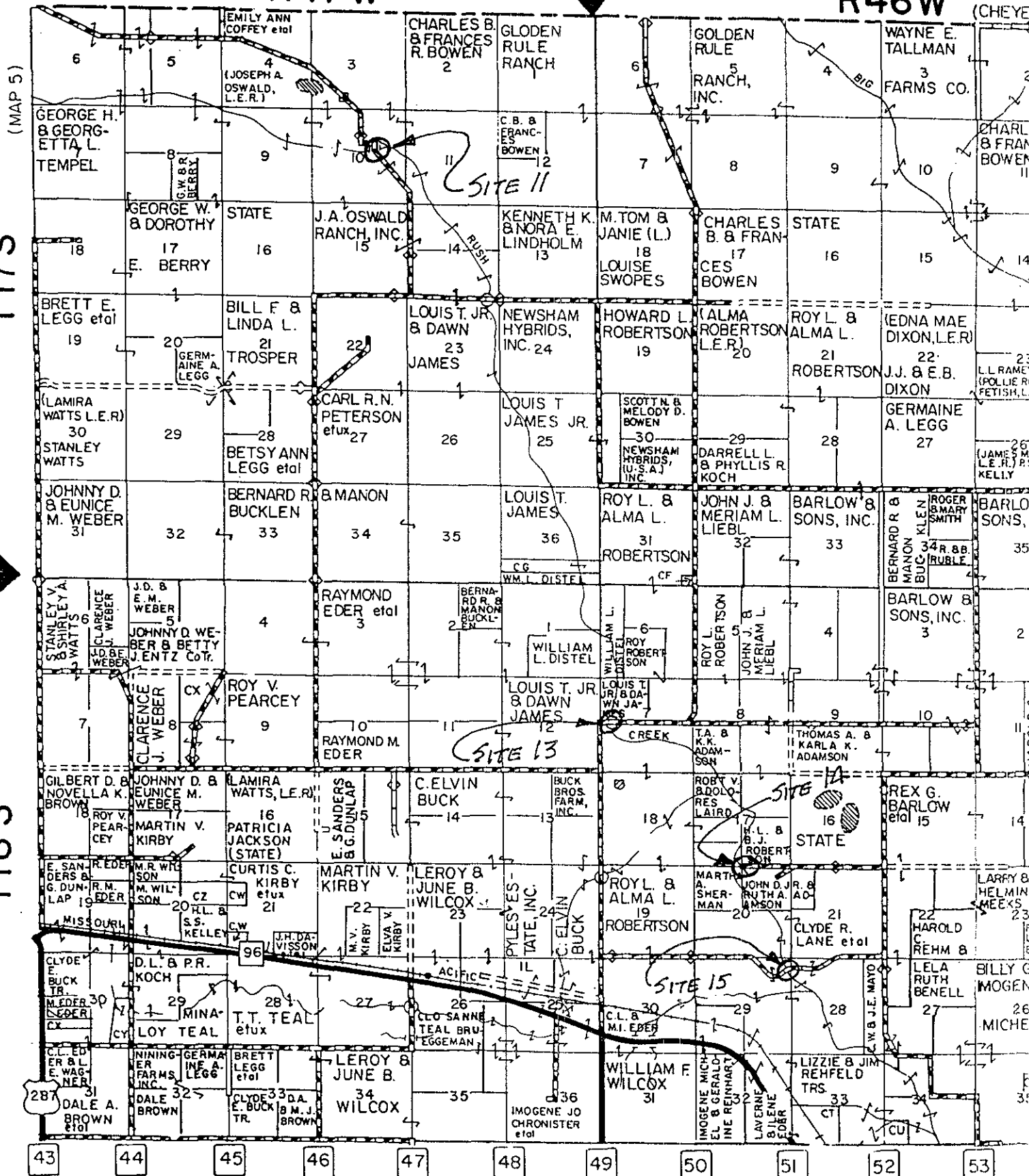


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MAP 3 R47W

R46W (CHEY)



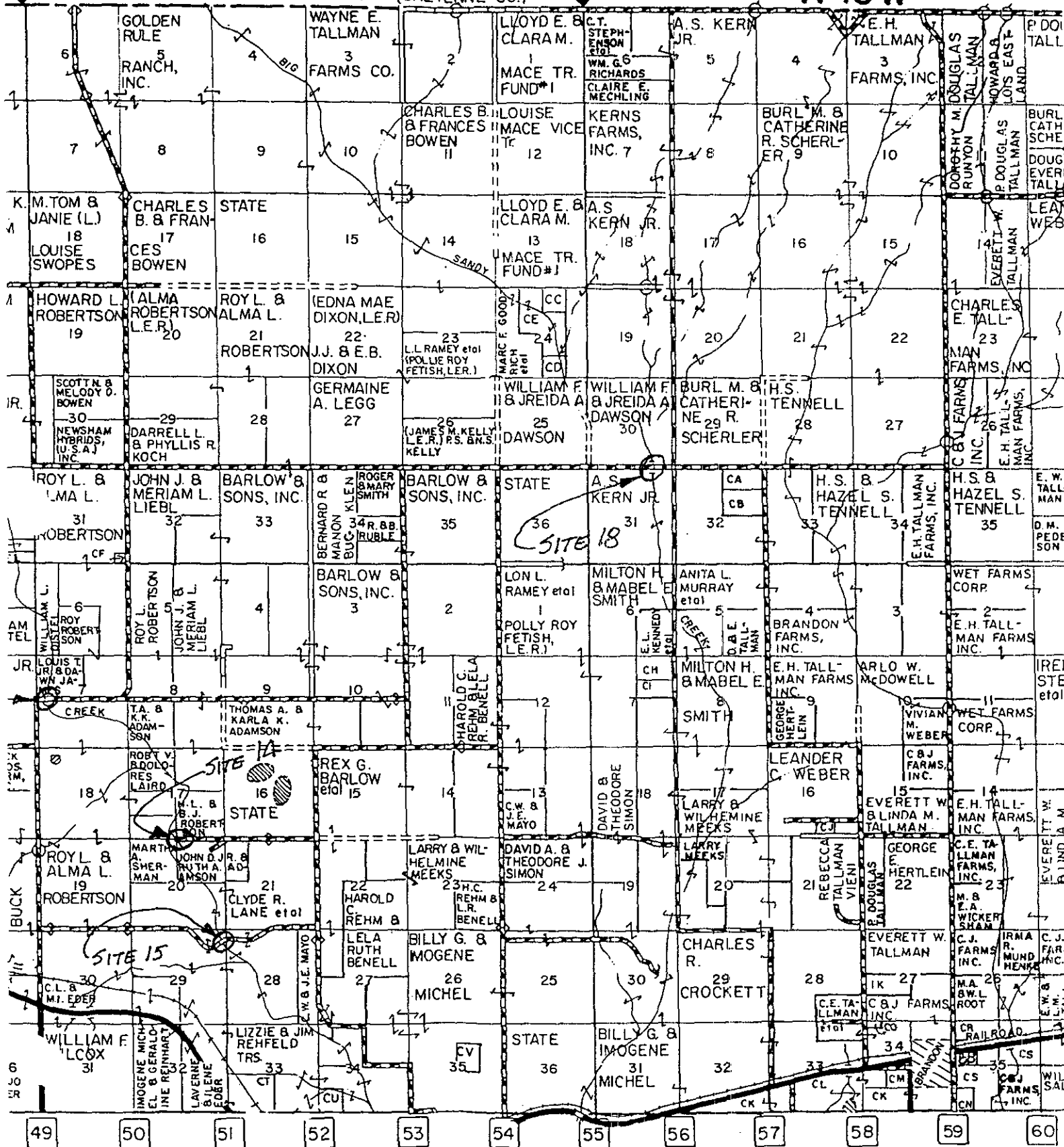
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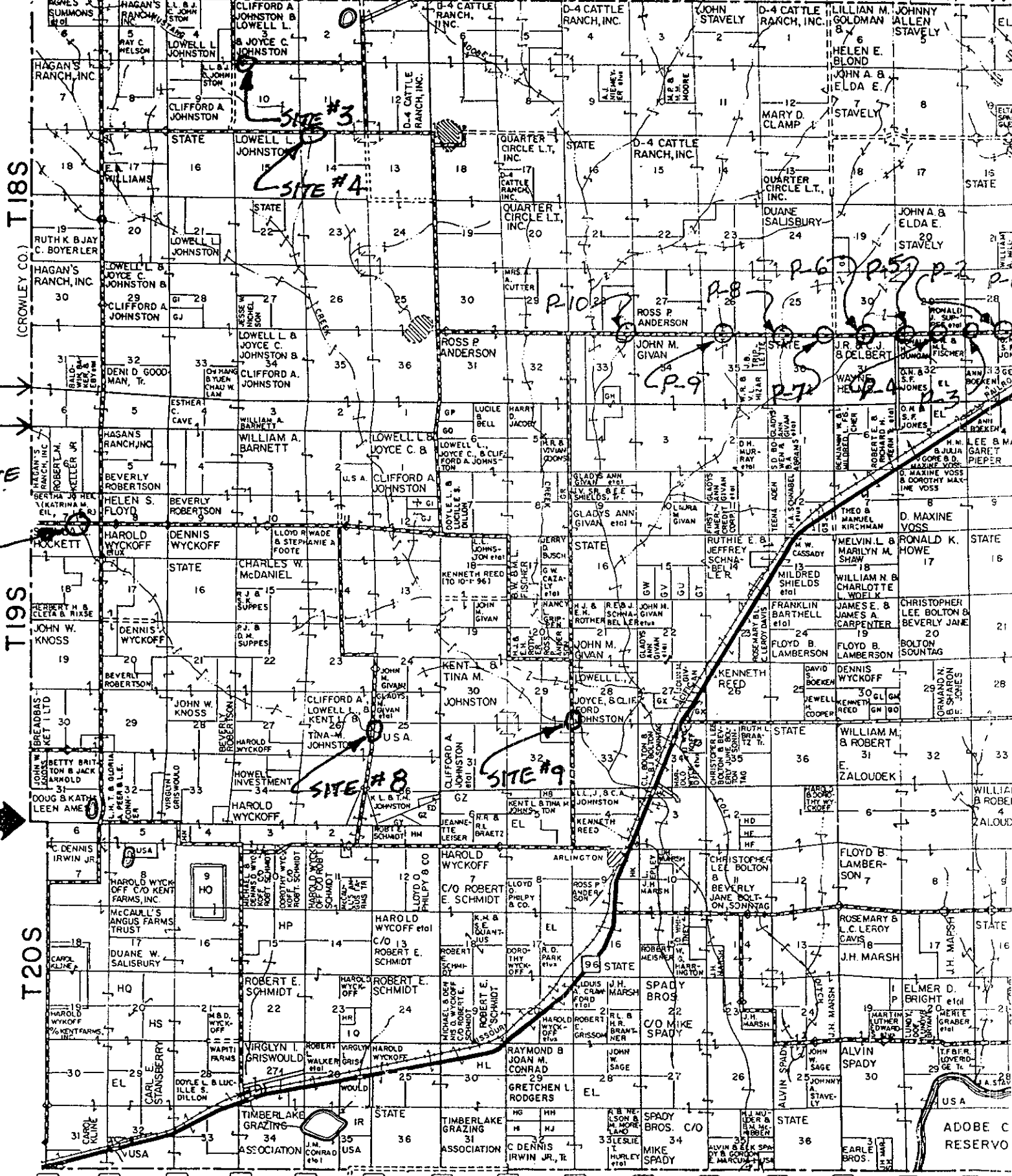
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(LINCOLN CO)

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R53W

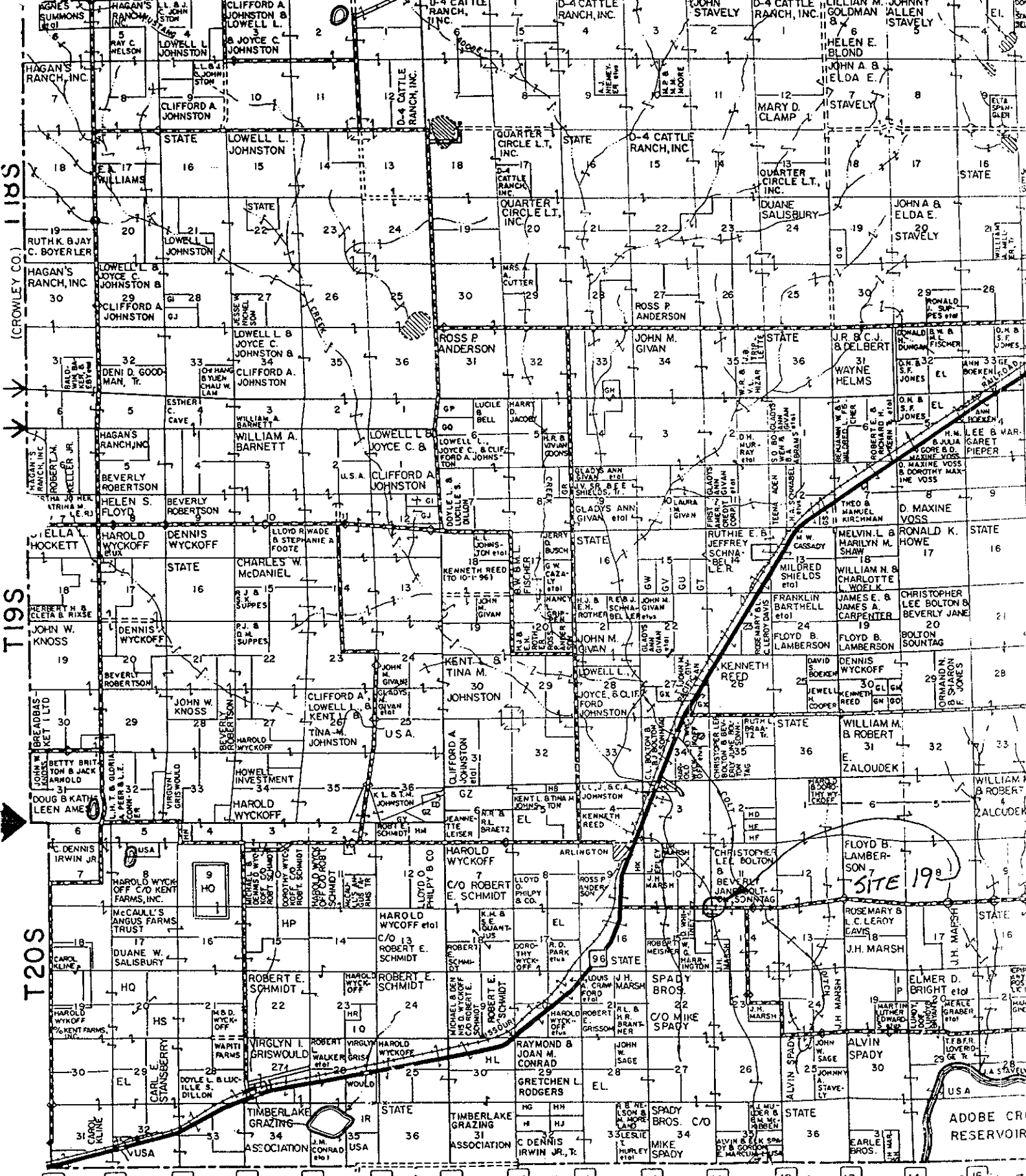
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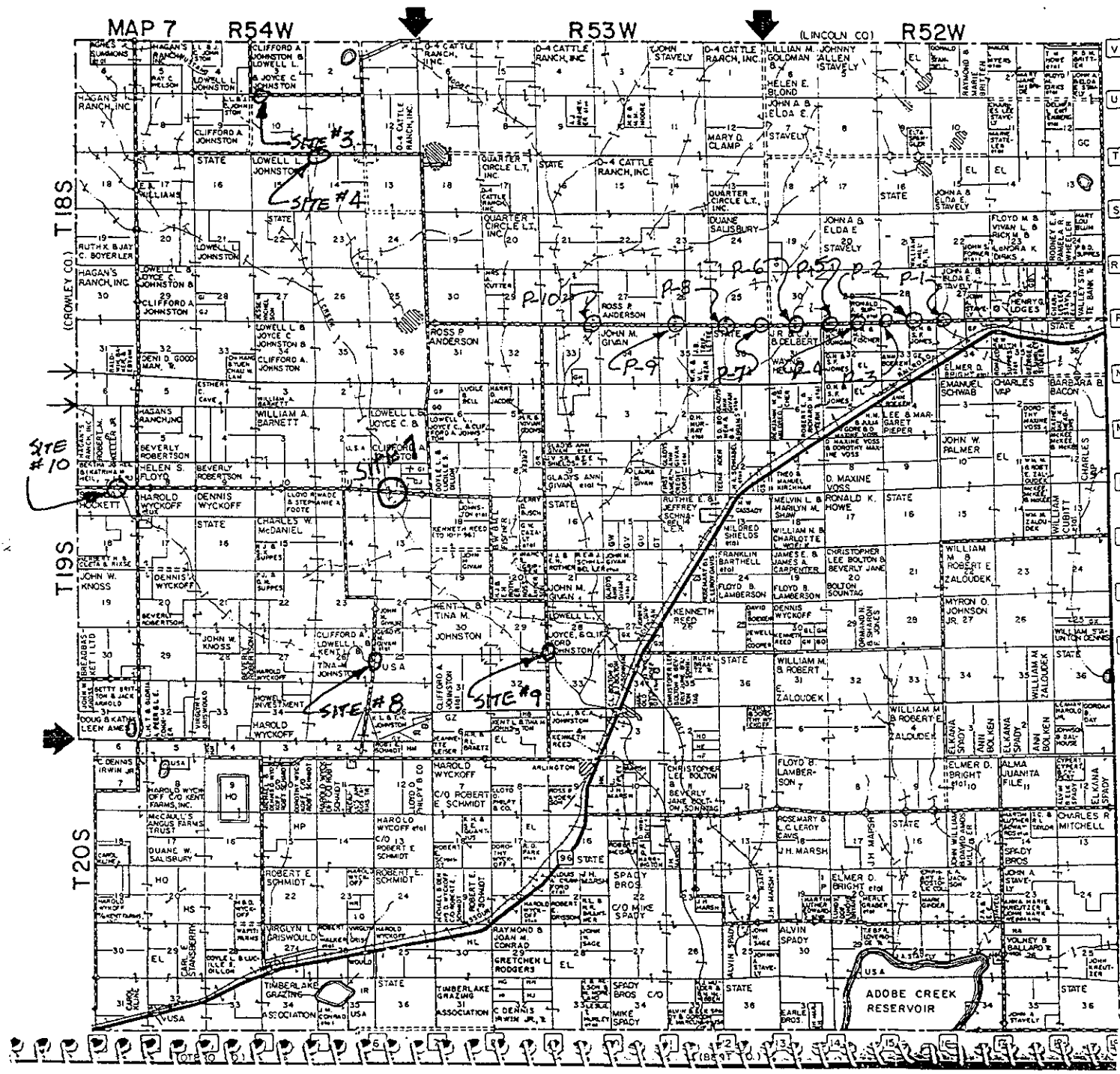
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MAP 7 R54W

R53W

(LINCOLN CO) R52W

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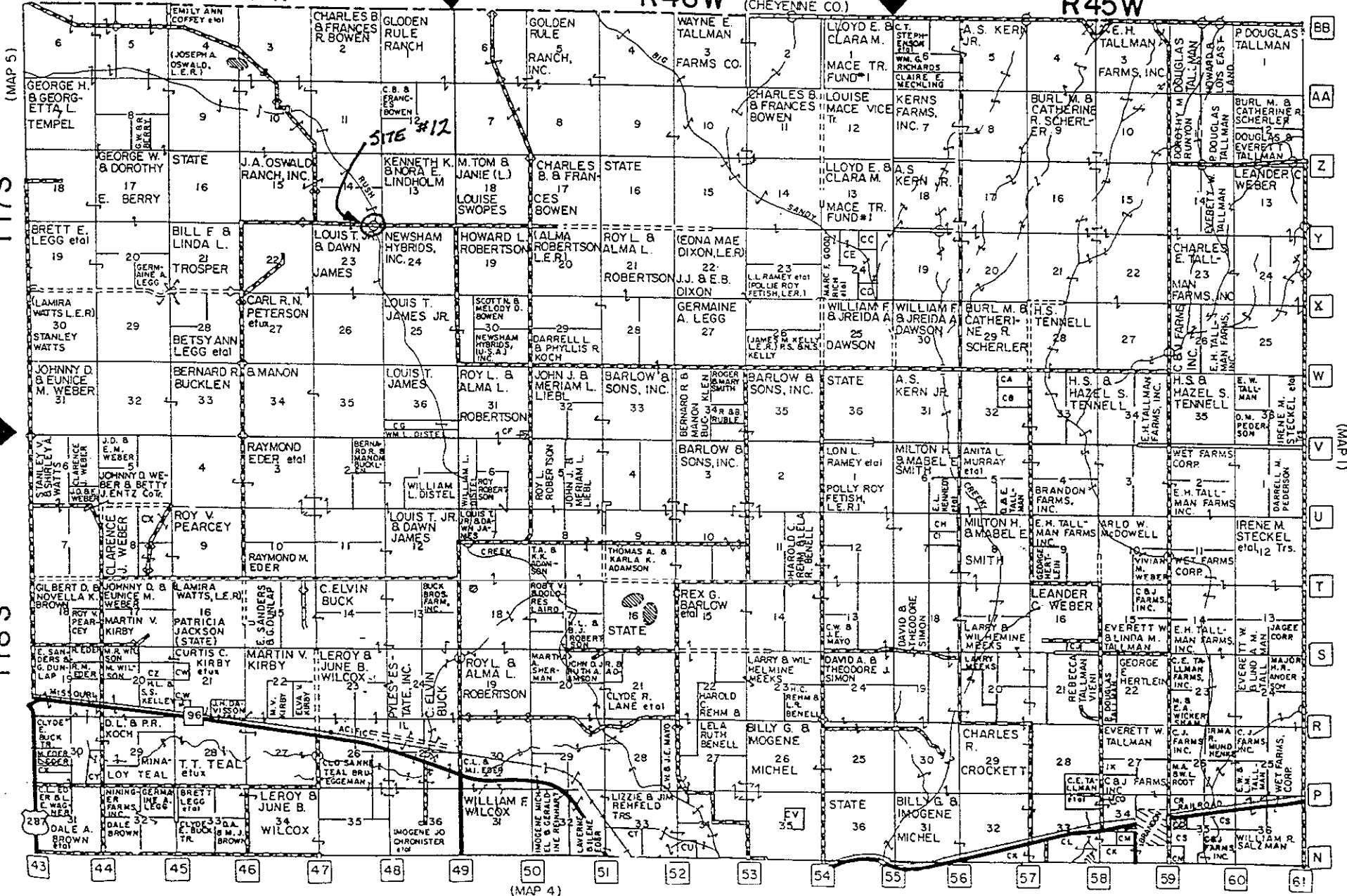
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R46W (CHEYENNE CO.)

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MAP 3 R47W

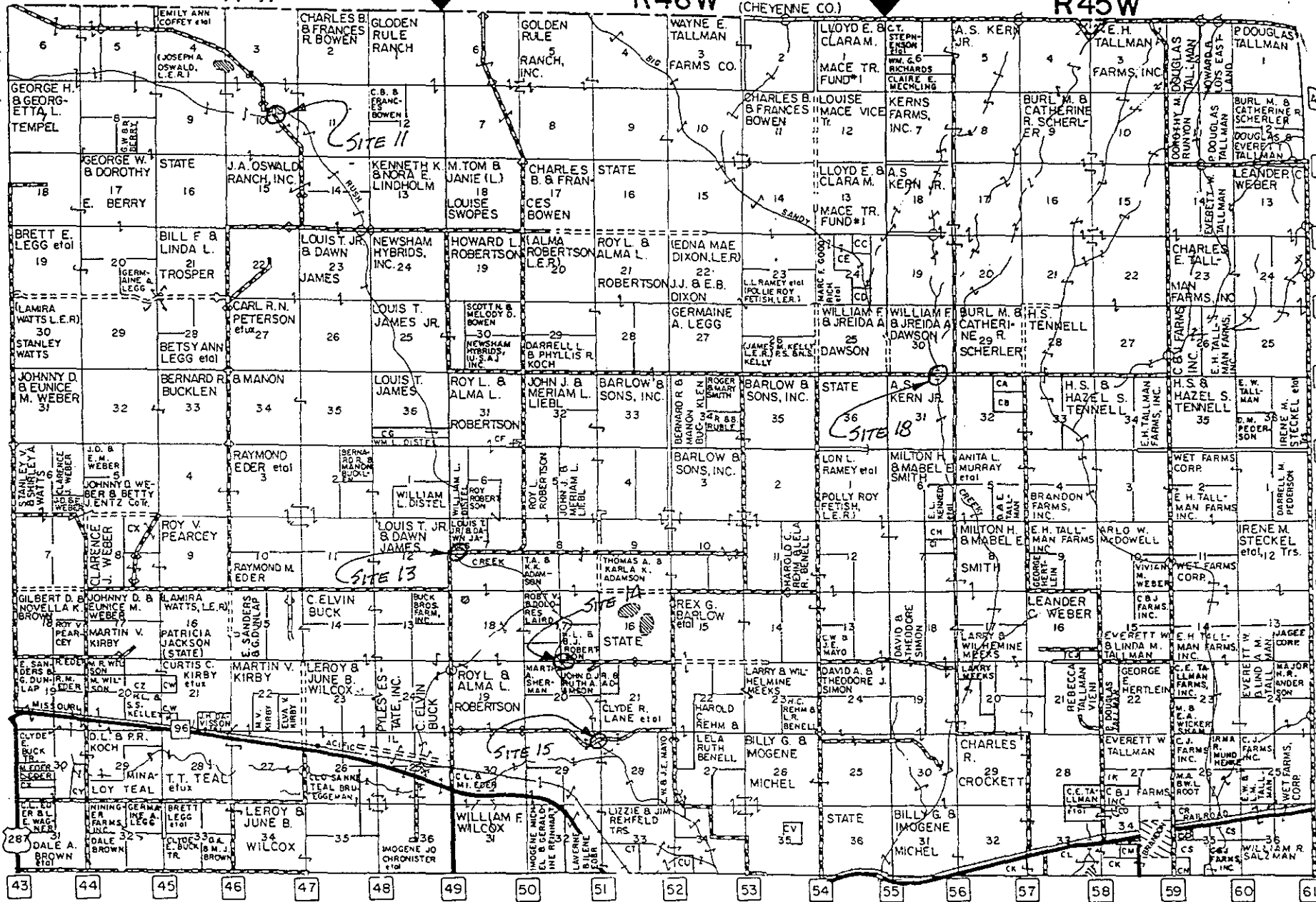
R46W (CHEYENNE CO.)

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(MAP 4)

MAP 4

R 47 W

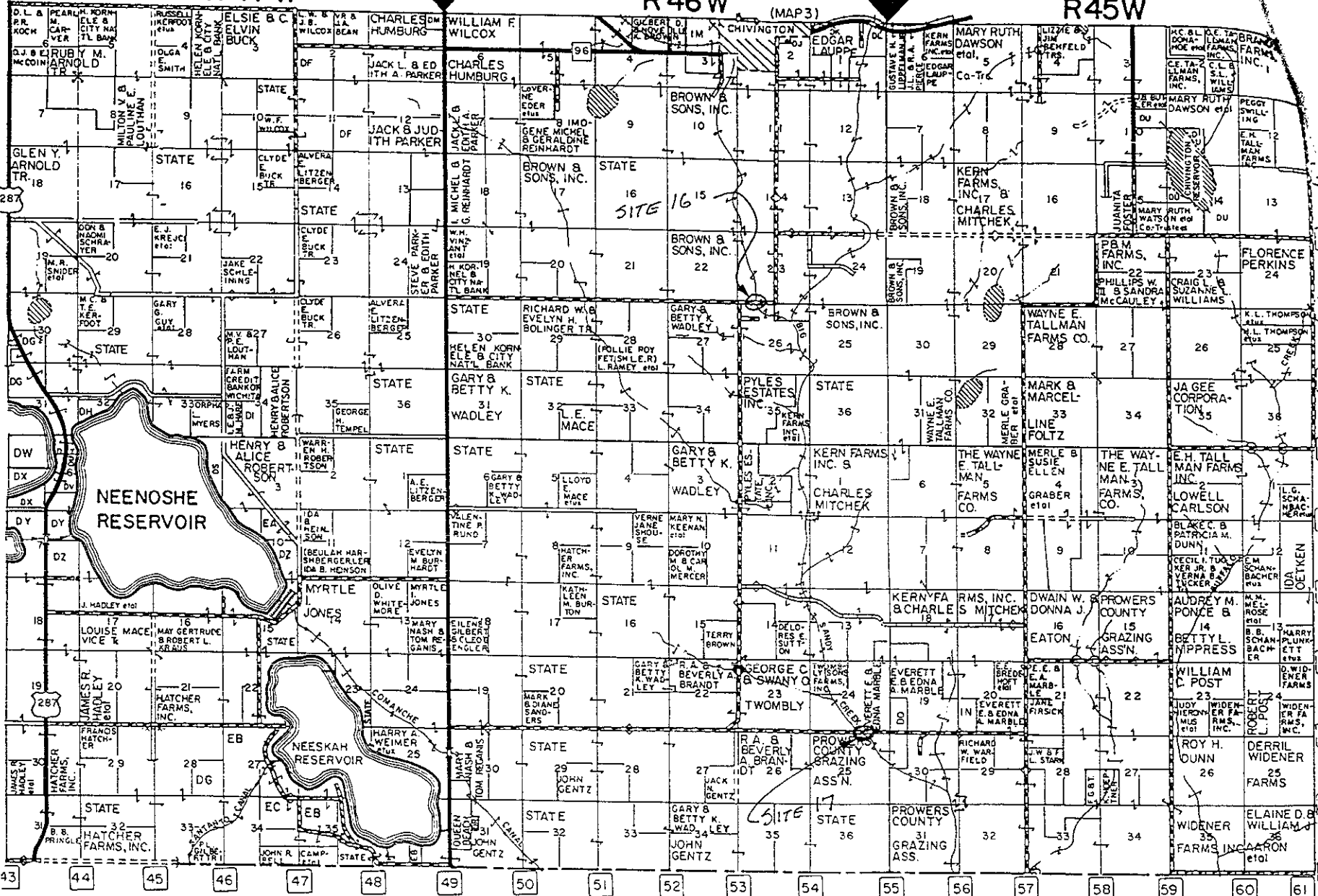
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(MAP 3)

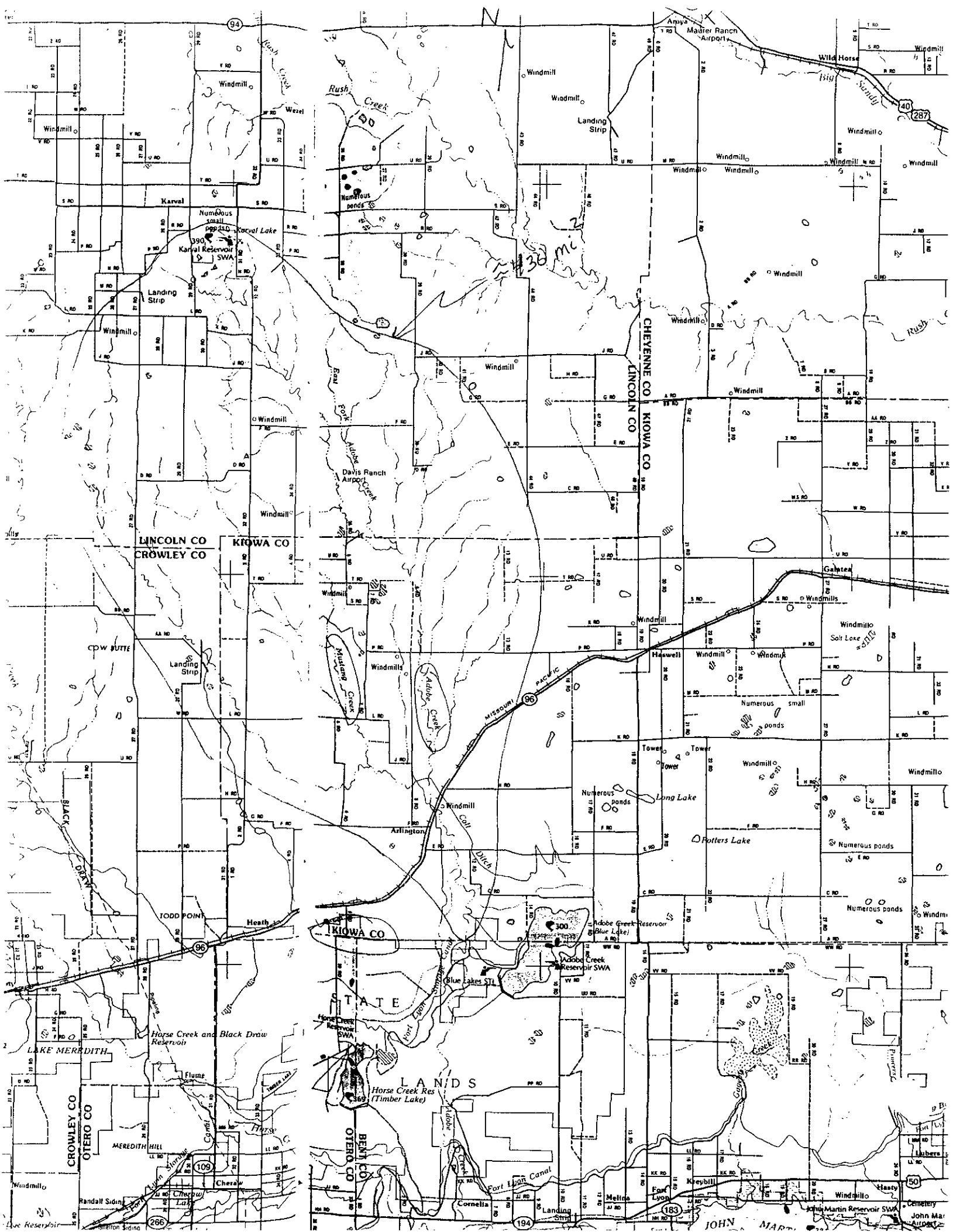
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T19S

T20S



(PROWERS CO.)



94

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287

LINCOLN CO  
CROWLEY CO

KIOWA CO

CHEYENNE CO  
LINCOLN CO  
KIOWA CO

CPW BUTTE

Landing Strip

Davis Ranch  
Airport

Mustang Creek

Adobe Creek

WISCONSIN

96

Haskell

Numerous ponds

Long Lake

Fotters Lake

TODD POINT

Heath

KIOWA CO

STATE

LANDS

Horse Creek Res  
(Timber Lake)

Blue Lakes SW

300

Adobe Creek Reservoir  
(Blue Lake)

Adobe Creek Reservoir SWA

LAKE MEREDITH

Horse Creek and Black Draw Reservoir

Flume

MEREDITH HILL

109

Cheraw

OTERO CO

BENTON CO

194

183

50

JOHN MARTIN

John Martin Reservoir SWA

Cemetery

John Mar

Arthur



## 1. Contacts

Author: www@taz.noaa.gov at EXTERNAL  
Date: 6/13/97 7:31 PM  
Priority: Normal  
TO: Kristine Herrald at W-CR-DEN  
Subject: Severe Weather Report

----- Message Contents -----

Name = Bill Eckrich  
email = bill.eckrich@MCI2000.com  
area = 970  
prefix = 663  
phone = 4978  
city = Loveland (North side)  
county = Larimer  
day = 13  
month = June  
hour = 2  
minute1 = 2  
minute2 = 5  
ampm = pm

report = I am a trained spotter as well as a deputy sheriff with Larimer County.

I submitted this report by phone at the time, but wanted to give a full report here. I received 1.83 inches of rain between 1325 and 1425. Rain ended by 1500 giving a storm total of 1.88. There was a brief period of 1/4" hail at 1350 and a wind gust of 37 mph from 360 degrees at 1341. Another brief shower passed 1630-1640 giving only another .01 inch. I use an official NWS 8" rain gauge. I also have an old Frieze(sp?) recording rain gauge I got from your office years ago that was working in case you would like a copy of the graph. I had street flooding and flooding in the yard. I also got some water in the basement due to water overflowing from the yard into a window well and hence, into my basement.

Hope this is of use. I had earlier sent an email to your WCM about my status as a spotter and storm chaser and reporting protocols, but never received any answer so I was unsure about making reports.

Thank you!

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: *Markus Ritsch*  
DATE: *3/19/98*  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: *Marsha Hilmes*  
AFFILIATION: *City of Fort Collins*  
PHONE #: *224-86036*

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1. Affected streams and local drainages?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
2. Geographic extent of flooding?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
3. Storm duration?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see An analysis of rainfall for the July 28, 1997 flood in Fort Collins, Colorado (Doesken and Mckee)
4. Rainfall amounts?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see An analysis of rainfall for the July 28, 1997 flood in Fort Collins, Colorado (Doesken and Mckee)
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see An analysis of rainfall for the July 28, 1997 flood in Fort Collins, Colorado (Doesken and Mckee)
6. Precipitation gauging network?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see An analysis of rainfall for the July 28, 1997 flood in Fort Collins, Colorado (Doesken and Mckee)
7. Recurrence intervals of point rainfall amounts?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see An analysis of rainfall for the July 28, 1997 flood in Fort Collins, Colorado (Doesken and Mckee)
8. Documentation of high water marks?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see USGS Summary of discharge measurements flood of July 28, 1997 in Fort Collins, Colorado

9. Streamflow gauge data?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see USGS Summary of discharge measurements flood of July 28, 1997 in Fort Collins, Colorado
10. Estimated peak discharges?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see USGS Summary of discharge measurements flood of July 28, 1997 in Fort Collins, Colorado
11. Recurrence interval of peak discharge?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see USGS Summary of discharge measurements flood of July 28, 1997 in Fort Collins, Colorado
12. Estimated flood damages?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
13. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
14. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
15. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
16. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system
17. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see HMGP application for Larimer County, Vine Street Project
18. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see HMGP application for Larimer County, Vine Street Project
19. Do you have any photos and/or video available?  
yes, CSU Alumni Association, home videos, Glen Levy's video
20. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see HMGP application for Larimer County, Vine Street Project
21. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)  
GIS

22. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?  
see HMGP application for the flood warning system  
see HMGP application for Larimer County, Vine Street Project

23. Name of local newspaper?  
Coloradoan

24. Do you have an internet site?  
[http://www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/c\\_safety/oem/index.htm](http://www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/c_safety/oem/index.htm)

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date:

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Marsha Hilmes

Company/Affiliation: Fort Collins SW Utility

Phone no.: 224-6036

Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

Can we get a copy the NWS report? yes  
- report team include Eric Grunfest, Matt Kelsch, etc.

can we get a look at the CD of digital photos? yes

picked up on 3/25/98.

must return to Marsha

was returned on July 1, 1998

Signature

Markus Ritsch

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10:30  
9am on the 24<sup>th</sup>

15 min  
Total

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

218 W. Mountain  
across crt. house.

BY: Markus Ritsch  
DATE: 3/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Lisa Dunn  
AFFILIATION: Larimer Cnty  
PHONE #: 970-498-5703

1. Affected streams and local drainages?
  - no streams, sheet flow due to rain, Irrigation Ditches, Poudre valley & Lake New Mercier
2. Geographic extent of flooding?
  - West Vine Drainage Basin
  - Cotton willow subdivision in Laporte
  - Fairview subdivision
3. Storm duration?
  - Nolan's Document
  - HMGAP application
4. Rainfall amounts?
  - Nolan's Document
  - HMGAP application
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
  - Nolan's Document
  - HMGAP application
6. Precipitation gauging network?
  - none, see CSU + City of Fort Collins
7. Documentation of high water marks?
  - Pictures of high water marks.
  - Field note book

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8. Estimated peak discharges?
  - Lisa did a few measurements, see HMGIP APP
9. Estimated flood damages?
  - see HMGIP Application
  - see DSR
10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
  - Have not totaled these numbers.
  - \* - Has a DSR for pumping on Hollywood - \$2,400
11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
  - See DSR for additional info not in Application.
12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?
  - See DSR
13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?
  - NO
14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?
  - west vine project - HMGIP app.
15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?
  - irrigation ditches - \*woodward clyde doc. Report Documented where it spilled.
  - Development along natural flow path.
  -



16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

- No video, Photos in hardcopy format.

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

- Damage Area map - in HMGP Application  
CAD map

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

CAD map

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

- Lisa's Field notes  
- DSR  
- Woodward Clyde report

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

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21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

- yes but it contains no flood info.

## Action Items:

visit with Lisa to borrow three reports:

- Lisa's field note book
- Lisa's personal photo album
- The County's DSR
- The Woodward Clyde report

State Code	County Code	Site Name	HQ State	HQ County
8	69	LARIMER COUNTY FSA OFFICE	8	69

CED	Contact Name
Lynn Higley	Lynn Higley

Area Name	State Name	Site Type Name	Site District	Transmission ID	Time Zone
Southwest	Colorado	FSA County Office	3	AHV	Mountair

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MAIL ADDRESS		STREET ADDRESS	
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Address	SUITE 3400	Address	SUITE 3400
City	FT COLLINS	City	FT COLLINS
State	CO	State	CO
Zip	80525	Zip	80525

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State Code	County Code	Site Name	HQ State	HQ County
8	61	KIOWA COUNTY FSA OFFICE	8	61

CED	Contact Name
ROD JOHNSON	ROD JOHNSON

*will call early next week (5/11)*

Area Name	State Name	Site Type Name	Site District	Transmission ID	Time Zone
Southwest	Colorado	FSA County Office	1	AHS	Mountain

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State	CO	State	CO
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From: "Markus Ritsch" <HORSETOOTH/MLR>  
To: wje, wjo  
Date sent: Wed, 20 May 1998 15:53:52 MDT-0600  
Subject: Fort Collins Storm Data  
Copies to: mlr

Bill and Bill,

I was able to ascertain the cloud top elevations from Matt Kelsch yesterday for the Fort Collins storm of July 28.

The Fort Collins storm was associated with warmer cloud-top temperatures and less lightning strike activity than is typical. Most of the precipitation growth was occurring in a 4-km deep layer between cloud base (around 500 m above ground level to 15,000 ft above ground level). This means that cloud-top elevations were about 15,000 feet above ground level or about 20,000 feet above mean sea level.

This is typical of a tropical storm and is not characteristic for Colorado.

Bill O. these points should come out in your text.

Later  
Markus

Subject: <u>FSA contacts + ag' damages</u>	Project/Proposal Name: _____
Computed: <u>wjo</u> Date: <u>5/11/98</u>	Project/Proposal No.: <u>0479</u> Task: <u>52</u>
Checked: _____ Date: _____	Page _____ of _____

Rod Johnson (Kiowa FSA)

- Rangeland area got hit hard
  - ↳ actually good <sup>conditions</sup> ~~weather~~ → moisture good for fields
  - winter wheat, grain/sorghum
  - ↳ Oct. blizzard hit this

Aug 2 - Aug 6

↳ ~5+ inches

NW corner of county ~~just~~ got hit the hardest

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Lynn Higley - Larimer FSA  
hay ground → pasture land

- ↳ due to ag canals
- hay in bales or stacked
  - ↳ tons of hay affected
  - 500+ tonnage lost
  - debris washed up over pasture land
    - ↳ use equipment + delaying

## 2. Federal Data

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Fort Co	llins	Weath	er Sta	tion Au	tomated	Hour	ly Obs	ervati	ons
Date	Time	Temp degF	RH %	DewPt degF	WS mph	WD deg	Gust mph	Dir deg	Press in Hg
6/2/97	0	65	59.8	50.6	4.8	354	13.5	1	24.97
6/2/97	100	63.5	65.1	51.5	4.6	6	11.9	354	24.977
6/2/97	200	63	69.5	52.9	6.7	11	14.3	13	24.993
6/2/97	300	62.1	76.5	54.6	4.6	8	13.1	354	25.001
6/2/97	400	60.9	86.9	57	3.3	63	7.3	14	25.007
6/2/97	500	60	93.2	58	2.9	81	5.6	62	25.014
6/2/97	600	59.8	93.5	57.9	2.4	77	5.9	111	25.017
6/2/97	700	59.8	92.7	57.7	2.7	90	5.6	71	25.025
6/2/97	800	59.7	93.2	57.8	1.4	349	4.1	0	25.032
6/2/97	900	59.2	98.1	58.7	3.4	143	8	166	25.032
6/2/97	1000	62.4	91.5	59.9	5.4	208	10.6	205	25.014
6/2/97	1100	66.7	78.3	59.7	4.3	151	12.7	90	24.989
6/2/97	1200	69.4	70.5	59.4	6	143	15	151	24.968
6/2/97	1300	71	67.1	59.5	8.7	156	15.6	179	24.939
6/2/97	1400	73.1	60.9	58.8	7.4	149	18.4	177	24.923
6/2/97	1500	69.2	68.3	58.3	4.5	300	16.4	336	24.934
6/2/97	1600	60.7	96.2	59.6	5.6	309	15	217	24.931
6/2/97	1700	60.3	99	60	4.4	49	12.5	84	24.953
6/2/97	1800	57.9	99.3	57.7	3.1	312	12.1	69	24.972
6/2/97	1900	59.3	100.1	59.3	2.1	311	6.2	16	24.999
6/2/97	2000	60	86.4	56	6.6	1	17.2	20	25.045
6/2/97	2100	59.5	71.5	50.3	4.4	10	15.3	342	25.062
6/2/97	2200	57.2	76.9	50.1	2.3	143	10.1	348	25.026
6/2/97	2300	57.7	71.9	48.7	4.1	35	10.2	13	25.024
<b>6/2/97</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>24.99</b>
	<b>Max</b>	<b>73.1</b>							
	<b>Avg</b>	<b>62.4</b>							

JULY27

CSU Station

Fort C	ollins	Weat	her St	ation A	utomated	Hou	rly Ob	servat	ions
Date	Time	Temp degF	RH %	DewPt degF	WS mph	WD deg	Gust mph	Dir deg	Press in Hg
7/27/97	0	68.6	63.3	55.6	1.3	270	3.8	304	25.141
7/27/97	100	67.6	65.4	55.6	1	352	3.5	7	25.128
7/27/97	200	66.2	69.6	56	1.8	358	5.2	14	25.128
7/27/97	300	64.5	74.3	56.1	1.3	323	3.6	0	25.127
7/27/97	400	64.3	72	55.1	1.2	349	4.5	17	25.114
7/27/97	500	64.7	71.1	55.1	1.5	348	5	16	25.12
7/27/97	600	64.7	72.2	55.6	1.4	337	4	95	25.127
7/27/97	700	66.7	68.5	56	1.6	134	4	116	25.135
7/27/97	800	73	56.2	56.5	1.1	177	3.5	179	25.14
7/27/97	900	75.2	49.9	55.3	1.5	55	5.1	24	25.139
7/27/97	1000	75.3	50.8	55.9	3.2	88	6.4	92	25.137
7/27/97	1100	74.4	55.2	57.3	3.9	91	7	81	25.156
7/27/97	1200	75.4	52.2	56.6	4.1	49	12.3	16	25.176
7/27/97	1300	77.5	44.5	54.2	5.6	2	16.1	354	25.178
7/27/97	1400	80.7	37.4	52.3	6.9	31	14.6	7	25.162
7/27/97	1500	82.3	34.6	51.7	5.8	10	14.2	354	25.15
7/27/97	1600	81	40.9	55	6	24	17.1	91	25.153
7/27/97	1700	68.9	75.4	60.8	7	317	16.9	285	25.187
7/27/97	1800	64	88	60.4	3.7	275	9.3	255	25.211
7/27/97	1900	64.4	87.6	60.6	2.9	242	7.9	311	25.211
7/27/97	2000	64.7	84.3	59.8	4	233	8.2	259	25.226
7/27/97	2100	64.4	83.5	59.3	2.7	29	6.1	10	25.234
7/27/97	2200	64.5	83.6	59.4	3	130	9.2	138	25.245
7/27/97	2300	63.3	91.2	60.6	1.9	270	5.8	254	25.237
	Average	69.8	65.5	56.7	3.1	187	8.1	137	25.17

Min 63.3

Max 82.3



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Fort Coll	ins W	weather	Stati	on Auto	mated H	ourly	Obser	vation	s
Date	Time	Temp degF	RH %	DewPt degF	WS mph	WD deg	Gust mph	Dir deg	Press in Hg
7/28/97	0	62.8	95.1	61.4	2.6	18	6.5	32	25.248
7/28/97	100	63.7	93.5	61.8	2.3	35	5	12	25.255
7/28/97	200	62.2	98.8	61.9	1.9	311	5.9	301	25.259
7/28/97	300	61.9	100.8	62.2	1.7	350	6.3	96	25.258
7/28/97	400	62.5	101.1	62.8	2.4	38	4.9	36	25.263
7/28/97	500	62.1	100.6	62.3	3.4	44	10.5	75	25.274
7/28/97	600	61.1	99.6	61	3.1	24	9.6	48	25.286
7/28/97	700	61.2	99.9	61.2	2.2	349	8.9	108	25.291
7/28/97	800	61.8	99.1	61.6	6.7	78	14.7	84	25.287
7/28/97	900	62.5	96.4	61.5	6.3	103	12.3	100	25.296
7/28/97	1000	63.4	94.8	61.9	7.9	101	15.2	111	25.298
7/28/97	1100	65.4	92.3	63.1	7.3	109	14.1	92	25.294
7/28/97	1200	66.6	88.4	63	7.2	112	13.1	88	25.289
7/28/97	1300	68.2	83.6	63.1	6.7	112	12.8	115	25.282
7/28/97	1400	68.2	82.4	62.6	8	102	13.9	103	25.268
7/28/97	1500	68.4	83.9	63.3	6	107	11.8	123	25.246
7/28/97	1600	69.4	80.6	63.2	4.6	99	11.9	106	25.232
7/28/97	1700	69.4	80.8	63.3	2.5	111	8.7	75	25.224
7/28/97	1800	67.1	93.5	65.1	3.9	158	11.3	234	25.224
7/28/97	1900	64.8	100.6	65	1.9	224	9.7	235	25.229
7/28/97	2000	65.2	101.4	65.5	4.5	84	13.2	61	25.232
7/28/97	2100	64.5	101.3	64.8	7.5	25	22.9	20	25.255
7/28/97	2200	60.9	101.1	61.2	7.1	117	18.6	127	25.263
7/28/97	2300	61	102	61.6	3	125	9.2	108	25.253
<b>7/28/97</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>25.26</b>
	<b>Max</b>	<b>69.4</b>							
	<b>Avg</b>	<b>64.3</b>							

Fort Col	Time	Weather	Stat	ion Au	tomated	Hourl	y Obse	rvatio	ns
Date	Time	Temp degF	RH %	DewPt degF	WS mph	WD deg	Gust mph	Dir deg	Press in Hg
8/4/97	0	67	68.9	56.5	4.3	328	14.6	1	25.385
8/4/97	100	67.1	63.4	54.3	3.2	340	9.4	0	25.381
8/4/97	200	66.4	64.6	54.1	2	354	5.6	13	25.377
8/4/97	300	65	71	55.3	1.2	352	3.2	338	25.373
8/4/97	400	64	76.4	56.5	1	313	3.7	75	25.374
8/4/97	500	63.5	79.6	57.1	0.8	317	2	295	25.376
8/4/97	600	63.8	81	57.7	1.1	349	3.1	0	25.385
8/4/97	700	65.9	77.5	58.7	1.2	314	4.4	278	25.398
8/4/97	800	69.5	69.8	59.2	1.8	360	5.8	35	25.396
8/4/97	900	70.4	70.3	60.3	3.7	96	8.4	104	25.394
8/4/97	1000	72	70.9	62	3.5	171	9.2	199	25.387
8/4/97	1100	74.8	62.4	61.1	4	210	10.3	166	25.376
8/4/97	1200	78	53.9	60	6.8	157	13.9	176	25.367
8/4/97	1300	79.6	51.7	60.2	6.2	153	12.6	191	25.358
8/4/97	1400	81	47.4	59.2	5.2	129	13.2	111	25.342
8/4/97	1500	82	43.1	57.4	7.9	111	17.1	117	25.326
8/4/97	1600	80.7	43.9	56.7	7.9	100	13.5	84	25.314
8/4/97	1700	78.7	46.6	56.5	7.1	113	20	179	25.326
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8/4/97	1900	67.6	74.5	59.2	7.8	201	19.6	197	25.358
8/4/97	2000	67.5	74.1	58.9	3.5	145	10.1	103	25.356
8/4/97	2100	67.2	77.3	59.9	3.8	105	8	150	25.364
8/4/97	2200	66.7	77.3	59.4	4.8	92	10.1	121	25.375
8/4/97	2300	65.1	85	60.5	2.9	171	8.5	123	25.39
	min	63.5	66.4	59.3	4.3	216	10.3	136	25.37
	max	82							
	avg	70.6							
8/5/97	0	64.6	88	61	6	189	13.7	205	25.398
8/5/97	100	63.3	96.1	62.1	2.7	175	7.1	183	25.39
8/5/97	200	62.8	98.3	62.3	3.7	198	7.1	205	25.378
8/5/97	300	62.3	98.9	62	2.6	196	6.2	181	25.364
8/5/97	400	62.8	98.1	62	5.6	178	10.9	147	25.356
8/5/97	500	61.8	96.5	60.8	4.4	193	11.4	168	25.345
8/5/97	600	61.5	96.6	60.5	2.3	207	6.6	199	25.333
8/5/97	700	62.8	94.5	61.2	2.4	212	6	203	25.325
8/5/97	800	66.1	85.1	61.5	4.2	198	9.3	197	25.313
8/5/97	900	67.3	79.1	60.6	5	146	10.4	105	25.309
8/5/97	1000	68.1	77.1	60.6	4.9	126	10.9	150	25.299
8/5/97	1100	68.7	73.9	60.1	4.5	88	9.4	83	25.295
8/5/97	1200	68.7	75.7	60.8	3.6	104	9.3	65	25.284
8/5/97	1300	66.8	90.7	64	2.9	75	7.9	120	25.276
8/5/97	1400	67.9	86.9	63.8	1.8	25	5.5	336	25.265
8/5/97	1500	67.8	91.3	65.2	3.5	342	9.6	325	25.259
8/5/97	1600	67.2	89.6	64.1	4.7	11	9.4	27	25.251
8/5/97	1700	67.9	85.4	63.3	4.9	54	8.9	83	25.245
8/5/97	1800	66.5	90.2	63.6	5	86	9.3	103	25.241
8/5/97	1900	64	98.1	63.5	5.3	108	10	137	25.246
8/5/97	2000	62.0 1	1.3	62.4	5.2	72	12.1	75	25.253
8/5/97	2100	59.4 1	1.6	59.8	7.2	28	14.4	30	25.282
8/5/97	2200	58.3 1	2.1	58.9	4.1	360	9.5	24	25.299
8/5/97	2300	58.4 1	2.2	59	4.2	4	10.9	0	25.308
	min	61.5	74.9	61.8	4.2	141	9.4	140	25.30
	max	68.7							
	avg	65.4							
8/6/97	0	58.4 1	2.2	59.1	3.8	352	9.6	0	25.312
8/6/97	100	58.1 1	2.3	58.7	3.4	340	9.6	5	25.31
8/6/97	200	57.8 1	2.3	58.4	2.8	321	8.1	311	25.31
8/6/97	300	57.5 1	2.2	58.1	4	331	10.9	0	25.318
8/6/97	400	57.0 1	1.2	57.3	3.6	310	10.4	309	25.318
8/6/97	500	56.7	96.1	55.6	3.2	312	8.9	305	25.32
8/6/97	600	57.6	89.7	54.6	3.2	314	10.3	316	25.337
8/6/97	700	60.2	78.7	53.6	2.5	331	15	342	25.344
8/6/97	800	62.4	75.7	54.6	3	243	6.4	235	25.348
8/6/97	900	62.5	76.6	55	2.2	226	5.8	219	25.355
8/6/97	1000	62.9	72.6	53.9	4.6	161	11.3	190	25.364
8/6/97	1100	63.2	71.2	53.8	6.3	197	11.4	177	25.363
8/6/97	1200	65.2	70.8	55.5	6.2	185	10.6	196	25.356
8/6/97	1300	67.9	68.1	57	5.5	175	9.3	198	25.35
8/6/97	1400	71.2	57.4	55.3	3.8	195	7.5	204	25.343
8/6/97	1500	73.3	46.9	51.9	3.8	148	9.7	87	25.331
8/6/97	1600	72.2	50.6	52.9	6.2	139	14.2	88	25.327
8/6/97	1700	66.6	56.9	50.9	4.6	355	11.6	39	25.335
8/6/97	1800	65.3	66.8	54	2.5	324	6.8	311	25.337
8/6/97	1900	63.5	73	54.8	1.4	308	5.6	297	25.338
8/6/97	2000	61	81.9	55.4	1.4	319	5.2	0	25.345
8/6/97	2100	59.7	85	55.2	1.4	318	4.3	292	25.355
8/6/97	2200	58.9	85.9	54.7	0.6	341	2.2	354	25.357
8/6/97	2300	59.4	84.4	54.7	1.1	325	4.3	353	25.352
	min	56.7	58.3	55.2	3.4	274	8.7	201	25.34
	max	73.3							
	avg	63.7							

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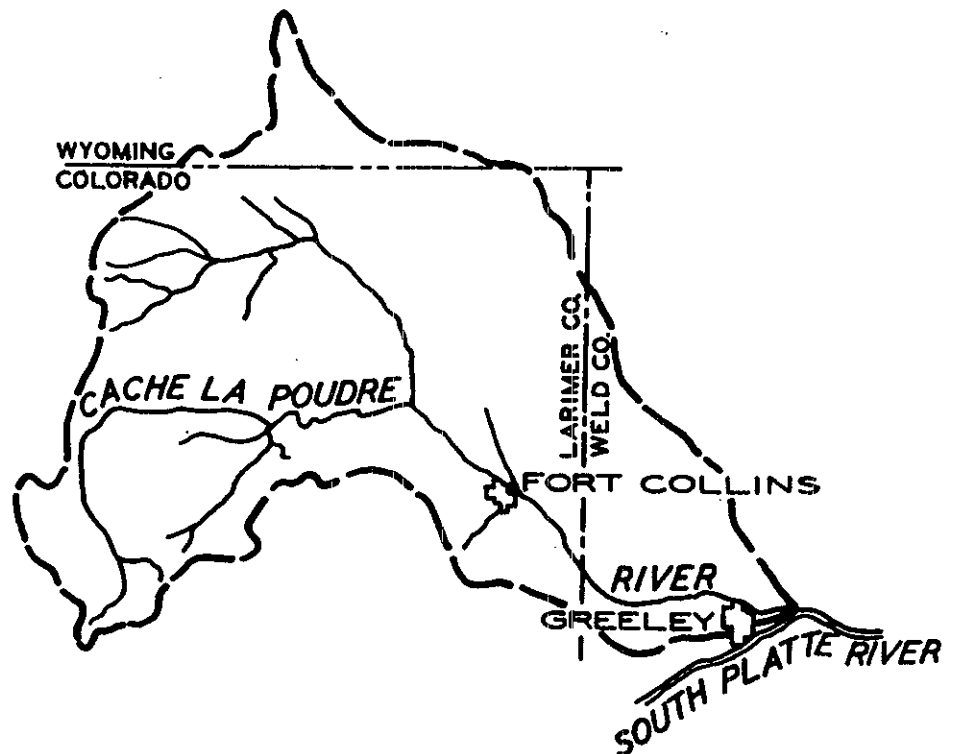
# SPECIAL STUDY

OCTOBER 1981

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## CACHE LA POUFRE RIVER BASIN LARIMER - WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO

# VOLUME I FLOOD HAZARD, DAM SAFETY AND FLOOD WARNING



US Army Corps  
Engineers  
aha District

## PRIOR STUDIES

A number of flood control and flood plain management studies of various kinds have been published by different agencies for the Cache la Poudre River basin. Table 3 lists these studies in brief summary form.

In addition to the Corps of Engineers other Federal agencies involved in flood plain management activities include the Federal Insurance Administration, under the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Soil Conservation Service.

Survey reports study a wide range of water resources problems. Section 205 and Section 14 reports involve small projects for flood control or streambank protection. The special studies are flood plain information studies done under the Corps' Technical Assistance Program.

Other reports have been prepared by private consultants, local governments, or universities.

## FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION MEASURES

### PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Cache la Poudre River basin is laced with a complex system of diversions, canals, and reservoirs. There are about 70 reservoirs of varying sizes, most in the plains region. Except for two large reservoirs on the North Fork Cache la Poudre River, storage reservoirs are generally located on small tributaries or offstream and have little individual effect on decreasing floodflows. Almost all reservoirs in the basin are for irrigation or water supply; the exceptions are the SCS dams on Boxelder Creek which were designed for flood control. The operation of the reservoirs results in their being nearly full about June, and there is little extra storage available during the flood season.

Halligan Reservoir, built on the North Fork Cache la Poudre River, has attenuation effects downstream. Although the reservoir does not have specific flood control storage, floodflows are delayed by their passage through the reservoir spillway and are, thus, reduced.

On the plains, the cumulative incidental flood control effects of reservoirs can be significant as water is diverted from streams to fill storage in the reservoirs. Peak discharges on the Cache la Poudre River are attenuated considerably by these diversions. Peak discharges are also attenuated by valley storage. Discharges are reduced as floods spread out to fill the broad Cache la Poudre River Valley. On the smaller tributaries, diversion dams or canals may absorb normal high flows and result in complacency about flooding.

Under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, a Soil Conservation Service watershed project for Boxelder Creek is under construction. The project includes land treatment measures together with construction of five single-purpose floodwater-retarding structures and one grade-stabilization structure. The Soil Conservation Service estimates that the project may reduce floodwater damages in the watershed by \$171,310 annually.

#### REGULATION

Flood plain land use within the city limits of Greeley and Fort Collins is regulated by the respective city. All other flood plain land use is regulated by Larimer or Weld County.

The city of Greeley adopted a zoning ordinance in July 1976 which requires construction of detention ponds in new subdivisions designed to assure that development of the subdivision will not increase runoff. The city, however, has not enacted flood plain ordinances sufficient to be included in the National Flood Insurance Program as of this report.

## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

2290 East Prospect Road, Suite 1 • Fort Collins, CO 80525  
970/484-7573 • FAX 970/484-7593

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
Computed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Proposal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project/Proposal No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Task: \_\_\_\_\_  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Calhan - Town Hall

(719) 347-2586

Mission - Walden District  
T: 1 & ?

Raise amounts on July 28, 1997

Elizabeth - Elbert County Leaver - Dave Miller  
(303) 646-2710

Limon/Hugo County Roads - Chris Pankis - shop? 719 743-2411  
Hugo - shop? (719) 743-2411  
County Clerk - Roxy Devers - FEMA applications, maps.  
(719) 743-2444 in Hugo

Limon Leader - (719) 775-2264

Karval/Punkin Center

Shaw

Arriba - (719) 768-3381 Clerk

Punkin Center - Tobe Riemschneider

Karval - (719) 446-5341 Community Bldg.

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: JBurrell  
DATE: 4/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Ms. Roxy Devers  
AFFILIATION: Lincoln County Clerk  
PHONE #: (719) 743-2444 (Hm)

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1. Affected streams and local drainages? *don't know off-hand*

2. Geographic extent of flooding? *will send map. No damage around Shaw.  
Light damage W of Pankin Center. Most occurred E of Hwy 71 and  
in an area W of Hwy 109 and N of I-70. Isolated scattered damage  
S of I-70.*

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?

*don't know exactly - around July 28  
- also possibly in early August had  
more rain*

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?

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5. Rainfall bucket surveys?

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6. Precipitation gauging network?

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7. Documentation of high water marks?

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8. Estimated peak discharges?  
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9. Estimated flood damages?  
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10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.  
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11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.

12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?

13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?

14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?

15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

*will send photos.*

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

*yes - will send flood damage maps*

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

*sent to FEMA in Ft. Collins*

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

*will talk to newspaper personnel later - later.*

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: JBurrell  
DATE: 4/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Receptionist/Reporter  
AFFILIATION: Limon Leader (newspaper)  
PHONE #: (719) 775-2264

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1. Affected streams and local drainages?

Neither the receptionist or staff she talked to recall any newspaper coverage of July storms.

2. Geographic extent of flooding?

3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?

4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?

5. Rainfall bucket surveys?

6. Precipitation gauging network?

7. Documentation of high water marks?

# LINCOLN

Town of Limon Public Works - Dave Stone

## COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

BY: Jim Burrell  
DATE: 4/24/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Dave Stone  
AFFILIATION: Limon Publ. Works  
PHONE #: 719-775-2346

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1. Affected streams and local drainages? *Big Sandy*
2. Geographic extent of flooding? *Not much - flood control dam held everything - they were at spill level. A little basement flooding here & there. A big rain W of town washed out a road for water main - approx. 6 m. to W.*
3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?
4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?  
*late July - early August 7/27 - had 4" in town  
10-11" in that week  
had snowstorm in late October*
5. Rainfall bucket surveys?
6. Precipitation gauging network?
7. Documentation of high water marks?

8. Estimated peak discharges?
9. Estimated flood damages? *Little damage in flood retention dam - corroded pipe on W dam eroded. No homes seriously damaged. Water main washed out to W; had more rain approx 6 miles to W of town*
10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.
12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?
13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?  
*Flood control dams on N side of town were at capacity, as were materials through Limon.*
14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?
15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

775 - 2064  
Limon Leader

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

Karval - dryer

Punkin Center -  
Tobe Riemenschneider

## 2. Federal Data

# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>CO.</i>	COUNTY <i>LINCOLN</i>	DISASTER DATE: <i>6/13/97</i>		
TYPE OF DISASTER:		DISASTER TIME: <i>9-10 PM</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Flash Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding
<input type="checkbox"/> Freeze	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hail	<input type="checkbox"/> High Winds	<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane
<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Identify)			
DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA: <i>Hard wind with hail and rain (See map attached)</i>				
POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:				
<input type="checkbox"/> APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control	<input type="checkbox"/> FCS, Disaster Food Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> CSRE & ES, Technical Advice		
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Emergency Conservation Program	<input type="checkbox"/> FCS, Food Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/> NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment		
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Livestock Feed Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Emergency Loans	<input type="checkbox"/> RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> FS, Fire Protection		
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSRE & ES, Information Material			
ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:		Total Acres Affected: <i>2668</i>	Number of Farms: <i>11</i>	
Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth
<i>WHEAT</i>	<i>2668</i>	<i>2668</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>Headed</i>
<i>(Est. 75-85% Insured)</i>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only - no dollar amount. <i>N/A</i>				
Cattle (Beef)		Poultry (Layers)		Swine
Cattle (Dairy)		Poultry (Broilers)		Aquaculture
Sheep		Turkeys		Other (Identify)
ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount:				
Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings		Farm Machinery & Equipment		
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)		Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)		
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:				
AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON:				
USDA Office Buildings:		<i>N/A</i>		
Office Equipment and Records:		<i>N/A</i>		
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:		<i>N/A</i>		

REPORTED BY: *Jim Stone Perry* TO: *W. E. Fitchler* CED DATE: *6/16/97*

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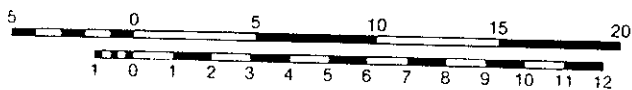
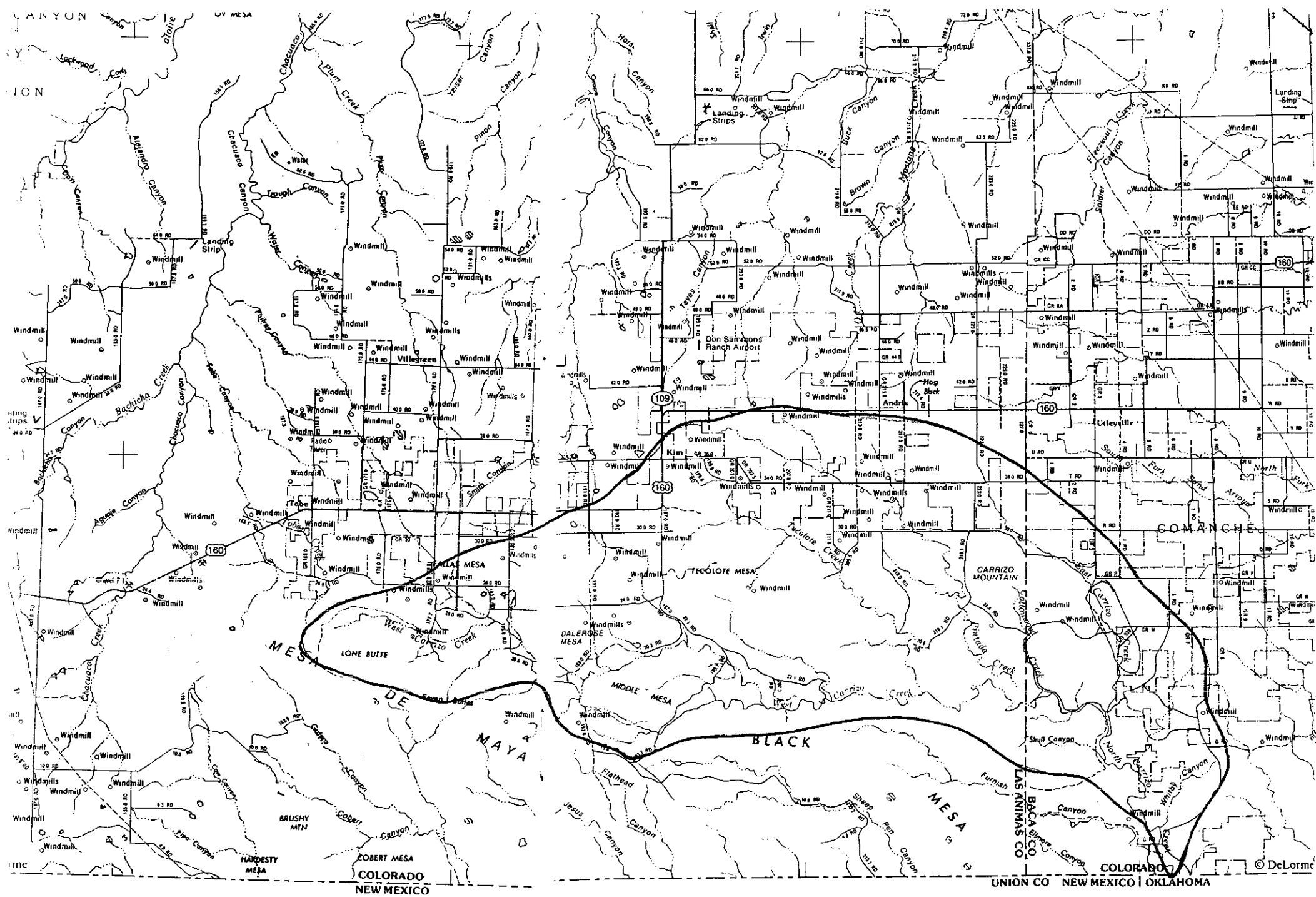


BACA COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 3

For Month of Slab on Rd 14  
 Item South of Rd FF

DATE	OPERATOR'S NAME	UNIT NO.	QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	PART NAME	PRICE EACH	MACHINE NAME
7/31/97	Clinton - Robert - Byron - James + James						55 hrs
8/1/97				11	11	11	30 hrs
8/4/97				11	11	11	18 hrs
	Backhoe		15 hrs			\$ 1,125 <sup>00</sup>	
	950F		10 hrs			\$ 1,200 <sup>00</sup>	
	Cement					1,834 <sup>00</sup>	

## 4. General Maps and Information



Scale 1:320,000  
 1 inch represents 5 miles

Contour interval  
 600 feet (182.9 meters)

SE corner of Las Animas County, CO  
 SW corner of Baca County, CO

## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** August 10, 1998  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Ellett  
**Spoke With:** Laura Oman  
**Company/Affiliation:** Clear Creek County  
**Phone no.:** (303) 569-3251 ex 382  
**Project No.:** D479, Task 51

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**Comments:**

Laura called back and left a message that there was approximately \$100,000 worth of damage to private property from the flooding in August of 1997. She also said that the pictures she spoke of last time we talked were now at FEMA and she wasn't sure how or if we could get copies. However, she said if I could meet with her she could give me some pictures that show flood damage immediately after the storm.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*W. J. Ellett*

*Green*  
5/25/97 - ~~Red~~ Hard

6/13/97 - Red Hard

6/24/97 - Black Hard

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NOVEMBER 1969  
SCALE 1" = 1 MILE

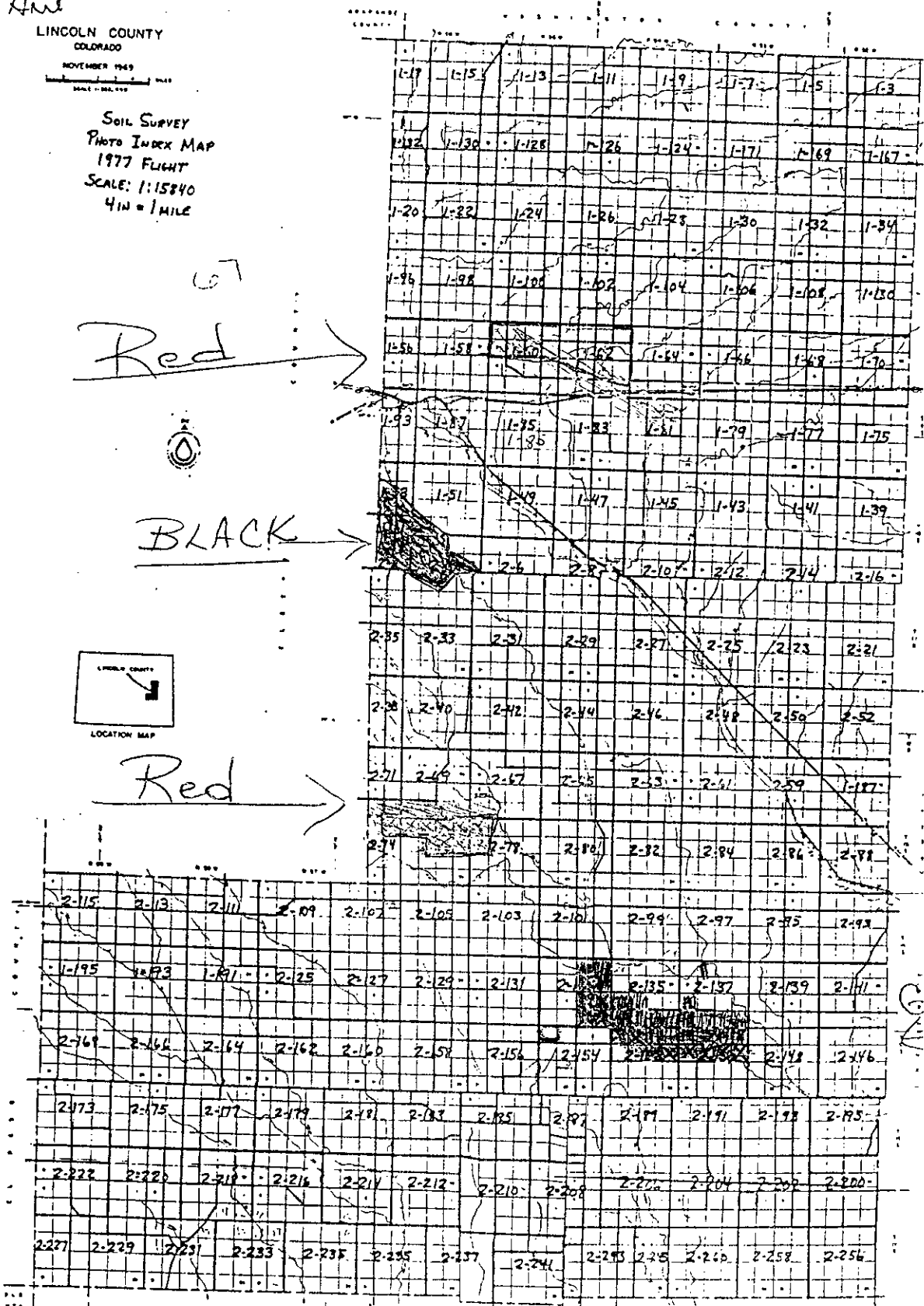
SOIL SURVEY  
PHOTO INDEX MAP  
1977 FLIGHT  
SCALE: 1:15840  
4" = 1 MILE

*Red* →

*BLACK* →



*Red* →



*Green* →

# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

STATE <i>CO</i>	COUNTY <i>Lincoln</i>	DISASTER DATE: <i>6/24/97</i>
		DISASTER TIME: <i>6-6:30 PM</i>
<b>TYPE OF DISASTER:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Freeze	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hail
<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Identify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Snow
		<input type="checkbox"/> Flash Flooding
		<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane
		<input type="checkbox"/> Lightning
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA:</b>		
<i>Hard Wind with Hail + Rain</i>		
<b>POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control	<input type="checkbox"/> FCS, Disaster Food Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> CSRE & ES, Technical Advice
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Emergency Conservation Program	<input type="checkbox"/> FCS, Food Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/> NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Livestock Feed Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Emergency Loans	<input type="checkbox"/> RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> FS, Fire Protection
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSRE & ES, Information Material	
<b>ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:</b>		
Total Acres Affected: <i>4500</i>		Number of Farms: <i>10</i>
Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected
<i>Wheat</i>	<i>4000</i>	<i>4000</i>
<i>Millet</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>(Est. 100% Insured - Wheat)</i>		
Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth	
<i>60%</i>	<i>HEADED</i>	
<i>75%</i>	<i>EMERGED</i>	
<b>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST: Numbers only - no dollar amount.</b> <i>N/A</i>		
Cattle (Beef)	Poultry (Layers)	Swine
Cattle (Dairy)	Poultry (Broilers)	Aquaculture
Sheep	Turkeys	Other (Identify)
<b>ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.: Numbers &amp; Acres Only - No Dollar Amount.</b> <i>N/A</i>		
Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings	Farm Machinery & Equipment	
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)	Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.)	
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:		
<b>AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON:</b>		
USDA Office Buildings:	<i>N/A</i>	
Office Equipment and Records:	<i>N/A</i>	
Employees, Employee Families & Homes:	<i>N/A</i>	

REPORTED BY: *WE Fritzer, CED* TO: *ED Buck - FSA STO* DATE: *6/25/97*

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# USDA FLASH SITUATION REPORT

<b>STATE</b> Colorado	<b>COUNTY</b> Lincoln	<b>DISASTER DATE:</b> 7/26-29/97
		<b>DISASTER TIME:</b> 5:00 PM

**TYPE OF DISASTER:**

Drought	Excessive Rain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excessive Snow	Flash Flooding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flooding
Freeze	Frost	Hail	High Winds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hurricane
Tornado <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Identify):			

**DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER AND AFFECTED AREA:** (See Map attached)

**POTENTIAL USDA ASSISTANCE:**

APHIS, Animal Disease & Plant Pest Control	FCS, Disaster Food Assistance	CSRE & ES, Technical Advice
FSA, Emergency Conservation Program	FCS, Food Stamps	NRCS, Earthmoving Equipment
FSA, Livestock Feed Programs	FSIS, Meat & Poultry Safety	NRCS, Technical & Financial Assistance
FSA, Emergency Loans	RUS, Technical & Loans Assistance	FS, Fire Protection
FSA, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSRE & ES, Information Material	

**ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES:** Total Acres Affected: 2060      Number of Farms: 20

Crops Affected	Acres Planted	Acres Affected	Percent of Loss	Stage of Growth
Millet	<del>500</del> 625	400	50	4 to 5 leaf stage
Proso	<del>500</del> 625	400	50	" "
Sunflowers	280	160	80	2 foot tall
Grass for Grazing (Native)	—	1000	60	Growing stage
Hay	200	100	40	" "

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, ETC. LOST:** Numbers only - no dollar amount.      N/A

Cattle (Beef)	Poultry (Layers)	Swine
Cattle (Dairy)	Poultry (Broilers)	Aquaculture
Sheep	Turkeys	Other (Identify)

**ESTIMATED LOSSES TO FARM FACILITIES AND LAND, ETC.:** Numbers & Acres Only - No Dollar Amount.

Farm Dwellings & Service Buildings: 2	Farm Machinery & Equipment
Farm Structures (dam, silo, etc.)	Land Damages (erosion, gullying, etc.): 2060 acres
Other Agricultural Losses/or Damages:	

**AFFECTS OF THE DISASTER ON:**

USDA Office Buildings: N/A

Office Equipment and Records: N/A

Employees, Employee Families & Homes: N/A

REPORTED BY: W. E. Fritsler, CED      TO: Ed Baek - FSA-STC      DATE: 7/30/97

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5/25/97 - ~~Green~~ <sup>Blue</sup> Hand  
 6/13/97 - Red Hand  
 6/24/97 - Black Hand  
 7/26-29/97 - Blue Hand + Excavation

LINCOLN COUNTY  
 COLORADO  
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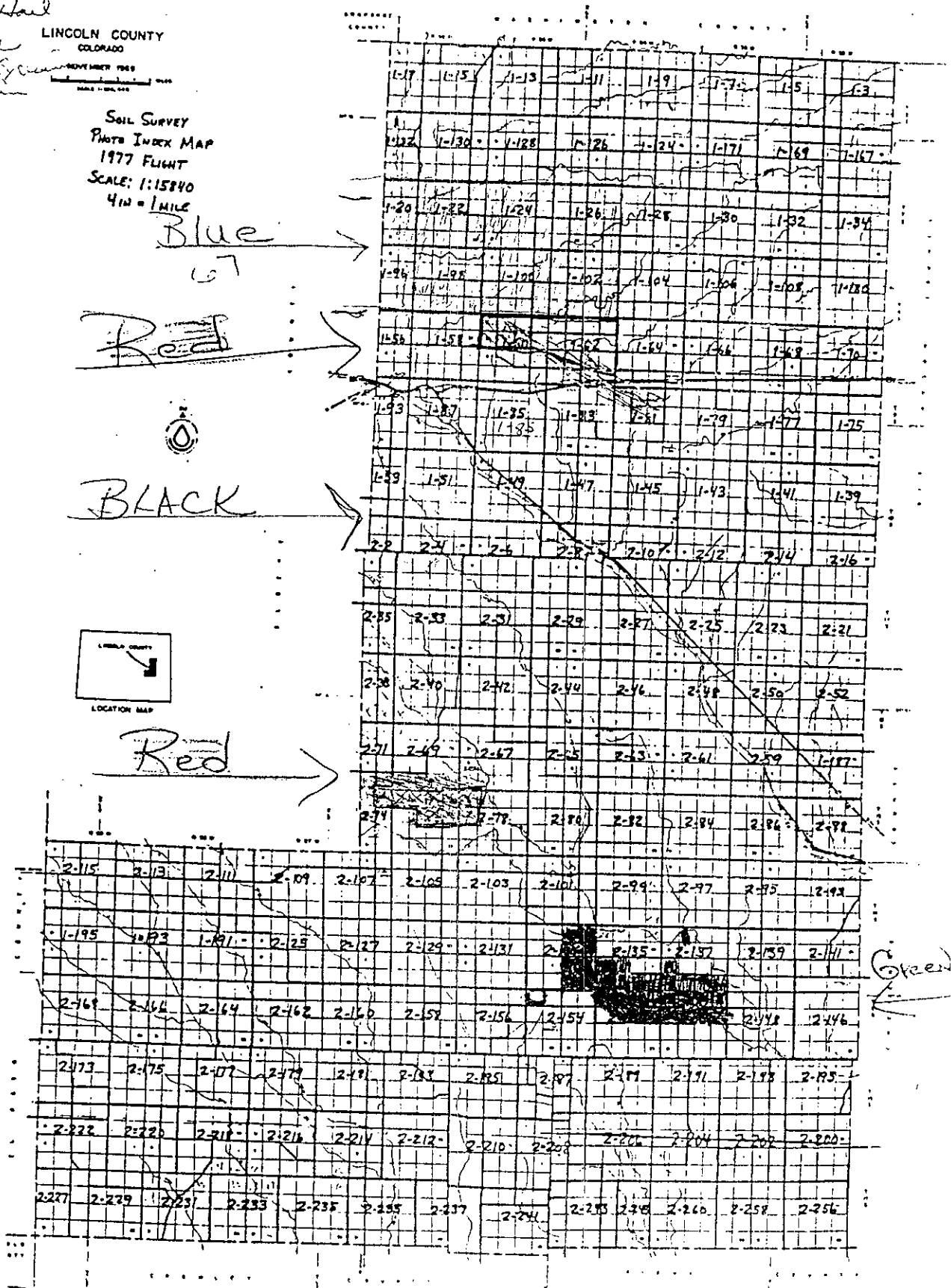


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SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
905 PM MDT FRI AUG 1 1997

...SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY CANCELLED FOR LINCOLN COUNTY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS CANCELLED THE SMALL  
STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY FOR PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LINCOLN  
COUNTY IN EAST CENTRAL COLORADO.

AS OF 900 PM MDT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR NO LONGER  
INDICATES ANY THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY OVER LINCOLN COUNTY.

EARLIER THIS EVENING...SLOW MOVING THUNDERSTORMS WERE PRODUCING VERY  
HEAVY RAIN OVER CENTRAL LINCOLN COUNTY...WITH RADAR DETECTING FROM 3  
TO 4 INCHES OF RAIN IN OPEN RANGELAND SOUTHWEST OF THE TOWN OF  
HUGO.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF ANY FLOODING  
AS A RESULT OF THIS HEAVY RAINFALL.

EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM THIS STORM MAY STILL CAUSE MINOR FLOODING OF  
SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS...NORMALLY DRY WASHES AND ARROYOS...AS WELL  
AS RANGELAND ALONG THE BANKS OF CREEKS AND STREAMS FOR THE NEXT HOUR.

BAKER

STATION (C *cal*) *son Hass Ranch* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Calo* COUNTY *Elbert*  
 MONTH *May* 19 *97*  
 RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE

FORM B-91 (1-93)  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)	
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY		
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	At Ob.	A.M.		NOON		P.M.					CONDITION
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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE: A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge above gage. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING DATE

OBSERVER *Burt Hass*

SUPERVISING OFFICE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE 10230 SMITH ROAD DENVER, CO 80239-3238

STATION INDEX NO. 05-5020-1

STATION (Climate) *2 - Bass Ranch* (River Station, if different)

STATE *Low* COUNTY *Elbert* MONTH *June* 19 *97*

RIVER *M*

TEMP. *74* PRECIPITATION *M* STANDARD TIME IN USE

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO *Ft.* FLOOD STAGE *Ft.* NORMAL POOL STAGE *Ft.*

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	A.M.			NOON			P.M.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8											9		10
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 G. Floating ice.  
 H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

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OBSERVER *Burton Hass*

SUPERVISING OFFICE  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
10230 SMITH ROAD  
DENVER, CO 80239-3238

STATION INDEX NO  
**05-5020-1**

STATION (City or Town) <i>Hass Ranch</i> STATE <i>Colo</i>		(River Station, if different) COUNTY <i>Elbert</i>		MONTH <i>July</i>	19 <i>97</i>
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER		TEMP.	PRECIPITATION <i>7.4</i>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <i>M</i>	
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE		ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft.	FLOOD STAGE Ft.	NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.	

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**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATION**  
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DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION																	WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS <i>(Special observations, etc.)</i>							
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS				At Ob.	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.											Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.	TENDENCY									
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READING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER *Burton Hass*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE  
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD  
 DENVER, CO. 80238-3938

STATION INDEX NO  
 05-5020-1

*Much damage from 4.40 rain to fields roads & fence*

STATION (Clim.) *Union Halls Ranch* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Colo* COUNTY *Elbert* MONTH *Aug* 19 *97*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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 RIVER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob.			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
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READING DATE

OBSERVER *Burton Hess*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD DENVER, CO 80239-3238  
 STATION INDEX NO 05-5020-1

STATION (*Climate*) *Hass Ranch* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Colo.* COUNTY *Elbert* MONTH *Sept* 19 *97*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING DATE OBSERVER *Burton Hass*  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Frozen, but open at gage. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE 10230 SMITH ROAD DENVER, CO 80239-3228  
 STATION INDEX NO 05-5020-1

STAT <i>hydrological</i>	RIVER STATION, IF DIFFERENT <i>Spring Hoss Ranch</i>		MONTH <i>Oct</i>	19 <i>9</i>
STATE <i>Colo</i>	COUNTY <i>Elbert</i>	RIVER		
TIME (LOCAL) OF OBSERVATION RIVER	TEMP.	PRECIPITATION <i>ZA</i>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <i>M</i>	
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft.	FLOOD STAGE Ft.	NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.	

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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Large but blizzard had with many scattered very large drifts  
Davy in later



STATION (Climatological) *W-Hugo* (River Station, if different) MONTH *June* 19 *97*

STATE *W* COUNTY *Lincoln* RIVER *June*

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION *6:45* PRECIPITATION *6:45* STANDARD TIME IN USE

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO *Ft.* FLOOD STAGE *Ft.* NORMAL POOL STAGE *Ft.*

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL RIVER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING DATE

A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage.  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

Supervising Office: *WFO Denver*

Station Index No: *05-4172-01*

STATION *10* *Hugo* (River Station, if different) MONTH *July* 19*97*  
 STATE *CO* COUNTY *Lincoln* RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. *6.45* PRECIPITATION *0.45* STANDARD TIME IN USE *M*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DATA COLLECTION

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)		A.M. NOON P.M.						Fog Ice Pellets Glose Thunder Hail Damaging Winds							
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30	<i>80</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0.15</i>																
31	<i>83</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>63</i>																	
SUM				<i>3.80</i>			CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR						Fog Ice Pel. Glose Thund Hail Dam. Winds							

*Doc*

*wind filed below west*

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

OBSERVE *Martin L Shallo*

SUPERVISING OFFICE *WFO Denver*

STATION INDEX NO.

05-4172-01

STATION (Climatological)	(River Station, if different)	MONTH	
STATE	COUNTY	RIVER	
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION	TEMP	PRECIPITATION	STANDARD TIME IN USE
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO	FLOOD STAGE	NORMAL POOL STAGE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)								
	MAX.	MIN.	AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							CONDITION	GAGE READING AT									
				Rain, melted snow, etc. (in. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	At Obs.	A.M.			NOON			P.M.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glass	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT
1	88	60	64																					
2																								
3	90	58	58	1.35														X						
4	85	58	61																					
5	85	61	62	1.20															X					
6	68	51	56	.11															X					
7	73	42	42	.13																				
8	77	47	40															X						
9	89	49	60																					
10	77	56	56																					
11	60	56	58	.09																				
12	73	52	52	.25																				
13	80	52	58	.43																				
14	84	53	54	.7																				
15	85	52	57																					
16	89	57	58																					
17	84	55	56															X						
18	75	54	60	.27															X					
19	79	51	55	.25															X					
20	85	53	53																					
21	86	53	58																X					
22	92	56	56																					
23	87	54	55	.10																				
24	90	55	55	.07															X					
25	70	55	61																					
26	92	61	64																X					
27	90	60	61																X					
28	89	57	58																X					
29	87	58	61	.25															X					
30	89	58	60																					
31	83	57	58																					
SUM				4.50															X					

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING DATE

A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage.  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

WEATHER (Calendar Day)

Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.

Fog Ice Pellets Glass Thunder Hail Damaging Winds

RIVER STAGE

CONDITION GAGE READING AT TENDENCY

REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)

Windy

Hard Rain 12:30 AM

Drizzle all afternoon & night

Drizzle all day 8-10-5 8-11-1957

Hard Rain with Rain

OBSERVER *G. W. Walker*

SUPERVISING OFFICE *WFO Denver*

STATION INDEX NO. 05-4172-01



STATE N.W. - HUGO COUNTY Linn RIVER OCT 19 97

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

TIME (Loc. OBSERVATION RIVER) 6:45 TEMP. 6:45 PRECIPITATION 6:45 STANDARD TIME IN USE  
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO F. FLOOD STAGE F. NORMAL POOL STAGE F.

Table with columns for DATE, TEMPERATURE F. (MAX, MIN, AT OBSN.), PRECIPITATION (24-HR AMOUNTS, A.M., NOON, P.M.), WEATHER (Calendar Day), RIVER STAGE (CONDITION, GAGE READING AT A.M., TENDENCY), and REMARKS. Includes handwritten data for 31 days.

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE 280 CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR READING DATE  
A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage.  
B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

WEATHER (Calendar Day) Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day. Fog Ice Pellets Glaze Thunder Hail Damaging Winds  
RIVER STAGE CONDITION GAGE READING AT A.M. TENDENCY  
REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)  
Had Rain + pea size hail  
Snow + Rain  
snow had wind 4 to 6 in?  
too 5:30 AM,  
OBSERVER Martin J. Wall  
SUPERVISING OFFICE WFO Denver STATION INDEX NO. 05-4172-01

STATION (Criteria) *Kort* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Colorado* COUNTY *Lincoln* MONTH *May* 19 *97*  
 RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION *7 AM* PRECIPITATION *7 AM* STANDARD TIME IN USE *MDM*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO *Fl.* FLOOD STAGE *Fl.* NORMAL POOL STAGE *Fl.*

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 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
 NATIONAL SEA AND COAST GUARD SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc..)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A.M.		TENDENCY	
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins. and tenths)		A.M.	NOON	P.M.	Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze					Thunder
1	74	30	35	0	0	0											
2	70	29	35	0	0	0											
3	56	28	38	0	0	0											
4	M	M	56	0	0	0											
5	77	44	52	0	0	0											
6	70	42	56	0	0	0											
7	M	M	54	0	0	0											
8	60	26	44	T	0	0											
9	53	31	38	0	0	0											
10	67	35	52	0	0	0											
11	77	47	50	0	0	0											
12	69	36	40	.13	0	0											
13	69	40	47	0	0	0											
14	80	40	46	0	0	0											
15	73	39	46	.02	0	0											
16	73	42	54	0	0	0											
17	87	51	60	0	0	0											
18	88	53	60	0	0	0											
19	83	40	41	.40	0	0											
20	56	37	39	0	0	0											
21	71	39	51	0	0	0											
22	74	49	49	0	0	0											
23	69	47	50	.05	0	0											
24	72	44	51	0	0	0											
25	78	45	59	0	0	0											
26	71	44	51	.06	0	0											
27	66	39	47	0	0	0											
28	70	38	45	0	0	0											
29	74	40	50	0	0	0											
30	70	46	54	T	0	0											
31	75	46	57	.09	0	0											
SUM			SUM	<b>1.75</b>			CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR										

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. obstructed by rough ice.  
 B. frozen, but open at gage.  
 C. upper surface of smooth ice.  
 D. ice gorge above gage.  
 E. ice gorge below gage.  
 F. shore ice.  
 G. floating ice.  
 H. pool stage.

OBSERVER *Synthia Leonard*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE  
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD  
 DENVER, CO 80239-3238  
 STATION INDEX NO  
**05-4444-1**







STATION (Climatol. (River Station, if different)) **Barv** MONTH **Aug** 19 **97**  
 STATE **Colorado** COUNTY **Lincoln** RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. **7AM** PRECIPITATION **7AM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MD**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION						WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)	
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			At Ob.			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.			Time of observation if different from above										
						A.M. NOON P.M.			Fog Ice Pellets Glaze Thunder Hail Damaging Winds						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
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1	88	62	69	0	0	0														
2	88	61	66	.08	0	0														
3	M	M	66	.25	0	0														
4	83	60	62	0	0	0														
5	84	59	60	.37	0	0														
6	64	55	55	1.23	0	0														
7	67	54	63	.16	0	0														
8	74	53	55	0	0	0														
9	84	53	65	0	0	0														
10	77	55	56	.10	0	0														
11	63	55	58	.16	0	0														
12	73	51	57	.04	0	0														
13	78	56	59	.01	0	0														
14	86	55	59	.05	0	0														
15	86	54	60	0	0	0														
16	88	55	63	0	0	0														
17	85	54	56	0	0	0														
18	M	M	60	.05	0	0														
19	81	53	57	0	0	0														
20	88	54	57	0	0	0														
21	88	53	57	0	0	0														
22	95	57	57	0	0	0														
23	M	M	64	.10	0	0														
24	87	55	66	0	0	0														
25	89	58	62	0	0	0														
26	91	60	60	0	0	0														
27	89	60	67	0	0	0														
28	91	62	62	0	0	0														
29	89	61	61	0	0	0														
30	M	M	64	.71	0	0														
31	M	M	61	.02	0	0														
SUM			SUM	3.33																

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

OBSERVER **Synthia Leonard**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE  
 STATION INDEX NO **05-4444-1**  
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

STATION (C) <i>Kacual</i> <small>(River Station, if different)</small>			MONTH <i>Sept</i> 19 <i>97</i>
STATE <i>Colorado</i>	COUNTY <i>Lincoln</i>	RIVER	
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION <i>7 AM.</i>		PRECIPITATION <i>7 AM.</i>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <i>MD</i>
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE		ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft.	FLOOD STAGE Ft.
			NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION												WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS <i>(Special observations, etc.)</i>														
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. <small>Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.</small>	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day											Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds		Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY										
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		A.M.	NOON	P.M.																													
										1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8												9	10	11							
1	M	M	64	.13	0	0												X																				
2	87	M	58	.07	0	0	X																															
3	75	58	58	0	0	0												X																				
4	74	56	57	0	0	0												X																				
5	80	56	58	0	0	0																																
6	81	M	65	0	0	0																																
7	M	M	64	.28	0	0																																
8	86	54	56	0	0	0																																
9	88	54	54	0	0	0																																
10	67	50	53	0	0	0																																
11	80	49	49	0	0	0																																
12	83	49	51	0	0	0																																
13	83	M	63	0	0	0																																
14	85	56	62	0	0	0																																
15	90	57	62	0	0	0																																
16	90	58	58	0	0	0																																
17	81	50	50	0	0	0																																
18	82	50	55	0	0	0																																
19	90	53	53	0	0	0																																
20	76	42	43	0	0	0																																
21	47	40	40	.08	0	0																																
22	53	40	53	.01	0	0																																
23	69	46	47	0	0	0																																
24	64	43	46	0	0	0																																
25	73	41	44	0	0	0																																
26	80	42	45	0	0	0																																
27	90	45	58	0	0	0																																
28	85	44	52	0	0	0																																
29	83	47	48	0	0	0																																
30	81	46	48	0	0	0																																
31																																						
SUM			SUM	<b>.57</b>	X	CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR																																
CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE			READING	DATE	OBSERVER <i> Cynthia Leonard</i>											SUPERVISING OFFICE <b>NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE</b>						STATION INDEX NO <b>05-4444-1</b>																

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice
- D. Ice gorge above gage
- E. Ice gorge below gage
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage

STATION (Climate) **Kaxx** (River Station, if different)  
 STATE **Colorado** COUNTY **Lincoln** MONTH **Oct** 19 **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER RIVER  
**7AM** **7AM** **MD**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
 NATIONAL SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)				
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.		TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)		Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON						P.M.		
1	80	47	51	0	0	0													
2	84	45	46	0	0	0													
3	87	45	55	0	0	0													
4	78	44	45	0	0	0													
5	80	45	59	0	0	0													
6	84	48	52	0	0	0													
7	M	M	M	0	0	0													
8	M	M	M	0	0	0													
9	M	M	29	0	0	0													
10	65	29	49	0	0	0													
11	82	49	61	0	0	0													
12	80	36	36	.46	0	0													
13	M	M	33	.05	0	0													
14	58	33	34	0	0	0													
15	64	31	39	0	0	0													
16	71	34	37	0	0	0													
17	64	32	32	0	0	0													
18	73	31	42	0	0	0													
19	80	29	41	0	0	0													
20	55	38	38	0	0	0													
21	48	38	38	0	0	0													
22	54	31	37	0	0	0													
23	68	37	43	0	0	0													
24	71	38	38	0	0	0													
25	44	13	13	.44	10	10													
26	M	M	18	.75	8	18													
27	35	18	31	0	0	0													
28	54	30	31	0	0	0													
29	55	26	29	0	0	4													
30	66	28	37	0	0	2													
31	67	35	42	0	0	1													
SUM																			

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE **1.70** CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

OPSERVER **Cynthia Leonard**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE  
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD  
 DENVER CO 80230-3229  
 STATION INDEX NO **05-4444-1**







STATION (City, etc.) <b>H IV</b>	(River Station, if different)	MONTH <b>AUG</b>	19 <b>97</b>
STATE <b>COLO.</b>	COUNTY <b>EL PASO</b>	RIVER	
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER	TEMP. <b>0700</b>	PRECIPITATION <b>0700</b>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <b>M.D.T.</b>
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Fl.	FLOOD STAGE Fl.	NORMAL POOL STAGE Fl.

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NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DATA COLLECTION

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NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DATA COLLECTION

### RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)							
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.		TENDENCY						
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON								P.M.					
1	81	58	64	0																			
2	80	56	62	0																			
3	80	54	64	.65																			
4	78	55	60	0																			
5	77	54	54	.29																			
6	58	51	51	.20																			
7	60	49	50	.19																			
8	69	49	58	0																			
9	82	54	64	0																			
10	70	56	50	.18																			
11	59	50	52	.04																			
12	69	49	53	.13																			
13	71	50	56	.09																			
14	77	48	60	.04																			
15	79	51	62	0																			
16	83	48	51	.11																			
17	67	52	55	.05																			
18	73	51	56	.04																			
19	81	50	58	T																			
20	80	51	58	0																			
21	85	51	61	T																			
22	79	52	63	.11																			
23	82	53	68	0																			
24	83	57	63	.03																			
25	83	58	68	T																			
26	82	57	68	T																			
27	86	56	67	0																			
28	83	54	64	.42																			
29	82	52	57	.42																			
30	82	53	53	T																			
31	71	51	59	.05																			
SUM			SUM	3.04																			
CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE				CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR			OBSERVER <b>Thomas H. Hoover</b>							SUPERVISING OFFICE <b>WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO</b>		STATION INDEX NO <b>05-7287-1</b>							

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.





STATION (Climate) **194 IN** (River Station, if different) MONTH **OCT** 19**97**  
 STATE **COLO** COUNTY **EL PASO** RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. **0700** PRECIPITATION **0700** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MDT**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO **Fl.** FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE **Fl.**

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NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL FISHERY SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	At Ob.	A.M.			NOON							P.M.	
1	79	42	54	0														
2	79	49	57	0														
3	70	41	55	0														
4	75	43	52	0														
5	77	43	49	0														
6	65	38	42	0														
7	75	41	41	0														
8	61	28	32	0														
9	60	39	42	0														
10	75	41	50	0														
11	74	30	31	.45	T													
12	42	19	22	.04														
13	53	25	32	0														
14	58	32	57	0														
15	62	29	38	0														
16	60	29	38	0														
17	69	36	43	0														
18	71	34	45	0														
19	49	32	32	.01														
20	45	32	33	0														
21	51	31	40	0														
22	62	34	36	0														
23	59	32	33	.02														
24	38	10	14	.3														
25	21	11	21	.3														
26	27	11	24	0														
27	47	24	31	0														
28	45	24	35	0														
29	55	30	37	0														
30	57	30	41	0														
31	57	25	33	0														
SUM			SUM	.50														

Check at 4:40 PM snow & blizzard  
 Did not smooth how much snow  
 28" 1.85 gust

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE (C) READING DATE

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 OBSERVER **THOMAS H. HOOVER**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO**  
 STATION INDEX NO **05-7287-1**



STATE *WV* COUNTY *Lincoln* RIVER *MT*

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION *7:00am* TEMP. *7:00pm* PRECIPITATION *MT* STANDARD TIME IN USE

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE			REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)				
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY						
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (In. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (In. and tenths)	At Obs. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (In.).	A.M.			NOON					P.M.			CONDITION	A.M.	
1	82	51	54																	
2	87	54	56																	
3	87	53	56	.58																
4	71	43	50																	
5	73	50	53																	
6	79	53	53																	
7	74	52	55	.15																
8	74	52	56	.21																
9	67	51	57	.71																
10	67	47	49	1.13																
11	65	49	52																	
12	81	55	63																	
13	77	49	55	.54																
14	66	51	55	.22																
15	75	51	70																	
16	74	52	60																	
17	73	53	70																	
18	M	M	M																	
19	74	65	72																	
20	70	65	76																	
21	91	57	65																	
22	82	59	71																	
23	70	56	59																	
24	82	58	63	.19																
25	80	55	62	.21																
26	79	57	63																	
27	80	56	68																	
28	M	M	M																	
29	M	M	M																	
30	91	63	77																	
31																				

*1 mile north 4.06" Hail pea size in about 10min*



TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP 7AM PRECIPITATION 7AM STANDARD TIME MT USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

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DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			24-HR AMOUNTS		PRECIPITATION											WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)								
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	A.M.			NOON					P.M.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Gloze	Thunder	Hail	Dam. Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION		GAGE READING AT A.M.	TENDENCY						
	MAX.	MIN.				At Obs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10												11	1	2	3	4	5
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2	M	M	M	0																													
3	57	52	77	0.2																													
4	53	59	70	0																													
5	51	59	59	0.3																													
6	65	59	55	0.31																													
7	67	54	61	0.25																													
8	73	53	58	0																													
9	57	58	60	0																													
10	71	53	55	0																													
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12	71	53	58	0.52																													
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14	82	57	59	0																													
15	57	56	59	0																													
16	M	M	M	0																													
17	79	53	54	0																													
18	71	54	59	0.56																													
19	76	55	60	0.7																													
20	79	57	64	0																													
21	80	57	67	0																													
22	57	59	60	0																													
23	63	61	70	0																													
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25	64	69	80	0																													
26	79	63	73	0																													
27	M	M	M	0																													
28	M	M	M	0																													
29	68	57	76	0																													
30	67	56	67	0																													
31	62	57	63	0																													

Sum 2060/1434 SUM 3.11  
 CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING DATE

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

Fog Ice Pel. Gloze Thund. Hail Dam. Winds  
 OBSERVER

SUPERVISING OFFICE  
**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**  
 10230 SMITH ROAD  
 DENVER, CO 80239-3228

STATION INDEX NO.  
**05-3258-3**

STATION (Give *C 29*) (River Station, if different) COUNTY *Lincoln* MONTH *Sept* 19 *92*  
 STATE *COLO* RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION TEMP *0700* PRECIPITATION *0700* STANDARD TIME IN USE *MT*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

FORM B-91 3) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)															
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							CONDITION	GAGE READING AT — A.M.		TENDENCY														
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		At Ob. Snow, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON							P.M.													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above			
1	78	57	75																												
2	83	56	59																												
3	M	M	M																												
4	77	56	56																												
5	81	56	65	.10																											
6	81	56	77																												
7	56	59	69	.31																											
8	85	57	64																												
9	85	57	52																												
10	80	52	54																												
11	80	54	60																												
12	83	57	80																												
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14	87	55	57																												
15	87	55	57																												
16	76	50	57																												
17	M	M	M																												
18	83	53	77																												
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26	78	53	70																												
27	85	54	64																												
28	82	45	66																												
29	72	54	67																												
30	80	56	80																												
31																															
SUM	2046	1404		641																											

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

OBSERVER *Paul De*  
 SUPERVISOR OFFICE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
 10230 SMITH ROAD  
 DENVER, CO 80239

STATION INDEX NO. 05 3258-3

STATION: <sup>(local)</sup> 09 (River Station, if different)  
 STATE: COLO COUNTY: LINCOLN MONTH: Oct 19 97  
 RIVER: RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION: 0700 TEMP: 0700 PRECIPITATION: 0700 STANDARD TIME IN USE: MT  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE: ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO: Ft. FLOOD STAGE: Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE: Ft.

S FORM B-91  
2-93)

U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATL. WEATHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION											WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)					
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	A.M.			NOON			P.M.					Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail		Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.	TENDENCY
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
1	60	53	65																									
2	M	M	M																									
3	M	M	M																									
4	M	M	M																									
5	M	M	M																									
6	M	M	M																									
7	68	50	67																									
8	60	45	53																									
9	60	32	37																									
10	63	37	48																									
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12	68	30	30	1.2	50																							
13	41	26	31	0.5	1.20																							
14	53	30	48																									
15	61	43	48																									
16	61	36																										
17	62	38																										
18	72	38	54.1																									
19	M	M	M																									
20	73	37																										
21	M	M	M																									
22	M	M	M																									
23	66	41	43																									
24	M	M	M																									
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26	M	M	M	1.28	1.45																							
27	M	M	M																									
28	57	32	39																									
29	45	31	44																									
30	VAC																											
31	VAC																											
SUM	1030	594		1.53	16.2																							

VAC

Started snow 5:30 AM.

could not get nose to read 6 1/2 foot snow depth

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- A. Obscured by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
10230 SMITH ROAD  
DENVER, CO 80239

STATION INDEX NO.  
05 3258-3





STATE *CL* COUNTY *EL Paso* RIVER *West Kiowa Cr.*

MONTH *JUNE* 19*47*

WS FORM B-91 (2-93)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION OTHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER *6:00 AM* TEMP. PRECIPITATION *6:00 AM* STANDARD TIME IN USE *M B S T*

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO F.L. FLOOD STAGE F.L. NORMAL POOL STAGE F.L.

Table with columns for DATE, TEMPERATURE F., PRECIPITATION (24-HR AMOUNTS, At Ob.), WEATHER (Calendar Day), RIVER STAGE (GAGE READING AT, TENDENCY), and REMARKS. Includes handwritten precipitation data and weather observations.

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE: A. Obscured by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge above gage. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.

Observer: *C. Robert Gray*. Station Index No: *05-2494 4*. Remarks: *Hot last week. Blath forest dead from 7-9" of moisture for month.*

STATION (Of <u>FGT</u> ) STATE <u>CO</u>		RIVER <u>W Flower Creek</u>	
COUNTY <u>El Paso</u>		MONTH <u>July</u>	19 <u>97</u>
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER	TEMP	PRECIPITATION <u>6:00 AM</u>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <u>M DST</u>
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO	FLOOD STAGE	NORMAL POOL STAGE

## RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.		PRECIPITATION		WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)						
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		24-HR AMOUNTS		Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							GAGE READING AT A.M.	TENDENCY				
	MAX.	MIN.	Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	At Ob.			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds				CONDITION			
		AT OBSN.																		
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16			0																	
17		91	0																	
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20			.02																	
21			.10																	
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28			.35																	
29			.13																	
30			1.05																	
31			.05																	
SUM			2.69																	95 All into this Rcp

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE	CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR	READING	DATE	Fog	Ice Pel	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Dam. Winds	
A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge above gage.	E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.									
				OBSERVER <u>Robert J. Jey</u>					SUPERVISING OFFICE	
									STATION INDEX NO. <u>05-2494 41</u>	

STATION (Climate) *Eastonville ZNNW* (River Station, if different)

STATE *CO* COUNTY *EL PASO* MONTH *Aug* 19 *97*

RIVER *West known creek*

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8 F9 F10 F11 F12 F13 F14 F15 F16 F17 F18 F19 F20 F21 F22 F23 F24 F25 F26 F27 F28 F29 F30 F31

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.		AT OBSN	PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)			
	MAX	MIN		24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY				
				Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON						P.M.		
1				.95														
2				T														
3				.84														
4	.82			T														
5	.54			1.24														<i>cold daytime temps as 5th and 6th</i>
6				.55														
7				.89														
8				T														
9				0														
10				.43														
11				.77														
12				.04														
13				.25														
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15				0														
16				0														
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*cold daytime temps as 5th and 6th*

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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE: A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface or smooth ice. D. Ice gorge above gage. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING DATE

OBSERVER *Robert Day*

SUPERVISING OFFICE

STATION INDEX NO *05-2494 4*

STATION (C) **896** **NUVILLE 2NW** (River Station, if different) MONTH **SEPT** 19 **97**  
 STATE **CO.** COUNTRY **E PASO** RIVER **West Lower Crick**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION **0.00 km** STANDARD TIME IN USE **DST**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION																	WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)										
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	PRECIPITATION																	WEATHER (Calendar Day)						GAGE READING AT — A.M. TENDENCY									
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (fns. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (fns. and tenths)		PRECIPITATION																	WEATHER (Calendar Day)															
							A.M.					NOON					P.M.							WEATHER (Calendar Day)															
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION				
1			7																																				
2			7																																				
3			7																																				
4			0																																				
5			61																																				
6			0																																				
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CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  A. Obstructed by rough ice.  E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage.  F. Shora ice  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice.  G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage.  H. Pool stage

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE  
 OBSERVER **Robert Gray**  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE STATION INDEX NO. **05-2494 4**

STATION (City) EAS (River Station, if different) STIP 2 NW 1/4 MONY OCT 19 97  
STATE CO COUNTY EL PASO RIVER West Kowa Creek  
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER \_\_\_\_\_ TEMP. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIPITATION 6:00 AM STANDARD TIME IN USE DST  
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE \_\_\_\_\_ ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO \_\_\_\_\_ FLOOD STAGE \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL POOL STAGE \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION														WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)											
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob.	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.														Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION	GAGE READING AT _____ A.M.	TENDENCY													
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		A.M.			NOON					P.M.																							
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30				0		19.0																																
31				0		16.0																																

SUM 4.31 50.0 CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE:  A. Obstructed by rough ice.  E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage.  F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice.  G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage.  H. Pool stage.  
Fog  Ice Pellets  Glaze  Thunder  Hail  Dam. Winds   
OBSERVER C Robert Gray SUPERVISING OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ STATION INDEX NO. 05-2494 4

STATION (local) <b>ACOXY 1056</b>	(River Station, if different)	MONTH <b>MAY</b>	19 <b>97</b>
STATE <b>COLO</b>	COUNTY <b>PUEBLO</b>	RIVER <b>ARKANSAS</b>	
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION <b>5PM</b>	TEMP <b>5PM</b>	PRECIPITATION <b>5PM</b>	STANDARD TIME IN USE <b>MST</b>
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE	ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft.	FLOOD STAGE Ft.	NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

WS FORM B-91 (12-93)  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION												WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Obs Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved	A M			NOON			P M			Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail	Damaging Winds	Time of observation if different from above	CONDITION		GAGE READING AT — A M	TENDENCY
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		<small>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11</small>																			
1	71	37	60	0																						
2	62	33	53	0																						
3	68	28	65	0																						
4	79	36	78	0																						
5	78	49	69	0																						
6	86	44	72	.01													X									
7	78	42	67	0																						
8	67	45	52	T																						
9	71	35	68	0																						
10	79	38	75	0																						
11	75	46	60	0																						
12	70	39	69	.03																						
13	82	38	75	0																						
14	75	38	70	0																						
15	75	41	73	0													X									
16	86	43	80	0																						
17	90	45	78	0																	400		400	CM. Reading		
18	83	48	70	0																						
19	70	42	57	.18																						
20	75	39	70	0																						
21	78	53	60	.16												X		X						Light fog.		
22	69	51	60	0												X		X						Light fog		
23	75	47	70	.03																				Have no idea what time it rained		
24	80	47	76	.05												X										
25	77	47	65	T																						
26	73	43	54	0																						
27	72	37	68	0																						
28	76	42	72	0																						
29	74	47	58	.04													X									
30	73	52	72	.17																						
31	86	48	83	0																						
SUM			SUM	4.7																						

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE	READING	DATE	OBSERVER <i>John M. Hiza</i>	STATION INDEX NO. <b>05-8157-1</b>
A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage			SUPERVISING OFFICE <b>WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO</b>	

STATION (Climatological) **TACONY 105E** (River Station, if different)

STATE **COLO.** COUNTY **PUEBLO** MONTH **JUNE** 19 **92**

RIVER **ARKANSAS**

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. **5PM** PRECIPITATION **5PM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MST**

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

U.S. FORM B-91  
2-93)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION		WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)			
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT		TENDENCY		
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.										
1	90	52	86	0													
2	86	59	72	0													
3	81	53	78	0													
4	78	49	74	0													
5	86	51	85	0													
6	85	57	73	0													
7	73	53		1.80													
8	74	53	67	.04													
9	69	53	60	.53													
10	75	51	74	.25													
11	86	57	85	0													
12	85	53	77	0												<i>Light fog</i>	
13	77	52	74	.06													
14	82	55	79	0													
15	80	52	70	.08													
16	75	50	73	0													
17	82	48	77	0													
18	87	54	86	.02													
19	96	57	89	.13													
20	98	55	96	0													
21	96	58	85	0													
22	94	57	84	0													
23	90	56	88	0													
24	88	55	85	0													
25	85	52	78	0													
26	87	50	86	.01													
27	92	49	79	0													
28	96	52	80	0													
29	92	57	89	0												<i>6.45 PM Reading</i>	
30	101	51	98	0													
31																	
SUM			SUM 292														

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Obstructed by rough ice.
- B. Frozen, but open at gage.
- C. Upper surface of smooth ice.
- D. Ice gorge above gage.
- E. Ice gorge below gage.
- F. Shore ice.
- G. Floating ice.
- H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

OBSERVER *John M. Hiza*

SUPERVISING OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ STATION INDEX NO \_\_\_\_\_

WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO

05-8157-1















STATION (Climatological)		(River Station if different)		MONTH	YEAR													WEATHER for the Calendar Day		RIVER STAGE		RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOAA WS FORM CB-91 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)																		
STATION INDEX NUMBER		STATE	COUNTY	RIVER														Mark all "X"																						
05-7560-03		CO	Washington	Kansas-4																																				
TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER			TEMP.	PRCIP.	STANDARD TIME USED																																			
0700			0700	0700	MOUNTAIN																																			
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE		ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO		FLOOD STAGE	NORMAL POOL STAGE																																			
DATE	TEMPERATURE (°F)		Precipitation (in.)		Time of Precipitation												Ice Pellets	Thunder	Dmgn	When diff Obs. Time	Condition	Reading at AM	TENDENCY																	
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		24 HR AMOUNTS		Draw - through hours precip was observed. ~ through hours precip probably occurred.																																			
	MAX.	MIN.	AT OBSN.	PRCIP. (nn.nn)	SNOW (nn.n)	AT OB. SNOW on ground (inch)	A.M.			P.M.			1 1 1			1 1 1																								
01	93	55	66	0.00	0.0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1											
02	90	44	52	0.00	0.0	0																																		
03	82	49	51	0.00	0.0	0																																		
04	75	49	54	0.00	0.0	0																																		
05	80	54	60	T	0.0	0																																		
06	84	53	61	0.00	0.0	0																																		
07	89	55	63	0.18	0.0	0																																		
08	90	58	63	0.23	0.0	0																																		
09	89	53	62	0.22	0.0	0																																		
10	87	55	64	0.00	0.0	0																																		
11	93	62	64	0.00	0.0	0																																		
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17	99	60	72	0.00	0.0	0																																		
18	101	61	69	0.00	0.0	0																																		
19	96	58	67	0.00	0.0	0																																		
20	83	56	58	0.51	0.0	0																																		
21	83	56	62	0.00	0.0	0																																		
22	87	56	64	0.00	0.0	0																																		
23	90	59	68	0.00	0.0	0																																		
24	94	63	67	0.00	0.0	0																																		
25	95	64	67	0.00	0.0	0																																		
26	95	60	63	0.08	0.0	0																																		
27	94	61	67	0.00	0.0	0																																		
28	91	62	62	1.31	0.0	0																																		
29	75	60	60	0.56	0.0	0																																		
30	79	60	62	0.41	0.0	0																																		
31	83	61	67	0.00	0.0	0																																		
SUM	2744	1756	1957.0	3.50	0.0	XXXXXX	Condition of River at Gage Codes:																																	
AVE	88.5	56.6	63.1	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX																																		
OBSERVER : Homer B. Hill																																								

trace rain about 20:00 Friday  
.18 rain afternoon on the 6th.  
.18 rain 1600 previous afterno  
shower this afternoon  
Power failure /time of max ten  
.35 rain at 5:00 PM

Condition of River at Gage Codes:  
A. Obstructed by rough ice F. Shore ice  
B. Frozen but open at gage G. Floating ice  
C. Upper surface of smooth ice H. Pool stage  
D. Ice gorge above gage

STATION *Sh. YENE* (River Station, if different) MONTH *Aug* 19 *97*  
STATE *Colorado* COUNTY *Washington* RIVER  
(TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER) TEMP. *07* PRECIPITATION *07* STANDARD TIME IN USE *M*  
TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)	
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Obs.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY		
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins. and tenths)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.					CONDN.
1	85	62	64	.34												
2	85	60	65	0												
3	86	61	63	.16												
4	86	59	62	0												
5	83	61	61	.12												
6	67	55	56	.32										X		
7	71	53	55	.14												
8	77	55	56	0												
9	87	53	54	0												
10	74	55	59	.07												
11	63	50	59	0												
12	71	51	54	.12												
13	81	55	59	.02												
14	85	54	60	0												
15	83	53	60	0												
16	88	57	57	0										X		
17	80	53	54	.20										X		
18	75	53	56	1.69										X		
19	80	53	58	.85										X		
20	81	53	56	0												
21	80	56	63	0												
22	89	53	56	0												
23	85	54	62	0												
24	90	57	63	0												
25	91	57	62	0												
26	90	62	65	0												
27	89	60	63	.29												
28	87	60	62	0												
29	88	57	58	.60												strong wind lightning/slight
30	88	56	59													
31	82	55	57													
SUM			SUM	5.19	0											

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of smooth ice. D. Ice gorge above gage. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
READING DATE  
OBSERVER

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
10230 SMITH ROAD  
DENVER, CO 80239-3218

STATION INDEX NO. **05 7560-3**

STATION (Climatological) (River Station if different) MONTH YEAR  
Shaw 4 RNE 09 1997

STATION INDEX NUMBER STATE COUNTY RIVER  
05-7560-03 CO Washington Kansas-4

TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIP. STANDARD TIME USED  
0700 0700 MOUNTAIN

TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE  
GAGE ZERO

WEATHER for the  
Calendar Day  
Mark all "X"

Table with columns for DATE, TEMPERATURE (°F) (MAX, MIN), Precipitation (in.) (24 HR AMOUNTS, AT OB. SNOW on ground), Time of Precipitation (A.M., P.M.), and WEATHER indicators (Ice, Fog, Thunder, Hail, Wind, Diff. Obs., Time, Cond, TRENCH). Rows 01-30.

RECORD OF RIVER AND  
CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NOAA WS FORM CB-91  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
REMARKS  
(Special observations, etc.)

SUM 2345 1463 1557.0 0.19 0.0 XXXXXX  
AVR 78.2 48.8 51.9 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX  
OBSERVER : Homer B. Hill  
NWS OFFICE : DENVER FORECAST OFFICE

Condition of River at Gage Codes:  
A. Obstructed by rough ice F. Shore ice  
B. Frozen but open at gage G. Floating ice  
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D. Ice gorge above gage  
E. Ice gorge below gage

Power failure during Max temp  
Observed lighting in NE 9/12 A  
saw light showers N few miles  
some fog & light drizzle  
light drizzle & fog most of d  
fog & drizzle all day





### 3. Local Data

LINCOLN COUNTY  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

RECEIVED MAY 06 1998

ROXANA DEVERS

P.O. BOX 67  
HUGO, CO 80821-0067

Phone: 719-743-2444  
Fax: 719-743-2838

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May 4, 1998

Mr. Jim Burrell  
Riverside Technology  
2290 E. Prospect Rd. #1  
Ft. Collins, CO 80525

RE: Rainfall Information

Dear Mr. Burrell:

I hope that the information I have provided will be helpful to you. I was not able to obtain any photos. Personnel with Road & Bridge believe that they were given to the people from FEMA who visited the county. I have included the following:

1. A map of Lincoln County showing where the damage occurred
2. A list of the creeks that caused damage
3. The costs by site to repair the damage
4. Rainfall amounts kept by several residents of the county
5. Two issues of the Eastern Colorado Plainsman with articles about the flooding

Please contact me if you need anything further.

Sincerely,



Roxana Devers  
Lincoln County Clerk

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Enclosures

Lincoln County Creeks

Apache Creek/North Rush Creek

Middle Rush Creek

South Rush Creek

Long Branch

Coon Creek

Big Sandy Creek

Adobe Creek

East Fork Adobe Creek

Lincoln County Site# Narrative \*

#1 - 6ft culvert washed out. County will put in the 6ft culvert and add a 5ft culvert

#2 - Rip-rap washed away from bridge

#3 - Culvert washed out

#4 - Culvert washed out

#5 - Approach to bridge washed out \*

#6 - Culvert washed out

#7 - Culvert washed out

#8 - Culvert washed out

#9 - Culvert washed out

#10 - 3 four ft. culverts washed out.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

103 3rd AVENUE

P.O. BOX 67

HUGO, CO 80821

d.1 Hugo

Dist. 1  
Chris

Bridge Lin 47-96.8

Semi + End dump	90.55	40 hrs.	3,622.00
Semi + haulway	73.25	10 hrs.	732.50
Loader	69.38	40 hrs.	2,775.20
Dozer	82.50	25 hrs.	2,062.50
Loader	69.38	25 hrs.	1,734.50
Tandem	73.25	40 hrs.	2,930.00
4 dump trucks	41.75 <sup>per hour</sup>	150 hrs.	9,262.50
5 men	7.64	190 hrs.	1,451.60
2 foreman	9.58	80 hrs.	766.40
<u>pick-up</u>	10.10	40 hrs.	404.00
Materials			25,741.20
Ri Tap	1.00 ea.	192.00	192.00
Gravel	1.00 ea.	50	50.00

25,983.20 total

Road 27

Dozer	82.50	4 hrs.	330.00
Loader	69.38	24 hrs.	1,665.12
Haulway	73.25	4 hrs.	293.00
Tandem	73.25	15 hrs.	1,098.75
maintainer	70.63	12 hrs.	847.56
2 foreman	9.58	20 hrs.	191.60
3 dump trucks	41.75 <sup>per hr.</sup>	35 hrs.	2,161.25
pickup	10.10	20 hrs.	202.00
5 n	7.64	74 hrs.	565.36
Materials			7,354.83
Gravel	1.00 per load	40 loads	40.00
Tube	92" x 40'	1	1280.00

Site 5?

Site #1? NO  
6 ft culvert

P. o kap 1.00

25. loads

25.00  
8,823.83 total

Rd. 27+25

maintainer 20.63

13 hrs.

918.19

4 dumptrucks 61.75

40 hrs.

2,470.-

loader 69.38

10 hrs.

693.80

pick up 10.10

10 hrs.

100.-

6 men 7.87

63 hrs.

497.07

foreman 8.94

10 hrs.

89.40

Materials

Gravel 1.00

54 loads

4,769.44

54.-

4,823.44 total

Rest

Grand total :

39,570.49

Dist. 2 Canda

Rd 3J

hoe	23.15	10 hrs.	231.50
Chain	30.25	6 hrs.	181.50
2 dump trucks	61.75	20 hrs.	1235.00
2 semi/hilly	90.55	20 hrs.	1811.00
maintainer	70.63	12 hrs.	847.56
loader	69.38	10 hrs.	693.80
pick-up	10.10	16 hrs.	161.60
6 men	8.37	96 hrs.	803.52
foreman	10.68	16 hrs.	170.88
<u>Materials</u>			<u>6,136.34</u>
tube	5' x 42'	1	1552.32
clay	1.00	89 loads	89.00
			<u>7,777.68</u> total

Wash out Various roads

loader	69.38	32 hrs.	2,220.16
semi/hilly (2)	90.55	64 hrs.	5,795.20
Dozer	82.50	6 hrs.	495.00
3 men	8.86	96 hrs.	850.56
<u>Materials</u>			<u>9,360.92</u>
clay	1.00	110 loads	110.00
			<u>9,470.92</u> total

Dist. 2 Grand total 17,248.60



Dist 3 Karwal

Road J+71  
cost

maintained	70.63 per hr.	16 hrs.
loader	69.38 per hr.	16 hrs.
6 men	8.69 per hr.	120 hrs.
1 foreman	10.68 per hr.	20 hrs.
1 truck	61.75 per hr.	16 hrs.
2 tandems	73.25 per hr.	32 hrs.
1 pick-up	10.10 per hr.	8 hrs.

Totals

1,130. <sup>08</sup>
1,110. <sup>08</sup>
1,042. <sup>80</sup>
213. <sup>40</sup>
988. <sup>00</sup>
2,344. <sup>00</sup>
80. <sup>80</sup>
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6,909. <sup>36</sup>

Materials

kip rap	1.00 ea.	21 loads
fill dirt	1.00 ea.	96 loads
gravel	1.00 ea.	20 loads

21. -
96. -
20. -
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7,046. <sup>36</sup>

total

Road M+71

maintainer	70.63 per hr.	8 hrs.
loader	69.38 per hr.	8 hrs.
1 truck	61.75 per hr.	8 hrs.
2 tandems	73.25 per hr.	16 hrs.
6 men	8.69 per hr.	48 hrs.
1 foreman	10.68 per hr.	8 hrs.
1 pick-up	10.10 per hr.	8 hrs.

565. <sup>04</sup>
555. <sup>04</sup>
494. -
1,172. -
417. <sup>12</sup>
85. <sup>44</sup>
80. <sup>80</sup>
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3,369. <sup>44</sup>

Materials

fill dirt	1.00 ea.	30 loads
gravel	1.00 ea.	15 loads

30. -
15. -
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3414. <sup>44</sup>

total

Road 29

1 truck	61.75	12 hrs.
2 tandems	73.25	24 hrs.
loader	69.38	16 hrs.

741. -
1758. -
1029. <sup>56</sup>

shoe	23. <sup>15</sup>	12 hrs.	3,331. <sup>54</sup>
men	8. <sup>69</sup> per hr.	72 hrs.	277. <sup>80</sup>
forman	10. <sup>68</sup> per hr.	12 hrs.	625. <sup>68</sup>
sick up	10. <sup>10</sup> per hr.	12 hrs.	128. <sup>14</sup>
<u>Materials</u>			<u>121.<sup>20</sup></u>
fill dirt	1. <sup>00</sup>	10 loads	4,484. <sup>40</sup>
Rip Rap	1. <sup>00</sup>	15 loads	10. -
			<u>15. -</u>
			4,509. <sup>40</sup> total

Road 34

loader	69. <sup>38</sup>	48 hrs.	3,330. <sup>24</sup>
trucks	61. <sup>75</sup>	160 hrs.	9,880. <sup>0</sup>
2 tandems	73. <sup>25</sup>	80 hrs.	5,860. -
container	70. <sup>43</sup>	48 hrs.	3,390. <sup>24</sup>
men	8. <sup>69</sup> per hr.	240 hrs.	2,085. <sup>40</sup>
forman	10. <sup>68</sup> per hr.	40 hrs.	427. <sup>20</sup>
sick up	10. <sup>10</sup> per hr.	40 hrs.	404. -
<u>Materials</u>			<u>404. -</u>
fill dirt	1. <sup>00</sup>	400 loads	25,377. <sup>28</sup>
gravel	1. <sup>00</sup>	70 gravel	400. -
tube 48"x50'	22. <sup>82</sup>	50 ft.	70. -
			<u>1,141. -</u>
			26,988. <sup>28</sup> total

Road F

2 tandems	73. <sup>25</sup>	80 hrs.	5,860. -
loader	69. <sup>38</sup>	40 hrs.	2,775. <sup>20</sup>
container	70. <sup>43</sup>	40 hrs.	2,825. <sup>20</sup>
4 men	8. <sup>69</sup>	160 hrs.	1,390. <sup>40</sup>
forman	10. <sup>68</sup>	40 hrs.	427. <sup>20</sup>
sick up	10. <sup>10</sup>	40 hrs.	404. -

Materials

0 steel 1.00

SD loads

13,682.-

50.-

13,732.- total

Grand total

55,690.<sup>48</sup>

# LINCOLN COUNTY

Frances Markus

16105 Page St. Kewal

April - 23 <sup>+</sup> - 1 1/2"	Aug. 14 - 1/10"
May - 12 - 1/10"	16 - shower
25 - 1/10"	18 - 1/10"
June 2 - 1/10"	22 - 1/10"
6 - 4/10"	Sept. 6 - 3/10"
7 - 1"	Oct. 11 - 4/10"
8 - 1"	
11 - 2/10"	12 7/10
13 - 3/10"	
15 - 3/10"	
16 - 4/10"	
18 - 2/10"	
25 - 1/2"	
July 19 - 1/10"	
25 - 1/10"	
28 thru Aug 1 - 2 1/10"	
Aug. 3 - 3/10"	
5 - 1"	
6 - 8/10"	
9 - 1/10"	
10 - 2/10"	
12 - 1/10"	



Rainfall - 1997

Joe Buckhaults  
10010 Co. Rd 27

Bill Patton  
17 1/2"  
21068 Co. Rd X

Jan.	-	.12
Feb.	-	.53
March.	-	.71
April	-	2.22
May	-	.72
June	-	1.87
July	-	2.26
Aug.	-	5.37
Sept.	-	.78
Oct.	-	<u>.40</u>

14. inch 98 hundredths

Bob Elliott 15460 Co. Hwy 63

April	1 in 2 tenths
May	1 in 1 tenth
June	1 1/2 inches
July	2 inches
Aug.	6 inches 8 tenths
	<u>11 1/2 inches</u>

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1997  
LINCOLN COUNTY  
RAINFALL RECORDED AT 11840 STATE ROAD 71  
(13 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KARVAL, COLORADO)

MAY 19----.2"

JUNE 7-----.4"

JUNE 9-----.7"

JUNE 10----.3"

JUNE 12----.2"

JUNE 15----.5"

JUNE 24----.1"

JUNE 25----.15"

JULY 27----- NOTHING HERE, MICROBURST WINDS AT LIMON

JULY 28----.75"

JULY 29--1.1" HORSE CREEK RUNNING BANK FULL PAST HERE  
HEAVIER RAINS NORTH OF HERE BELOW HIGHWAY 94

AUG. 2----1.4" DRENCHING RAIN CAME IN ABOUT 1 HR, FILLED  
CANAL SOUTH OF OUR DRIVEWAY

AUG.4 &5-2.5" SLOW RAIN ALL NIGHT UNTIL ABOUT NOON  
SECOND DAY - HORSE CREEK RUNNING AGAIN

AUG. 6-----.3"

AUG. 9-----.1"

AUG. 10----.2"

AUG. 29----.8"

AUG. 30----.1"

AUG. 31----.7"

SEPT. 1-----.1"

SEPT. 6-----.1"

OCT. 11----.4"

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OCT. 24 & 25----BLIZZARD!

*Recorded by  
Cherry Stogsdill*

## 4. Calculations and Estimates

## **Assumptions Used in the Hydraulic Computations**

In order to estimate peak discharges, the CWCB flood documentation team employed Manning's equation. The application of Manning's equation to open channel flow problems requires that several generalizing assumptions be made.

Flow in open channels typically occurs as turbulent flow over rough surfaces. Open channel flow is also seldom either steady or uniform. (Steady flow has characteristics that do not vary with time while uniform flow implies that a constant cross sectional area and velocity occur at each section within a reach.) Steady, uniform flow almost never occurs in open channels (Morris and Wiggert, *Applied Hydraulics in Engineering*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1972).

In engineering applications, the Manning's equation has been used extensively and has been shown to be quite reliable even though it is an empirical approach derived for application to the following conditions:

- uniform flow in which the rate of head loss is equal to the bed slope
- steady flow

The open channel flow computations contained herein are treated as approximate solutions based on the assumptions of both steady and uniform flow. In actuality, the floods investigated in this study generally exhibited rapidly-rising and receding floodwave conditions that occurred in highly variable natural channels and adjacent floodplains. Flow characteristics under these circumstances were unlikely to be either steady or uniform.

Approaches are available for estimating floodwave flows, but they require substantial amounts of time and data that were not practical for these investigations. Manning's equation was used due to its general acceptance in the engineering community, and because of its relative ease of application. The Manning "n" values used in the calculations were based on engineering judgement, the reasonableness of results, and the understanding that the "n" term represented energy loss factors not typically found in steady, uniform flows.



SOUTH RUSH CR. - LINCOLN COUNTY

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GIVEN:

1. SLOPE = 0.00186 per previous calc's (Appendix B)
2. ACTIVE FLOW AREA ESTIMATES - (APPENDIX B)
  - SECT. A = 1,997 ft<sup>2</sup> (approx. active flow area)
  - SECT. C = 1,931 ft<sup>2</sup> (approx. active flow area)
  - BRIDGE SECT. = 1,921 ft<sup>2</sup> (flowing to low steel in open channel conditions - negligible pressure.)
  - $\bar{X} = 1,950$  ft<sup>2</sup>
3. HYDRAULIC RADIUS AT - SEE APPENDIX B
  - SECT. A = 6.484 ft
  - SECT. C = 3.76 ft
  - BRIDGE SECT. = 8.80 ft
  - $\bar{X} = 6.35$  ft

FIND: PEAK FLOOD DISCHARGE AT THE LOCATION.

SOLUTION:

NOTE: 3. CROSS-SECTIONS AND THE BRIDGE SECTION WERE MEASURED AT THIS LOCATION. 2 SECTIONS (A, B) ARE 99 FT AND 231 FT RESP. UPSTREAM OF THE BRIDGE, AND SECT. C IS ABOUT 100 FT DOWNSTR.

FLOW WAS VERY WIDE (100's of feet) AND SHALLOW (0.5 TO 1.5 FT) TO THE SOUTH OF THE MAIN CHANNEL. MOST OF THIS HAS BEEN DISCOUNTED AS INACTIVE FLOW AREA.

THE ACTIVE FLOW AREA AND CORRESPONDING HYDRAULIC RADIUS ESTIMATED FOR SECT. A WILL BE USED TO ESTIMATE Q. THIS SEEMS TO FIT REASONABLY WELL WITH THE BRIDGE FLOW AREA IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS WITH JKB'S ACTIVE FLOW ESTIMATE FOR SECT. C, AND THE AVERAGE HYDRAULIC RADIUS.

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SOLUTION (CONT.)

THE  $n$  VALUE USED WILL BE THAT ESTIMATED IN THE FIELD FOR SECTION A. BY USING ONLY SECTION A, BRIDGE LOSSES AND THEIR EFFECT ON FLOW GEOMETRY AT SECTION C CAN BE IGNORED, AND THE DISCHARGE ESTIMATE SIMPLIFIED:

1.  $Q_p = \frac{1.49}{n} A R^{0.6667} S^{0.5}$  where  $n = 0.025$  initially

$\Rightarrow Q_p = \frac{1.49 (1,997) (6.48)^{0.6667} (0.00186)^{0.5}}{0.025}$

$\Rightarrow Q_p = \underline{17,841.5 \text{ cfs}}$  CHECK:  $V = Q/A = 17,841/1,997 = 8.93 \text{ fps}$

2. ALTERNATIVES:
- $n = 0.040 \Rightarrow Q = 11,151 \text{ cfs}, V = 5.58 \text{ fps}$
  - $n = 0.035 \Rightarrow Q = 12,744 \text{ cfs}, V = 6.38 \text{ fps}$
  - $n = 0.030 \Rightarrow Q = 14,868 \text{ cfs}, V = 7.44 \text{ fps}$
  - $n = 0.028 \Rightarrow Q = 15,930 \text{ cfs}, V = 7.98 \text{ fps}$
  - $n = 0.023 \Rightarrow Q = 19,393 \text{ cfs}, V = 9.71 \text{ fps}$

ANSWER:  $Q_p = 13,000$  to  $15,000 \text{ cfs}$  seems reasonable, with about  $15,000$  ( $n = 0.030$ ) judged the "best" answer.  $V = 6.5$  to  $7.5 \text{ fps}$ .

**Appendix B (Lincoln County):**

- Surveying field notes
- Survey data reduction (distances, angles, and cross-sections) primarily using an Excel spreadsheet.
- Supplemental calculations (based on surveying data) for channel slope, flow area, wetted perimeter, etc.
- Watershed map
- Site Photographs

10F4 RUSH CR., LINCOLN CO.

ARBITRARY DATUM I1 = 4000 ft

Jim Burrell  
Bill Elliott  
LEVEL: LEICA WILD NA20

June 3, 1998 1500 HR  
Partly Cloudy, 60°F  
Gusty Winds, Temp.  
Dropping to 40°

	TOP	MIDDLE	BOTTOM	EL
I-1 (HI = 4.82)				<u>4004.82</u>
A1	5.25	5.19	5.10	3999.63
A2	9.35	9.06	8.78	3995.76
A3	9.99	9.29	8.59	3995.53
A4	11.74	11.98	10.20	3992.84
A5	11.88	11.97	10.09	3992.85
A6	8.94	7.91	6.88	3996.91
A7	7.08	6.00	4.94	3998.82
A8	3.24	2.01	0.79	4002.81
slope from A7 to A8 continues uphill				

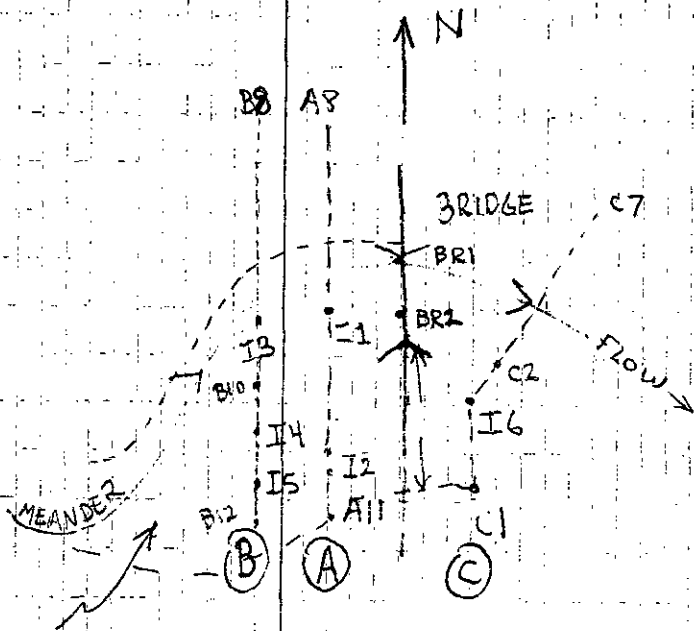
BRIDGE				
BR1 LR 31°	5.72	4.68	3.63	4000.14
	LOW STEEL	3.96 ab grnd (measured)		LS = 4004.1
BR2 LR 90°	9.99	9.49	9.00	3995.33
	LOW STEEL	7.16 ab grnd (measured)		LS = 4002.49

A9 LR 180°	6.72	5.81	4.90	3999.01
	A10	5.03	3.20	1.37

I2 at A10 HI = 4.84 4006.46

RT. EDGE OF DEBRIS	BSI1	8.32	6.50	4.66	3999.96
	A11	4.42	2.68	0.92	4002.78

Channel has deep wide pools  
separated by narrow, shallow riffles.



APPROX AREA OF FLOW  
VERY WIDE - BROKE OUT AT MEANDER.

		I1 = 4000.00 ft DATUM				
		TOP	M. DELE	BOTTOM	I3 INST.	
2 of 4	I3	6.01	5.07	4.13	4005.07	
	HI 5.12	XR = 02.5°		I3 GRND	3999.95	
	B1	5.04	4.87	4.71	4000.20	
	B2	8.21	7.93	7.65	3997.14	
	B3	9.13	8.55	7.98	3996.52	
	B4	11.66	11.04	10.46	3994.03	
	B5	11.95	11.21	10.46	3993.86	
PER BILL	CHANNEL	POOL	1.0 FT	SEE AT	B5	
	B6	10.74	9.98	9.24	3995.09	
	B7	10.63	9.73	8.83	3995.34	
	B8	2.57	1.57	0.57	4003.50	
CHANNEL BOTTOMS (THALWEG)						
	T1	XR 331.5°	12.09	11.06	10.03	3994.01
	T2	XR 59°	12.77	11.62	10.48	3993.45
	B9	5.98	5.50	4.03	3999.57	
I4 at	B9	HI =	5.16,	I4 INST =	4004.73	
	BSI3	6.21	4.73	3.26	4000.00	
	B10	4.00	2.96	1.92	4001.77	
XR 117°	BSI2	3.25	3.01	1.77	4001.72	
	B11	2.51	1.65	0.79	4003.08	
I5 at	B11	HI =	5.05,	I5 INST =	4008.13	
	BSI4	9.33	8.48	7.61	3999.65	
	B12	2.90	1.72	0.53	4006.41	
XR 251.5	BSI2	7.55	6.39	5.25	4001.74	

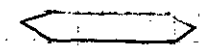
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NOTE: FLOW OCCURRED BEYOND B12 TO CURVE OF MEANDER.

PHOTOS 1. DEBRIS LINE IN TREE NR BRIDGE

2. BILL ELLET AT BRIDGE

NOTE: BRIDGE HAS 2 CONCRETE PIERS, EACH 1.50 FT WIDE, SHARP NOSED ON BOTH ENDS



CHRIS MONROE SAYS SO. BRIDGE APPROACH WAS WASHED OUT, GUARD RAIL IN AIR. PRESSURE FLOW AT BRIDGE, BASED ON WATER LEVEL DURING HIS VISIT IN 7/97.

NOTE: 0.05 TO 0.12 FT ERRORS AT I4, I5. THESE ARE LONG SHOTS, GETTING DARK, COLD, AND WINDY.

DOWNSTREAM OF BRIDGE

ELEVATION  
I2 = 4001.62

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I6	HI = 4.89	TOE	MIDDLE	BOTTOM	ELEV.
BS-I2	2.77	1.14	—	—	4001.62
≈ LR I2 to I1	= 112°		-40.5° = 71.5°		
C1	5.43	3.12	0.82	(3999.64)	
(at outer edge of debris to South)					
C1-C2	LR = 349° to 212°		= 223°		
C2	5.23	4.88	4.54	(3997.88)	
C3	8.57	8.24	7.81	(3994.52)	
C4	10.44	9.46	8.48	(3993.30)	
(right edge of water)					
C5	10.98	9.46	7.95	(3993.30)	
C6	8.47	6.82	5.18	(3995.94)	
C7	5.12	3.21	1.30	(3999.55)	
(left debris line)					

GROUND ELEVATION AT I6 = 4001.62 + 1.14 - 4.89  
= 3997.87

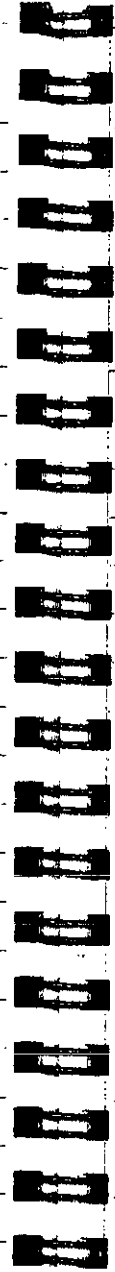
INSTR. ELEV. AT I6 = 4001.62 + 1.14 = 4002.76

NOTE: CANNOT SEE PAST BRIDGE AND ROAD FILL TO ANY POINTS EXCEPT I2 FROM DNSTR. SIDE (I6). 1/2 READING.

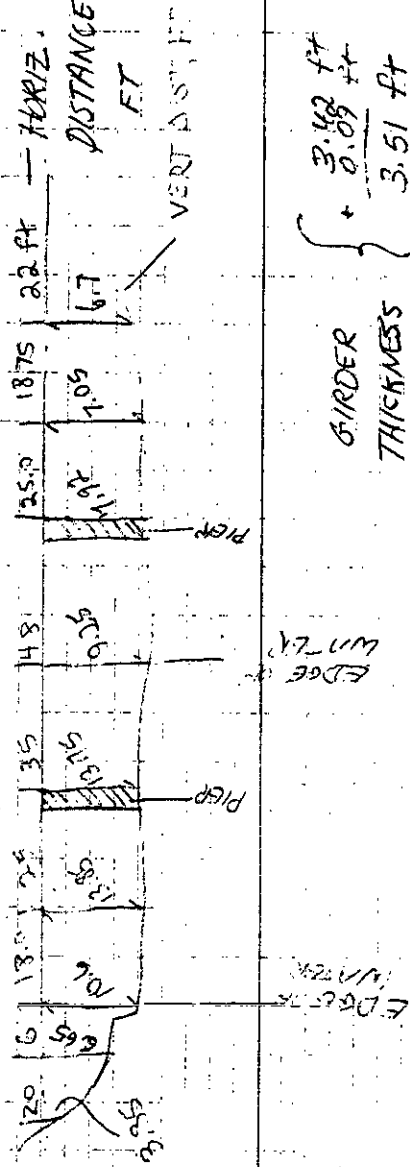
BILL PUT ROD ON I1 AFTER SHOT FROM I6 → I2. READ ANGLE I2-I6-I1 (APPROX) BY LINGING UP X-HAIRS TO TOP OF ROD OVER ROAD FILL. COULD NOT TAKE READINGS.

GETTING DARK ON C. TRANSECT - VERY LOW DENSE CLOUDS & WIND. TOOK SHOTS, WILL REDUCE NOTES LATER.

\* 6/4/98 - DATA REDUCTIONS IN PARENS.



BRIDGE: LOW STEEL TO GROUND



GIRDER THICKNESS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3.48 \text{ ft} \\ + 0.09 \text{ ft} \\ \hline 3.51 \text{ ft} \end{array} \right.$

ADD 2"-4" (MAX) FOR GRAVEL, TO TOP OF ROAD

ELEVATION VIEW DOWNSTREAM

NOTE: BRIDGE HAD PRESSURE FLOW

NOT REZCY! SEE

NOTE: 5 PAGES FURTHER ON.

"44 50. RUSH - LINCOLN CO.



SOUTH RUSH CR., LINCOLN COUNTY						Re-order	Re-calc	Arbitrary	Actual (a)
Arbitrary Datum = 4000.00 ft at I1						From Left	Horiz	Datum	Approx.
Transect	Point	High	Low	Distance	Coord	Bank	Coord, ft	Elevation	Elev., ft
A	I1			0.00		A8	0	4002.81	5112.81
	A1	5.25	5.10	15.00		A7	31	3998.82	5108.82
	A2	9.35	8.78	57.00		A6	39	3996.91	5106.91
	A3	9.99	8.59	140.00		A5	66	3992.85	5102.85
	A4	11.74	10.20	154.00		A4	91	3992.84	5102.84
	A5	11.88	10.09	179.00		A3	105	3995.53	5105.53
	A6	8.94	6.88	206.00		A2	188	3995.76	5105.76
	A7	7.08	4.94	214.00		A1	230	3999.63	5109.63
	A8	3.24	0.79	245.00		I1	245	4000.00	5110.00
	A9	6.72	4.90	182.00	-182	A9	427	3999.01	5109.01
	A10	5.03	1.37	366.00	-366	A10	611	4001.62	5111.62
	A11	4.42	0.92	350.00	-716	A11	961	4003.78	5113.78
NOTE: A9 through A11 are 180 degr. behind the instrument from A1 through A8.									
Thus, horizontal coordinate A9 = I1 - 182									
Thus, horizontal coordinate A10 = I1 - 366									
A11 is 350 ft beyond a second instrument set-up at A10, so its horizontal coordinate = I1 - 366 - 350									
(a) based on USGS topographic quad.									
SOUTH RUSH CR., LINCOLN COUNTY						Re-order	Re-calc	Arbitrary	Actual (a)
Arbitrary Datum = 4000.00 ft at I1						From Left	Horiz	Datum	Approx.
Transect	Point	High	Low	Distance	Coord	Bank	Coord, ft	Elevation	Elev., ft
B	I3			0.00		B8	0	4003.50	5113.50
	B1	5.04	4.71	33.00		B7	20	3995.34	5105.34
	B2	8.21	7.65	56.00		B6	50	3995.09	5105.09
	B3	9.13	7.98	115.00		B5	51	3993.86	5103.86
	B4	11.66	10.46	120.00		B4	80	3994.03	5104.03
	B5	11.95	10.46	149.00		B3	85	3996.52	5106.52
	B6	10.74	9.24	150.00		B2	144	3997.14	5107.14
	B7	10.63	8.83	180.00		B1	167	4000.20	5110.20
	B8	2.57	0.57	200.00		I3	200	3999.95	5109.95
	B9	6.98	4.03	295.00	-295	B10	287	4001.77	5111.77
	B10	4.00	1.92	208.00	-87	B9	495	3999.57	5109.57
	B11	2.51	0.79	172.00	-467	B11	667	4003.08	5113.08
	B12	2.90	0.53	237.00	-704	B12	904	4006.41	5116.41
NOTE: B9, B11, and B12 are 180 degr. behind the instrument (south) from B1 through B8.									
Thus, horizontal coordinate B9 = I3 - 295. Set up on this spot to extend transect - unfortunately it's too low.									
B10 is a long shot back towards I3, 208 ft from B9 (I4), so its distance from I3 = -295 + 208 = -87 ft from I3									
We weren't sure whether we could set up at B11 and get back sights, so had Bill stake B10 in case.									
Instrument positions were dictated by length of shot and topography, trying to minimize set-ups.									
B11 is 172 ft south beyond the second instrument set-up at B9, so its horizontal coordinate B11 = I3 - 295 - 172 = -467 from I3									
B12 is 237 ft south beyond a third instrument set-up at B11, so its horizontal coordinate B12 = I3 - 295 - 172 - 237 = -704 ft from I3									
SOUTH RUSH CR., LINCOLN COUNTY						Re-order	Re-calc	Arbitrary	Actual (a)
Arbitrary Datum = 4000.00 ft at I1						From Left	Horiz	Datum	Approx.
Transect	Point	High	Low	Distance	Coord	Bank	Coord, ft	Elevation	Elev., ft
C	I6			0.00	0	C7	0	3999.55	5109.55
	C1	5.43	0.82	461.00	-461	C6	53	3995.94	5105.94
	C2	5.23	4.54	69.00	69	C5	79	3993.30	5103.30
	C3	8.67	7.81	86.00	86	C4	186	3993.30	5103.30
	C4	10.44	8.48	196.00	196	C3	296	3994.52	5104.52
	C5	10.98	7.95	303.00	303	C2	313	3997.88	5107.88
	C6	8.47	5.18	329.00	329	I6	382	3997.87	5107.87
	C7	5.12	1.30	382.00	382	C1	843	3999.64	5109.64
C1 is behind I6, more or less to south; the rest are in front to the NE, perpend. to channel									

← DEBRIS LINE = WSEL (ASSUMED)

PER FIELD NOTES,  
LOW STEEL ON BRIDGE  
= 5110 + 4.1 = 5114.10  
and  
= 5110 + 2.49 = 5112.49

Sect. A is 99 ft from bridge w/c.

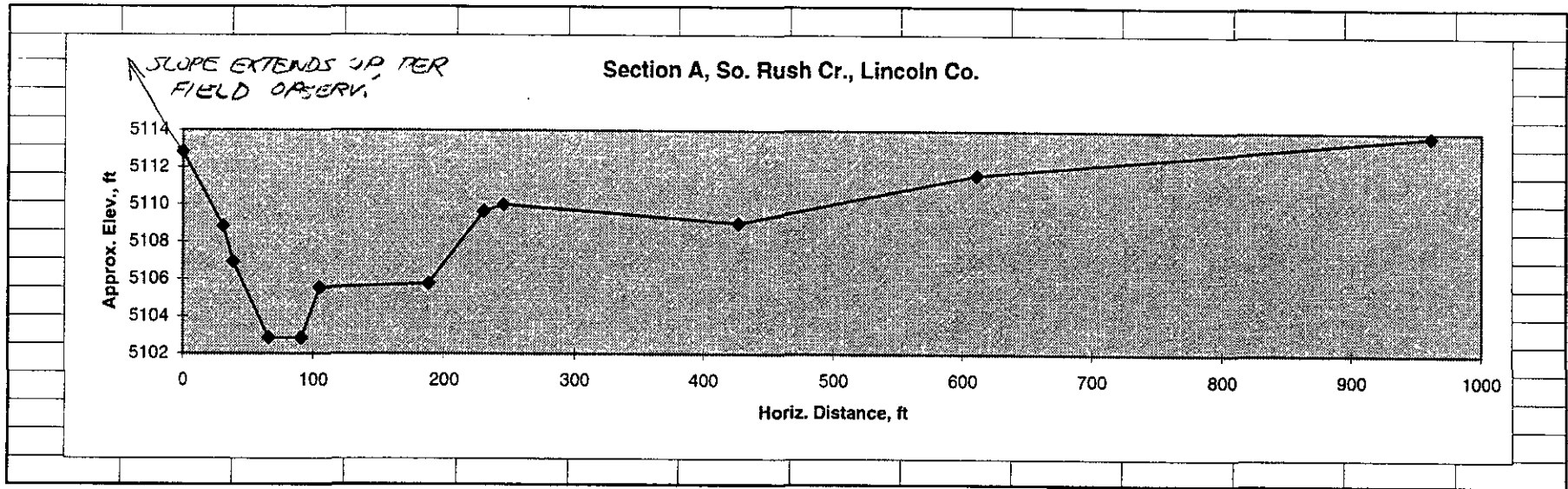
edge of w/c - road man says channel floor is about 1 ft deeper here.

edge of w/c pool. Bottom unknown.

water surface elev.

use 5109.60 at Sect. C.

Section A



SECT. A FLOW AREA (ACTIVE FLOW)

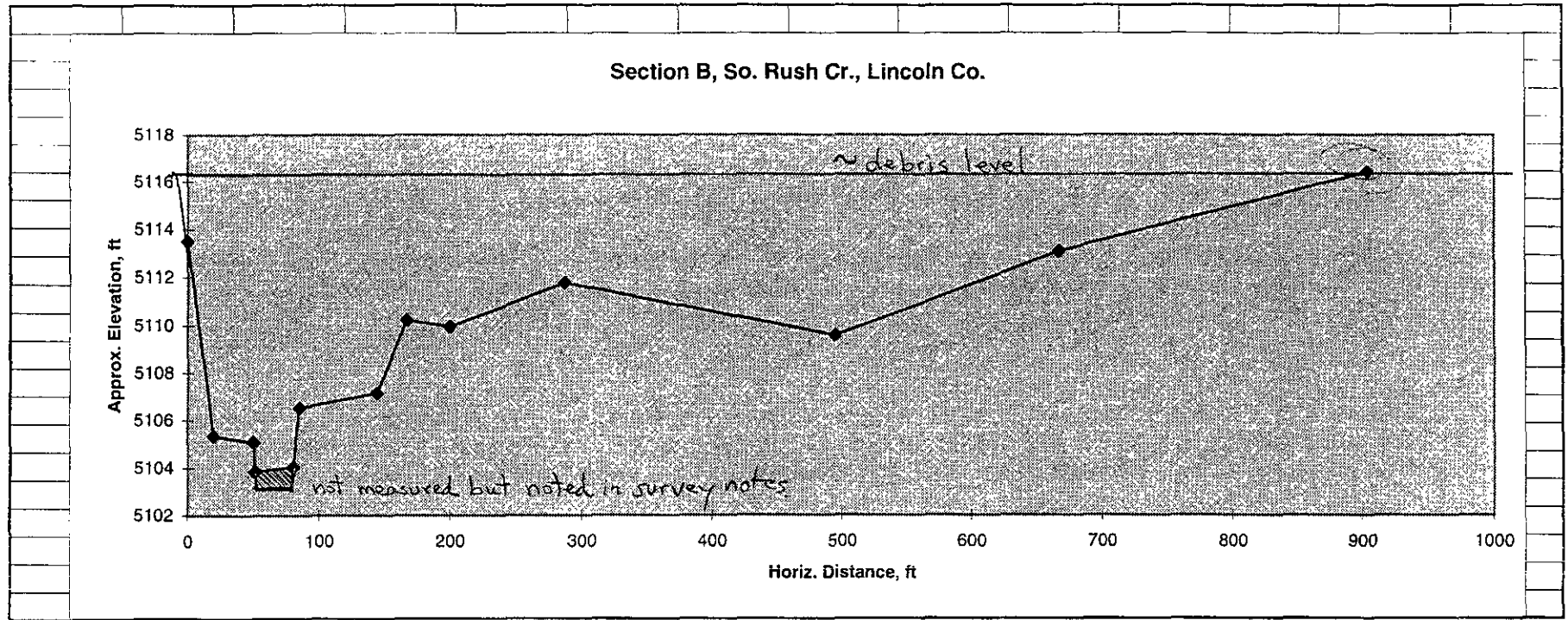
A. Original Data

1. Total Area below EL 5113.78 debris line  
= 3,575 ft<sup>2</sup> per Ana w/ AutoCad.
2. Wetted Perimeter of same = 969.6 ft
3.  $\bar{R} = \underline{3.687}$  ft

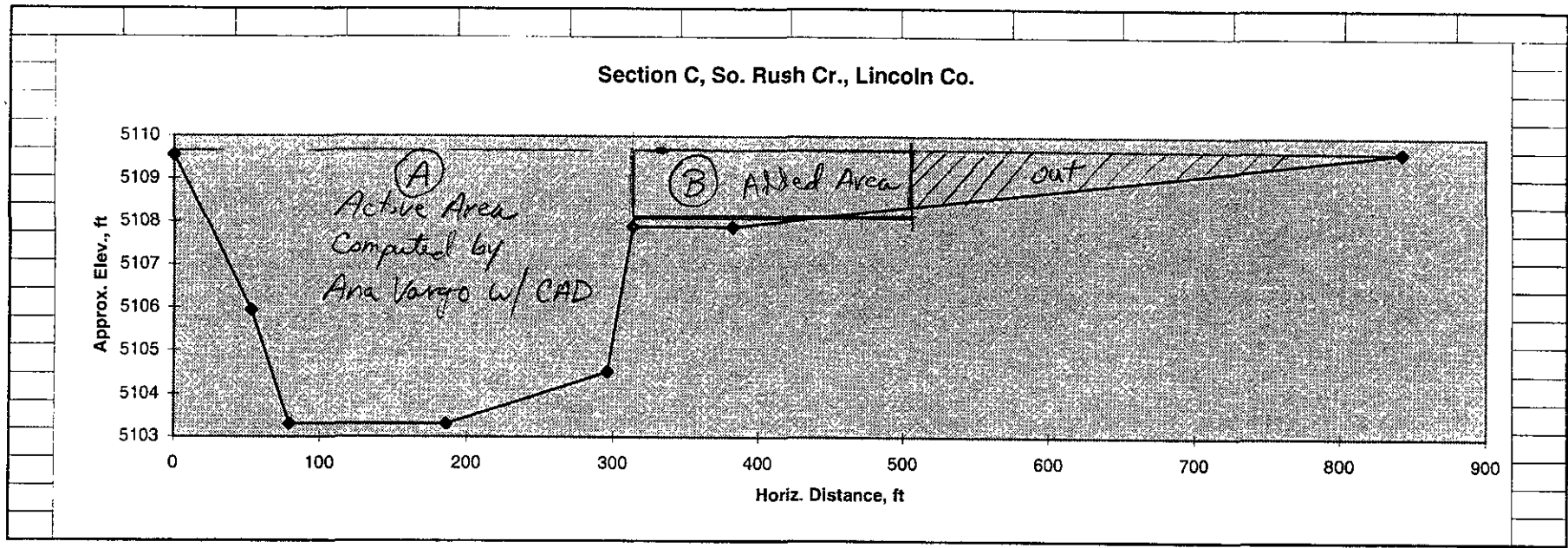
B. Revised, per JKB's estimate of Active Flow Area

1. per Ana & AutoCad  $\Rightarrow$  area = 1,997 ft<sup>2</sup>
2. wetted perimeter = 308.5 ft
3.  $\bar{R}_{rev.} = \underline{6.484}$  ft

Section B



1. FLOW AREA FROM ANA, PER AUTO CAD, = 4,913.33 ft<sup>2</sup>
2. WETTED PERIMETER = 914.72 ft
3. A/P = 5.2621 ft.



### SECTION C FLOW GEOMETRY

- A.
1. Section C Active Area (initial guess)  
from Ana =  $1585.60 \text{ ft}^2$
  2. Wetted Perimeter from Ana =  $313.6 \text{ ft}$
- B.
1. Added Area above =  $345 \text{ ft}^2$
  2. Added Perimeter =  $200 \text{ ft}$
  3. Revised Active Area =  $1586 + 345 = \underline{1931 \text{ ft}^2}$
  4. Revised Wetted Perimeter =  $314 + 200 = \underline{514 \text{ ft}}$
  5.  $R_{\text{revised}} = 1931 / 514 = \underline{3.76 \text{ ft}}$

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GIVEN: OPEN AREAS BELOW I-RONI FIELD NOTES, PAGE 4 OF 4, AT BRIDGE  
 $(22 \times 6.7) \cdot 0.5 = 73.7$

$$18.75 \cdot \left[ \frac{(7.05 + 6.7)}{2} \right] = 128.91$$

$$25 \cdot \left[ \frac{(7.92 + 7.05)}{2} \right] = 187.12$$

$$48 \cdot \left[ \frac{(9.25 + 7.92)}{2} \right] = 412.0$$

$$35 \cdot \left[ \frac{(13.75 + 9.25)}{2} \right] = 402.50$$

$$25 \cdot [13.8] = 345$$

$$18 \cdot \left[ \frac{(13.85 + 10.6)}{2} \right] = 220$$

$$6 \cdot \left[ \frac{(10.6 + 6.65)}{2} \right] = 52$$

$$20 \cdot \left[ \frac{(6.65 + 3.35)}{2} \right] = 100$$

FIND: TOTAL FLOW AREA AT BRIDGE =  $\Sigma$   $\rightarrow 1,921.23 \text{ ft}^2$

ANSWER: BRIDGE OPEN AREA =  $1921.23 \text{ ft}^2$

NOTE: ELEVATION CALC'S ON BRIDGE LOW STEEL INDICATE IT WAS ABOVE THE WATER SURFACE ON THE NORTH END OF THE BRIDGE (LOW CHORD = 5114.10 FT, WSEL = 5113.78 MAX). ON THE SOUTH END, THOUGH, THE LOW STEEL WAS SUBMERGED (LOW CHORD = 5112.49 FT.) DAMAGE TO APPROACH WAS ON SOUTH END.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVE FLOW OCCURRED OVER THE ROAD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE. THIS AREA IS DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY, SINCE THE ROAD WAS REPAIRED AND NO WATERMARKS WERE AVAILABLE.

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GIVEN: BRIDGE GEOMETRY FROM FIELD NOTES, PAGE 4 OF 4,  
AND FLOW AREA = 1921 ft<sup>2</sup> (per previous calcs)

FIND: HYDRAULIC RADIUS AT BRIDGE.

SOLUTION:

1. METHOD 1 ( $R = D$  for wide channel)

a. have the following heights, low steel to ground, with flow depth basically at low steel.

$$3.35 + 6.65 + 10.6 + 13.85 + 13.75 + 9.25 + 7.92 + 7.05 + 6.7$$

$$\Sigma = 79.12, \quad \bar{x} = 79.12/9 = \underline{8.79 \text{ ft}} \text{ for } R$$

b.  $R \approx A/T$ , where  $T = 20 + 6 + 18 + 25 + 35 + 48 + 25 + 19 + 22$   
 $= \underline{218 \text{ ft}}$

$$R = 1921/218 = \underline{8.81 \text{ ft}}$$

c. THESE ARE THE SAME THING DUE TO  $A = f(T, Y)$ . NO POINT IN GOING FURTHER SINCE THIS IS ALL THE DATA THERE IS.

ANSWER:  $R = \underline{8.80 \text{ ft}}$

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GIVEN:

A. HAVE THE FOLLOWING ANGLES RIGHT & ROD READINGS FROM INSTR. POINT

	HIGH	LOW	ELEVATION
T1 = 331.5°	12.09	10.03	3994.01
T2 = 59°	12.77	10.48	3993.45

WHERE T1, T2 ARE POINTS ON THE CHANNEL THALWEG ALONG A FAIRLY STRAIGHT STREAM REACH.

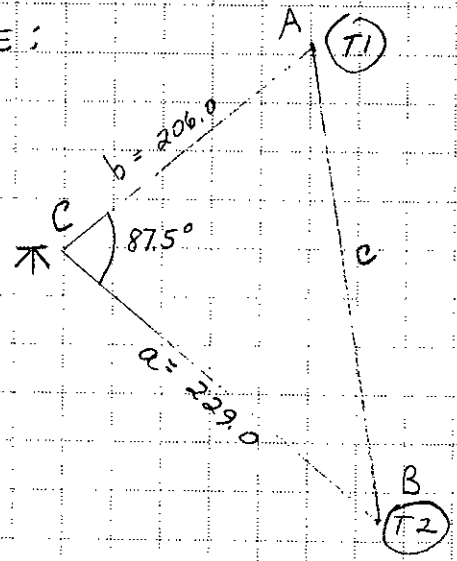
FIND: CHANNEL SLOPE

SOLUTION:

A. ANGLE SUBTENDED =  $(360 - 331.5) + 59 = 28.5 + 59 = \underline{87.5^\circ}$

B. DISTANCES:  $T1 = (12.09 - 10.03) \times 100 = 206.0 \text{ ft}$   
 $T2 = (12.77 - 10.48) \times 100 = 229.0 \text{ ft}$

C. HAVE:



1. By Cosine Law:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

$$= (229)^2 + (206)^2 - 2(229 \times 206) \cos 87.5^\circ$$

$$= (90,761.6)^{1/2}$$

$$= \underline{301 \text{ ft}}$$

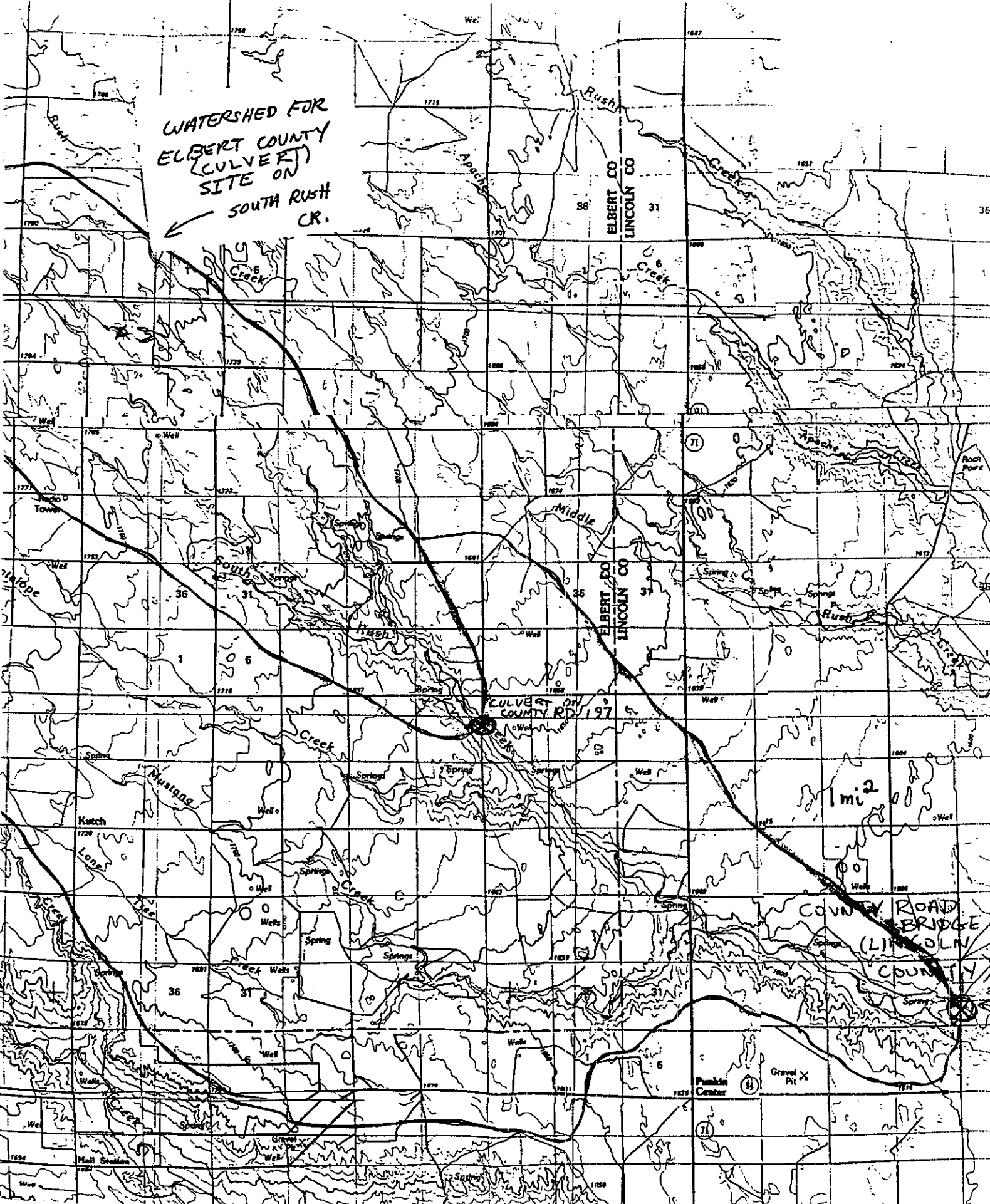
2.  $\Delta EL = 3994.01 - 3993.45$   
 $= 0.56 \text{ ft}$

3. SLOPE =  $\frac{0.56}{301} = 0.00186 \text{ ft/ft}$

ANSWER:

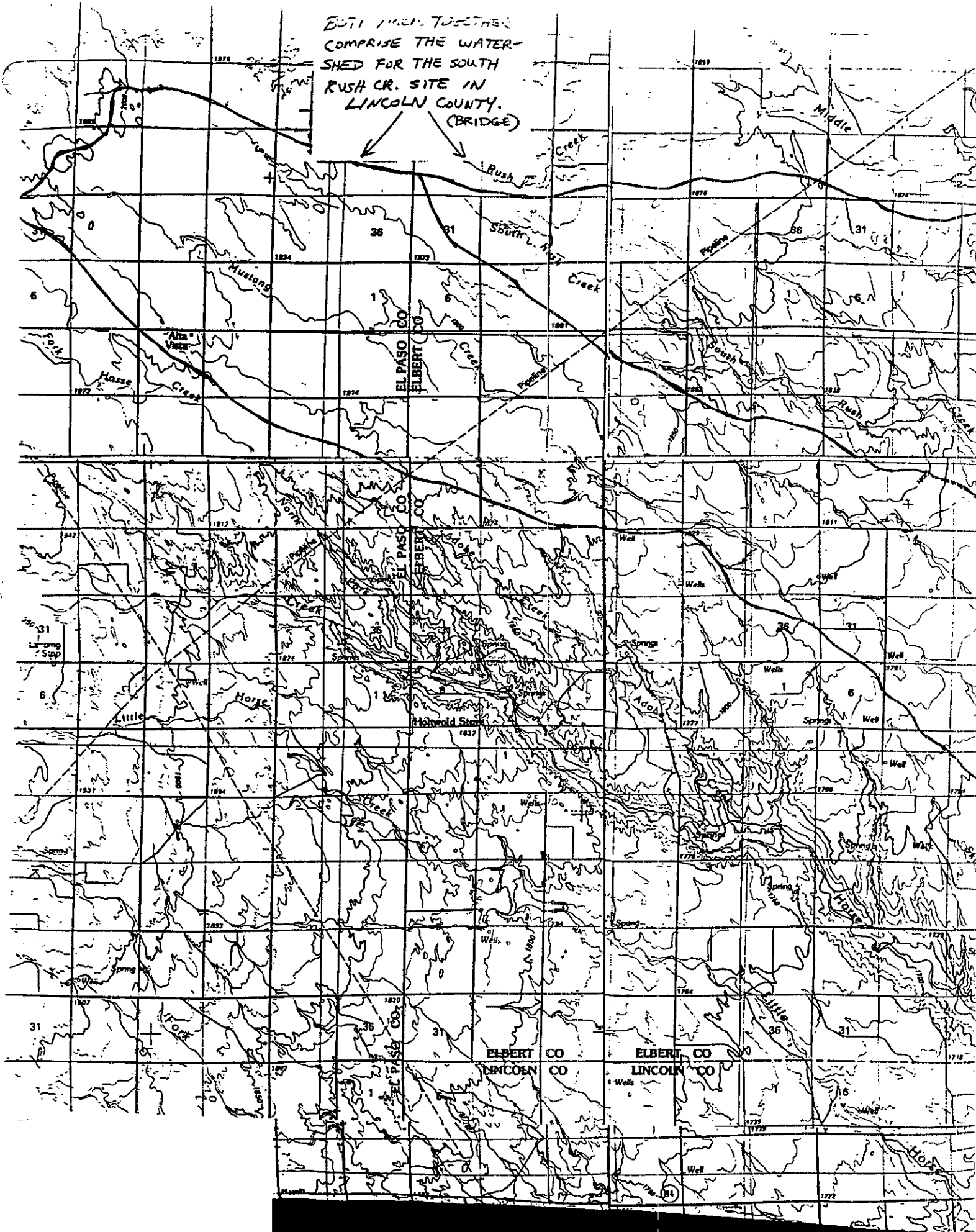
$S = 0.00186 \text{ ft/ft}$

WATERSHED FOR  
ELBERT COUNTY  
(CULVERT)  
SITE ON  
SOUTH RUSH  
CR.



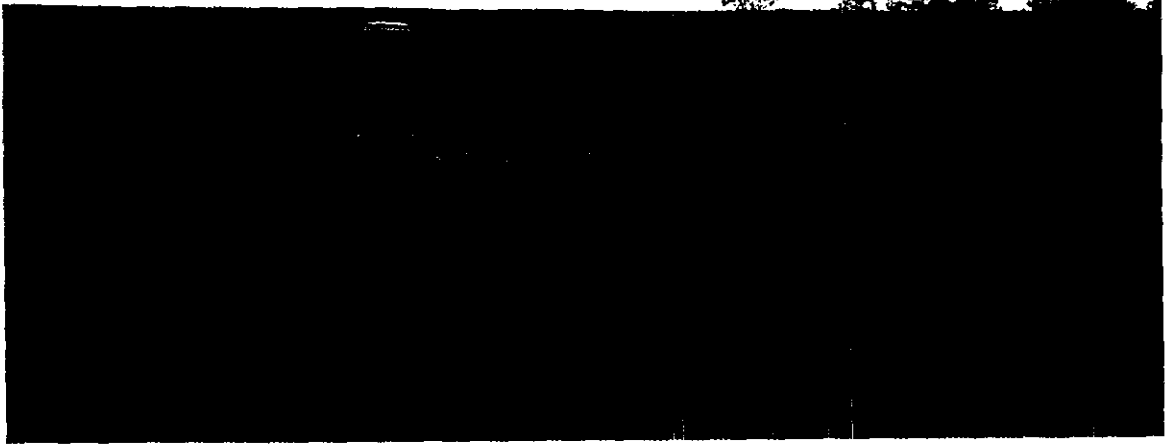


BOTH MAPS TOGETHER  
COMPRISE THE WATER-  
SHED FOR THE SOUTH  
RUSH CR. SITE IN  
LINCOLN COUNTY.  
(BRIDGE)

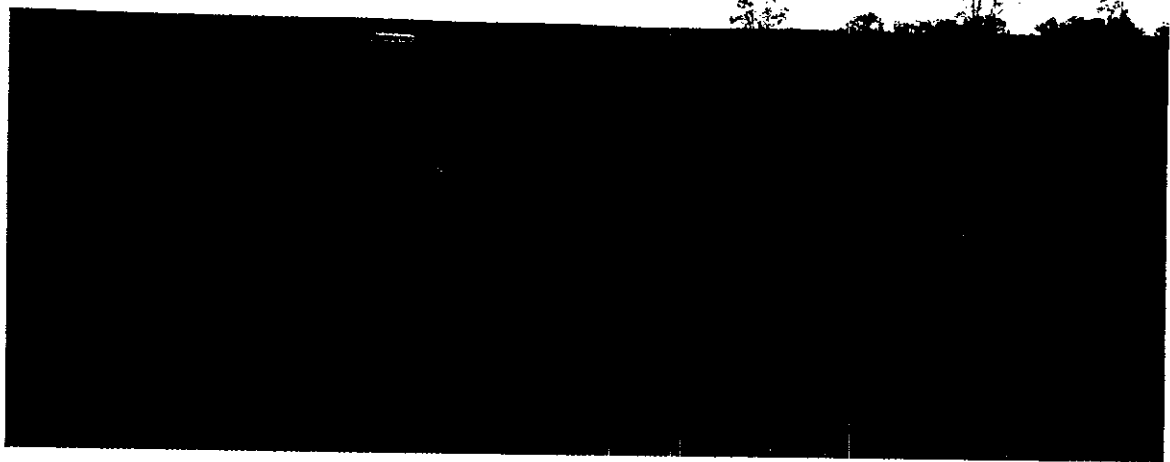




- So. Ross Co. in Warren County, looking upstream at bridge. Flow is generally toward the newer South approach (on left of picture) was measured on upstream side as flow moved from the river into basin to the main channel.
- Note scattered flood debris in foreground.



Overtank area upstream bridge in previous picture.  
The entire foreground & middle ground of the picture  
was covered by water 1 to 2 ft deep.



Overbank area upstream bridge in previous picture.  
The entire foreground & middle ground of the picture  
was covered by water 1 to 2 ft deep.

Subject: <u>SOUTH RUSH CR. DISCHARGE SUMMARY</u> Computed: <u>JAB</u> Date: <u>6/1/98</u> Checked: _____ Date: _____	Project/Proposal Name: <u>CWCB FLOOD STUDY</u> Project/Proposal No.: <u>D479</u> Task: <u>54</u> Page <u>1</u> of <u>2</u>
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GIVEN: South Rush Cr. calculations for Elbert County site (upstr.) and Lincoln County site (8.3 mi. downstr.), as follows:

1. FLOW GEOMETRY

COUNTY	FLOW AREA, ft <sup>2</sup>	WETTED PERIMETER, ft	HYDRAULIC RADIUS, ft	SLOPE ft/ft	T ft	Y <sub>max</sub> , ft
ELBERT	2,860	361	7.9	0.00144	350	~15
LINCOLN (at bridge)	~1,930	218	~8.8	0.00186	218 +	~13

2. ROUGHNESS CONDITIONS - RAPIDLY RISING FLOOD WAVE, WITH:

ELBERT - COTTONWOODS, CULVERT & ROAD FILL IN A V-SHAPED VALLEY W/ GRASSY SLOPES, MUCH VEGETAL DEBRIS, SAND TRANSPORT, ROAD REMOVED & CULVERT DESTROYED.

LINCOLN - GRASSLANDS W/ SHORT REEDS IN A WIDE VALLEY, SCOUR & FILL FORMING HOLES & BARS, BRIDGE SECTION FLOWING (JUST) FULL, SOUTH APPROACH TO BRIDGE WASHED OUT, MUCH VEGETAL DEBRIS AT EDGES OF FLOW.

3. FLOW CALCULATIONS - PEAK DISCHARGE

n	ELBERT		LINCOLN	
	Q, cfs	V, fps	Q, cfs	V, fps
0.040	16,055	5.6	11,151	5.58
0.035	18,350	6.5	12,744	6.38
0.030	21,408	7.5	14,868	7.44
0.028	22,937	8.0	15,930	7.98

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FIND: REASONABLE DISCHARGES AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE 2 SITES.

DISCUSSION: AT ANY GIVEN  $n$  VALUE, THE LINCOLN COUNTY SITE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS DISCHARGE AND APPROXIMATELY THE SAME VELOCITY AS THE ELBERT COUNTY SITE. RAINFALL IN THE WATERSHED WAS DISTRIBUTED HEAVILY OVER THE ELBERT COUNTY AREA, TAPERING OFF SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE REST OF THE WATERSHED, THUS, THE LINCOLN COUNTY SITE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MORE CONTRIBUTING PRECIPITATION IN SPITE OF A LARGER WATERSHED AREA.

THE SLOPE IS SLIGHTLY FLATTER UPSTREAM IN ELBERT COUNTY (INTERESTING...). THE WETTED PERIMETER IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER IN PROPORTION TO AREA IN ELBERT COUNTY VS. LINCOLN. ALSO, THE LINCOLN SITE IS PROBABLY A BIT SMOOTHER HYDRAULICALLY; VEGETATION (ESPECIALLY COTTONWOODS) PROBABLY INCREASES THE  $n$  VALUE FOR ELBERT COUNTY. THE SLOPES ARE VERY CLOSE AND PROBABLY WITHIN ERROR TOLERANCES, ESPECIALLY FOR DISTURBED SITES HAVING A LOT OF NATURAL VARIATION FROM SECTION TO SECTION.

CONCLUSION: GO WITH  $n = 0.040$  FOR A RAPIDLY RISING FLOOD CREST IN THE COTTONWOODS AT THE ELBERT SITE. THIS GIVES  $Q = 16,000$  cfs AND  $V = 5.6$  fps. DOWNSTREAM, THE RISE WAS ATTENUATED, BUT BRIDGE EFFECTS AND DEBRIS STILL PERTAINED. GO WITH  $n = 0.032$ ; THIS GIVES  $Q = 14,000$  cfs AND  $V = 7.0$  fps. ADD/SUBTRACT 1,000 cfs TO EITHER VALUE FOR A RANGE OF  $Q$  AT EACH SITE.

ANSWER:  $Q_{ELBERT} = 15,000$  TO  $17,000$  cfs.

$Q_{LINCOLN} = 13,000$  TO  $15,000$  cfs.

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**Section II, County Specific Information, Subsections H - N**

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## **FLOOD OF JULY 1997**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### *Summary*

On the morning of July 30, 1997 the CWCB was advised by Logan County residents that an intense rainstorm had occurred over the Pawnee Creek watershed on July 29, 1997. The resulting flood flow elevations in Pawnee Creek were reported to be "higher than the flood of 1965." State and local officials were immediately concerned for the life and safety of residents, motorists, and visitors in the Pawnee Creek floodplain downstream of the rainstorm area. In particular, the communities of Atwood and Sterling, Colorado were in the direct path of flood flows or flood overflows from Pawnee Creek. This memo summarizes the key elements of the flood event of 1997.

### *Purpose*

The purpose of this report is to document the flooding of July 29-31, 1997 in the Pawnee Creek watershed. The documentation will provide area residents, others affected by the flooding, and agencies and entities involved in post-flood study and mitigation with basic information about the flooding and its impacts. In addition, the report will contribute to preliminary decisions about flood hazard mitigation.

## II. STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

### *Community Description*

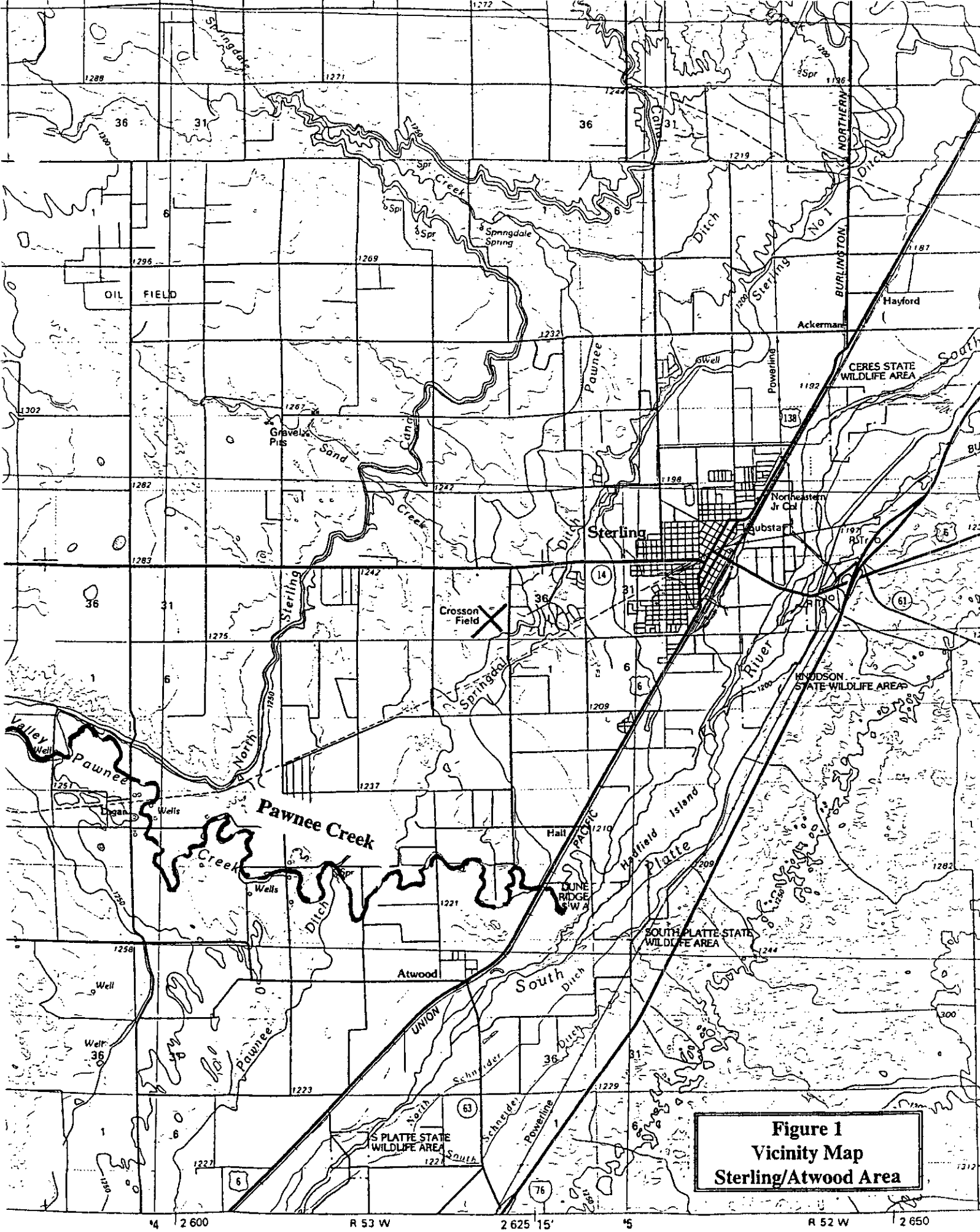
The study area for this report includes portions of Logan and Weld Counties, which are located in northeastern Colorado. In addition to the unincorporated county areas, affected communities include Sterling and Atwood. The City of Sterling, the county seat of Logan County, is located approximately 125 miles northeast of Denver. Sterling is the largest community in Logan County, and has a population of about 11,000 (1995 estimate). The total population within Logan County is about 19,000 (1995 estimate).

### *Watershed Description*

Pawnee Creek is a left bank tributary to the South Platte River and drains an area of about 700 square miles. The watershed is located in extreme northeast Colorado mainly within Logan County and Morgan County. The mouth of the creek is located about 5 miles southwest of Sterling and about 1 mile northeast of Atwood in Logan County. The watershed elevation ranges from about 3,980 feet to 5,400 feet. The soils in the basin are mostly loams and clay loams, with sandstone, shale, and siltstone outcroppings. Land use consists of open range land and a significant amount of irrigated cropland in the lower part of the basin. The mean annual precipitation for the basin ranges from 14 to 16 inches.

Although Pawnee Creek itself is not located in or adjacent to Sterling, the U.S. Highway 6 and the Burlington/Union Pacific Railroad embankments are major obstructions which divert flow from the main channel toward the northeast. Figure 1 presents a vicinity map of the Atwood and Sterling area.

Map of Entire Basin, showing Atwood +  
Sterling



**Figure 1**  
**Vicinity Map**  
**Sterling/Atwood Area**

### ***Flooding Problems and Flood History***

Flooding on Pawnee Creek can occur as a result of general rains over large areas, or from local thunderstorms over smaller areas. A significant flood event on Pawnee Creek occurred on June 14/15, 1965. A peak flow estimate of 35,200 cfs was indirectly measured at the Colorado Highway 14 bridge approximately 10 miles upstream from Atwood. During the 1965 event, overflows from Pawnee Creek flooded areas on the west side of Sterling and did not affect the residential and business (downtown) areas on the east side of the city.

The 1965 flood event was preceded by another large flood event in May of 1935. Discharge estimates for the 1935 event are not readily available.

### **III. JULY 1997 FLOOD EVENT**

Heavy rains in northeast Colorado during the week of July 28, 1997 caused significant flooding in several areas including Fort Collins, Weldona, Atwood, and Sterling. Rainfall over the Pawnee Creek watershed on the evening of July 29 saturated agricultural/range lands and caused major storm runoff in the tributaries and main channel. Flood waters in the Pawnee Creek floodplain crested in Atwood at approximately 3pm on July 30. Flood waters from the Pawnee overflow first reached the south side of Sterling at about 4pm, and then crested in the downtown area around midnight on July 30th.

Flood documentation was performed by the CWCB in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers (Omaha District) and the CSU Extension Office in Logan County. The majority of the field work for the flood documentation occurred on August 5-7, 1997. Team members for the flood documentation efforts are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1 - Flood Documentation Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Larry Lang	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Tom Browning	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Carolyn Adams	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Selma Kessler	Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Lynn Shaw	Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Randy Buehler, Wes, and Tracy	CSU Extension Office, Logan County

In addition, CWCB staff assisted the City of Sterling with flood fighting efforts on the night of July 30 and the morning of July 31. A video of the floodwaters in and around Sterling during the actual event was recorded by the CWCB.

### ***Storm Characteristics and Rainfall Information***

A severe thunderstorm produced extremely heavy rain in Weld and Logan Counties on the evening of July 29 and into the early morning hours of July 30. Point rainfall amounts of up to 15 inches in a 4 to 8 hour time period were reported in the upper watershed areas of Pawnee

Creek. An unusual weather pattern within northeastern Colorado had been producing above average rains and intense thunderstorms since June of this year. The weather pattern seemed to be caused by a combination of the monsoonal moisture from the southwest, the position of the jet stream, and other factors. The weather conditions which produced severe storms and flooding in 1997 were not unlike the conditions that existed in 1965.

A rainfall bucket survey, which included areas within Logan County and eastern Weld County, was performed by the flood documentation team. A map showing the collected rainfall amounts is presented as Figure 2.

***Hydrologic and Hydraulic Characteristics***

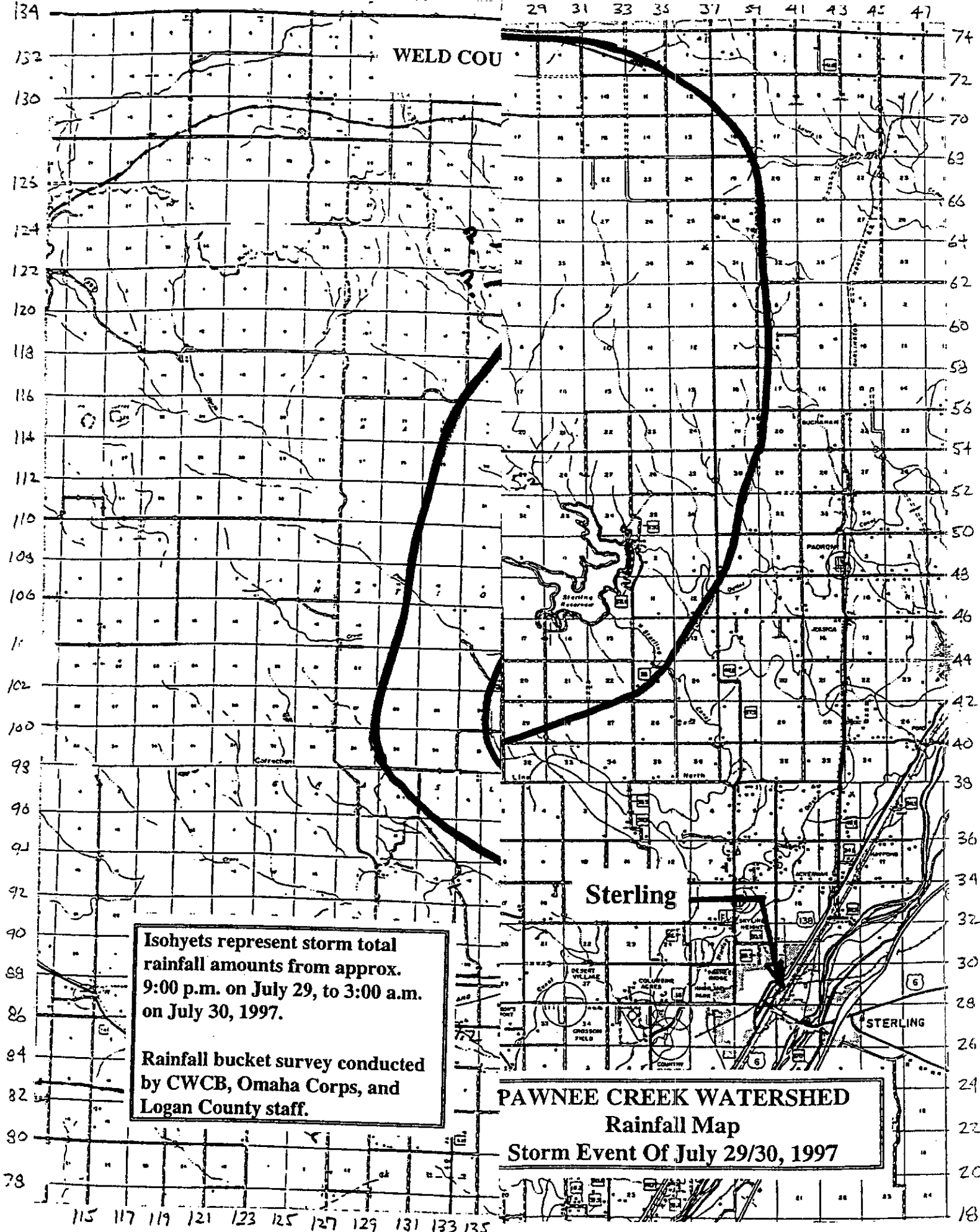
In order to estimate peak discharges at various stream and overflow locations, the flood documentation team identified cross-section locations, flagged high water marks, and field surveyed channel and overflow cross-sections for the Pawnee Creek flooded areas. A private surveying company, which was under contract with the City of Sterling, surveyed several cross-sections that were located and marked by the flood documentation team. Data from the field surveys was transmitted to the CWCB and forwarded to the Omaha Corps for review and analysis.

In general, this was a very significant flood event. Peak flow estimates on the Pawnee Creek mainstem above Colorado Highway 14 ranged from 40,000 to over 70,000 cfs (These are preliminary estimates that need to be finalized). An eyewitness account from one landowner (located along the left bank of the creek approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Highway 14) pegged the 1997 high water mark at about 5 to 6 feet above the 1965 high water mark. Another landowner downstream of Highway 14 estimated that the 1997 peak flow rate was at least 50% higher than the 1965 peak flow rate.

The Pawnee Creek flows and the overflows into Sterling were estimated by field surveying high water marks, ground slopes, water surfaces slopes, and floodplain cross-sections. The Pawnee overflow into Sterling was based on survey data taken perpendicular to Highway 6 and the railroad embankment near the Riverside Cemetery. The flow estimates were made by using indirect flow measurement techniques. The resulting discharge estimates are presented in the table below:

**PRELIMINARY FLOW ESTIMATES**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimated Peak Flow (cfs)</b>
Pawnee overflow into Sterling near Riverside Cemetery	3,800
Pawnee overflow perpendicular to Highway 6 and railroad at the Riverside Cemetery.	2,500
Pawnee Creek u/s of Highway 14 (section 1)	40,000 to 70,000
Pawnee Creek u/s of Highway 14 (section 2)	40,000 to 70,000
Pawnee Creek (section 3)	No survey data at this time
Pawnee Creek (section 4)	No survey data at this time



WELD COU

Isohyets represent storm total rainfall amounts from approx. 9:00 p.m. on July 29, to 3:00 a.m. on July 30, 1997.

Rainfall bucket survey conducted by CWCBC, Omaha Corps, and Logan County staff.

**PAWNEE CREEK WATERSHED**  
**Rainfall Map**  
**Storm Event Of July 29/30, 1997**

**Sterling**

STERLING

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Add:

- 1) Existing floodplain information
- 2) Map of where cross sections were taken
- 3) Plots of cross-sections
- 4) Floodplain delineations where possible  
(i.e. @ Atwood + Sterling)

Flow widths for the surveyed cross-sections across the Pawnee Creek floodplain ranged from about 1,600 feet at the upstream end, to several thousand feet at the downstream end. The flow depth in the confined channel at the upstream cross-section was just over 11 feet, while the flow depth closer to Atwood was much more wide and shallow, with depths on the order of 4 feet.

A landowner who witnessed the entire flood flow on Pawnee Creek several mile upstream of Atwood (and downstream of Colorado Highway 14), was able to assist the team in re-creating a flood hydrograph.

#### **IV. FACTORS THAT INFLUENCED THE PAWNEE CREEK OVERFLOW**

The City of Sterling lies approximately 4 miles northeast of the confluence of Pawnee Creek and the South Platte River. The community of Atwood lies about 1.5 miles to the southwest of the confluence. The Atwood area is located within the natural floodplain of Pawnee Creek, however Sterling is not. The majority of flood flows from the Pawnee drainage into Sterling are mainly due to man-made obstructions. The U.S. Highway 6 embankment and the Union Pacific Railroad embankment run parallel to each other along the west side of the South Platte River. These two embankments act as diversion structures because flood flows on the Pawnee are not able to pass through the existing bridges and over the embankments directly to the South Platte River. When flow in the Pawnee is high enough, a portion of the flow is diverted to Sterling along the embankments toward the northeast. This was the case in 1935, 1965, and 1997. This situation is known as the "Pawnee Overflow." The estimated overflow in 1965 was 5,000 cfs, while the estimated overflow in 1997 was 3,800 cfs.

Existing floodplain mapping for Sterling indicates that the Pawnee Overflow would travel along the highway and railroad embankments toward Sterling, and would then flow toward the western side of Sterling, rather than the eastern side. The assumption of the westerly flow was based on available documentation for the actual flood event of 1965. During the 1997 flood event, the Pawnee Overflow continued in a northeasterly direction and inundated most of eastern Sterling, including the downtown area and central business district. The flooded portion of Sterling in 1997 was generally mapped in the FEMA 500-year floodplain, while the unflooded portion of Sterling was generally mapped in the FEMA 100-year floodplain. There are some qualitative explanations as to why the 1965 flooded area (and the mapped FEMA floodplain) is different than what actually happened in July of 1997. The explanations are summarized below.

- Development has occurred on the southern end of Sterling that has changed the topography and the drainage patterns.
- The 1965 flood occurred in mid-June when the corn stalks were not very tall. The 1997 flood occurred at the end of July when corn stalks were over 6 feet tall. Hundreds of acres of corn fields south of Sterling diverted water by acting as barriers to the flow. Debris, hay, and other materials were caught in the corn fields, thus diverting water toward the northeast.

Add:

- 1) Map showing specific hydraulic problems @ Atwood
- 2) Cross-sections @ Atwood
- 3) Map showing specific hydraulic problems near Sterling
- 4) Map of flow path @ south end of Sterling, then through town

- Individual levees along the edges of farm fields may have diverted flow in directions that were different from the 1965 flow path.
- Although the Pawnee Creek peak flow in 1997 was higher than in 1965, the Pawnee Overflow in 1997 was less. The flood hydrograph in 1965 contained a higher volume of water over a longer duration. The 1997 flood waters “ran out of gas” before western Sterling became inundated.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board is considering alternative flood hazard mitigation plans for Sterling. The proposed mitigation plans will be included in a separate document that will be published at a later date.

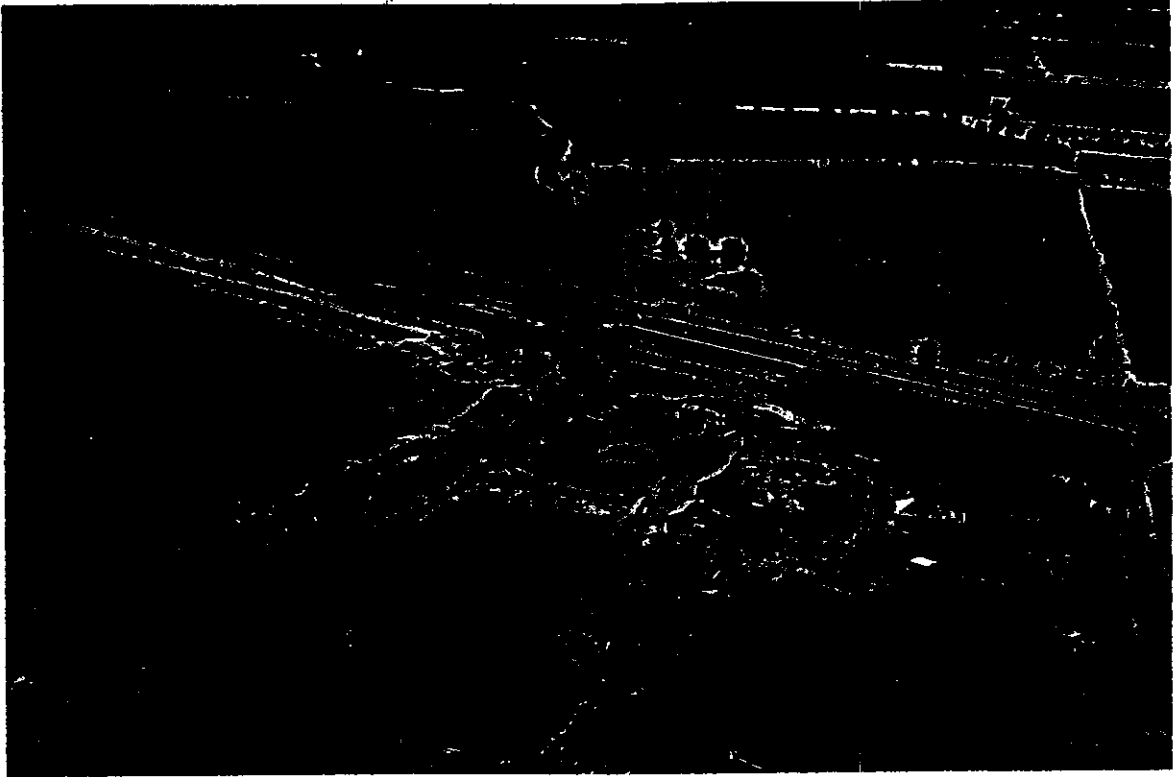
## **V. FLOOD DAMAGES**

Floodwaters from Pawnee Creek and the Pawnee Overflow damaged or destroyed homes, businesses, utilities, bridges, highway and railroad embankments, county roads, crops and farm land, irrigation facilities, streambanks, vegetation, and vehicles. Very preliminary damage amounts for the Sterling area were estimated to be in the range of 10 million dollars. More detailed damage information will be made available by FEMA for inclusion in this report.

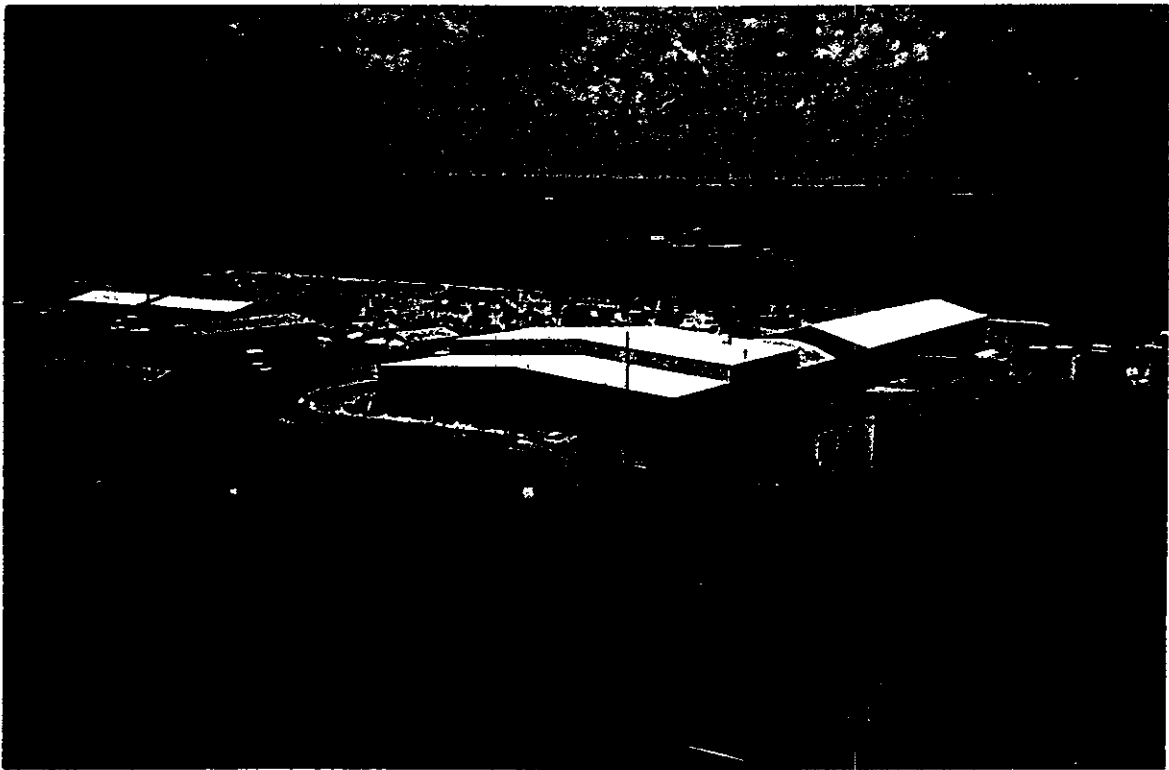
General map showing areas of low,  
moderate, high damage

- 1) infrastructure
- 2) agricultural
- 3) residential + commercial

**APPENDIX A**  
**FLOOD PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Pawnee Creek at Highway 6 and the UPRR embankment**



**Pawnee Creek Overflow south of Sterling**

**APPENDIX B**  
**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**



# Colorado & The West

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## Floodwaters force evacuations

### Residents flee Atwood; patients airlifted from hospital in Sterling

By Ann Imse  
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

The residents of Sterling and Atwood could see disaster flowing their way.

As much as 15 inches of rain dropped on the Pawnee National Grassland northwest of the two towns overnight Tuesday.

Then the water poured down Pawnee Creek — normally a dry ditch "no wider than your bathtub," as one local described it — and grew into a seven-mile sheet of water that steadily rolled across the flatlands and reached the towns by Wednesday.

The slow-moving flood gave authorities time to warn residents, pluck 40 people from their roofs in Atwood and evacuate all the patients from the Sterling hospital.

"People were just patiently waiting until someone could get them off their rooftops," said National Guard Maj. Gen. William Westerdahl.

But if the devastation took its time, it hit with a vengeance when it arrived.

Atwood was empty by 9 a.m. when the floodwaters completely inundated the town of 70 people.

Some houses were under 8 feet of water.

"It came in with a real lot of force," said Roma Mason, Atwood's postmistress, as she stood at the edge of town watching water pour through her post office.

Raging floodwaters closed half a dozen state highways in a 60-mile swath from Sterling west to Goodrich, shut bridges, damaged roads and covered fields.

The Colorado Army National Guard flew its helicopters to the plains after Gov. Roy Romer ordered them to assist in rescue efforts for the worst flooding in the area in 30 years.

Helicopter pilots reported more than 100 houses and 30 vehicles underwater in Atwood alone, before the flood spread to Sterling.

The hospital evacuation began about 7:30 p.m. as water lapped at the curb, clouds darkened and winds gusted up to 20 mph.

Three helicopters transported the most seriously ill to northern Colorado Medical Center in Greeley.

They closed the hospital for fear rising water could take out the electricity, James Bowey, director of Support Services for the Sterling Regional Medical Center, said.

"We really don't know how high the water will get. So we're not taking chances," he said.

"I hear it's raining like a ban-



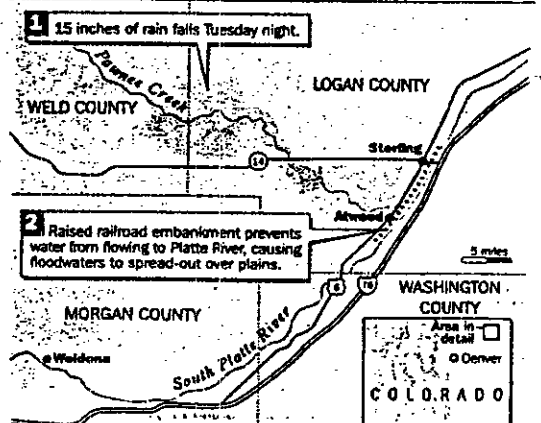
Photos by Patrick Davidson/Rocky Mountain News

Lydia Meisner looks skyward as she waits to board a bus for evacuation from the hospital in Sterling. Some patients were airlifted.



Firefighters, from left, Rod McClaren, Steve Verow and Marv Stanley, stay together in Sterling.

### EASTERN PLAINS FLOODING



See STERLING on 16A

Eric Baker/Rocky Mountain News

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Spoke With: C.W. Scott, Morgan County

Company/Affiliation: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Phone no.: (970) 867-8568

Project No.: Cindy Hottle, Farm Service Agency

Comments: Damage Estimates to Crops  
acres Affected % damage <sup>loss</sup> hail, rain, flooding

July 19  
wheat  
corn

no estimates

June 2

June 10 - wet microburst

June 24 - wheat damage.

July 30  
wheat

- 2,000 - 10%
- Corn ~~7,000~~ ~~8,000~~
- Pinto 700 - 7%
- Sug. Beets 1000 - 5%
- Alfalfa 4000 - 35%
- Grain sorghum 200 - 5%
- Pasture land 7000 - unknown

July 31

Aug 3-4  
wheat

no estimates

no estimates

Signature Markus Pitsch

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**SUBJECT:**  
**COMMENTS:** A few more questions for the CWCB documentation.

Joe and Darrell, I have a couple of additional questions for you regarding the flooding you experienced in 1997.

1. Can you give me a brief description of any past flood mitigation projects that have been completed anywhere in Morgan County?
2. Can you tell me of any mitigation projects that you would like to see built anywhere in Morgan County?
3. Can you give me the damage estimates sustained by County structures (roads/bridges/culverts) during the following storm events:
  - July 19, 1997 storm near Weldona - *no damage estimates.*
  - July 31, 1997 storm between Fort Morgan and Snyder - *to send DSP'S*
  - August 3-4, 1997 storm near Hillrose and Stoneham

If you did not estimate damage costs for these events that is ok, just let me know that was the case.

I appreciate your effort on these remaining questions.

Thanks

Markus Ritsch, P.E. *MLR*  
Riverside Technology, inc.

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: ~~Joe Baltazar~~ 4/27/98

Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Joe Baltazar

Company/Affiliation: Morgan County

Phone no.: (970) 867-9446

Project No.:

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**Comments:**

What streams/drainages experienced flooding from the storm event on July 31, b/w Fort Morgan & Snyder?

- wildcat creek

Aug 3-4 between Stoneham & Hillrose?

- west side of town by sewer lagoon into platte.

Beaver Creek

Signature 

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From: tom.browning@state.co.us  
To: mlr@riverside.com  
Subject: Schaefer Draw  
Date sent: Tue, 21 Apr 1998 13:32:42 -0600

Markus;

Here are the incremental rainfall amounts (cumulative) for the centroid of the Schaefer Draw basin. These are estimated from NWS radar information. Storm began on July 29, 1997.

Time	Rain (in.)
9:46 pm	0.1
10:15	0.7
10:45	1.3
11:15	2.0
11:44	2.5
12:14	3.0
12:44	4.1
1:22	4.2
1:51	4.2
2:21	4.2
2:51	4.2

Storm total precip amounts farther north in the Schaefer Draw basin and outside of Weldon were higher than the numbers I gave you. Let me know if you have any questions.

Tom

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Markus Ritsch

INDIVIDUAL: Joe Baltazar  
Kevin Kuretich  
Darrel Graham  
Dan Royal

DATE: 3/25/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

AFFILIATION: Morgan County  
PHONE #: (970)-867-9446

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1. **Affected streams and local drainages?** Schaefer Draw and watershed north and west of Schaefer Draw. Two irrigation canals (Riverside Canal and Weldon Valley Canal) transect the Schaefer Draw drainage and so the effective catchment is increased. There is also drainage tile located under the Weldon Valley Canal all the way down to the South Platte River.
2. **Geographic extent of flooding?** The Colorado State Forest Service has a map of the flooded areas. Joe is going to send me the name and phone number of the person to contact to get this map. If we have trouble getting a map, Joe can describe the approximate limits of flooding (County Rd 2, H&H, Highway 52, and Weldona).  
  
Joe is going to send me the map.
3. **Storm duration?** The primary precipitation event took place from July 29, at 5:30 pm to July 30, at 4:00 am. The county experienced a good bit of precipitation on July 27 and July 28 which saturated the ground prior to the heavy precipitation on the 29 and 30th.
4. **Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?** Bob Glancy is the best source of precipitation information. We should contact him to obtain precipitation maps, isohyetal maps, and areal extent of precipitation. Bob Glancy can be reached at 303-361-0661. In general the period from July 29, at around 12 pm to July 30, at 3 am experienced a maximum point total of approximately 14 inches according to the NWS.
5. **Rainfall bucket surveys?** Tom Browning and Joe (and a third person whom Joe could not remember other than it was a female) conducted house-to-house visits after the storm to inquire about precipitation data. Ask Tom if he has this information.
6. **Precipitation gauging network?** The County operates none, but is interested in installing one if matching funds are available.
7. **Documentation of high water marks?** No documented high water marks are available. There may be a few business in town that could show us how high the water came. The expense of

water in the Town of Weldona however was large and any discharge estimates would be difficult to make.

8. **Estimated peak discharges?** No peak discharge estimates we developed by the County. Tom Browning did estimate a peak discharge of 1300 cfs (see HMGP application). Since no high water marks were documented, it seems that computation of discharges would be difficult at this time.
9. **Estimated flood damages?** The HMGP application documents the damages associated with the residential and commercial properties in Weldona. Joe is going to supply a number associated with the County clean-up efforts, flood fight efforts, rental of equipment, overhead hours for County personnel, etc. Joe called on 2/26/98 with a total figure of \$142,341. Joe is going to send me an itemization of costs associated with this figure.
10. **Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.**  
See HMGP application.
11. **Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.**  
See HMGP application.
12. **Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?**  
See HMGP application.
13. **Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?**  
None, other than maintenance of the ditches.
14. **Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?**  
Yes, flood protection for Weldona. Both structural and non-structural.  
See HMGP application.
15. **Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?**  
Two man-made ditches and one railroad embankment affected flooding. See HMGP application for a description of these structures.
16. **Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?**  
Yes, Joe will send me his photos for us to scan. The County did shoot a video of the flooding. Tom Browning has a copy of the video.
17. **Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.**  
Rainfall mapping - Bob Glancy  
Inundation maps - Forest Service  
Watershed maps - Morgan County, Morgan County will send me their maps.
18. **Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)**  
All County maps are in hardcopy format. Check with Bob Glancy and the Forest Service.



**19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?**

The HMGP application is the most comprehensive documentation regarding the flooding. Joe also the preliminary response reports that he will send me.

**20. Name of local newspaper?** Fort Morgan Times 867-5651

**21. Do you have an internet site?** no

**22. e-mail address:** morganoem@sosinc.net

**Morgan County  
CONTACT LIST**

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## 2. Federal Data

UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA [NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 06/1997										Station Location: AKRON, CO (AKO)				lat: 40°		
										Elev(Ground): 4665 Feet				Time Zone: Mountain Standard		WI
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)		Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inch of Hg)		
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										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv			
01	88	55	72	72	56	62	0	7	TS TSRA HZ	M	-	-	0.17	25.15	29	
02	76	55	66	66	57	60	0	1	TS TSRA FG	M	-	-	0.52	25.20	29	
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SUMMARY OF THE DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)														
PEAK WINDS			FASTEST 2-MIN WIND			Sunrise Time (lst)	Sunset Time (lst)	Total Sunshine (min)	Percent of PSBL Sunshine	Character Sunrise	Character Sunset	SKY COVER		24 hr Total (%)
Speed (mph)	Direction	Time (lst)	Speed (mph)	Direction	Time (lst)							Sunrise to Sunset	Midnight to Midnight	
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	
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REMARKS, NOTES AND MISCELLANOUS PHENOMENA 65:														

### 3. State Data

**Morgan County Rain-fall Amounts  
(July 28th-29th)**

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Amount (inches)</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T(N)</u>	<u>R(W)</u>
Larry Christensen	2.5, 2+	34	5	59
Jim Musser	2.5, 4.5	12	5	60
State Park's Office (Jackson Res.)	3.48	21	5	60
Elmo Hendershot	2.1	6	5	60
Marvin Dahl	4.0	4	5	60
Wickstrom's	2.9	15	6	60
Ed Richardson	2.75	6	6	60
Nola Schauerman	3.6, 0.35	10	6	59
Larry Sharfenberg	2.5	22	6	59
Todd Caster	2.25, 3.5	26	5	59
Linda Shauer	2.5, 0.7	30	5	59

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ABOVE WELDONA

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2 } Average

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Flow Estimate

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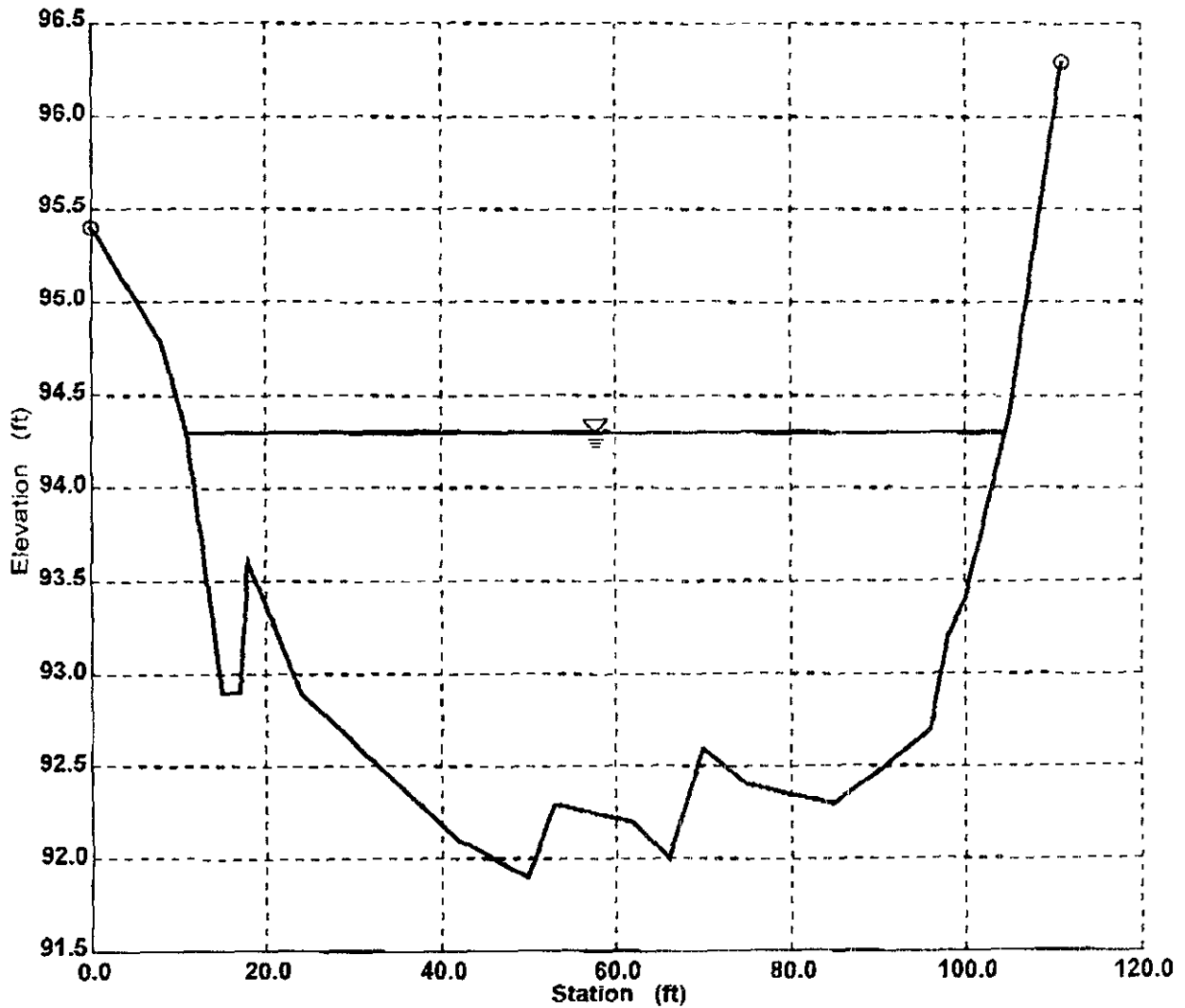
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Project Description	
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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

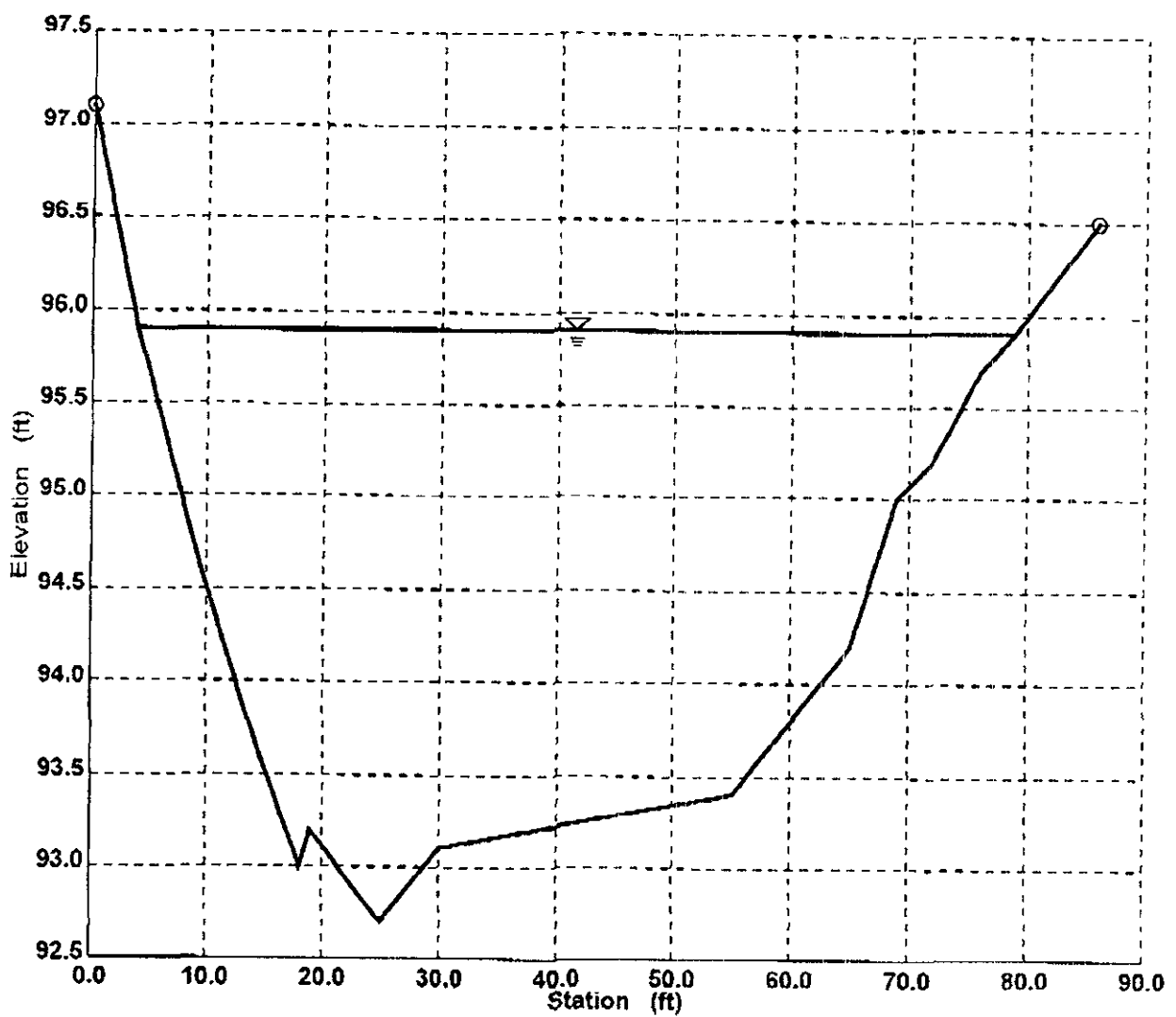
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Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.032
Channel Slope	0.003900 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	94.30 ft
Discharge	665.18 cfs



### Schaefer Draw above Weldona, section 2 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

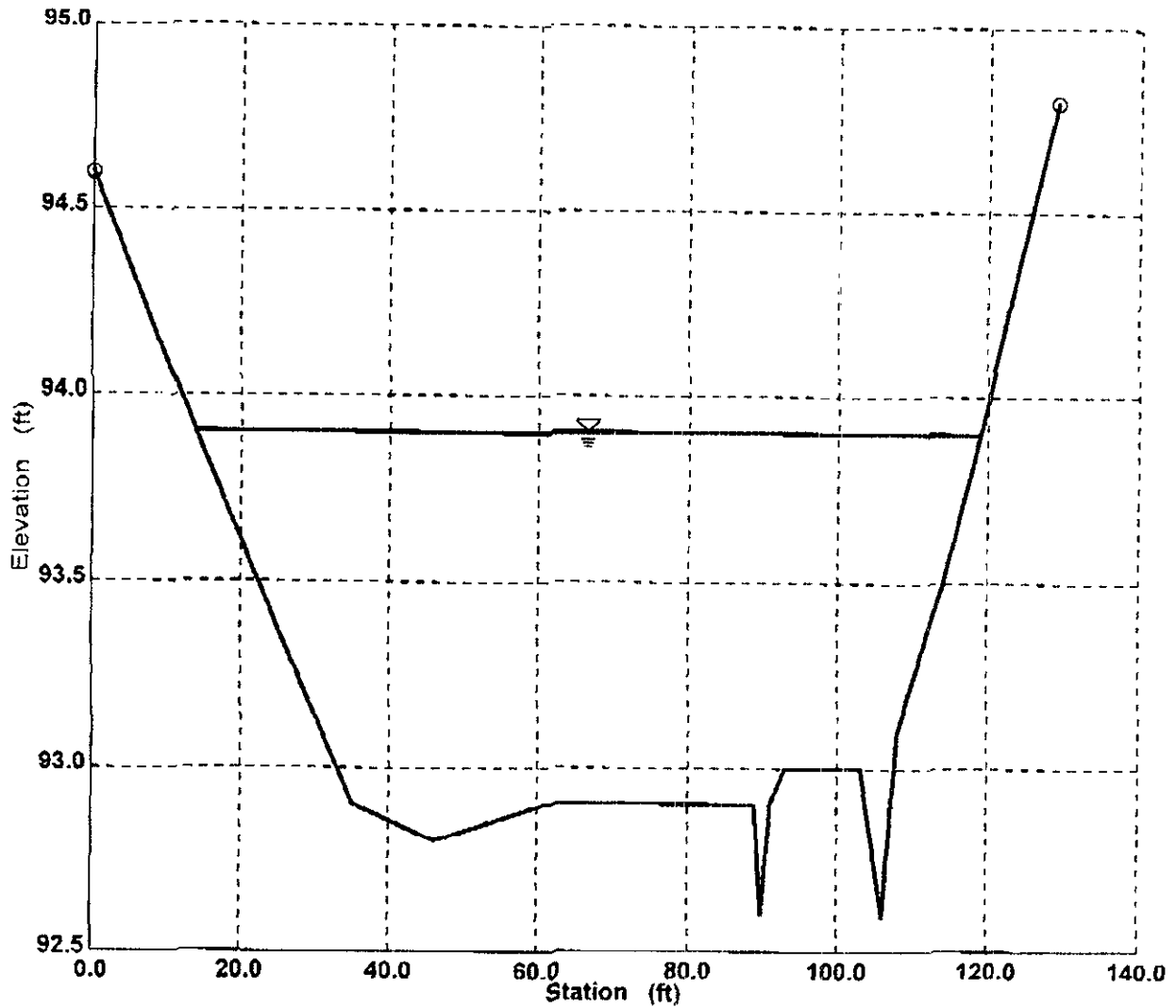
Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.032
Channel Slope	0.003900 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	95.90 ft
Discharge	719.32 cfs



### Schaefer trib above Weldona, section 3 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

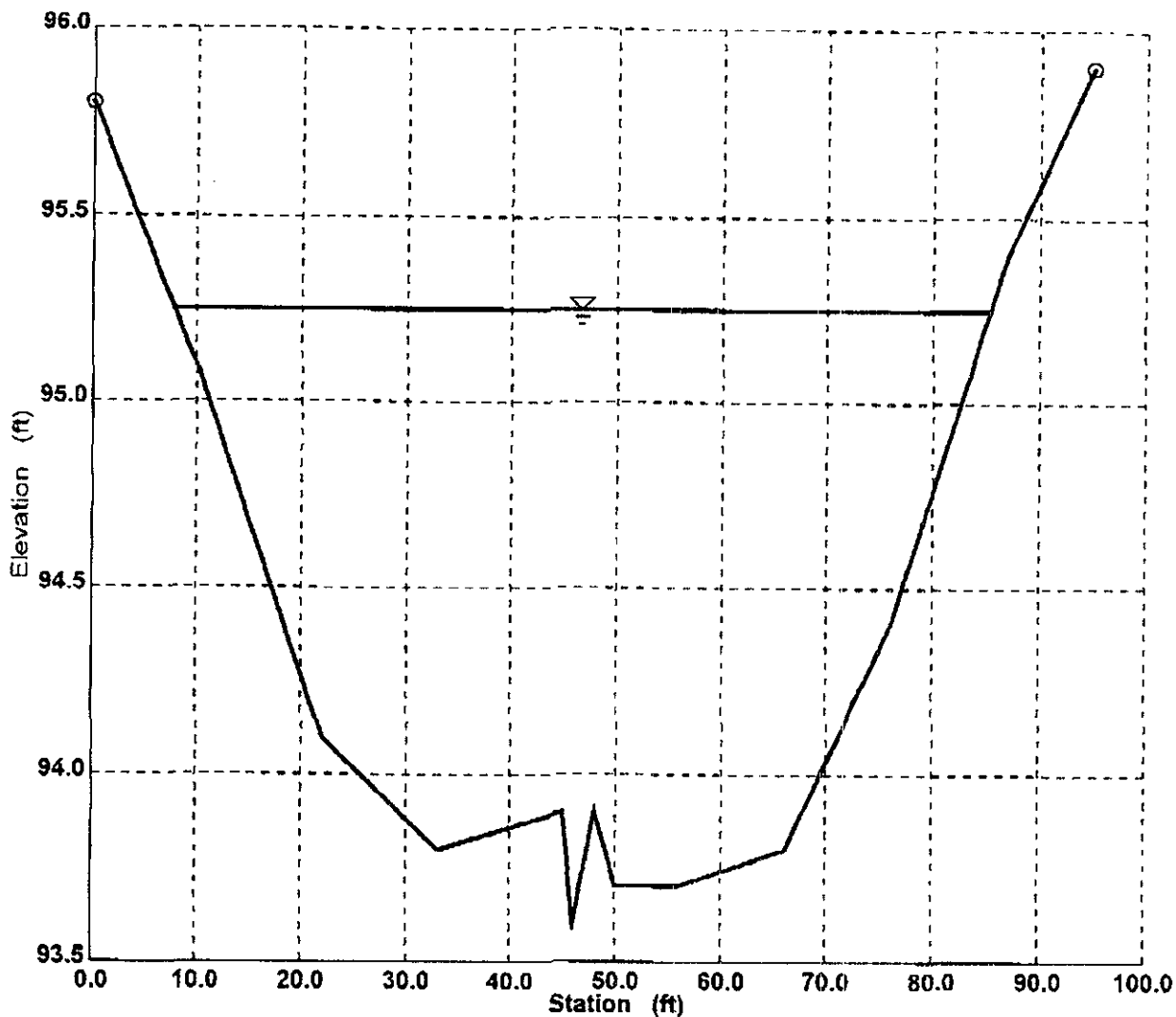
Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.038
Channel Slope	0.007500 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	93.90 ft
Discharge	269.54 cfs



### Schaefer Draw above Weldona, section 4 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

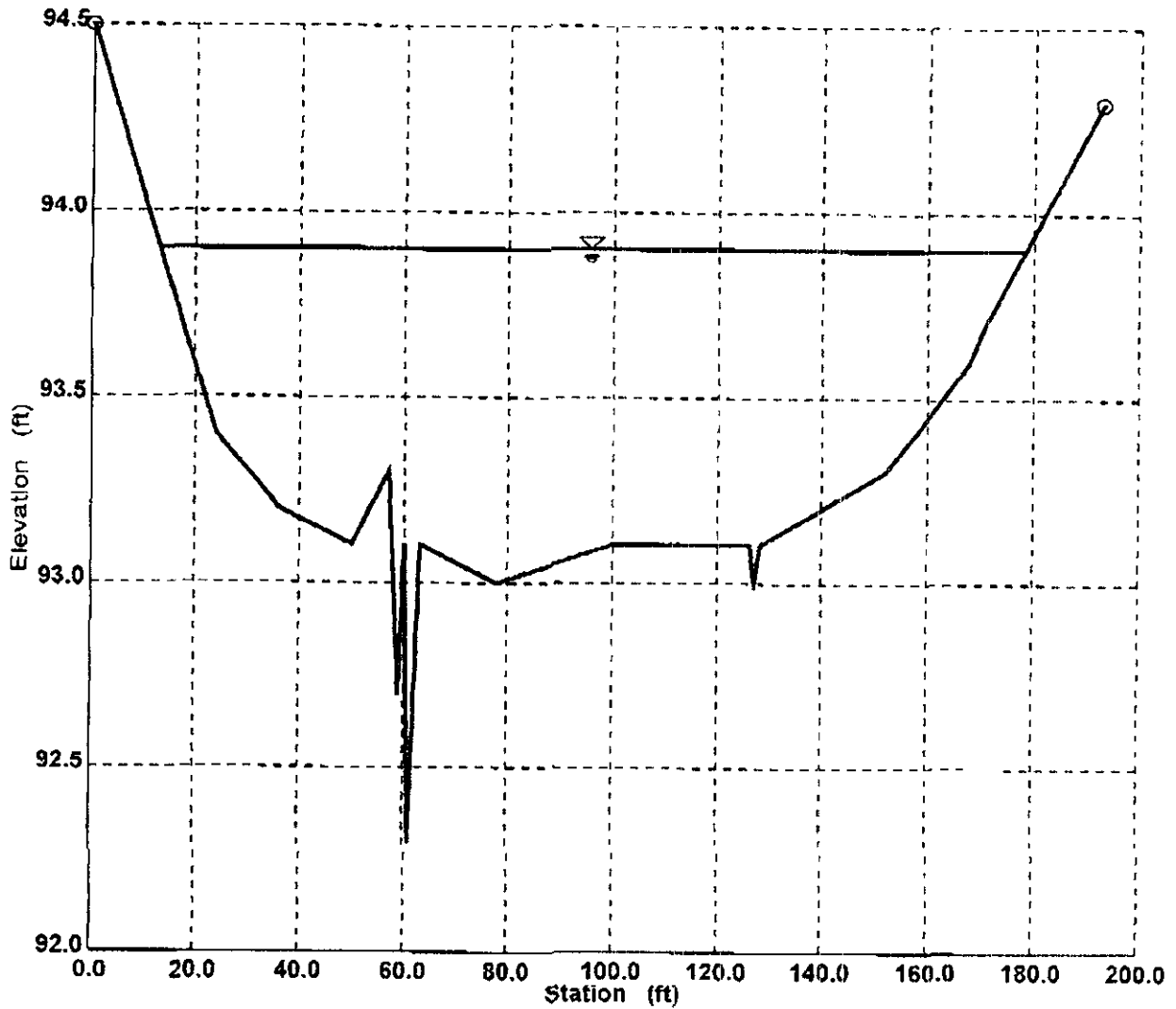
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Channel Slope	0.007500 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	95.25 ft
Discharge	313.10 cfs



### Schaefer trib above Weldona, section 5 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Worksheet	Schaefer trib above Weldona, section 5
Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

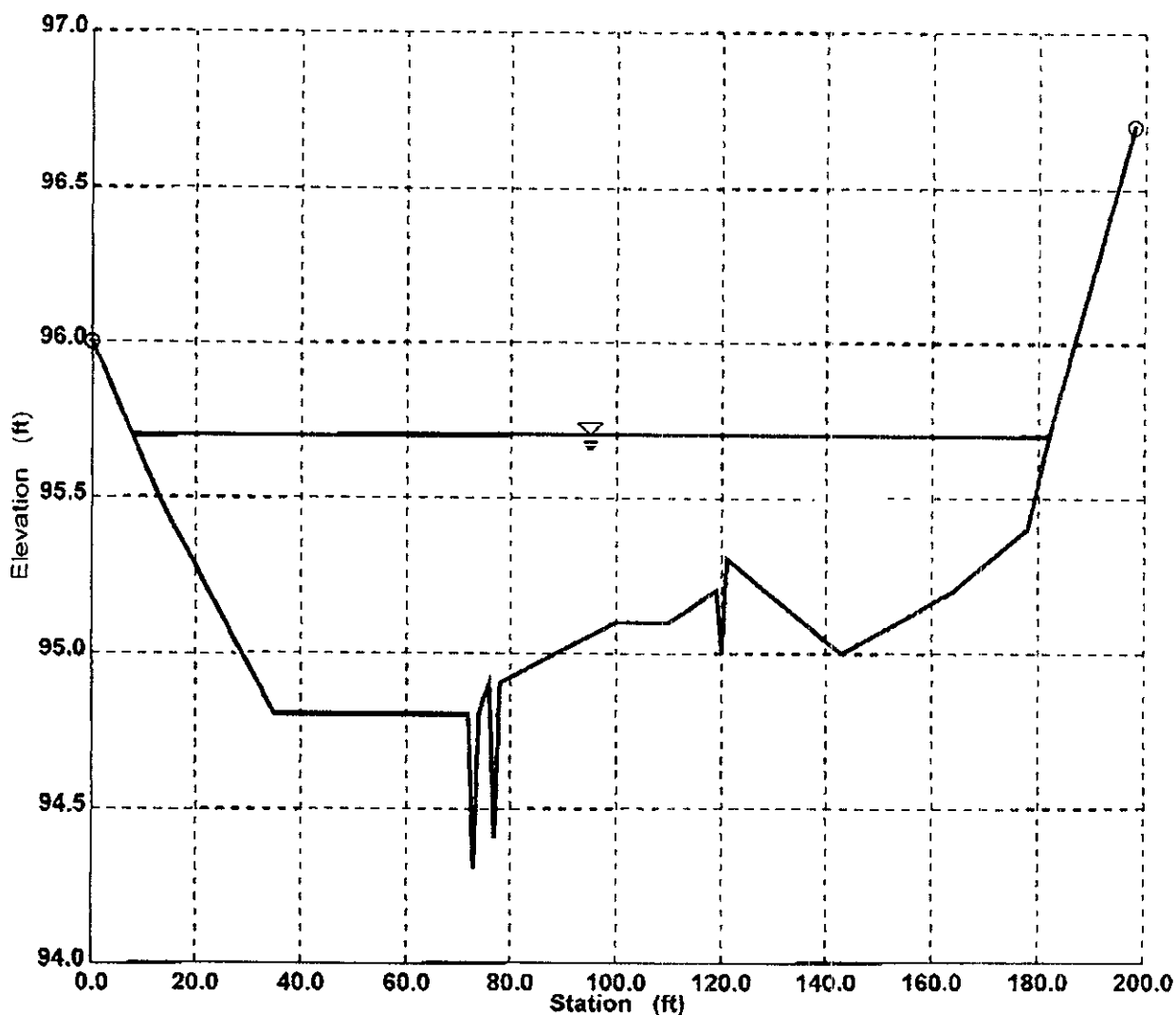
Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.038
Channel Slope	0.011000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	93.90 ft
Discharge	349.13 cfs



### Schaefer trib above Weldonia, section 6 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
Project File	c:\haestad\fmw\weldonia1.fm2
Worksheet	Schaefer trib above Weldonia, section 6
Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.038
Channel Slope	0.011000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	95.70 ft
Discharge	333.43 cfs



**HAZARD MITIGATION  
404 GRANT APPLICATION  
COMMUNITY OF WELDONA  
MORGAN, COUNTY, COLORADO**

**PREPARED FOR:**

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
REGION 8

**PREPARED BY:**

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JANUARY 30, 1998



## V. DESCRIPTION OF FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION STUDY

### A. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION

#### **Overview**

Reports of flooding in Weldona were broadcast by a local television station on the morning of July 30, 1997. On that same morning, CWCB staff performed field investigations in the Weldona area of Morgan County to view the flooded areas and to begin flood documentation efforts. An intense rainstorm had occurred north of Weldona late in the evening of July 29 and into the early morning of July 30. The storm produced flood flows in Schaefer Draw and adjacent tributaries which caused two irrigation ditches to breach. Storm runoff from Schaefer Draw and other adjacent tributaries, combined with spilled flows from the irrigation ditches, inundated nearly the entire community. Residents were evacuated from their homes due to hazardous conditions and public health issues. The U.S. Army National Guard was called in to assist with the evacuations, perform rescue operations, and secure the area.

Morgan County, among other Colorado Counties, officially received a federal disaster declaration on August 1, 1997 based on severe flooding conditions. The disaster declaration made it possible for Morgan County to be eligible for federal funding for disaster relief which includes individual assistance, public assistance, and mitigation assistance.

Morgan County officials made written and verbal requests to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for technical assistance with developing an engineering feasibility study to address drainage and flooding problems in Weldona. The initial request was made prior to the 1997 declared disaster event due to previous, recurring flooding problems. Subsequent to the July 1997 flood disaster, Morgan County officials renewed their request to the CWCB for technical mitigation assistance.

#### **Authority**

According to Section 37-60-106(1)(c) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Colorado Water Conservation Board has the power and duty:

“... to devise and formulate methods, means and plans for bringing about the greater utilization of the waters of the state and the prevention of flood damages therefrom and to designate and approve storm or floodway runoff channels or basins, and to make such designations available to legislative bodies of cities and unincorporated towns; to county planning commissions; and to boards of adjustments of cities; incorporated towns; and counties of this state...”

#### **Community Description**

Morgan County is located in eastern Colorado within the South Platte River valley. The community of Weldona is located in the northwest quadrant of the county approximately 12 miles northwest of Fort Morgan. (Fort Morgan is the county seat of Morgan County, and it is located approximately 70 air miles northeast of Denver, and approximately 50 air miles southeast of Greeley). Interstate Highway 76 is the major east-west highway that serves the county, however Weldona is located near Colorado State Highway 144 which is just on the north side of the South Platte River. Elevations in the county range from about 4,000 feet to over 5,000 feet. Weldona sits at an elevation of about 4,350 feet. There are approximately 50 structures in the study areas which include residential, commercial, church, and school uses. The land uses surrounding the community predominantly consist of agricultural, ranching, and open range land. The resident population of Weldona is approximately 150 persons.

**Watershed Description**

The watersheds of interest include the Schaefer Draw basin and adjacent unnamed tributaries, which are within the South Platte River basin. The South Platte River flows through Morgan County from west to east and has a generally well defined main channel and floodplain. Weldon is located approximately 0.5 miles north of the main channel of the South Platte River. Schaefer Draw, a left bank tributary to the South Platte, has a total drainage area of about 7 square miles at its confluence with the South Platte. Two irrigation canals, the Riverside Canal and the Weldon Valley Ditch, run parallel to the South Platte and are located north of Weldon. These two man-made channels complicate the basin hydrology. Historically, the ditches have spilled or breached only in the more rare flood events.

**Flooding Problems and Flooding History**

Flooding problems in Weldon are caused by inadequate storm drainage systems, flat topography, and man-made flow obstructions that block the natural drainage courses (i.e. railroad embankment, highway embankment, county roads, etc.). Irrigation ditches complicate the local hydrology, and have the ability to either provide beneficial or detrimental impacts depending on the situation.

According to a floodplain information report produced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Weldon is located outside of the 100-year floodplain of the South Platte River. Floods on the tributaries in Morgan County, including Schaefer Draw, normally occur during the spring and summer months from May through September as a result of intense thunderstorms or large general rainstorms.

**1997 Flood Damages (Declared Event)**

Floodwaters from Schaefer Draw, adjacent tributaries, the Riverside Canal, and the Weldon Valley Ditch damaged homes, businesses, utilities, roadways, crops, farm land, irrigation facilities, and vehicles. Preliminary damage estimates for the Weldon area were estimated to be nearly 1 million dollars.

## **B. PROPOSED SOLUTION**

### **No Action**

#### **(ALTERNATIVE 1)**

Taking no action (the Do Nothing Alternative) to mitigate the flood hazard to Weldona will leave the community vulnerable to the effects of future large storm runoff events. The costs of this alternative are the health hazards and significant property damage as described in the preceding section. These costs can exceed the cost of a flood mitigation effort during a single flood event.

### **Diversion Channel/Ring Levee Without Upstream Detention**

#### **(ALTERNATIVE 2)**

This alternative consists of construction of a channel and ring levee system on the north side of Weldona to divert the storm flows around the community to the South Platte River. This system would be sized to accommodate a 100-year runoff event. Reinforced concrete box culverts would be constructed to convey the flow under Highway 144 to a new channel constructed south along Grove Street from Highway 144 to the South Platte River. Bank protection would be provided along the South Platte River at the new channel outfall.

The existing ditch and culverts along the south side of Highway 144 would be enlarged to accommodate the road overtopping at the RCBC and the 100-year runoff from the small watershed consisting of Weldona. Bank protection structures would be constructed on Riverside Canal and Weldon Ditch to prevent future bank failures.

The total estimated cost of this alternative is approximately \$600,000. This estimate does not include costs for final topographic survey and mapping, final engineering design, legal and administrative costs, and construction management.

### **Detention Reservoir North of Weldona**

#### **(ALTERNATIVE 3)**

Alternative 3 consists of building a detention reservoir approximately 1.5 miles due north of the community of Weldona. The main purpose of a detention facility is to store excess storm runoff in order to protect downstream property and public infrastructure. The detention facility would capture stormwater runoff from the Schaefer Draw basin and spilled flows from the Riverside Canal. The Riverside Canal is just to the north (upstream) of the proposed reservoir site. The dam embankment would be of earthen construction with a maximum fill height of about 24 feet. The embankment would be vegetated with grass, and the upstream and downstream side slopes would be no steeper than 3H to 1V. The reservoir would be designed for 100-year capacity and would include an emergency spillway that could pass up to the design 100-year discharge. The emergency spillway is located to act as a side-channel spillway that would not allow flows to pass over the dam embankment. The proposed spillway configuration is generally more cost effective, especially given the terrain of the project area. The estimated storage volume is on the order of 400 acre-feet, and the surface area at maximum capacity is approximately 55 acres. Maximum reservoir outflow would be limited to about 150 cfs. Downstream channel improvements and other facilities are not proposed as part of this alternative. It is assumed that the reservoir outflow would follow natural drainage paths, and the flow would end up as shallow sheet flow across agricultural fields and open space areas.

Any dam constructed for the purpose of storing water where the surface area, volume, or dam height exceed the criteria as specified in the Colorado Revised Statutes 37-87-105, as amended, shall require the approval of the plans by the State Engineer's Office. As such, the proposed reservoir would be subject to the design and construction criteria as set for the by the State of Colorado.

The total estimated construction cost for this alternative is approximately \$400,000. This estimate does not include costs for land acquisition, relocation of fences and access roads, construction of spill structures on two irrigation ditches, final topographic mapping and surveys, final engineering design, construction surveys, legal and administrative costs, and construction management.

### **Elevation of Flood Prone Structures (ALTERNATIVE 4)**

#### ***General***

Non-structural alternatives to flood hazard mitigation include a number of feasible measures that include floodplain regulations and zoning, flood preparedness and planning, flood proofing, public acquisition of flood prone lands, relocation of flood prone structures, and various other solutions. Non-structural measures are different from structural ones in that the protection device or means is not a physical structure located in a specific place (such as a reservoir, levee, channel, etc.). Non structural solutions often provide protection to individual structures in the floodplain.

The non-structural alternative chosen for this study is elevation of flood prone structures. Elevating structures on fill material is a fairly common practice, especially in new development where site grading combined with a raised foundation can easily elevate a structure above the design flood level. Existing structures may also be elevated, but with more difficulty and usually more expense. Typically, an existing structure can be mechanically lifted in place and supported with temporary shoring while the ground elevation (or the foundation) is elevated to the desired level. This procedure requires disconnecting and reconnecting utility lines as well as repairing any stress cracks or other minor damage to the structure that may have occurred during construction. Disruption to the individual or family residing in the affected house is quite significant.

#### ***Methodology***

The specific methodology used to estimate costs for elevating flood prone structures was obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. An empirical equation was developed based on actual cost data for elevating a number of structures in the Midwest. The equation assumes a wood frame structure with brick veneer and a crawl space. Costs will vary somewhat for other types of foundations, exterior finishes, and building construction.

The empirical equation used for this study is as follows:

$$\text{Elevation Cost} = (K + K_s(\text{Structure Size}) + K_h(\text{Raise Height})) \times \text{C.F.}$$

Where:  $K = \$11,360$

$K_s = \$12.6$

$K_h = \$970$

$\text{C.F.} = 1.2$  (cost factor)

The cost for elevating a mobile home was estimated to be a flat rate of \$12,000 per home. There are approximately 50 flood prone structures in Weldon that would require varying amounts of elevation. It was assumed that the school building and church buildings would not be elevated. The total estimated cost for this alternative is approximately \$1,200,000. Based on the reduction in flood damages provided by this alternative, it is unlikely that a feasible benefit-cost ratio would be obtained.

## C. SELECTED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### **Project Location**

The Community of Weldona is located in Morgan County in northeastern Colorado approximately 12 miles northwest of Fort Morgan on Colorado Highway 144. The Community is situated at the South end of the watershed and approximately 0.5 miles North of the South Platte River in the north one-half of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 59 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. A vicinity map of the area is shown in Figure 1 included in Section III of the report.

The watershed draining to Weldona is bounded on the south by Highway 144 and the Union Pacific Railroad embankment. The watershed extends approximately 6 miles north of Weldona, encompasses approximately 13.7 square miles and consists primarily of two sub-watersheds. The eastern sub-watershed is Schaefer Draw Basin. The western sub-watershed drains toward the intersection of Highway 144 and County Road 9 at the western edge of the town. A much smaller sub-watershed consists of Weldona proper. The project area and watershed map are presented in Figures 2 and 3, respectively, attached in Section III.

### **Project Description**

The objectives of the proposed project is to develop a Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan and preliminary design of drainage improvements to reduce the severity of flooding in the Community of Weldona. The intended primary means of achieving these goals is to divert the flood waters around the community and convey the water to the South Platte River. This approach will remove all but local storm runoff from draining through the Town itself. Very little local flooding would be expected even during a major storm event.

The Preliminary Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan showing the proposed drainage improvements is included in a pocket in the back of this report. The storm runoff will be diverted around the town to the west and south by a channel and ring levee system. The Channel is sized for a minimum of a 50-year storm event without overtopping the north and west banks which is essentially existing ground elevation. The levee on the south and east side of the channel will be approximately 5 feet in height above existing ground. The dike will provide 3 feet of freeboard above the 100-year water surface. The overflow on the north and west sides of the channel will inundate farmland a maximum of approximately 300 feet distance from the levee during the 100-year event, primarily on the western end of the alignment. The elevation of County Road 9.5 will be raised at the northeast corner of the school property approximately 3 feet to match the elevation of the levee at this location.

A 7 barrel RCBC is proposed to convey the runoff under Colorado Highway 144 to a channel to be constructed from the culvert outlet through the Union Pacific Railroad embankment to the South Platte River. Bank protection will be needed at the South Platte River where the channel daylights.

The ditch along the south side of Highway 144 is to be improved to accommodate the flow overtopping the highway at the culvert entrance and from Weldona itself. Existing culverts will need to be replaced to convey this flow easterly to the outfall at the railroad trestle approximately 0.75 miles east of Weldona.

The individual components of the recommended alternative (Alternative 2) are summarized below.

- Construction of a channel and levee along the northern and western edge of Weldona.

- Construction of a reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) under Highway 144 near County Road 9 west of Weldon.
- Construction of a channel from Highway 144 to the South Platte River.
- Improvements to the ditch on the south side of Highway 144 from the RCBC to the railroad trestle approximately 0.75 miles east of Weldon including replacement of existing culverts to accommodate the design flow.
- Construction of a small channel just east of Weldon extending north from Highway 144.
- Minor drainage improvements within Weldon including larger culverts under streets and drives and cleaning of the local drainageways and ditches.
- Bank stabilization at critical locations along the Riverside Canal and Weldon Valley Ditch.

It is assumed that the onsite excavated material will be suitable for construction of the levee embankment.

### Detailed Project Hydrology

#### *General*

The hydrologic analysis for the study area was performed to define the storm runoff peak flows and volumes for the various sub-watersheds of the Community of Weldon Flood Mitigation Project. The runoff information was subsequently used to evaluate the existing drainage facilities, potential drainage problems and alternative drainage improvements for this preliminary design report.

The study area was divided into a total of three sub-watersheds. Peak flows at each watershed outlet point were calculated for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 50-, and 100-year recurrence interval for existing land use conditions.

#### *Design Rainfall*

The modified 2-hour design storm distributions recommended by the Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual(USDCM) were used to produce runoff hydrographs and peak flow data for the design. The 1-hour design rainfall depth option was used in the Colorado Urban Hydrograph Procedure runoff module. These values were obtained using the procedure described in the NOAA atlas for geographic region 1 and are listed below.

1-HOUR FREQUENCY VALUES	
Recurrence Period	1-Hour Frequency Values
2	1.0
5	1.5
10	1.75
50	2.50
100	2.77

#### *Colorado Urban Hydrograph Procedure Parameters*

The CUHP computer program was used to compute storm runoff hydrographs for the various sub-watersheds. The version used for the study was CUHPfpc2. The sub-watershed input parameters required for CUHP are: sub-watershed identification number, drainage area, length and centroidal length, drainageway slope, impervious percentage, detention and retention storage losses and infiltration loss rates. The weighted channel slopes were adjusted using Figure 4-1 of the Runoff Chapter of the USDCM of input

method option for drainage sub-watersheds less than 90 acres in size was not used. Sub-watershed geometries were measured directly from the mapping prepared for this study. The impervious percentages used in this study were derived using Table 3-1 of the Runoff chapter of the USDCM.

Detention, retention, and infiltration parameters were assigned to each hydrologic soil group as recommended in Tables 2-1 and 2-2 of the runoff Chapter of the USDCM. These parameters were then adjusted based on calibration to actual rainfall and runoff estimates of the declared event and other field observations. Parameters were then determined for each sub-watershed using a weighted average of the soil zones. A summary of the CUHP parameters used for the analysis are presented below. Referenced Tables and Figures from USDCM are included in the Technical Appendix.

### Weldona Hazard Mitigation Project

Basin Number (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Basin Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Basin Length (mi)	Distance to Basin Centroid (mi)	Basin Imp (%)	Weighted Basin Slope (ft/ft)	Time of Conc (min)	Pervious Depression Storage (in)	Impervious Depression Storage (in)	Initial Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	Horton's Decay Coefficient (sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Final Infiltration Rate (in/hr)
1	0.08	0.53	0.32	30	0.0025	19.9	0.4	0.1	3	0.0016	0.5
2	7.4	9.5	5.8	2	0.009	NA	0.4	0.1	3	0.0016	0.5
3	6.29	7.0	3.87	2	0.01	NA	0.4	0.1	3	0.0016	0.5

### Modeling Results

The results of the hydrologic analysis for each design storm are summarized in the table below of this report. The final alternative was designed for the runoff from Schaefer Draw and the runoff from the unnamed tributary to the north and west of Weldona. For a 100 year recurrence period, the peak flows indicated from the hydrologic analysis are 1100 cfs originating from Schaefer Draw and 1300 cfs originating from the other basin. It was decided that with flows of this size it was feasible to design the flood mitigation system so as to protect the community from a 100 year storm event and remain within the fiscal constraints associated with the project.

### Weldona Hazard Mitigation Project Peak Flows

Basin Number	Q <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>5</sub>	Q <sub>10</sub>	Q <sub>50</sub>	Q <sub>100</sub>
1	22	57	75	145	171
2	7	211	352	874	1099
3	8	252	418	1041	1309



**Cost Estimate**

Estimated costs were calculated using unit costs from FEMA Region 8 Numeric Cost Code Listing, CWCB cost information, and in-house WRC cost data. Following is a list of unit prices and their source used in calculating estimated costs.

**Schedule of Unit Prices**

ITEM	SOURCE	UNITS	UNIT PRICE
Unclassified Excavation C.I.P.	FEMA	CY	\$2.00
7-Barrel 4'x8' RCBC	WRC	CY	\$400.00
Wingwalls and Channel Protection at RCBC	WRC	LS	\$15,000.00
36" CMP	FEMA	LF	\$36.00
12" CMP	FEMA	LF	\$15.00
Relocate Weigh Station	CWCB	LS	\$5,000.00
Aquire Existing Garage	CWCB	LS	\$5,000.00
Hwy 144 Ditch Improvements	WRC	LF	\$1.00
Ditch Improvements East of Weldona (North of Highway 144)	FEMA	CY	\$2.00
Seeding & Mulching	WRC	Ac	\$1,600.00
Land Acquisition	CWCB	Ac	\$2,000.00
Farm Inundation/Flood Easements	CWCB	Ac	\$300.00
County Road Improvements	FEMA/WRC	LF	\$10.00
Outfall Bank Stabilization (Riprap)	FEMA/WRC	CY	\$50.00
Irrigation Canal Spill Structure (Weldona Valley)	CWCB	EA	\$25,000.00
Irrigation Canal Spill Structure (Riverside)	CWCB	EA	\$13,000.00
Remove/Replace Asphalt Pavement	WRC	Ton	\$80.00
Traffic Control/Temporary Detour	WRC	LS	\$15,000.00
Local Storm Drainage Improvements (In Town)	CWCB	LS	\$10,000.00
Mobilization	WRC	LS	\$20,00.00
Construction Survey	WRC	LS	\$7,500.00

The following table details the estimated costs for the proposed project.

**Cost Estimate  
Weldona Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan**

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QTY	UNIT PRICE	ITEM PRICE
Unclassified Excavation C.I.P. (Assumes Wasting 32,600 CY on or near site)	CY	47,000	\$2.00	\$94,000
7-Barrier 4'x8' RCBC	CY	213	\$400.00	\$85,200
Wingwalls and Channel Protection at RCBC	LS	--	--	\$15,000
36" CMP	LF	525	\$36.00	\$18,900
12" CMP	LF	130	\$15.00	\$1,950
Relocate Weigh Station	LS	-	-	\$5,000
Acquire Existing Garage	LS	-	-	\$5,000
Hwy 144 Ditch Improvements	LF	6,100	\$1.00	\$6,100
Ditch Improvements East of Weldona (North of Highway 144)	CY	5,000	\$2.00	\$10,000
Seeding & Mulching	Ac	30	\$1,600.00	\$48,000
Land Acquisition	Ac	23	\$2,000.00	\$46,000
Farm Inundation/Flood Easements	Ac	5	\$300.00	\$1,500
County Road Improvements	LF	1,500	\$10.00	\$15,000
Outfall Bank Stabilization (Riprap)	CY	180	\$35.00	\$6,300
Irrigation Canal Spill Structure (Weldona Valley)	EA	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
Irrigation Canal Spill Structure (Riverside)	EA	2	\$13,000.00	\$26,000
Remove/Replace Asphalt Pavement	Ton	150	\$80.00	\$12,000
Traffic Control/Temporary Detour	LS	--	--	\$15,000
Local Storm Drainage Improvements (In Town)	LS	-	-	\$10,000
Mobilization	LS	--	--	\$20,000
Construction Survey	LS	--	--	\$7,500
SUB-TOTAL				\$473,450
CONTINGENCY 15%				\$71,020
ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL 5%				\$23,670
ENGINEERING/FINAL DESIGN				\$30,000
TOTAL				\$598,140

## **Cost Effectiveness of Proposed Project**

### ***Methodology***

The benefit-cost analysis for the proposed flood control project at Weldona was performed using FEMA's economic analysis computer program. The program was developed in-house using the QuatroPro™ spreadsheet software. Several modules for the economic analysis were developed by FEMA in order to handle varying degrees of available input data. The most basic module, known as the "very limited data" module, requires basic information about the flood event such as the estimated damages for the declared event, the estimated frequency of the flood event, and the cost of the proposed mitigation measure. The next level module, known as the "limited data" module, requires annual maintenance costs and more detailed damage-frequency data in addition to the information needed for the basic module. It is the "limited data" module that was used to estimate the benefit-cost (B/C) ratio for the proposed Weldona project.

### ***Project Data***

The proposed project features for Weldona are designed to provide protection up to the 100-year event. The channels and levees will be stabilized with grass and other natural vegetation, and all project components will be inspected and maintained on a regular basis to ensure longevity and functionality of the project. For the B/C analysis, the estimated useful life of the project is 50 years. More detailed information on the project description, the cost of the project, and the estimated annual maintenance costs is presented in the previous two sections of the report.

### ***Land Use Characteristics***

Land use types in the project area consist of residential, commercial, agricultural, open range, and natural floodplain (South Platte River). Data compiled for the residential and commercial structures included the estimated flood depth at the first floor, the type of structure, the type of foundation (i.e. basement, slab, crawl space, etc.), and the market value of the structure. Average structure values for each type of house were obtained from the Morgan County Assessor's Office.

### ***Flood Damages***

Total flood damages determined for this analysis include damages to residential structures, commercial structures, and structure contents. The content value for residential structures was assumed to be 50% of the structure value, while the content value for commercial structures was assumed to be 75% of the structure value. Flood cleanup costs were also included in the analysis. The cost of temporary relocation damages to public facilities such as roadways, bridges, and utilities were not included.

Damages to residential and commercial structures and their contents for various flood frequencies were estimated using flood depth information estimated from the 1997 declared flood event in conjunction with the land use/building data in the project vicinity. Depth-building damage data was based on published tables/curves from the FEMA actuarial information system. Building damage for various flood depths and building types is reported as a percentage of the building value.

The pertinent flood damage information for buildings and contents was entered into a spreadsheet program to assess the damage potential for "without project" conditions. (See technical appendix). Total present worth flood damages were computed for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 50-, and 100-year events. Estimated damages after mitigation were assumed to be \$0 up through the 100-year event. The direct and indirect damage estimates are presented in the table below.

### Estimated Flood Damages for Proposed Project Area

Flood Frequency (years)	Estimated Direct Damages Before Mitigation	Estimated Indirect Damages Before Mitigation	Estimated Total Damages After Mitigation
2	\$122,000	\$1,000	\$0
5	\$122,000	\$1,000	\$0
10	\$221,600	\$2,500	\$0
50	\$775,000	\$7,500	\$0
100	\$902,000	\$7,500	\$0

The damages for the 2-year and 5-year events are the same because the estimated flood depths for those frequencies are essentially equal. Damages for the remaining frequencies increase due to an increase in the depth of flooding.

Assuming a discount rate of 7%, the FEMA program yields a Benefit-Cost ratio of 1.83 for the proposed project. This value is above the minimum ratio of 1.1 that is required for HMGP projects.

Backup data for the benefit-cost analysis is located in the Technical Appendix of this report.

#### **D. CONCLUSION**

The selected alternative is a cost effective flood mitigation project which will protect the Community of Weldon from a 100-year storm runoff event. The proposed project is recommended for construction as the most feasible and politically acceptable of the alternative solutions considered.

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Weldona Flood Hazard Mitigation

December 29, 1997

### Overview:

On Monday, December 29, 1997 a meeting and site visit were held in Weldona to discuss flood hazard mitigation for the community. The CWCB and WRC Engineering met with local officials and a landowner to review alternatives, share ideas, view proposed mitigation areas, and document the 1997 flood characteristics.

### Meeting Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Daryl Graham	Morgan County Road and Bridge (bridge supervisor)
Dick Early	Morgan County Road and Bridge (construction supervisor)
Don Christensen	Landowner (owns land north of Weldona)
Tom Browning	CWCB (flood control and floodplain management section)
Alan Leak	WRC Engineering, Inc.

### Key Results:

The following bullet items summarize the key results of the meeting and site visit:

#### Flood Documentation (Flood event of July 29/30, 1997)

- The three existing reservoirs in the lower Schaefer Draw watershed (located in Section 27 and 22) did not fail during the flood. The reservoirs filled and spilled, but damage to the dams did not occur according to the landowner. The three reservoirs were viewed during the site visit. The uppermost reservoir (just south of the Riverside Canal) is located on State-owned land, while the lower two are located on private property. The upper reservoir had a storage capacity of about 75 acre-feet prior to the flood. That reservoir may have less flood control capacity now due to the sediment loading that was washed into it during the flood. The lower two reservoirs have less capacity than the upper one. The existing dams were privately built (many years ago) for the purpose of flood control and irrigation.
- The CWCB estimated a peak flow of about 1300 cfs on Schaefer Draw above the Riverside Canal. The landowner estimated that the flow was double that amount just below the Weldon Valley Ditch flowing to Weldona.
- Flow from County Road 8 (fairly large watershed to the west of Schaefer Draw) emptied into the Weldon Valley Ditch at the location where the ditch crosses the road. The Weldon Valley Ditch was overtopped by as much as 2 feet between County Road 8 and County Road

9. The spilled water traveled in a southeasterly direction and ended up in Weldon (trapped behind the highway and railroad embankments).

- Flood flows from Schaefer Draw breached through the Riverside Canal and the Weldon Valley Ditch. The flows entered Weldon mainly from the west side of County Road 9.

#### Proposed Mitigation Alternatives

- **Alternative 1:** The County staff and the landowner are very interested in building a diversion levee/channel along the north side of Weldon. The levee/channel would direct overland flows to the west and to the east of the community. The high point of the levee/channel system would be located near the high school. Existing drain tiles in the area would need to be preserved if channels are constructed to direct the flows to the south (exact locations and depths of drain tiles are unknown at this time).
- In conjunction with alternative 1, a new channel could be constructed from highway 144 due south to the South Platte River along Grove Road. The County staff estimated that the length of this channel would be 0.3 mile. Existing farm land would need to be purchased in order to gain right-of-way to build the channel. This option appears to be quite viable.
- In conjunction with any alternative, new culverts could be constructed under highway 144 just west of County Road 9. CR 9 could be raised 1 to 2 feet from hwy 144 to the north (approximately 200 feet). This improvement would divert flows from the west of CR 9 and north of hwy 144 to the ditch along the south side of hwy 144. The existing property/abandoned house located on the northwest corner of highway 144 and County Road 9 should be acquired. This property is in a low-lying area and receives frequent nuisance flooding. It is also located in the backwater area for the proposed culverts.
- **Alternative 2:** A new reservoir could be constructed just downstream of the existing reservoir below the Riverside Canal. The new reservoir would capture the 100-year runoff from Schaefer Draw, and would have a spillway that could pass up to the 100-year flow. If the reservoir outflow was designed to be quite small, then it could drain into the existing downstream flow paths. A large reservoir outflow would require a downstream conveyance system or a levee on the north side of Weldon.
- In conjunction with any alternative, spill structures on the Riverside Canal and the Weldon Valley Ditch need to be constructed to prevent future bank failures.

#### Miscellaneous

- Acquisition costs for farm land were estimated to be \$1,500 to \$3,000 per acre.

**Action Items:**

- CWCB should set up a review meeting for mid-January. The meeting should be held on a Wed., Thurs., or Friday to accommodate the schedules of the County Commissioners and staff. County staff will invite all interested landowners to the meeting.
- County staff will locate and obtain copies of maps that show existing drain tiles in the Weldon area.
- County staff will contact the owner of the old scale (located just south of highway 144 at Weldon) and determine if the scale can be relocated.
- WRC Engineering will analyze the levee alternative (north side of Weldon) for the "with" and "without" reservoir flood flows.
- CWCB staff will investigate a new alternative which includes several small detention reservoirs in the upper part of the watershed.
- The CWCB will ask the Corps of Engineers to investigate a new alternative which may include diversion levees/channels that would direct flood flows away from Weldon.

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Weldona Flood Hazard Mitigation

January 9, 1998

### Overview:

On Friday, January 9, 1998 a meeting and site visit were held in Weldona to discuss flood hazard mitigation alternatives for the community. The CWCB met with interested parties to review alternatives and come up with a recommended mitigation plan.

### Meeting Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Mark Arndt	Morgan County Commissioner
Joe Baltazar	Morgan County Public Works Director
Darrell Graham	Morgan County Road and Bridge (bridge supervisor)
Dick Early	Morgan County Road and Bridge (construction supervisor)
Kevin Kuretich	Morgan County Emergency Management
Tom Browning	CWCB (Flood control and floodplain management section)
Dave Darling	Colorado Department of Transportation (Evans office)
Ella R.	Colorado Department of Transportation (Evans office)
Bart Woodward	Riverside Canal Representative
Rick Lorenzini	Landowner and Weldon Valley Ditch Representative

### Key Results:

The following bullet items summarize the key results of the meeting and site visit:

- Based on input from County officials and other meeting attendees, the preferred mitigation alternative consists of the following:
  1. Construct a dike/channel system at the north end of town to protect Weldona from a 100-year flood event. The dike will begin at hwy 144 on the west end of town near CR 9, and will continue east and tie into to CR 9.5 near the high school. CR 9.5 will be elevated from the point of the dike tie-in north to the first bend in the road. The elevated road will act as a north-south levee to keep flows on the west side of the road.
  2. Construct box culverts or a bridge under hwy 144 near CR 9. The opening of the culverts or bridge should be 3 to 4 feet high and as wide as possible. Attempt to construct the largest crossing possible for around \$100,000. The 100-year flows from the dike/channel system will likely overtop the highway, and that is acceptable to CDOT and the County.
  3. Construct a 100-year capacity channel downstream of the hwy 144 crossing. The County would like to purchase the farm land south of hwy 144 and west of Grove Street. The flood channel could go directly through this land to the South Platte River. The County recommended that the railroad embankment be open-cut to save the cost of



an additional culvert crossing. Attempt to protect the left bank of the South Platte River in the area where the new flood channel will daylight. The river bank is not stable and tends to migrate during high flows.

4. Increase the capacity of the existing ditch located between the railroad and hwy 144. The reach will start at CR 9 and continue east to the old railroad trestle. Provide large box culverts for the road and driveway crossings of the ditch (4 total?). Protect the drain tiles in the vicinity of the old railroad trestle with riprap or encasements.
  5. Construct concrete spill structures on the Riverside Canal and the Weldon Valley Ditch need to be constructed to prevent future bank failures. The ditch companies are agreeable to this.
  6. Widen the existing drain ditch that flows from north to south from the intersection of CR Y and CR 10 to hwy 144. Purchase a strip of land on the east side of the power poles to construct a shallow and wide ditch. Possibly increase the size of the existing culvert at hwy 144. Construct a dip (Texas Crossing) on CR Y just to the west of CR 10.
- Acquisition costs for the farm land located to the south of hwy 144 are estimated to be \$1,800 per acre.
  - Inundation and/or flood easements across farm lands could be estimated as a lump sum payment of \$300 per acre.
  - There does not seem to be a good source of riprap anywhere in the project area. The ditch company uses broken concrete.
  - The County will provide money for some of the necessary land acquisition, and will provide labor and equipment for a majority of the earthwork. The County would also like to trade a piece of land for the small parcel located on the NW corner of CR 9 and hwy 144 so that it does not have to be purchased.
  - The Riverside Ditch suffered damages in the amount of \$62,000 as a result of the flood. \$20,000 of that was not considered to be "eligible damages" according to FEMA.

#### **Action Items:**

- CWCB will set up a final review meeting for the end of January. The meeting should be held on a Thursday, if possible, to accommodate the schedules of the County Commissioners and staff.
- CWCB staff and County staff will attempt to contact the UPRR regarding work on the railroad right-of-way.
- CDOT will provide cost information for bridges and culverts for recent highway work.

# Morgan Query

## MUNICIPAL Brush

<i>STREAM</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>AUTHOR</i>	<i>RPT_DATE</i>
Beaver Creek	Flood Insurance Study, City of Brush, Colorado	FEMA	02/77
Beaver Creek	FIS City of Brush, CO		2/1/77
Beaver Creek	Floodplain Information Report, Beaver Creek, Brush, Colorado,	Gingery Associates, Inc., Denver	4/76

## MUNICIPAL Fort Morgan

<i>STREAM</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>AUTHOR</i>	<i>RPT_DATE</i>
South Platte River	FIR, City of Fort Morgan, Colorado	CWCB	4/97
South Platte River	Special FHIR, South Platte River, Volume II, Morgan County - Washington County, Colorado	US Army Corps of Engineers, O	5/77
South Platte River	Special Flood Hazard Information Report, S. Platte R., Vol. II	USACE, Omaha District	May 1977

## MUNICIPAL Unincorporated

<i>STREAM</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>AUTHOR</i>	<i>RPT_DATE</i>
Badger Creek	Floodplain Information Report, Beaver Creek, Brush, Colorado,	Gingery Associates, Inc., Denver	4/76
Beaver Creek	FIS, Morgan County, Colorado Unincorporated Areas	FEMA	9/29/89
Beaver Creek	Floodplain Information Report, Beaver Creek, Brush, Colorado.	Gingery Associates, Inc., Denver	4/76
Sand Creek	Floodplain Information Report, Beaver Creek, Brush, Colorado,	Gingery Associates, Inc., Denver	4/76
South Platte River	FIS, Morgan County, Colorado Unincorporated Areas	FEMA	9/29/89
South Platte River	Special Flood Hazard Information Report, South Platte River, Volume I, Weld County, Colorado.	USACE Omaha District	4/77

**MUNICIPAL**

*Wiggins*

<b>STREAM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>RPT_DATE</b>
Kiowa Creek	Floodplain Information Report Kiowa Creek at Wiggins, Colorado	Colorado Water Conservation Bo	6/90
Kiowa Creek	Flood Insurance Study, City of Wiggins, Colorado	Gingery Associates, Inc. under F	8/78

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## 4. Local Data

# STATE OF COLORADO

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
Tommy F. Grier, Jr. - Director

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS**  
Division of Local Government



## OEM Grant Award Letter

INITIAL AWARD  INCREASE  DECREASE  CHANGE

<b>Part 1 Accounting Information</b>
1. Contract Logging Inquiry Number (CLIN): 01146
2. Encumbrance Number: 8OEMMRGN
3. Accounting Line: SD00/395/FD95/3D95 = \$19,799.00    SD00/797/FD97/3797 = \$123,375.00
4. Vendor Number: 846000788 B

Roy Romer  
Governor

Larry Kellenberger  
Executive Director

Harold A. Knott  
Director

**Part 2 Grant Information**

- 5. Master Contract Number: 6OEM31
- 6. Award Made to Sub-Grantee: MORGAN COUNTY, including award for Riverside Irrigation District  
Box 1399  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

A - Barricade Rental  
B - Damage to a Police Car

7. This Award Amount \$143,174 (\$118,793 Federal + \$4,582 Federal Admin + \$19,799 State)

Total Awarded To Date: \$143,174

Entity DSR#	Category	Approved DSR Project Amt	Federal \$	Fed Admin \$	State Advance \$	State Final \$	Local \$
Morgan County		\$117,007	\$87,755	\$3,340	\$7,314	\$7,312	\$14,626
DSR 56013	A	\$8,095	\$9,071		\$506	\$506	\$1,012
DSR 56014	B	\$13,839	\$10,379		\$865	\$865	\$1,730
DSR 56103	C	\$5,434	\$4,076		\$339	\$340	\$679
DSR 56108	C	\$9,578	\$7,184		\$598	\$599	\$1,197
DSR 56109	C	\$5,256	\$3,942		\$329	\$328	\$657
DSR 56115	C	\$2,248	\$1,686		\$141	\$140	\$281
DSR 56116	C	\$5,669	\$4,252		\$354	\$355	\$708
DSR 56117	C	\$1,660	\$1,245		\$103	\$104	\$208
DSR 56121	C	\$1,772	\$1,328		\$111	\$111	\$222
DSR 56123	C	\$1,322	\$992		\$83	\$82	\$165
DSR 56126	C	\$1,153	\$865		\$72	\$72	\$144

**Amendment One DS**

Entity DSR#	Category	Approved DSR Project Amt	(*) Federal \$	(*) Subgrantee Fed. Admin \$	(*) State Advance \$	State Final \$	Local \$
Morgan County				\$1,056			
DSR 56105	C	\$21,026	\$15,770		\$1,314	\$1,314	\$2,628
DSR 56110	C	\$2,252	\$1,689		\$141	\$141	\$281
DSR 56111	C	\$3,842	\$2,882		\$240	\$240	\$480
DSR 56112	C	\$12,248	\$9,186		\$766	\$765	\$1,531
DSR 56114	C	\$4,518	\$3,388		\$282	\$283	\$565
DSR 56119	C	\$5,247	\$3,935		\$328	\$328	\$656
DSR 56124	C	\$3,639	\$2,729		\$227	\$228	\$455
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$52,772</b>	<b>\$39,579</b>	<b>\$1,056</b>	<b>\$3,298</b>	<b>\$3,299</b>	<b>\$6,596</b>

(\*) In table above = Advance Warrant Components (This Amendment)

8. Performance Period: Category A and B Projects - July 28, 1997- January 30, 1998  
 Category C,D,E,F and G Projects - July 28, 1997 - January 30, 1999

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11. Grant Considerations: - Attached is a copy of the fiscal terms and conditions entered into by the State and the aforementioned government jurisdiction (Attachment A). All attachments hereto are incorporated by reference. Federal project funds, Federal administrative funds, and one half (50%) of the awarded State funds are being advanced. The second one-half of the awarded state funds shall be paid upon completion of the project work following submission by the Subgrantee and approval by the State of project completion certification and expenditure summary. Any balance (underspending) of funds on this award will be used by the Subgrantee on other projects or on hazard mitigation projects contingent upon written approval by the state designated project monitor/field manager. No amendment letter need be executed to effect the use of these funds. Any deficit of funds (overspending) is strictly the responsibility of the Subgrantee.

12. Reviewed By: Polly White Date: 10/30/97 13. Issued By: Division of Local Government

14. Approved: State Controller, Clifford W. Hall Harold A. Knott Date: 11/30/97  
 S/V Harold A. Knott, Director

By: Rose Marie Auten Date: 11/30/97  
 Rose Marie Auten, Controller, DoLA

NOTE: Acceptance of the grant implies agreement with the terms and conditions as stated in the master contract and the attachments to this award letter. The state grant funds are provided from state General Funds. You are advised to seek counsel on the receipt and expenditure of these state funds under TABOR, and appropriating the funds in your current budget as necessary.

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Morgan County Continued							
DSR 56102	C	✓ \$5,667	\$4,250		\$355	\$354	\$708
DSR 56104	C	✓ \$5,408	\$4,056		\$338	\$338	\$676
DSR 56106	C	✓ \$13,509	\$10,131		\$845	\$844	\$1,689
DSR 56113	C	✓ \$4,448	\$3,336		\$278	\$278	\$556
DSR 56118	C	✓ \$2,325	\$1,743		\$145	\$146	\$291
DSR 56120	C	✓ \$1,617	\$1,213		\$101	\$101	\$202
DSR 56127	C	✓ \$11,625	\$8,719		\$727	\$726	\$1,453
DSR 56207	C	✓ \$15,882	\$11,912		\$993	\$992	\$1,985
DSR 56016	E	- \$500	\$375		\$31	\$31	\$63
Riverside Irrigation Dist.		\$41,384	\$31,038	\$1,242	\$2,586	\$2,587	\$5,173
DSR 56007	D	\$41,384	\$31,038		\$2,586	\$2,587	\$5,173
Totals		\$158,391	\$118,793	\$4,582	\$9,900	\$9,899	\$19,799

(\*) In table above = Initial Warrant Components

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DETAIL SUBSIDIARY REPORT BY SUB CODE

TRX#	DATE	SORT	TYPE	JRNL	DESCRIPTION	REQ/INV	PRD/VDR/EMP	UNIT	QUANTITY	RATE	AMOUNT
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					GRAND TOTALS						369.00
					GRAND TOTALS						9,294.11
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# RIVERINE FLOOD: LIMITED DATA MODULE

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

Disaster Number	FEMA-DR-1186-CO	Project Address	Weldona
DSR Number	n/a	City, State, Zip	Weldona, Colorado
DSR Category	n/a	County	Morgan
DSR Subject	n/a	Applicant	Morgan County
Inspection Date	n/a	Contact Person	Tom Browning-CWCB
Application Date	February 1, 1998	Scenario Run ID	1
Discount Rate (%)	7.00	Save As File Name	LD_EXAMP.WB2
Analysis Date	January 29, 1998		
Analyst	Tom Browning		

## PROJECT DATA

Project Description	New culverts/new ring levee with channel/channel imp./culvert imp.
Project Useful Life (years)	50
Base Year of Costs	1998
Mitigation Project Cost	
Total cost, including mitigation measure	\$600,000
Repair cost, to pre-disaster condition only	\$0
Net Mitigation Project Cost	\$600,000
Annual Maintenance Cost (\$/year)	\$3,500
Present Value of Annual Maintenance Cost (\$)	\$48,303
<b>TOTAL NET MITIGATION PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$648,303</b>

## FLOOD FREQUENCY AND DAMAGE ESTIMATES

Estimated Frequency of Declared Flood Event (Years)	100
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## SCENARIO DAMAGES BEFORE & AFTER MITIGATION

Flood Frequency (Years)	Expected Annual Number of Floods	Estimated Damages Before Mitigation (per flood event)		Estimated Damages After Mitigation (per flood event)		Avoided Damages After Mitigation (per flood event)	
		Direct	Other	Direct	Other	Direct	Other
2	3.00E-01	\$122,000	\$1,000			\$122,000	\$1,000
5	1.00E-01	\$122,000	\$1,000			\$122,000	\$1,000
10	8.00E-02	\$221,000	\$2,500			\$221,000	\$2,500
50	1.00E-02	\$775,000	\$7,500			\$775,000	\$7,500
100	8.00E-03	\$902,000	\$7,500			\$902,000	\$7,500
500	2.00E-03	\$1,100,000	\$7,500	\$1,100,000	\$7,500	\$0	\$0

## SUMMARY OF BENEFITS AND COSTS

	Expected Annual	Present Value
Expected Annual Damages Before Mitigation	\$84,395	\$1,164,712
Expected Annual Damages After Mitigation	\$2,214	\$30,553
Expected Avoided Damages After Mitigation (BENEFITS)	\$82,181	\$1,134,159
<b>PROJECT BENEFITS</b>		<b>\$1,134,159</b>
<b>PROJECT COSTS</b>		<b>\$648,303</b>
<b>BENEFITS MINUS COSTS</b>		<b>\$485,857</b>
<b>BENEFIT-COST RATIO</b>		<b>1.75</b>

FEMA Disclaimer: The results produced by this analysis are neither conclusive evidence that a proposed project is cost-effective, nor a guarantee that a project is eligible for any government grant for whatever purpose.

**Community of Weldon  
Residential and Commercial Building Damages  
Caused by July 1997 Declared Flood Event (100-year Event)**

Address	Property Type	Structure Type	Actual Value(\$)	Contents Value(\$)	Total Value(\$)	Est. 1st Fir Flood Depth (ft)	Percent Damaged	Total Est. Damage (\$)
203 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$43,927	\$21,964	\$65,891	2	22	\$14,496
116 Cottage Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$22,402	\$11,201	\$33,603	2	22	\$7,393
111 Cottage Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$15,584	\$7,792	\$23,376	2	22	\$5,143
707 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$38,278	\$19,139	\$57,417	2	22	\$12,632
207 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$63,018	\$31,509	\$94,527	2.5	25	\$23,632
201 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$26,298	\$13,149	\$39,447	2	22	\$8,678
114 Cottage Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$6,623	\$3,312	\$9,935	2	22	\$2,186
205 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$75,972	\$37,986	\$113,958	2	22	\$25,071
109 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$17,532	\$8,766	\$26,298	2	22	\$5,786
211 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$25,129	\$12,565	\$37,694	3	27	\$10,177
705 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$39,837	\$19,918	\$59,755	2	22	\$13,146
805 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$23,668	\$11,834	\$35,502	2	22	\$7,811
809 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$16,363	\$8,182	\$24,545	2	22	\$5,400
813 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$6,818	\$3,409	\$10,227	2	22	\$2,250
611 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$14,513	\$7,256	\$21,769	0	9	\$1,959
702 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$19,772	\$9,886	\$29,658	2	22	\$6,525
802 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$23,084	\$11,542	\$34,626	2	22	\$7,618
605 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$26,688	\$13,344	\$40,031	0	9	\$3,603
603 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$26,006	\$13,003	\$39,009	0	9	\$3,511
609 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$17,142	\$8,571	\$25,714	0	9	\$2,314
503 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$25,616	\$12,808	\$38,424	2	22	\$8,453
501 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$56,979	\$28,490	\$85,469	2	22	\$18,803
509 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$50,940	\$25,470	\$76,410	1	14	\$10,697
806 Warren St.	Residential	Single Family	\$12,662	\$6,331	\$18,993	2	22	\$4,178
309 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Single Family	\$20,551	\$10,276	\$30,827	3	27	\$8,323
515 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$19,870	\$9,935	\$29,804	0.5	5	\$1,490
505 Main St.	Residential	Single Family	\$10,032	\$5,016	\$15,048	1.5	18	\$2,709
311 Main St.	Commercial	1 story	\$76,368	\$57,276	\$133,644	3	27	\$36,084
PTLot 9 & Triangle	Commercial	1 story	\$277,648	\$208,236	\$485,884	3	27	\$131,189

**Community of Weidona  
Residential and Commercial Flood Damages  
Caused by July 1997 Declared Flood Event (100-year Event)**

Address	Property Type	Structure Type	Actual Value(\$)	Contents Value(\$)	Total Value(\$)	Est. Flood Depth (ft)	Percent Damaged	Total Est. Damage (\$)	
Lot0 & W50ft Lot 1	Commercial	1 story	\$164,280	\$123,210	\$287,490	3	27	\$77,622	
307 Railroad Ave.	Commercial	1 story	\$121,064	\$90,798	\$211,862	3	27	\$57,203	
303 Railroad Ave.	Commercial	1 story	\$34,040	\$25,530	\$59,570	3	27	\$16,084	
Lot; 3- Lot; 5	Commercial	1 story	\$32,264	\$24,198	\$56,462	3	27	\$15,245	
209 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$8,370	\$4,185	\$12,555	2	63	\$7,910	
207 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$24,750	\$12,375	\$37,125	1.5	54	\$20,048	
207 Railroad Ave.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$4,800	\$2,400	\$7,200	1.5	54	\$3,888	
403 Main St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$7,150	\$3,575	\$10,725	2	63	\$6,757	
703 Warren St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$41,710	\$20,855	\$62,565	1	44	\$27,529	
701 Warren St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$12,390	\$6,195	\$18,585	1.5	54	\$10,036	
507 Main St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$13,180	\$6,590	\$19,770	0.5	26	\$5,140	
610 Main St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$26,520	\$13,260	\$39,780	0	8	\$3,182	
607 Main St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$17,500	\$8,750	\$26,250	0.5	26	\$6,825	
804 Warren St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$12,960	\$6,480	\$19,440	1	44	\$8,554	
803 Warren St.	Residential	Mobile Home	\$4,890	\$2,445	\$7,335	1	44	\$3,227	
High School	Tax Exempt	2 story w/ bsmt	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000	1	15	\$112,500	
High School Annex	Tax Exempt	1 story w/o bsmt	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$225,000	1	14	\$31,500	
Catholic Church	Tax Exempt	1 story w/ bsmt	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$375,000	2	20	\$75,000	
Church Annex	Tax Exempt	1 story w/ bsmt	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$112,500	2	20	\$22,500	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,076,699</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$902,004</b>

Property Values Obtained from the Morgan County Assessor's Office  
Percent Damage based on FEMA Actuarial Information System  
Residential Contents Value Assumed to be 50% of Structure Value  
Commercial Contents Value Assumed to be 75% of Structure Value

## 5. Calculations and Estimates

**Morgan County - Schaefer Draw  
Precipitation Frequency Analysis**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this calculation is to determine the storm precipitation totals for storm durations of 6-hr, 12-hr, and 24-hr, for a return interval of 100-yr. The precipitation quantities represent annual amounts (the seasonal precipitation quantities, May-October are not available for Morgan County).

**Methodology:**

The information presented in this calculation is developed from the NOAA, Atlas 2, Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, Vol III - Colorado, 1973. Using the figures in the NOAA Atlas, the following information is obtained.

**6-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
2-yr	1.5
5-yr	2.0
10-yr	2.2
25-yr	2.7
50-yr	3.0
100-yr	3.4

**24-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
2-yr	1.7
5-yr	2.3
10-yr	2.7
25-yr	3.2
50-yr	3.5
100-yr	4.0

Using procedures outlined in the NOAA, Atlas 2, the 12-hr precipitation quantities were estimated from the 6-hr and 24-hr values and are shown below.

**12-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
2-yr	1.6
5-yr	2.2
10-yr	2.5
25-yr	3.0
50-yr	3.3
100-yr	3.7

## PRELIMINARY

### COMMUNITY OF WELDONA MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

#### Hydrologic Summary for Schaefer Draw near Weldona 1997 Flood Event

**Date of Flood:** July 29/30, 1997

**Duration of Rainstorm:** 4 hours

**Maximum Rainfall Depth near Basin Centroid:** 4.2 inches

Rainfall depths obtained from NWS Radar data. Radar estimates of rainfall amounts were calibrated to ground-truth data from the Fort Collins and Pawnee Creek storms.

**Estimated Return Period for Rainfall Event:** >100-year

**Antecedent Moisture in Basin:** Moderate

**Estimated Maximum Peak Flow:** 1,300 cfs

Peak flow estimated by CWCB staff based on surveyed cross-sections, high water marks, and channel slopes. Several flow estimates were obtained and averaged at locations on the stream above irrigation canals, reservoirs, or any significant man-made features. The drainage basin above the observed location is essentially natural, unregulated, and undeveloped rangeland. Drainage area above flow estimate location is approximately 5 square miles.

#### Computed Peak Flows for Schaefer Draw Using Various Hydrologic Methods (Drainage Area = 5 square miles)

Source of Estimated Flow	100-year Peak Flow (cfs)
CWCB "Guidelines for Determining 100-year Flood Flows for Approximate Floodplains in Colorado" (1997)	2,030
USGS "Analysis of the Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Colorado" (Vaill, 1996 draft)*	3,060
USGS/CWCB "Manual for Estimating Flood Characteristics of Natural-Flow Streams in Colorado" (1976)	5,460
SCS TR-55 methodology	1,310
UDFCD "Colorado Urban Hydrograph Procedure" **	1,180
Actual Flood Event	1,300***

\* Eastern plains regression equations to be revised by USGS

\*\* Simplified single basin CUHP analysis using recommended infiltration parameters

\*\*\* Flood-frequency not assigned



### **Watershed Calculation for Wildcat Creek in Morgan and Weld County, Colorado**

Using 1:320,000 Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer (pg 94), the area of the Wildcat Creek watershed was calculated using *Placom* Digital Planimeter. The water shed was roughly estimated on the map (note: only one contour line existed on the map; therefore, the watershed was inexact). Four traces were done for the watershed in acres, this was averaged to determine the area.

86536.4 acres  
86283.4  
87042.5  
87801.5

AVG= 86916.0 acres = 135.8 sq miles

Wildcat Creek watershed equals approximately 136 sq miles.

Attached is the map used to calculate the watershed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Vargo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "o".

### **Assumptions Used in the Hydraulic Computations**

In order to estimate peak discharges, the CWCB flood documentation team employed Manning's equation. The application of Manning's equation to open channel flow problems requires that several generalizing assumptions be made.

Flow in open channels typically occurs as turbulent flow over rough surfaces. Open channel flow is also seldom either steady or uniform. (Steady flow has characteristics that do not vary with time while uniform flow implies that a constant cross sectional area and velocity occur at each section within a reach.) Steady, uniform flow almost never occurs in open channels (Morris and Wiggert, Applied Hydraulics in Engineering, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1972).

In engineering applications, the Manning's equation has been used extensively and has been shown to be quite reliable even though it is an empirical approach derived for application to the following conditions:

- uniform flow in which the rate of head loss is equal to the bed slope
- steady flow

The open channel flow computations contained herein are treated as approximate solutions based on the assumptions of both steady and uniform flow. In actuality, the floods investigated in this study generally exhibited rapidly-rising and receding floodwave conditions that occurred in highly variable natural channels and adjacent floodplains. Flow characteristics under these circumstances were unlikely to be either steady or uniform.

Approaches are available for estimating floodwave flows, but they require substantial amounts of time and data that were not practical for these investigations. Manning's equation was used due to its general acceptance in the engineering community, and because of its relative ease of application. The Manning "n" values used in the calculations were based on engineering judgement, the reasonableness of results, and the understanding that the "n" term represented energy loss factors not typically found in steady, uniform flows.

## Flood Discharge Estimates for Wildcat Creek Morgan County, Colorado

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the calculation file is to estimate the peak flood discharge on Wildcat Creek in Morgan County, Colorado. The area around Wildcat Creek experienced flooding on July 28-30, 1997. Although radar data shows the maximum precipitation occurred about 3 miles southwest of Wildcat Creek, no drainages exist in this area that could be surveyed. Wildcat Creek is the closest drainage that has a well defined channel and still had debris lines in June of 1998.

### **Method:**

The slope-area method of estimating stream discharge was used to estimate the peak flood discharge on Wildcat Creek. This method uses the following equation:

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR^{2/3} s^{1/2}$$

where  $Q$  = discharge (cfs)  
 $n$  = Manning number  
 $A$  = Cross-sectional area of flow (ft<sup>2</sup>)  
 $R$  = Wetted radius (ft) =  $A/P$   
 $s$  = gradient of the channel  
 $P$  = Wetted perimeter (ft)

On June 26, 1998, stream channel cross-sections of Wildcat Creek near the Colorado State Highway 52 bridge (bridge number C21H) were surveyed by Bill Ellett and Bill Owen. Profile number 1 was located approximately 100 feet upstream from the bridge and approximately parallel to the bridge. Profile number 2 was located about 200 feet downstream of the bridge and profile number 3 was about 600 feet downstream. All three profiles were oriented approximately north-south and stretched between high-water marks on either side of the channel. High-water marks were clearly evident in the form of debris lines on each bank. Survey shots were also taken along the bottom of the stream channel to determine the channel slope. The survey equipment used was a Wild NA20 and stadia rod. The wetted perimeter at each profile was measured with a 100 foot tape.

From each profile, the cross-sectional area of flow was calculated. The attached photographs show the condition of the channel. A Manning number for grass-covered channels was estimated to be in the range of 0.029 to 0.035. The channel gradient was calculated from survey data taken along the bottom of the channel. The cross-sectional area of flow, Manning number, channel gradient, and wetted perimeter were input into the above equation to calculate flood discharge. As a reality check, the flow velocity was calculated from the discharge estimate by dividing the discharge by the cross-sectional area of flow.

The channel gradient was taken from the farthest upstream shot on profile number 1 and farthest downstream shot on profile number 2. The two profiles were tied together by shooting the bottom of

the bridge. From the profile number 1 instrument set-up, the level shot on the rod was 15.54 feet and the bottom of the bridge was 12.25 feet. Thus, the bottom of the bridge was 3.29 feet below the horizontal shot. From the profile number 2 instrument set-up, the level shot on the rod was 13.66 feet and the bottom of the bridge was 12.22 feet. Therefore, the bottom of the bridge from this position was 1.44 feet below the horizontal. It was assumed that the bottom of the bridge was horizontal. Therefore, the horizontal shot from profile number 2 set-up was 1.85 feet (3.29 - 1.44) lower than that from the profile number 1 set-up. The instrument at profile number 2 was also 0.10 feet higher off the ground than it was on profile number 1. Therefore, the ground at the profile number 2 set-up was 1.95 feet lower than the ground at the profile number 1 set-up.

The attached Excel spreadsheets and graphs present all of the raw survey data, calculations, and channel cross-sections.

### Results:

The relative change in channel elevation from profile number 1 to profile number 2 was 2.20 feet. This change occurred over a distance of 924 feet. Therefore, the gradient of the channel was estimated to be 0.0024 (2.20 feet divided by 924 feet). The area of flow for profile number 1 is estimated to be 1,229 ft<sup>2</sup>. The area of flow for profiles 2 and 3 is estimated to be 705 ft<sup>2</sup> and 605 ft<sup>2</sup> respectively. Assuming a Manning number of 0.035, the following discharges and velocities were estimated for each profile:

$n = 0.035$	Discharge (cfs)	Velocity (fps)
Profile Number 1	6,009	4.9
Profile Number 2	2,757	3.9
Profile Number 3	2,271	3.8

If the channel is smoother and a Manning number of 0.029 is used, the following discharges and velocities are estimated for each profile:

$n = 0.029$	Discharge (cfs)	Velocity (fps)
Profile Number 1	7,252	5.9
Profile Number 2	3,327	4.7
Profile Number 3	2,741	4.5

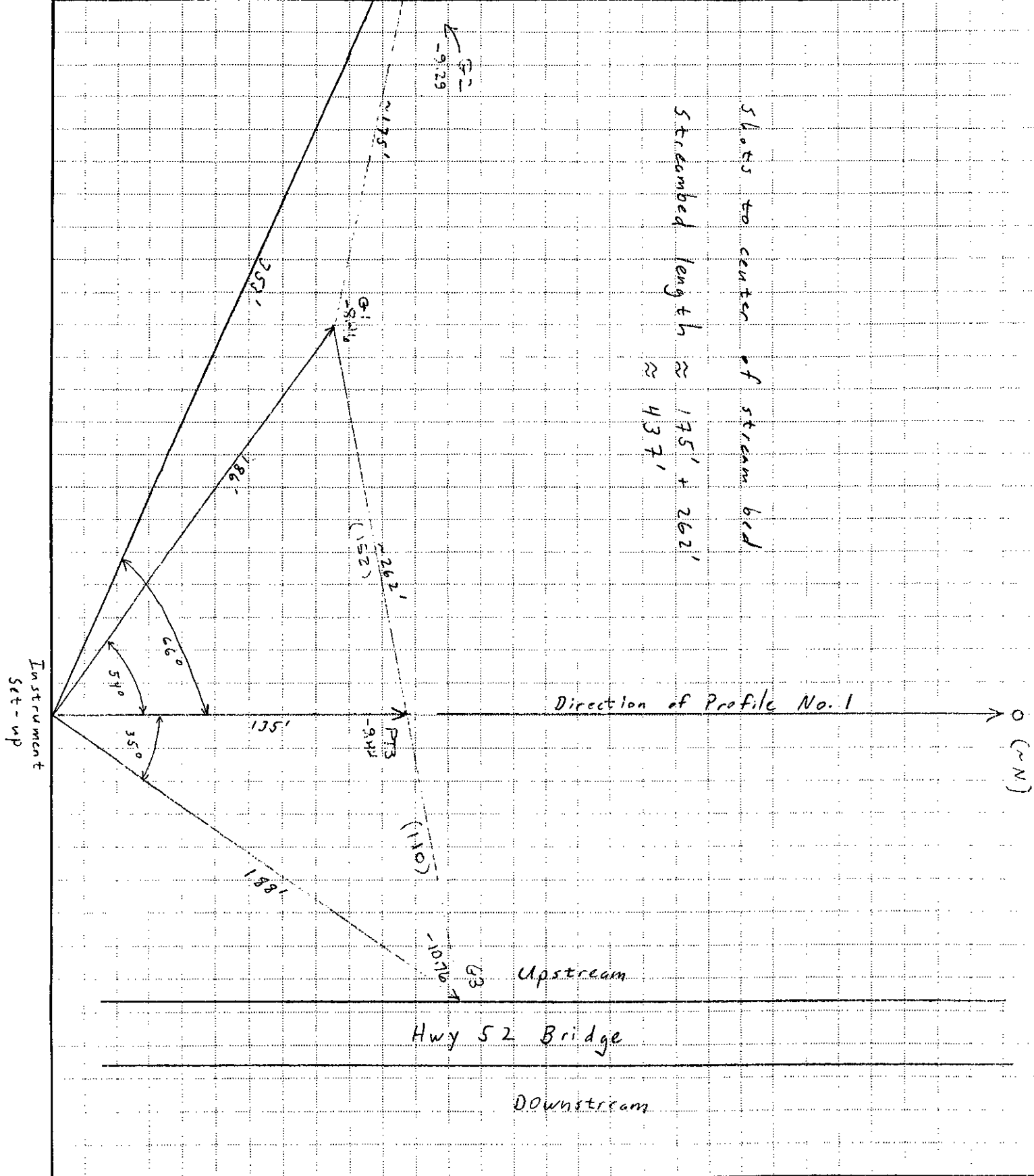
The stream discharge and velocity estimates for profile number 1 are considered to be too large because the cross-sectional area of flow for this profile probably included some backwater upstream from the bridge. However, profiles 2 and 3 are thought to be good representations of the actual channel flows. Therefore, the average of the discharges estimated from profiles 2 and 3 is thought to be a reasonable peak flood discharge estimate along this reach of Wildcat Creek. This average is between approximately 2,500 cfs and 3,000 cfs, depending on which Manning number is used.

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Subject: <u>Upstream Gradient</u>	<u>Wildcat CK</u>	Project/Proposal Name: <u>CWCB Flood Docu.</u>
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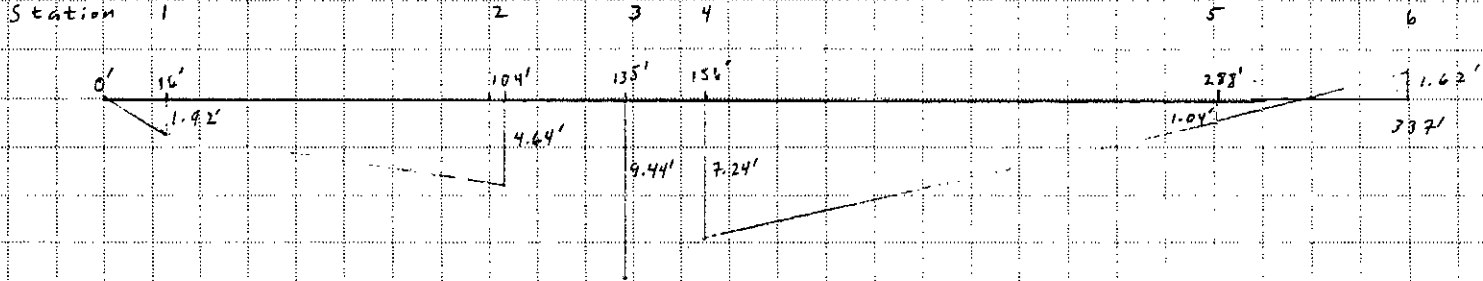


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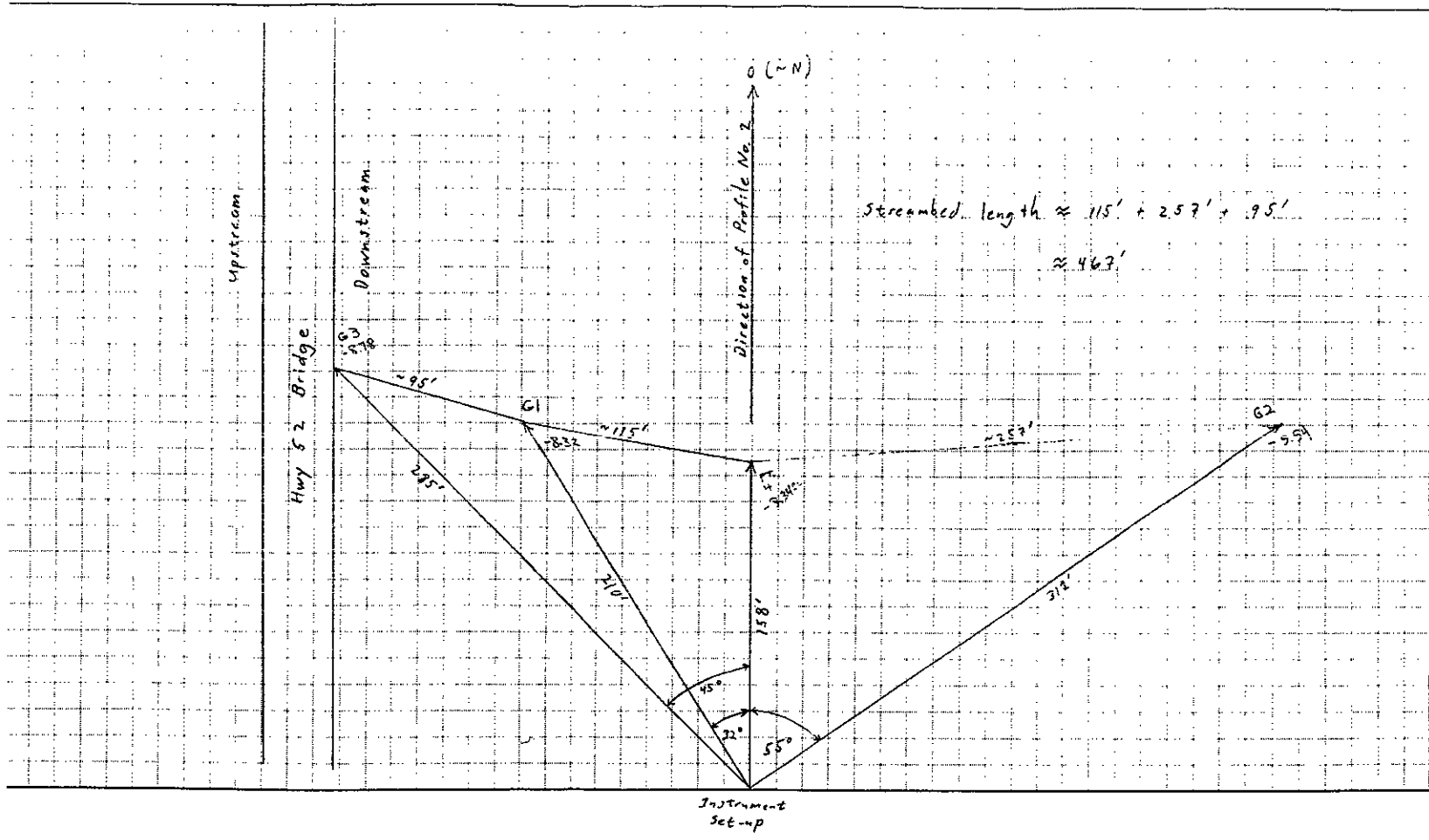
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Profile No. 1

Vertical Exaggeration = 5:1



Assume flow is confined between stations 1 and 5.



Morgan County, Colorado  
 Wildcat Creek Flood Discharge Estimates  
 Colorado State Highway 52 at Wildcat Creek, Bridge No. C21H

**Stream X-Section Survey Data and Calculations**

Profile No. 1  
 Datum (ft) = 0  
 Approximately 100 feet upstream of bridge  
 Bearing = 0 degrees (~N)  
 Instrument Height (ft) = 4.78

26-Jun-98  
 Bill Ellett  
 Bill Owen  
 Weather is sunny and warm, light breeze  
 Instrument used: Wild NA20

Instrument at south high water mark  
 Surveyor: Bill Ellett  
 Rodman: Bill Owen

Readings (ft)					
Station No.	Bearing	Top	Middle	Bottom	Notes
0	0				Instrument set-up
1	0	6.78	6.70	6.62	
2	0	9.94	9.42	8.90	
3	0	14.90	14.22	13.55	Bottom of Creek
4	0	12.80	12.02	11.24	
5	0	7.26	5.82	4.38	
6	0	4.83	3.16	1.46	North high water mark
Gradient 1	306	14.17	13.24	12.31	Creek bottom
Gradient 2	294	15.82	14.07	12.29	Creek bottom, farthest upstream
Gradient 3	35	16.48	15.54	14.60	Creek bottom at bridge
Bridge Bottom	35				Bottom of bridge = 12.25 ft on rod

(Top - Bottom) / 100	Calculations
Distance (ft)	Change in Elevation (ft)
0	0
16	-1.92
104	-4.64
135	-9.44
156	-7.24
288	-1.04
337	1.62
186	-8.46
353	-9.29
188	-10.76
188	1.49

Wetted perimeter = 340 ft (slope distance between high water marks)

**X-Sectional Area of Flow Calculations** (square feet)  
 (assume flow is confined between stations 1 and 5)

Polygon	Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
Area 1	15.36
Area 2	288.64
Area 3	218.24
Area 4	175.14
Area 5	546.48
Area 6	14.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1229</b>

(Sum of Area 2 - 5)

**Gradient**

Streambed Length = 924 ft  
 Elevation Difference = 2.2 ft  
 Gradient = 0.0024



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 Wildcat Creek Flood Discharge Estimates  
 Colorado State Highway 52 at Wildcat Creek, Bridge No. C21H

26-Jun-98  
 Bill Ellett  
 Bill Owen  
 Weather is sunny and warm, light breeze  
 Instrument used: Wild NA20

**Stream X-Section Survey Data and Calculations**

**Profile No. 2**                      Approximately 200 feet downstream of bridge  
 Datum (ft) = -1.95              Bearing = 0 degrees (-N)  
 (Relative to Profile No. 1)      Intrument Height (ft) = 4.88

Instrument at south high water mark  
 Surveyor:                      Bill Ellett  
 Rodman:                        Bill Owen

Readings (ft)					
Station No.	Bearing	Top	Middle	Bottom	Notes
0	0				Instrument set-up
1	0	7.96	7.72	6.89	
2	0	9.38	8.81	8.24	
3	0	10.93	10.16	9.42	
4	0	13.78	13.00	12.25	
5	0	14.01	13.22	12.43	Creek bottom
6	0	13.26	12.36	11.46	
7	0	9.03	8.07	7.12	
8	0	8.60	7.38	6.17	
9	0	5.20	3.86	2.51	
Gradient 1	328	14.26	13.20	12.16	Creek bottom
Gradient 2	55	15.98	14.42	12.86	Creek bottom, farthest downstream
Gradient 3	315	15.08	13.66	12.23	Creek bottom at bridge
Bridge Bottom	315				Bottom of bridge = 12.22 ft on rod
Profile 3 Set-up	91	8.28	6.14	4.00	Shot to Profile No. 3 set-up

Calculations		
Distance (ft)	Change in Elevation (ft)	Relative to Profile No. 1
0	0	-1.95
107	-2.84	-4.79
114	-3.93	-5.88
151	-5.28	-7.23
153	-8.12	-10.07
158	-8.34	-10.29
180	-7.48	-9.43
191	-3.19	-5.14
243	-2.50	-4.45
269	1.02	-0.93
210	-8.32	-10.27
312	-9.54	-11.49
285	-8.78	-10.73
285	3.44	1.49
428	-1.26	-3.21

Wetted perimeter = 273 ft (slope distance between high water marks)

**X-Sectional Area of Flow Calculations** (square feet)  
 (assume flow is confined between stations 1 and 9 and half of Area 1 flows)

Polygon	Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
Area 1	151.94
Area 2	23.695
Area 3	170.385
Area 4	13.4
Area 5	41.15
Area 6	174.02
Area 7	58.685
Area 8	147.94
Area 9	19.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>705</b>

$\frac{1}{2} \text{ Area 1} + \text{Sum (Area 2 - 8)}$

**Gradient**

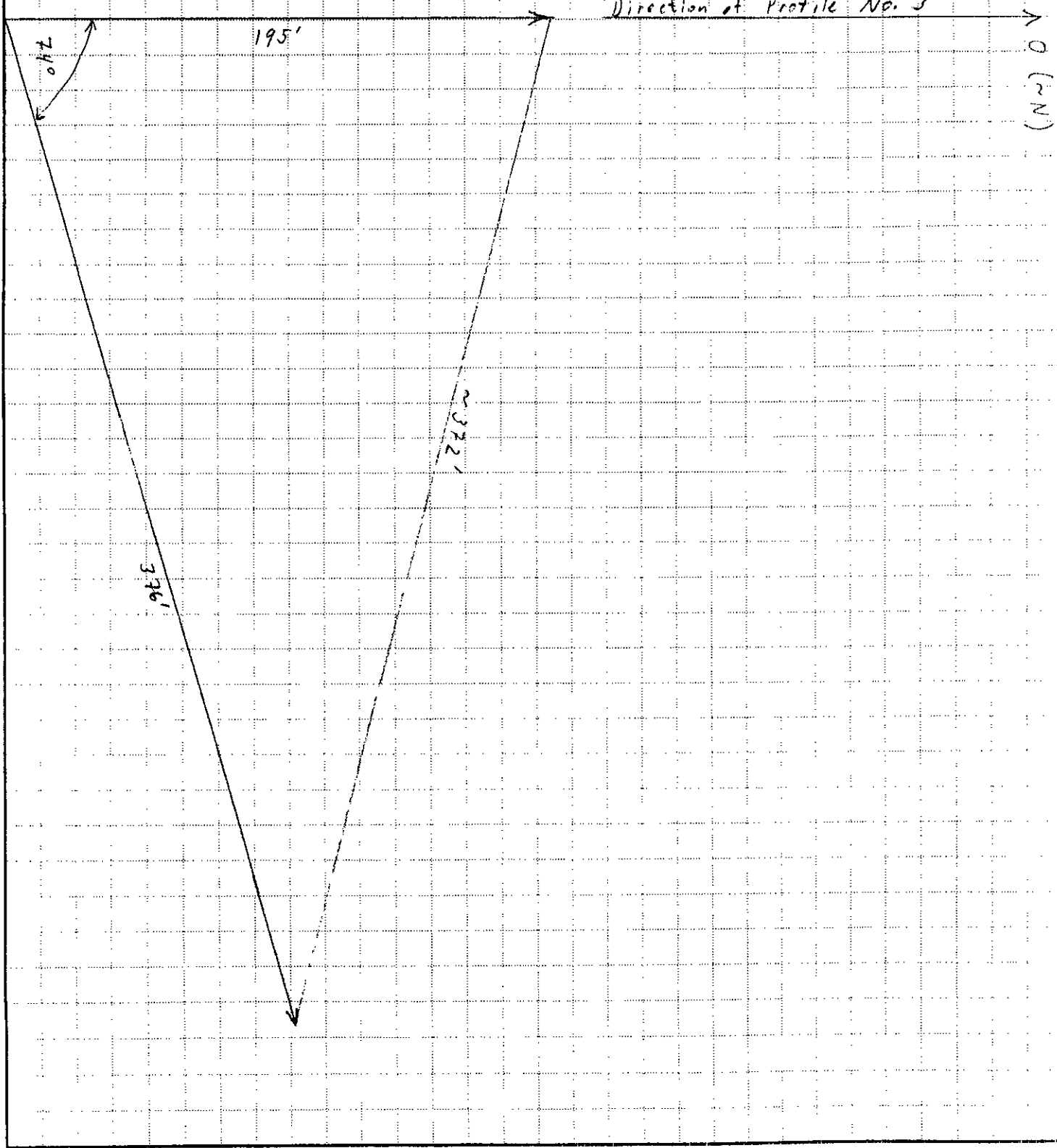
Streambed Length = 924 ft  
 Elevation Difference = 2.2 ft  
 Gradient = 0.0024

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Subject: <u>Downstream Gradient, Wildcat Ck</u>	Project/Proposal Name: <u>CWCD Flood Docu.</u>
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Instrument  
Set-up





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**Stream X-Section Survey Data and Calculations**

**Profile No. 2**

Datum (ft) = -1.95  
 (Relative to Profile No. 1)

Approximately 200 feet downstream of bridge  
 Bearing = 0 degrees (-N)  
 Instrument Height (ft) = 4.88

26-Jun-98  
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1	0	7.96	7.72	6.89	
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Wetted perimeter = 273 ft (slope distance between high water marks)

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**Gradient**

Streambed Length = 924 ft  
 Elevation Difference = 2.2 ft  
 Gradient = 0.0024

**Morgan County, Colorado**  
**Wildcat Creek Flood Discharge Estimates**  
 Colorado State Highway 52 at Wildcat Creek, Bridge No. C21H

26-Jun-98  
 Bill Ellett  
 Bill Owen  
 Weather is sunny and warm, light breeze  
 Instrument used: Wild NA20

**Stream X-Section Survey Data and Calculations**

**Profile No. 3**                      Approximately 600 feet downstream of bridge  
 Bearing = 0 degrees (~N)  
 Instrument Height (ft) =        5.00

Instrument at south high water mark  
 Surveyor:                      Bill Owen  
 Rodman:                        Bill Ellett

Readings (ft)					
Station No.	Bearing	Top	Middle	Bottom	Notes
0	0				Instrument set-up
1	0	9.56	8.82	8.09	
2	0	11.32	10.42	9.57	
3	0	14.42	13.45	12.47	Creek bottom
4	0	13.06	12.01	10.98	
5	0	9.94	8.85	7.78	
6	0	5.57	4.36	3.08	
Gradient 1	74	15.42	13.57	11.66	Creek bottom, farthest downstream

Calculations	
Distance (ft)	Change in Elevation (ft)
0	0
147	-3.82
175	-5.42
195	-8.45
208	-7.01
216	-3.85
249	0.64
376	-8.57

Wetted perimeter = 249 ft    (slope distance between high water marks)

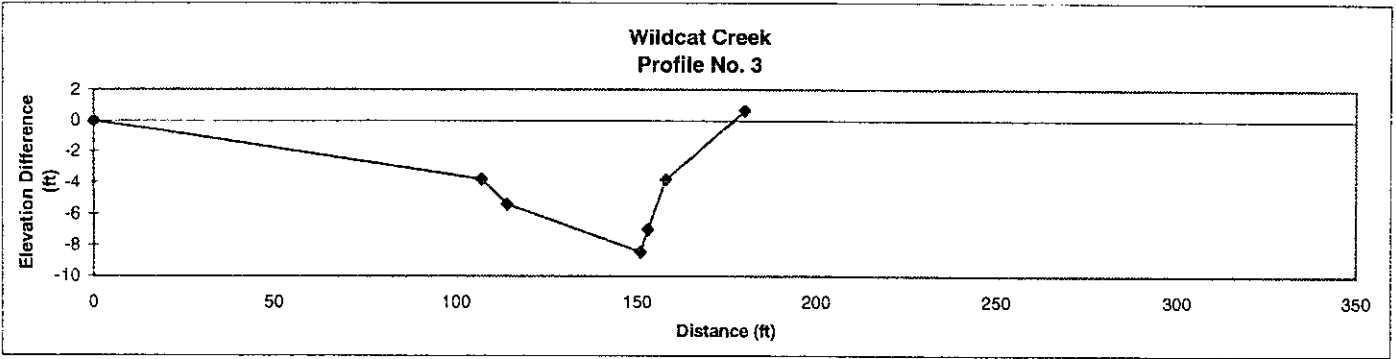
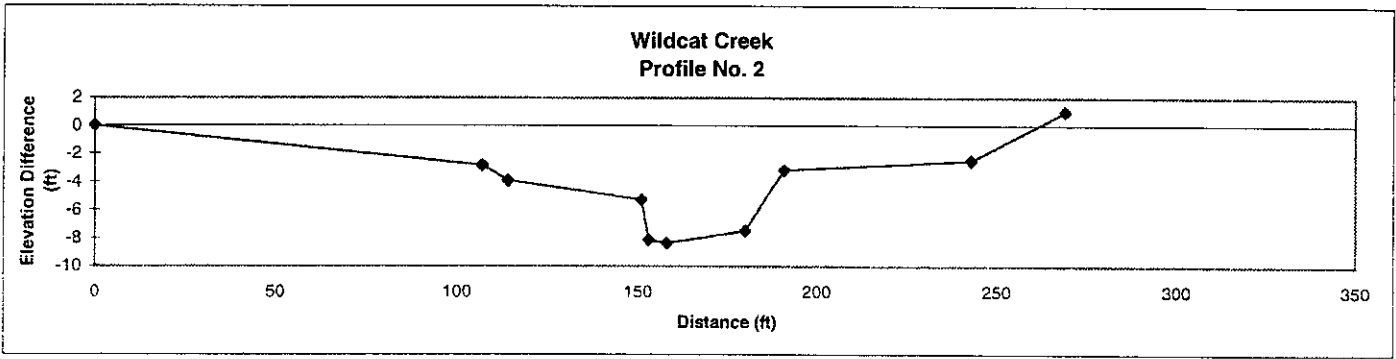
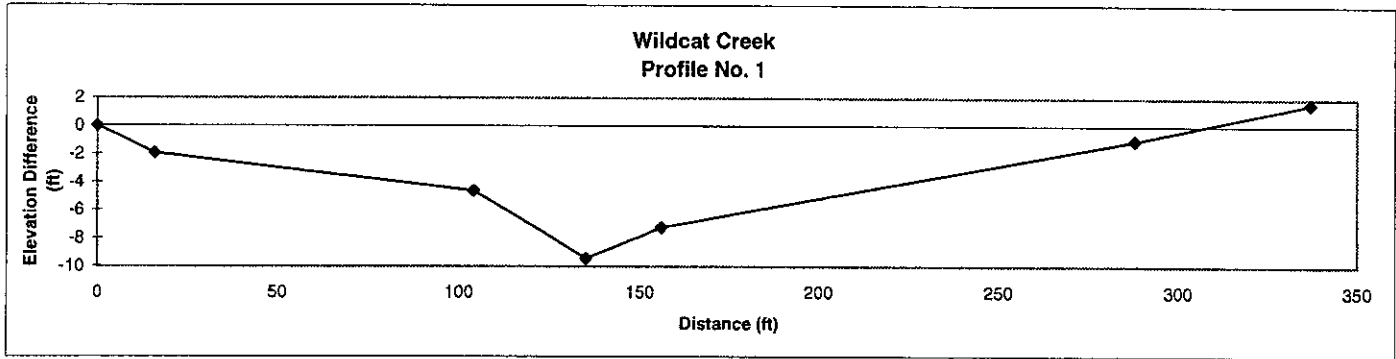
**X-Sectional Area of Flow Calculations**                      (square feet)  
 (assume flow is confined between stations 1 and 6 and half of Area 1 flows)

Polygon	Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
Area 1	280.77
Area 2	129.36
Area 3	138.7
Area 4	100.49
Area 5	43.44
Area 6	52.965
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>605</b>

*1/2 Area 1 + ...*

**Gradient**

Streambed Length =                      924                      ft  
 Elevation Difference =                      2.2                      ft  
 Gradient =                                      0.0024



Discharge Calculations

Manning Equation

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR^{2/3} s^{1/2}$$

Q = Discharge (cfs)  
 n = Manning number  
 A = X-Sectional area of flow (ft<sup>2</sup>)  
 R = Wetted radius (ft) = A/P  
 s = gradient  
 P = Wetted perimeter (ft)

Profile No. 1

A = 1229 square feet  
 P = 340 feet  
 s = 0.0024

Manning number	Discharge (cfs)	Velocity (fps)
0.029	7,252	5.9
0.030	7,010	5.7
0.031	6,784	5.5
0.032	6,572	5.3
0.033	6,373	5.2
0.034	6,186	5.0
0.035	<b>6,009</b>	4.9

Profile No. 2

A = 705 square feet  
 P = 273 feet  
 s = 0.0024

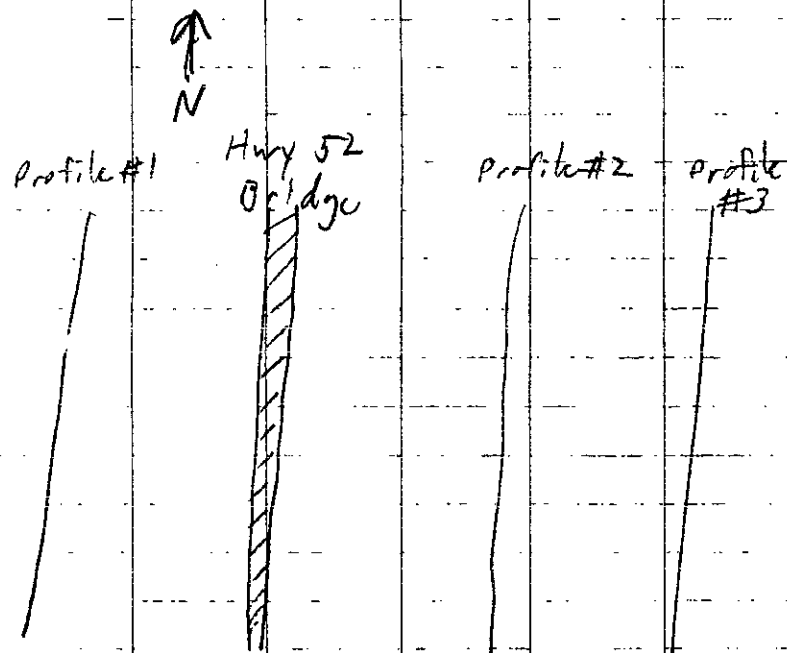
Manning number	Discharge (cfs)	Velocity (fps)
0.029	3,327	4.7
0.030	3,216	4.6
0.031	3,112	4.4
0.032	3,015	4.3
0.033	2,924	4.1
0.034	2,838	4.0
0.035	<b>2,757</b>	3.9

Profile No. 3

A = 605 square feet  
 P = 249 feet  
 s = 0.0024

Manning number	Discharge (cfs)	Velocity (fps)
0.029	2,741	4.5
0.030	2,650	4.4
0.031	2,564	4.2
0.032	2,484	4.1
0.033	2,409	4.0
0.034	2,338	3.9
0.035	<b>2,271</b>	3.8

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6/26/98 Bill Elliott - Instrument  
 Sunny + Warm Bill Owen - Rod  
 Profile #1, ~ 100' upstream  
 of Hwy 52 Bridge (C 21 H)  
 H. I. = 4.78', Bearing = 0° (N)  
 Instrument set-up @ south  
 high water mark

Instrument is Wild NA 20

Station	Top	Middle	Bottom
1	6.78	6.70	6.62
2	9.94	9.42	8.90
3	14.90	14.22	13.55 <small>Bottom of ck</small>
4	12.80	12.02	11.24
5	7.26	5.82	4.38
6	4.85	3.16	1.46 <small>Hi Water mark</small>

### Gradient sheets

Bearing	Top	Middle	Bottom
306°	14.17	13.24	12.31
294°	15.82	14.07	12.29 <small>ck Center</small>
35°	16.48	15.54	14.60 <small>Bridge</small>

Bottom of bridge = 12.25'

Washed perimeter = 340'



Profile # 2

H.I. = 4.88'

Instrument set up @ southern Hi. water mark

Bearing = 0°

Station Hi Mid Low Notes

Station	Hi	Mid	Low	Notes
1	7.96	7.42	6.89	
2	9.38	8.81	8.24	
3	10.93	10.16	9.42	
4	13.78	13.00	12.25	
5	14.01	13.22	12.43	ck Bottom
6	13.26	12.36	11.46	
7	9.03	8.07	7.12	
8	8.60	7.78	6.17	
9	5.20	3.86	2.51	

Gradient shots

Bearing	Hi	Mid	Low	Notes
328°	14.26	13.20	12.16	Bottom
55°	15.98	14.42	12.86	Bottom
91°	8.28	6.14	4.00	to Set-up in Profile # 3
315° (bridge)	15.08	13.66	12.23	

Bottom of Bridge = 12.22

wetted perimeter = 273'

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sunny warm

southern Hi. water

Profile # 3

Height = 5.00'

Instrument set up @ southern high watermark (S:WM)

Bearing = 0°

Station Hi Mid Low Notes

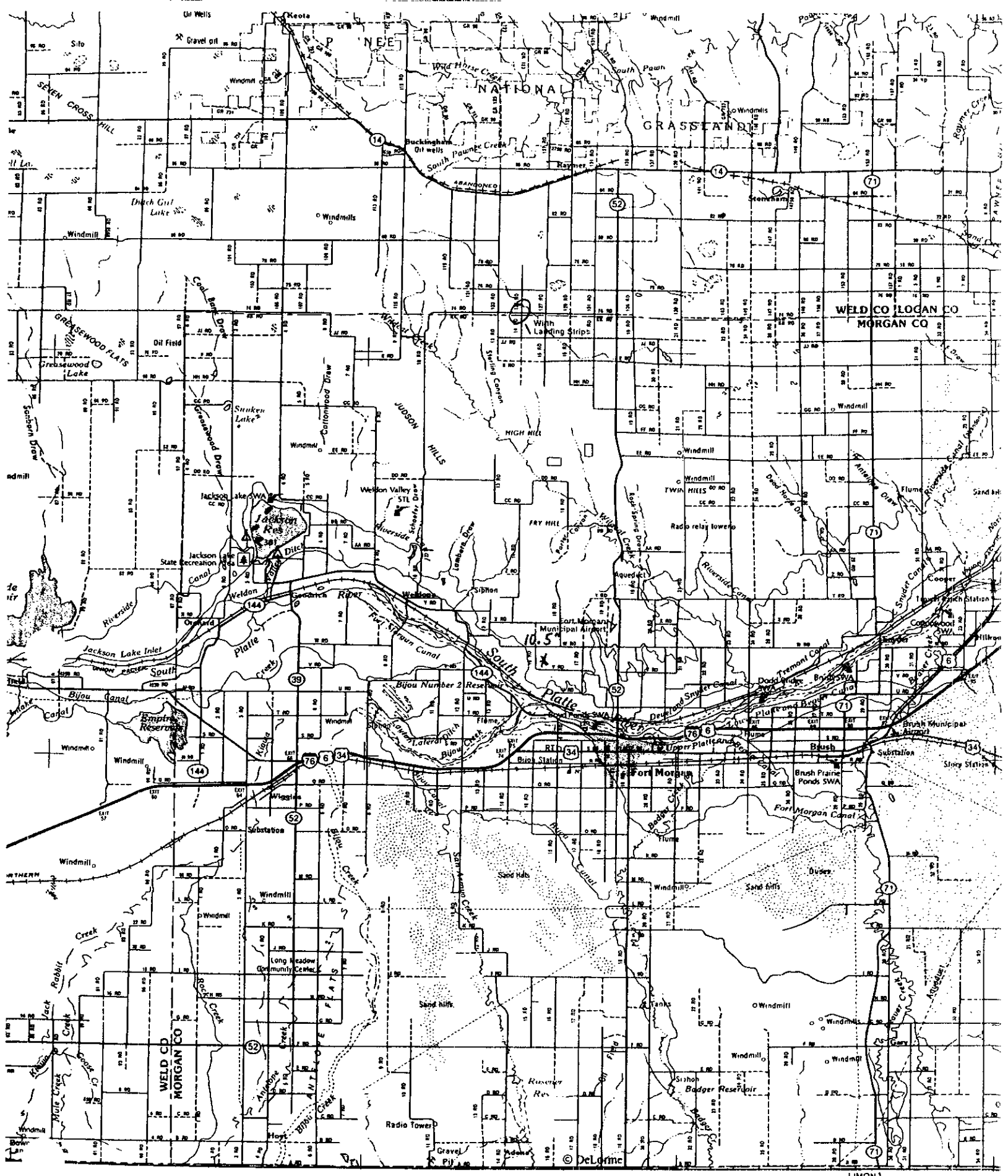
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1	9.56	8.82	8.09	S:WM
2	9.57	10.42	11.32	
3	14.42	13.45	12.47	bottom
4	13.06	12.01	10.98	
5	9.94	8.85	7.78	
6	5.57	4.30	3.08	

Gradient shots

Bearing	Hi	Mid	Low	Notes
74	15.42	13.37	11.60	Bottom

wetted perimeter = 249'

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## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/22/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Kathy Ehlrich  
Company/Affiliation: Otero County Land Use Coordinator  
Phone no.: (719) 383-3035  
Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

- most of the rain fell in dry arroyos which ~~were~~ un-named
- the most significant damage occurred in Horse Creek basin  
(Fort Lyon Storage Canal breached)
- 4-5 roads in the county were damaged; damage to bridges were minimal
- only mitigation measures currently in use are jetty jacks along the Arkansas River
- the rains that fell ~~are~~ were localized, but heavy
- CR 33 across Horse Creek ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> damaged (pipe ~100-feet of roadway)
- the end-wall of a bridge on Timpas Creek was also damaged
- no evacuations were conducted

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Owen

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**TO:** Kathy Ehrlich  
**FAX NO.:** (719) 383-3090  
**FROM:** Bill Owen  
**DATE:** June 18, 1998  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 2 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** 1997 Flooding in Otero County  
**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Ehrlich:

I have attached a summary of the questions I would like to ask you and Ken Parker concerning the floods that occurred in your County during the summer of 1997. I have added a few examples to some questions that may seem a little obscure.

I plan on contacting you at 8:30 Monday morning (June 22). Hopefully, I can catch both of you in the office at that time, and we can go over these questions then.

Thank you for your assistance in completing this flood documentation study.

Sincerely,



***If you did not receive all the pages, or if any are illegible, please call  
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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY:  
DATE:  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL:  
AFFILIATION: Otero County  
PHONE #:

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1. *Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*
2. *Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?*
3. *Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?*
4. *Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments, culverts plugged, etc.)?*
5. *Do you have any photos available? Are the photos in digital format?*
6. *What are typical local flooding problems and their locations?*
7. *Locations or Reaches of Flooded Streams?*

(I have county damage reports that specify road crossings where damages occur, but no information concerning the extent of the inundated areas or length of the stream channel/canal that overtopped.)

8. *County (or other government agency) emergency response effort as a result of the flooding?*

(Examples may include road & bridge crew erecting barricades, sheriff's office providing traffic control, citizens volunteering to establish temporary levees, etc.)

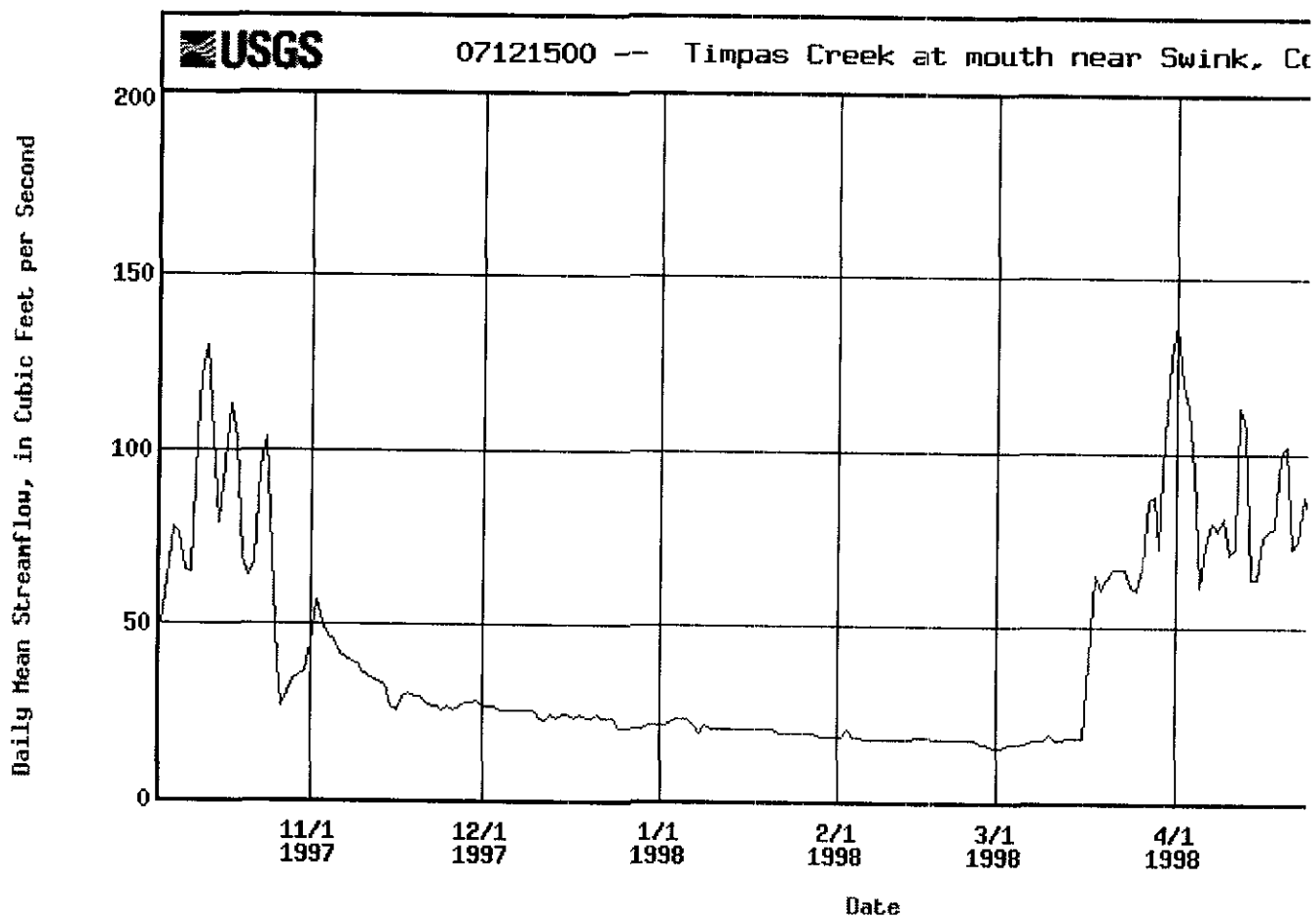
## 2. Federal Data



## Provisional current year water data

PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION

07121500-- Timpas Creek at mouth near Swink, Co.



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### Station Description

STATION.--07121500 TIMPAS CREEK AT MOUTH NEAR SWINK, CO.

LOCATION.--Lat 38°00'11", long 103°39'20", in NW1/4SW1/4 sec.35, T.23 S., R.56 W., Otero County, Hydrologic Unit 11020005, on left bank 40 ft shoreward, 125 ft upstream from left end of 23rd Rd. Bridge, 1.7 mi southwest of Swink, and 2.9 mi upstream from mouth.

DRAINAGE AREA.--496 mi<sup>2</sup>.

PERIOD OF RECORD.--January 1922 to September 1925, March 1968 to current



year.

REVISED RECORDS.--WDR CO 76-1: 1975.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry. Elevation of gage is 4,120 ft above sea level, from topographic map. Prior to May 29, 1975, at site 140 ft downstream at datum 0.13 ft, lower.

REMARKS.--Records good except for estimated daily discharges, which are poor. Natural flow of stream affected by minor diversions upstream from station for irrigation, water imported from Arkansas River and Crooked Arroyo for irrigation upstream from station, and return flow from irrigated areas. Several measurements of specific conductance and water temperature were obtained and are published in the "Supplemental Water-Quality Data For Gaging Stations" section of this report.

EXTREMES OUTSIDE PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum discharge since at least 1922, 21,400 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, June 17, 1965.

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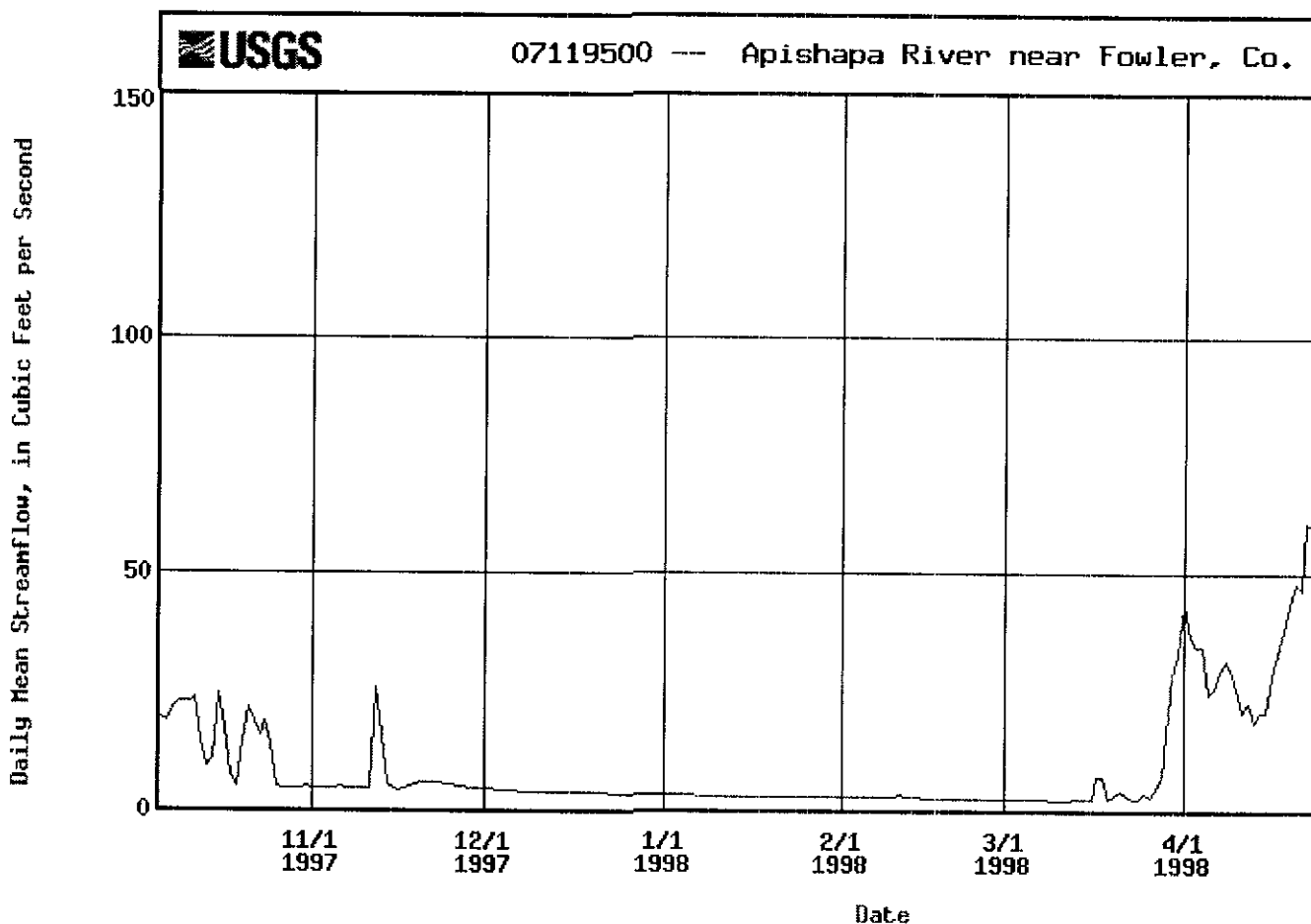
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## Provisional current year water data

PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION

07119500-- Apishapa River near Fowler, Co.



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### Station Description

STATION.--07119500 APISHAPA RIVER NEAR FOWLER, CO.

LOCATION.--Lat 38°05'28", long 103°58'52", in SE1/4NW1/4 sec.35, T.22 S., R.59 W, Otero Country, Hydrologic Unit 11020007, near right bank on downstream side of county highway bridge, 3.5 mi southeast of Fowler, and 5.4 mi upstream from mouth.

DRAINAGE AREA.--1,125 mi<sup>2</sup>.

PERIOD OF RECORD.--Streamflow records, April 1922 to September 1925, May 1939

to current year. Monthly discharge only for some periods, published in WSP 1311. Water-quality data available, November 1963 to September 1967, January to April 1969.

REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 957: 1939, 1941. WSP 1117: Drainage area. WSP 1241: 1923(M). WRD Colo. 1974: 1973(M).

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry and crest-stage gages. Datum c is 4,317.05 ft above sea level. Prior to Aug. 29, 1923, at site 3 mi downstream at different datum. Aug. 29, 1923 to Sept. 30, 1925, at present site at different datum. May 27, 1939 to July 30, 1940, at present site at different datum. July 30, 1940 to Sept. 30, 1985, at datum 2.0 ft, higher.

REMARKS.--Records good except for Oct. 11 to Dec. 13 and Mar. 5-20, which are fair, and estimated daily discharges, which are poor. Waste water from Oxford Farmers Co., and Rocky Ford Highline canals enters river upstream from station. Diversions upstream from station for irri of about 4,700 acres. Several measurements of specific conductance and water temperature were obtained and are published in the "Supplemental Water-Qualit For Gaging Stations" section of this report.

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STATION (Climatological) **LA JUNIA 15** (River Station, if different) MONTH **JUNE** 19 **97**  
 STATE **COLORADO** COUNTY **Wtero** RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP **5AM** PRECIPITATION **SMM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MST**

WS FORM B-91  
(12-93)

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)			
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY				
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A M			NOON						P.M.		
1	92	52	53	0														
2	98	52	63	0														
3	83	57	62	0														
4	97	55	55	0														
5	85	53	58	0														
6	96	56	58	0														
7	85	57	58	1.97														
8	79	57	58	0														
9	81	54	55	.40														
10	73	54	55	0														
11	86	54	58	.05														
12	92	58	62	0														
13	88	54	55	.40														
14	83	55	60	0														
15	85	56	57	0														
16	84	54	54	0														
17	80	53	55	0														
18	90	52	59	0														
19	98	58	64	0														
20	100	62	67	0														
21	103	64	64	0														
22	94	61	62	0														
23	98	62	63	0														
24	99	61	61	0														
25	96	60	61	0														
26	98	55	55	0														
27	95	53	59	0														
28	99	56	61	0														
29	100	62	63	0														
30	96	59	59	.37														
31																		
SUM			2.89															

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR  
 READING DATE

OBSERVER *C. Hayes*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO**  
 STATION INDEX NO **05-4724-01**









STATION (Climatological) **LA JUNTA** Station # (different) **15** MONTH **Oct** YEAR **1997**  
 STATE **COLORADO** COUNTY **Otero** RIVER \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER \_\_\_\_\_ TEMP **5AM** PRECIPITATION **5AM** STANDARD TIME IN USE **MST**  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE \_\_\_\_\_ ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ FLOOD STAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL POOL STAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)					
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY						
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.					Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail
1	90	49	59	0																
2	93	54	64	0																
3	91	55	65	0																
4	85	48	48	0																
5	91	47	47	0																
6	95	47	61	0																
7	81	50	57	0																
8	87	54	58	.34																
9																				
10	77	41	61	0																
11	85	60	65	0																
12	84	47	47	1.07																
13	50	35	36	.30																
14	64	34	35	0																
15	75	33	39	0																
16	77	38	39	0																
17	74	36	38	0																
18	80	36	44	0																
19	83	42	44	0																
20	59	40	44	0																
21	63	42	43	0																
22	65	39	40	0																
23	78	36	43	0																
24	76	41	46	0																
25	61	19	19	1.29	80.6															
26	24	10	10	1.66	20.23															
27	32	8	14	0																
28	43	11	32	0																
29	45	16	19	0																
30	48	16	33	0																
31	54	28	35	0																
SUM			SUM	4.31	280															

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage. H. Pool stage.  
 SUPERVISING OFFICER *[Signature]* STATION INDEX NO. **05-4724-1**  
**WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO**

STATION (Climatological) *Fowler* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Colo* COUNTY *OTero* MONTH *May* 19*97*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT A.M.		TENDENCY	
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)	At Ob. Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	A.M.			NOON							P.M.
1				0.0													
2				0.0													
3				0.0													
4				0.0													
5				0.0													
6				0.0													
7				0.0													
8				0.0													
9				0.0													
10				0.0													
11				0.0													
12				0.0													
13				0.0													
14				0.0													
15				0.0													
16				0.0													
17				0.0													
18				0.0													
19				0.32													
20				0.0													
21				.05													
22				.22													
23				0.08													
24				0.0													
25				0.0													
26				0.05													
27				0.0													
28				0.0													
29				0.0													
30				.44													<i>Per sign height covered Enclosed</i>
31																	

SUM 136

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE

A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

READING DATE

OBSERVER *Edward Zellbauer* STATION INDEX NO

SUPERVISING OFFICE WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO

05-3079-1



STATION (Climatological) Fowler (River Station, if different) MONTH July 1997  
 STATE COLO COUNTY Otero RIVER  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP PRECIPITATION STANDARD TIME IN USE  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

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RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)							RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.							GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY			
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	At Ob.	A. M.			NOON			P. M.					
1				0														
2				0														
3				0														
4				0														
5				0														
6				0														
7				0														
8				0														
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21				0														
22				0.23														
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26				0														
27				0														
28				0.22														
29				0														
30				1.23														
31				0														
SUM				1.25														

Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.

Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.

Time of observation if different from above

CONDITION

GAGE READING AT

TENDENCY

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE

READING DATE

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

A. Obstructed by rough ice.  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice.  
 D. Ice gorge above gage.  
 E. Ice gorge below gage.  
 F. Shore ice.  
 G. Floating ice.  
 H. Pool stage.

1.28

OBSERVER Edward J. Bellman

SUPERVISING OFFICE SO PUEBLO, COLORADO

STATION INDEX NO 05-3079-1



STATION: *Climatological* (River Station if different)  
 STATE: **COLO** COUNTY: **Otero** MONTH: **Sept.** YEAR: **97**  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION: **7:00AM** TEMP: **MTN.** RIVER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO: \_\_\_\_\_ FLOOD STAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL POOL STAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)					
	24 HRS ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						CONDITION	GAGE READING AT _____ A.M.		TENDENCY				
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.						Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder
1				0																
2				0																
3				0																
4				0																
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9				0																
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25				0																
26				0																
27				0																
28				0																
29				0																
30				0																
31				0																
SUM				0.96																

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE:  A. Obstructed by rough ice.  B. Frozen, but open at gage.  C. Upper surface of smooth ice.  D. Ice gorge above.  E. Ice gorge below gage.  F. Shore ice.  G. Floating ice.  H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR:  READING: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER: *Edward P. Bellman* SUPERVISING OFFICE: **WSO PUEBLO, COLORADO** STATION INDEX NO: **05-3079-1**









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STATION (Continued) *La Junta 20 So.* (River Station, if different) MONTH *July* 19 *97*  
 STATE *Colorado* COUNTY *Otero*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP *7:00 Am* PRECIPITATION *7:00 Am* STANDARD TIME IN USE *M*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO Ft. FLOOD STAGE Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE Ft.

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)	
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS			Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY		
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, hail, ice on ground (ins.)	At Ob.	Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.									
							A.M.		NOON		P.M.					
1	104	65	74	0												
2	105	53	64	0												
3	92	63	63	0												
4	83	59	65	0												
5	88	59	67	1.4												
6	98	55	70	0												
7	99	63	71	T												
8	102	63	69	0												
9	99	61	67	0												
10	98	59	69	1.09												
11	99	67	72	1.03												
12	98	59	68	1.05												
13	99	60	69	0												
14	96	64	68	0												
15	100	65	72	0												
16	104	72	79	0												
17	107	65	76	0												
18	104	60	65	0												
19	99	65	69	0												
20	95	62	69	1.21												
21	92	55	68	1.59												
22	94	64	69	0												
23	98	65	71	0												
24	102	70	75	0												
25	101	72	78	0												
26	105	70	74	1.04												
27	101	69	73	1.03												
28	100	67	68	1.30												
29	88	61	61	1.42												
30	90	65	66	0												
31	91	66	74	0												
SUM.			SUM.	2.90												

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE READING DATE

A. Obstructed by rough ice. E. Ice gorge below gage  
 B. Frozen, but open at gage. F. Shore ice.  
 C. Upper surface of smooth ice. G. Floating ice.  
 D. Ice gorge at H. Pool stage.

Fog Ice Pel Glaze Thund Hail Dam Winds

OBSERVER *Sarahy Harrison*  
 SUPERVISING OFFICE *WSO Pueblo* STATION INDEX NO *05-4726-01*



STATION (Climatological) *Sanguita 20 South* (River Station, if different)  
 STATE *Colorado* COUNTY *Windsor* MONTH *Sept* 19 *97*  
 TIME (local) OF OBSERVATION RIVER TEMP. *7:00 AM* PRECIPITATION *7:00 AM* STANDARD TIME IN USE *M*  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO FLOOD STAGE NORMAL POOL STAGE

WS FORM B-91 (7-69) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
**RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION			WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.)					
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Ob	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day						GAGE READING AT	TENDENCY						
	MAX.	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets (ins. and tenths)		A M		NOON		P M					Fog	Ice Pellets	Glaze	Thunder	Hail
1	86	65	73	0																
2	94	69	69	0																
3	79	62	66	0																
4	82	60	63	0																
5	85	63	67	0																
6	90	59	62	0																
7	88	60	64	.03											X					
8	90	56	57	0																
9	91	53	60	0																
10	68	49	53	0																
11	89	54	53	0																
12	93	57	69	0																
13	92	54	64	0																
14	94	63	70	0																
15	95	58	54	0																
16	98	59	63	0																
17	89	59	60	0																
18	90	61	72	0																
19	100	55	57	0																
20	83	46	47	.01											X					
21	51	46	50	.78																
22				0																
23	76	48	52	0																
24	65	48	51	0																
25	71	39	48	0																
26	84	47	52	0																
27	94	52	57	0																
28	88	47	56	0																
29	81	48	50	0																
30	89	49	51	0																
31																				
SUM			SUM	<i>1.82</i>																

*Sept. 21-22 - I missed getting the reading on the 21st. as I was called away - so I'm not sure if the 22nd is right either.*

CONDITION OF RIVER AT GAGE: A. Obstructed by rough ice. B. Frozen, but open at gage. C. Upper surface of ice. D. Ice gorge at. E. Ice gorge below gage. F. Shore ice. G. Floating ice. H. Pool stage.

CHECK BAR (For wire-weight) NORMAL CK. BAR

OBSERVER: *Donna Simmons* SUPERVISING OFFICE: *W50 Pueblo* STATION INDEX NO: *05-4726-01*



UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA [NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 06/1997								Station Location: LA JUNTA, CO (LHX) lat: 38° 03', lon: -103° 31' Elev(Ground): 4196 Feet Time Zone: Mountain Standard WBAN: 23067															
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)					Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)		Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees								
	Max	Min	Avg.	Dep From Normal	Avg. Dew pt.	Avg. Wet Bulb	Heating		Cooling	0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	Avg. Station	Avg. Sea level	Resultant Speed	Res Dir	Avg. Speed	max 5-sec Speed	max 2-min Speed			
										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv										
01	96	53	75	6	54	61	0	10	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.57	29.70	4.8	12	9.7	29	20	22	9	01
02	79	57	68	-1	59	62	0	3	RA FG	0.0	-	0	T	25.60	29.74	10.3	9	12.7	30	12	25	9	02
03	85	59	72	2	52	60	0	7		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.76	29.93	10.8	3	11.5	28	4	23	3	03
04	82	53*	68	-2	51	57	0	3		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.74	29.93	12.8	11	13.8	30	12	28	10	04
05	91	56	74	4	53	60	0	9	FG HZ	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.51	30.02	5.7	11	10.2	29	15	25	14	05
06	85	58	72	1	57	61	0	7	TS TSRA FG HZ	0.0	-	0	1.93	25.58	29.73	8.3	8	12.6	32	11	29	11	06
07	78	59	69	-2	59	61	0	4	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	0.36	25.64	29.80	7.3	17	8.9	33	20	29	21	07
08	78	58	68	-3	55	59	0	3	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	0.03	25.60	29.75	10.3	14	12.4	33	13	28	14	08
09	67	54	61*	-11	55	57	4	0	RA FG	0.0	-	0	0.35	25.71	29.94	10.8	11	12.4	30	8	25	11	09
10	81	54	68	-4	57	60	0	3	TS TSRA RA FG	0.0	-	0	0.06	25.73	29.94	9.8	12	11.6	34	17	26	17	10
11	88	57	73	1	54	61	0	8	FG+ FG	0.0	-	0	0.01	25.61	29.76	1.9	33	7.6	17	30	15	29	11
12	83	59	71	-2	52	59	0	6	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	0.01	25.54	29.66	7.1	8	12.3	38	5	31	13	12
13	78	55	67	-6	55	59	0	2	TS TSRA FG	M	-	-	0.34	25.60	29.75	9.1	10	13.6	31	7	26	11	13
14	83	59	71	-2	56	62	0	6		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.60	29.75	15.5	16	17.8	36	16	30	16	14
15	83	55	69	-5	53	58	0	4	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	T	25.55	29.70	4.6	32	11.4	44	27	38	34	15
16	75	54	65	-9	50	56	0	0	HZ	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.62	29.81	3.7	24	7.4	23	20	20	19	16
17	86	54	70	-4	51	59	0	5		0.0	-	0	T	25.65	29.82	4.0	32	8.1	28	1	17	2	17
18	93	58	76	1	51	61	0	11	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.67	29.80	1.6	31	8.7	30	3	26	3	18
19	97	63	80	5	49	62	0	15		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.62	29.73	8.2	24	9.5	29	20	25	21	19
20	99	64	82*	7	45	61	0	17		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.46	30.79	5.7	27	9.5	24	31	21	30	20
21	90	64	77	2	56	64	0	12		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.58	29.82	7.6	6	10.5	25	8	22	8	21
22	97	63	80	4	51	62	0	15		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.60	29.72	12.4	17	13.9	37	15	33	15	22
23	94	61	78	2	54	63	0	13	TS	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.56	29.66	6.7	14	9.7	31	18	25	14	23
24	94	62	78	2	51	61	0	13	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.63	29.76	3.8	2	11.3	48	2	39	3	24
25	89	57	73	-3	53	60	0	8	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	0.18	25.78	29.95	4.8	16	12.1	53	19	39	23	25
26	90	54	72	-5	51	59	0	7		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.80	29.99	4.4	23	8.1	25	27	21	24	26
27	95	55	75	-2	46	59	0	10		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.67	29.82	4.8	28	10.4	36	32	30	32	27
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Monthly Averages										Totals>		3.6	2.89	25.62	29.83	3.1	12.7	10.9	<Monthly Average				
Departure From Normal																						1.57	
Degree Days								Greatest 24-hr Precipitation: 1.53 date: 6-7				Sea Level Pressure Date Time											
Monthly				Season to Date				Greatest 24-hr Snowfall: date:				Maximum: 30.13 26 0553											
Total Departure		Total Departure		Greatest Snow Depth: 0 date:				Minimum: 29.45 20 2324															
Heating:	4	-7					Number of Days with >= 90: 14				Min temp <= 32: 0												
Cooling:	239	-30					Max temp <= 32: 0				Min temp <= 0: 0												
								Thunderstorms : 13				Heavy Fog : 1				Precipitation >= .01 inch: M							
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																Snowfall >= 1.0 inch : 0							



UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA [NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 06/1998										Station Location: LA JUNTA, CO (LHX)      lat: 38° 03', lon: -103° 31' Elev(Ground): 4196 Feet Time Zone: Mountain Standard      WBAN: 23067													
date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)				Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees					
	Max	Min	Avg.	Dep From Normal	Avg. Dew pt.	Avg Wet Bulb	Heating	Cooling		0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	Avg. Station	Avg. Sea level	Resultant Speed	Res Dir	Avg. Speed	max 5-sec	max 2-min			
										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv										
01	97	53	75*	6	41	56	0	10		0.0	-	0.00	0.00	25.56	29.69	1.2	25	9.5	25	9	22	9	01
02	91	52	72	3	43	57	0	7		M	-	-	0.00	25.54	29.66	3.4	13	9.8	26	12	22	13	02
03	73	46	60	-10	45	50	5	0	FG HZ	M	-	-	T	25.62	29.80	15.0	8	16.1	33	4	26	5	03
04	67	44	56	-14	45	48	9	0	TS TSRA FG	M	-	-	T	25.58	29.81	15.7	9	16.2	36	3	31	3	04
05	51	42	47*	-23	39	43	18	0	FG	0.0	-	0.00	0.10	25.82	30.13	4.2	9	8.5	18	7	15	8	05
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07	85	49	67	-4	49	57	0	2	TS	0.0	-	0.00	T	25.50	30.63	16.8	19	17.8	44	17	38	17	07
08	79	49	64	-7	42	53	1	0		0.0	-	0.00	0.00	25.51	30.02	2.8	2	11.0	24	36	21	35	08
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10	86	48	67	-5	40	53	0	2		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.51	29.80	5.9	20	11.0	33	21	29	21	10
11	86	55	71	-1	38	53	0	6		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.50	29.75	7.0	26	10.7	32	25	22	24	11
12	88	52	70	-3	39	54	0	5		0.0	-	0.00	0.00	25.65	29.81	2.9	9	9.4	23	3	20	3	12
13	92	51	72	-1	35	52	0	7	HZ	0.0	-	0.00	0.00	25.52	30.14	11.5	28	14.9	53	29	46	28	13
14	83	49	66	-7	42	52	0	1	TS TSRA RA FG	0.0	-	0.00	0.35	25.60	29.76	7.7	33	13.6	53	35	47	35	14
15	71	50	61	-13	45	52	4	0	FG	0.0	-	0.00	0.07	25.63	29.84	1.6	2	9.2	24	32	21	32	15
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-----									-----Departure From Normal-----														
Degree Days			Monthly	Season to Date		Greatest 24-hr Precipitation: date:			Sea Level Pressure Date Time														
Heating:			Total Departure	Total Departure		Greatest 24-hr Snowfall: date:			Maximum:														
Cooling:						Greatest Snow Depth: date:			Minimum:														
Number of Days with ----->									Max temp >= 90:		Min temp <= 32:		Precipitation >= .01 inch:										
									Max temp <= 32:		Min temp <= 0 :		Precipitation >= .10 inch :										
									Thunderstorms : 3		Heavy Fog : 0		Snowfall >= 1.0 inch : 0										

UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA										Station Location: LA JUNTA, CO (LHX)		lat: 38° 03', lon: -103° 31'											
[NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 07/1997										Elev(Ground): 4196 Feet		Time Zone: Mountain Standard		WBAN: 23067									
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)		Precipitation (in)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees							
	Max	Min	Avg.	Dep From Normal	Avg. Dew pt.	Avg. Wet Bulb	Heating	Cooling		0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	Avg. Station	Avg. Sea level	Resultant Speed	Res Dir	Avg. Speed	max 5-sec	max 2-min			
										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv						Speed	Dir	Speed		
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05	94	58	76	-2	52	61	0	11	TS TSRA TSRAGS GR HZ	0.0	-	0	0.08	25.75	29.90	3.3	11	9.4	46	8	39	8	05
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07	98	59	79	0	47	59	0	14		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.68	29.81	3.4	31	10.0	39	34	33	34	07
08	96	60	78	-1	49	60	0	13	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.75	29.88	2.9	12	8.0	25	36	22	36	08
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16	104*	62	83	3	48	62	0	18		0.0	-	0	0.00	25.74	29.84	0.8	16	10.1	38	7	32	8	16
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28	88	64	76	-3	62	66	0	11	TS TSRA RA FG	0.0	-	0	0.67	25.89	30.06	3.5	10	8.8	38	24	32	24	28
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31	94	71	83	4	59	67	0	18	HZ	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.87	29.98	7.1	22	10.7	28	21	23	22	31
95.2 62.1 78.7 ----- 52.9 62.7 .0 13.8 <Monthly Averages										Totals>		1.14	25.74	29.87	2.7	14.8	10.2	<Monthly Average					
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Degree Days Monthly Season to Date										Greatest 24-hr Precipitation: 0.70 date: 28-29				Sea Level Pressure Date Time									
Total Departure Total Departure										Greatest 24-hr Snowfall: date:				Maximum: 30.15 4 0750									
Heating: 0 0										Greatest Snow Depth: 0 date:				Minimum: 29.56 1 0122									
Cooling: 428 -15										Number of Days with ----->		Max temp >= 90: 26		Min temp <= 32: 0		Precipitation >= .01 inch: 7							
												Max temp <= 32: 0		Min temp <= 0 : 0		Precipitation >= .10 inch : 2							
												Thunderstorms : 12		Heavy Fog : 0		Snowfall >= 1.0 inch : 0							

UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA [NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 08/1997										Station Location: LA JUNTA, CO (LHX) lat: 38° 03', lon: -103° 31' Elev(Ground): 4196 Feet Time Zone: Mountain Standard WBAN: 23067													
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)				Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees					
	Max	Min	Avg.	Dep From Normal	Avg. Dew pt.	Avg Wet Bulb	Heating	Cooling		0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	Avg. Station	Avg. Sea level	Resultant Speed	Dir	Res Avg. Speed	Dir	max 5-sec Speed	Dir	max 2-min Speed	Dir
										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv										
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05	73	64	69	-10	64	65	0	4	TS TSRA RA FG	0.0	-	0	0.68	25.91	30.11	10.9	12	13.0	28	14	24	11	05
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09	83	62	73	-5	57	63	0	8	TS TSRA FG	0.0	-	0	0.19	25.71	29.85	5.2	4	13.1	33	3	29	3	09
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22	89	62	76	1	55	63	0	11	TS	M	-	-	0.00	25.90	30.05	1.2	27	6.7	24	2	20	1	22
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26	95	67	81	7	57	66	0	16	-	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.75	29.87	3.8	23	10.0	23	12	16	12	26
27	94	65	80	6	59	66	0	15	-	0.0	-	0	0.00	25.71	29.83	2.4	30	6.4	18	27	16	27	27
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29	94	64	79	6	56	63	0	14	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.66	29.80	2.4	32	7.0	36	34	31	34	29
30	89	58	74	1	59	64	0	9	TS TSRA	0.0	-	0	T	25.74	29.89	1.4	34	9.2	32	8	26	8	30
31	88	60	74	1	60	64	0	9	TS	0.0	-	0	T	25.76	29.91	3.7	13	8.5	36	16	31	16	31



*Takes care of Crowley County as well*

State Code	County Code	Site Name	HQ State	HQ County
8	89	OTERO COUNTY FSA OFFICE	8	89

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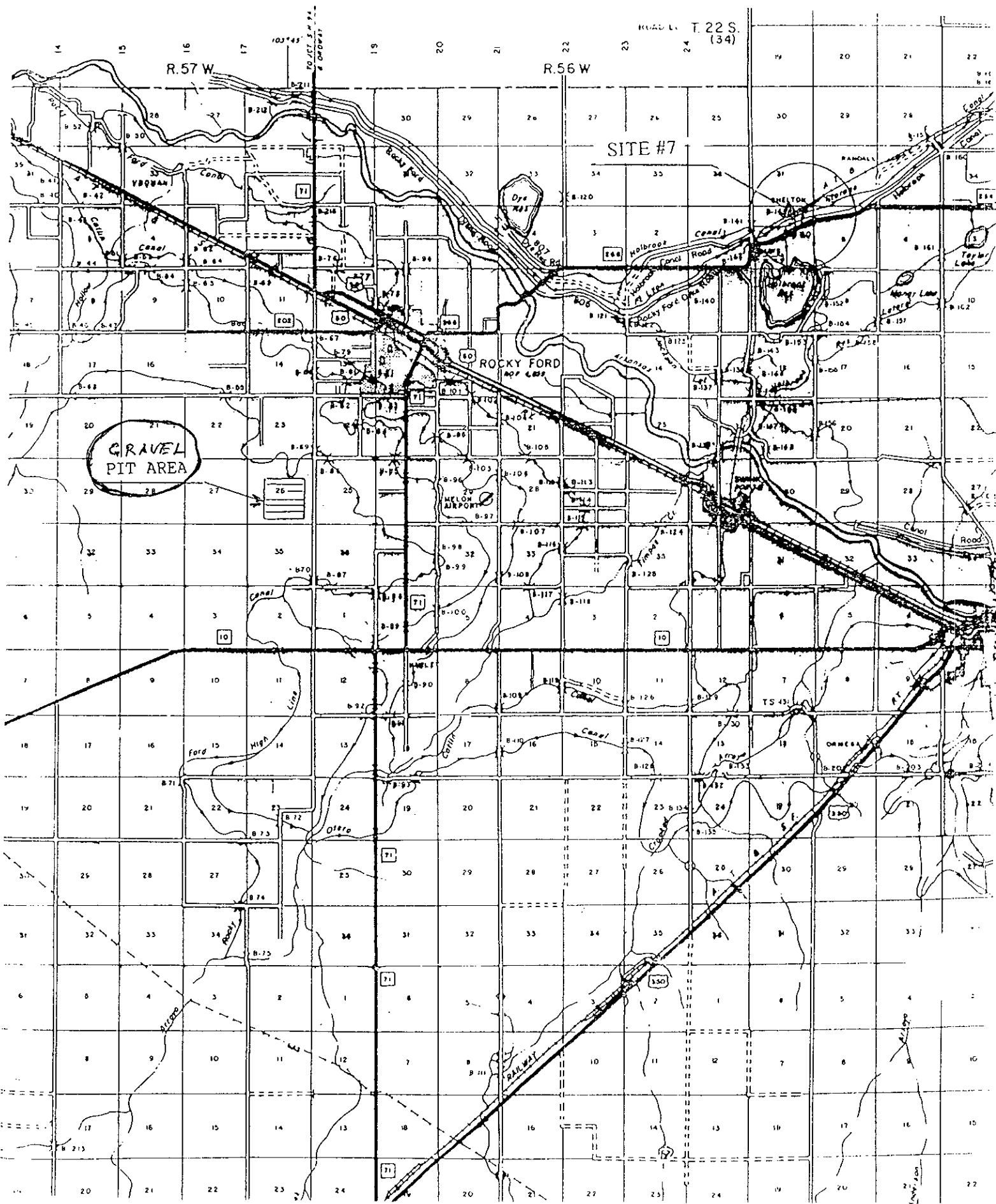
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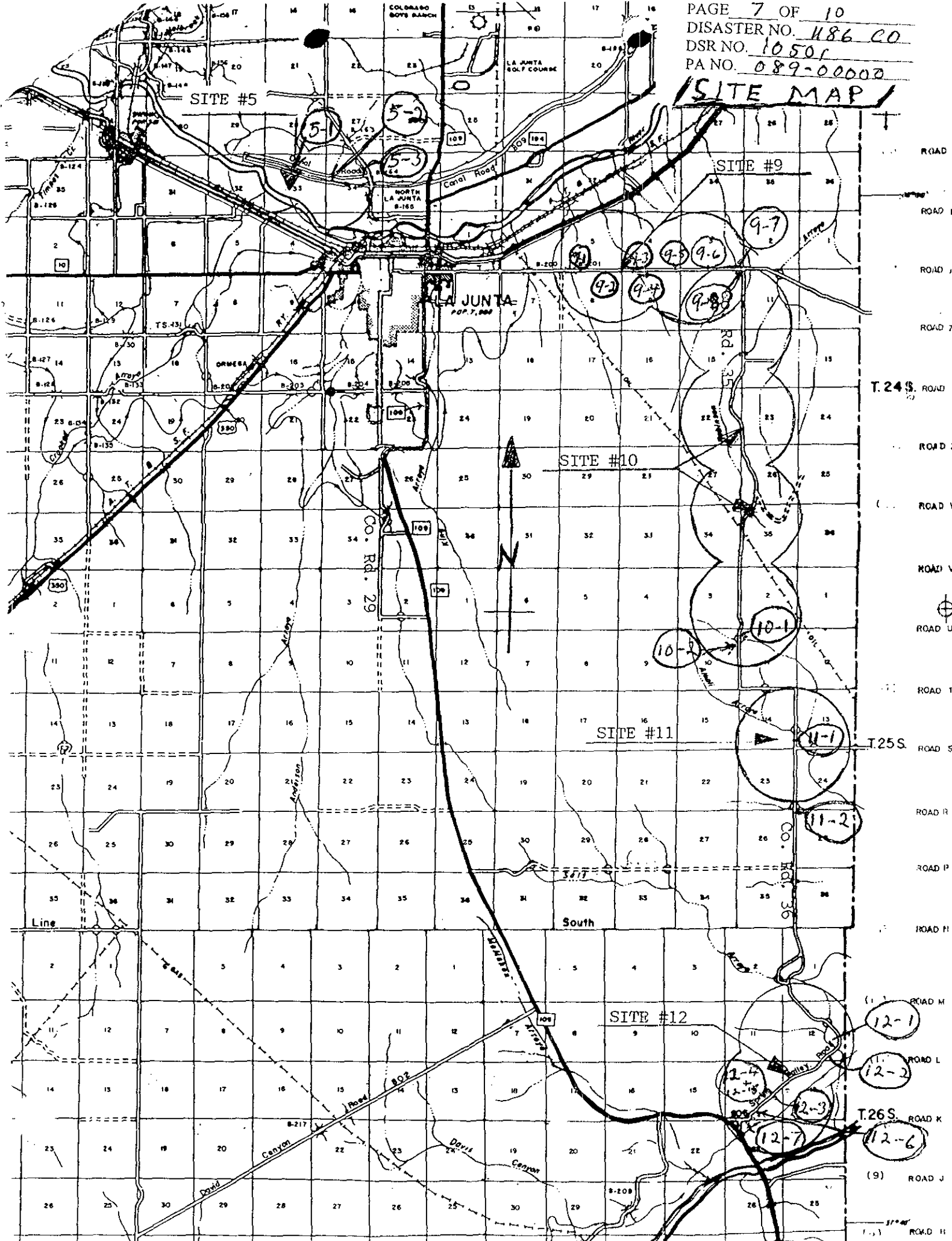
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MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GRAVEL  
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# SITE MAP



SITE #5

SITE #9

SITE #10

SITE #11

SITE #12

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LA JUNTA GOLF COURSE

LA JUNTA  
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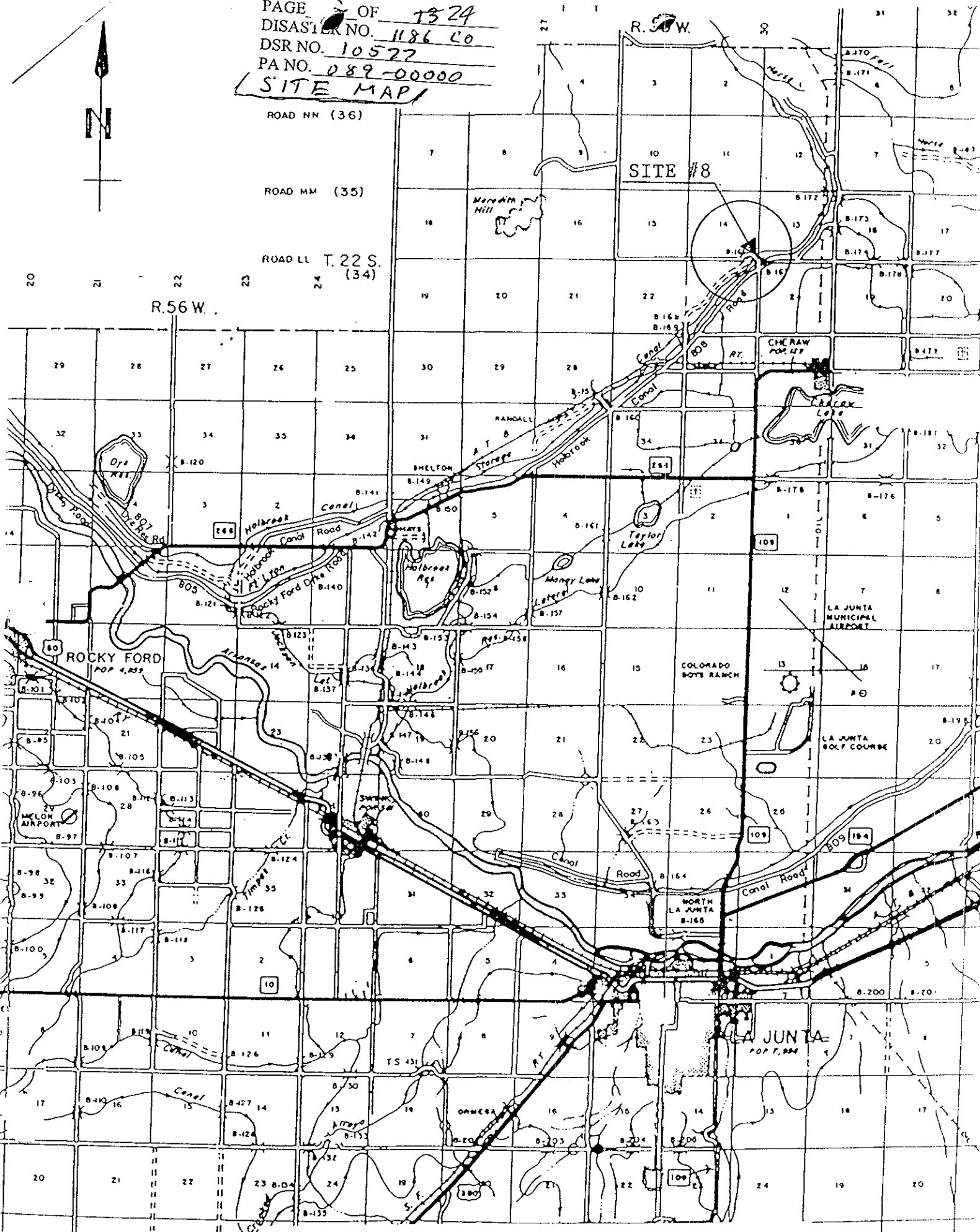
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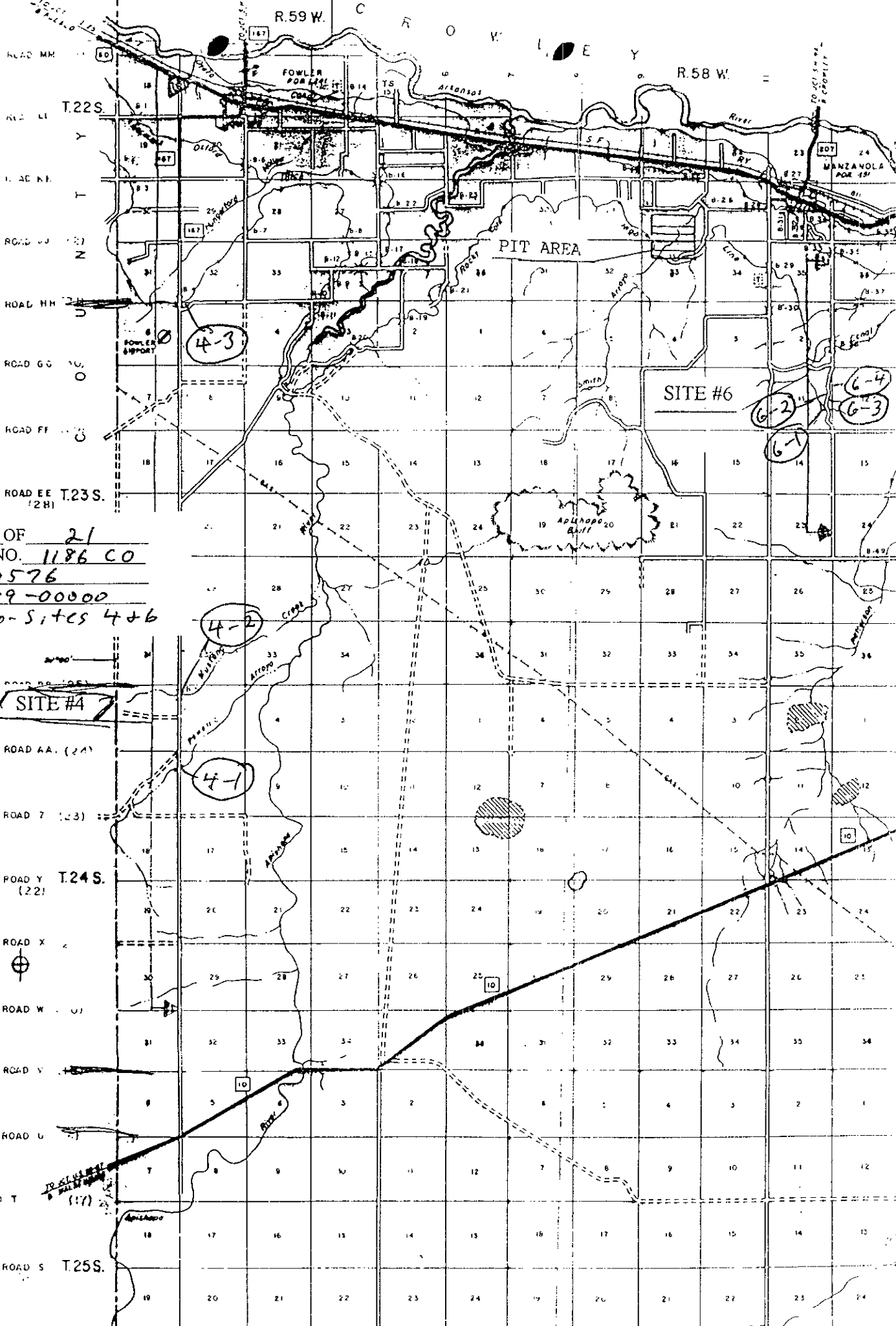
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- T.25S. ROAD S
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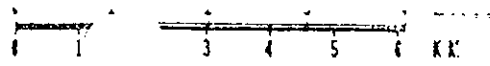
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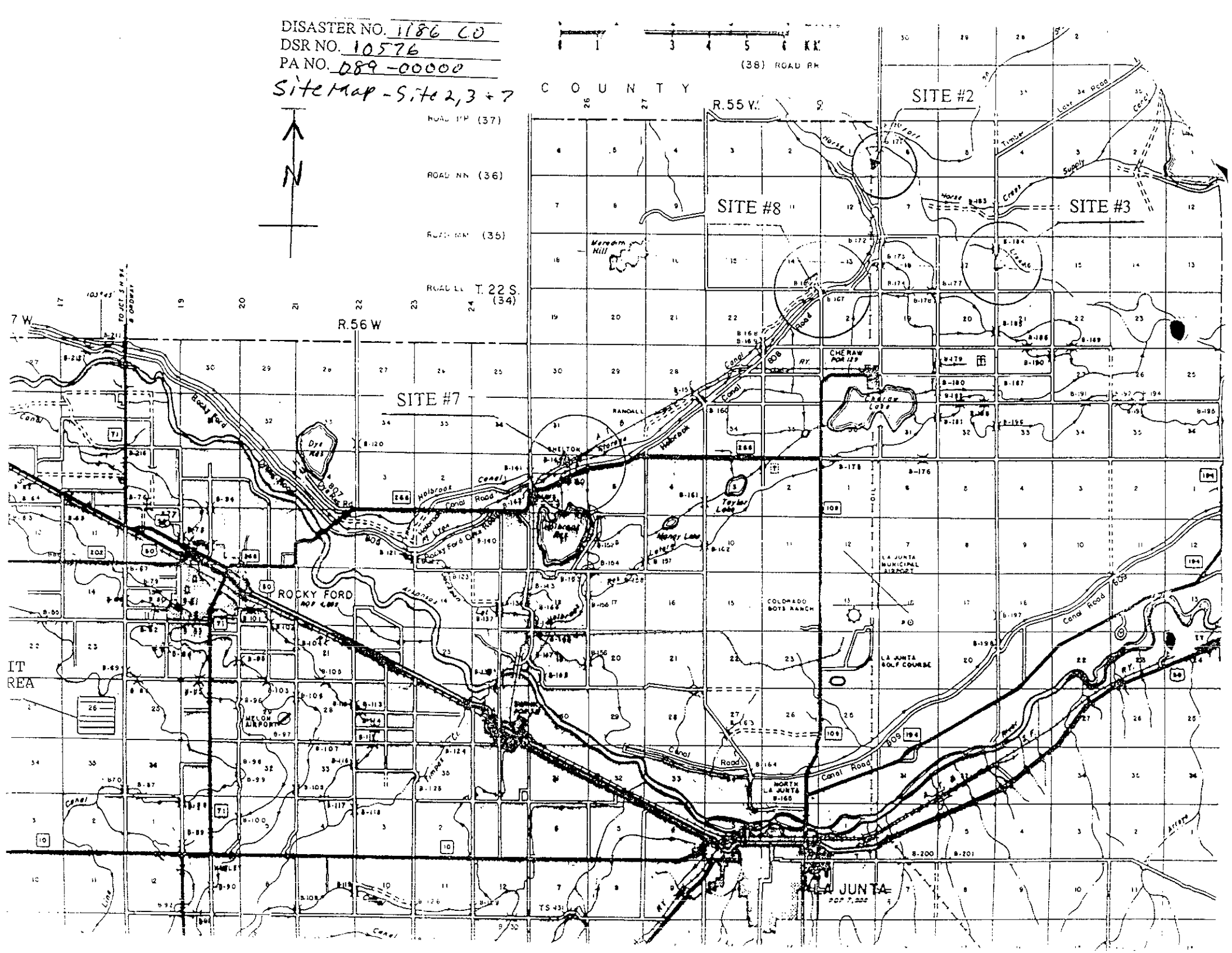
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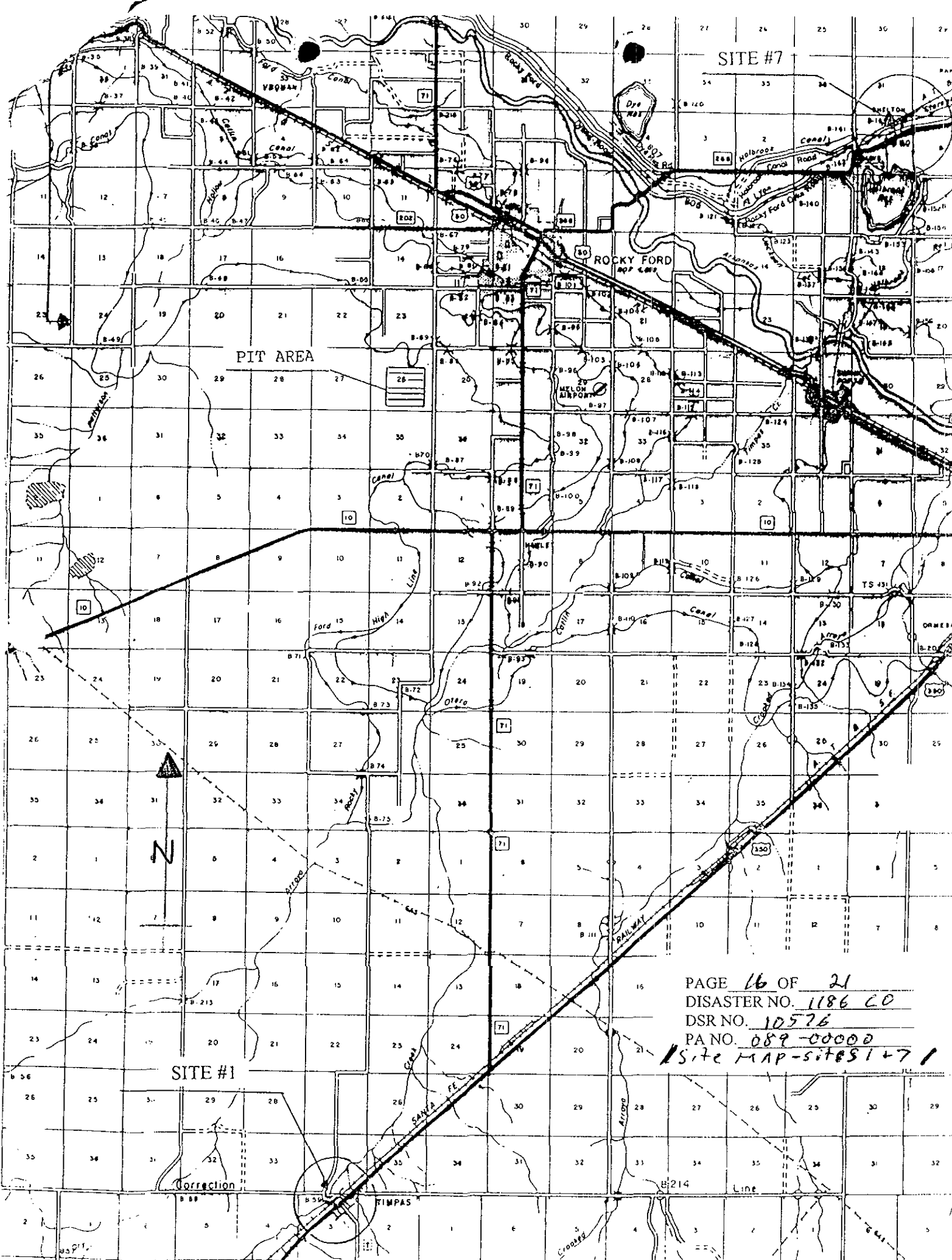
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LA JUNTA

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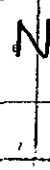
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PIT AREA

ROCKY FORD

SITE #1

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DISASTER NO. 1186 CO  
DSR NO. 10576  
PA NO. 089-00000  
Site MAP-sites 1 + 7



Correction

TIMPAS

Line

Subject: <u>Otero/Crowley FSA office</u>	Project/Proposal Name: _____
Computed: <u>w/p</u> Date: <u>5/6/98</u>	Project/Proposal No.: <u>D479</u> Task: <u>52</u>
Checked: _____ Date: _____	Page _____ of _____

1) Otero County Farm Service Area office - Ernest Hammer, CEO  
 July  
 • Canal broke in ~~XXXX~~ 1997

↳ Highline Canal (S of Arkansas)  
 east  
 • east of La Junta Hwy 94 ; N of Chero

Flooding from flooding  
 ↳ corn & alpha ~ 100 acres of each  
 ↳ covered w/ silt

• July 28 - Aug 12 - sub period of substantial rains

Acres	Crop	Loss
135 (35)	Carrot top	75
50	Honeydew	90
800 (300)	Watermelon	80
100	Pumkin	95
20	Squash	70
50	Peppers	70
50	Tomatoes	70
50	Zinnia seed	80
25,800 (4800)	alpha	30 <del>AK</del> (20)
↓ 20%	onions lost	→ insurable
	pinto beans	

Vegetables  
rot  
or  
quality  
no  
good

( ) = Crowley County contribution

(Merl Venezia - Bent County 456-0557)

Spoke with Ernest Hammer

### 3. State Data

# STATE OF COLORADO

Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Department of Natural Resources

721 Centennial Building  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
Phone: (303) 866-3441  
FAX: (303) 866-4474



Roy Romer  
Governor  
James S. Lochhead  
Executive Director, DNR  
Daries C. Lile, P.E.  
Director, CWCB

## FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 4/3/98

To: MARKUS RITSCH

Fax #: 970 484 2593

Agency: RTI

From: TAM BROWNING

Fax#: (303) 866-4474

Phone: (303) 866-3441

9 Pages transmitted, including this cover sheet

TI (MPA) CREEK REPORT AS  
REQUESTED

Sending Operator

Original Mailed  Yes  No

Continental Divide near Leadville, Colorado. Between Leadville and Canon City it is a typical mountain stream with fairly steep slopes descending more than 6,000 feet in elevation in a distance of about 130 miles.

Between Canon City and Pueblo the river flows in a transitional region between the high mountains and the eastern plains.

Downstream of Pueblo, the river flows east across the eastern plains to the Kansas border. In this region the valley is between one and three miles in width with relatively flat slopes. The main tributaries of the Arkansas River are Fountain Creek, St. Charles River, Apishaza River and Timpas Creek.

Normal rainfall precipitation in the Arkansas River Basin ranges from approximately 12.5 inches per year in the lower elevations to approximately 16.8 inches per year in the mountainous regions (Reference 6). In the Timpas Creek Basin, normal annual precipitation is 12.5 inches. Maximum and minimum temperature extremes range in the study basins from about 110°F in the lowlands to about -30°F in the highlands. Vegetation in the study basin consists of mesquite and willow bushes, with occasional groves of cottonwoods and juniper bushes. In the upper part of the basin, evergreens and aspen are predominant.

#### B. Study Reach Description

The study reach of this floodplain information report extends from the upstream limit of the Corps of Engineers study near La Junta for approximately 15.5 miles upstream to Rocky Ford. Two additional study areas include a 1.0 mile reach near Manzanola and 1.7 mile reach near Fowler. The Timpas Creek Study reach extends from the Arkansas River for a distance of 2.5 miles upstream. The Arkansas River and Timpas Creek valleys are generally broad and flat. Along the Arkansas River the land immediately adjacent to the river has heavy growths of trees and brush interspersed with meadows and cultivated land. Timpas Creek is bordered on both sides by cultivated lands. The towns of Swink, Rocky Ford, Manzanola and Fowler are generally located outside of the floodplains of the study streams and there is generally little development at present in the floodplains.

The portion of the Arkansas River Basin under consideration in this study has its downstream limit at the upstream limit of the 1977 Corps of Engineers Study. The upstream limit on the Arkansas is approximately 550 ft. upstream of Fowler, Colorado. The total study reach on the Arkansas River is 18.5 miles. Also included in this report is a 2.5 mile reach of Timpas Creek, starting at its confluence with the Arkansas River and extending upstream.

Table 1 shows approximate drainage areas at various points along the Arkansas.

TABLE 1 - DRAINAGE AREAS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Area (sq. mi.)</u>
LaJunta - Downstream Study Limit, Arkansas River	12,210
Rocky Ford - Upstream Study Limit, Arkansas River	11,090
Fowler - Upstream Limit of Arkansas River	10,900
Swink - Timpas Creek	496

Obstructions to floodflows within the study reaches include natural obstructions such as thick brush and other types of vegetations growing along the streambanks, and manmade obstructions such as bridges and diversion dams. There are 11 bridges within the study reaches, with 6 spanning the Arkansas, and 5 crossing Timpas Creek. During floods, these bridge obstructions impede floodflows and cause backwater conditions that may increase the flood heights upstream of the obstructions, and velocities downstream of the obstructions.

Brush washed out during floods is carried downstream and may collect at bridges and in culverts, thus creating a damming effect and overbank flow. As floodflows increase, masses of debris may break loose and cause a wall of water and debris to surge downstream until another obstruction is encountered. In some instances, debris may collect to the point where structural capability is exceeded and a bridge is destroyed or abutments and approaches eroded and roadbeds damaged.

There are no existing or authorized flood control structures in the study reach however, the Corps of Engineers has prepared a flood control protection study for La Junta (Reference 3). There are two irrigation canal diversion dams near the downstream limit of the study reach of the Arkansas River near La Junta and one near the upstream limit, near Fowler. These downstream structures divert water from the Arkansas to the Fort Lyon Canal, and the upstream structure diverts water from the Arkansas River to the Otero Canal. However, during periods of very high runoff, diversions to the canal are often curtailed; consequently, any reduction of the flood peaks is uncertain and unlikely. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation constructed Pueblo Dam on the Arkansas River, approximately 6 miles upstream from the City of Pueblo, and approximately 70 miles upstream of La Junta. The dam will control Arkansas River flows up to 87,000 cfs, originating from the upper basin, but the reservoir will have only limited effect on flood flows in Otero County (Reference 7).

#### IV. HISTORY OF FLOODING

The Arkansas River and Timpas Creek have a long history of flooding, the earliest flood of record occurring in 1894. Large

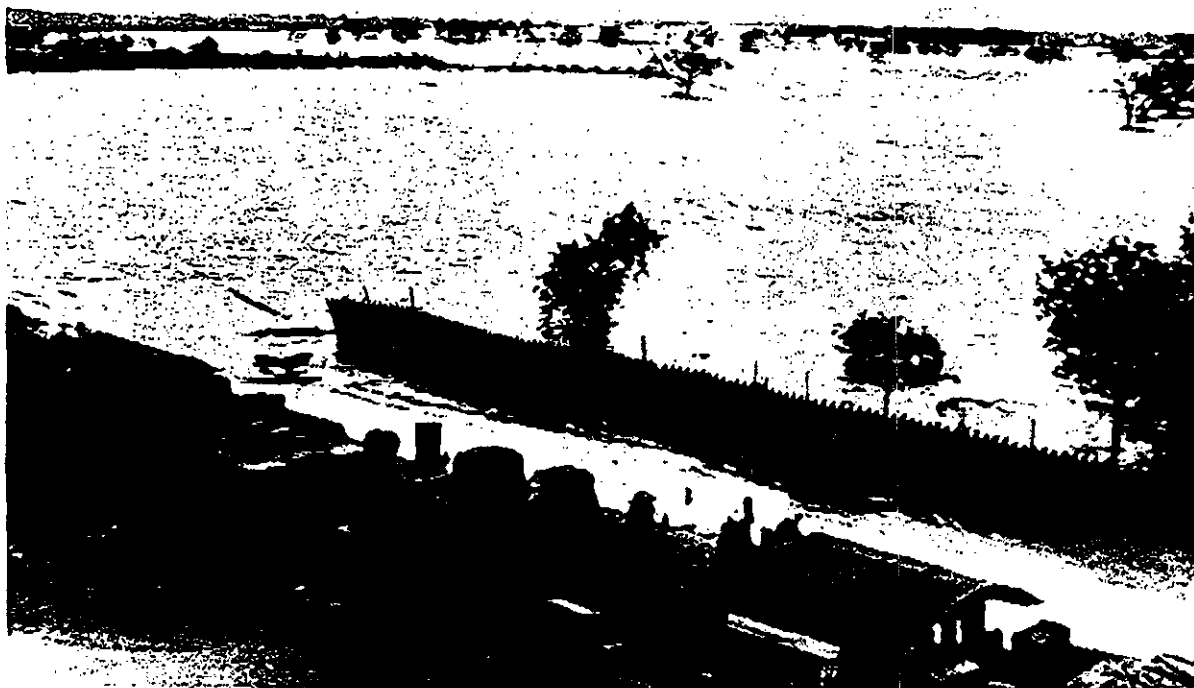


floods also occurred in 1921, 1923, 1936, 1942, 1955 and 1965; see Table 2 for peak discharges and dates (Reference 9).

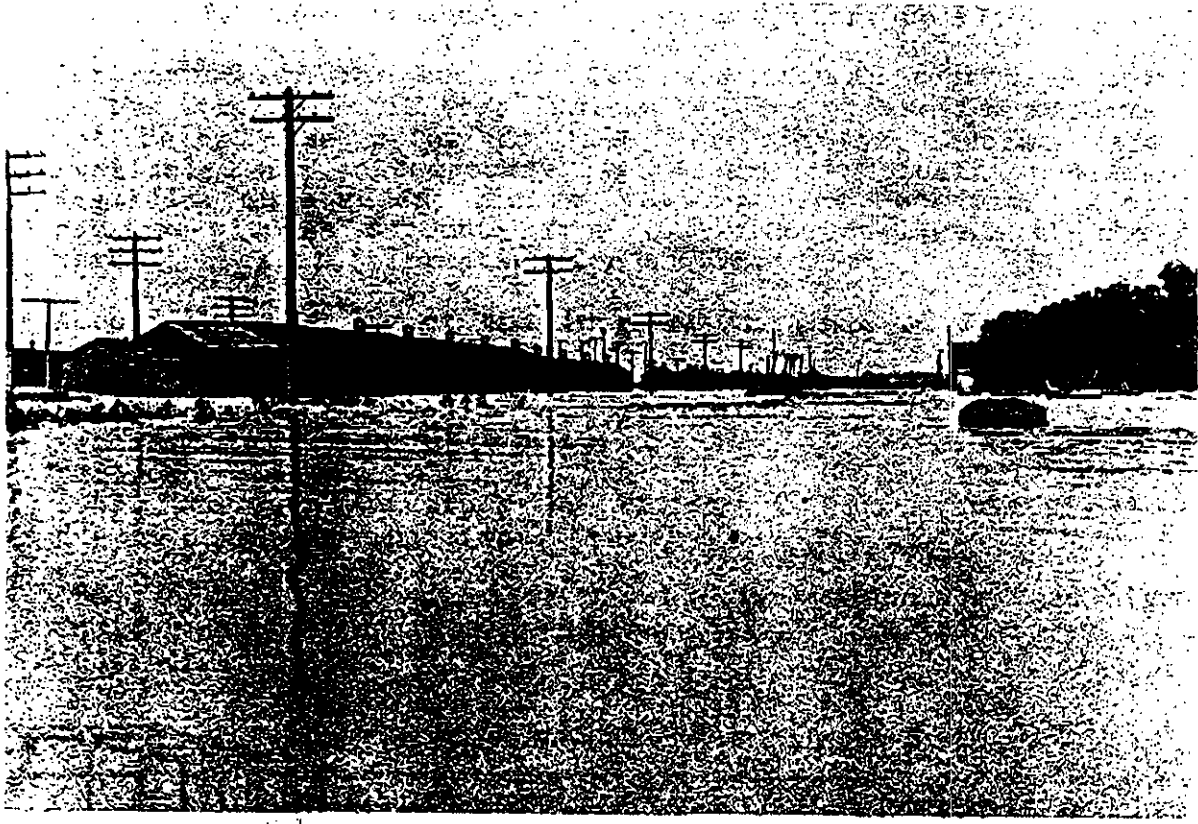
Information on the earlier historical floods that have occurred in the study area is very limited because streamflow records were not being made prior to 1894, eye-witness accounts are not available, and contemporary records are practically nonexistent. Regarding more recent floods, town records, newspaper accounts, and eye-witness accounts from long time residents of the area were sources of information for this report.

According to a few of the longtime citizens of Rocky Ford, the bridge on Highway 71 was washed out in the flood of 1921. U.S. Geologic Survey Water Supply Paper No. 1455-A indicates that this bridge washed out again in 1955 (Reference 8). Also water was remembered to have been at a depth of 2 or more feet in the railroad yard at LaJunta, Colorado during the 1921 flood. In 1965, the Swink underpass on Highway 50 was completely flooded due to high water on Timpas Creek.

The floods of 1921 and 1965 heavily damaged bridges and highways in the study area. The following pictures show examples of such destruction:



West Bridge to North La Junta, looking northwest from Santa Fe Railroad Yards, 1921 Flood (County Road No. 28)



First Street in La Junta, Looking East  
from San Juan Avenue, 1965 Flood

TABLE 2\*  
HISTORICAL FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGES  
ARKANSAS RIVER - OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PEAK DISCHARGE (cfs)</u>
1894	May 31	30,000
1921	June 4	200,000
1923	Aug. 23	60,000
1936	Aug. 8	33,000
1942	Apr. 25	34,800
1955	May 20	50,000
1965	June 19	33,000

## TIMPAS CREEK, OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PEAK DISCHARGE (cfs)</u>
1903	June 8	11,200
1927	July	7,700
1942	Aug. 14	4,300
1945	Aug. 15	4,580
1950	July 24	9,510
1953	July 12	10,000
1956	July 23	15,500
1958	July 5	23,000

(\*Information for these Tables taken from Reference 9)

#### V. FLOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Flooding on the Arkansas River results from the annual snowmelt in its headwater regions, which is augmented by periods of very heavy rain. Historical data indicates that peak discharges on the Arkansas River and Timpas Creek within the study area are closely related to heavy thunderstorm rainfall originating downstream of Pueblo. This type of cloudburst flow in the river is characterized by high peak flows of short duration. Flooding due to snowmelt is usually abated as the river reaches the plains, and has had little impact upon the study area. Pueblo Reservoir controls approximately 40% of the study watershed, consisting of the upper reaches and headwaters of the Arkansas River. This major flood control structure has a large impact on flood flows in the vicinity of Pueblo, but will have only limited effect on flood flows in the study area.

#### VI. HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS

The 10, 50, 100, 500-year discharges for the Arkansas River and Timpas Creek are shown in Table 3.

The hydrological analysis for the Arkansas River was performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1978. Their analysis was based on statistical analyses of streamflow records covering up to an 80-year period at selected gaging stations operated by the U.S. Geological Survey (Reference 10). The flood flows for Timpas Creek were provided by the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and are based on an analysis of stream flow records using Colorado Water Conservation Board Technical Manual No. 1. Detailed description of the hydrologic analyses are documented in the Technical Addendum.

## VII. HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

Water surface profiles have been computed for the study reach for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year frequency floods. The flows are listed in Table-3 presented on pages 13 through 17.

The hydraulic characteristics of the study reach were documented based on a field investigation. Culvert and bridge geometry, channel and overbank roughness coefficients, flow obstructions, and the overall characteristics of the area were assessed during this investigation. The Manning's roughness coefficients used in the hydraulic analysis were documented in a separate report prepared as part of the technical addendum. Photographs were included in the report to support the recommended values. Recommended roughness coefficients range from 0.030 to 0.035 for the channel and from 0.040 to 0.090 for the overbank areas.

The water surface elevations were computed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-2 Step Backwater Computer Program (Reference 11). The locations of the field surveyed cross sections, digitized cross sections from the rectified photographic maps of the Arkansas River, and the digitized cross sections from the topographic maps of Timpas Creek are shown by stream stationing on the flooded area maps (Plates 3 through 11) and the flood profiles (Plates 12 through 22). The stream stationing, 100-year flood elevations, as well as the 10, 50, 100, and 500-year flood discharges are also listed in Table 3, Pages 13 through 17.

The water surface elevations presented in Table-3 are based on computations which assume no reduction in the bridge conveyance capabilities due to debris. Water surface elevations may increase if significant debris blockage should occur.

The 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood events were used as the flood frequencies for this floodplain analysis. Thus the data developed in this report will be compatible not only for regulation purposes, and H.B. 1041 designation but also for Federal Insurance Administration flood insurance rate studies.

These various flood events have an average occurrence of once in the number of years as indicated. For example, the 100-year flood occurs, on the average, once in a 100 year period, and has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

The particular uses for the various flood events in addition to those stated above are as follows:

### 10-year and 50-year Flood Events

Information regarding these lower frequency floods is especially useful for future engineering studies and land use planning purposes related to minor road systems, minor channel improvements, the location of parks and recreational facilities, agricultural lands, and appurtenant structures. For structures and uses of this type on the smaller tributaries or in areas where the high risk of structural failure is economically feasible, and the hazard to life and property nonexistent, the use of the lower frequency floods may be considered.

### 100-Year Flood Event -

The 100-year flood event may also be used for engineering design purposes where a lower risk of failure than the 10- or 50-year flood is desired. However, the most important use of the 100-year flood event lies in floodplain designation and land use regulation as set forth in the state statutes. The State of Colorado considers the 100-year frequency flood as the flood event to be used in designing and protecting structures and dwellings for human occupation. Therefore, all floodplain regulations are based upon the 100-year flood. Also, the area which would be inundated by the 100-year flood may be delineated as an area of state interest as set forth in H.B. 1041 -- the state's land use bill.

### 500-Year Flood Event -

The 500-year flood event is useful in making the public aware that floods larger than the 100-year flood can and do occur. Just because a person is living above the 100-year flood boundary does not mean that he is completely safe from flooding. The 500-year flood event can also be used for regulating high risk developments within the floodplain such as nuclear power plants, or the storage or manufacture of toxic or explosive materials.

Table 3 lists the discharge and water surface elevations for the 10- 50- 100-, and 500-year flood events at selected reference points.

### Flooded Areas

The 100-year frequency flood has been selected by the State of Colorado as the flood event to be used for floodplain delineation and regulation. Thus the Flooded Area plates show only the boundary of the 100-year floodplain. The flooding limits were plotted at the cross section locations using the HEC-2 computer results, and then interpolated between cross sections by field investigation with the help of aerial photography and topographical maps of the area.

The area delineated on the Flooded Area plates as the 100-year floodplain meets the requirements of H.B. 1041 as an area of state interest. Also upon official approval of this report by the Colorado Water Conservation Board the area outlined by the 100-year flood boundary will be designated a floodplain area and may be regulated accordingly by the local officials.

### Flood Elevations

Flood crest elevations for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods may be found in four separate locations in this report. The Flood Frequency-Elevations and Discharge Data table, Table 3, list these elevations at selected reference points. The Flooded Area Plates 3 through 11 give the plan view of the flooded area. The Flood Profile plates, Plates 12 through 22, show the streambed elevation and the high water elevations for all four frequency floods. Also the Cross Section plates, Plates 23 through 26, show a graphical representation of the high water elevations at typical valley cross sections throughout the study reach.

The Flood Profiles may be used in areas where controversy arises over the 100-year flood boundary on the Flooded Area plates. Since the Flood Profile plates give the elevations and distance or stationing from a known point, the high water elevations can be surveyed on the ground to alleviate any discrepancies on the base map.

Benchmarks used in the compilation of data for this study are included in the Technical Addendum.

## 1. Contacts

### Fax Transmittal

Date April 13, 1998

**PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:**

TO: Marcus Reitch  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FAX # 970-484-7593

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Phillips County Administration Office

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS PAGE: 3

If you do not receive all pages or have any problems with reception, please call us back as soon as possible.

Phone: (970) 854-3778

**MESSAGE:**

Marcus -  
attached is the article from the  
Hartman - Fleming Herald and the  
rainfall record from the July 25 - Aug 12  
time period.

Mrs. Thompson will give us the negatives  
so another set of photos will be made and  
forwarded. That may take a week - 10 days.

Sincerely,  
*Randy Schopf*

OFF-FAX



RECEIVED MAY 26 1998

May 21, 1998

Enclosed are the pictures  
you requested. The two pictures  
are taken at the bridge on Highway 59  
where the Sandy Creek crosses. They  
will fit together if you match the  
dots at the bottom of the picture.  
The third picture is taken a mile  
west of our place. I'm not sure  
what that draw is called, however, it  
joins the Sandy in the corner of our  
pasture before it gets to the highway.

Robert L. Fetzer  
3105 Co Rd 14  
Naxton, CO 80731

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/20/98

Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Bob Fetzter/Phillips CD

Company/Affiliation: weather observer

Phone no.: 970-774-7349

Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

Bob did not save the calendar in which he wrote px amounts for 1997. He uses a tapered rain gauge from the local COOP to record px and recalls that he read more than 4 inches on June 2, 1997.

His wife took photos of Sandy Creek on June 3. They are sending these photos.

Signature Markus Ritsch

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/18/98

Call Placed/Received by: Randy Schafer

Spoke With:

Company/Affiliation: Phillips County

Phone no.:

Project No.:

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**Comments:**

Randy supplied the following name as the reference for the 4.5" observation of precipitation on the night of June 2, 1997.

Robert L. Fetzer

03105 County Road 14

8mi South + 1mi W of Haxtun

970 -774-7349

Call Robert & get a copy of his PX log  
over what time period did he observe 4.5 inches?

Signature Markus Antbet

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 4/23/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Markus Ritsch  
**Spoke With:** Jack Wieland  
**Company/Affiliation:** Colorado Division of Wildlife  
**Phone no.:** (970) 854-3512  
**Project No.:** D479

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**Comments:**

The Means Lake Dam was constructed in 1955, the same time that Jumbo Reservoir was constructed up north. The reservoir was initially constructed as a **flood control structure** to protect Holyoke and communities in Nebraska. Currently the area is known as the Frenchman Creek State Wildlife Area and is used for recreational purposes. The structure is an earthen dam with a concrete spillway. The spillway was repaired about 3 years ago.

In June of 1997, the dam did not overtop but came within 2 inches of overtopping. The spillway was overtopped by about 2 feet.

Jack thinks/knows that the original storage capacity is severely reduced due to siltation.

The following was taken from the Colorado Division of Wildlife report titled, "Means Lake Master Management Plan 1984".

The earthen dam is 1200 feet long and 26 feet high.

The spillway is 100 feet wide and 56 inches deep and is located on the south side of the lake. There is a 24 inch valve outlet on north end of the lake.

Storage capacity: 135 surface acres with a max depth of 16 feet and minimum depth of 3 feet in 1955. Includes storage with the flood gates in place. Assume an average depth of 9.5 feet and surface area of 130 acres = 1,200 acre-feet.

The elevation of the Frenchman Creek below Means Lake is 3725 feet.

The Division purchased the property in 1956 from several private individuals.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Markus Ritsch

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/23/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch  
Spoke With: Larry & Carol Haynes  
Company/Affiliation: amateur weather obs.  
Phone no.: (970) 854-3494  
Project No.:

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**Comments:**

Rainfall amounts for June 2, 1997? Ag rain gauge.  
fill in diars<sup>n</sup> at night, 24 hour readings, readings observed  
June 2 - 6 tenths in the am.  
June 3 - 3 Plus inches  
Came all within a few<sup>4-6</sup> hour period  
the evening of June 2.

Signature Markus Ritsch

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RECEIVED 22 2 1998

4-20-98

Dear Sir:

I am not sure this is the type of information you want on flooding in 1997.

The line 5 miles west +  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile north of Holyoke Colorado. The legal description is

E $\frac{1}{2}$  S-7-45. Early on June 15, 1997 we received over 5 inches of rain in about 3 hours.

We have some pictures of the resultant flooding if you would be interested in them.

If you have questions or would like more information feel free to call at (970) 854-3499

Thank you.

Larry & Carol Haynes  
24643 County Rd 29  
Holyoke CO 80734

**PHILLIPS  
COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**



RECEIVED APR 22 1998

**JAMES R. MORT  
JACK L. KENNEDY  
KEITH L. SHARPE**

**970-854-2454**

**221 S. INTEROCEAN  
HOLYOKE, COLORADO 80734**

**FAX 970-854-3811**

TO: Riverside Technologies  
Marcus  
2290 E. Prospect Rd Suite 1  
Ft. Collins, CO 80525

FROM: Randy Schafer  
Phillips County *Randy Schafer*

DATE: April 21, 1998

Enclosed are the pictures that were taken about 11:00 a.m. June 15. We have enclosed a map that is highlighted where the pictures were taken. We have also written on the back of the pictures.

Tom Browning has a copy of a video of the flooded Frenchman Creek in the Holyoke area. We do have an aerial video of Sandy Creek during its flood stage. This creek comes from south of Fleming, and flows SE and deadends SE of Holyoke about 6 miles. It has caused major damage to roads as well as farmground the 3 times it flooded between late 96 through the fall of 97.

If you would like any further information, please let me know.

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/21/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Marcus Ritsch  
Spoke With: Mark Brown  
Company/Affiliation: Holyoke City manager  
Phone no.: (970) 854-2266  
Project No.:

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**Comments:**

No dollar figures are available for damages incurred at the golf course during the June 14 storm event.

Their efforts were primarily to remove debris off the course and to fix a few cart crossings.

Per Tom Browning - Golf Course \$2<sup>k</sup>

Signature Marcus Ritsch

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 4/21/98  
 Call Placed/Received by: Marcus Ritsch George LaValley  
 Spoke With: ~~Kevin Hippner~~  
 Company/Affiliation: WVC Railnet / Road Master  
 Phone no.: (308) 352-4899  
 Project No.:

Comments:

	<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>
RR Damage Estimate:	None	\$30,000 - contractors Labor \$2-5K - material
	- Hwy 23 & Cut Rd 51	

four points of damage.

out of service for 3 days - \$9K ~~no revenues~~ lost being out of service. due to car delays

Repair of fill & balast, no track damage - \$2-5K

30K - Labor contract  
 2-5K - material  
 9K - Delays

2643<sup>1K</sup> - Total

Signature Marcus Ritsch

Riverside Technology, inc.

TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 4/21/98

Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Trisha King

Company/Affiliation: ~~Ag. Ext. office~~

Farm Service Agency - USDA

Phone no.: (970) 854-2812

Project No.:

Comments:

June 2

June 14-15

Crop Damage Estimate:  
no dollar amounts just descriptions of damage for ~~both~~ <sup>June 14-15 event only.</sup>  
~~events~~ includes # of acres inundated and the growth stage of the crops

she will fax me the pages (cannot fax because it is not official)

(she can only tell me over the phone.)

No reports for June 2.

Precipitation Quantities:

NO, only when draught or extreme events are they interested in this type of data.

weird County: office manager Arnold Germann 970-356-8097

Signature Markus Ritsch

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/22/98

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Trisha King

Company/Affiliation: Ag. Ex. - USDA Farm Service Agency

Phone no.:

Project No.:

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Comments:	<u>Affected Acres</u>	<u>% loss</u>
wheat	8,000 ac	85
corn	6,000	80
millet	15,000	95
Beans	1,000	?
Sugar Beets	200	50

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Signature Markus Ritsch

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 4/20/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch  
Spoke With: Gene Grey, Jean  
Company/Affiliation: Haxtun Harold  
Phone no.: (970) 774-6118  
Project No.: 0479

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Comments:

Gene keeps PX records for the town of Haxtun.

She is going to get me some #'s by  
April 24, 1998. ~~Eldon~~

June 2,  
May 29 - Jun 3 - 2.88" - probably occurred all on June 2  
June 8 - .4"  
June 11 - .30  
June 14 - 1.0"  
June 18 - .05"  
June 21 - .12"

Signature



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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/20/98

Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Karen Manley

Company/Affiliation: Holyoke Chamber of Commerce

Phone no.: 970-854-2400

Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

steg Airport 854-2228

The population of Holyoke at the last census (1990) was 2,000. Karen estimates the current population to be on the order of 2,500.

Amherst population - 100 - 150 people

Signature

*Markus Ritsch*

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 4/20/98  
 Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch  
 Spoke With: Clark Renter/Fran  
 Company/Affiliation: weather observer  
 Phone no.: 970-774-7147  
 Project No.: D479

Rain Master - automated      Rain wise rain gauge

1997 Rain Accumulations (7am - 7am):  
 Comments: 24hour

7am on June 2 - 0.35"  
 June 3 - 2.81"  
 June 4 - 0.0  
 June 5 .27  
 June 6 .9  
 June 14 - 2.09  
 June 15 - 0.00  
 June 19 - .43  
 June 21 - .15

Two Gauges - one manual, one automatic  
 Aug 4 .78"  
 July 11 .39      Aug 5 .65"  
 July 19 .20"      Aug 6 .81"  
 July 25 .40"      Aug 10 .02"  
 "      Aug 11 .03"  
 July 27 .04"      Aug 13 .01"  
 July 28 .04"      Aug 14 .02"  
 July 29 .44"      Aug 26 .07"  
 July 30 .49"  
 July - 2.07"  
 Total      Aug 2.39"  
                  Tot.

June tot 6.20"  
 Signature Markus Ritsch

From: "darrell" <ddndt@ria.net>  
To: "Markus Ritsch" <mlr@riverside.com>  
Subject: Re: 1997 Holyoke, CO Flood  
Date sent: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 09:28:11 -0600

Dear Markus Ritch,  
The 1.5" rain was the night before the flood in Holyoke. this was  
Father's Day 1997. the moisture for the whole year at the Holyoke  
Veterinary service was only 12". the physical address for the Holyoke  
Veterinary Service is 41518 Hwy 6 Holyoke, CO. Sincerely, Darrell  
Tomky DVM -----Original Message----- From: Markus Ritsch  
<mlr@riverside.com> To: darrell <ddndt@ria.net> Date: Friday, April  
17, 1998 11:20 AM Subject: Re: 1997 Holyoke, CO Flood

Darrell,

Thank you for the information. I have been out of the office for a  
couple of days so I appologize for the delayed response.

Can you give me the street address for the Holyoke Vetinary Service?

Also, the 1.5 inches of rain that you refer to, over what time period  
was that measured?

Did you measure precipitation for the entire season last year?  
Do you have any precipitation amounts for June 2 or the period July 28  
through August 12?

I appreciate any information you may have.

Thanks

Markus Ritsch

> Dear Markus Ritsch,  
> The Father's Day flood 1997 the water in the Holyoke Veterinary  
> Service  
east of Holyoke was 6" deep. We only got an inch and a half of rain.  
> Sincerely, > Darrell Tomky DVM > >

From: "Markus Ritsch" <HORSETOOTH/MLR>  
To: mlr  
Date sent: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 11:20:12 MDT-0600  
Subject: (Fwd) 1997 Holyoke, CO Flood

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From: "darrell" <ddndt@ria.net>  
To: <mlr@riverside.com>  
Subject: 1997 Holyoke, CO Flood  
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 07:48:18 -0600

Dear Markus Ritsch,  
The Father's Day flood 1997 the water in the Holyoke Veterinary  
Service east of Holyoke was 6" deep. We only got an inch and a half  
of rain. Sincerely, Darrell Tomky DVM



**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Markus Ritsch  
DATE: April 13, 1998  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Randy Schafer  
AFFILIATION: Phillips County  
PHONE #: 970-854-3778

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1. Affected streams and local drainages?  
Phillips County experienced three significant storm periods in 1997: June 2, June 14-15, and July 28-29. During these periods different streams were affected. The June 2 event affected Sandy Creek and Frenchman Creek. The June 14-15 even affected Frenchman Creek and Wildhorse Creek, and the July 28-29 events affected Sandy Creek and Frenchman Creek
2. Geographic extent of flooding?  
One flood inundation map exists which is a hand-drawn map that Tom Browning has for the event of June 14-15. The County has a map that shows all the road crossings that were damaged during the floods. This information is available as a list of road crossings as well as a hardcopy map showing the locations
3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?  
July 30, 1997, Holyoke received little rain but the town of Haxtun recorded 1.6 inches. The night of August 5, 1997, Holyoke received little rain but the town of Haxtun recorded 1.65 inches. In early June (June 3) a large storm just south of Haxtun dumped over 4 inches (talk to Clark Rueter about precipitation amounts).
4. Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall? Rainfall bucket surveys? Precipitation gauging network?  
An isohyetal map for the June 14-15 event is available from Tom Browning. Two official weather spotters live in Phillips County: Clark Rueter (28 170 County Rd 13, North of Highway 6, 2 miles east of Haxtun) and Dale Anderson (in Holyoke). There is no rain gauge at the airport????
5. Documentation of high water marks? No photographs of high water marks with a person holding a survey rod exist. Again, the only available information was developed with Tom Browning for the June 14-15 event.
6. Estimated peak discharges? The only a estimates of discharge were recorded for the June 14-15 event with Tom Browning.
7. Estimated flood damages? June 2 event: No damage estimates are available. June 14-15 event: County roads and bridges: \$264,111 (bridge repair was \$5,226 of the total). Residential homes: \$91,078, Commercial properties: \$0, Agricultural Land: Talk to Trisha King at the Agricultural Extension Office (970-854-2812), Airport: No damage RR: Talk to George LaValley, Road Master for NKC Railnet in Grant Nebraska (308-352-4899). Golf Course: Talk to Mark Brown

(970-854-2266) July 28-29: County roads and bridges: \$50,746 (FEMA estimate) Residential properties: No damage, Commercial properties: No damage, Agricultural Land: Talk to Trisha King at the Agricultural Extension Office (970-854-2812), Airport: No damage RR: Talk to George LaValley, Road Master for NKC Railnet in Grant Nebraska

8. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal. No costs estimated with the clean-up effort.
9. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal. No costs estimated with the flood-fight effort.
10. Types and amount of repair work after flooding? Repair work after the flooding consisted of repair to County roads and bridges, repair to railroad embankments, repair to the golf course.
11. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages? A small dam called Means Lake was constructed on the South Fork of Frenchman Creek in 1955. This dam was constructed for flood control. The lake may have attenuated the flood peak along Frenchman Creek during high flow. A State funded flood control project was completed several years ago near Paoli. The project consisted of enlarging a highway/railroad underpass on Frenchman Creek. Enlargement consisted of the removal of silt and debris. Paoli did not flood in 1997.
12. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding? The City of Holyoke and the County are working together on a project to clean and repair Frenchman Creek in the Town of Holyoke. The floods of 1997 left a lot of debris.
13. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)? Two large culverts and a bicycle bridge (approximately 48 inches each) were installed just north of the airport runway to pass flow from Frenchman Creek under County Road 41. These culverts may have been undersized and restricted the flow during the extreme floods experienced in 1997.
14. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format? County commissioner Jim Mort has a video of the flooding. Randy Schafer is going to send us some select photos that he thinks may be of use to the report.
15. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc. The only map available from the County is one showing the location of road damage.
16. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)  
All maps are in hardcopy.
17. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?  
Not that Randy is aware of.
18. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?  
The Holyoke Enterprise, no.
19. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

# Flooding

Flood 3 times,

Sandy crk. Frenchman Crk.  
South of Haxton

June 2 - 4.5"  
June 15 -

July 28-29 - Flooded again

## Damage Cost:

June 2 - No cost estimate available

June 15 - \$264,111 - Just County  
Roads & Bridges  
minor  
\$5,226 of  
total

July 28-29 FEMA \$50,746 - County repair  
to Road

- No cost estimates for residential  
Commercial properties

\$40,500  
13,757  
23,079  
~~37,041~~  
3,742  

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10,000

} Residential Damage  
Estimates from  
County

No commercial property damage estimate.

** Riverside Technology, inc.**

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80525  
PHONE (970) 484-7573  
FAX (970) 484-7593**

**TO:** Ellie/Randy Schafer  
**FAX NO.:** 970-854-3811  
**FROM:** Markus Ritsch  
**DATE:** 4/8/98  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** Phone interview regarding 1997 flooding  
**COMMENTS:**

Randy,

B<sup>th</sup>

I am working for the Colorado Water Conservation Board (Tom Browning) to prepare documentation regarding the flooding that occurred in 1997. You were identified as a good source of information for Phillips County. Tom Browning and I have prepared some questions that I would like to discuss with you over the phone on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. I am including the questions in this fax to give you an idea as to the type of information we are collecting.

If I don't hear from you, I will assume you are available on Friday at 9:00 am for the phone call. I will initiate the call on Friday. You can reach me at (970) 484-7573 or by e-mail at mlr@riverside.com.

If you feel there are other individuals that could provide information, please feel free to include them in the discussion on Friday.

Thank you, I'm looking forward to talking with you.

Markus Ritsch

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

Send  
photos

BY: Markus Ritsch  
DATE:  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Randy Schafer  
AFFILIATION: Phillips County  
PHONE #: (970) 854-3778

- Affected streams and local watersheds? June 2 - Sandy Crk, Frenchman Crk  
June 15 - Frenchman, Wildhorse  
July 28-29 - Sandy Crk, Frenchman.
- Geographic extent of flooding? Are flood inundation maps available?  
- only Road crossings, have maps of damage  
to road crossings.
- Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm events? I realize that Phillips County had a significant event on June 14-15 of 1997. What were the events that justified the Presidential declaration of disaster for the period July 28 through August 12? - Holyoke got little rain, Haxtum had 2 nights 1.6" (July 30) - Aug 5 (1.65")  
during the July 28 - Aug 12 period  
Haxtum Harold - Newspaper Aug 6 - story
- Rainfall amounts? Have you generated any isohyetal maps?  
June 15, map of rainfall, already
- Rainfall bucket surveys?
- Precipitation gauging data?  
Is there a rain gage at the airport?  
Clark Riter - Haxtum/Paoli  
28 170 County rd 13, N of Hwy 6, 2 miles  
East of Haxtum  
How about Dale Anderson  
where does he live? in Holyoke
- Documentation of high water marks? Do you have any photos that show a person holding a survey rod next to a permanent structure documenting how high the water was?  
No, only what Tom has.

8. Estimated peak discharges?

No, only what Tom did.

9. Estimated flood damages? How many homes, businesses, schools, churches were destroyed?

How much farm land was destroyed? How many county roads, bridges, culverts, etc. were destroyed?

31 homes?

Crop Damage estimate?

RR damage?

Airport?

NO repair work done @ Airport

→ Call Extension Office (970-854-2812) for crop damage estimates - Trisha King, RR damage repair on the June 15 event, Kevin Hilpiper Road master

10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between county, state, and federal.

- Sheriff's Dept, No overtime

All volunteer fire Dept.

PO Box 159  
128 1st St  
Grant Neb  
69146

11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between county, state, and federal.

- NO

12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?

→ County Roads, Bridges,

- RR embankment

- Golf Course damage (854-2266) - Mark Brown

13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?

- 1 small Dam - Means Dam Lake, Game & Fish  
west of Holyoke on Frenchman

No Flood Control,

- landowner terraces  
- County Flood Control Drainage

14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?

Project, Highway/RR Bridge at Paoli, State funded  
enlarged underpass, was silted in, also Frenchman

- Project to clean Frenchman Crk. County/city.

- looking at Structural Projects  
Dams, Levees,

15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

- North of runway was 2 large Culverts (48") that backed up the flow on the June 15 event.
- Bicycle bridge may also have held flow back, just west of North end of County Rd 41. 1/2 mile west of N. end of runway

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

- To Send me some photos.
- Commissioner ~~A~~ Jim Mort has video.

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

- county Rd damage map.

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

19. Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?

20. Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?

21. Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

### Fax Transmittal

Date April 9, 1998

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Phillips County Administration Office

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Phone: (970) 854-3778

*- Rescheduled for Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.*

MESSAGE:

Marcus  
I will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 10  
when you planned to call. The 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>,  
or 17<sup>th</sup> are dates I will be in at least  
part of the day.

Gandy Schofer  
Phillips County



From: **tom.browning@state.co.us**  
To: **mlr@riverside.com**  
Subject: **Phillips County**  
Date sent: **Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:28:55 -0700**

Hey Markus;

Contacts for Holyoke are:

Mark Brown (City Manager) and Steve Brown (Mayor or Council member)  
The main number to the city is (970)854-2266.

Randy Schaefer is the Phillips County Administrator. The main number  
is (970)867-5616.

Tom

From: **tom.browning@state.co.us**  
To: **mlr@riverside.com**  
Subject: **Frenchman Creek**  
Date sent: **Mon, 4 May 1998 13:43:16 -0600**

Markus;

When I was in Holyoke on June 17, the flow in the creek was minimal. I would guess in the range of 20 to 80 cfs or so. I'm not sure what the normal summertime baseflows are, if any.

I'll be faxing up the discharge estimates to you this afternoon.

Tom

## 2. Federal Data





RECORD OF RIVER AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

STATE COLORADO COUNTY PHILIPS RIVER —  
 DATE AUG 15 1944  
 TIME (HRS. OF OBSERVATION RIVER) — TEMP. 7A PRECIPITATION NA STANDARD TIME IN USE MST  
 TYPE OF RIVER GAGE — ELEVATION OF RIVER GAGE ZERO — Ft. FLOOD STAGE — Ft. NORMAL POOL STAGE — Ft.

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DATE	TEMPERATURE F.			PRECIPITATION		WEATHER (Calendar Day)						RIVER STAGE		REMARKS (Special observations, etc.,)		
	24 HRS. ENDING AT OBSERVATION		AT OBSN.	24-HR AMOUNTS		At Obs. Draw a straight line (—) through hours precipitation was observed, and a wavy line (~~~~) through hours precipitation probably occurred unobserved.	Mark 'X' for all types occurring each day.						GAGE READING AT		TENDENCY	
	MAX	MIN.		Rain, melted snow, etc. (ins. and hundredths)	Snow, ice pellets, (ins. and tenths)		A.M.		NOON		P.M.					CONDITION
1	86	69	71	0.00												
2	87	65	72	0.00												
3	87	66	72	0.00												
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DATE: 6/15/71

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TIME: (LOCAL)	CALL TO OR FROM:	DESCRIPTION:	INIT:
0032	Phillips City	Highway 325 under water South of Holyoke	DBB
0133	Phillips Sheriff	Lots of flooding, Vehicles Washing off Roads	DBB
"	"	People stranded in CARS!	"
0150	Sedgwick Sheriff	Minor Street Flooding in Julesburg	DBB
0238	Phillips Sheriff	Highways 385N, 6W, → 23 Near Amherst	DBB
"	"	CLOSED!	"
0323	Phillips Sheriff	3.25" just west of Holyoke	DBB
"	"	Lots of flooding yet. Most people stranded in cars earlier have been rescued.	" "
0339	Phillips Sheriff	6" Amherst	DBB/E
0516	Phillips Sheriff	Frenchman <del>River</del> <sup>Creek</sup> Holyoke Evacuating + sandbagging	DBB
"	"	" A REAL MESS "	" "
0553	SEDGWICK	1.27" RAIN	JS
0634	Phillips Sheriff	Red Cross Businesses flooded in Holyoke 3-5 FT. High in Buildings	DBB
		Flooding on Wildhorse Creek Too.	PRE
		Water Still Rising	DBB
725	4 E HAXTON	2.09" PRECIP WIND GUST 56 FRENCHMAN CREEK OUT OF BANK	
0751	Phillips Sheriff	Waters starting to recede. Highways still Closed	DBB

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LOCAL STORM REPORT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
730 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

...PRELIMINARY STORM REPORT FOR JUNE 15 1997...

TIME (MDT)	CITY LOCATION	STATE	EVENT/REMARKS
	COUNTY LOCATION		
0032 AM 06/15/97	3 S HOLYOKE PHILLIPS	CO	FLASH FLOOD HIGHWAY 385 UNDER WATER.
0133 AM 06/15/97	HOLYOKE AND VICINITY PHILLIPS	CO	FLASH FLOOD VEHICLES WASHED OFF ROADS...PEOPLE STRANDED IN CARS.
0238 AM 06/15/97	HOLYOKE...AMHERST...PAOLI PHILLIPS	CO	FLASH FLOOD HIGHWAYS 385...6...AND 23 CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING.
0516 AM 06/15/97	HOLYOKE PHILLIPS	CO	FLASH FLOOD FRENCHMAN CREEK FLOODING HOLYOKE. SANDBAGGING EFFORTS FAILING.
0634 AM 06/15/97	HOLYOKE PHILLIPS	CO	FLASH FLOOD MANY BUSINESSES IN HOLYOKE FLOODED WITH 3 TO 5 FEET OF WATER.

BARJENBRUCH



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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
FLASH FLOOD WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
1233 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS ISSUED A FLASH FLOOD  
WARNING EFFECTIVE UNTIL 330 AM MDT FOR PEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING  
COUNTIES

IN NORTHEAST COLORADO  
PHILLIPS

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
AMHERST...FAIRFIELD...HAXTUN...HIGHLAND CENTER...HOLYOKE...  
PAOLI...PLEASANT VALLEY AND WAGES

AT 1230 AM MDT...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED  
VERY HEAVY RAIN CONTINUING OVER PHILLIPS COUNTY. UP TO 3 INCHES OF  
RAIN HAS ALREADY FALLEN IN THE HOLYOKE AND PAOLI AREA. THE PHILLIPS  
COUNTY SHERIFF INDICATED THAT HIGHWAY 385 SOUTH OF HOLYOKE WAS UNDER  
WATER.

THUNDERSTORMS WITH HEAVY RAIN WILL CONTINUE ACROSS THE AREA THROUGH  
2 AM. ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1 TO 2 INCHES CAN BE  
EXPECTED...WITH A FEW SPOTS PICKING UP AS MUCH AS 3 MORE INCHES.  
EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM THIS STORM WILL CAUSE FLASH FLOODING OF SMALL  
CREEKS AND STREAMS.

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING.  
IF YOU ARE IN THE WARNING AREA MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY.  
RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE  
PRECAUTIONS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS SWIFTLY FLOWING WATERS OR WATERS  
OF UNKNOWN DEPTH BY FOOT OR BY AUTOMOBILE. IF YOUR VEHICLE STALLS,  
ABANDON IT IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK HIGHER GROUND.

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BULLETIN  
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
145 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR PHILLIPS COUNTY UNTIL 330 AM...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

AMHERST...FAIRFIELD...HAXTUN...HIGHLAND CENTER...HOLYOKE...  
PAOLI...PLEASANT VALLEY AND WAGES

AT 138 AM MDT...THE PHILLIPS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTED THAT FLASH  
FLOODING WAS OCCURRING OVER MUCH OF THE COUNTY. AUTOMOBILES HAVE  
BEEN WASHED OFF THE ROAD AND MANY MOTORISTS WERE STRANDED IN THEIR  
CARS. THIS IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION!

THE HEAVY RAIN HAS ENDED FOR THE MOST PART OVER PHILLIPS COUNTY...  
BUT STREAMS WILL CONTINUE TO RISE DURING THE NEXT HOUR FROM  
EXCESSIVE RUNOFF. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATES  
OVER 4 INCHES OF RAIN HAS FALLEN IN AREAS FROM PAOLI TO JUST  
NORTHWEST OF AMHERST. LINGERING THUNDERSTORMS SHOULD PRODUCE LESS  
THAN 1/2 INCH OF ADDITIONAL RAINFALL.

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS OCCURRING. IF YOU ARE  
IN THE WARNING AREA MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY. RESIDENTS  
LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS.

DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS FLOODED AREAS. YOU NEVER KNOW HOW DEEP THE  
WATER REALLY IS!!!

BARJENBRUCH

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BULLETIN  
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
240 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR PHILLIPS COUNTY UNTIL 330 AM...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

AMHERST...FAIRFIELD...HAXTUN...HIGHLAND CENTER...HOLYOKE...  
PAOLI...PLEASANT VALLEY AND WAGES

THE PHILLIPS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTED THAT FLASH FLOODING WAS OCCURRING OVER MUCH OF THE COUNTY. AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN WASHED OFF THE ROAD AND MANY MOTORISTS WERE STRANDED IN THEIR CARS. THIS IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION! MANY HIGHWAYS HAVE BEEN CLOSED...INCLUDING HIGHWAY 385 NORTH OF HOLYOKE...HIGHWAY 6 WEST OF HOLYOKE...AND HIGHWAY 23 IN THE AMHERST AREA.

THE HEAVY RAIN HAS ENDED FOR THE MOST PART OVER PHILLIPS COUNTY... BUT STREAMS WILL CONTINUE TO RISE DURING THE NEXT HOUR FROM EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM EARLIER STORMS. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATES OVER 4 INCHES OF RAIN HAS FALLEN IN AREAS FROM PAOLI THROUGH AMHERST. LINGERING SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE NEXT HOUR...BUT ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1/2 OF AN INCH.

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS OCCURRING. IF YOU ARE IN THE WARNING AREA MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY. RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS.

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BULLETIN  
FLASH FLOOD WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
400 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR PHILLIPS COUNTY EXTENDED UNTIL 530 AM...

THE WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...

AMHERST...FAIRFIELD...HAXTUN...HIGHLAND CENTER...HOLYOKE...  
PAOLI...PLEASANT VALLEY AND WAGES

AT 340 AM...THE PHILLIPS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTED THAT 6 INCHES OF RAIN HAS FALLEN IN AMHERST. FLASH FLOODING CONTINUED OVER MUCH OF PHILLIPS COUNTY AND NUMEROUS AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN WASHED OFF THE ROAD. MANY HIGHWAYS HAVE BEEN CLOSED...INCLUDING HIGHWAY 385 NORTH OF HOLYOKE...HIGHWAY 6 WEST OF HOLYOKE...AND HIGHWAY 23 IN THE AMHERST AREA.

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BULLETIN  
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
640 AM MDT SUN JUN 15 1997

...FLASH FLOOD WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 800 AM FOR PHILLIPS COUNTY...

THE FLASH FLOOD WARNING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...

AMHERST...FAIRFIELD...HAXTUN...HIGHLAND CENTER...HOLYOKE...  
PAOLI...PLEASANT VALLEY AND WAGES

THE PHILLIPS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTED THAT MANY BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF HOLYOKE WERE FLOODED WITH 3 TO 5 FEET OF WATER. FRENCHMAN CREEK WAS WELL OUT OF ITS BANKS AND STILL RISING. SANDBAGGING EFFORTS WERE FAILING. THIS IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION!

PEOPLE ALONG FRENCHMAN CREEK...WILDHORSE CREEK...AND OTHER SMALL STREAMS AND CREEKS IN PHILLIPS COUNTY SHOULD TAKE ACTION NOW. MOVE PROPERTY AND YOURSELVES TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY!

AS MUCH AS 6 INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN AMHERST OVERNIGHT...AND NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED A LARGE AREA OF 4 TO 5.5 INCHES OF RAINFALL IN NORTHERN PHILLIPS COUNTY. LITTLE IF ANY ADDITIONAL RAINFALL IS EXPECTED.

A FLASH FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS OCCURRING. IF YOU ARE IN THE WARNING AREA MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY. RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG STREAMS AND CREEKS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS.

DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS FLOODED AREAS. YOU NEVER KNOW HOW DEEP THE WATER REALLY IS!!!

BARJENBRUCH

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SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT...CORRECTED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
1025 PM MDT SAT JUN 14 1997

...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING FOR PHILLIPS COUNTY HAS EXPIRED...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS ALLOWED THE SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM WARNING FOR SOUTHWESTERN PHILLIPS COUNTY TO EXPIRE AS  
OF 1005 PM MDT.

AS OF 1000 PM MDT...THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IN SOUTH CENTRAL  
PHILLIPS COUNTY HAS MOVED INTO NORTH-CENTRAL YUMA COUNTY.

THE STORM WAS MOVING SOUTHEAST AT 20 MILES PER HOUR.

BETWEEN 825 PM AND 835 PM MDT THE PUBLIC REPORTED HAIL 3/4 TO 1 INCH  
IN DIAMETER...WITH A FEW STONES UP TO 1 1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER IN  
SOUTHWEST PHILLIPS COUNTY 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HIGHLAND CENTER... OR 17  
MILES SOUTHWEST OF HOLYOKE.

BETWEEN 845 PM AND 850 PM MDT THE PUBLIC REPORTED A SMALL TORNADO IN  
A FIELD ABOUT 2 MILES SOUTH OF THE TOWN OF PAOLI...OR 8 MILES WEST  
OF HOLYOKE IN SOUTH-CENTRAL PHILLIPS COUNTY. THE BRIEF TORNADO  
REPORTEDLY CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

THUNDERSTORMS MOVING ACROSS PHILLIPS AND SEDGWICK COUNTIES MAY STILL  
PRODUCE LOCALLY HEAVY RAIN...SMALL HAIL AND STRONG GUSTY WINDS UNTIL  
1045 PM MDT.

TAKE SHELTER IF SEVERE WEATHER APPROACHES YOU.

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BULLETIN - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED  
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
938 PM MDT SAT JUN 14 1997

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS ISSUED A SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM WARNING EFFECTIVE UNTIL 1005 PM MDT FOR PEOPLE IN THE  
FOLLOWING COUNTIES...

IN NORTHEAST COLORADO  
SOUTHWESTERN PHILLIPS

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
HAXTUN AND HIGHLAND CENTER...

AT 932 PM MDT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED A  
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HIGHLAND CENTER...OR  
ABOUT 15 MILES SOUTHWEST OF HOLYOKE.

AT 930 PM MDT THE PUBLIC REPORTED WIND DRIVEN HAIL 1 1/2 INCHES IN  
DIAMETER FROM THIS STORM 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HIGHLAND CENTER...OR  
ABOUT 17 MILES SOUTHWEST OF HOLYOKE.

THE STORM WAS MOVING EAST-NORTHEAST AT 30 MILES PER HOUR.

THIS IS A DANGEROUS STORM! IF YOU ARE IN THE PATH OF THE  
STORM...PUT YOUR CAR IN A GARAGE AND MOVE TO A SUBSTANTIAL SHELTER.

REPORT SEVERE WEATHER TO THE NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THEY  
WILL RELAY YOUR REPORT TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST  
OFFICE IN DENVER.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE  
10230 Smith Road  
Denver, CO 80239-3238

## FAX TRANSMITTAL

DATE: 22 April, 1997PAGE 1 OF 1TO: MarcusFROM: Larry Tunnell

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: (303) 361-0661FAX #: 970-484-7593FAX #: (303) 371-5508

Marcus:

I have misplaced your telephone number so I am faxing you this. On June 2, 1997, I cannot find any record that we issued any products for Phillips County except a tornado watch, which was issued around 1:30PM. There were numerous severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado warnings issued for Morgan County and Weld County and a flash flood statement was issued for Morgan County about 11PM.

In going through our spotter reports for that day, the only spotter report from Phillips county that I can find is a report of heavy rain at Haxtun at 1118PM. Our radar indicated a storm total rainfall for Phillips County through 2:30AM on June 3<sup>rd</sup> of only around an inch. This may be the result of Phillips County being more than 125 miles from the radar.

It is also possible that I misunderstood the date or county that you were interested in. If this is the case, please give me a call.

Larry Tunnell





### 3. State Data

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Department of Natural Resources

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Director, CWCB

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Agency: RTC

From: Tom B

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# FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION REPORT

## FRENCHMAN CREEK

# HOLYOKE, COLORADO

**PREPARED** FOR THE CITY OF HOLYOKE, PHILLIPS COUNTY  
AND THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
BY U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

JUNE 1980

## STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

### Drainage Basin Characteristics

The Frenchman Creek drainage basin is located in the northeast corner of the State in Logan, Sedgwick, and Phillips Counties. Its headwaters are within Logan County about 20 miles west of Holyoke. The creek flows in an easterly direction draining into the Republican River near Culbertson, Nebraska (see Basin Map, plate 1).

The basin divides into two sub-basins at the west edge of Holyoke. The North Fork has a drainage area of 164 square miles. The combined contributing drainage area for Frenchman Creek is 227 miles at U.S. Highway 385.

Drainage patterns of Frenchman Creek basin consist of low hills dividing the waterways. The larger waterways have well-defined channels, while the smaller ones are only a swale between drainage divides. The basin is elongated in shape with its major drainage flow patterns in a west to east direction. Ground elevations vary from a maximum of 4500 feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum (ft., N.G.V.D.) in the headwaters to 3700 ft., N.G.V.D. at Holyoke.

The climate of northeast Colorado is semi-arid, with hot, dry summers and cold winters. Moist air currents from the Gulf of Mexico are the primary source of moisture. Precipitation in the form of localized and short duration thunderstorms accounts for much of the total annual precipitation.

## HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DETERMINATIONS

### Flood Characteristics

Flood flows in this area of Colorado generally result from high intensity, short duration, cloudburst type thunderstorms. Frenchman Creek has experienced very few of these types of thunderstorms while adjacent basins have experienced extremely intense thunderstorms. Most of these thunderstorms occur from late spring to late summer. Due to the nature of these highly localized storms, the runoff is characterized by a quick buildup to a peak and then a tapering off.

### Hydrologic Analysis

Flood frequency curves were prepared for Holyoke at U.S. Highway 385. Several methods were investigated to obtain the best possible comparison for frequency curve selection. These methods include streamflow data from the Wray, Colorado, report, three separate sets of regression equations (Reference 4, 5, 6), and a synthetic computer modeling technique (Reference 7).

The hydrologic analysis was carried out to establish the peak discharge-frequency relationships for floods of 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence intervals for the North Fork Republican River (Reference 8). The analysis used in this report is referred to in the Technical Addendum as the Upper Republican River Basin Regional Frequency Study (Reference 9). This technique is based on statistical analyses of the streamflow records of several drainage basins in the same geographical region as the North Fork Republican River basin. For a detailed description of the hydrologic analysis, refer to the Technical Addendum. Peak discharges for Frenchman Creek are shown in Table 3 on page 14.

Table 3

Summary of Discharges

Location	Drainage Area (sq. mi.)	Discharge in Cubic Feet per Second			
		10-year	50-year	100-year	500-year
Frenchman Creek at Highway 385	227	2750	6200	8200	14900
North Fork Frenchman Creek at mouth	164	2240	5200	6970	12640
South Fork Frenchman Creek at mouth	63	1170	2800	3740	6870

### Hydraulic Analysis

Analyses of the hydraulic characteristics of Frenchman Creek were carried out to provide estimates of the water surface elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals along the river. The water surface elevations were computed through use of the Corps of Engineers HEC-2 step backwater computer program (Reference 10). Cross sections for the backwater analysis were measured from two-foot contour topographic mapping. The approximate locations of the cross sections used in the backwater analysis are shown on the flooded area maps, plates 3 thru 18, and the flood profiles, plates 22 thru 28. The reference points and 100-year flood elevations are listed in Table 4 on pages 16 and 17.

Roughness factors (Mannings "N") for use in hydraulic computations were assigned on the basis of field inspection of flood plain areas. Frenchman Creek roughness factors are 0.04 for channel and 0.05 for the overbank areas. A detailed description of the hydraulic analysis is included in the Technical Addendum.

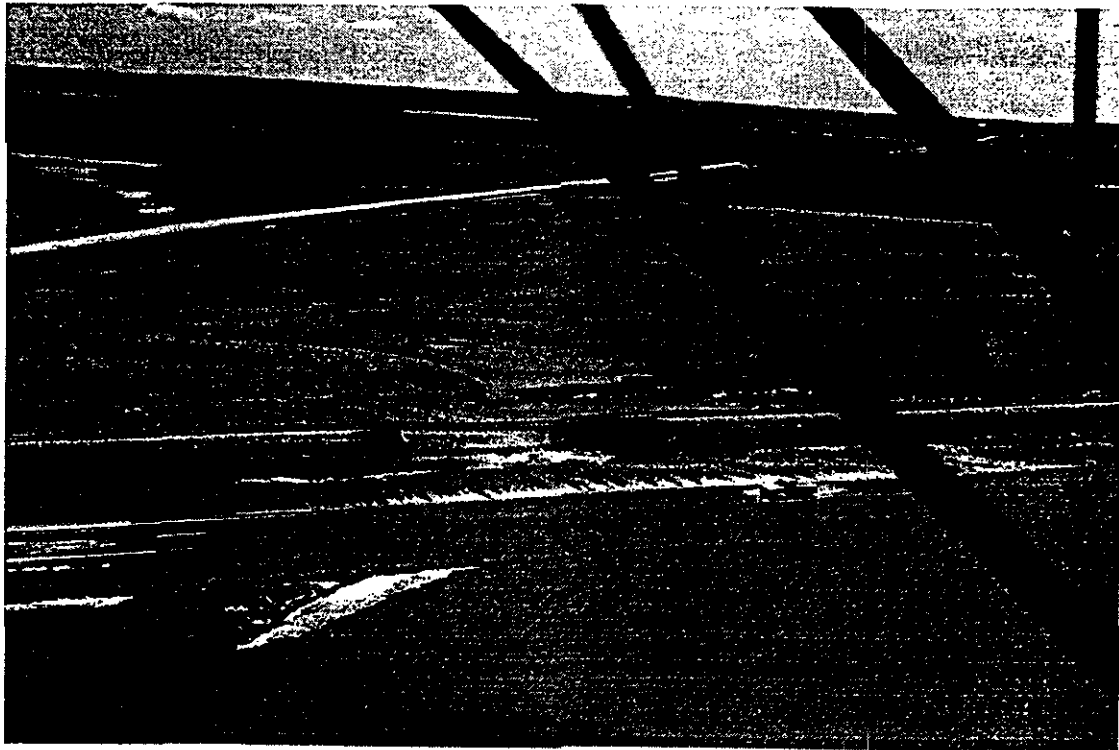


Weld  
Phillips

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# ENGINEERING TECHNICAL REPORT

## Colorado Flood Documentation Significant Floods of June 1997



Department of Natural Resources  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Flood Control and Floodplain Management Section  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721  
Denver, Colorado 80203

June 1997

**Holyoke / Phillips County Flood Event**  
**June 15, 1997**

# MEMORANDUM

COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
DARIES C. LILE  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** June 19, 1997  
**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Tom Browning *TB*  
**RE:** Phillips County/Holyoke flood of June 15, 1997

On June 17 and 18, 1997 I performed field investigations in Phillips County in the vicinity of Holyoke, Colorado. A major rainstorm occurred late June 14 and early June 15 which caused flooding in the Frenchman Creek basin on the morning of June 15. As part of the field work, I conducted rainfall bucket surveys, estimated peak streamflows for various streams using indirect flow measurements, delineated the approximate floodplain limits within Holyoke, and obtained photographs. Following is a summary of findings :

## STORM DESCRIPTION

- Storm developed on the evening of June 14 and generally moved from west to east.
- Rainfall began in Phillips County west of Holyoke around 9:45 pm on June 14 and ended around 12:30 or 1:00 am on June 15.
- Most of the rain fell in less than 2 hours in the beginning part of the storm
- Very little hail was produced by this storm. Small pockets of hail were reported to the south and west of Holyoke.

## RAINFALL ESTIMATES

Rainfall estimates were obtained through bucket surveys, interviews with local officials and residents, and field observations. Rainfall estimates are shown (in inches) on the attached map. These amounts are for the storm total (about 3 hours).

## FLOOD DAMAGES

Phillips County, the Town of Holyoke, The American Red Cross, and the Colorado OEM have performed damage surveys and have reported the following flood damages (to date) within Phillips County, Holyoke, and Amherst:

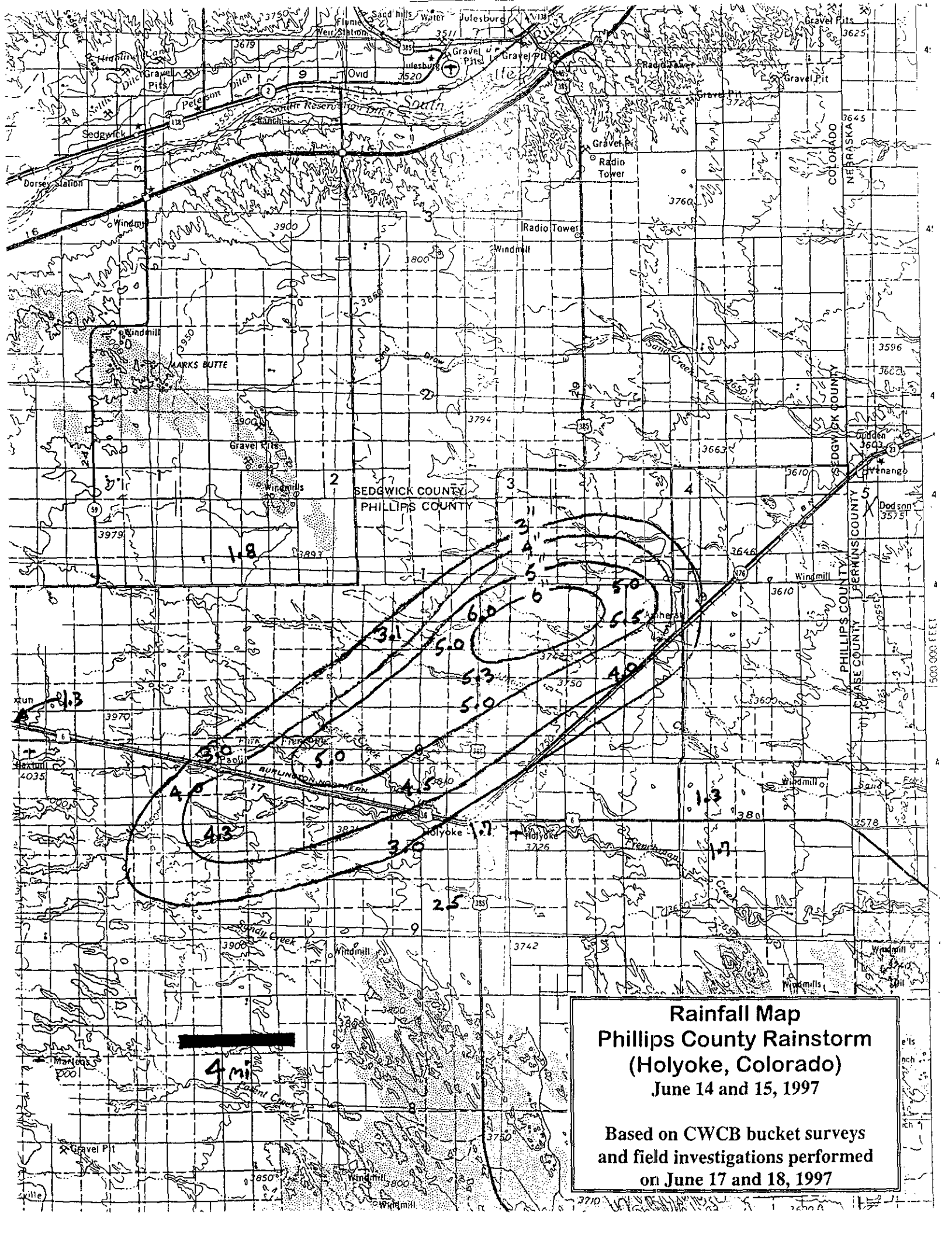
- 31 homes (7 are uninhabitable)
- 3 businesses
- 3 County road bridges
- At least 15-20 major washouts on County Roads (including low water crossings, culverts, etc.)
- Nearly 100 minor washouts on County Roads
- Severe damage to railroad line along Hwy 23
- Damage to the airport runway and washout of the culverts at the end of the runway
- Substantial damage to crops and fields
- Major debris accumulations

## RUNOFF ESTIMATES

Runoff estimates were obtained for various streams using indirect flow measurement techniques. Channel cross-sections were obtained by using a hand level, survey rod, and a 100' tape. High water marks were good to excellent in all locations. Normal depth calculations were done using Manning's equation. Channel slopes were obtained from USGS Quad maps, and "n" values were estimated in the field. A range of flow values is presented to account for various uncertainties in estimating the peak flows.

Location	Est. Peak flow (cfs)	Est. Flow Frequency*
N. Fork Frenchman Creek near Hwy 6, just west of Paoli	250 to 350	N/A
N. Fork Frenchman Creek d/s of Rd 37, just west of Holyoke	1,600 to 2,000	10-year
S. Fork Frenchman Creek near Rd 33, 3 mi west of Holyoke	1,800 to 2,200	25-year
S. Fork Frenchman Creek near Rd 35, 2 mi west of Holyoke	1,800 to 2,200	25-year
Frenchman Creek d/s of Hwy 6 in Holyoke	3,600 to 4,000	25-year
Frenchman Creek at golf course in Holyoke	3,600 to 4,000	25-year
Left bank trib to Frenchman Creek 1.5 mi northeast of Holyoke, near Hwy 23 and Rd 41	600 to 800	50-100-year
Left Bank trib to Wildhorse Creek at Amherst, near Hwy 23 and Rd 51.	1,800 to 2,200	100-year

\* Based on hydrology values published in "Floodplain Information Report, Frenchman Creek, Holyoke, Colorado" (June 1980) where available. Other frequency estimates based on regional regression equations for the Republican River basin.

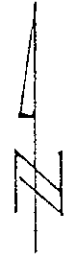


**Rainfall Map**  
**Phillips County Rainstorm**  
**(Holyoke, Colorado)**  
**June 14 and 15, 1997**

Based on CWCB bucket surveys  
 and field investigations performed  
 on June 17 and 18, 1997

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APPROX FLOODPLAIN LIMITS (17P.1)  
FOR JUNE 15, 1997 EVENT  
(PEAK ≈ 7am)



SCALE: 1" = 400'

HOLYOKE, COLORADO  
Flood of June 15, 1997

BASE MAP: FEMA  
Flood Insurance Rate Maps

3 BUSINESSES  
RCD DAMAGE

SEVERAL  
MOBILE  
HOMES FLOODED

GARAGE  
FLOODING  
(2 to 3 homes)

FIRST FLOOR  
FLOODING

ZONE X

ZONE X

ZONE X

BRIDGE  
NOT OVERTOPPED

BUSINESSES/HOMES  
BASEMENT & F.F. FLOODING  
(ROADSIDE DITCH OVERFLOW)

NEW HOUSE NOT FLOODED  
(ISLAND) (6" TO FIRST FLOOR)

2-3 BLDGS  
FLOODED

WORLEY AVE.

FURRY ST.

ZONE X

RD 41

NO FLOODING  
IN THIS AREA

ZONE AE

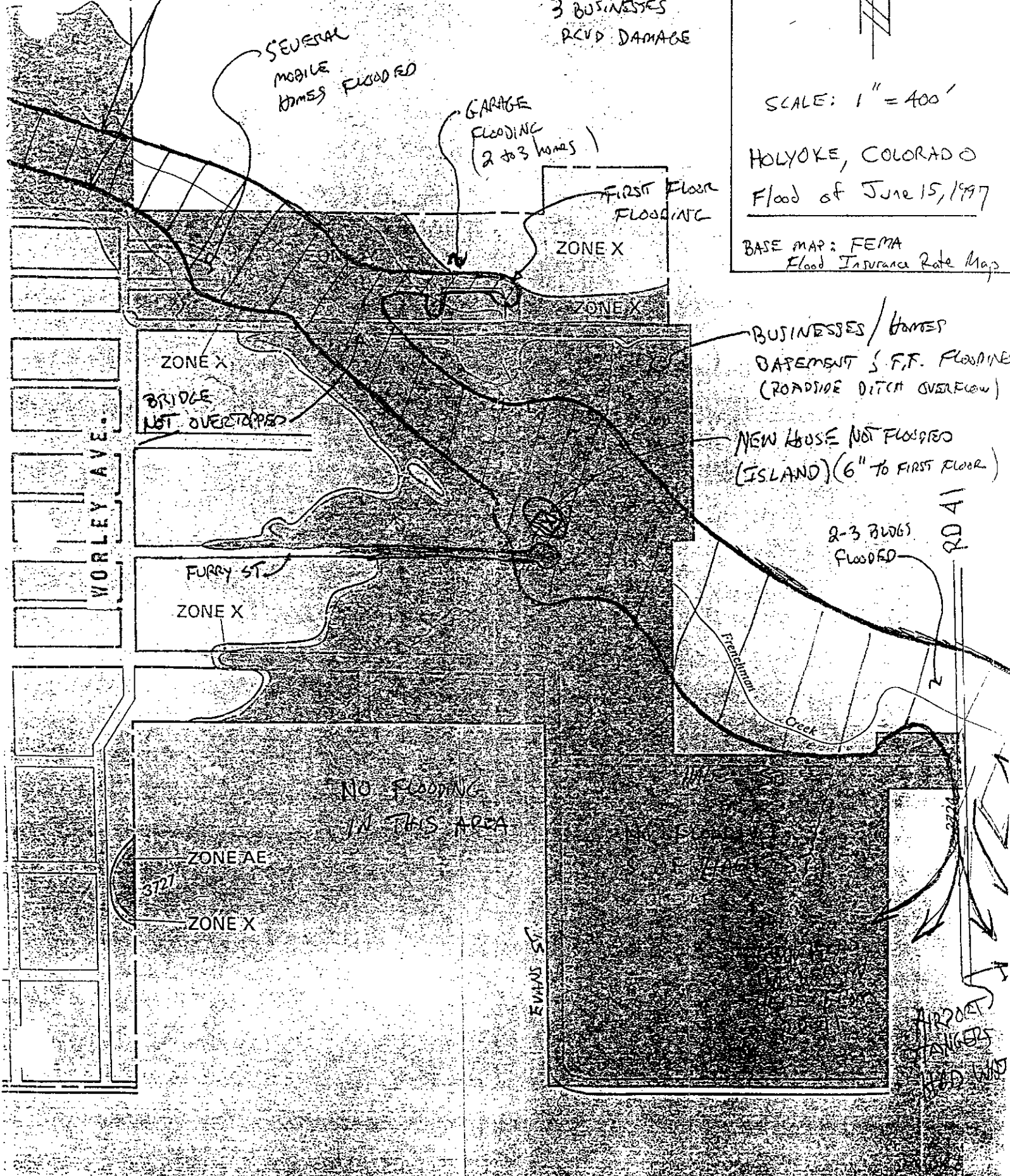
ZONE X

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EVANS ST.

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AIRPORT  
DANGER  
ROAD CLOSED

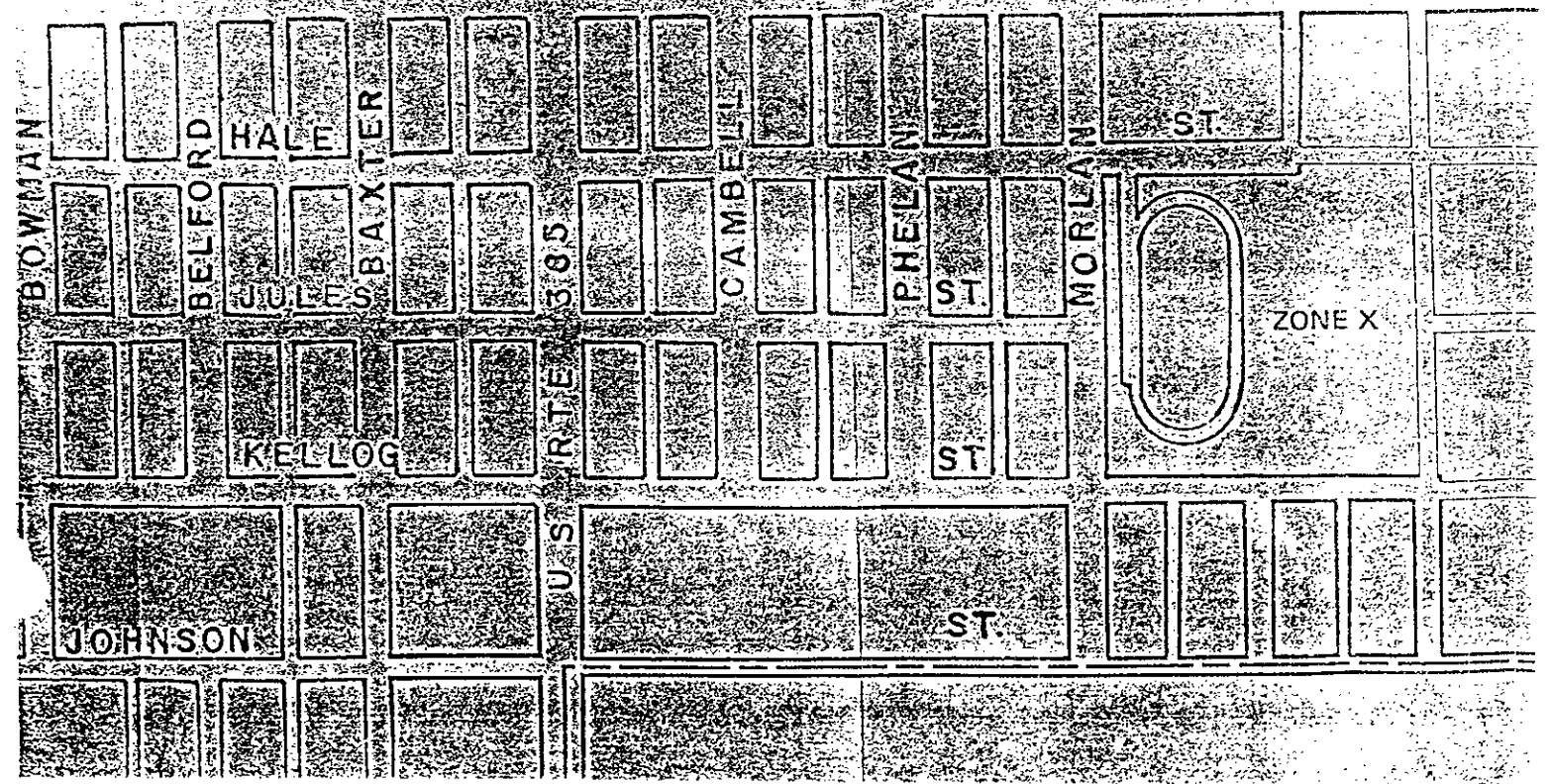
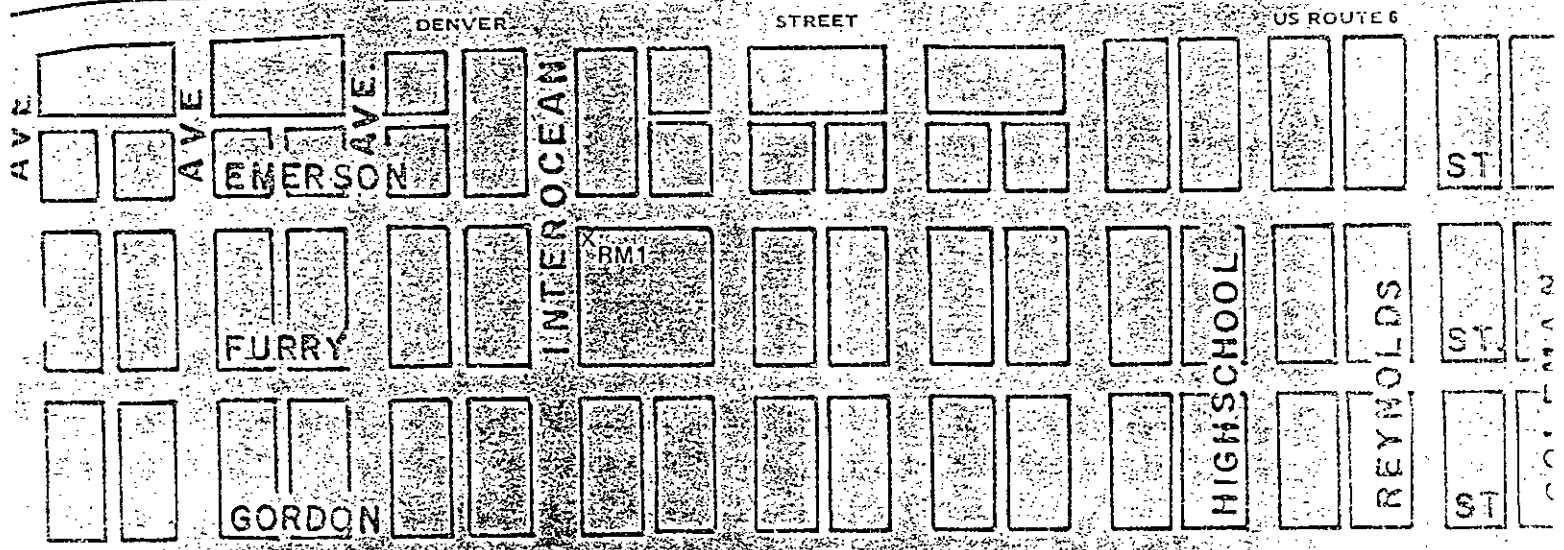
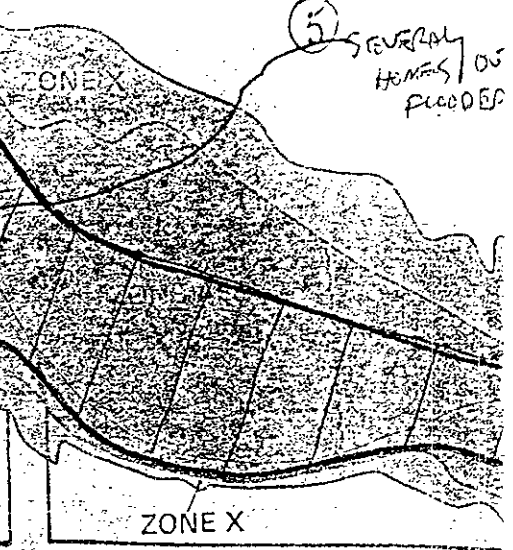
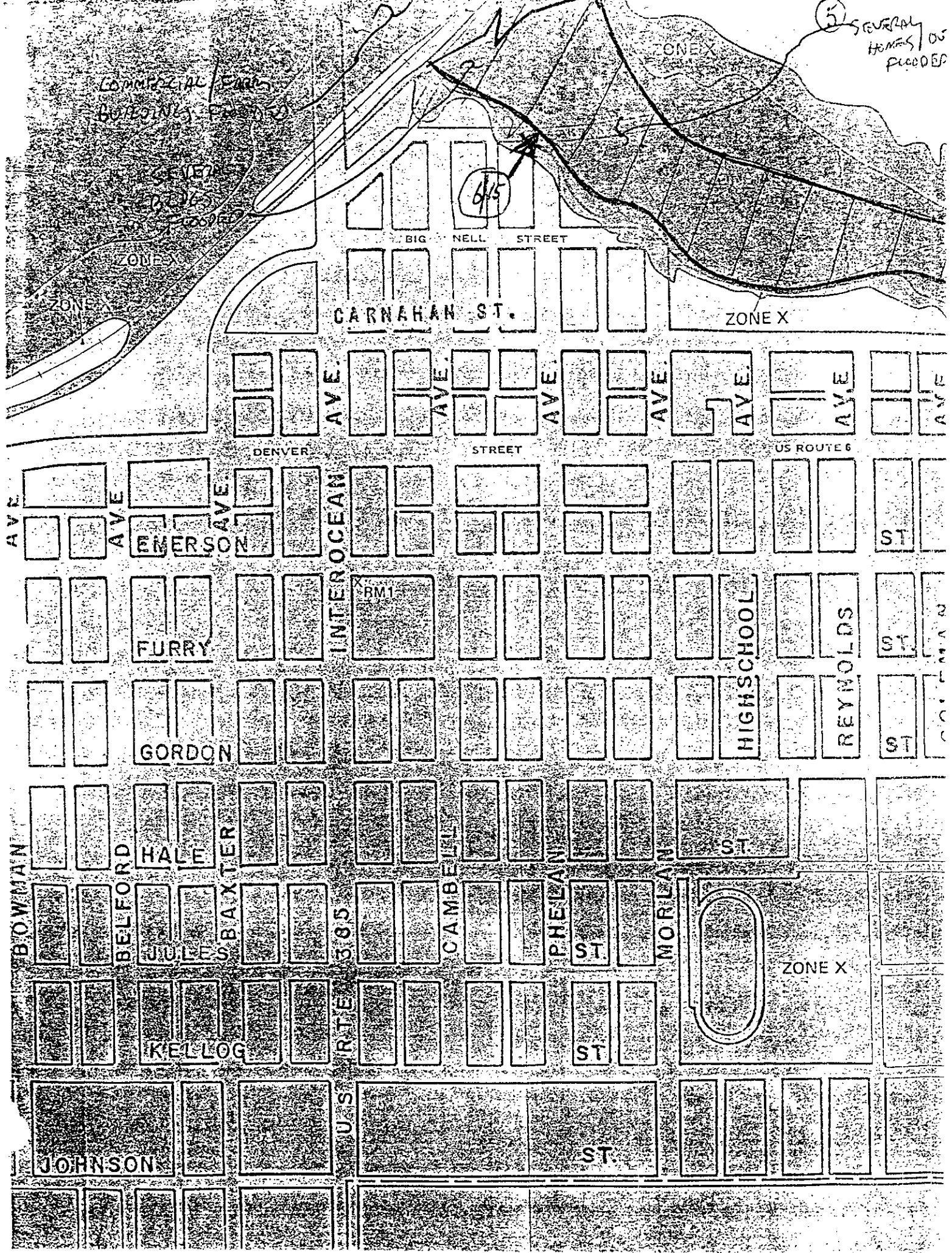


5 SEVERAL HOMES FLOODED

COMMERCIAL / BLDG  
BOULEVARD / FLOODED

SEVERAL  
BLDGS  
FLOODED

6/5



## 4. Local Data



# PHILLIPS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



JAMES R. MORT  
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221 S. INTEROCEAN  
HOLYOKE, COLORADO 80734

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June 25, 1997

Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

*TO A  
BROWNING  
6 pages*

Mr. Tommy Grier, Jr.  
Director  
Office of Emergency Management  
15075 S. Golden Road  
Golden, CO 80401-3979

RE: Flood damage in Phillips County

Dear Mr. Grier:

Phillips County has suffered substantial damage due to flooding occurring in the month of June. Fortunately this disaster has not caused serious injuries or taken lives. Red Cross representatives very capably attended to short term needs of displaced residents and assisted the efforts of volunteers in their immediate response to flood victims. No home owners, however, had flood insurance to assist in their recovery.

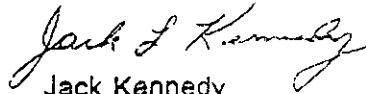
We are now picking up the pieces and proceeding onward. Major damage has occurred on county roadways. The western two-thirds of our county will be getting back to normalcy the end of next week. The road foreman in the eastern one-third of our county estimates it will take an additional four to six weeks of monumental effort just to get all the roads so they are open and passable again.

The county has sought the assistance in equipment and manpower of surrounding counties (i.e. Yuma County and Sedgwick County) which we will reimburse for their efforts. We also requested assistance from CDOT who has responded by providing 6 trucks and a front end loader and their personnel all week. Such assistance is very gratifying and overwhelming.

A flood report and our preliminary cost estimates to repair the county road damage are attached. They are above and beyond the county's regular budgeted resources. Due to that fact, the Board of County Commissioners has voted to declare a local emergency. Any disaster emergency monies available would greatly be appreciated.

Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Kennedy  
Co-chairman

CC:RS:eb

CC: Jerry Smith, Deputy Director, Dept. of Local Affairs  
Bob Wold, Regional Planner, Office of Emergency Management  
Renee Stroh, Area Emergency Planner, Office of Emergency Management

Enclosures: Disaster Declaration  
Preliminary Cost estimates for repairing flood damage  
Flood report

PHILLIPS COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Phillips County suffered serious damage to roads, bridges, homes and businesses caused by heavy rains of 4" plus on June 2, 1997 and rains of 5" to 6" again on June 14, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from impact of the ensuing flood is far in excess of the county's available resources,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Colorado declare this to be a local disaster.

Dated at Holyoke, Colorado, this 25th day of June, 1997.

  
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Phillips County Board of Commissioners

June 25, 1997

FLOOD REPORT

Road Foreman  
 Robert L. Fetzer  
 03105 Cnty Road 14  
 8 mi S. Im w.  
 774-7349

Phillips County received two back to back large rains which have caused damage to county roadways. Rainfall up to 4.5" fell the night of June 2, 1997, primarily in the west end of the county south of Haxtun. Rainfall from 5" to 6" fell again the night of June 14 in the Holyoke/Amherst areas. The area south of Haxtun/Paoli again received 4" plus on June 14. The combination of these storms and the resulting floods caused damage to a number of homes and businesses in the City of Holyoke.

The Red Cross damage assessment team report shows that seven single family homes received major damage, ten single family homes received minor damage, fourteen mobile homes had minor damage, three businesses had major damage, and four businesses received minor damage.

The KNC Rainnet railroad line between Holyoke and Amherst also recieved major damage. One entire section of grade was washed downstream, leaving the line unusable for almost a week while private contractors re-built the grade.

A team composed of Bob Wold, Fred Sibley, and Renee Stroh from the Office of Emergency Management, Tom Browning from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Randy Schafer, local Emergency Manager, completed a windshield damage assessment on June 17 and 18.

The flooding caused substantial damage to a majority of roads in the county. County road crews have been working to restore through roads since Tuesday, June 17. Most drainage ways, except Frenchman Creek, have now totally subsided. The three road district foremen met on Monday, June 23, 1997, and put together a preliminary cost estimate of the flood damage. These are preliminary figures only.

Road District #1 (Eastern 1/3 of the county) has 1 major washout which will require 1800 cu. yds. of road material, 75 large washouts which will require an average of 200 cu. yds. of road material per washout to repair (equivalent to 20 belly dump loads) and 32 smaller washouts which will require an average of 100 cu. yds. of road material.

Road District #2 (center 1/3 of the county) has 69 large washouts which will require an average of 60 cu. yds. of road material per washout and 39 smaller washouts which will require an average of 12 cu. yds.

Road District #3 (West 1/3 of county) has 10 large washouts which will require an average of 75 cu. yds. of road material per washout and 28 small washouts which will require an average of 20 cu. yds.

A newspaper account of the June 14th flood is also attached.

Randy Schafer

b. v/d/aspic

COST ESTIMATE FOR ROAD REPAIRS  
 PHILLIPS COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE - JUNE 1997  
 PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

FORCE ACCOUNT

EQUIPMENT

Loader	465 hrs @ \$69/hr	=	\$32,085.00
Grader	750 hrs @ \$75/hr	=	56,250.00
Backhoe	3 hrs @ \$40/hr	=	120.00
Compactor	20 hrs @ 6.85/hr	=	137.00
Dozer	100 hrs @ \$75/hr	=	7,500.00
Scraper	40 hrs @ \$100/hr	=	4,000.00
Pickups	96 hrs @ \$15/hr	=	1,440.00
Semi tractor	710 hrs @ 64.25/hr	=	45,617.50
Belly Dump trlr	710 hrs @ 13.10/hr	=	9,372.00
Dump trucks	780 hrs @ \$22/hr	=	<u>17,160.00</u>
SUBTOTAL			173,681.00

FUEL

Diesel	12,479 gal @ .91	=	11,356.00
Gasoline	2,648 gal @ .86	=	<u>2,277.00</u>
SUBTOTAL			13,633.00

LABOR

	2000 hrs @ \$9.60	=	19,200.00
	620 hrs @ 14.40	=	8,928.00
	440 hrs @ 10.17	=	4,475.00
	140 hrs @ 15.26	=	<u>2,136.00</u>
SUBTOTAL			34,739.00

MATERIALS

Gravel and clay	25,918 cu. yd. @ \$0.33	=	\$8,553.00
Culverts	2 - 21" X 60' @ 8.16/ft	=	979.00
	1 - 48" X 60' @ 48.33/ft	=	<u>2,900.00</u>
	(plus flared ends)		
SUBTOTAL			12,432.00

BRIDGE REPAIR

Wilmon, Goddard, & Jaycox Bridges			5,226.00
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FORCE AMOUNT TOTAL

239,711.00

CONTRACTED ITEMS

Yuma Co. belly dumps	140 hrs @ \$65	=	\$9,100.00
Yuma Co. Tandem	70 hrs @ \$45	=	3,150.00
Sedgwick Co. belly dumps	10 hrs @ \$65	=	650.00
St of Co. Twin Screws	250 hrs @ \$40	=	(10,000) NO COST
St of Co. Dump trucks	50 hrs @ \$30	=	(1,500) <u>NO COST</u>
SUBTOTAL			\$12,900.00

TOTAL CONTRACTED ITEMS	12,900.00
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GRAND TOTAL	252,611.00
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## Recorded Rainfall between July 28 - Aug 12

		Clerk Reuter's gauge	In Town (Horton)
July	28	0.04	0.07
	29	0.44	.40
	30	0.49	1.57
Aug	4	0.78	-
	5	0.81	1.65
	6	-	.30
	8	0.65	.39
	11	0.04	.13

## 5. Calculations and Estimates



**Phillips County - Frenchman Creek  
Precipitation Frequency Analysis**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this calculation is to determine the storm precipitation totals for storm durations of 6-hr, 12-hr, and 24-hr, for a return interval of 100-yr. The precipitation quantities represent annual amounts (the seasonal precipitation quantities, May-October are not available for Phillips County).

**Methodology:**

The information presented in this calculation is developed from the NOAA, Atlas 2, Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, Vol III - Colorado, 1973. Using the figures in the NOAA Atlas, the following information is obtained.

**6-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
2-yr	1.9
5-yr	2.4
10-yr	2.8
25-yr	3.4
50-yr	3.8
100-yr	4.2

**24-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
2-yr	2.2
5-yr	2.9
10-yr	3.4
25-yr	4.0
50-yr	4.5
100-yr	5.0

Using procedures outlined in the NOAA, Atlas 2 (page 16, Figure 17), the 12-hr precipitation quantities were estimated from the 6-hr and 24-hr values and are shown below.

**12-hr, 100-yr Precipitation Quantities**

Return Interval	Precipitation (inches)
100-yr	4.6

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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 5/4/98

To: MARKUS RITSCH

Fax #: (970) 484-2593

Agency: RTI

From: Tom Brown

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Phone: (303) 866-3441

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Holyoke Flood Doc.  
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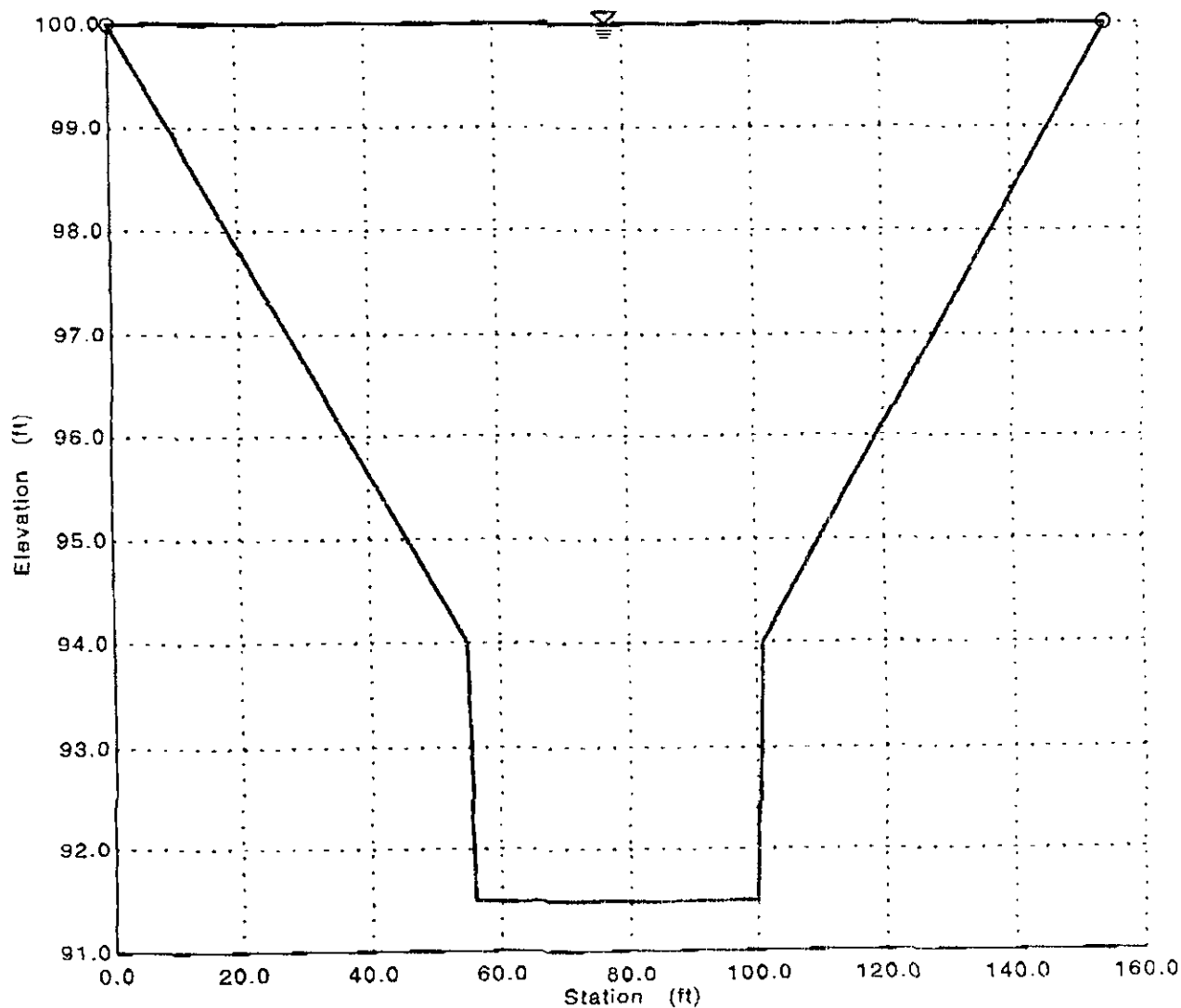
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### Frenchman Creek at Holyoke (golf course)

Cross Section for Irregular Channel

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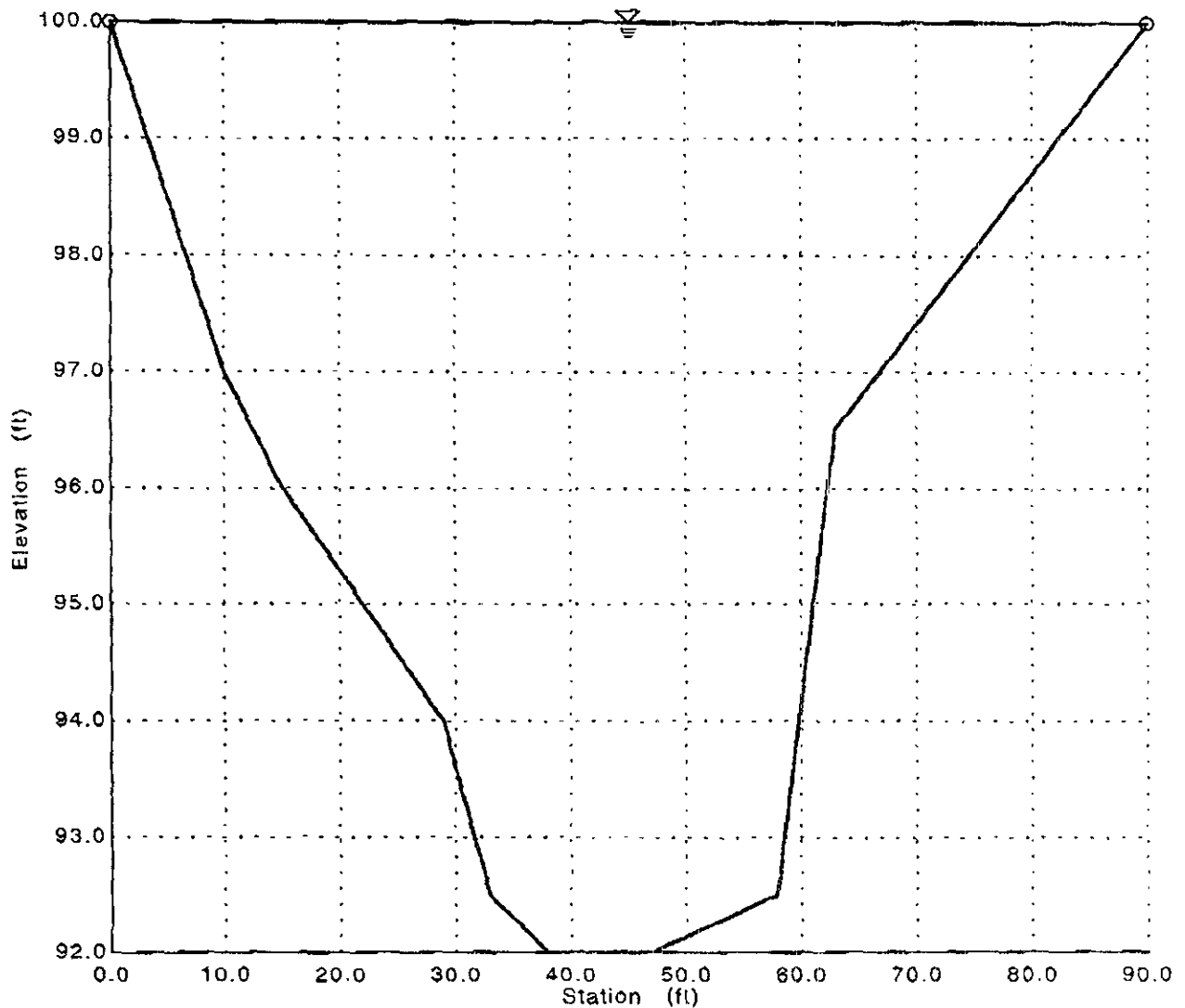
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Water Surface Elevation	100.00 ft
Discharge	3,702.09 cfs



### N. Fork Frenchman Creek, d/s of Rd 37 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Worksheet	N. Fork Frenchman d/s Rd 37
Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

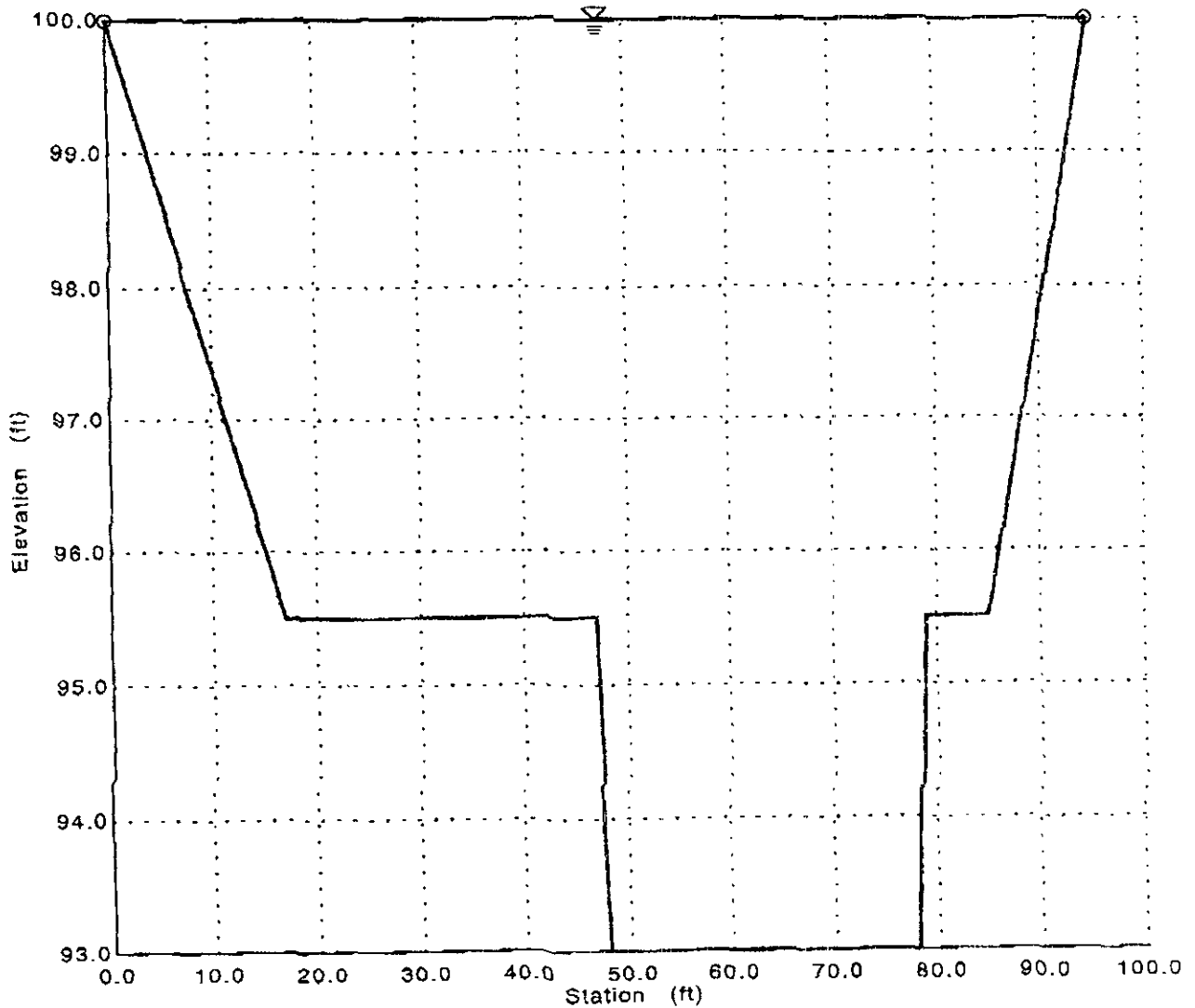
Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.040
Channel Slope	0.002000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	100.00 ft
Discharge	1,764.15 cfs



S. Fork Frenchman Creek, near Rd 33  
 Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Worksheet	S. Fork Frenchman Cr, near Rd 33
Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.040
Channel Slope	0.002000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	100.00 ft
Discharge	1,995.32 cfs



## 1. Contacts

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/15/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Tony Garcia  
Company/Affiliation: Prowers County Road and Bridge (east side)  
Phone no.: (719) 537-6631  
Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

- one concrete and two oversized rock crossings were damaged due to flood waters traversing the county roads
- flood waters remained for a couple days before receding
- County set up barricades and suggested detour routes soon after floods began to happen
- Slab washed out on Plum Creek where water depth was approximately a couple feet above the road
- Channel characteristics for tributaries near Holly:
  - 1) mostly dry with occasional springs here & there
  - 2) lots of sagebrush along the channels
  - 3) fairly well-defined & soils are very sandy
- Holly has a flood control dike (approx. 2 miles long) surrounding the town to protect it from Wild Horse Creek and Arkansas River flood waters

Signature Bill Owen

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- Amity Canal overtopped mainly in western areas of the County

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/15/98

Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen

Spoke With: Dan Newhold

Company/Affiliation: CO State Engineers' office, Water Commissioner, District 1

Phone no.: 719-336-5364

Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

- no significant diversions on Wild Horse Creek that would affect gage records
- channels in these northern tribis of the Arkansas River have mild slopes, sandy bottoms, and little vegetation
- most of creek channel is intermittent, w/ water flowing only as a result of heavy rainfall
- lower Wild Horse Creek runs constantly @ 10 cfs or less  
↳ near mouth
- Wiley drainage flows result of natural groundwater seepage, irrigation return flows, and heavy precipitation events

Signature

Bill Owen

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/15/98

Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen

Spoke With: Grant McCormick

Company/Affiliation: Town of Holly, Town Administrator

Phone no.: (719) ~~336-4478~~ 537-6633

Project No.: D479

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Comments:

- localized heavy rains caused approx. \$4000 damage to one house in northern part of town
- this was unusual since the south side experiences more frequent flooding (near <sup>state</sup> highway 50)
- no drainage system along this highway, which contributes to the problem
- town erected barricades on flooded streets on the south side + state patrol was out providing traffic control along highway 50 to reduce cars hydroplaning in  $\pm 1'$  water
- 10 town citizens volunteered to help bail water out of the ~~damaged~~ <sup>damaged house</sup> ~~at the~~   
 ~~damaged~~  $\rightarrow$  one ran a County-donated grater to help erect a berm that was approx. 150' long
- Town costs associated with flood fighting efforts was  $\pm$  \$800-900 plus donated time + equipment
- new housing development in the area reduced ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> normal ponding time, which contributes to the problem

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Owen

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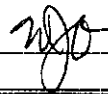
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Date: 6/15/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Jeff Devere  
Company/Affiliation: Prowers County Environmental Health  
Phone no.: (719) 336-8989  
Project No.: D479-56

**Comments:**

- County in process of developing a flood mitigation plan + are open to ~~suggestions~~ any technique that could help them
- Currently, they are more interested in passive rather than structural approaches to reduce flood hazards
- examples of passive techniques: park development, wetland enhancement, purchasing conservation easements or development rights
- examples of active (or structural) mitigation measures: culverts, channel improvements, riprap, + levees
- One area of immediate concern is land west of Lamar + south of Arkansas River
  - this area has high alkalinity contents (i.e. poor for ag' use) + poor banks (i.e. prone for flooding)
  - possible solution to alleviate problem is to ~~build~~ <sup>create</sup> additional wetlands + build terraces to channel the flood waters back to the Arkansas
  - total ~~area~~ length approx. 1 1/2 - 2 miles along Arkansas

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



- Suggested to contact Gary McCormick (town administrator) to find out about flooding details in Holly (719-537-6633)

TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 6/12/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Bill Owen  
Spoke With: Don King  
Company/Affiliation: Prowers County Road + Bridge Dept. (west side)  
Phone no.: 719-336-5536  
Project No.: D479-56

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Comments:

- Wiley Drainage overflowed for approx. 9 hours between Hwy 196 + County Rd LL.
- water washed out approaches at Cty Rd MM + Road 3; Cty Rd LL bridge washed out (↳ bridge ~14' high)
- water flowing over 3' across Road MM
- Amity Canal overtopped adding to problems; 2' water over roads in that area
- the Wiley vicinity was primary flooding area
- Emergency response :
  - Cty put up barricades + had employees out at the damaged bridges → total of 7 people out all night
  - state patrol out directing traffic at flooded areas of Hwy 287
  - road crew + sheriff's office at KOA campground (inundated) ↳ they opened up drainages here
  - County fire department also out helping w/ traffic control
- Marvin Rosencrans is Chief of Cty Fire Dept. (719) 336-4841

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Owen

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 4/8/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Owen  
**Spoke With:** Dale Fac  
**Company/Affiliation:** Homeowner in Prowers Co. (west of Lamar)  
**Phone no.:** 719-336-7456 (W), 719-336-3586 (H)  
**Project No.:** D479 - 51

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**Comments:**

I spoke with Mr. Fac after he left a phone message at RTi saying he experienced flooding in his basement during the 1997 floods. He indicated that he had water in his basement from approximately July 15 through Thanksgiving of 1997. Approximatley 3/4 of an inch of water was in his basement during that time period. Other neighbors also had problems, but their degree of flooding is unknown. He lives near the Green Belt drainage at 6810 County HH.5.

He belives he kept a newspapaer article from that time, which he will try to locate and send to us. He also belives the water in his basement was due to several contributing elements: the rain that fell, a high ground water table, and agriculture runoff. He did not collect any rainfall data on his property.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Bill Owen*

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 **Riverside Technology, inc.**

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FAX (970) 484-7593**

**TO:** John Keenen, Lamar Daily News

**FAX NO.:** 719-336-2526

**FROM:** Lisa Pere

**DATE:** April 2, 1998

**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending  1  Page(s) (Including this Page)

**SUBJECT:** Press Release

**COMMENTS:**

John,

Here's the press release. We're looking for additional info from the following counties: Weld, Morgan, Logan, Phillips, Clear Creek, Elbert, Lincoln, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, Prowers, Baca, and La Plata. (We're also reporting on Larimer, but we already have an overload of info from Fort Collins.)

**Press Release:**

The Colorado Water Conservation Board is producing a statewide report documenting the 1997 flood season. If you have any specific information regarding the 1997 flooding (photos of damages or high water marks, precipitation measurements, streamflow observations, etc.) please contact Markus Ritsch at 2290 E. Prospect Rd., Ste. 1, Ft. Collins, CO 80525; phone (970) 484-7573; e-mail at mlr@riverside.com. Information is needed by April 20, 1998.

Markus Ritsch, who is managing our end of this project, is checking with the CWCB to clear the way for a phone interview. You asked if we would be coming down to Lamar. There's a good chance that we will, but it wouldn't be until May.

Thanks again for your time.

Sincerely,  
Riverside Technology, inc.

Lisa Pere

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**2290 East Prospect Road, Suite 1  
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PHONE (970) 484-7573  
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**TO:** Danny McMillan  
**FAX NO.:** (719) 336-4404  
**FROM:** Bill Owen  
**DATE:** April 2, 1998  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** Questions concerning Prowers Country 1997 flood  
**COMMENTS:**

Mr. McMillan:

I have attached a blank copy of the form I am using to elicit information from county and city personnel in your area about the 1997 floods. When you get a chance, I would appreciate any additional information you might have (or obtain) concerning these questions. If you happen to have any digital versions of maps or photographs of the flooding, we would be very interested in using these for our report. The report we are developing will be available in hardcopy and on the World Wide Web, so digital information is preferred. However, hardcopies would also be quite useful.

If you find anything that was not covered in this questionnaire that you think may be helpful in our efforts to document the flooding in Prowers County, I would appreciate if you could bring these to my attention within two weeks of this date so we may have time to include it in our report. Thanks again for your help and your time.

Sincerely,

*Bill Owen*

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**TO:** Jeff Devere  
**FAX NO.:** (719) 336-8989  
**FROM:** Bill Owen  
**DATE:** April 1, 1998  
**NO. OF PAGES:** We are sending 4 Page(s) (Including this Page)  
**SUBJECT:** Questions concerning Prowers Country 1997 flood  
**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Devere:

I've attached a blank copy of the form I'm using to elicit information from county and city personnel in your area about the 1997 floods. When you get a chance, I would appreciate any additional information you might have (or obtain) concerning these questions. I have been able to contact Bob Ward and Jim Sidebottom with your help, and my conversations with them have been very informative.

If you find anything that you think may be helpful in our efforts to document the flooding in Prowers County, I would appreciate if you could bring these to my attention within two weeks of this date so we may have time to include it in our report. Thanks again for your help and your time.

Sincerely,

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 3/31/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Bill Owen  
**Spoke With:** Bob Ward  
**Company/Affiliation:** City of Lamar (Building Inspector)  
**Phone no.:** (719) 336-2085  
**Project No.:** D479 - 51

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**Comments:**

Mr. Ward indicated about 8 inches of rain fell in the west side of Lamar during a period in 1997. The primary problems within the city were leaky basements, for which no dollar amount were estimated. Alley-ways did need some re-grading after the flooding event. A few utilities were out of service including gas and telephone, but no sewer problems were reported. He suggested calling some additional City employees for answers to detailed questions concerning the repairs, outages, and clean-up costs:

1. Usayne Uray (sp?) of the Light and Plant department (336-7456)
2. Danny McMillan of the Water and Sanitation dept (336-2002)
3. Jeff Anderson, chief of the local fire department (336-7330)

Efforts were made to clean out some debris left in the Willow Creek. Mr. Ward also indicated that Jeff Devere would have the FEMA floodplain maps for the 100, 500, and 50 year events.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*William Owen*

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Bill Owen

INDIVIDUAL: Jeff Devere

DATE: 3/31/98

AFFILIATION: Prowers County Envir. Health

SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

PHONE #: (719) 336-8989

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1. *Affected streams and local drainages?*

Below John Martin Reservoir

2. *Geographic extent of flooding?*

Along Arkansas River valley; he did not know about the flooding extent in the southern half of the county

3. *Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?*

Daily ("long term") afternoon storms

4. *Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?*

7.5 inches (anecdotal)

5. *Rainfall bucket surveys?*

Unknown; we should call the John Kennen at the Lamar Daily News

6. *Precipitation gauging network?*

Only in Lamar

7. *Documentation of high water marks?*

No documentation; talk to Don King at the Prowers County west side Road and Bridge Dept. (336-5536) and Tony Garcia at Prowers County east side Road and Bridge Dept. (537-6631)

8. *Estimated peak discharges?*

Check the Arkansas gage at the NRCS Lamar office

9. *Estimated flood damages?*

Bridges out at Bristol (3 miles S of Wiley); some road damage west of Lamar  
Contact Jim Sidebottom, Prowers County Commissioner (336-9001), for more info about county damages west of Lamar

10. *Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

Track with city; call Bob Ward (336-2085) - Lamar building inspector/planning, etc.

11. *Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

See questions 9 & 10

12. *Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?*

Road and bridge repairs; post-disaster work non-existent

13. *Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?*

No

14. *Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?*

Watershed plans in process

15. *Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?*

None

16. *Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?*

NOt aware of any; the 1995 flood in Wiley has some photos and Tom Browning (CWCB) has a video tape of the same flood

17. *Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.*

No

18. *Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)*

No

19. *Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?*

COE studies of the 1965 flood along the Arkansas river (50-75 year event); another flood occurred in 1922

20. *Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?*

21. *Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?*

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Bill Owen  
DATE: 3/31/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Jim Sidebottom  
AFFILIATION: Prower County Administrator  
PHONE #: (719) 336-9001

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1. *Affected streams and local drainages?*

2. *Geographic extent of flooding?*

Localized flooding, particularly west of Lamar

3. *Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm event?*

4. *Rainfall amounts? Extent of rainfall?*

5. *Rainfall bucket surveys?*

Several people have rain buckets, but no effort was made to summarize the recordings

6. *Precipitation gauging network?*

7. *Documentation of high water marks?*

Not aware of any high water marks

8. *Estimated peak discharges?*

9. *Estimated flood damages?*

Breeched an irrigation ditch in Wiley in 1995 and took out two bridges  
1997 floods occurred in Iowa areas that are poorly drained (a confluence of a stream and irrigation ditch area)

10. *Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

No estimate of private homeowner damages

11. *Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between local, state, and federal.*

No County costs

12. *Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?*

Road restoration

13. *Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?*

COE John Martin Reservoir controlled releases; reservoir located approximately 25 miles upstream;  
After approximately 3000-4000 cfs, flooding begins in Lamar

14. *Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?*

\$10,000 planning grant and a \$100,000 action grant has been submitted to replace culverts, deepen ditches, raise ditches, and other efforts that would protect County roads

15. *Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?*

16. *Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?*

Check with Ava Betz (336-2266) who is the editor at the Lamar Daily

17. *Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.*

18. *Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)*

19. *Is there any existing documentation regarding the flooding?*

20. *Name of local newspaper? Do they have a web site?*

Lamar Daily; no

21. *Do you have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?*

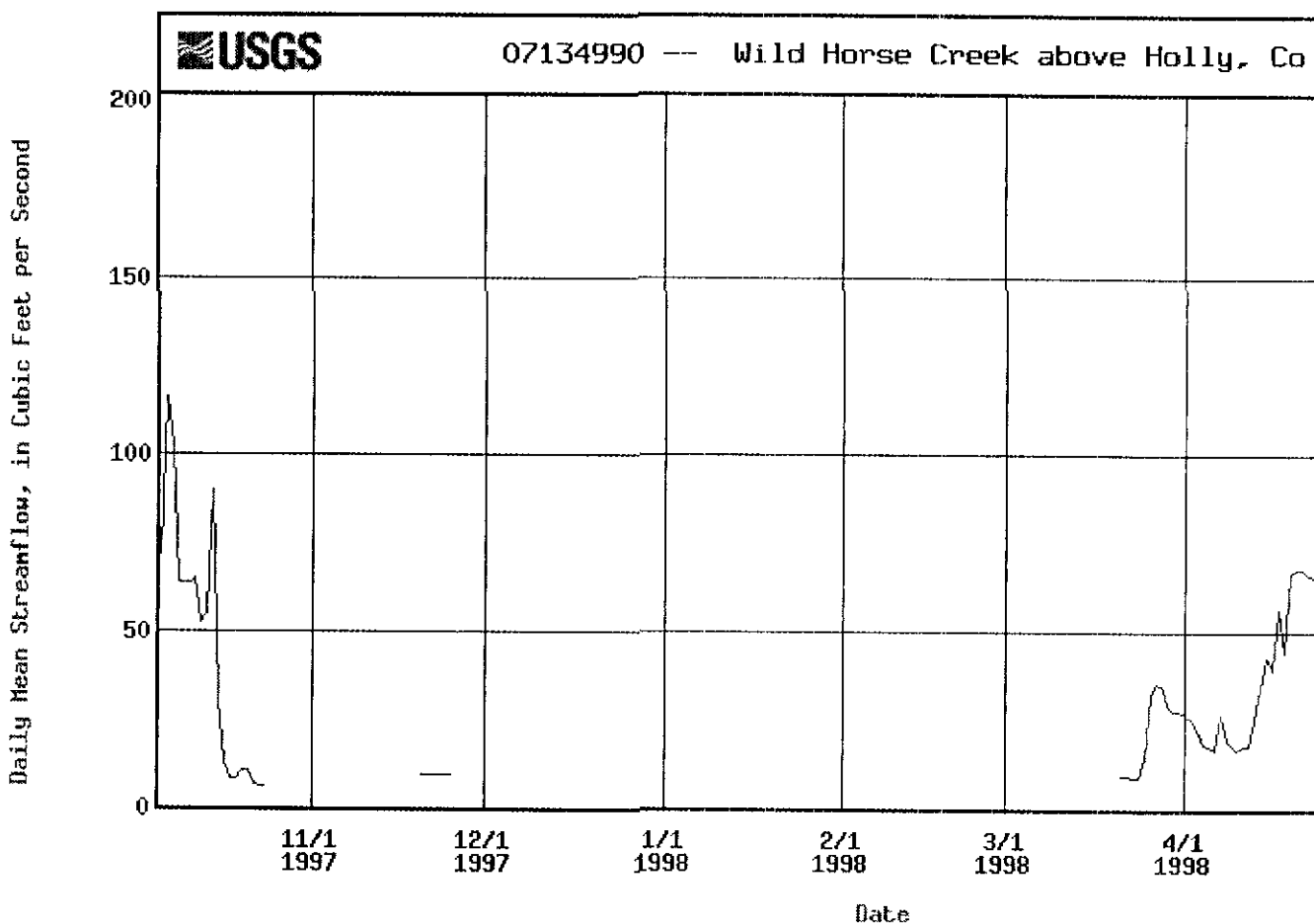
## 2. Federal Data



## Provisional current year water data

PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION

07134990-- Wild Horse Creek above Holly, Co



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### Station Description

STATION.--07134990 WILD HORSE CREEK ABOVE HOLLY, CO

LOCATION.--Lat 38°03'29", long 102°08'10", in SW1/4SW1/4 sec. 10, T.23 S., R.42 W., Prowers County, Hydrologic Unit 11020009 (revised), on left bank, 50 ft upstream from County Road No. 34, 0.60 mi northwest of Holly, and 0.80 mi upstream from mouth.

DRAINAGE AREA.--270 mi<sup>2</sup>, approximately.

PERIOD OF RECORD.--June 1995 to current year (seasonal record only).

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry. Elevation of gage is 3,405 ft above sea level, from topographic map.

REMARKS.--Records poor. Natural flow of stream affected by diversions above station for irrigation and return flow from irrigated areas. Several measurements of specific conductance and water temperature were obtained and are published in the "Supplemental Water-Quality Data For Gaging Stations" section of this report.

EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum discharge during period of seasonal operation, 1,270 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, May 26, 1996, gage height, 6.90 ft from flood mark, on basis of indirect determination of peak flow; minimum daily, 3.1 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, Sept. 19, 1995.

EXTREMES FOR CURRENT YEAR.--Maximum discharge during period of seasonal operation, 1,270 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, May 26, gage height, 6.90 ft from flood mark, on basis of indirect determination of peak flow; minimum daily, 4.7 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, June 12.

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## Wild Horse Creek At Holly, Co. (07136000)

### Station Information

Station Number	Latitude (ddmmss)	Longitude (dddmmss)	County	Basin Name	Drainage Area (miles <sup>2</sup> )	Datum (ft above NGVD)
07136000	380245	1020705	Prowers	Upper Arkansas-John Martin	270	3380.36

### Data Types Available

- [Historical Streamflow Daily Values](#)
- [Peak Flow](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)
- [EPA "Surf Your Watershed" for Upper Arkansas-John Martin.](#)

TOR 10/10/98

The format of peakflow [WATSTORE card images](#) served by NWIS-W has changed slightly. All card images are still fully compliant with the WATSTORE manual and should work with PEAKFQ. The only change is that all information is now right justified in its field whereas before justification was different for different fields. (zcm 7/7/98)

Speed Update: A new server is being ordered to share the load with this one. This server should be installed within a month. This should improve the responsiveness of the NWIS-W software. We apologize for the delays. (zcm 7/7/98)

We are aware of a problem with the clickable county imagemaps. When you click on a map you may not get stations for the county you expected, or the click may register as having missed the state. We are working on this problem.

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Station <i>John Martin</i>			County <i>Bent</i>			State <i>CO</i>		Date (Month & yr.) <i>Jun 97</i>		Time of Complete Observation (Local time) <i>0800</i>		Standard Time in Use <i>MDT</i>		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS								
DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION						WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS		
	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -	Amount of Evaporation		24 Hours Ending at Observation	
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Melted snow, etc. (in. & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)							Anemometer Pellets, Ice on ground (in.)	+
1	90	55	68																			
2	95	63	63																			
3	78	55	62																			
4	85	51	53																			
5	79	54	63																			
6	93	57	64																			
7	84	61	61																			
8	78	60	63																			
9	78	61	61																			
10	63	52	56																			
11	79	52	58																			
12	91	58	66																			
13	89	55	59																			
14	86	56	61																			
15	86	60	67																			
16	80	60	65																			
17	78	53	61																			
18	88	54	70																			
19	96	61	68																			
20	100	64	67																			
21	101	64	68																			
22	92	68	70																			
23	95	62	68																			
24	94	61	68																			
25	96	60	65																			
26	94	54	59																			
27	92	59	64																		89	59
28	98	59	72																		87	61
29	99	63	70																			
30	96	59	70																			
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Station <i>John Martin</i>			County <i>Bent</i>			State <i>CO</i>			Date (Month & yr.) <i>Jul 97</i>			Time of Complete Observation (Local time) <i>0800</i>			Standard Time in Use <i>MDT</i>			RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS						
DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION						WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS				
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1	105	69	80												9059	90	3.07		.68	92	61			
2	101	53	61												9130	71	2.48	3.75	.59	90	58			
3	89	59	61												9224	94	3.16	3.75	.59	86	56			
4	80	53	58																.45					
5	86	58	59																.45					
6	95	57	65																.45					
7	96	60	70																.45					
8	99	61	71									.04			9511	287	1.99	3.75	.45	93	58			
9	98	59	64												9576	59	3.30		.45					
10	97	62	71												9625	55	2.89		.41					
11	100	71	78												9677	52	2.27	3.75	.62					
12	99	61	69												9815	138	3.10		.65					
13	102	68	70																.52					
14	96	61	70									.03			0047	232	1.58	3.75	.57					
15	97	60	62									.11			0134	87	3.33		.53					
16	101	59	69												6191	57	2.84		.49	95	65			
17	104	61	69												6233	42	2.32	3.75	.52	93	61			
18	103	57	66												6258	25	3.28		.47	90	64			
19	103	60	70																.39					
20	96	67	68																.39					
21	95	65	70									.08			0462	204	2.19	3.80	.39	92	50			
22	95	60	67												0510	48	3.36	"	.44	91	65			
23	99	65	74												0559	49	2.88		.48	93	68			
24	103	69	74												0636	77	2.26		.62	93	66			
25	100	63	77												6736	100	1.76	3.75	.50	95	67			
26	103	68	78																.45					
27	101	70	78																.45					
28	100	67	72									.05			0903	167	2.45		.45					
29	87	62	65									1.62			0957	54	3.50		.57	85	70			
30	86	65	67												1054	97	3.23		.27	83	74			
31	93	67	74												1205	151	2.73		.50	90	73			
Sum																								
Avg.																								

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DATE	AIR TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION						WIND		EVAPORATION (Inches & hundredths)			WATER TEMP. °F		ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARK			
	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on ground (in.)	Anemometer Dial Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -		Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation	
	Max.	Min.	Dry-bulb	Wet-bulb	Dew Point	Dry-bulb	Wet bulb	Dew Point					Rain, Meltd snow, etc. (in. & hundredths)	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail (in. & tenths)								Max.	Min.
1	96	67	71												1309	104	225	3.75	.48	91	70		
2	93	71	80																.42				
3	96	63	69																.42				
4	95	61	67									1.89			1439	130	288		.42	95	67		
5	90	64	64									.40			1488	49	3.09		.19	88	52		
6	74	59	59									.97			1556	68	3.83		.23	74	64		
7	69	55	59									1.03			1603	47	3.80	3.50	.06	67	61		
8	77	54	61												1646	43	3.15		.35	83	66		
9	89	59	68																.16				
10	82	60	61																.14				
11	70	60	62									.35			1829	183	2.76		.14				
12	76	59	64									.24			1877	68	2.85		.15	69	60		
13	82	57	63									1.65			1926	49	3.83	2.58	.30	90	65	EST EVAP PAN Over Flow	
14	86	62	66									.10			1998	72	2.36		.32	92	65		
15	96	62	65												2043	45	2.61	3.75	.35	91	63		
16	93	65	72																.31				
17	94	60	65																.30				
18	81	65	68									.05			2171	128	2.89		.30	92	60		
19	85	59	63												2202	31	2.62		.27	88	64		
20	91	63	68												2250	48	2.27		.35	92	63		
21	91	60	64												2269	19	2.00	3.75	.27	95	65		
22	93	64	70												2303	34	3.39		.36	92	65		
23	91	61	74																.35				
24	95	59	75																.35				
25	96	65	69												2340	37	2.34	3.75	.35	95	65		
26	94	67	70												2353	15	3.38		.37	93	68		
27	95	64	68												2398	43	2.99		.39	93	67		
28	96	63	68												2468	10	2.79		.20	95	71		
29	97	67	69												2415	07	2.34	3.75	.45	96	68		
30	92	62	78																.42				
31	93	63	67																.42				
Sum												5.68											
Avg.												1.89											

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1	87	65	74																	.42			
2	91	70	70									.98			2584	169		3.05		.42	92	65	
3	75	62	63												2614	30		2.94		.11	76	66	
4	80	57	61												2669	55		2.68		.26	85	64	
5	88	60	61												2734	65		2.38	3.75	.30	90	63	
6	89	62	70																	.24			
7	92	63	67																	.24			
8	92	60	65												2819	85		2.93		.24	90	65	
9	90	59	60												2867	48		2.69		.25	90	62	
10	75	55	57									.02			2898	31		2.58		.13	83	60	
11	86	52	56												2960	62		2.20	3.75	.38	88	60	
12	90	59	66												2965	5		3.40		.35	88	60	
13	91	56	74																	.31			
14	93	63	80																				
15	94	59	63												3085	120		2.45		.32	88	61	
16	94	62	67												3158	73		3.33		.42	86	62	
17	87	52	54												3188	30		2.98		.35	85	59	
18	88	54	67												3238	50		2.75		.23	83	62	
19	98	56	58												3281	43		2.30	3.75	.45	98	58	
20	82	51	51																	.20			
21	51	45	46																	.04			
22	65	45	60									.78			3506	225		4.09	3.00	.04			
23	65	52	52									.02			3566	60		2.75		.27			
24	67	47	52												3621	55		2.60		.15	68	63	
25	68	45	50												3649	28		2.41		.19	68	54	
26	81	47	49												3677	28		2.30	3.50	.11	75	52	
27	89	49	64																	.25			
28	86	54	62																	.25			
29	75	48	53												3787	110		2.74		.26	81	62	
30	83	47	47												3809	22		2.53		.21	77	56	
31																							
Sum													1.80										
Avg.																							

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- Overflow

Station		County		State		Date (month & yr.)		Time of Complete Observation		Standard Time in Use		RECORD OF EVAPORATION AND CLIMATOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS				ADDITIONAL DATA/REMARKS							
John Machin		Ben t		CO		Oct 97		1400 MST		0800		AIR TEMPERATURE °F		PRECIPITATION			WIND		EVAPORATION (inches & hundredths)		WATER TEMP. °F		
DATE	24 Hours Ending at Observation		At Observation			Supplemental Readings at			Time of beginning	Time of ending	Time of beginning	Time of ending	24 Hour Amounts		At Obsn. Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on ground (in.)		Ane-mometer Dial Reading (Miles)	24 Hour Movement	Gage Reading or Amount Added +	Reading When Tank Filled or Amount Removed -	Amount of Evaporation	24 Hours Ending at Observation	
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1	85	47	52													3845	36	2.30	.23	78	55		
2	98	50	55													3877	32	2.06	3.75	.24	80	63	
3	92	55	61													3971	94	3.41		.34	77	56	
4	86	48	60																.30				
5	86	52	59																.30				
6	92	59	61													4169	198	2.50	3.75	.31	65	55	
7	79	58	61													4284	85	3.44		.31	75	56	
8	87	55	56										.22			4439	185	3.21		.45	76	52	
9	72	34	37													4542	103	2.99		.22	68	46	
10	72	37	63													4666	124	2.67	3.75	.32	65	45	
11	NR																		.41				
12	NR																		.39				
13	NR																		.39				
14	86	33	36										1.10			5230	564	3.27		.39	76	42	
15	69	38	41													5369	134	3.15		.12	58	40	
16	72	36	36													5403	34	3.02		.13	60	43	
17	68	36	38													5426	23	2.91		.11	60	43	
18	73	38	45																.12				
19	80	45	50																.12				
20	57	44	47													5528	102	2.55		.12	64	45	
21	53	41	41													5580	52	2.45		.10	50	42	
22	57	35	40													5622	42	2.49		.10	55	42	
23	70	40	45													5659	37	2.30		.19	61	41	
24	72	42	44													5693	34	2.18	3.75	.15	61	45	
25	52	22	22																.15	NR			
26	26	18	2.3																0.0				
27	34	22	25																.09				
28	41	23	30										1.79			6105	412			.09			
29	45	22	26													6154	49			.11			
30	41	26	31													6238	84			.18			
31	52	31	40													6311	73			.18			
Sum													3.11										
Avg.													Greatest						Adjusted Total				

Tornado Activity 10/12

Chg. to MST

EST EVAP

Avg. Evap Remove Pan 10/25

*J. Machin*

UNEDITED LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA										Station Location: LAMAR, CO (LAA) lat: 38° 04', lon: -102° 41'														
[NOAA, National Climatic Data Center] MONTH: 08/1997										Elev(Ground): 3703 Feet Time Zone: Mountain Standard WBAN: 03013														
Date	Temperature (Fahrenheit)						Deg Days Base 65 Degrees		Significant Weather	Snow/Ice on Gnd(In)				Precipitation (In)		Pressure (inches of Hg)		Wind Speed=mph Dir=tens of degrees						
	Max	Min	Avg.	Dep From Normal	Avg. Dew pt.	Avg Wet Bulb	Heating	Cooling		0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	Avg. Station	Avg. Sea level	Resultant Speed	Res Dir	Avg. Speed	max 5-sec	max 2-min				
										Depth	Water Equiv	Snow Fall	Water Equiv							Speed	Dir	Speed	Dir	
01	95	66	81*	81	64	68	0	16	RA FG	M	-	-	0.34	26.32	30.03	3.0	32	7.9	43	2	36	2	01	
02	92	66	79	79	66	69	0	14	RA FG	M	-	-	0.45	26.36	30.06	1.0	32	8.5	52	24	41	24	02	
03	90	65	78	78	66	69	0	13	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.36	30.09	1.1	2	4.0	17	23	15	24	03	
04	90	66	78	78	65	68	0	13	RA FG	M	-	-	0.57	26.43	30.17	3.2	9	6.5	36	8	28	7	04	
05	73	64	69	69	64	65	0	4	RA FG	M	-	-	1.23	26.38	30.15	5.6	12	10.9	31	16	26	35	05	
06	66	57	62*	62	59	60	3	0	RA FG	M	-	-	0.92	26.37	30.16	7.5	7	9.8	29	5	23	7	06	
07	77	56	67	67	56	60	0	2	-	M	-	-	0.01	26.36	30.12	5.0	15	7.9	24	10	16	15	07	
08	89	56*	73	73	57	63	0	8	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.11	29.82	4.0	19	6.4	16	21	14	21	08	
09	82	60	71	71	61	65	0	6	-	M	-	-	T	26.16	29.86	6.1	4	10.1	26	2	22	2	09	
10	68	60	64	64	61	62	1	0	RA FG	M	-	-	0.43	26.26	30.01	9.4	12	11.1	33	9	28	10	10	
11	75	58	67	67	61	62	0	2	RA FG+ FG	0.0	-	-	0.53	26.24	29.99	5.7	8	7.8	28	10	23	9	11	
12	82	59	71	71	61	64	0	6	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.35	30.09	2.0	11	5.8	15	10	13	10	12	
13	87	62	75	75	63	66	0	10	RA FG HZ	0.0	-	-	0.38	26.26	29.98	3.9	18	11.1	41	28	32	30	13	
14	90	59	75	75	58	63	0	10	-	M	-	-	0.01	26.05	29.74	4.5	27	6.6	15	28	13	24	14	
15	92	59	76	76	55	63	0	11	-	M	-	-	0.00	25.95	29.62	5.0	21	8.7	147	36	16	18	15	
16	91	59	75	75	60	65	0	10	-	M	-	-	T	26.02	29.70	3.3	33	8.1	26	7	23	6	16	
17	79	58	69	69	58	62	0	4	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.33	30.07	5.2	10	8.7	21	3	17	3	17	
18	83	62	73	73	63	66	0	8	RA FG	M	-	-	0.14	26.24	29.96	3.7	15	8.1	22	21	17	21	18	
19	90	59	75	75	58	64	0	10	FG+ FG	M	-	-	0.01	26.25	29.96	2.6	29	7.5	40	33	32	32	19	
20	91	61	76	76	60	65	0	11	-	M	-	-	T	26.30	30.03	2.4	13	6.2	22	18	21	19	20	
21	93	58	76	76	61	66	0	11	FG+ FG	M	-	-	0.00	26.27	30.00	2.1	33	4.6	20	32	16	32	21	
22	89	59	74	74	57	64	0	9	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.34	30.06	1.1	20	4.2	20	26	16	24	22	
23	94	57	76	76	57	64	0	11	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.30	30.02	4.6	16	6.9	25	17	20	17	23	
24	96*	57	77	77	56	64	0	12	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.24	29.91	4.9	17	7.7	23	17	20	17	24	
25	94	61	78	78	60	66	0	13	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.20	29.88	2.6	15	6.5	26	17	21	18	25	
26	95	63	79	79	58	66	0	14	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.20	29.88	7.9	18	11.4	26	17	22	17	26	
27	93	62	78	78	61	67	0	13	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.16	29.83	0.9	31	5.6	24	18	20	18	27	
28	95	62	79	79	60	67	0	14	-	M	-	-	0.00	26.13	29.81	1.6	18	5.5	17	15	14	15	28	
29	91	65	78	78	58	65	0	13	-	M	-	-	T	26.11	29.79	1.6	32	8.0	41	29	33	30	29	
30	89	57	73	73	59	64	0	8	FG	M	-	-	0.22	26.20	29.90	1.1	29	6.6	32	33	24	34	30	
31	86	61	74	74	63	66	0	9	FG	M	-	-	0.02	26.22	29.93	4.7	13	7.6	23	13	20	14	31	
87.0 60.5 73.8 ----- 60.2 64.8 .1 9.2 <Monthly Averages										Totals>		0.78		26.24	29.96	1.5	13.6	7.6	<Monthly Average					



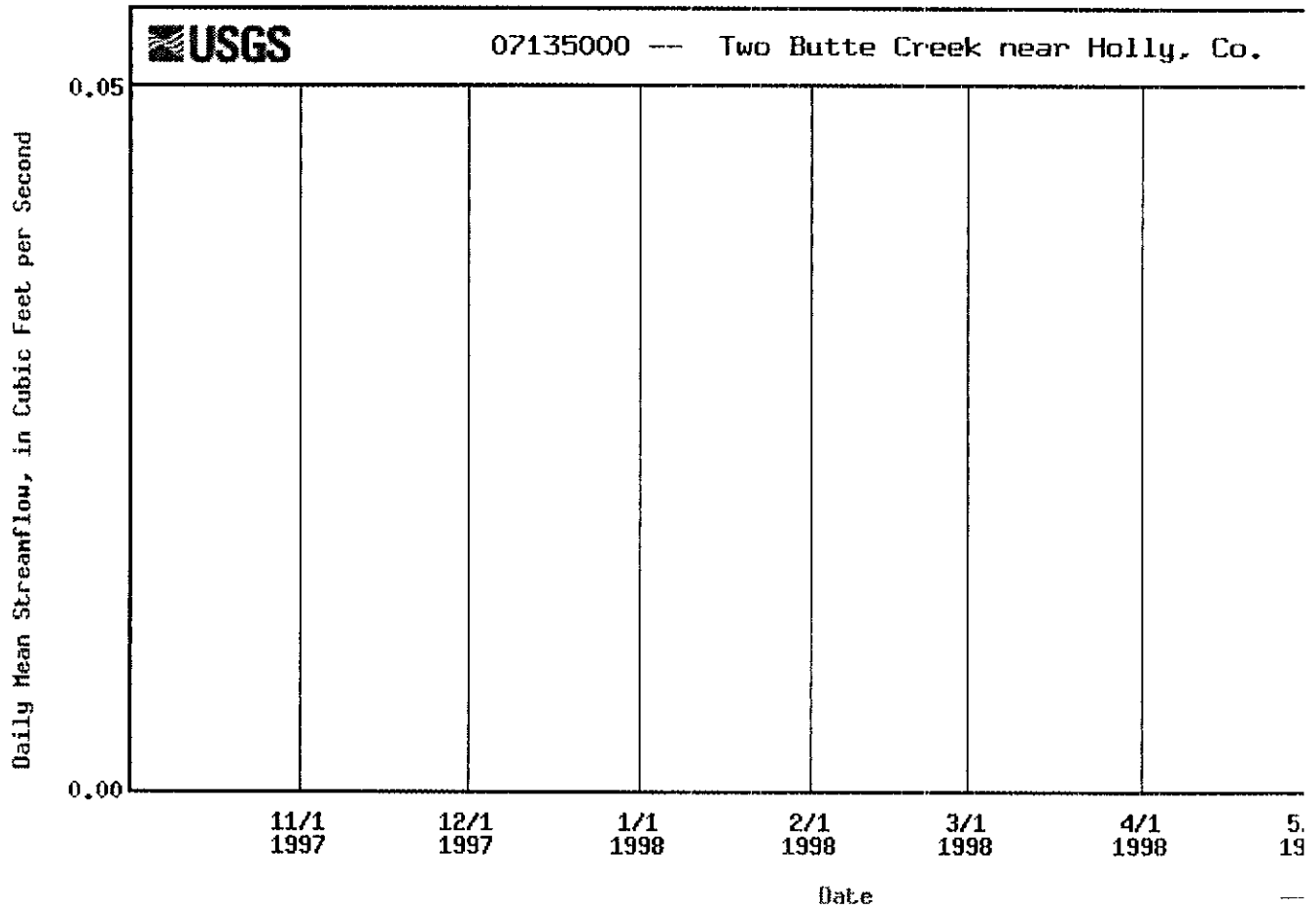
73.8		<-----Departure From Normal----->		0.78	
<b>Degree Days</b>	Monthly	Season to Date		Greatest 24-hr Precipitation: 0.39 date: 13-14	
	Total Departure	Total Departure		Greatest 24-hr Snowfall: date:	
Heating:	4	4		Greatest Snow Depth: 0 date:	
Cooling:	285	285		Sea Level Pressure Date Time	
				Maximum:	30.27 6 2217
				Minimum:	29.55 16 0010
				Number of Days with	Max temp >= : Min temp <= 32: 0
				90	17 Min temp <= 0 : 0
				Max temp <= : 0	Heavy Fog : 3
				32	Precipitation >= .01 inch: M
				Thunderstorms : 0	Precipitation >= .10 inch : M
					Snowfall >= 1.0 inch : 0



## Provisional current year water data

PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION

07135000-- Two Butte Creek near Holly, Co.



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### Station Description

STATION.--07135000 TWO BUTTE CREEK NEAR HOLLY, CO.

LOCATION.--Lat 38°01'40", long 102°08'19", in SE1/4SE1/4 sec. 21, T.23 S., R.42 W., Prowers County, Hydrologic Unit 11020013 (revised), on right bank 15 ft upstream from county road DD, about 1 mi upstream from mouth, and 2.9 mi southwest of Holly.

DRAINAGE AREA.--817 mi<sup>2</sup>.

PERIOD OF RECORD.--April 1942 to September 1946. June 1995 to current

year (seasonal record only).

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry. Elevation of gage is 3,415 ft above sea level, from topographic map.

REMARKS.--No estimated daily discharges. Records fair. Natural flow of stream affected by Two Butte Reservoir, (capacity, 40,000 acre-feet), from which most of creek is diverted for irrigation.

EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum discharge during period of seasonal operation 756 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, May 26, 1996, gage height, 8.68 ft, result of slope-area determination of peak flow; no flow, most of the time.

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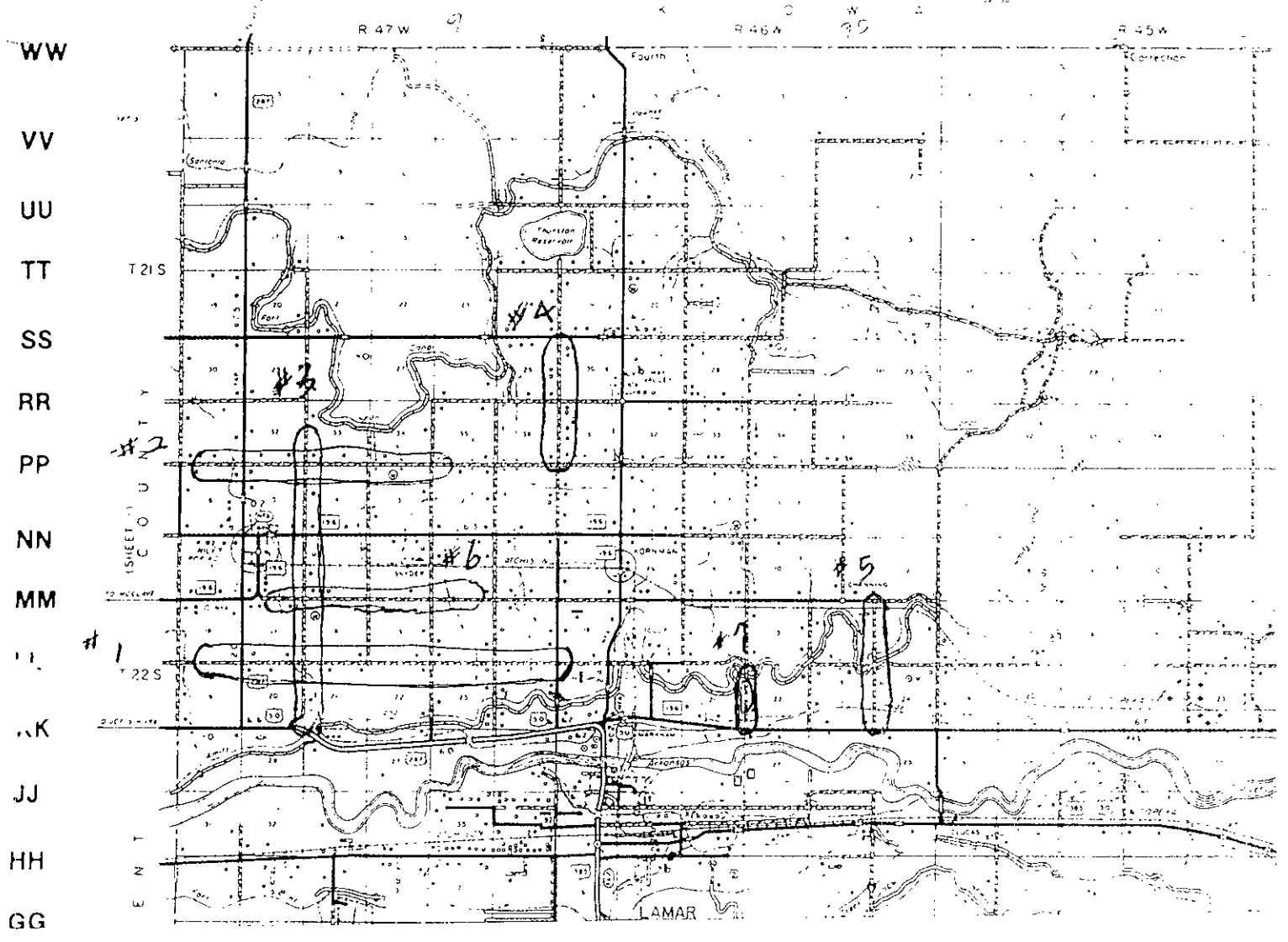
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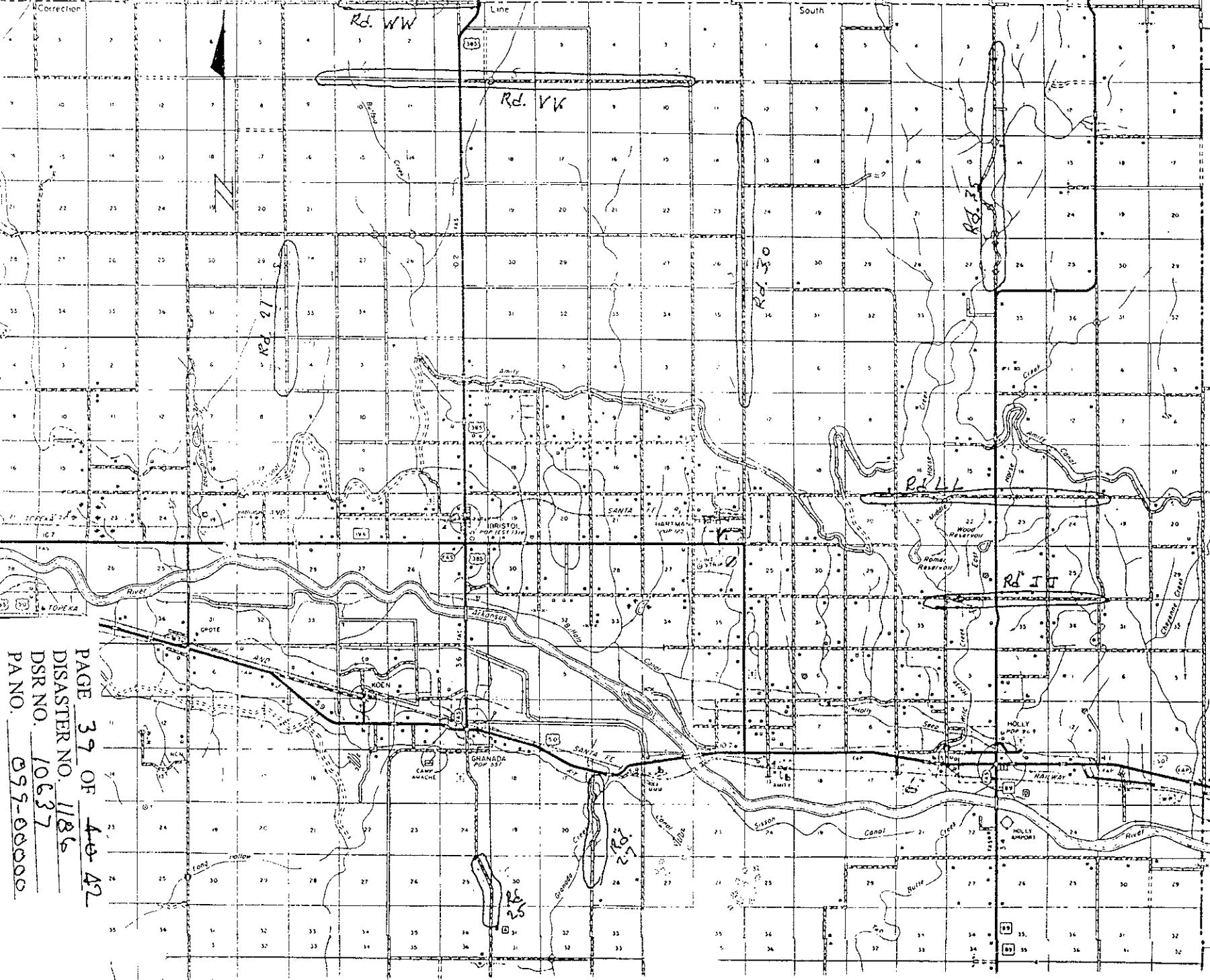
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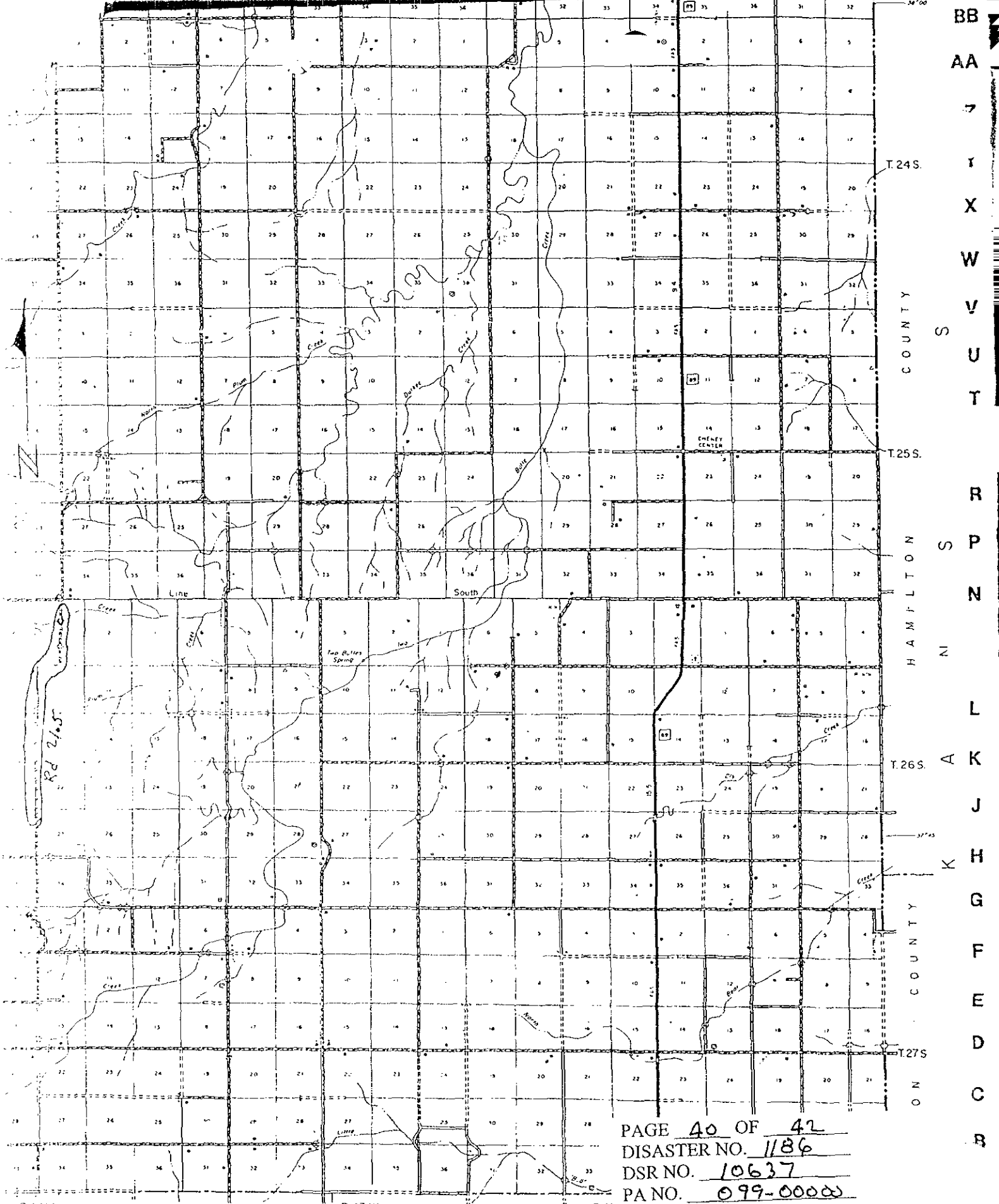
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A second coordination meeting held on November 5, 1979 was attended by city and county officials, and the study contractor, Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. informed the City of their intentions and solicited any information on new developments or existing problems in the study area.

FEMA, the State, the City of Lamar and Prowers County were contacted regarding the availability of any reports studies, or investigations which may contain information relative to flooding problems in the community. A 1976 flood study prepared by Ken O'Brien and Associates for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was received.

## 2.0 AREA STUDIED

### 2.1 Scope of Study

This Flood Insurance Study covers the incorporated areas of the City of Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado. The area of study is shown on the Vicinity Map (Figure 1).

The limits of detailed study in Lamar were determined by FEMA, community officials, and the study contractor during the meeting in June 1979.

Floods caused by overflow of the Arkansas River and Willow Creek were studied in detail. The areas studied by detailed methods were selected with priority given to all known flood hazard areas, and areas of projected development or proposed construction for the next five years, through May 1986. The scope and methods of study were proposed to and agreed upon by FEMA and the City of Lamar.

### 2.2 Community Description

The City of Lamar is located in southeastern Colorado in the northwestern portion of Prowers County. Total land area within the corporate boundaries is approximately 3.3 square miles. The Colorado Population Report Series CP 26 #79(C-1) reported the population of Lamar in 1979 as 8224 (Reference 2).

Adjacent communities to Lamar include Holly, Colorado, approximately 20 miles to the east and La Junta which is approximately 50 miles to the west. The Arkansas River, which flows eastward on the south end of the city is one of the principal rivers in Colorado. The length of study for the Arkansas River at the City of Lamar is 1.7 miles with a drainage area above Lamar of 19,780 square miles.

Willow Creek is a tributary of the Arkansas River with a drainage area of 40 square miles and a study reach of 2.6 miles.

Economic activities of the area primarily include ranching and farming. Principal crops of the area are wheat, alfalfa, corn, and other row crops.

Tourist and recreation sites in the area include: the old Santa Fe trail north of Lamar; John Martin Reservoir, 18 miles to the west; the Great Plains Reservoir System, 12 miles to the north and the Two Buttes area, 30 miles to the south.

The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad runs through the area and carries freight and Antrak passenger trains. Main highways in the area include U.S. Highways 50 and 287.

The industrial areas are located in the northern and southern sections of Lamar. Commercial areas are located along a single main street and in shopping areas east and south of town. The residential areas of Lamar extend outward from Main Street and south of town along Willow Creek. Housing in the area is a combination of older and new houses which were built in the last ten years. The flood plains of all the flooding sources considered in the study are essentially fully developed.

Climate of the area is generally warm and dry, with 13 inches of precipitation per year and summer temperatures in the 90's. Winters in the Lamar area are usually mild with an average temperature of 27°F.

Principal geographical characteristics include a wide river valley with rolling grasslands. Vegetation includes cottonwoods along the Arkansas River with crops and grassland outside the valley.

There is a fairly extensive water system in the Lamar area including Dry Creek, Clay Creek, and Willow Creek, the latter flows through Lamar. Ditches and canals in the vicinity include: Fort Bent Canal, Lamar Canal, Hyde Canal, Vista Del Rio Ditch, and Amity Canal. Reservoirs in the area include the Great Plains Reservoir System, John Martin Reservoir, and Two Buttes Reservoir.

### 2.3 Principal Flood Problems

Headwaters of the Arkansas River originate in the San Isabel Mountains near Leadville, Colorado. Effects of heavy snow melt or heavy rains occurring in the upper portion of the drainage basin are reduced by the John Martin Reservoir. Flooding in Lamar is dependent on localized heavy rainfall below the John Martin Dam.

The most severe flood in recent history occurred in June 1965. Torrential rains in eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and New Mexico,

caused wide spread flooding in the Arkansas River basin. In Colorado alone, damage estimates by a special congressional committee, totaled \$43 million. Damage in Lamar was estimated at \$1.2 million.

The Tri-State Daily News (Reference 3) reported on June 22, 1965, "The John Martin Reservoir stored some 273,138 acre feet of water which otherwise would have poured down on the staggering towns." A U.S.G.S. report on the 1965 flood added, "... the uncontrolled tributary inflow below the John Martin Reservoir was so outstanding that towns from Lamar, Colorado to Dodge City, Kansas were extensively damaged."

The 1965 U.S.G.S. report stated the peak flow for Willow Creek was 24,300 cfs. Flow in the Arkansas River at Lamar was recorded at 72,800 cfs with a maximum gage height of 18.9 feet. A previous flood in 1921 carried 130,000 cfs but the maximum gage height was only 17 feet.

Other large floods (greater than 30,000 cfs) on the Arkansas River occurred in 1923, 1929, 1934, 1936, and 1942. The John Martin Dam began flow regulation in 1943. Flood history of the Willow Creek drainage area is limited.

#### 2.4 Flood Protection Measures

The City of Lamar has adopted flood plain management regulations determined by FEMA. Along Willow Creek, a levee has been built, and the channel has been dredged to protect the city from frequent flooding.

An earthen levee along Willow Creek exists on the left bank from First Avenue to the downstream corporate limits. Field inspection revealed the levee was in good structural condition. The 100-year flood elevation was calculated to be three feet below the top of the levee at each cross-section (A-N). The 500-year flood overtops the levee at approximately cross-section "M", and flows into the city, creating shallow flooding areas.

### 3.0 ENGINEERING METHODS

For the flooding sources studied in detail in this community, standard hydrologic, and hydraulic study methods were used to determine the flood hazard data required for this study. Flood events of the magnitude which are expected to be equalled or exceeded once on the average during any 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods, have a  $\frac{1}{10}$ , 2, 1, and 0.2 percent chance, respectively, of being equalled or exceeded during any year. Although the recurrence interval represents the long term average period between floods of a specific magnitude, rare floods could occur at short intervals or even within the same year. The risk of experiencing a rare flood increases when periods greater than 1 year are considered. For example, the risk of

having a flood which equals or exceeds the 100-year flood (1 percent chance of annual occurrence) in any 50-year period is approximately 40 percent (4 in 10), and, for any 90-year period, the risk increases to approximately 60 percent (6 in 10). The analyses reported here reflect flooding potentials based on conditions existing in the county at the time of completion of this study. Maps and flood elevations will be amended periodically to reflect future changes.

### 3.1 Hydrologic Analyses

Hydrologic analyses were carried out by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Reference 1) to establish the peak discharge-frequency relationships for floods of the selected recurrence intervals. Flows on the Arkansas River from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's hydrology report were obtained using a synthetic unit hydrograph for ten subareas of the Arkansas River basin and routing them to Lamar, as described by the method in EM1110-2-1408, "Routing of Floods through River Channels" (Reference 4). Flows on Willow Creek were calculated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers using a synthetic unit hydrograph that was developed from a flood event on Salt Draw near Orta, Texas. The flows were compared to a gage station analysis of the Arkansas River U.S.G.S. gage at Lamar. The Arkansas River at Lamar gage has a period of record of 1921 to the current year, with the data from 1944 to the current year reflecting the operation of John Markin Reservoir. The peak flows obtained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in their gage analysis, agreed with the unit hydrograph analysis. The study contractor checked this gage analysis by using Reference 5, and obtained peak flow rates within the 90 percent confidence limits of the frequency-discharge curve obtained in the "Review Survey for Water Resource Development, Lamar, Colorado, and Vicinity, Hydrology (Revised) 1978" (Reference 1). The peak discharges used in this study are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Summary of Discharges

Flooding Source and Location	Drainage Area (square mile)	10-Year	Peak Discharge (cfs)		
			50-Year	100-Year	500-Year
Arkansas River					
At Lamar	19,780	11,200	28,000	40,000	84,000
Willow Creek					
At Siphon	40	2,900	8,600	12,800	28,400

### 3.2 Hydraulic Analyses

Analyses of the hydraulic characteristics of the flooding sources studied in detail in the community were carried out to provide esti-

mates of the elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals along each of the flood sources.

Water surface elevations for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods for the Arkansas River and Willow Creek were computed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-2 Water Surface Profiles Program (Reference 6). Cross sections for this analysis were obtained from aerial photographs flown in April 1980 (Reference 7), coupled with appropriate field verification. All bridges and culverts were measured in the field to obtain elevation data and structural geometry.

Locations of selected cross sections used in the hydraulic analyses are shown on the Flood Profiles. For stream segments for which a floodway is computed (Section 4.2), selected cross section locations are also shown on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map.

Starting water surface elevation for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods along the Arkansas River and Willow Creek were calculated using a slope area method with estimated energy grade line slopes and approximated water surface elevations.

Roughness factors (Mannings "n" values) were determined by field inspection. Ground level photography aided in the selection of roughness factors and aerial photography was used to determine the limits of each roughness zone. Roughness values for the main channel of Willow Creek ranged from 0.024 to 0.030 with flood plain values ranging from 0.024 to 0.035 for all floods. Roughness values for the main channel of the Arkansas River ranged from 0.02 to 0.03 with a flood plain value of .065. Flood profiles were drawn showing computed water-surface elevations to an accuracy of 0.5 foot for floods of the selected recurrence intervals. The flood profiles presented in this study are based on the effects of flow through unobstructed hydraulic structures and area, thus, considered valid only if these structures do not fail and remain unobstructed.

Horizontal control is based on Colorado State Plane Coordinate System South Zone 1929 USC, and the vertical control is based upon the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD). Elevation reference marks used in this study are shown on the maps.

#### 4.0 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

The National Flood Insurance Program encourages state and local governments to adopt sound flood plain management programs. Therefore, each Flood Insurance Study includes a flood boundary map designed to assist communities in developing sound flood plain management measures.

#### 4.1 Flood Boundaries

In order to provide a national standard without regional discrimination, the 100-year flood has been adopted by FEMA as the base flood for purposes of flood plain management measures. The 500-year flood is employed to indicate additional areas of flood risk in the community. For each stream studied in detail, the boundaries for the 100-, and 500-year floods each have been delineated using the flood elevations determined at each cross section. Between cross sections, the boundaries were interpolated using topographic maps at a scale of 1:4800, with a contour interval of 2 feet (Reference 7). In cases where the 100- and 500-year flood boundaries are close together, only the 100-year flood boundary has been shown.

Flood boundaries for the 100- and 500-year floods are shown on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map. Small areas within the flood boundaries may not lie above the flood elevations and, therefore, may not be subject to flooding. Owing to limitations of the map scale, such areas are not shown.

#### 4.2 Floodways

Encroachment on flood plains, such as artificial fill, reduces the flood-carrying capacity, and increases flood heights, thus increasing flood hazards in areas beyond the encroachment itself. One aspect of flood plain management involves balancing the economic gain from flood plain development against the resulting increase in flood hazard. For purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the concept of a floodway is used as a tool to assist local communities in this aspect of flood plain management. Under this concept, the area of the 100-year flood is divided into a floodway and floodway fringe. The floodway is the channel of a stream, plus any adjacent flood plain areas, that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 100-year flood may be carried without substantial increase in flood heights. Minimum standards of FEMA limit such increases in flood heights to 1.0 foot, provided that hazardous velocities are not produced. The floodways in this report are presented to local agencies as minimum standards that can be adopted or that can be used as a basis for additional studies.

The floodway presented in this study was computed on the basis of a maximum one-foot rise in water-surface elevation over the 100-year water surface, for the encroached floodway. The results of these computations were tabulated at selected cross sections for Willow Creek (Table 2). A floodway was not computed for the Arkansas River because it would be totally outside the corporate limits of Lamar.

As shown on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, the floodway boundaries were determined at cross sections, and between cross sections the boundaries were interpolated. In cases where the floodway and

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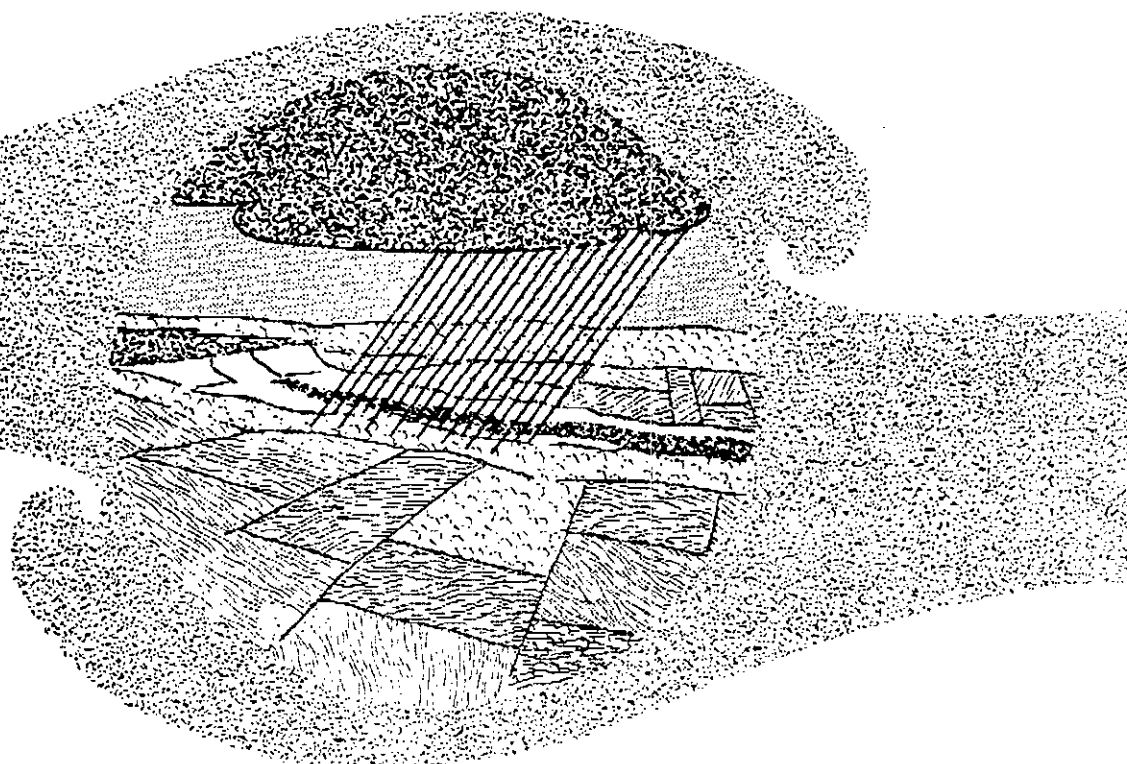
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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. DRAINAGE BASIN FEATURES.- The Arkansas River originates in the central part of the Rocky Mountains near Leadville, Colorado. Its waters enter the Mississippi River, approximately 20 miles north of McGehee, Arkansas, after following a 1,460 mile course through the States of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Runoff is received from one of the highest regions in North America. At least 25 Colorado peaks in the upper watershed exceed 14,000 feet in elevation. These include Mount Elbert, the highest point in Colorado, at an elevation of 14,431 feet. Above Great Bend, Kansas, the total watershed area comprises 34,356 square miles, with 6,002 square miles classified as noncontributing. The major contributing subbasin area, consisting of 18,130 square miles, is controlled 286 miles upstream from Great Bend by John Martin Dam near Las Animas, Colorado.

4. The Arkansas River is a typical torrential mountain stream until it emerges from central Colorado's Royal Gorge Canyon, a nationally famous scenic attraction with steep walls over 1,000 feet high. Below the canyon, at about 5,300 feet elevation, the valley gradually grows wider and descends through the foothills to reach 4,700 feet at Pueblo, Colorado. From Pueblo through the fertile Great Plains region to Great Bend, the river is characterized by a wide streambed with low banks that occasionally shifts across a broad, well developed, irrigated valley.

5. STREAMFLOW CHARACTERISTICS.- Stream slopes vary from a maximum of about 110 feet per mile in the mountain reaches to 7.5 feet per mile immediately below John Martin Dam; then gradually decrease to less than 6 feet per mile near Great Bend. In addition to regulation by John Martin Dam, natural streamflows are affected by transmountain diversions, storage reservoirs, irrigation diversions and return flows, groundwater withdrawals, and power developments along the river channel. Pertinent drainage areas and maximum known discharges for the Arkansas River and its tributaries are given in Table 1.

6. Past historic floods originating on the Purgatoire River, Fountain Creek, and other major tributaries in the upper Arkansas

TABLE 1

DRAINAGE AREAS AND MAXIMUM DISCHARGES

<u>Location</u>	<u>Mile Above Mouth of Ark River</u>	<u>Contributing Drainage Area</u> (sq. mi.)	<u>Maximum Discharge</u> (c.f.s.)	<u>Date of Discharge</u>
<u>Arkansas River:</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>				
Below John Martin Reservoir	1,157.7	18,132	180,000	Jun 5, 1921
Lamar	1,137.3	18,830	130,000	Jun 5, 1921
Holly	1,105.0	23,425	110,000	Oct 20, 1908
<u>Kansas</u>				
Coolidge	1,099.5	23,702	158,000	Jun 17, 1965
Syracuse	1,080.9	23,906	174,000	Jun 17, 1965
Garden City	1,024.2	24,703	130,000	Jun 19, 1965
Dodge City	970.2	25,017	82,000	Jun 19, 1965
Kinsley	920.3	25,406	49,800	Jun 21, 1965
Larned	897.4	26,017	40,000	Jun 22, 1965
Great Bend	873.2	38,354	27,800	Jun 23, 1965
<u>Tributaries:</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>				
Caddoa Creek at Caddoa	1,157.5	131	37,600	Jun 18, 1965
Big Sandy Creek near Lamar	1,127.5	2,840	3,600	Jun 17, 1965
Wolf Creek near Granada	1,117.3	63	35,300	Jun 17, 1965
Two Butte Creek near Holly	1,105.6	817	182,000	Jun 17, 1965
Wild Horse Creek	1,104.5	272	22,000	Aug 28, 1935
<u>Kansas</u>				
Mulberry Creek south of Dodge City	920.3	74	1,220	Oct 16, 1968
Pawnee River near Larned	897.3	2,010	16,300	Jul 28, 1958
Walnut Creek at Albert	868.7	1,306	12,700	Sep 22, 1959
White Woman Creek near Leoti (noncontributing drainage area)	-	750	2,120	Aug 15, 1968

watershed have caused frequent flood problems along areas now protected by John Martin Dam. Completion of the dam, which began storing water in December 1948, greatly reduced the severity and frequency of flooding in the lower Arkansas valley. Flooding from major tributaries that enter the Arkansas' main stem below the dam has continued to plague the lower communities, as the unusual June 1965 flood demonstrated. The high peaks resulting from this flood led many local people to believe that "the dam had broken." Actually, the vast reservoir storage area behind the dam had contained the destructive flood originating in the upper watershed and prevented a disaster of major proportions in the lower valley.

7. The major uncontrolled areas that contributed most towards flood peaks in 1965 lie south of the Arkansas' main stem. Although Big Sandy Creek (a north-bank tributary and the largest single drainage area consisting of 3,426 square miles) attained peaks of 60,700 cubic feet per second near Calhan, Colorado, only 3,600 cubic feet per second were recorded at the creek's mouth. Valley storage and high infiltration, along with numerous undefined noncontributing areas and several small Soil Conservation Service flood-retarding structures, act to substantially reduce flood peaks throughout this major drainage basin. The total uncontrolled contributing drainage area of about 5,570 square miles (including Big Sandy Creek) exists within the first 60 river miles from John Martin Dam to about the Colorado-Kansas State line. In contrast, only about 1,700 square miles of contributing drainage area enter the reach between the State line and Kinsley, Kansas, a distance of about 180 river miles. This reduction results from the White Woman Creek closed basin, which contains 2,250 square miles of noncontributing drainage area. Surface runoff from intense storms occurring over the central portion of the watershed is greatly reduced by infiltration and surface storage within this closed basin.

8. Broad flat valleys and mild channel gradients combine effectively to create temporary storage areas in the Arkansas River flood plains. The detention of significant floodwater volumes extends

the duration of flooding, but progressively reduces flood peaks downstream. A low volume, high peak, cloudburst type of storm in the upper watershed can cause severe localized flooding, but have little effect downstream. Studies of flood history show that peak attenuation on the Arkansas River continues without interruption between the Colorado-Kansas State line and Great Bend where the absence of significant tributaries results in minimum inflow as shown on Plate A-2.

9. From Kinsley to the mouth of Walnut Creek near Great Bend, a distance of about 50 river miles, three major drainages--Pawnee River, Big Coon Creek, Walnut Creek--along with various minor drainages, add about 4,520 square miles of contributing drainage area. The communities of Kinsley, Larned, and Great Bend are vulnerable to the flows of these tributaries as well as the attenuated floodflows from upper watershed areas.

10. HISTORICAL FLOODS.- Various historical sources disclose that at least 12 floods occurred on the Arkansas River between 1826 and 1900 which were of sufficient size to be remembered by pioneer settlers or reported in early-day newspapers. Descriptive accounts give details that were meaningful to area residents of the time, but they rarely provide definitive data to enable valid magnitude determinations. These early floods are generally identified in connection with the present-day locations of Las Animas, Lamar, Fort Lyon, La Junta, Trinidad, and Pueblo, in Colorado. The last and most significant flood of the pre-1900 era occurred in May 1894 when, at Pueblo, five lives were lost and \$2 million in property damage was sustained from the combined flooding of Fountain Creek, Dry Creek, and the Arkansas River. This flood was headlined in the Colorado Chieftain: "Highest Water on Record Visits Pueblo." Following are descriptions of especially large or damaging floods that have occurred on the Arkansas River since 1900.

a. Flood of June 1921. This flood was reportedly the largest yet to be experienced along the Arkansas River. During the

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June 2-5 period, a severe storm over Colorado caused excessive runoff to create peak flows of 103,000 cubic feet per second (c.f.s.) at Pueblo and 165,000 c.f.s. at Lamar. After the flood, 78 bodies were recovered at Pueblo, which also suffered \$10 million in property losses. Farther downstream, Dodge City, Kansas, reported a peak discharge of 32,000 c.f.s. and floodwaters sufficiently deep in places to compel horses to swim across streets. Severe damage was incurred at Larned, Kansas, as well.

b. Flood of August 1929.- In August 1929, a storm caused the Purgatoire River to flood and this led to a high stage on the Arkansas River at Lamar, Colorado.

c. Flood of April 1942.- Caused by excessive rainfall coupled with snowmelt, this flood attained a peak discharge of 21,000 c.f.s. at Dodge City, Kansas. Many basements were flooded, but structural damage was relatively minor. Downstream at Larned, the flood was described as the worst in Larned's history. Through the efforts of volunteers manning the local dike, however, the city avoided disaster and became the only city along the Arkansas to escape serious damage.

d. Flood of June 1949.- At Dodge City, Kansas, the crest stage was 13.3 feet with 16,200 c.f.s. discharge. This was the first flood to reach Dodge City since the completion of John Martin Dam in October 1948, and the dam's regulatory operation appreciably reduced the effects of the flood. Although damages were thus minimized, some residents were forced to evacuate their homes to escape the rising waters.

e. Flood of May 1951.- Produced by sustained rainfall over southeastern Colorado on the watershed below John Martin Dam, Holly, Colorado, was the first community to suffer significant inundation. In Kansas, Syracuse and Garden City were forewarned and able to prepare sufficiently to escape major damage. Despite flood fighting efforts at Dodge City, the city's dikes were breached and flooding resulted. At Larned, the floodwaters were successfully controlled.

Total damages incurred in Colorado and Kansas reached an estimated \$3.5 million.

f. Flood of July 1951.- Heavy rains over the Arkansas River watershed between Garden City and Great Bend, Kansas, led to flooding on the Pawnee River. Great Bend became the principal victim when, on 13 July, the city's dike failed and about 145 city blocks were flooded. The Red Cross and State National Guard organizations evacuated 250 persons; some 1,250 homes and 65 businesses were damaged; and about \$150,000 in damages resulted.

g. Flood of July 1958.- Intense rainstorms and runoff over the Pawnee River and Walnut Creek drainage areas produced floodflows that threatened Larned but did not overtop the city's dikes. At Great Bend, however, the floodwaters outflanked the levee and caused extensive damage within the city.

h. Flood of June 1965.- During the June 13-19 period, sustained and heavy rainstorms produced floodflows extending from the headwaters of Fountain Creek in Colorado to below Great Bend in Kansas. John Martin Reservoir successfully contained the total floodwater volume received from upstream drainages, storing 336,000 acre-feet of water by 30 June. Below John Martin Dam, a flood of unprecedented magnitude resulted--generated entirely in the drainage area between the dam and the Colorado-Kansas State line. The flood of June 1965 was the greatest on record for the Arkansas River, and property damages inflicted between John Martin Dam and Great Bend eventually reached an estimated total of \$40 million.

(1) Colorado: On 17 June, Lamar experienced flooding south of its railroad tracks, and Granada was flooded to depths of about 6 feet. At Holly, floodwaters destroyed the levees extending along U.S. Highway 50 to the river, resulting in water depths to 8 feet within the town and evacuation of the entire 1,100 population. The rains covering Colorado at this time were so intense that the Arkansas River was discharging 200,000 c.f.s. at the Colorado-Kansas border in spite of the storage retained in John Martin Reservoir.

(2) Kansas: As the flood moved into Kansas, it covered the entire Arkansas valley flood plain, extending over 2 miles wide in places. Floodwaters entered Syracuse at about 5:00 p.m. on 17 June, attaining a peak flow of about 200,000 c.f.s.; an area south of the railroad tracks and the water supply system were severely damaged. Lakin minimized damage through a successful flood fight. Flooding at Garden City began on the evening of 18 June and considerable damage resulted in an area south of the railroad tracks. At Dodge City on 19 June, floodflows reached a maximum stage of 15.7 feet and 82,000 c.f.s. Here, the railroad embankment saved the main business district to the north, but floodwaters attained depths of 9 feet south of the embankment and about 1,500 people were evacuated from the area. In Dodge City and nearby Wilroads Gardens, total urban losses were estimated at \$3,783,000, including damages to 615 residences and 155 businesses in Dodge City. At Kinsley, the peak discharge was 49,800 c.f.s. at about midday on 21 June; approximately 800 people were evacuated. By the time the flood reached Larned and Great Bend, reduced peaks and volume allowed it to be controlled and serious urban losses were avoided. Low-lying farmlands were moderately damaged.

11. FLOOD PROBLEMS.- Costly floods may be expected to recur in the Arkansas River subbasin between John Martin Dam and Great Bend, Kansas, regardless of existing and authorized flood control projects. Most losses involve flooded agricultural land in the valley, but properties along tributaries and in low-lying urban areas also suffer. Flood damages are caused when the runoff from steep tributary streams converges into the broad valleys with flatter slopes and lower energy gradients. These low-velocity floodflows not only increase the duration of flooding, but permit sediment and debris to be deposited on the valley's most productive lands. Floods are governed by the nature of storm patterns and tributary runoff. For example, when rainfall is concentrated over one tributary watershed, flood damages are generally limited to the single tributary

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stream effected. In the case of larger and more general storms, however, these produce flood discharges on many tributaries which combine on the river's main stem to cause widespread damage.

a. Arkansas River Valley.- The Arkansas River valley is subject to flooding from two major contributing areas, one of which lies between John Martin Dam and the Colorado-Kansas State line, and the other between Dodge City and Great Bend. From the State line to the mouth of the Pawnee River near Larned, flood peaks are generally reduced by valley storage. Plate A-2<sup>missing or see Table 2</sup> shows the attenuation of peak flows for various historic floods progressing down the Arkansas valley.

b. Lamar, Colorado.- Lamar is partially protected from floods on Willow Creek by a levee and channel constructed by local interests to divert flow around the city's eastern edge. In early settlement times, the creek's natural outfall to the Arkansas River passed directly through the area now occupied by Lamar as a modern-day city. Large floods such as experienced in June 1965 overtop the levee-channel system and return to the old natural watercourse directly through Lamar. The business district and a large part of the city's residential area south of the AT&SF railroad are vulnerable to flooding from Willow Creek. North of the AT&SF, the area is subjected to Arkansas River overflows. Tributaries that directly influence peak flows on the Arkansas at Lamar include Caddoa, Mud, and Dry Creeks.

c. Granada, Colorado.- Wolf Creek emerges from a sand hill area about 1 mile west of Granada and turns southeast (from a northerly course) to approach the city along the AT&SF railroad. At Granada's outskirts, the creek again turns abruptly to the northeast and flows under the railroad bridge. A levee and channel constructed by local interests helps to direct small flows beneath the railroad bridge, but the system is ineffective against large magnitude floods. Past floods that have breached the levee and entered the community occurred in July 1935, June 1949, May 1951, May 1958, and June 1965. A flood in May 1955 damaged the levees and agricultural land. The 1965 flood forced the entire community to evacuate to the higher land south of Granada.

TABLE 2ARKANSAS RIVER PEAK DISCHARGES\*  
(cubic feet per second)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Mile Above Mouth</u>	<u>June 1965 Flood</u>	<u>Standard Project Flood</u>	<u>Intermediate Regional Flood</u>	<u>10-Year Flood</u>
Lamar, Colorado	1,137.3	74,000	89,000	40,000	10,800
Syracuse, Kansas	1,080.9	174,000	158,000	68,000	20,700
Kendall, Kansas	1,068.0	170,000	153,000	67,000	20,000
Lakin, Kansas	1,048.1	160,000	152,000	61,000	18,000
Garden City, Kansas	1,024.2	130,000	114,000	53,000	14,500
Dodge City, Kansas	970.2	82,000	80,000	40,000	8,900
Larned, Kansas	897.4				
Above Pawnee River		40,000	43,000	37,800	6,100
Below Pawnee River		40,000	71,200	39,200	8,500
Great Bend, Kansas	873.2	27,800	76,000	42,000	13,000

TABLE 3ARKANSAS RIVER TRIBUTARY PEAK DISCHARGES\*  
(cubic feet per second)

<u>Stream &amp; Location</u>	<u>Standard Project Flood</u>	<u>Intermediate Regional Flood</u>
Willow Creek at Lamar, Colorado	20,500	14,600
Pawnee River at Larned, Kansas	54,100	15,200
Walnut Creek at Diversion above Great Bend, Kansas	37,500	20,300
Little Walnut Creek at Diversion above Great Bend, Kansas	22,800	13,000

\*Discharges differ from previously published data at some locations due to change in the statistical frequency analysis.

Raw File Format  
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Data Records  
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Each record is a series of comma delimited fields representing one months data for one type of data (INFO records are an exception).

Here's a description of the data types:

Type	Description	Units
=====	=====	=====
INFO	Station information (see below)	
DYSW *	Daily occurrence of weather.	
	00 - No occurrence	
	01 - Smoke or haze	
	02 - Fog	
	04 - Drizzle	
	05 - Ice pellets (sleet)	
	06 - Glaze	
	07 - Thunder	
	08 - Hail	
	09 - Dust or sand storm	
	10 - Blowing snow	
	11 - High wind	
	12 - Tornado	
	13 - Rain	
	14 - Snow	
	If more than one DYSW occurs, they will be packed 01122. Additional DYSW records will be used if more than 2 DYSW's occur.	
EVAP *	Pan evaporation	0.01 inches
MNPN *	Minimum evaporation pan temperature	Degrees F.
MXPN *	Maximum evaporation pan temperature	Degrees F.
PRCP	Precipitation	0.01 inches
TMAX	Maximum temperature	Degrees F.
TMIN	Minimum temperature	Degrees F.
TOBS *	Observation time temperature	Degrees F.
SNOW	Snowfall	0.1 inches
SNDP	Snow depth on the ground	inches
WDMV *	Wind movement	Miles
WTEQ *	Water equivalent of snow on the ground	0.01 inches
SOxy *	Soil temperature at observation time	Degrees F.
SNxy *	Minimum soil temperature	Degrees F.
SXxy *	Maximum soil temperature	Degrees F.

Not all stations report all of these parameters. Those marked with a \* are present in the Colorado Climate Center database for 1993 - present.

All data records have this format:

Field	Description
=====	=====
0	Station number
1	Year
2	Month
3	Type (see type list below)
4-ndays	Values; each value consists of an integer and/or one or more alphabetic flags (see flag list below).

Codes

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 m - missing

t - trace  
a - accumulated period  
h - hail (Ft Collins only).

## INFO Records

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INFO records contain:

Field	Description
===== 0	===== Station number
1	Beginning Year
2	End Year
3	Type (INFO)
4	Latitude (ddmm, dd=degrees, mm=minutes)
5	Longitude (dddmm)
6	Elevation (feet)
7	Station name

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## List File Format

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## Header Record

Field	Description
0	Station number
1	Latitude (ddmm, dd=degrees, mm=minutes)
2	Longitude (dddmm)
3	Elevation (feet)
4	Station name

## Data Records

Field	Description
0	Year
1	Month
2	Day
3	TMAX (see above)
4	TMIN (see above)
5	PRCP (see above)
6	SNOW (see above)
7	SNDP (see above)

## Data Codes

1 and 2 - maximum and minimum temperatures

9999 = missing data

3 - daily total precipitation in 0.01 inches.

9999 = missing data

9998 = trace

9997 = accumulated period

4 - daily snowfall in 0.1 inches.

9999 = missing data

9998 = trace  
 9997 = accumulated period

5 - snow depth on ground in inches.

9999 = missing data  
 9998 = trace

Each year present in the stations's history will be listed completely, i.e. missing days will be listed but coded as missing. Missing years will not be listed.

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 Punch Card File Format  
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Header Card - (6X,2I6,3A10,4I6) -- One for each year's data.

Columns 1 - 6 : blank.  
 7 - 12 : year.  
 13 - 18 : station number.  
 19 - 48 : 30 character station name.  
 49 - 54 : station latitude in degrees and minutes.  
           ( packed DDMM )  
 55 - 60 : station longitude in degrees and minutes.  
           ( packed DDDMM )  
 61 - 66 : station elevation in feet.  
 67 - 72 : division.

Data Cards - (I6,4I2,11I6)

Columns 1 - 6 : station number.  
 7 - 8 : last two digits of year.  
 9 - 10 : month ( 1 = January ).  
 11 - 12 : day of 1st datum on card.  
 13 - 14 : key indicating type of data, where:  
           1 = maximum temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.  
           2 = minimum temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.  
           3 = precipitation in 0.01 inches.  
           4 = snowfall in 0.1 inches.  
           5 = snow depth on ground in inches.  
 15 - 80 : data in 6 column fields (11 per card).

Note: The data is written in blocks of one year. Missing data is coded as missing; i.e. the blocks are complete. If more than one data type is done, all data is listed for one month before the next month is listed.

Data codes are the same as for the 'List Format' above.  
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If you have any questions please email [johnk@ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu](mailto:johnk@ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu).

Colorado Climate Center  
 (http://ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu/dly\_form.html)

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Year	Month	Day	Temp	Wind	Humid	Cloud	Pres	Dir	Speed
1995	5	20	77	51	0	0	0	0	0
1995	5	21	63	50	2	0	0	0	0
1995	5	22	78	54	4	0	0	0	0
1995	5	23	76	43	2	0	0	0	0
1995	5	24	48	42	6	0	0	0	0
1995	5	25	51	41	35	0	0	0	0
1995	5	26	60	46	9998	0	0	0	0
1995	5	27	72	49	126	0	0	0	0
1995	5	28	66	43	9998	0	0	0	0
1995	5	29	65	50	3	0	0	0	0
1995	5	30	58	50	50	0	0	0	0
1995	5	31	66	51	12	0	0	0	0
1995	6	1	72	46	6	0	0	0	0
1995	6	2	81	46	1	0	0	0	0
1995	6	3	82	56	30	0	0	0	0
1995	6	4	82	52	44	0	0	0	0
1995	6	5	73	52	44	0	0	0	0
1995	6	6	82	58	0	0	0	0	0

Year	Month	Day	Temp	Wind	Humid	Cloud	Pres	Dir	Speed
1997	7	27	100	64	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	28	97	64	5	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	29	86	64	105	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	30	82	67	9	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	31	90	68	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	1	93	65	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	2	94	68	78	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	3	91	65	90	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	4	88	66	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	5	88	64	82	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	6	72	59	212	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	7	66	55	10	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	8	76	56	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	9	89	60	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	10	82	60	1	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	11	67	59	34	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	12	74	58	74	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	13	82	62	84	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	14	87	58	52	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	15	90	58	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	8	16	92	58	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	19	98	53	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	20	79	45	10	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	21	50	43	157	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	22	61	45	25	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	23	76	52	3	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	9	24	63	48	0	9999	9999	9999	9999

54076 3803 10207 3390 HOLLY

1997	7	26	100	62	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	27	100	66	0	9999	9999	9999	9999
1997	7	28	101	66	1	9999	9999	9999	9999

1997	7	29	87	64	58	9999	9999
1997	7	30	85	65	7	9999	9999
1997	7	31	87	66	0	9999	9999
1997	8	1	94	67	0	9999	9999
1997	8	2	95	66	0	9999	9999
1997	8	3	94	66	18	9999	9999
1997	8	4	91	65	11	9999	9999
1997	8	5	96	65	0	9999	9999
1997	8	6	79	60	316	9999	9999
1997	8	7	66	53	29	9999	9999
1997	8	8	70	56	0	9999	9999
1997	8	9	64	53	0	9999	9999
1997	8	10	77	54	0	9999	9999
1997	8	11	88	53	185	9999	9999
1997	8	12	73	60	56	9999	9999
1997	8	13	87	60	0	9999	9999
1997	8	14	86	58	106	9999	9999
1997	8	15	92	58	0	9999	9999
1997	8	16	95	58	0	9999	9999

54388 3804 10256 3810 JOHN MARTIN DAM

## 4. Local Data




FAX COVER PAGE

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TO: Bill Owen  
Fax: 970-484-7593

April 2, 1998

FROM: Jim Sidebottom  
Prowers County  
719-336-9001  
Fax 719-336-2255



SUBJECT: 1997 County Road Flood Damage Estimates

Bill,

Following are copies of the cost estimates that were provided to FEMA for partial reimbursement. I hope this is of assistance. If you need additional data, please feel free to call.

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Prowers County		Flood Damage		1997	July 12-Aug 28	west District
		Hours	Cost @ Hr		Total Cost	
Loader 966		89	\$60.00		5340	
Excavator 1085 C		36	\$47.99		1727.64	
Excavator 307 Cat		13	\$36.00		468	
Road Grader 140 G		156	\$41.08		6408.48	
Trk & B. dump Trailers		165	\$48.90		8068.5	
End Dump TRUCKS		14	\$22.68		317.52	
Gravel		7900 ton	\$1.32		10428	
Fill Dirt		158 ton	\$1.00		158	
Operator Hours		620	\$18.00		11160	
Management Hours		38	\$24.00		912	
Total					44,105.70	
Grand Total						
Damaged Roads West District			Tons of	Cost	Project	
Road Number		Material			Number	
LL (7to28) 6 Miles	6 MILES	1700	9491.1		1	
PP (287to5)	4 MILES	2000	11166		2	
Rd. 3 (h 50-pp)	5 MILES	2000	11166		3	
Rd 7 (pp-ss)	2Miles	800	4466.4		4	
Rd.11.5 (196-mm)	2 MILES	400	2233.2		5	
MM(287-rd.6)	3 MILES	700	3908.1		6	
Rd.10 (196-LL)	1 MILE	300	1674.9		7	
	Total	23 Miles	7900	44,105.70		
COMMENTS						
This is a cost estimate for repairs on flood damage, Occuring between July 12 and August 28 . Some of these roads were damaged in earlier storms and repaired and damaged again in the later storms .						
The Equipment rental rates are not the rates set by Prowers County, but by the Sta Highway Department.						
If you have any questions feel free to contact Donald Koehn , Prowers Cou						
Road and Bridge Department At (719) 336-5536						

Prowers County Flood Damage		1997	28 12-Jul	12 28-Aug
	Hours	Cost @ HR		Total cost
Loader 966	212	\$60.00		12720
Excavator 1085c		\$47.99		
Excavator 307 Cat		\$36.00		
Road Grader 140 G	242	\$41.08		9941.3
Trk & B. Dump Trailer's	635	\$48.90		31051.5
End Dump Truck's		\$22.68		
Gravel	12160	\$1.32 Ton		16051.2
Fill Dirt		\$1.00 Ton		
Operator Hours	1070	\$18.00		19260
Management Hours	67	\$24.00		1608
<b>Total</b>				<b>90,632.00</b>
<b>Damaged Roads East District</b>				
<b>Road Number</b>				
G, 38, B, D, #31				
LL, JJ, KK, #35 #37				
SS, VV, #30, #21, #22, #23, #29				
#25, #27, #21, #23. RD. P				
<b>COMMENTS</b>				
This is a cost estimate for repairs on flood damage, Occuring between July 12 and August 28 . Some of these roads were damaged in earilier storms and repaired and damaged again in later storms.				
The Equipment rental rates are not the rates set by Prowers County But by the State Highway Department.				
If you have any questions feel free to contact Tony Garcia, Prowers County Road & Bridge Department At (719)537-6631				

## 1. Contacts

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

**Date:** 8/6/98  
**Call Placed/Received by:** Markus Ritsch  
**Spoke With:** Tom Browning  
**Company/Affiliation:** CWCB  
**Phone no.:** 303-866-3441  
**Project No.:** D479

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**Comments:**

Tom and I discussed the damage estimates for Weld County for the period June through July of 1997 for residential and commercial properties. I had one estimate of damage which was on the order of \$10,000 (Sarchet 1998a) to a single family residence. This was the only damage estimate in the Damage Cost Table. Tom thought that this number (\$10,000) was not representative of the entire county. I concurred. We estimated that between ten and fifty private residences were damaged during this period which translates to a total damage estimate for residential properties to be on the order of several hundred thousand of dollars.

The same argument was made for commercial properties. The single damage estimate I had was for the Kilgore Supply store (\$10,000 Greeley Tribune 1997c).

Signature Markus Ritsch

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**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: June 4, 1998

Call Placed/Received by: markus Ritsch

Spoke With: ~~Dr.~~ Fred Sarchet

Company/Affiliation: Privat Citizen

Phone no.:

Project No.:

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**Comments:**

Damage Estimate to private residences  
as a result of flooding on July 28, 1997.

structure	Damage (\$)
Fred's House & Barn Fred's Truck	3,000
Bill Sarchett's Residence	1,000 - 3,000
Church @ Corner	2,000 - 3,000
	6,000 - 9,000

Signature Markus Ritsch

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/5/98

Call Placed/Received by:

Spoke With: manual Montoya

Company/Affiliation: Farmers Irrigation Company

Phone no.: 303-659-7373

Project No.:

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Comments:

No measuring device on the Seep Ditch.

Does have lake elevations at Milton Reservoir. He is going to check the Lake level data to see what type of flow occurred in the Seep Ditch.

Normal flow 50-80 cfs

Restricted by culvert on Rd 32.

Signature

Markus Antrod

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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Farm  
Service  
Agency

Weld County FSA Office  
4302 West 9th Street Road  
Greeley, Colorado 80634-1398  
Telephone 970-356 8097

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May 1, 1998

RECEIVED MAY 0 4 1998


Mark Rich  
Riverside Technology  
2290 East Prospect Road  
Suite 1  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Dear Mr. Rich:

The enclosed news articles are all I have for 1997 status. I hope they will be of some value to you, along with the estimated figures I gave you by phone.

If I can be of further help, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely



Arnold V. Germann  
County Executive Director

AVG/mjf



**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 6/4/98

Call Placed/Received by:

Spoke With: Orval Thomason

Company/Affiliation: weather observer

Phone no.: 303-536-4663

Project No.:

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Comments:

8 inches on July 7<sup>8</sup>  
4 inches a week later  
18" of water in basement.

Signature Markus Pintso

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1" - 43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

North of Rd 20 1/8 mi  
west of Rd 41

Date:

Call Placed/Received by: Markis Ritsch

Spoke With: Fred Sarchet

Company/Affiliation: Weather Observer in Hudson

Phone no.: (970) 536-4671

Project No.: 303

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**Comments:**  
 What creek/creeks flooded? none specific 7.55 inches on July 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Can we determine High water marks?  
 Flooding due to general water or did a creek run out-of-bank?  
 Photos? Fred's Brother took pictures (Bill Sarchet 303-536-4830)  
 Any other people in the area measure PX?

~~Start a~~

water Drains from about 2mi to the west, County Road 41 crosses the drainage & caused the flow to back-up. Also flooded at the Church, (Intersection of Rd 22 & 41 S.E. corner), Brother (1/2 mi south of Fred).

Signature Markis Ritsch

$$43,560 \text{ ft}^2 \cdot 1'' \frac{1 \text{ ft}}{12''} = 3,630 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot 7.48$$

27,000 gal

3,259.00

325,900 -gal  
Ac-ft

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

1000 Miller  
(202) 587-0588

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

June 2,

Date: ~~May 26, 1998~~

Call Placed/Received by: Marcus Ritsch / Bill Ellett

Spoke With: Rick Gable - on road

Company/Affiliation: CDOT Sterling

Phone no.: 970-522-0481

Project No.:

I got these from Denny vols

Comments:	Eng	Contract	maint
2 Bridges on Highway 71	~ 15,000	~ 1,152,000	\$ 0
Coal Crk → 1 Bridge on Highway 14	~ 20,000	~ 450,000	\$ 57,524
Box Culvert N. of Stoneham			\$ 0
Bridge on Cottonwood Crk.			\$ 0

2/2/98

May 7<sup>th</sup> Engineer began work after final bid...  
 Temporary Repairs: Cont. \$1,152,000  
 Permanent Repairs: Cont. \$895,000  
 Total: \$2,047,000

1) Stoneham bridge replaced with new bridge (same structure)  
 2) Bridge over Cottonwood Crk

Going to replace bridge on Hwy 14. Masterplan 1997...  
 was contracted to a consultant to build a new bridge. Projected cost...  
 about \$2.5 million. Projected in-house engineering...  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Box culvert N. of Stoneham & bridge over Cottonwood Creek are the same structure. This is one of the two bridges on Hwy 14 that were repaired. The other bridge was over S. Stoneham...

TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date:

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Ann cloepfil / Fred Rossman

Company/Affiliation: CDOT/weld Co Denny vols

Phone no.: 970-353-1232

Project No.: ~~350-2812~~ ~~350-2812~~ 350-2182

Comments:

Damage Estimates for 1997:

Highway 71 E-Pawnee (2 Bridges)

Highway 14 Bridge - mile post 167.34 Coal Creek

Box Culvert North of Stoneham

Bridge north of Stoneham (Cottonwood Creek)

Engineering 970-522-0481  
Sterling: ~~522-6704~~  
Talk to Rick Gable  
about projects in Weld  
County or Leroy Miller  
Allen Pierce 522-~~6703~~  
9620

Eng + Proj Cont +  
maint = Total

Coal Creek - Hwy 14  
Only Maint Cost  
associated with  
flooding in 1997  
for Weld Co.

must add engineering  
Project Contract work  
from Rick Gable

\$57,524 - maint  
labor,

Signature Markus Ritsch

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/20/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch  
Spoke With: Ed Clor  
Company/Affiliation: weather observer in Nunn  
Phone no.: 897-2314  
Project No.:

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**Comments:**

Precip Data - 7am on June 2 Trace  
7am on June 3 1/2"  
7am on June 13 0.20"  
Went on vacation → 7am on June 17 1.25"

No photographs taken, knows of no other contacts that record precipitation.

Signature Markus Ritsch

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/15/98  
Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch  
Spoke With: Ed Herring  
Company/Affiliation: Weld County Finance  
Phone no.: (970) 356-4000  
Project No.: D479

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**Comments:**

County Damage Estimates:

Weld County sustained no damage during the Presidential Disaster Declaration period. The County sustained major damage in June then again after Aug 8, 1997. The County tracks damage to County Roads and Bridges. No damage estimates are available for State highways or residential properties.

<u>Month</u>	<u>County Structures Damaged</u>	<u>\$</u>
June 97	Roads/Bridges	\$ 405,199
Aug 97	Roads/Bridges	\$ 1,103,139

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date:  
Call Placed/Received by: Tellez  
Spoke With: Jerry ~~Entese~~  
Company/Affiliation: City of Greeley  
Phone no.: 350-9798  
Project No.:

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Comments:

June 13 - evening in west Greeley. Sleep Draw

Discharge Estimates - no

Photographs of High water - yes

Damage Estimates - Damage to Bridges covered by the County.  
Possibly the F Street Bridge talk to Bridge.

A little field work,

Floodplain maps

Flood Inundation Boundary maps - No

11<sup>th</sup> Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Windsor South

Highway 34 busines Exit going  
East, takes into 10<sup>th</sup> St, to 11<sup>th</sup> ave.

City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Public work.  
Signature Markus R. [Signature]

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 5/11/98

Call Placed/Received by: MLR

Spoke With: Steve Bagley

Company/Affiliation: Greeley

Phone no.: 350-9792


Project No.: XD

Comments:

Monitor Greeley # 3  
28<sup>th</sup>, Grapevine, Sheep Draw,

What creeks typically see nuisance flooding on an annual basis?  
Sheep Draw sees frequent flooding however they didn't pay much attention until recently because of the development in the watershed

Damage estimates? None, however they may have surveyed some high water marks.

Discharge estimates? 

photos? yes - see Bert.

Signature 

A, creeks other? Greeley Ditch # 3 has some flooding problems

**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date:

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Harold Weisbrook

Company/Affiliation:

Phone no.: 970-437-5434

Project No.:

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**Comments:**

May 25, 1997 Storm Event:

Started on the 24<sup>th</sup> mid afternoon ended on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Son lives in Nebraska 1/2 mile into Neb.

2 miles North of 134.

Son measured 7 inches<sup>T</sup> most in a 3 hour period to 4 hour period. 3pm - 7pm

off Road 125,

Son lives 5 1/2 miles straight North. of Harold

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**Riverside Technology, inc.**

**TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: 5/1/98

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Mary Ashby

Company/Affiliation: Central Plains Exp. Range

Phone no.: 970-897-2226

Project No.: D479

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Comments:

June 2	-	1.22 in	8am - 8am
June 12	-	.04 in	wind, air temp also recorded,
July 27	-	1.14	
28	-	.38	
29	-	1.45	
30	-	.04	

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Riverside Technology, inc.

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TELEPHONE CALL SUMMARY SHEET

Date: 4/30/98

Call Placed/Received by: Markus Ritsch

Spoke With: Arnold Germann

Company/Affiliation: Farm Service Agency - Weld County  
also NRCS

Phone no.: (970) 356-8097

Project No.:

Comments:	Crop	Affected Acres	% Damage
June 2, 1997	alfalfa	3000	4%
	beans	1000	3
	Sug beets	250	1%
	Barley	300	3
	Onions	2000	11
	June 13 June 14, 1997	wheat	<del>15</del> 1000
Corn		10,000	20
Sug beets		2500	20
Onions		1500	20
June 14 - nothing	barley	1500	20
	pinto beans	1200	20

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July 28, 29, 30

- No damage losses reported.

	<u>acres</u>	<u>%</u>
wheat	0	
corn	0	
beets	0	
onions	0	

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**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD**

BY: Markus Ritsch  
DATE: 4/27/98  
SUBJECT: 1997 Flooding

INDIVIDUAL: Drew Schellinga  
AFFILIATION: Weld County  
PHONE #: (970) 356-4000

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1. Affected streams and local watersheds during the 1997 flood season?  
Pawnee crk, Sand crk, Horse Crk, Crow crk, Coal crk,  
Fort Lupton Aristocrate Subdivision, ranchettes  
Greeley, Sheep Draw (Drew expects Sheep Draw to be annexed by  
Greeley in the next 20 yrs)
  2. Geographic extent of flooding? Are flood inundation maps available?  
NO flood inundation maps -  
Do have a map showing dots w/road washouts,
  3. Storm duration? Starting time and ending time of major storm events? I realize that Weld County had significant events on June 2 and June 13 of 1997. What were the events that justified the Presidential declaration of disaster for the period July 28 through August 12?  
- no info
  4. Rainfall amounts for the events? Have you generated any isohyetal maps?  
- no info
  5. Rainfall bucket surveys?  
- no info
  6. Precipitation gauging data?  
- no county gauges
  7. Documentation of high water marks? Do you have any photos that show a person holding a survey rod next to a permanent structure documenting how high the water was?  
- video tape, of a helicopter trip, 2 days after  
the Aug Storm

8. Estimated peak discharges?

- NO

9. Estimated flood damages? How many homes, businesses, schools, churches were destroyed/damaged? How much farm land was destroyed/damaged? How many county roads, bridges, culverts, etc. were destroyed/damaged?

Pawnee - 1 barn lost, Aug event. mostly a bridge repair  
\$95,073 - re-imbursed by FHWA  
\$267,516 - FEMA monies - County roads) Aug Storm only

10. Costs associated with the clean-up effort? Differentiate between county, state, and federal.

Weld County spent not reimbursed  
\$648,127 - not much Bridge work  
mostly roads,  
for entire year.

11. Costs associated with emergency operations/flood fight efforts? Differentiate between county, state, and federal.

- NO

12. Types and amounts of repair work after flooding?

13. Any previous/recent flood mitigation efforts that reduced damages?

- no dams, Levees, Retention Ponds  
- not rip-rapings is included

14. Any future mitigation needs as a result of the flooding?

- NO

15. Special or unique circumstances affecting flooding (man-made features, project failures, design limitations, failure of ditches or embankments)?

- None

16. Do you have any photos and/or video available? Are the photos in digital format?

- 1 video  
- Some FEMA photos

17. Have you developed any maps related to the flooding? isohyetal, watershed, inundation boundaries, damage areas, etc.

- 1 damage location maps.

18. Are maps in hardcopy or digital format? (GIS, Autocad, etc.)

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19. What existing documentation do you have regarding the flooding?

- No,

20. Does the County have an internet site? Do you know of any related local sites?

- No

Steve Bagley - 970-350-9792  
Greeley



## 2. Federal Data



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Agricultural  
Research  
Service

Northern Plains Area

CPER  
58009 WCR 37  
Nunn, CO 80648

MESSAGE TRANSMITTAL

DATE: May 1 1998

TO: Marcus

FROM: CPER

SUBJECT: Data

PHONE: (970) 897-2226

PHONE: (970) 484-7573

FAX: (970) 897-2463

FAX: 484-7593

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MESSAGE: Call if you have any more questions

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## CPER - 1997

## PRECIPITATION

## HEADQUARTERS

Reading in inches for 24 hour period ending at 8:AM of entry

DATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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2				.08		.10			T			
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6	.02	.06						1.01				
7								.02				
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11	.22			.05		.14		.79				
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21				.06			.21			.02		
22				.05	.08		.15	.10	.98			
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26		.04				T						
27	.04	.03			.16						.56	
28	.03				.09		1.14					
29				.06	.11		.38	.03				
30				.06	.42		1.45					
31							.04					
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MONTHLY												
TOTAL	.80	.47	.50	1.57	2.23	3.68	3.59	6.25	1.66	1.12	.26	.12
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ACCUM.												
TOTAL	.80	1.27	1.77	3.34	5.57	9.25	12.84	19.09	20.75	21.87	22.13	22.25
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CPER Air Temps (F)					
Day	Month	Year	Max.	Min.	Ave.
1	06	97	81.0	56.0	68.5
2	06	97	69.0	50.0	59.5
3	06	97	68.0	46.0	57.0
4	06	97	70.0	45.0	57.5
5	06	97	76.0	52.0	64.0
6	06	97	70.0	52.0	61.0
7	06	97	71.0	52.0	61.5
8	06	97	68.0	52.0	60.0
9	06	97	58.0	52.0	55.0
10	06	97	65.0	48.0	56.5
11	06	97	77.0	48.0	62.5
12	06	97	72.0	49.0	60.5
13	06	97	64.0	50.0	57.0
14	06	97	71.0	47.0	59.0
15	06	97	70.0	47.0	58.5
16	06	97	68.0	41.0	54.5
17	06	97	70.0	50.0	60.0
18	06	97	80.0	50.0	65.0
19	06	97	85.0	52.0	68.5
20	06	97	83.0	52.0	67.5
21	06	97	78.0	53.0	65.5
22	06	97	85.0	51.0	68.0
23	06	97	78.0	51.0	64.5
24	06	97	74.0	49.0	61.5
25	06	97	76.0	45.0	60.5
26	06	97	78.0	45.0	61.5
27	06	97	82.0	50.0	66.0
28	06	97	86.0	50.0	68.0
29	06	97	85.0	50.0	67.5
30	06	97	84.0	48.0	66.0
1	07	97	75.0	42.0	58.5
2	07	97	73.0	42.0	57.5
3	07	97	68.0	39.0	53.5
4	07	97	74.0	39.0	56.5
5	07	97	75.0	42.0	58.5
6	07	97	83.0	42.0	62.5
7	07	97	89.0	48.0	68.5
8	07	97	82.0	50.0	66.0
9	07	97	85.0	50.0	67.5
10	07	97	86.0	48.0	67.0
11	07	97	80.0	46.0	63.0
12	07	97	85.0	46.0	65.5
13	07	97	80.0	47.0	63.5
14	07	97	85.0	44.0	64.5
15	07	97	93.0	50.0	71.5
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17	07	97	92.0	48.0	70.0
18	07	97	90.0	55.0	72.5
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20	07	97	80.0	52.0	66.0
21	07	97	84.0	52.0	68.0
22	07	97	86.0	54.0	70.0
23	07	97	90.0	54.0	72.0
24	07	97	84.0	57.0	70.5
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1 13 97	3333	1175	195.8	8.2
1 21 97	4515	1182	147.8	6.2
1 27 97	5561	1046	174.3	7.3
2 3 97	6511	950	135.7	5.7
2 10 97	7394	883	126.1	5.3
2 19 97	8575	1181	131.2	5.5
2 24 97	9225	650	130.0	5.4
3 03 97	9895	370	52.9	2.2
3 10 97	0675	780	111.4	4.6
3 26 97	3351	2676	167.3	7.0
3 31 97	4448	1097	219.4	9.1
4 7 97	6406	1958	279.7	11.7
4 14 97	7702	1296	185.1	7.7
4 21 97	9076	1374	196.3	8.2
4 28 97	0525	1449	207.0	8.6
5 7 97	2444	1919	213.2	8.9
5 12 97	3359	915	183.0	7.6
5 27 97	6018	2659	177.3	7.4
6 2 97	6767	749	124.8	5.2
6 9 97	7854	1087	155.3	6.5
6 16 97	8909	1055	150.7	6.3
6 23 97	9745	836	119.4	5.0
6 30 97	0525	780	111.4	4.6
7 7 97	1646	1121	160.1	6.7
7 14 97	2678	1032	147.4	6.1
7 21 97	3488	810	115.7	4.8
7 30 97	4647	1159	128.8	5.4
8 4 97	5108	461	92.2	3.8
8 11 97	6046	938	134.0	5.6
8 18 97	7004	958	136.9	5.7
8 27 97	7802	798	88.7	3.7
9 2 97	8482	680	113.3	4.7
9 8 97	9109	627	104.5	4.4
9 15 97	9847	738	105.4	4.4
9 22 97	0849	1002	143.1	6.0
9 29 97	1696	847	121.0	5.0
10 6 97	2625	929	132.7	5.5
10 13 97	4005	1380	197.1	8.2
10 22 97	5078	1073	119.2	5.0
10 27 97	6250	1172	234.4	9.8
11 3 97	7939	1689	241.3	10.1
11 10 97	9097	1158	165.4	6.9
11 19 97	0517	1420	157.8	6.6
11 24 97	1101	584	116.8	4.9
12 1 97	2060	959	137.0	5.7
12 8 97	2815	755	107.9	4.5
12 15 97	4473	1658	236.9	9.9
12 22 97	5365	892	127.4	5.3
12 29 97	7202	1837	262.4	10.9

Day	Mo	Yr	Max	Mean	Min
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5	05	97	67.0	36.0	51.5
6	05	97	74.0	37.0	55.5
7	05	97	72.0	38.0	55.0
8	05	97	56.0	22.0	39.0
9	05	97	66.0	22.0	44.0
10	05	97	77.0	32.0	54.5
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18	05	97	76.0	40.0	58.0
19	05	97	61.0	38.0	49.5
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To: Marcus

From: CPER

FAX: 484-7973

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SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
745 PM MDT FRI AUG 1 1997

...SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY CANCELLED FOR CENTRAL WELD COUNTY...

THE SMALL STREAM FLOOD ADVISORY FOR CENTRAL WELD COUNTY HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED. THE RAIN HAD MOVED EAST OF THE AREA.

RADAR ESTIMATES INDICATED 3 INCHES OF RAIN FELL SOUTHEAST OF  
PURCELL...WITH 1 TO 2 INCHES OVER THE REST OF THE AREA.

LOCALIZED FLOODING CAN STILL BE EXPECTED ALONG COAL CREEK...SAND  
CREEK AND LITTLE SAND CREEK...AS WELL AS CROW CREEK.

SOME ROADWAYS MAY BE UNDER WATER. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THROUGH  
WATER OF UNKNOWN DEPTH.

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TTAA00 KDEN DDHMM  
COZ043-141800-

FLOOD STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
650 AM MDT FRI JUN 13 1997

...FLOOD WARNING CONTINUES ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER IN EASTERN WELD COUNTY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER IS CONTINUING A FLOOD WARNING EFFECTIVE UNTIL 10 AM THIS MORNING FOR PEOPLE ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER...FROM KERSEY TO THE WELD-MORGAN COUNTY LINE.

AUTOMATED RIVER GAGES INDICATE THAT THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER NEAR KERSEY HAS CRESTED JUST ABOVE FLOOD STAGE...AND WAS NOW BEGINNING TO RECEDE. HOWEVER...THE CREST WAS MOVING DOWNSTREAM TO THE HARDIN AND MASTERS AREAS.

THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE SHERIFFS OFFICE INDICATED THAT MINOR PASTURE FLOODING WAS NOW OCCURRING ALONG THIS STRETCH OF RIVER. PEOPLE THAT LIVE OR HAVE PROPERTY ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER IN EASTERN WELD AND WESTERN MORGAN COUNTY SHOULD STILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIGH WATER. NEVER DRIVE THROUGH A FLOODED ROADWAY.

BARJENBRUCH

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SHORT TERM FORECAST  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
601 PM MDT FRI JUN 13 1997

COZ043-140700-  
SOUTHERN WELD COUNTY-  
INCLUDING...GREELEY...FORT LUPTON  
601 PM MDT FRI JUN 13 1997

.NOW...  
...TORNADO WATCH IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 PM AND...  
...HEAVY RAIN CONTINUES IN PORTIONS OF WELD COUNTY...

THUNDERSTORMS SITTING NEARLY STATIONARY OVER CENTRAL AND SOUTH-CENTRAL  
WELD COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE MODERATE TO HEAVY RAINFALL...  
RESULTING IN FLOODING OF PASTURE LANDS...DRAINAGE DITCHES AND LOW  
AREAS ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE AND CACHE LA POUFRE RIVERS AROUND  
GREELEY...PLATTEVILLE...KERSEY AND BARNESVILLE. STORMS COULD PRODUCE  
HAIL UP TO AN INCH IN DIAMETER AND RAINFALL RATES UP TO 2 INCHES PER  
HOUR. IN ADDITION...ISOLATED FUNNEL CLOUDS AND SMALL TORNADOES ARE  
ALSO POSSIBLE. TEMPERATURES THROUGH 8 PM WILL REMAIN IN THE MID AND  
UPPER 50S.

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TTAA00 KDEN DDHMM  
COC123-141600-

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
FLOOD WARNING  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO  
630 PM MDT FRI JUN 13 1997

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN DENVER HAS ISSUED A FLOOD WARNING  
EFFECTIVE UNTIL 1000 AM MDT FOR PEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES

IN NORTHEAST COLORADO  
CENTRAL WELD

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS  
KERSEY...HARDIN...DEARFIELD AND MASTERS

A FLOOD WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER FROM  
KERSEY EAST TO THE WELD-MORGAN COUNTY LINE.

HOMES IN KERSEY HAVE BEEN FLOODED AND HIGHWAY 34 EAST OF KERSEY HAS  
ALSO BEEN FLOODED.

A FLOOD WARNING MEANS THAT FLOODING IS IMMINENT OR HAS BEEN REPORTED.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FROM KERSEY EAST TO THE WELD-MORGAN COUNTY  
LINE ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS  
IMMEDIATELY.

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632 PM  
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# FOREST TO GRASSLAND INFORMATION CENTER

*Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests*

*and Pawnee National Grassland*

1311 S College, Fort Collins, CO 80524



## Pawnee National Grassland



### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Local Pawnee District Office at:

660 "O" Street, Greeley C 80631

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Phone: 970/353-5004

Before traveling on the Pawnee National Grassland, purchasing a Pawnee map is recommended. This will help distinguish between public and private lands. The cost of the map is \$4.00 each and it is available at the local Pawnee District Office as well as at the Visitor Center in Fort Collins.

**CROW VALLEY RECREATION AREA** -- A grove of elm and cottonwood trees provide a unique facility on the open prairie. A ball diamond, group camping area, the Steward J. Adams Education Site, group picnic area, and ten-unit family campground provide opportunities for bird watching, team sports and games, camping, picnicking or just relaxing. The fee for the family campground is \$8/unit/night for the seven single-family units and \$12/unit/night for the three double family units. One double unit is available for those with special needs and we ask that you leave this unit open until all other spaces are filled. Facilities include tables, fire rings, drinking water, and toilets. Parties interested in reserving the group picnic area, the three group campsites, or Steward J. Adams Education Site should contact the Greeley Office. The only developed facility on the Grassland, the Crow Valley Recreation Area, is 1/4 miles north of Colorado highway 14 on Weld County Road 77 near Briggsdale.

**PAWNEE BUTTES TRAIL** -- The Pawnee Buttes are 45 minutes northeast of Crow Valley and Briggsdale. An easy one and a half-mile trail provides an opportunity to view the Buttes up close. Mountain bikes are not allowed on the Pawnee Buttes Trail. The Buttes stand approximately 300 feet above the surrounding prairie. Climbing on the Buttes is not recommended because the sandstone is crumbling. For maximum sun and heat protection, take a hat, sunglasses, water and sunscreen. Temperatures topping one hundred degrees can be encountered in July and August -- outings planned for mornings and late afternoons will offer more moderate temperatures. **HAWKS AND FALCONS NEST IN THE ROCKY CLIFFS. PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THEM.** The adults may desert their eggs or young birds if disturbed. The overlook and the cliffs are closed to public access March 1 - June 30 to protect the nesting birds.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES** -- Bird watching is a very popular activity. The Grassland supports many bird species, especially during migration. The area is known internationally as an area to see birds of prey, and has good breeding populations of unique high plains species such as the mountain plover, burrowing owl, McCown's and chestnut-collared longspur. A pamphlet describing a motor vehicle bird tour that leaves the Crow Valley Recreation Area and tours the west side of Grassland is available at Crow Valley and the District Office.

**NOTE:** The mountain plover is a possible threatened or endangered species and **must not** be disturbed when nesting. Use binoculars and telephoto lens to observe this species. Research indicates human activity closer than 200 meters may disturb birds. Disturbances from people wanting to get closer can drive an adult off the nest, and this may result in a destroyed generation due to sunlight heating the eggs.

The use of mountain bicycles on the Grassland is increasing. Mountain bikes are not allowed on the Pawnee Buttes Trail. The free brochure "Birding on the Pawnee by Automobile or Mountain Bike" is suggested for mountain bikers. Using Weld County Road 96 for the return trip to the Crow Valley Recreation Area will avoid traffic on Colorado Highway 14.

The rich Grassland history is represented by old cemeteries and nearby museums. The Briggsdale Heritage House is in an old school house and has many photo albums and other forms of written history. The hours are flexible. Please call **970/656-3612** to make arrangements for a visit. The Grover Grassland Museum is in the old railroad depot -- call **970/895-2349** for information. The public can explore the old homesteads and gain an appreciation of history. However, on National Forests and Grasslands, collecting artifacts, arrowheads, vertebrate fossils or barn wood is prohibited. All these things should be studied by a trained archaeologist to gain knowledge of past inhabitants. If you take artifacts home the knowledge is lost forever. Contact the Pawnee District Office if you find arrowheads or other important artifacts.

Please stay on the vehicle travel routes marked with numbered posts as shown on the map. Vehicle tracks across the prairie attract more users. Over time, deep ruts that remain for years can occur. If a numbered post is not present, motor vehicle travel on that route is prohibited.

**TIPS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND SAFETY --** A large container of water is standard equipment. Water is very important as dehydration is a real threat in the warm months of the year.

On summer outings hats with wide brims will provide added protection from sun and heat. Gloves help protect your hands when crossing fences or opening gates, and a waterproof windbreaker helps protect against the unexpected cold wind and rain. We suggest long pants or trousers and sturdy shoes for better protection from insect bites, cactus spines, sharp pointed yucca leaves, and sudden drops in temperature. Mosquitoes and gnats can become a real nuisance in spring and summer, especially when the wind dies down. Trail users need to keep a look out for prairie rattlers.

Winter on the prairie can be dangerous if a traveler becomes stranded in a snowstorm without proper equipment. Before starting a tour on the Grassland be sure to check the weather reports. Take extra clothing, blankets, tire chains, a shovel and sand, and some non-perishable food in the event you become stranded. Tell a friend or neighbor where you are going and the time you should return home.

The prairie provides a unique opportunity for solitude and open spaces. Take the time to appreciate a soaring hawk, a gentle breeze caressing a carpet of flowers and grasses, and the cloud shadows creating a mosaic on the horizontal landscape. From a safe vantage point, you may be able to observe the power of a thunderstorm and enjoy the coolness and clean smell after it passes. There is much to see on the Grassland if you take the time to look!

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# AN INTRODUCTION to the PAWNEE BUTTES

## VITAL STATISTICS

LOCATION: NE corner of Weld County, about 13 miles south of the WY/CO border  
ELEVATION: Approximately 5,500 feet  
LENGTH: 530 feet (East Butte); 370 feet (West Butte)  
HEIGHT: Estimated to be between 200 and 300 feet  
AVERAGE WIND VELOCITY AT 3 PM: 15 MPH



## GEOLOGY

Believe it or not, if you had been at the site of the Pawnee Buttes between 90 and 70 million years ago, you would have been swimming in a vast sea. After this, the earth's surface began to move, thrusting up the ground somewhat, and causing the sea to drain and deposit sediments. Between 38 and 5 million years ago, streams crossing the area laid down more sediments on top of those left by the sea. These hardened into sandstones and siltstones which are now grouped by geologists into three Formations: White River, Arikaree, and Ogallala. You can see all of these at the Buttes. Around 5 million years ago, the whole region was uplifted thousands of feet, and increased stream power prompted tremendous erosion. The tops of the Buttes represent the pre-erosion ground surface, which means that if you'd been here a few million years ago, you'd have been standing two or three hundred feet higher!



## ECOLOGY

Bison would have been the most common mammal seen from the Pawnee Buttes just 125 years ago. Herds in the recent past included over 60 million animals! Today antelope and domestic cattle are the most common large herbivores in the area, though you may spot deer in nearby draws. Raptors (protected by seasonal closures) and swallows nest in the surrounding cliffs. In fact, birding on the Grassland is often described as "world class." Finally, you could see prairie rattlers cooling under or sunning on top of colorful lichen-covered rocks. Over 400 species of plants are found in the vicinity of the Buttes. Look especially for the brilliant mid-June display of Prickly Pear cactus flowers, Purple locoweed, and white Prairie phlox. Few trees adorn the landscape, but conditions on windswept cliffs do allow an occasional lonely Pinyon, Juniper, or Limber pine tree to grow.



## PALEONTOLOGY

It has been said that the Pawnee Buttes are one of the finest sources of vertebrate fossils in the world--over 100 species have been recovered in their White River Formation deposits. In 1870, O.C. Marsh of Yale's Peabody Museum led the first scientific expedition to the Buttes to collect fossils, and several other expeditions were launched shortly thereafter. Finds at Pawnee Buttes have included several species of horse (including three-toed and dwarf versions), rhinoceros, ancient swine and camel, a hippopotamous-like animal, turtle, large vulture, and cormorant. Please keep in mind that while you are free to examine any vertebrate fossils you find, they are protected by law and must not be removed.



## ARCHAEOLOGY

The Pawnee Buttes themselves have not been the site of many archaeological finds. There are at least two reasons for this. First, the Buttes are relatively far from good water sources, so prehistoric people would probably not have stayed long. Secondly, the Buttes are subject to extensive visitation, and many artifacts have undoubtedly been illegally collected. It is important to realize that any artifact over 50 years old is protected by law, and cannot be removed. If you are interested in the archaeology of the Grassland in general, you can obtain the pamphlet "Archaeology on the Pawnee Grassland," produced by the U.S. Forest Service.

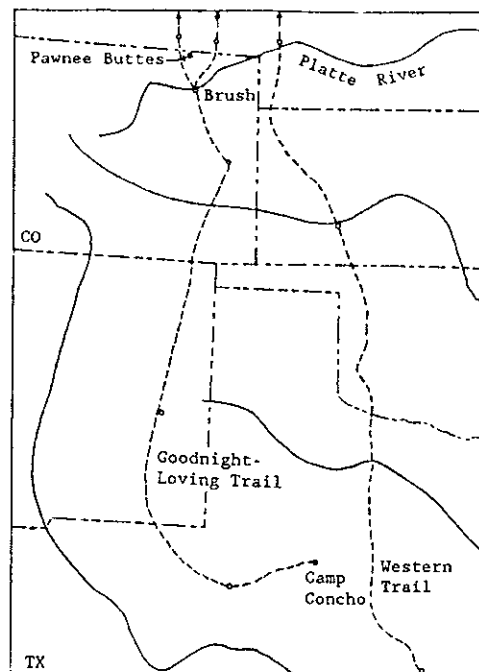


# PAWNEE BUTTES: RECENT HISTORY



## CHRONOLOGY

1720: Don Pedro de Villasur of Spanish New Mexico reaches the Platte River.  
1739: Peter and Paul Mallet, French traders, reach northeast Colorado.  
1806: Zebulon Pike explores area. Establishes boundaries of LA purchase.  
1819: Stephen Long explores and describes country along the S. Platte.  
1840: Interest in Oregon Territory mounts. Many follow the Oregon Trail.  
1861: J. W. Iliff sinks savings into cattle, ushering in the "cattle era."  
1862: Homestead Act passed, providing settlers with 160 acres of land.  
1866: Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight trail longhorns north from TX.  
1869: Union Pacific railroad completed.  
1870: Denver Pacific railroad finished.  
1873: First mention of Pawnee Buttes on Government Land Office plat.  
1874: Barbed wire available. Allows prairie to be fenced for agriculture.  
1874-75: Native American populations have been forced out of NE Colorado.  
1877: Desert Land Act gives homesteaders 640 acres, but land must be irrigated within three years.  
1884: All bison have been exterminated.  
1885-86: Harsh winters and falling beef prices devastate the cattle industry.  
1888: Soren Nelson (and many others) homestead in NE CO.  
1880-90: Drought years, many leave.  
1893-94: More drought, more leave.  
1900-10: Second wave of immigration.  
1909: Enlarged Homestead Act passed.  
1916: Stock-Raising Homestead Act gives settlers 640 acres "stock raising" land.  
1917-20: Third wave of immigration.  
1931: Major drought strikes, nation immersed in the Depression.  
1934-36: More drought years.  
1935: Federal government begins purchasing marginal private land. Soil Conservation Service takes over relief effort in 1938; the Forest Service in '54.  
1930-40: Period of emigration.  
1960: Pawnee Nat'l Grassland created.  
1961: Pawnee Buttes are evaluated but rejected for National Monument status.  
1974: James Michener publishes *Centennial*, set on the Grassland. Pawnee Buttes are "Rattlesnake Buttes."



CATTLE TRAILS  
(Modified from Badaracco 1971)

## SPRING ROUNDUP

"As soon as the new grass got high enough to keep the saddle horses in good condition, the roundup would start. Each of the larger outfits would send a wagon with as many men and horses as were needed to handle their cattle... From 15 to 20 wagons would meet at Julesburg where a roundup boss would be appointed. There would be from 100 to 150 mounted men and they were sent out in the shape of a fan with the base at the point where the roundup was to be held. All cattle within that radius and from 5 to 10 miles out from the river were to be driven in to the roundup grounds. As many as 10,000 head were driven in sometimes, but if there were more than 2,500 or 3,000 they were cut into bunches of about 200 head... After the cattle were brought in, everybody would go to camp to get dinner and change horses. After dinner, back to the herd went the cowboys."

-Eugene Williams (In *Go West Young Man*, Ball 1970)

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**PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND  
FACT SHEET  
Greeley, Colorado -April 1998**

AREA

Net area Pawnee National Grassland.	193,060 Acres
Central Plains Experimental Range	14,639 Acres
Private land turned in for grazing	20,843 Acres

GRAZING (1997 Season)

Grazing area open for use	192,647 Acres
Grazing area closed	413 Acres
Grazing allotments	154
Paid permits	21
1997 grazing fee	\$1.35

PAWNEE ASSOCIATION

CROW VALLEY ASSOCIATION

	Summer	winter	summer	winter	=	Summer Tot.	Winter Tot.
Number of head grazed.....	3,823	501	4,474	542	=	8,297	1,043
Animal Unit Months.....	31,970	3,395	28,538	3,672	=	60,508	7,067
Number of head for exchange of use.....=	748						
Animal Unit Months on exchange of use...=	5,068						

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND DEVELOPMENT WORK FOR GRAZING YEAR 1997

Crow Valley Association..... \$15,216.01  
Pawnee Association..... \$14,572.04

LAND USES

Oil & gas leases	99
Special Uses	30
Oil & gas wells, producing	50
Oil & gas sites in rehab	15
Annual oil & gas revenues.	\$310,000
• Oil and Gas Pipelines	70 mi.
Powerlines	90 mi.
Minuteman Missile Site	10 Sites.
Minuteman Missile Site. Cable	42 mi.
Telephone buried cable	48 mi.

RECREATION

**Developed:** Crow Valley Recreation Area (family and group campgrounds, group picnic ground, ball diamond, Steward J. Adams Education Site).  
Camping 5,600 visitor days  
Picnicking 600 visitor days

**Dispersed:** Pawnee Buttes Trailhead and Overlook 1.5 mile trail to West Butte for hiking and horseback riding.  
Hunting 1,500 visitor days  
Birdwatching 2,000 visitor days  
Hiking 5,000 visitor days

WILDLIFE

56 Enclosures for 1021 acres.  
200+ structures, 86 escape ramps,  
3 Guzzlers, 60 tree cribs,  
30 Artificial nests. 5 living snow fences  
2 Living Barns.  
Management for indicator species  
(Mtn. plover, prairie dogs,  
Ferruginous Hawks, antelope, prairie falcons).

GRAZING IMPROVEMENTS

Fence (miles)	583
Cattleguards	92
Wells	174
Springs	2
Reservoirs	7
Pipeline (miles)	113
Dams	21

# Pawnee National Grassland



## INTRODUCTION

### TO THE

### PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND HISTORY

This history of the Pawnee National Grassland was researched and prepared by Dorothy and Lee Rhoads, former Forest Service Volunteers who lived near Briggsdale. It provides a good historical background of the settlement of the area and evolution of the National Grassland. Some of the current uses and features of the Pawnee are also discussed. I hope this brief history will help you more fully appreciate this unique resource and landscape called the Pawnee National Grassland.

DISTRICT RANGER  
PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND



## HISTORY OF THE PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND

During the early stages of American expansion, the high plains of northeastern Colorado were prime grazing land for large populations of deer, antelope, elk, and buffalo. The human population consisted of Indians and a few fur trappers. Before 1850, a fur trader named Elbridge Gerry settled where Crow Creek joined the South Platte River east of present-day Greeley. In 1861, John Wesley Iliff started his first cow camp on Crow Creek above Gerry's place. In 1866, the Union Pacific Railroad announced it would soon be laying rails across southwestern Nebraska. Buffalo were killed by the thousands to feed the railroad construction crews and for their hides, which were in great demand in the East. The buffalo soon became scarce. The next year, Iliff established a cow camp approximately 5 miles down Crow Creek from Cheyenne, Wyoming, to provide beef to the railroad crews and also establish a shipping point to the East. In 1868, he bought \$40,000 worth of cattle from Charles Goodnight, who trailed them north from Texas. This established the Goodnight-Loving trail through this area. Goodnight continued trailing herds for Iliff through 1876. By 1877, Iliff's domain stretched from the South Platte River north to the Chalk Bluffs by the Colorado-Wyoming border, and from the mountains east to the present Kansas border. He was the biggest cattleman in Colorado.

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed only 160 acres per homestead, and at least one-quarter (40 acres) of that had to be tilled. Later Acts allowed a total of 320 acres. One of these was the Timber Culture Act, enacted in 1873, allowing the settler to pick up an additional 160 acres by agreeing to plant 2,700 seedlings on 10 acres, of which 675 should be alive and healthy at the time of final proving up, 5 years later. These acts/laws were aimed primarily at land east of and along the west bank of the Mississippi River, and were not appropriate for the high plains. Major John Wesley Powell, an explorer of the West and later director of the United State Geological Survey, wrote a report in 1875, called "Lands of the Arid Region of the U. S." He recommended that settlement areas be blocked out in no less than 1,275 acres, giving the settler a reasonable chance of survival. He further recommended that without a dependable water supply, it was futile to plow the grasslands. The lands should be left in grass, and that plots of less than 2,560 acres would not be successful in this dry area. The wisdom of these recommendations was demonstrated in later years.

Barbed wire was invented in 1874 and cattlemen were soon using it to enclose public lands for their free and exclusive use. By manipulating the Homestead Act of 1862, Iliff had his cowhands homestead and fence 160 acres at key locations surrounding water. He then purchased the established "homestead" from the cowhands. For example, the earliest record of homestead entry in the Pawnee Buttes area was by Peter Welch in 1887. However, he sold his tract to Iliff 2 years earlier. In 1885, President Grover Cleveland ordered all fences removed from public land. Although it took several years for this to be accomplished, it was the beginning of the end for the big ranchers like Iliff.

By the mid 1880's the homesteaders had begun breaking sod in the grassland country. The railroads encouraged settlers to come west with statements like "the rain-belt has moved westward" and "rain follows the plow". They wanted to

attract farmers from the East and Midwest hoping that they would become future freight customers. In 1887, a branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was built from Kansas through Sterling into Cheyenne.

The bitter winter of 1886-87 brought the loss of thousands of cattle by starvation or freezing to death. At this time Chicago beef prices also took a big drop and the large ranchers went broke. Farmers flocked to the big ranches which were being carved into quarter section (160 acres) homesteads. The dry years of 1889 and 1890 forced many newcomers to leave, and by 1893-94 it was so severe that many of the new towns that had sprung up along the railroad, like Stoneham, Raymer, and Buckingham, virtually dried up. A few settlers survived. One of these was Soren Nelson, in 1894 the first actual homesteader to file for his title. He was known as "Pawnee Buttes" Nelson from Texas to Montana.

By 1905, to approximately 1910, the rains returned to the grasslands and settlers migrated to the area in even greater numbers. Keota boomed, as did Grover and Briggsdale. Homesteading continued to increase over the next few years and reached its peak between 1914 and 1918. Over 35 percent of the land was plowed, forcing most of the large stockmen out of the area. By this time Iliff had moved on to Texas.

In 1918, Keota's population peaked around 140. All was going well until an influenza epidemic struck and many died. At the same time drought and hail also struck. When farm prices and production dropped, the farmers source of income was gone. Those who stayed struggled to keep their land. Two attempts were made to save the town and increase its income. Mining for kaolinite and oil drilling were to be financed out of Utah, but the deal fell through. Next, the Keota Pioneers Oil and Gas Association was organized and two shares of stock were given for each acre leased for mineral development. Although oil was discovered in 1924, it was too late to save the town. Nature at its worst struck that same year with cloudbursts, deep snows, high winds, tornadoes, hail, and lightning that burned the wheat. The Town Site Company put all lots on sale and Keota had seen the last of its prosperous days. Some farmers tried to return their land to grass, but few had much success. The period between 1929 and 1937 was a violent time on the plains with rustling, land jumping and even murder.

In the area east of the Rockies, from Texas to Montana, dryland farming became the major economy and large areas were plowed. During wet years, the yield was bountiful and more land came under the plow. With the advent of tractors and combines, even more land could be cultivated. By 1930, about 60 percent of the high plains grassland in Weld County had been plowed up. The big ranches were gone, and dryland farming was the dominate economy.

In the 1930's the drought and winds returned. Winds of 50-60 miles an hour became common along the Front Range of the Rockies from Texas to the Canadian border, carrying away the dry topsoil. During two dust storms the sun was almost blotted out in Washington D. C., and dust reportedly fell on ships 300 miles out on the Atlantic. The farms were literally blown away and this "Dust Bowl" area became a virtual desert. These dry years and low prices again took their toll on farmers. Bankruptcy and tax sales were common and many of the farmers gave up and moved on, leaving the land to be claimed by creditors and

for delinquent taxes. By the mid 1930's, the northeastern Weld County population dwindled from a high of over 600 families to a low of around 64.

During 1933-34, the Federal Government undertook a relief effort through the Work Project Administration (WPA) and the Public Works Administration (PWA) to stabilize the economy. However, this only prolonged the agony. Emergency funding was soon provided to resettle some of the families. The first land was purchased by 1934 and the families relocated on land more conducive to farming. Congress passed the "Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act" in 1937, authorizing the Soil Conservation Service to purchase sub-marginal farm land. The same year, the Resettlement Administration was formed in the Department of Agriculture. The stated objectives of the new office were: "to relocate families, purchase the more severely damaged land, rehabilitate and develop the area, change the use on purchased lands and exert influence on the use of neighboring land, and maintain stability and flexibility of the land". The next 2 years saw the office change hands and names. It was the Farm Security Administration, the Land Policy Section of the Agriculture Department, and the Bureau of Agriculture Economics. Finally, in 1938 responsibility was given to the Soil Conservation Service where it remained until 1954, when it was transferred to the Forest Service. During the period of 1934-54, most of the present area was acquired through purchase, and in some cases by mutual transfer, (swapping). The acquired land was in many cases, small isolated parcels. The "swapping" was done to form more economic and manageable tracts for both the private owner and the Government.

The area along Crow Creek near Briggsdale, was the first reclamation and demonstration plot in this area. Seventy acres of meadow improvement began with the construction of two dams and three diversion ditches to spread the flood water over the meadows and provide limited irrigation on other areas. Throughout the other acquired areas, existing fences were torn down, moved, or new fences constructed to surround an economically manageable pasture. Springs were developed and wells dug. Windmills were erected and "catch basins" constructed to collect as much run-off water as possible. The policy was "no cow would have to go more than three-quarters of a mile for water". The plowed and denuded lands were planted to mostly crested wheatgrass, an introduced species from Russia which is well adapted to our climate and is palatable to livestock. Trees were planted to form wind breaks and provide habitat for wildlife. Within 2 years, the planted grasses revegetated the plowed areas, and grazing was allowed on a limited basis.

The Crow Valley Grazing Association was formed in 1937 in northwestern Weld County; the next year it changed its name to the Crow Valley Livestock Co-Operative, Inc. The association was composed of the ranchers in the area and the Soil Conservation Service on a cooperative basis. Grazing rules were agreed upon and the association was responsible for their execution. The Soil Conservation Service continued to develop conservation practices, rehabilitate the land, and monitor its use. The Pawnee area in northeastern Weld County was acquired in 1938, and the Pawnee Livestock Co-operative Association was formed in 1941. The next year the name was changed to the Pawnee Cooperative Grazing Association and its organization was patterned after the Crow Valley Association's success.

Formation of the grazing associations, fencing the area into larger tracts, and the use of range riders eliminated the unauthorized use of the public lands by "day herders" (ranchers from outside the area bringing in large herds and badly overgrazing the land--an off-shoot of the open range practice of former years). From the early days of the reclamation process to the present, grazing has shown an increase from practically none to around 9,000 head. The native grasses are slowly replacing the crested wheat and other grasses planted as a conservation measure. The soil blows very little now, but constant watch must be kept to prevent another dust bowl.

This was not accomplished without trials, anger, and frustration. Attempts were made to have the land returned to private ownership, but were defeated. The deep-seated individualism of the westerner made it difficult for them to accept a change from the old ways. Successful demonstrations and evident restoration of the land occurred and gradually the new, proven methods of land management were accepted by most of the population, both association members and nonmembers.

The area was transferred from the Soil Conservation Service to the Forest Service in 1954. The Forest Service began managing the area by the multiple-use sustained-yield concept. The Forest Service was given permanent control in 1960, and the "National Grasslands" were formed. The Pawnee National Grassland is one of 19 throughout the Nation: one each in Oregon and Idaho, the rest are scattered from Texas to North Dakota.

In 1960, the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act reaffirmed the right to develop mineral resources, primarily oil and gas. The Forest Service specifies the revegetation procedures to be followed by the private operators while conducting their exploration, drilling, and production activities. Currently there are 210 active oil and gas leases (managed by the Bureau of Land Management) on the Pawnee National Grassland. As of June 1986, 21 of these have producing wells on them.

There have been 12 Minuteman missile sites constructed on the Grassland. These fenced areas (approximately 2 acres each) are administered by the U. S. Air Force and public access is not permitted.

Photographers, birdwatchers, and hikers will find the Pawnee Buttes an interesting landmark. The Buttes are sedimentary rock formations, one-half mile apart, rising 350 feet above the plains to an elevation of 5375 feet. Due to the instability of these sandstone towers, climbing is not recommended.

The cliffs in this area are a preferred nesting area for many birds of prey. March through June is their critical breeding and nesting season, and disturbance at this time could cause the eggs to be abandoned. Please remain on the established trail during this critical time. Binoculars are useful while observing these raptors.

The Buttes are almost entirely surrounded by private land. The Forest Service owns the West Butte and only a portion of the East Butte. The only public access is the 2 mile foot trail that begins on the top of the escarpment.

The Crow Valley Recreation Area, near Briggsdale, was part of one of the first reclamation projects in the area. A ball diamond, picnic area with shelter,

fire grates, roads, and rest rooms were constructed, mainly with Work Project Administration (WPA) labor. The town of Briggsdale formed a Park Committee, who contracted with the Resettlement Administration to maintain it in good condition, and to make improvements for a period of 10 years. The contract could be renewed if both parties were agreeable. However, it was renewed only once. In 1959, the community decided it did not wish to continue maintenance of the site, but retained the ball diamond under a Special Use Permit until 1977.

The Forest Service has since developed camp sites, a cooking shelter, a water system, and an education center, constructed with the help of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was dedicated in 1981 to the memory of Steward J. Adams, District Ranger of the Pawnee National Grassland at the time of his death in 1979. The Crow Valley Recreation Area is the only camping facility in this area.

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County	Station ID	Station No.	Year	Month	Day	PPT (0.01 inches)
Weld	Greeley UNC	53553	1997	7	29	0
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			1997	7	31	0
			1997	8	3	0
			1997	8	4	25
			1997	8	5	75
			1997	8	6	67
			1997	8	7	0
			1997	10	22	0
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			1997	10	26	0
Weld	Longmont 2ESE	55116	1997	6	6	0
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			1997	6	10	20
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			1997	10	27	0
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1997	5	26				8
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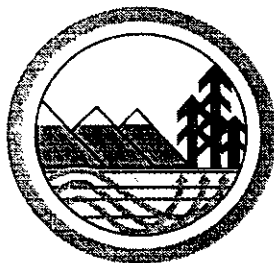
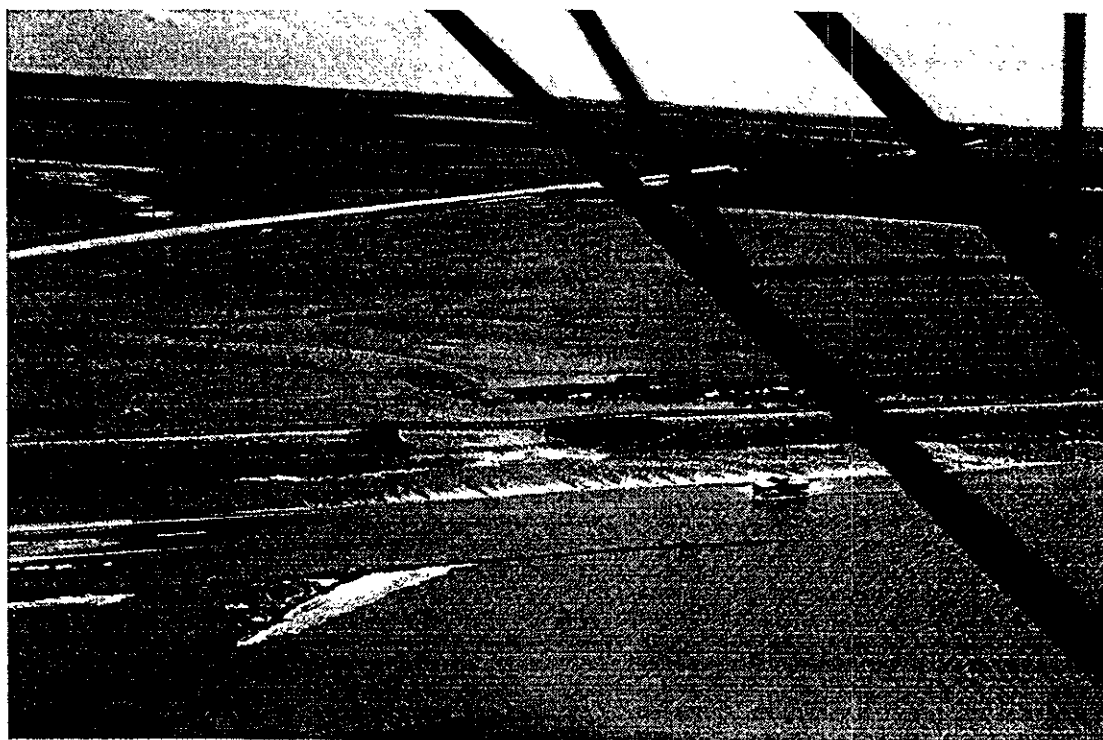
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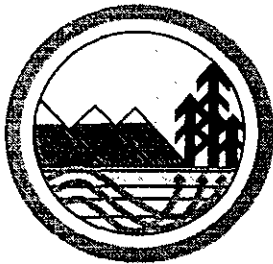
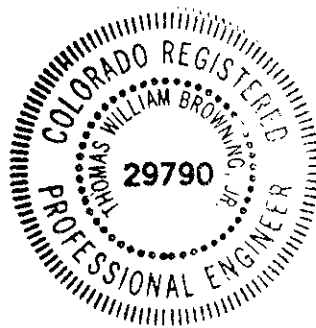
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**Weld County Flood Event**  
**June 2, 1997**

# MEMORANDUM

COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
DARIES C. LILE  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** June 13, 1997  
**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Tom Browning  
**RE:** Weld County flood of June 2, 1997

On June 11, 1997 Larry Lang and I performed field investigations in Weld County north of the Greeley area. A significant rainstorm occurred on Monday, June 2 which caused flooding in portions of the county. As part of the field work, we conducted rainfall bucket surveys and estimated peak discharges for several streams using indirect flow measurements. Following is a summary of our findings :

## STORM DESCRIPTION

- The storm developed in the late evening of June 2, and flooding occurred into the early morning hours of June 3. The NWS issued a flash flood warning at 3:00 am on June 3 for central Weld County, and specifically for Crow Creek in the Barnesville area.
- Most or all of the rain fell within a 30 to 45 minute time period.
- Very little hail was produced by this storm.

## RAINFALL ESTIMATES

Rainfall estimates were obtained through bucket surveys, interviews with local officials and residents, and field observations. Rainfall estimates are shown (in inches) on the attached map. These amounts generally occurred within a 30 to 45 minute time period.

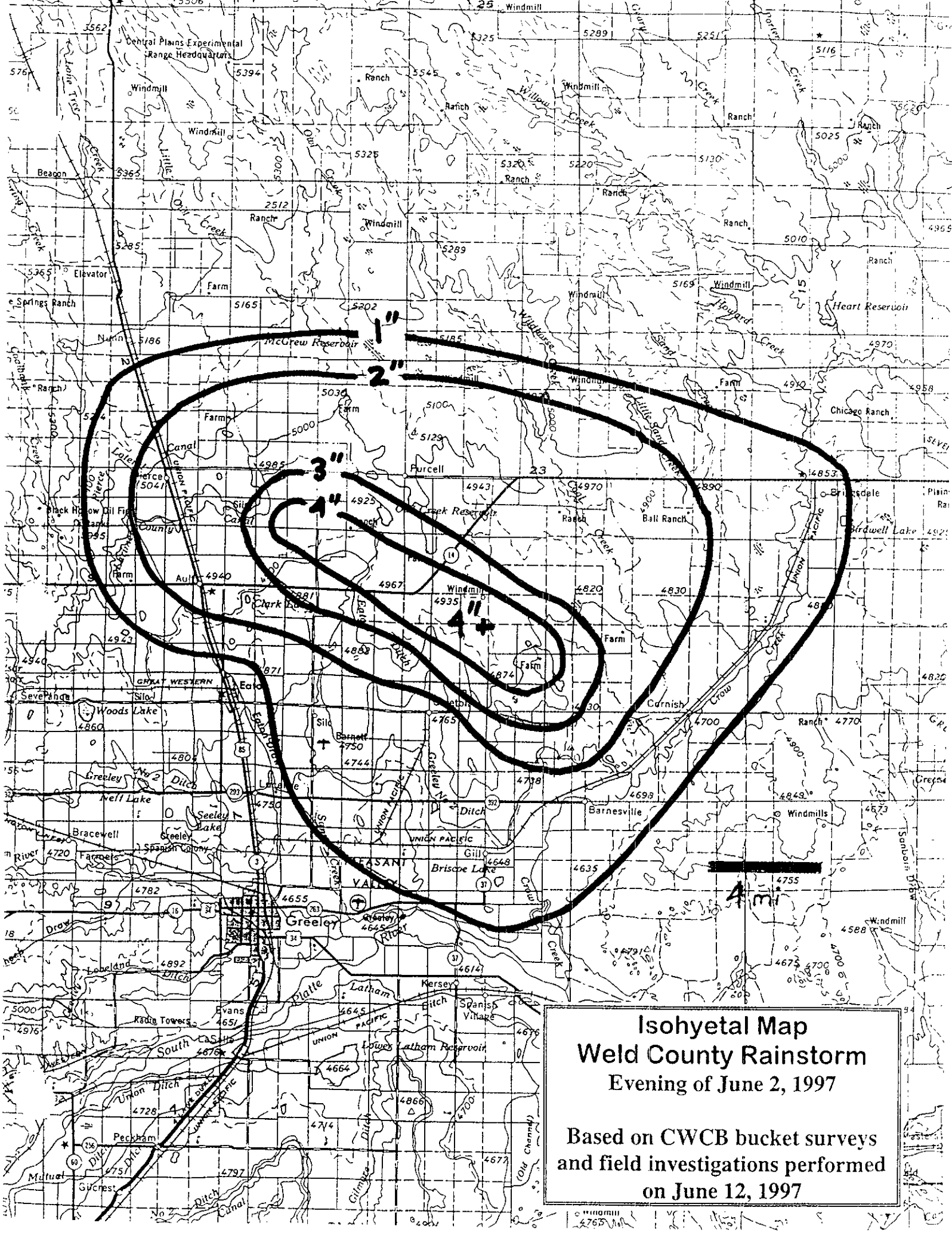
## FLOOD DAMAGES

A flood damage survey was not performed by CWCB staff. However, flood damages were noted during the field visit which included basement flooding in numerous homes, erosion/washout/overtopping damage to several county roads, damage to crops and fields, and debris accumulations.

## RUNOFF ESTIMATE

Runoff estimates were obtained for several streams using indirect flow measurement techniques. Channel cross-sections were estimated in the field using a hand level and a 100' tape. High water marks were good to excellent at all locations. The flow estimates are presented below:

Location	Est. Peak flow
Crow Creek at Cornish	150-250 cfs
Crow Creek at Barnesville	900-1,200 cfs
Willow Creek at Galetton	30-50 cfs
Owl Creek at Rd 90, u/s of Owl Creek Res.	600-900 cfs
Lone Tree Creek at Hwy 14	150-250 cfs
Lone Tree Creek near intersection of Rd 43/74	400-600 cfs



**Isohyetal Map**  
**Weld County Rainstorm**  
**Evening of June 2, 1997**  
  
**Based on CWCB bucket surveys**  
**and field investigations performed**  
**on June 12, 1997**

**Weld County Flood Event  
June 13, 1997**

# MEMORANDUM

COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
DARIES C. LILE  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** June 25, 1997  
**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Tom Browning  
**RE:** Weld County/Sheep Draw flood of June 13, 1997

On June 24 Larry Lang and I performed field investigations in Weld County west of Greeley. A significant rainstorm occurred on the evening of Friday, June 13 which caused flooding in the Sheep Draw basin. As part of the field work, we conducted rainfall bucket surveys and estimated peak discharges in Sheep Draw using indirect flow measurements. Following is a summary of our findings :

## STORM DESCRIPTION

- The storm developed on the evening of June 13 and generally moved from northwest to southeast.
- Rainfall began in Weld County west of Greeley around 5:00 pm.
- Most or all of the rain fell within a one hour time period.
- Hail was produced by this storm, but the amount and size of the hail was spatially quite variable.

## RAINFALL ESTIMATES

Rainfall estimates were obtained through bucket surveys, interviews with local officials and residents, and field observations. Rainfall estimates are shown (in inches) on the attached map. These amounts are for the storm total (about 1 hour).

## FLOOD DAMAGES

A flood damage survey was not performed by CWCB staff. However, flood damages were noted during the field visit which included basement flooding in numerous homes, damage or overtopping of several county road bridges, erosion/washout damage to several county roads, damage to crops and fields, and significant debris accumulations.

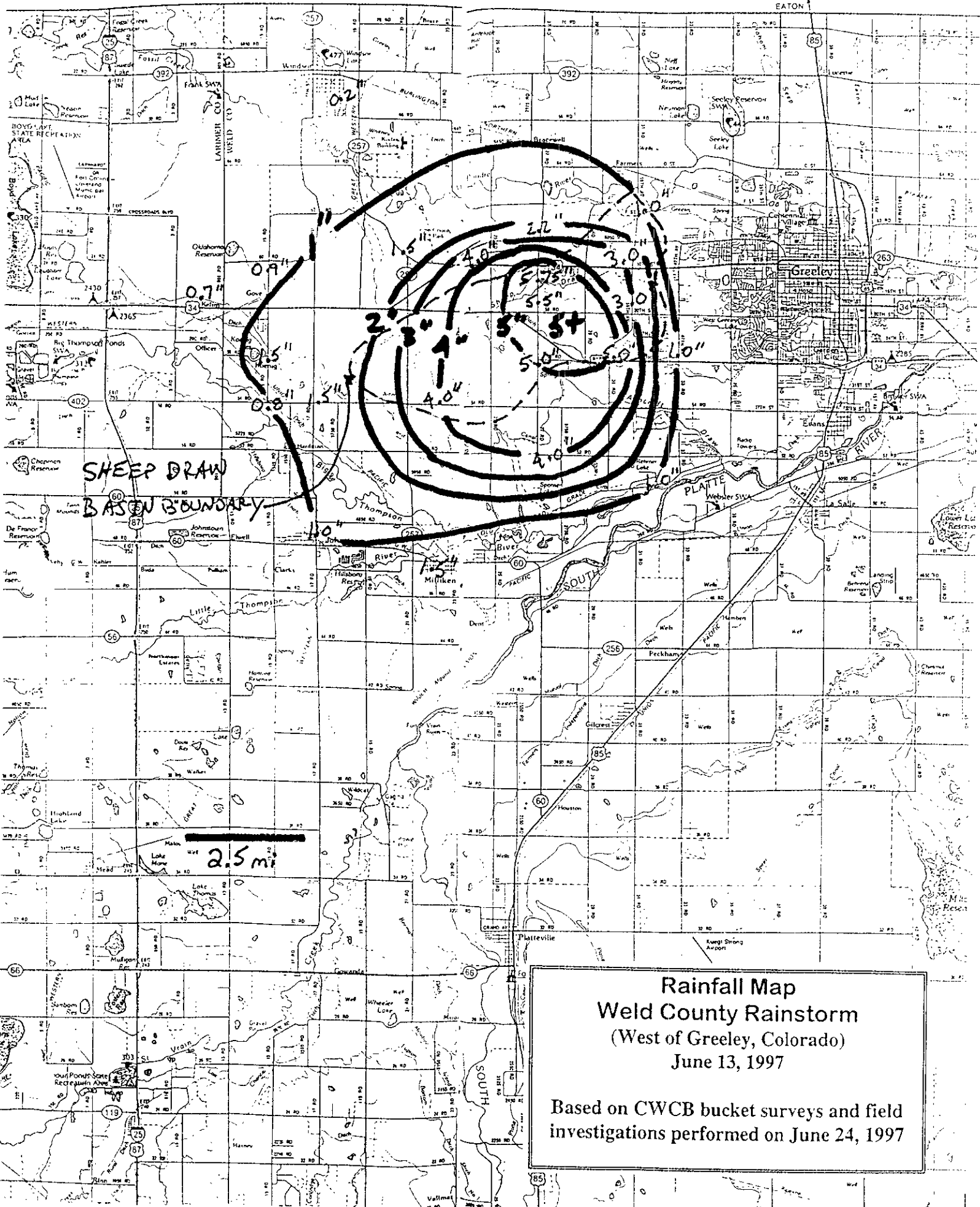
## RUNOFF ESTIMATE

A runoff estimate was obtained for Sheep Draw using indirect flow measurement techniques. A channel cross-section was obtained by using a survey instrument, survey rod, and a 100' tape. High water marks were excellent on both the left and right overbanks. A channel slope was surveyed in the field, and "n" values were estimated for the overbanks and main channel. The normal depth flow estimate is presented below:

Location	Est. Peak flow	50-year flow*
Sheep Draw, approx. 300' d/s of Highway 34	3,200 cfs	3,100 cfs

\* Based on hydrology values published in "Special Study, Cache La Poudre River Basin, Larimer-Weld Counties, Colorado, Floodplain Analysis, Sheep Draw" (October 1981).





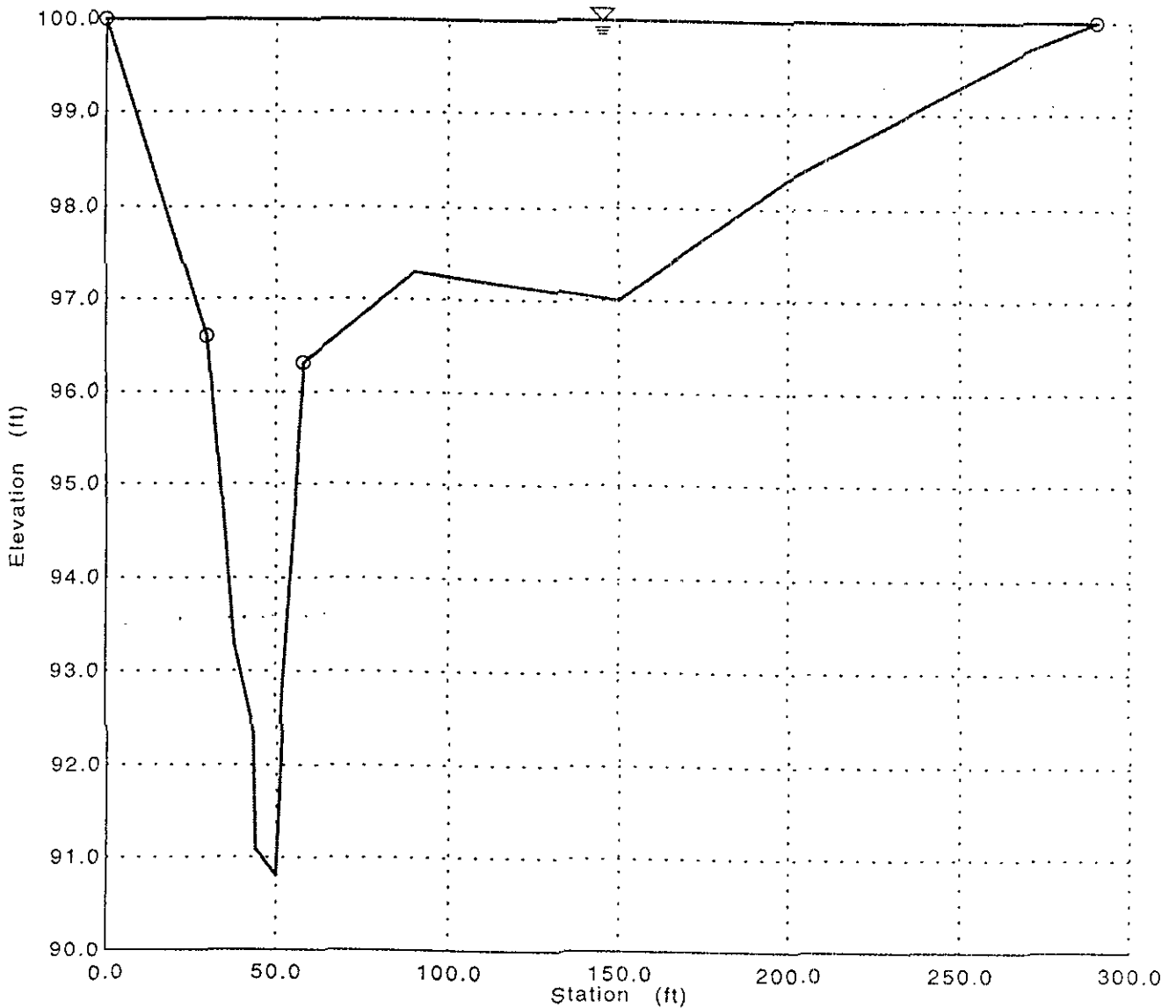
**Rainfall Map**  
**Weld County Rainstorm**  
 (West of Greeley, Colorado)  
 June 13, 1997

Based on CWCBC bucket surveys and field investigations performed on June 24, 1997

Sheep Draw d/s of Hwy 34 near Greeley  
Cross Section for Irregular Channel

Project Description	
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Worksheet	Sheep Draw d/s of Hwy 34 near Greeley
Flow Element	Irregular Channel
Method	Manning's Formula
Solve For	Discharge

Section Data	
Wtd. Mannings Coefficient	0.032
Channel Slope	0.003000 ft/ft
Water Surface Elevation	100.00 ft
Discharge	3,213.54 cfs







#### 4. Local Data

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Table 3.1. Inventory of Existing Drainage Facilities.

Facility Name and/or Type	Location (EPA SWMM ID)	Condition	Maximum Storage Volume (acre-feet)	Maximum Discharge Capacity <sup>1</sup> (cfs)
Highway 257 Detention Pond	West of Highway 257 Road Crossing [303]	fair, small culvert outlet	41.6	0 <sup>2</sup> 171 <sup>3</sup>
Irrigation Reservoir #1	Southwest of US 34 Bypass and Country Road 25 Intersection [305]	fair, no principal spillway	29.7 <sup>4</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup> 1,879 <sup>3</sup>
Irrigation Reservoir #2	Southwest of US 34 Bypass and County Road 25 Intersection [307]	fair, no principal spillway	10.7 <sup>4</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup> 218 <sup>3</sup>
Irrigation Reservoir #3	East of County Road 25, South of US 34 Bypass [310]	fair, no principal spillway	23.0 <sup>4</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup> 509 <sup>3</sup>
County Road 25 Detention Pond	Adjacent to County Road 25, South of US 34 Bypass [337]	fair, small culvert outlet	8.6	0 <sup>2</sup> 604 <sup>3</sup>
Irrigation Reservoir #4	Downstream of County Road 25 Detention Pond [311]	fair, six small culvert outlets	19.9	139 <sup>2</sup> 624 <sup>3</sup>
US Highway 34 Bypass Culvert	West of County Road 25 Intersection [258]	fair, partial sediment blockage	NA	1,380
County Road 25 Culvert	North of US 34 Bypass Intersection [489]	fair, partial sediment blockage	NA	1,865
83rd Avenue Bridge	North of 20th Street [467]	fair, vegetation encroachment	NA	3,820
71st Avenue Bridge	South of 10th Street [424]	fair, vegetation encroachment	NA	4,175
10th Street Bridge	Between 59th Avenue and 71st Avenue [428]	good	NA	11,365
4th Street Bridge	Between 59th Avenue and 71st Avenue [459]	good	NA	19,075
F Street Bridge	West of 59th Avenue [481]	fair, limited capacity	NA	1,330
County Road 25 Culvert	County Road 25 and US 34 Bypass Intersection [311]	fair, partial sediment blockage	NA	350
Irrigation Reservoir #5	Southwest of 4th Street and 59th Avenue Intersection [330]	fair, no principal spillway	21 <sup>4</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup> 74 <sup>3</sup>
Greeley No. 3 Ditch	Traverses Northern Tip of Basin [NA]	fair	NA	100

<sup>1</sup> Maximum discharge capacity prior to flooding or street overtopping.<sup>2</sup> Discharge when water surface is at invert of emergency spillway.<sup>3</sup> Combined spillway discharge with surcharged storage capacity.<sup>4</sup> For existing reservoirs with no principal spillway, maximum storage measured from crest of emergency spillway to the top of dam embankment prior to overtopping.

10th Street Bridge. This structure also consists of a two-span bridge with an 18-inch pier within the channel of Sheep Draw. The bridge opening is approximately 106 feet in width and 12.9 feet in height. The depth of flow at which roadway overtopping occurs is approximately 16.4 feet. The capacity of the bridge prior to overtopping the roadway was calculated to be 11,365 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at 10th Street is 4,930 cfs.

71st Avenue Bridge. This single span bridge has an opening which is approximately 40 feet wide and 8.3 feet in height. The depth of flow at which roadway overtopping occurs is approximately 10.5 feet. The capacity of the bridge prior to overtopping the roadway was determined to be 4,175 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at 71st Avenue is 4,155 cfs.

83rd Avenue Bridge. This crossing structure consists of a single span bridge which incorporates a bridge opening that is approximately 38 feet wide and 6.5 feet in height. The depth of flow associated with overtopping the roadway is approximately 8.8 feet. The capacity of the bridge prior to overtopping the roadway was calculated to be 3,820 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at 83rd Avenue is 3,803 cfs.

County Road 25 Culvert. The crossing at County Road 25 is a 7'H x 14'W reinforced concrete box culvert. At this location, roadway overtopping occurs at a depth of approximately 14.8 feet from the invert of the culvert. The capacity of the culvert prior to overtopping is 1,865 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at County Road 25 is 2,663 cfs.

U.S. Highway 34 Bypass Culvert. The crossing at U.S. Highway 34 Bypass is also a 7'H x 14'W reinforced concrete box culvert. The overtopping flow depth for this structure is approximately 13.8 feet measured from the culvert invert. The capacity of the culvert prior to overtopping is 1,380 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at U.S. Highway 34 Bypass is 2,453 cfs.

Tributary Crossing of Country Road 25. A major tributary crosses the intersection of County Road 25 and the U.S. Highway 34 Bypass immediately upstream of Sheep Draw. The crossing structure consists of a 66-inch RCP. The depth of flow associated with overtopping the roadway is approximately 11.4 feet. The capacity of the culvert prior to overtopping is 350 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge at this location is estimated to be 590 cfs.

*Within the Sheep Draw Basin, road crossings of several additional tributaries to Sheep Draw also exist. These tributaries convey significant storm flows that may require crossing structures capable of passing the 100-year existing condition discharge. This master planning effort did not inventory or specifically identify these road crossings. It is noted, however, that several of these crossing structures provided inadequate capacity to convey runoff generated during relatively minor storm events and were experiencing sedimentation problems. As land development occurs within the basin, these structures should be more closely inventoried and evaluated.*



has additional detention storage capacity above the normal water surface. Storm runoff captured by the reservoir is released through six 24-inch RCP's; additional discharge beyond the capacity of the RCP's will overtop the reservoir embankment. For the purposes of this master planning effort, the normal water surface was assumed to be the invert elevation of the six RCP's. Approximately 19.9 acre-feet is stored in the reservoir prior to overtopping the dam embankment in the vicinity of the outlet pipes. The 100-year historic discharge from the reservoir is 624 cfs of which 139 cfs is conveyed through the pipes. The 100-year storage volume is 25.1 acre-feet which corresponds to a ponding depth of approximately 4.1 feet above the invert of the outlet pipes and an overtopping depth of approximately 0.7 feet above the reservoir embankment.

Irrigation Reservoir #5. This facility is an existing irrigation reservoir located on a tributary to Sheep Draw southwest of the intersection of 4th Street and 59th Avenue. The pond has additional detention storage capacity above the normal water surface; storm flows are released through an earthen spillway in the pond embankment. Assuming the normal water surface rests at the elevation of the spillway crest, the 100-year historic discharge through the spillway is 74 cfs which corresponds to a storage volume of 2.1 acre-feet and a depth of approximately 1.0 feet above the invert of the spillway.

### 3.2 Major Road Crossings

There are seven major road crossings on the main stem of Sheep Draw. The lower five crossings are bridges across Sheep Draw; the remaining two crossings are reinforced box culverts. The capacity of each crossing was calculated using the HEC-2 Water Surface Profile program using the normal bridge option. Table 3.1 summarizes the location, condition, and hydraulic capacity of each crossing structure. A brief description of each road crossing is provided in the following paragraphs.

F Street Bridge. This bridge incorporates an opening which is approximately 20 feet wide and 6.5 feet in height. The depth of flow at which roadway overtopping occurs is approximately 7.3 feet. The capacity of the bridge prior to overtopping the roadway was calculated to be 1,330 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at F Street is 5,075 cfs.

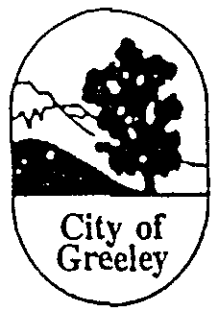
4th Street Bridge. This crossing structure is a two-span bridge which includes an 18-inch pier within the channel of Sheep Draw. The bridge opening is approximately 107 feet wide and 10.6 feet high. The overtopping flow depth for this structure was determined to be 12.6 feet. The capacity of the bridge prior to overtopping the roadway was estimated to be 19,075 cfs. The 100-year existing condition discharge in Sheep Draw at 4th Street is 5,040 cfs.

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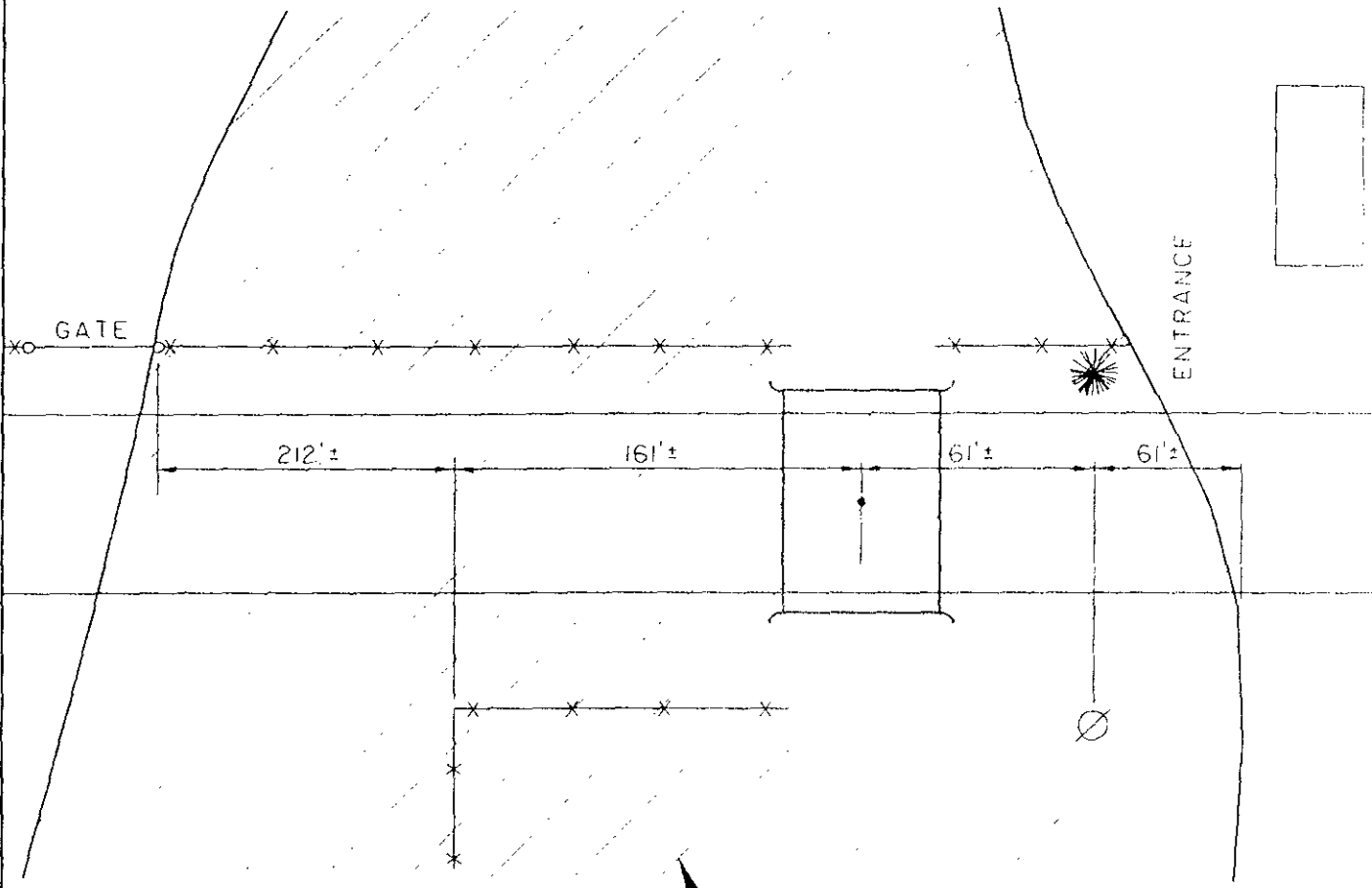
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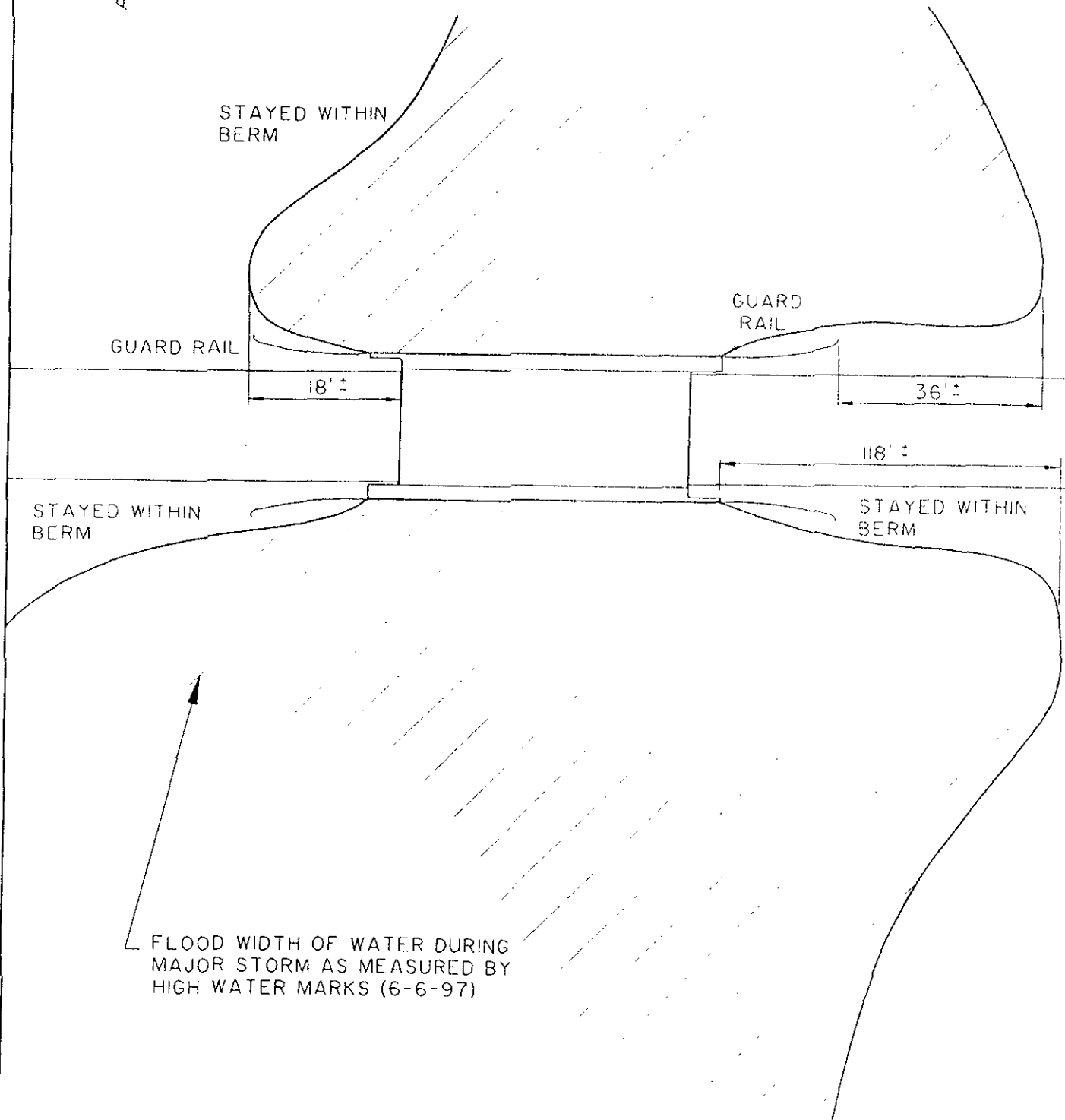
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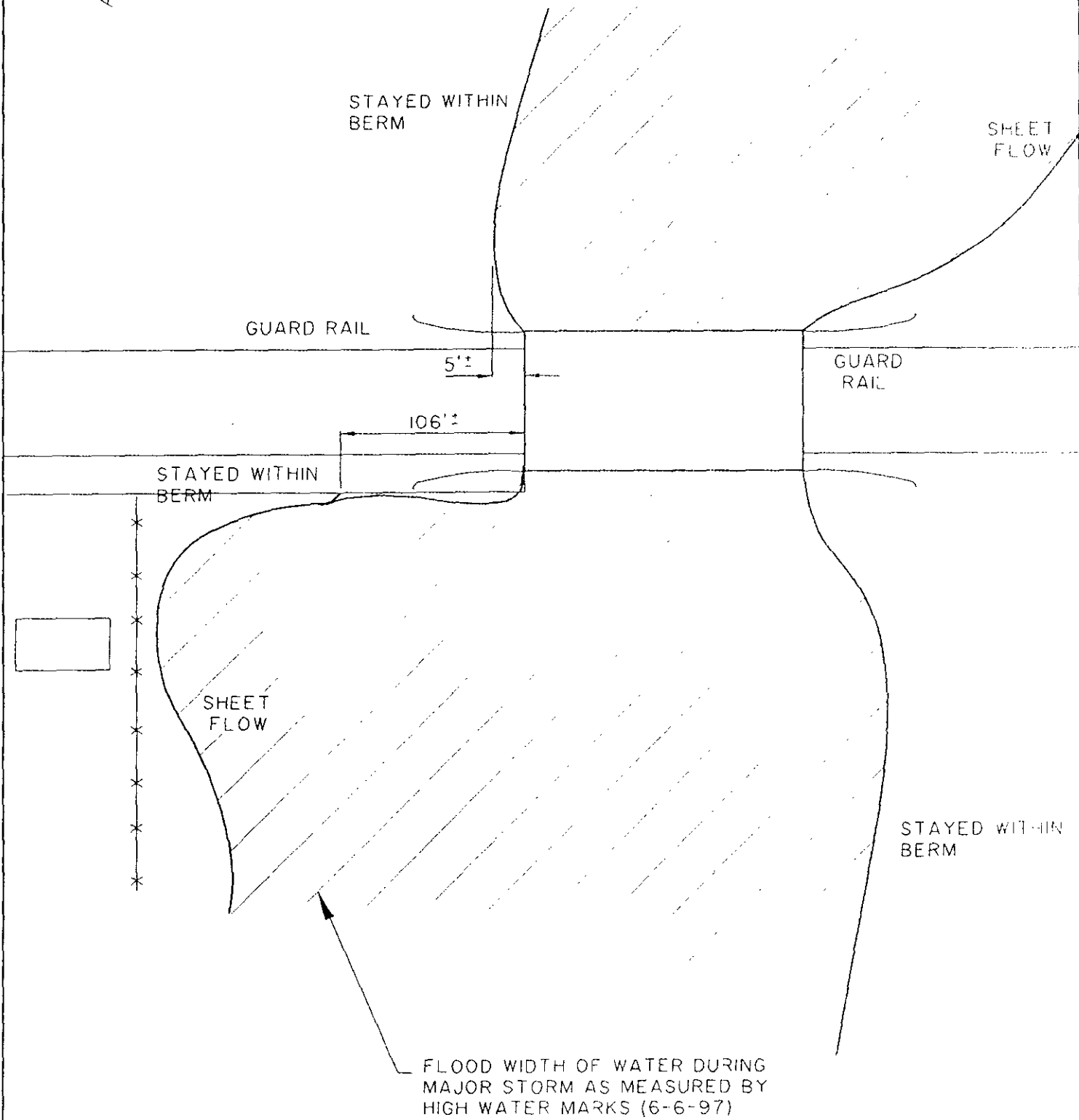
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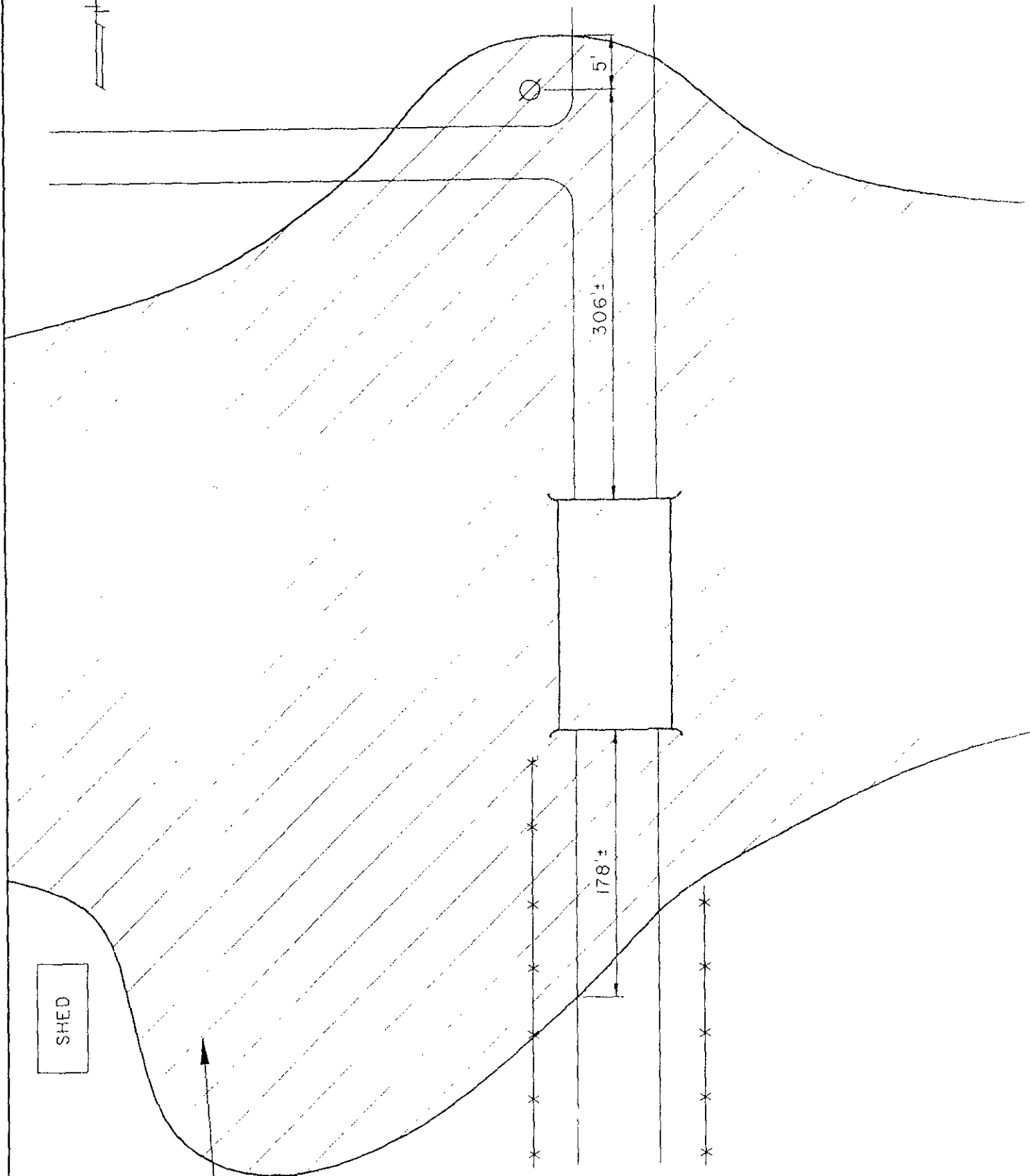
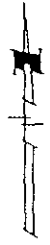


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# 71ST AVENUE BRIDGE

SOUTH OF U.S. 34 HWY. (10TH STREET)  
SHEEP DRAW DRAINAGE BASIN



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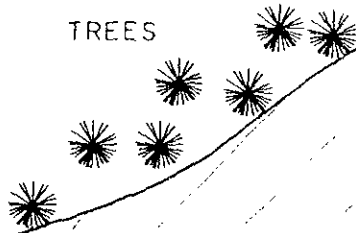
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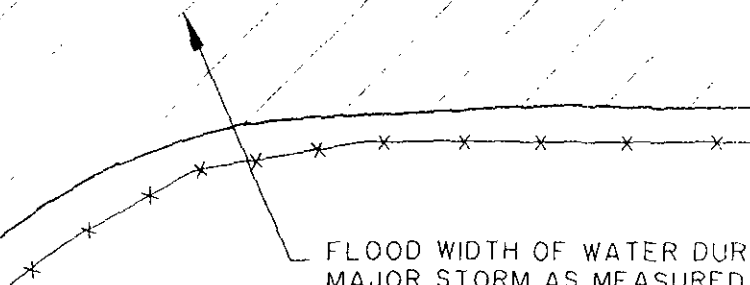


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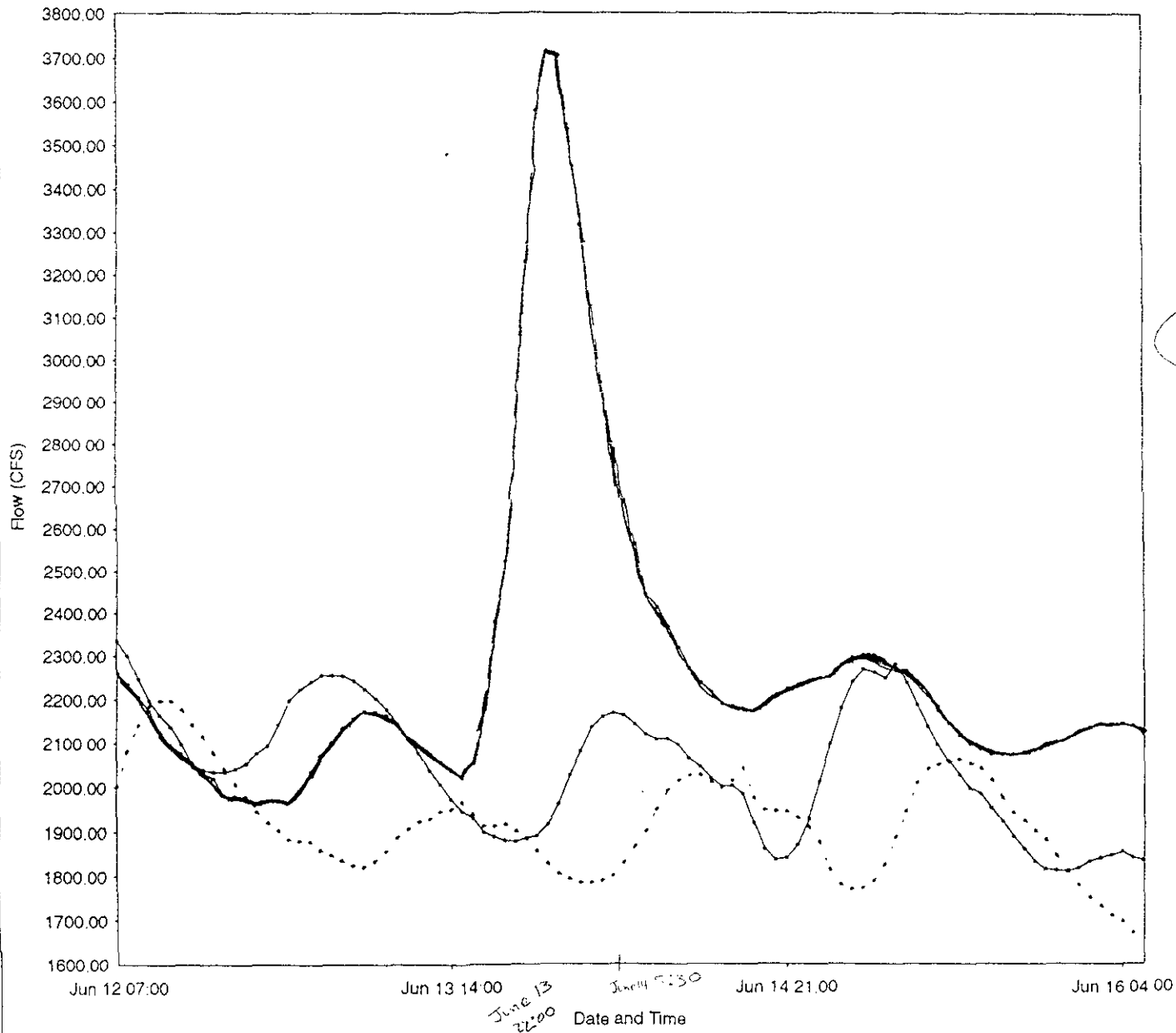
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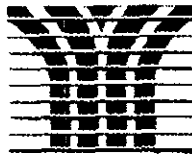
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# WELD COUNTY, COLORADO DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

(Updated April, 1998)

## ECONOMY

### Annual Rate Of Inflation - 1997

Weld County	+ 5.0%
Denver	+ 3.5%
United States	+ 1.7%

### Unemployment (annual average)

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Weld Co.	4.8	4.9	4.2	4.2	3.8
Greeley	4.8	4.9	4.2	4.2	3.8

### ACCRA Cost of Living Index

(Comparison of Urban Areas)  
4th Qtr. 1997

	100%
	Composite Index
<b>Mean Area</b>	
Boston, MA	138.1
Philadelphia, PA	123.6
Washington, DC	131.7
Los Angeles, CA	117.8
Flagstaff, AZ	112.1
Portland, OR	107.3
Denver, CO	105.9
Fort Collins, CO	104.9
Albuquerque, NM	103.1
<b>Greeley, CO</b>	<b>102.1</b>

### Weld County Personal Income (in billions)

1994	1995	1996	1997 (est.)
\$2.529	\$2.700	\$2.867	\$3.000

### Per Capita Income - 1997 (est.)

Weld Co.	Colorado	U.S. Avg.
\$ 19,400	\$ 26,700	\$ 25,400

- Weld County Average Non-Farm Wage (1997 est.) \$25,230
- Median Household Income in Weld County (1997 est.) \$35,700

## POPULATION

### Population Characteristics

	Weld Co.	Greeley
<b>Population (Census)</b>		
1960	72,241	25,314
1970	89,247	33,902
1980	123,438	53,006
1990	131,821	60,536
2002 (proj.)	172,028	73,656
<b>1997 Estimates</b>		
<b>Ethnic Distributions</b>		
White	75.3%	75.0%
Hispanic	22.8%	22.6%
Black	0.4%	0.7%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.4%	0.4%
Asian	0.8%	1.2%
Other	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Age Distribution</b>		
Under 21	33.3%	32.8%
21-44	38.1%	37.8%
45-64	15.7%	17.8%
Over 64	10.7%	11.6%
Median Age	32.5	31.3
Household Units	57,618	28,023
Household Size	2.73	2.54

### Weld County Population

	1980 Census	1990 Census	July 1996 Estimates		1980 Census	1990 Census	July 1996 Estimates
<b>Weld County</b>	<b>123,438</b>	<b>131,821</b>	<b>151,108</b>	<b>Keenesburg</b>	541	570	675
Ault	1,056	1,107	1,295	Kersey	913	980	1,077
Brighton (MCP)	—	17	39	La Salle	1,929	1,803	1,864
Broomfield (MCP)	—	4	12	Lochbuie	895	1,168	1,230
Dacono	2,321	2,228	2,345	Mead	356	456	818
Eaton	1,932	1,959	2,394	Milliken	1,506	1,605	1,790
Eric (MCP)	1,231	1,244	1,705	New Raymer	80	98	108
Evans	5,063	5,876	7,088	Northglenn (MCP)	—	—	21
Firestone	1,204	1,358	1,563	Nunn	295	324	362
Fort Lupton	4,251	5,159	5,712	Pierce	878	823	897
Frederick	855	988	1,498	Platteville	1,662	1,515	1,937
Garden City	85	199	266	Severance	102	106	238
Gilcrest	1,025	1,084	1,162	Windsor	4,277	5,062	7,029
Greeley	53,006	60,536	67,410	Unincorporated	35,542	33,002	37,206
Grover	158	135	142				
Hudson	698	918	1,092				
Johnstown	1,535	1,579	2,133				

### 1996 Population Estimates

Greeley	62,851	Greater Greeley*	62,800
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\*Includes Evans, Garden City, Greeley & LaSalle

(MCP = Multi-County Places)

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

### Weld County Employment - 1996

Industry	Number	% of Total Employment	% of Private Employment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,085</b>		
Private	49,440	84%	
Agriculture	3,601	6%	7%
Mining	904	2%	2%
Construction	3,378	6%	7%
Manufacturing	11,171	19%	23%
Trans. Comm. P.U.	1,933	3%	4%
Wholesale Trade	3,605	6%	7%
Retail Trade	9,822	17%	20%
F.I.R.E.	2,452	4%	5%
Services	12,570	21%	25%
Non-classified	4	—	—
Government	9,645	16%	

### Weld County Average Annual Wages

	1995	1996	% Change
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>\$23,467</b>	<b>\$24,525</b>	<b>4.51%</b>
Private Sector	\$23,258	\$24,393	4.88%
Agriculture	\$17,910	\$18,691	4.36%
Mining	\$35,061	\$36,756	4.83%
Construction	\$27,479	\$28,497	3.70%
Manufacturing	\$31,745	\$33,813	6.51%
Trans. Comm. P.U.	\$29,449	\$30,761	4.46%
Wholesale Trade	\$28,948	\$30,380	4.95%
Retail Trade	\$12,639	\$13,208	4.50%
F.I.R.E.	\$28,605	\$31,139	8.86%
Services	\$19,835	\$20,393	2.81%
Government	\$24,551	\$25,198	2.64%

### Labor Force/Employment 1997

(avg. annual unadjusted figures)	
Weld County Labor Force	82,858
% change in 12 months	+4%
Weld County Employment	79,889
% change in 12 months	-57%
Weld County Unemployment Rate	3.84%
Greeley Labor Force	38,449
% change in 12 months	+21%
Greeley Employment	36,973
% change in 12 months	+67%
Greeley Unemployment Rate	3.86%

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	Product/Service	Number of Employees	Other Major Employers include:
ConAgra Companies	Meat packing/ag commodities, ag services	4,159	Sykes Enterprises
Kodak Colorado Division	Photographic films and papers	2,439	Concepts Direct
State of Colorado	Government (includes UNC classified)	1,897	RR Donnelley Northwest
North Colorado Medical Center	Regional hospital	1,850	EFTC Manufacturing
School District 6	Public education	1,750	DOVatron Colorado
Adms Community College	Vocational education/Arts & Sciences	1,454	Tagawa Greenhouse
University of Northern Colorado	State university (not-classified)	1,100	Colorado Greenhouse
Weld County	Government	1,000	Golden Aluminum
Hewlett Packard	Scanning and data storage devices	925	Universal Forest Products
State Farm Insurance	Regional office	986	National Hog Farms
City of Greeley	Government	701	Meadow Gold Dairy
McLane Western	Grocery warehouse/wholesale distribution	607	Metal Container Corporation
Startek, Inc.	Technical support/fulfillment	575	Plastic Art Products

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Tex Turley	1/2 mile east of Rd 33 on Rd 20	303-	7 + inches
James Michael	10395 Weld Cty Rd 39	303-536-4363	
Orval Thomason	20529 Weld Cty Rd 22	303-536-4663	8 + inches
Andy Haller	20520 Weld Cty Rd 20	303-536-4897	8 + inches

Precipitation Totals - At Weld County Roads 41 & 20

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1994	0.43	0.25	0.23	0.68	0.41	2.64	0.41	2.28	0.83	1.70	0.60	0.17
YTD 1994	0.43	0.68	0.91	1.59	2.00	4.64	5.05	7.33	8.16	9.86	10.46	10.63
1995	0.07	0.26	0.19	1.98	4.08	3.55	0.77	0.34	1.08	0.34	0.15	0.02
YTD 1995	0.07	0.33	0.52	2.50	6.58	10.13	10.90	11.24	12.32	12.66	12.81	12.83
1996	0.38	0.06	0.53	0.31	2.52	2.45	2.37	2.02	2.34	0.43	0.40	0.03
YTD 1996	0.38	0.44	0.97	1.28	3.80	6.25	8.62	10.64	12.98	13.41	13.81	13.84
1997	0.35	0.31	0.32	1.52	0.91	2.09	8.52	6.34	1.16	1.48	0.68	0.27
YTD 1997	0.35	0.66	0.98	2.50	3.41	5.50	14.02	20.36	21.52	23.00	23.68	23.95
Ave.94-97	0.31	0.22	0.32	1.12	1.98	2.68	3.02	2.75	1.35	0.99	0.46	0.12
YTD Ave.	0.31	0.53	0.85	1.97	3.95	6.63	9.65	12.39	13.75	14.73	15.19	15.31

## 5. Calculations and Estimates

## Assumptions Used in the Hydraulic Computations

In order to estimate peak discharges, the CWCB flood documentation team employed Manning's equation. The application of Manning's equation to open channel flow problems requires that several generalizing assumptions be made.

Flow in open channels typically occurs as turbulent flow over rough surfaces. Open channel flow is also seldom either steady or uniform. (Steady flow has characteristics that do not vary with time while uniform flow implies that a constant cross sectional area and velocity occur at each section within a reach.) Steady, uniform flow almost never occurs in open channels (Morris and Wiggert, *Applied Hydraulics in Engineering*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1972).

In engineering applications, the Manning's equation has been used extensively and has been shown to be quite reliable even though it is an empirical approach derived for application to the following conditions:

- uniform flow in which the rate of head loss is equal to the bed slope
- steady flow

The open channel flow computations contained herein are treated as approximate solutions based on the assumptions of both steady and uniform flow. In actuality, the floods investigated in this study generally exhibited rapidly-rising and receding floodwave conditions that occurred in highly variable natural channels and adjacent floodplains. Flow characteristics under these circumstances were unlikely to be either steady or uniform.

Approaches are available for estimating floodwave flows, but they require substantial amounts of time and data that were not practical for these investigations. Manning's equation was used due to its general acceptance in the engineering community, and because of its relative ease of application. The Manning "n" values used in the calculations were based on engineering judgement, the reasonableness of results, and the understanding that the "n" term represented energy loss factors not typically found in steady, uniform flows.

# COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

## FLOOD DOCUMENTATION REPORT

### FIELD TRIP RECORD

BY: Markus Ritsch

LOCATION: Southern Weld Co.

DATE: June 6, 1998

MAIN CONTACT: Fred Sarchet

SUBJECT: July 28, 1997 Flooding

PHONE #: 303-536-4671

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#### Field Trip Weld County - Northwest of Hudson

A severe thunderstorm producing extremely heavy precipitation approximately 7 miles northwest of Hudson developed on the evening of July 28, 1997. This storm event developed during the same time period as the storm event experienced in Fort Collins, Larimer County. A weather observer in the area recorded 7.55 inches of rainfall during a 7 hour period from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 28. In addition to this weather observer, the NWS Doppler radar that captured the Fort Collins storm event also captured this event and shows a storm total of more than 6 inches.

The primary contact for this visit is Fred Sarchet (9061 Weld County Road 41). Fred is a weather observer for Mountain States Weather who observed 7.55 inches of rain on July 28. Fred's brother, Bill Sarchet also lives in the area and observed 6.0 + inches of rain on July 28. Bill also took photographs of the flooding in the area.

The goals for this visit include interviewing Fred and Bill as well as other persons in the area, visiting the flooded areas and taking photographs, establishing high water marks, determining channel cross sections, and assessing general flood damage.

On June 4, 1998, a flood documentation team from Riverside Technology inc. performed field work in southern Weld County. The field work began by interviewing Fred and Dot Sarchet. The following information was provided by Fred and Dot:

- Rain started falling about 4 pm on July 28 and ended about 10 pm
- The flows reached their peak at the house at approximately 11 pm
- All the water was out of the house by morning of July 19
- The water reached a depth of 2.5 feet surrounding their house
- Little to no hail was observed in the storm
- Little lightning was observed during the storm
- Portions of County Road 20 were completely washed out (see photographs)
- Portions of County Road 22 were washed out
- County Road 41 was not washed out but was overtopped by as much as 8 inches in places
- The total distance of overtopping on County Road 41 was approximately 0.2 miles
- The time of peak flow (6 to 8 inches) over County Road 41 was approximately 11 pm
- By 1:30 am on July 29, the depth of water of County Road 41 had receded to approximately 2 to 3 inches
- By 3:00 am on July 29, there was no water on the roadway of County Road 41
- The Beebe Seep Ditch was able to contain all the surface runoff during the event. Talk to Manual Montoya (303-659-7373) at the Farmers Irrigation Company.

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**Photographs Taken During Field Trip**



June 4, 1999  
Southern Weld County, NW of Hudson

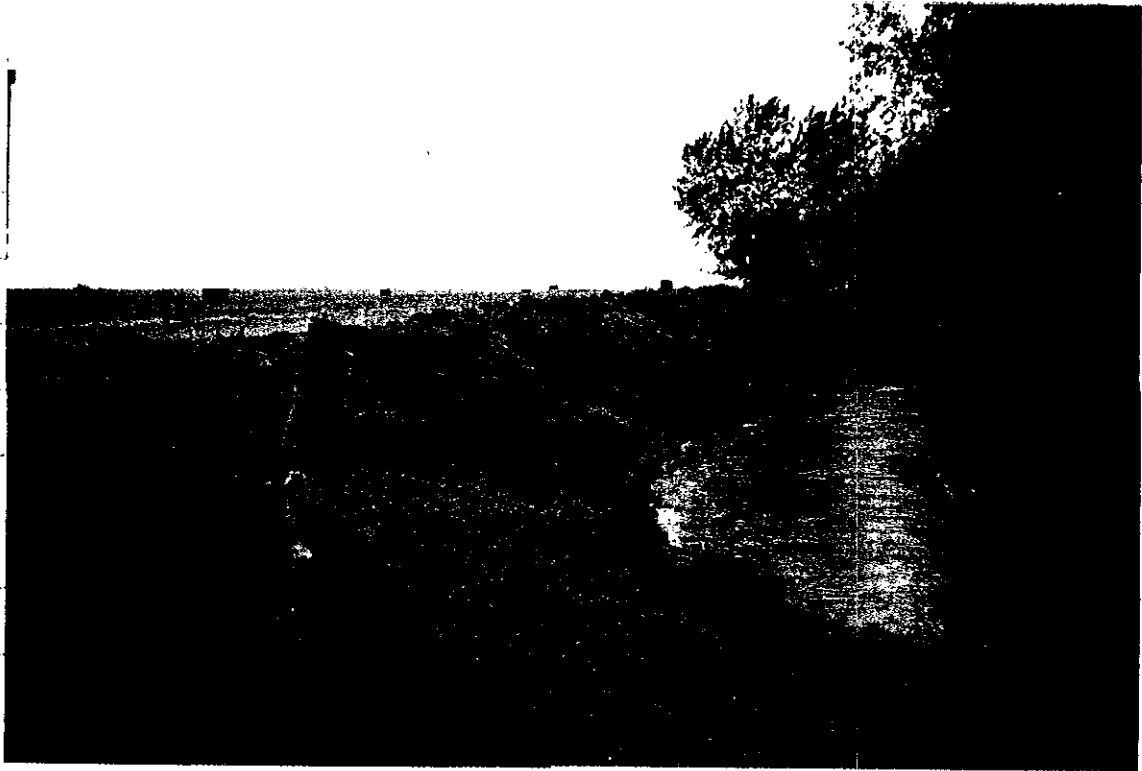
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culvert under cnty Road 41  
Good example of siltation that limits  
conveyance capacity of culvert.

# Beebe Seep Canal

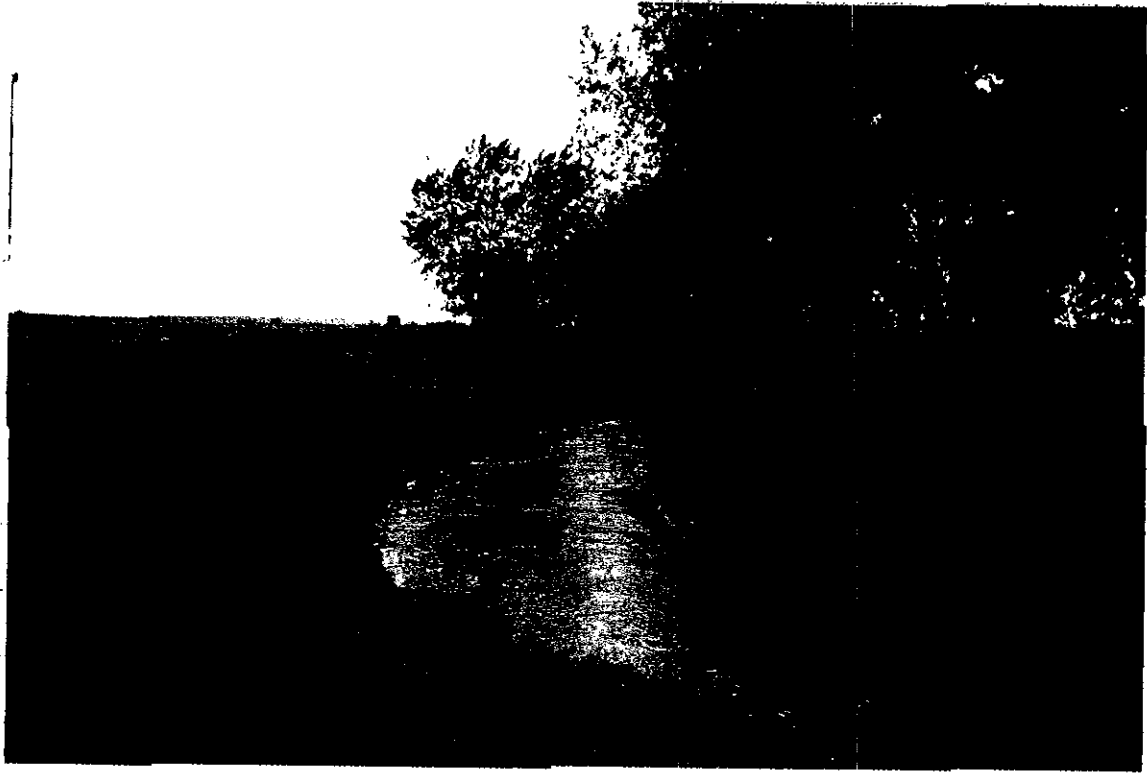
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According to the local residents, all Flood waters, were contained by this canal. flowed into and

Beebe Seep Canal

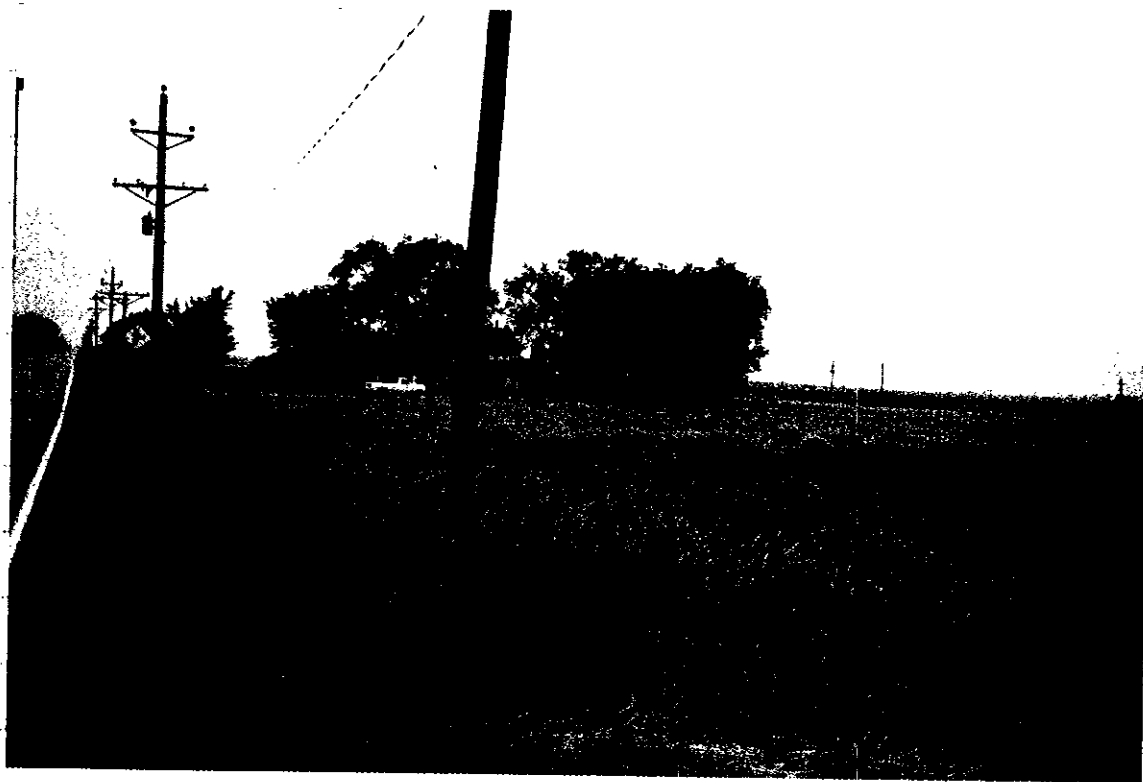
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Becke Soap Canal

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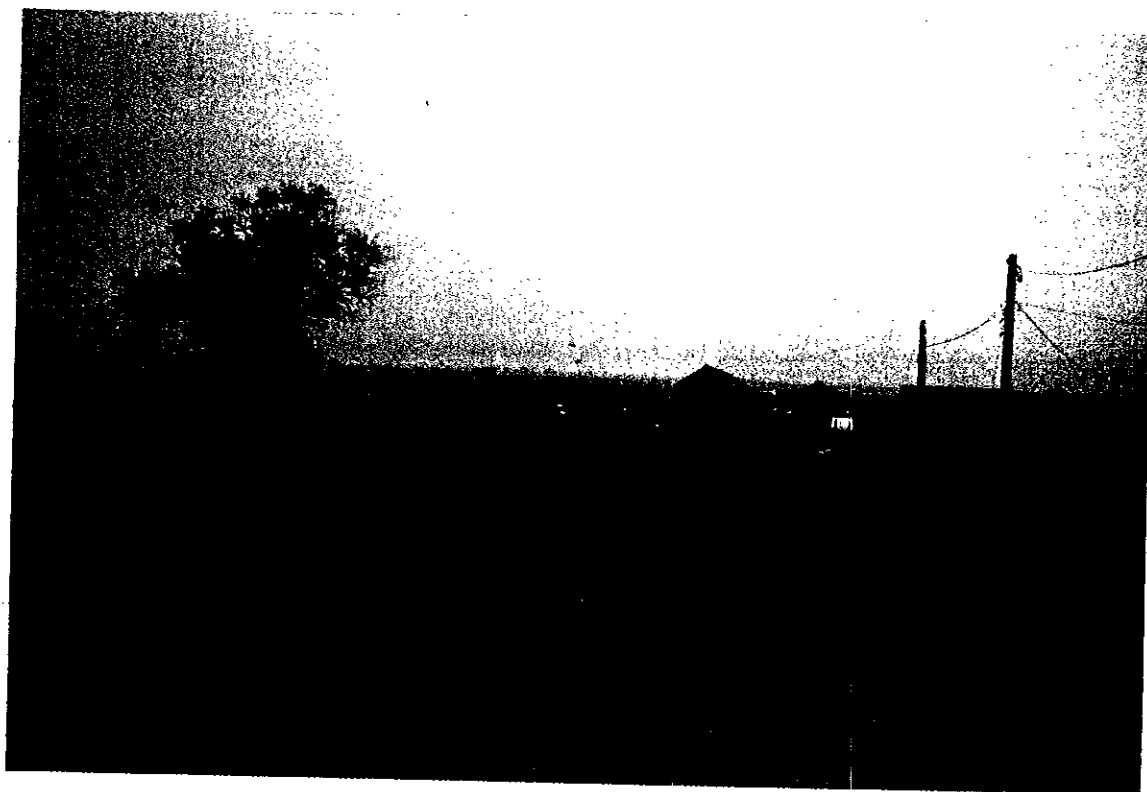


Fred's house looking South on CR 41.  
this whole area was inundated.



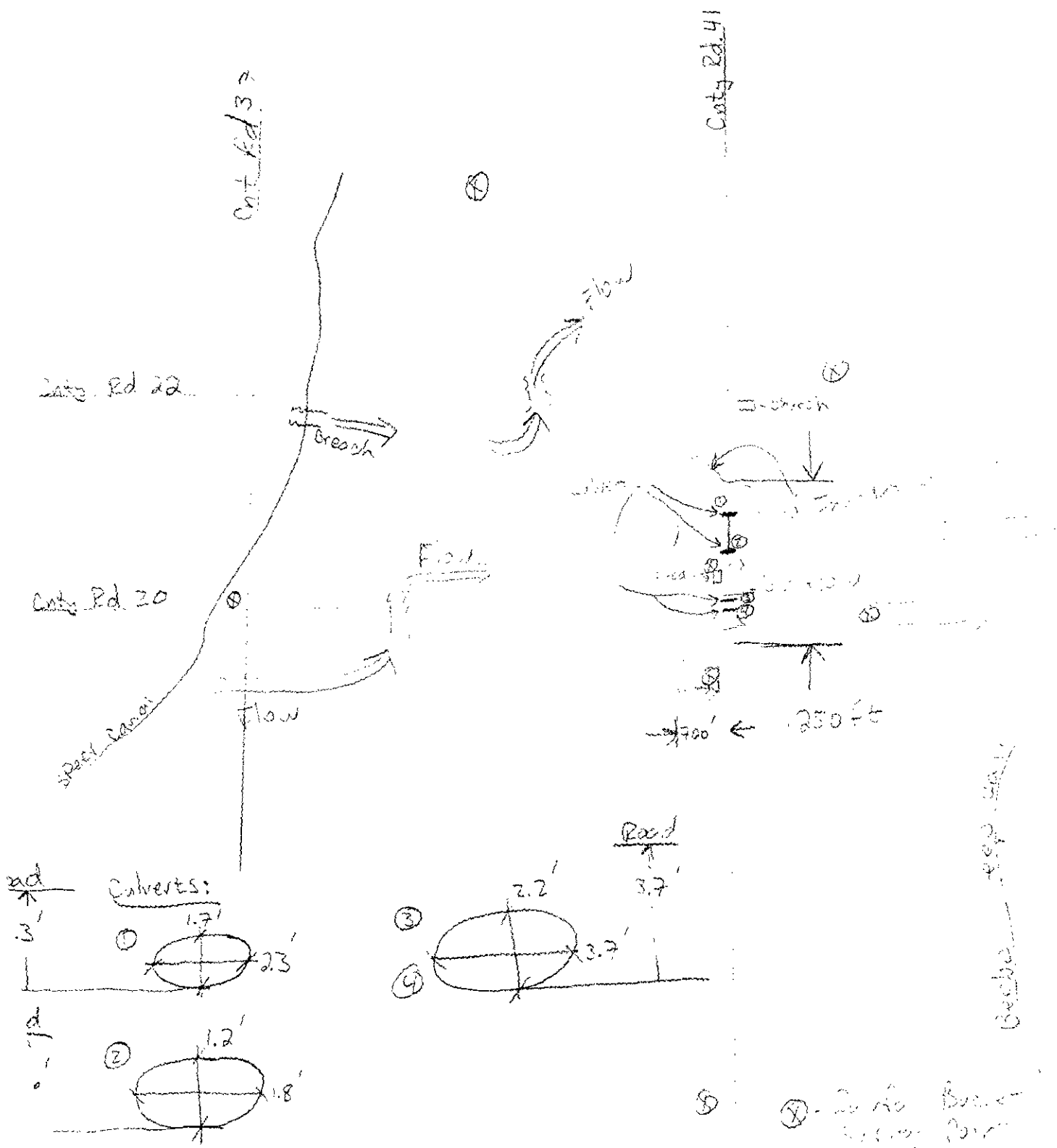
Fred's Rain gauge (MSW issue)

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Fred's sheds just north of his house on CR 41. This whole area was inundated.

Schematic of Areas Inundated by Flood Water on July 18, 1997



Center - see map

⑧ - 20 ft. Buffer - 100 ft. Buffer

**Weld County - Sheep Draw, N.W. of Greeley, Colorado-Nebraska Border  
Precipitation Frequency Analysis**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this calculation is to determine the storm precipitation totals for storm durations of 6-hr, 12-hr, and 24-hr, for a return interval of 100-yr. The precipitation quantities represent annual amounts (the seasonal precipitation quantities, May-October are not available for Weld County).

**Methodology:**

The information presented in this calculation is developed from the NOAA, Atlas 2, Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, Vol III - Colorado, 1973. Using the figures in the NOAA Atlas, the following information is obtained.

**100-yr, 6-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Sheep Draw, W. Greeley	3.3
12 miles North West of Greeley	3.3
Colo-Neb Border, 21 miles North of New Raymer	3.3

**100-yr, 24-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Sheep Draw, W. Greeley	4.0
12 miles North West of Greeley	3.8
Colo-Neb Border, 21 miles North of New Raymer	4.0

Using procedures outlined in the NOAA, Atlas 2 (page 16, Figure 17), the 12-hr precipitation quantities were estimated from the 6-hr and 24-hr values and are shown below.

**100-yr, 12-hr Precipitation Quantities**

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Sheep Draw, W. Greeley	3.7
12 miles North West of Greeley	3.6
Colo-Neb Border, 21 miles North of New Raymer	3.7



## Approximate Flood Hydrograph for Sheep Draw

### Purpose:

The purpose of this calculation file is to calculate an approximate flood hydrograph for Sheep Draw for the June 14, 1997 event. The flood hydrograph will be used in documentation of eastern Colorado flooding for the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

### Method:

Sheep Draw empties into the Cache La Poudre River between the Timnath, CO and Greeley, CO gauges. Therefore, the hydrograph representing the flood on Sheep Draw can be estimated by taking the difference in hydrographs at these two locations.

Hourly discharge measurements for June 12 through 16 for the Cache La Poudre River at the Timnath, CO gauge were obtained from Rick Neam of the USGS in Lakewood. Discharge measurements at the Greeley, CO gauge were obtained from Bob Cooper of the State Division of Water Resources in Greeley, CO. In addition, head-gate flows for the major diversions along the Cache La Poudre River between Timnath and Greeley were obtained from Shawn Hoff who is the Poudre River Water Commissioner. Fossil Creek is also tributary to the Cache La Poudre River between these two gauges.

A hydrograph was made for the Timnath and Greeley gauges based on data from June 12 through 16. According to Shawn Hoff, the travel time between Timnath and Greeley along the Cache La Poudre River is about 10 hours, depending of discharge. Therefore, the discharge data at Timnath was shifted forward by 10 hours to account for the travel time down the river. The resulting discharge values were then subtracted from those at the Greeley gauge to generate an approximate flood hydrograph for Sheep Draw.

The diversion rates at each of the head gates between Timnath and Greeley were summed for the period of the hydrograph, as were the return flows. The average difference between the diversion rate and return flow was added to the approximate hydrograph of Sheep Draw to account for river water in canals and ditches. The average diversion rate was small (~46 cfs), however. This is probably because most ditches were turned off or had only minor flows because there had been significant rain for several days prior to the June 14th flooding event. Flows from Fossil Creek (~250 cfs, per George Sievers) were subtracted from the approximate flood hydrograph of Sheep Draw.

All calculations were done in an Excel file.

An additional estimate of the Sheep Draw flood hydrograph was made by only using the Greeley Gauge data. The baseflow at the Greeley Gauge for June 14 through 16 was estimated to be approximately 2,100 cfs. This baseflow amount was then subtracted from the actual discharge measurements at the Greeley Gauge to generate an approximate flood hydrograph. These calculations were also done in an Excel file.

## **Results/Conclusion:**

The raw data, time shifted data, and hydrographs are included in this calculation file. In addition, the Excel file is archived in F:\home\wje\cwcwcb\hydrogph.xls. The peak discharge based on this approximate hydrograph for Sheep Draw was approximately 1,300 cfs for the June 14th, 1997 event.

The peak discharge for the June 14, 1997 flood event on Sheep Draw calculated with this method is less than half of what was estimated by the CWCB based on slope-area discharge estimates and bridge capacities. A possible explanation for this difference was offered by Shawn Hoff. According to Shawn, the Greeley No. 3 canal picks up much of the flow that comes down Sheep Draw because Sheep Draw does not have a large defined channel for much of its length. A large event of several thousand cfs could not be contained in the Sheep Draw channel and would spill into the Greeley No. 3 canal. But the capacity of the Greeley No. 3 is not large enough to hold that much water either, so it overtopped and a large portion of the Sheep Draw flood traveled about 1/4 mile over pasture land before reaching the Cache La Poudre River. This overland flow coupled with flood attenuation due to backwaters behind bridges and along the river could explain why the flood discharge at the Greeley gauge was much less than the flood discharge estimated for Sheep Draw by the CWCB.

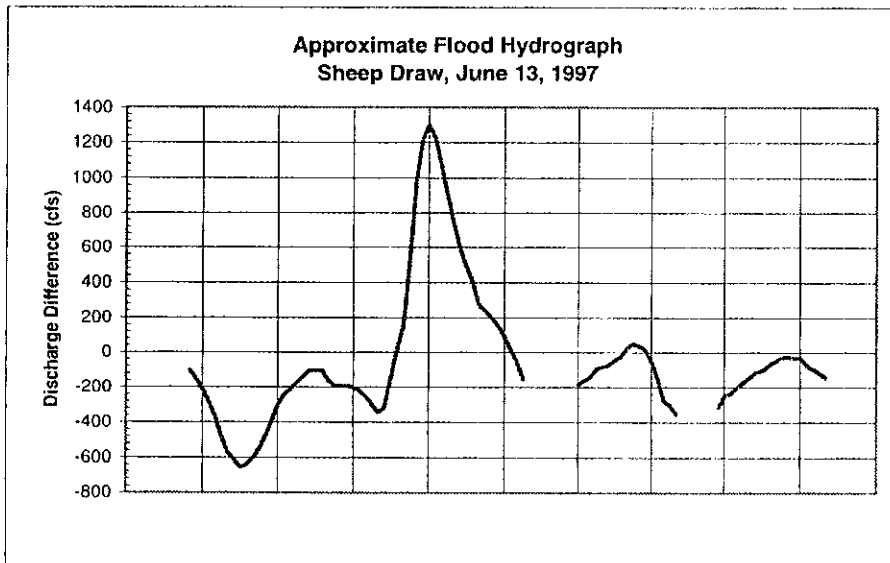
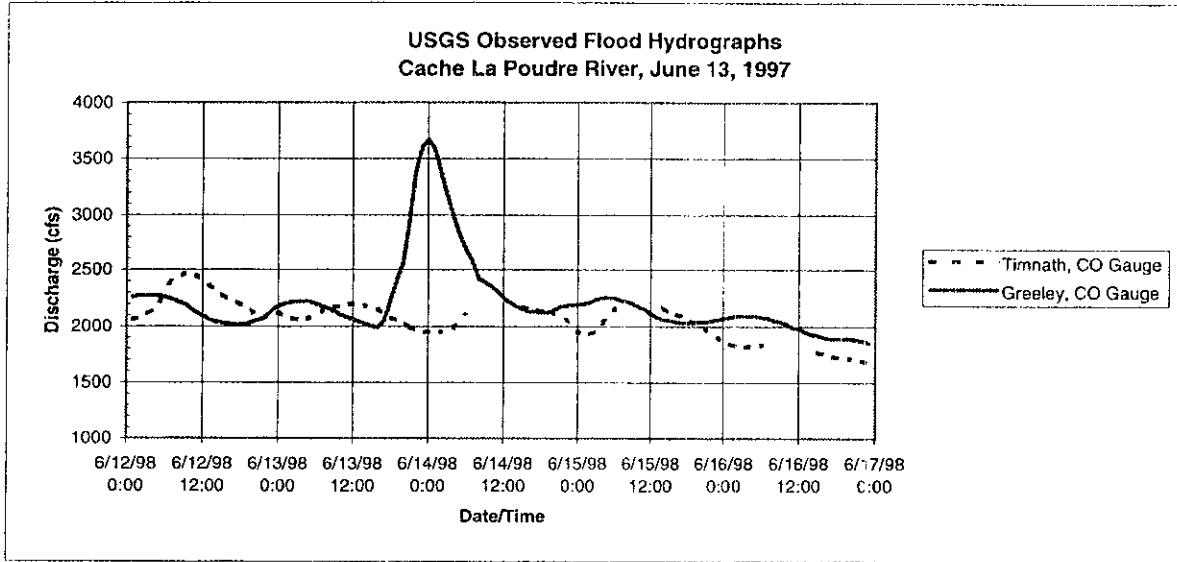
The peak discharge using only the Greeley Gauge data was a little less than 1,600 cfs. This estimate is considered to be more accurate because it involves less variables. It is simply the difference between observed discharges from June 12 through 16 and the calculated base-flow for this period of time. In addition, it accounts for any gains or losses along the river due to interactions with ground water.

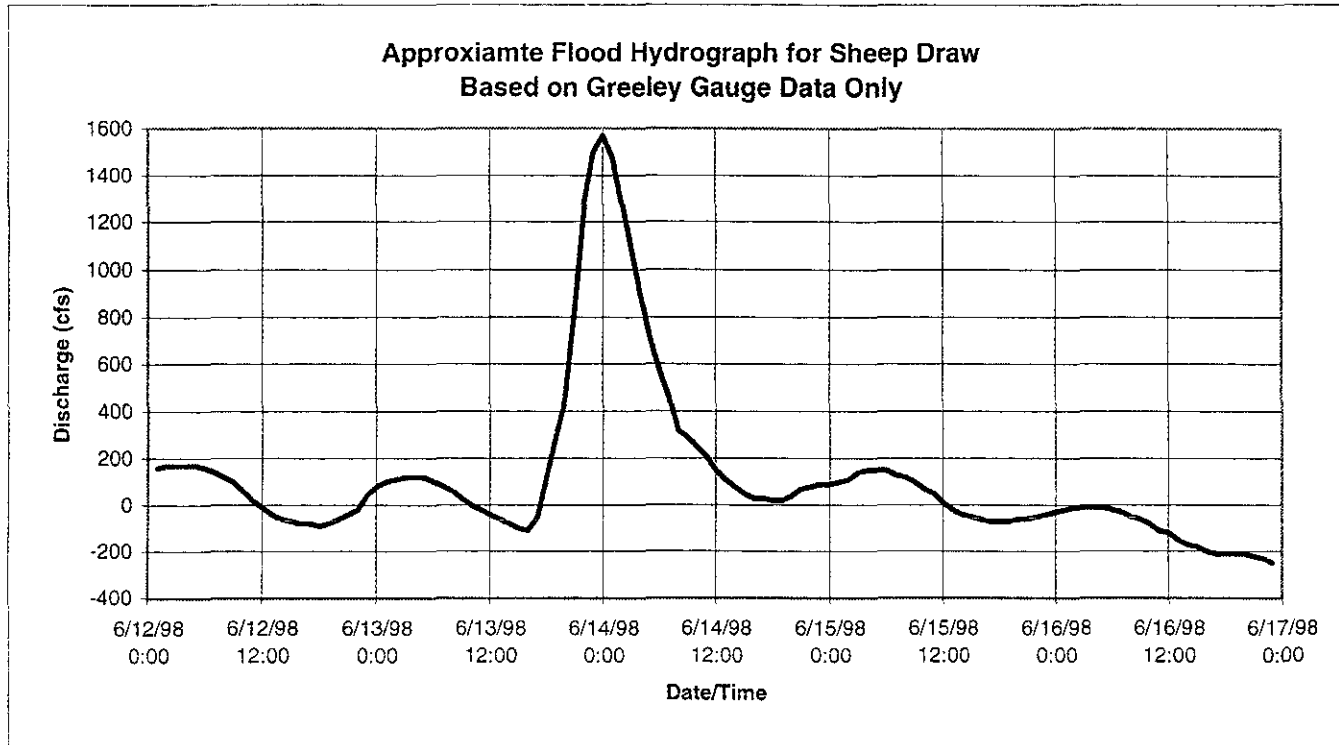
The base-flow at both the Timnath and Greeley gauges was about 2,100 cfs from June 12 through 16. However, it is also known that approximately 250 cfs is added to the river from Fossil Creek. If all other surface water sources and sinks are accounted for, then the reason that the Greeley gauge doesn't register 250 cfs more than Timnath could be that the Cache La Poudre River loses water to the ground water system over that reach of river.

## **Contacts:**

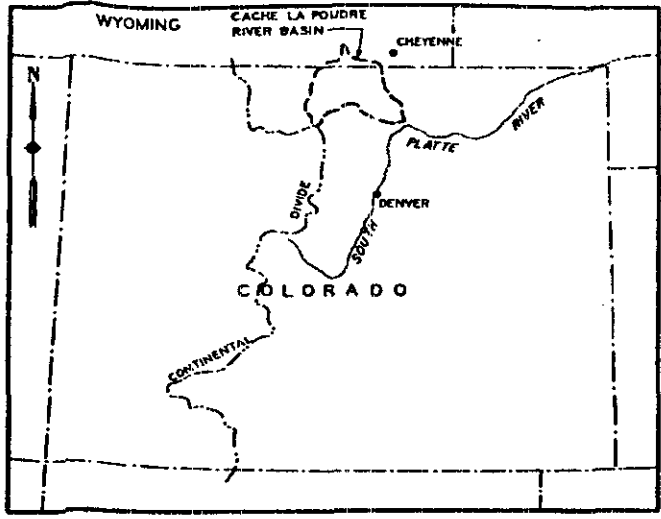
Bob Cooper, State Division of Water Resources, Greeley, CO	(970) 352-8712
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Rick Neam, USGS, Lakewood, CO	(303) 236-9404 ext. 20
Shawn Hoff, Poudre River Water Commissioner, Ft. Collins, CO	(970) 226-3303

Hydrographs





300  
2,800



LOCATION MAP

NOTES:

1.  $Q_{100}$  = discharge in cubic feet per second for the 100-year flood.
2.  $Q_{500}$  = discharge in cubic feet per second for the 500-year flood.
3. For detailed hydrologic information, see Volume II of this report.
4. Discharges rounded to nearest 100 cubic feet per second.

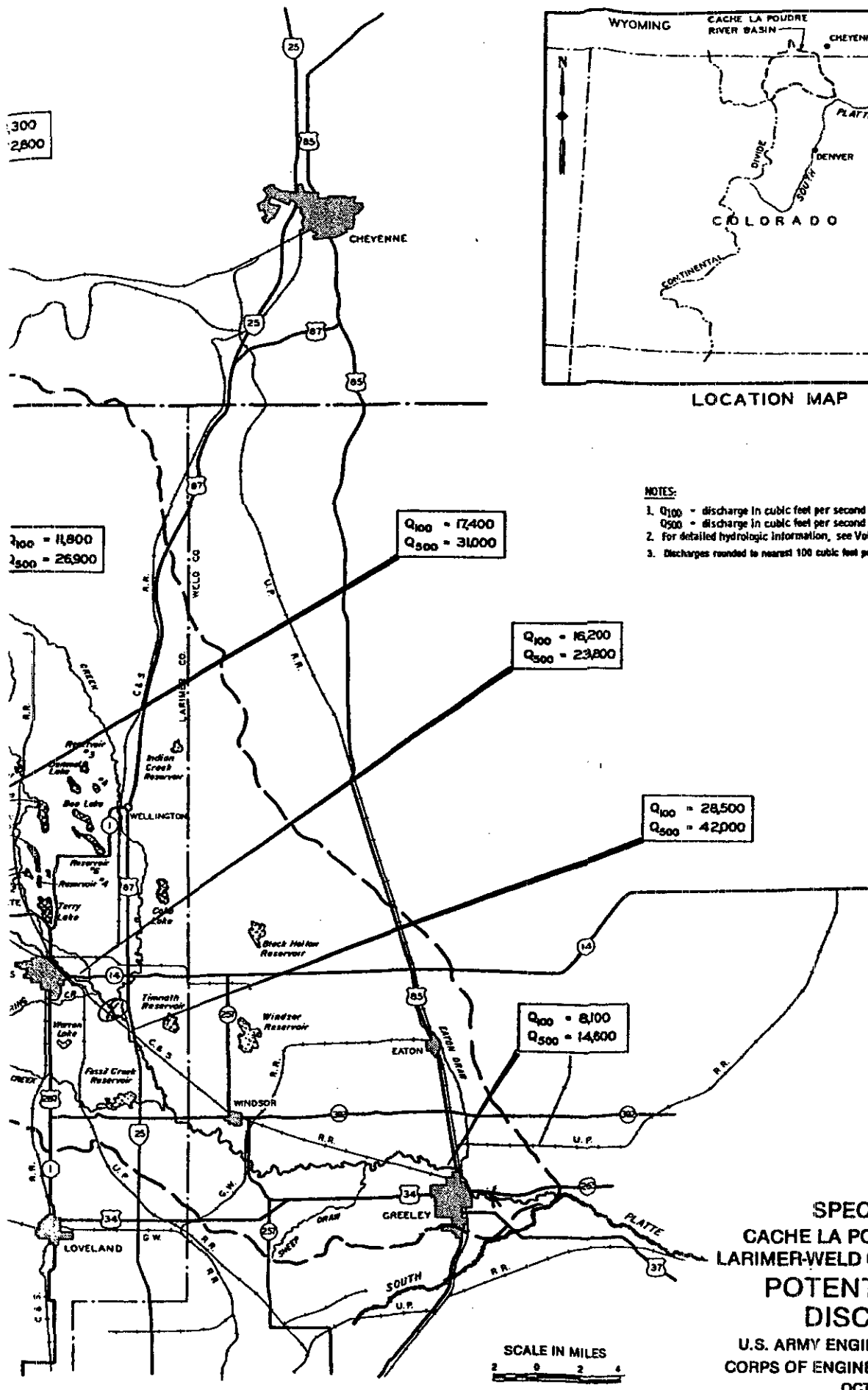
$Q_{100} = 11,800$   
 $Q_{500} = 26,900$

$Q_{100} = 17,400$   
 $Q_{500} = 31,000$

$Q_{100} = 16,200$   
 $Q_{500} = 23,800$

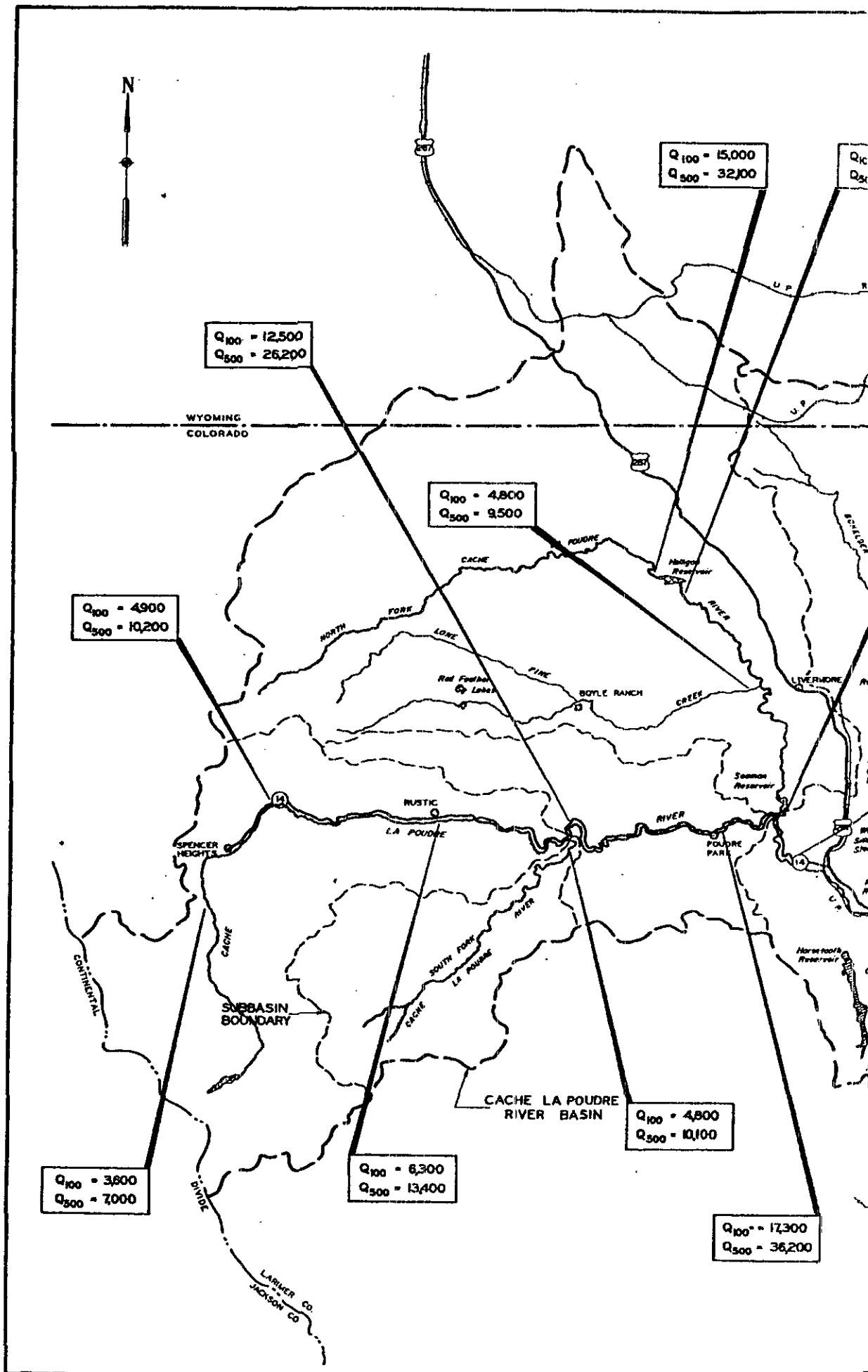
$Q_{100} = 28,500$   
 $Q_{500} = 42,000$

$Q_{100} = 8,100$   
 $Q_{500} = 14,800$



**SPECIAL STUDY  
CACHE LA POUFRE RIVER BASIN  
LARIMER-WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO  
POTENTIAL FLOOD  
DISCHARGES**

U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, OMAHA  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
OCTOBER 1981



Cache La Poudre River Hydrographs, June 1997									
Date Time	Greeley	Timnath	Difference	Structure	Irrigation Canals/Ditches			Returned (cfs)	Total (cfs)
	Discharge (cfs)	Discharge (cfs)			Date	Diverted (cfs)			
6/12/98 1:00	2260	2060	200	Ogilvy Ditch	12-Jun	7.3	65.7	-58.4	
6/12/98 2:00	2270	2070	200		13-Jun	42.3	34.7	7.6	
6/12/98 3:00	2270	2100	170		14-Jun	66.0	0.0	66.0	
6/12/98 4:00	2270	2140	130		15-Jun	65.0	--	--	
6/12/98 5:00	2270	2200	70		16-Jun	63.0	--	--	
6/12/98 6:00	2260	2310	-50	Canal 3	12-Jun	23.8	26.2	-2.4	
6/12/98 7:00	2240	2390	-150		13-Jun	22.4	26.6	-4.2	
6/12/98 8:00	2220	2430	-210		14-Jun	40.5	7.5	32.9	
6/12/98 9:00	2200	2460	-260		15-Jun	39.4	7.6	31.8	
6/12/98 10:00	2160	2460	-300		16-Jun	36.1	9.9	26.1	
6/12/98 11:00	2120	2440	-320	B H Eaton Ditch	12-Jun	--	16.9	--	
6/12/98 12:00	2090	2410	-320		13-Jun	--	12.4	--	
6/12/98 13:00	2060	2360	-300		14-Jun	--	13.2	--	
6/12/98 14:00	2040	2330	-290		15-Jun	--	13.5	--	
6/12/98 15:00	2030	2280	-250		16-Jun	--	11.4	--	
6/12/98 16:00	2020	2240	-220	Whitney Ditch	12-Jun	10.0	32.0	-22.0	
6/12/98 17:00	2020	2220	-200		13-Jun	3.0	9.2	-6.2	
6/12/98 18:00	2010	2190	-180		14-Jun	0.0	0.0	0.0	
6/12/98 19:00	2020	2160	-140		15-Jun	--	--	--	
6/12/98 20:00	2040	2120	-80		16-Jun	--	--	--	
6/12/98 21:00	2060	2100	-40	New Cache Ditch	12-Jun	21.0	--	--	
6/12/98 22:00	2080	2080	0		13-Jun	20.0	--	--	
6/12/98 23:00	2140	2120	20		14-Jun	20.0	--	--	
6/13/98 0:00	2180	2120	60		15-Jun	20.0	--	--	
6/13/98 1:00	2200	2090	110		16-Jun	19.0	--	--	
6/13/98 2:00	2210	2070	140	TOTAL AVERAGE		103.7	57.4	46.4	
6/13/98 3:00	2220	2060	160						
6/13/98 4:00	2220	2060	160						
6/13/98 5:00	2220	2070	150						
6/13/98 6:00	2200	2100	100						
6/13/98 7:00	2180	2130	50						
6/13/98 8:00	2160	2160	0						
6/13/98 9:00	2130	2170	-40						
6/13/98 10:00	2100	2180	-80						
6/13/98 11:00	2080	2200	-120						
6/13/98 12:00	2060	2200	-140						

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6/13/98 13:00	2040	2200	-160						
6/13/98 14:00	2020	2180	-160						
6/13/98 15:00	2000	2170	-170						
6/13/98 16:00	1990	2150	-160						
6/13/98 17:00	2050	2110	-60						
6/13/98 18:00	2230	2080	150						
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6/14/98 21:00	2170	2090	80						
6/14/98 22:00	2180	2050	130						
6/14/98 23:00	2190	1990	200						
6/15/98 0:00	2190	1950	240						
6/15/98 1:00	2200	1930	270						
6/15/98 2:00	2210	1930	280						
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6/15/98 5:00	2250	2130	120						
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6/15/98 7:00	2230	2190	40						
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6/15/98 11:00	2150								
6/15/98 12:00	2110								
6/15/98 13:00	2080								
6/15/98 14:00	2060	2170	-110						
6/15/98 15:00	2050	2120	-70						
6/15/98 16:00	2040	2110	-70						
6/15/98 17:00	2030	2090	-60						
6/15/98 18:00	2030	2060	-30						
6/15/98 19:00	2030	2030	0						
6/15/98 20:00	2040	2000	40						
6/15/98 21:00	2040	1980	60						
6/15/98 22:00	2050	1940	110						
6/15/98 23:00	2060	1900	160						
6/16/98 0:00	2070	1870	200						
6/16/98 1:00	2080	1840	240						
6/16/98 2:00	2090	1820	270						
6/16/98 3:00	2090	1810	280						
6/16/98 4:00	2090	1820	270						
6/16/98 5:00	2090	1820	270						
6/16/98 6:00	2080	1830	250						
6/16/98 7:00	2070	1840	230						
6/16/98 8:00	2050								
6/16/98 9:00	2040								
6/16/98 10:00	2020								
6/16/98 11:00	1990								
6/16/98 12:00	1980								
6/16/98 13:00	1950								
6/16/98 14:00	1930								
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6/16/98 17:00	1890	1730	160						
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6/16/98 19:00	1890	1730	160						
6/16/98 20:00	1890	1710	180						
6/16/98 21:00	1880	1700	180						
6/16/98 22:00	1870	1690	180						
6/16/98 23:00	1850	1670	180						

## Phase Shifted Data

Cache La Poudre River Hydrographs, June 1997						
	Greeley	Timnath			Fossil	
Date Time	Discharge (cfs)	Discharge (cfs)	Difference (cfs)	Ditches (cfs)	Creek (cfs)	Net Difference (cfs)
6/12/98 1:00	2260			46	250	
6/12/98 2:00	2270			46	250	
6/12/98 3:00	2270			46	250	
6/12/98 4:00	2270			46	250	
6/12/98 5:00	2270			46	250	
6/12/98 6:00	2260			46	250	
6/12/98 7:00	2240			46	250	
6/12/98 8:00	2220			46	250	
6/12/98 9:00	2200			46	250	
6/12/98 10:00	2160	2060	100	46	250	-104
6/12/98 11:00	2120	2070	50	46	250	-154
6/12/98 12:00	2090	2100	-10	46	250	-214
6/12/98 13:00	2060	2140	-80	46	250	-284
6/12/98 14:00	2040	2200	-160	46	250	-364
6/12/98 15:00	2030	2310	-280	46	250	-484
6/12/98 16:00	2020	2390	-370	46	250	-574
6/12/98 17:00	2020	2430	-410	46	250	-614
6/12/98 18:00	2010	2460	-450	46	250	-654
6/12/98 19:00	2020	2460	-440	46	250	-644
6/12/98 20:00	2040	2440	-400	46	250	-604
6/12/98 21:00	2060	2410	-350	46	250	-554
6/12/98 22:00	2080	2360	-280	46	250	-484
6/12/98 23:00	2140	2330	-190	46	250	-394
6/13/98 0:00	2180	2280	-100	46	250	-304
6/13/98 1:00	2200	2240	-40	46	250	-244
6/13/98 2:00	2210	2220	-10	46	250	-214
6/13/98 3:00	2220	2190	30	46	250	-174
6/13/98 4:00	2220	2160	60	46	250	-144
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6/13/98 6:00	2200	2100	100	46	250	-104
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6/13/98 10:00	2100	2090	10	46	250	-194
6/13/98 11:00	2080	2070	10	46	250	-194
6/13/98 12:00	2060	2060	0	46	250	-204
6/13/98 13:00	2040	2060	-20	46	250	-224
6/13/98 14:00	2020	2070	-50	46	250	-254
6/13/98 15:00	2000	2100	-100	46	250	-304
6/13/98 16:00	1990	2130	-140	46	250	-344
6/13/98 17:00	2050	2160	-110	46	250	-314
6/13/98 18:00	2230	2170	60	46	250	-144
6/13/98 19:00	2400	2180	220	46	250	16
6/13/98 20:00	2560		360	46	250	156
6/13/98 21:00	2940		740	46	250	536
6/13/98 22:00	3380		1180	46	250	976
6/13/98 23:00	3600	2180	1420	46	250	1216

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6/14/98 0:00		2170	1500	46	250	1296
6/14/98 1:00	3580	2150	1430	46	250	1226
6/14/98 2:00	3380	2110	1270	46	250	1066
6/14/98 3:00	3180	2080	1100	46	250	896
6/14/98 4:00	2990	2050	940	46	250	736
6/14/98 5:00	2820	2030	790	46	250	586
6/14/98 6:00	2680	1990	690	46	250	486
6/14/98 7:00	2570	1970	600	46	250	396
6/14/98 8:00	2420	1950	470	46	250	266
6/14/98 9:00	2390	1950	440	46	250	236
6/14/98 10:00	2350	1950	400	46	250	196
6/14/98 11:00	2310	1950	360	46	250	156
6/14/98 12:00	2250	1960	290	46	250	86
6/14/98 13:00	2210	1990	220	46	250	16
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6/14/98 23:00	2190			46	250	
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6/15/98 3:00	2240	2130	110	46	250	-94
6/15/98 4:00	2250	2130	120	46	250	-84
6/15/98 5:00	2250	2120	130	46	250	-74
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6/15/98 9:00	2200	1950	250	46	250	46
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6/15/98 11:00	2150	1930	220	46	250	16
6/15/98 12:00	2110	1960	150	46	250	-54
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6/15/98 18:00	2030			46	250	
6/15/98 19:00	2030			46	250	
6/15/98 20:00	2040			46	250	
6/15/98 21:00	2040			46	250	
6/15/98 22:00	2050			46	250	
6/15/98 23:00	2060	2170	-110	46	250	-314
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6/16/98 1:00	2080	2110	-30	46	250	-234
6/16/98 2:00	2090	2090	0	46	250	-204
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6/16/98 4:00	2090	2030	60	46	250	-144
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6/16/98 11:00	1990	1820	170	46	250	-34
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Data (Greeley only)

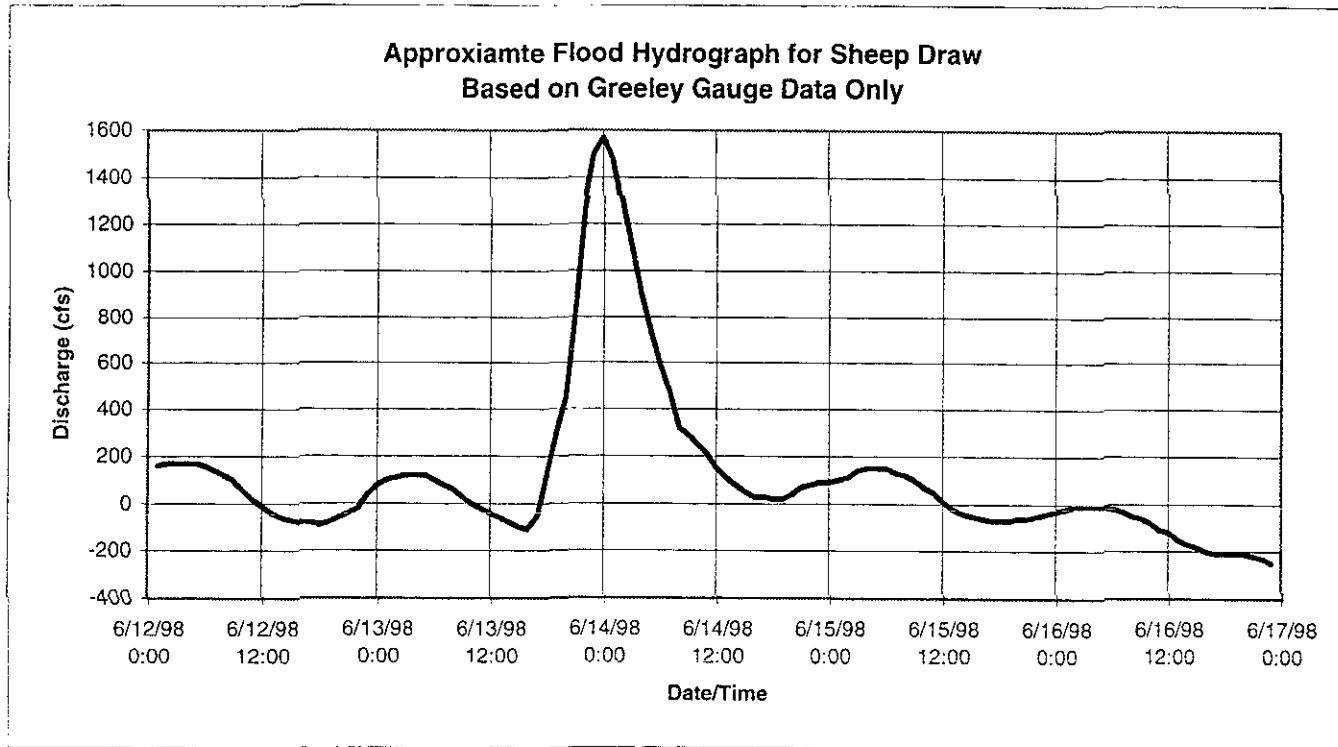
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6/16/98 7:00	2070	-30			
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6/16/98 9:00	2040	-60			
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Cadre la Poudre @ Greeley

Greeley No. 3 picks up a lot of Sheep Draw. Most of water overlapped No. 3. Overland flow about 1/4 mile across a pasture. Sheep Draw doesn't have a defined channel. Spring Ck flood didn't hardly show up at Timnath. Also, there are two diversion dams between Sheep Draw & Greeley.

CLAGRECO JUN12 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.10 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.02 MEAN Q= 2140.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.09 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 7.24 AT 0115 MIN STAGE= 6.94 AT 1545

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.23	-0.09		2260.00	13	7.01	-0.09		2060.00
2	7.24	-0.09		2270.00	14	6.98	-0.09		2040.00
3	7.24	-0.09		2270.00	15	6.96	-0.09		2030.00
4	7.24	-0.09		2270.00	16	6.94	-0.09		2020.00
5	7.24	-0.09		2270.00	17	6.94	-0.09		2020.00
6	7.23	-0.09		2260.00	18	6.94	-0.10		2010.00
7	7.21	-0.09		2240.00	19	6.95	-0.10		2020.00
8	7.19	-0.09		2220.00	20	6.99	-0.10		2040.00
9	7.17	-0.09		2200.00	21	7.02	-0.10		2060.00
10	7.13	-0.09		2160.00	22	7.05	-0.10		2080.00
11	7.09	-0.09		2120.00	23	7.12	-0.10		2140.00
12	7.05	-0.09		2090.00	24	7.16	-0.10		2180.00

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CLAGRECO JUN13 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.32 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.25 MEAN Q= 2370.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.10 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 8.48 AT 2345 MIN STAGE= 6.92 AT 1545

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.18	-0.10		2200.00	13	6.99	-0.10		2040.00
2	7.19	-0.10		2210.00	14	6.96	-0.10		2020.00
3	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	15	6.93	-0.10		2000.00
4	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	16	6.93	-0.11		1990.00
5	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	17	7.01	-0.11		2050.00
6	7.18	-0.10		2200.00	18	7.22	-0.11		2230.00
7	7.16	-0.10		2180.00	19	7.40	-0.11		2400.00
8	7.14	-0.10		2160.00	20	7.56	-0.11		2560.00
9	7.11	-0.10		2130.00	21	7.89	-0.11		2940.00
10	7.07	-0.10		2100.00	22	8.25	-0.11		3380.00
11	7.04	-0.10		2080.00	23	8.43	-0.11		3600.00
12	7.01	-0.10		2060.00	24	8.48	-0.11		3670.00

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CLAGRECO JUN14 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.43 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.34 MEAN Q= 2450.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.11 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 8.48 AT 0015 MIN STAGE= 7.12 AT 1730

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	8.41	-0.11		3580.00	13	7.20	-0.11		2210.00
2	8.25	-0.11		3380.00	14	7.17	-0.11		2180.00
3	8.09	-0.11		3180.00	15	7.15	-0.12		2150.00
4	7.93	-0.11		2990.00	16	7.13	-0.12		2130.00
5	7.79	-0.11		2820.00	17	7.13	-0.12		2130.00
6	7.67	-0.11		2680.00	18	7.12	-0.12		2120.00
7	7.57	-0.11		2570.00	19	7.12	-0.12		2120.00
8	7.42	-0.11		2420.00	20	7.14	-0.12		2140.00
9	7.39	-0.11		2390.00	21	7.17	-0.12		2170.00
10	7.34	-0.11		2350.00	22	7.18	-0.12		2180.00
11	7.30	-0.11		2310.00	23	7.19	-0.12		2190.00
12	7.24	-0.11		2250.00	24	7.19	-0.12		2190.00

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LAGRECO JUN15 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.12 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.01 MEAN Q= 2130.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.13 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 7.25 AT 0345 MIN STAGE= 7.00 AT 1615

HOURL	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOURL	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.20	-0.12		2200.00	13	7.08	-0.13		2080.00
2	7.21	-0.12		2210.00	14	7.05	-0.13		2060.00
3	7.24	-0.12		2240.00	15	7.03	-0.13		2050.00
4	7.25	-0.12		2250.00	16	7.01	-0.13		2040.00
5	7.25	-0.12		2250.00	17	7.00	-0.13		2030.00
6	7.25	-0.12		2250.00	18	7.00	-0.13		2030.00
7	7.23	-0.12		2230.00	19	7.00	-0.13		2030.00
8	7.22	-0.12		2220.00	20	7.01	-0.13		2040.00
9	7.20	-0.12		2200.00	21	7.02	-0.13		2040.00
10	7.17	-0.12		2170.00	22	7.03	-0.13		2050.00
11	7.15	-0.12		2150.00	23	7.05	-0.13		2060.00
12	7.11	-0.12		2110.00	24	7.06	-0.13		2070.00

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QUIT => EXIT/CHANGES NOT SAVED    SAVE => SAVE CHANGES/NO EXIT

LAGRECO JUN16 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE=	6.93	EQUIVALENT STAGE=	6.79	MEAN Q=	1970.00
MEAN SHIFT=	-0.14	MEAN DATUM=	0.00	NVALS=	96
MAX STAGE=	7.09	AT 0200	MIN STAGE=	6.74	AT 2345

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.08	-0.13		2080.00	13	6.90	-0.14		1950.00
2	7.09	-0.13		2090.00	14	6.87	-0.14		1930.00
3	7.09	-0.13		2090.00	15	6.85	-0.14		1920.00
4	7.09	-0.13		2090.00	16	6.82	-0.14		1900.00
5	7.09	-0.13		2090.00	17	6.81	-0.14		1890.00
6	7.08	-0.13		2080.00	18	6.81	-0.14		1890.00
7	7.06	-0.13		2070.00	19	6.81	-0.14		1890.00
8	7.03	-0.13		2050.00	20	6.81	-0.14		1890.00
9	7.01	-0.13		2040.00	21	6.79	-0.14		1880.00
10	6.98	-0.13		2020.00	22	6.78	-0.14		1870.00
11	6.96	-0.14		1990.00	23	6.76	-0.14		1850.00
12	6.94	-0.14		1980.00	24	6.74	-0.14		1840.00

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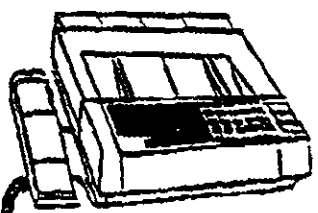


U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
LAKEWOOD FIELD HEADQUARTERS  
FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

PHONE NO. 303/236-9404

FAX NO. 303/236-4855

DATE: 5/22/98



TO:

Bill Elliot

FROM:

Rick Neam x 20  
USGS

REMARKS:

Deb Brandal x 19

Bill- Our Coal Creek site was installed  
7/1/97 so no data for 6/2.  
The Lone Tree site was discontinued several  
years ago.

STATION NUMBER 06752280 CACHE LA POUFRE R AB BOXELDER C, NR TIMNATH, CO. - STREAM SOURCE AGENCY USGS  
 LATITUDE 403256 LONGITUDE 1050038 DRAINAGE AREA 1246.00 DAMUM 4862.00 STATE 08 COUNTY 069  
 DISCHARGE, IN CFS COMPUTED UNIT VALUES (INSTANTANEOUS)

TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE
JUNE 12, 1997							
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01:00:00	2060	06:00:00	2310	11:00:00	2440	16:00:00	2240
01:15:00	2060	06:15:00	2330	11:15:00	2430	16:15:00	2240
01:30:00	2070	06:30:00	2350	11:30:00	2420	16:30:00	2230
01:45:00	2070	06:45:00	2370	11:45:00	2410	16:45:00	2220
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04:45:00	2070	09:45:00	2180	14:45:00	2170	19:45:00	2030
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TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE	TIME	VALUE
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DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 3

ANNUAL WATER DIVERSION REPORT

IRRIGATION YEAR: 1997  
(11/01/1996 - 10/31/1997)

STRUCTURE NAME: CANAL 3 DITCH ( 934) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUVRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : IRRIGATION (1)  
 TYPE :

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1							40.000*	28.800*	73.070*	0.000*	50.800*	28.700*   1
2							43.600*	30.200*	71.900*		51.100*	26.100*   2
3							49.800*	29.800*	64.200*		46.600*	29.400*   3
4							51.200*	30.100*	68.300*		42.800*	26.400*   4
5							52.300*	31.100*	62.700*		41.700*	24.300*   5
6							57.070*	26.400*	62.800*		40.600*	21.300*   6
7							55.450*	24.300*	63.500*		31.100*	22.800*   7
8							57.000*	24.300*	62.600*		31.600*	17.600*   8
9							44.100*	30.900*	59.800*		26.000*	14.300*   9
10							54.300*	35.210*	60.600*		29.100*	15.500*   10
11							55.300*	29.600*	60.400*		42.520*	17.600*   11
12							71.500*	23.800*	55.000*		34.200*	16.100*   12
13							80.100*	22.400*	60.500*		38.300*	18.500*   13
14							79.830*	40.470*	59.200*		46.200*	30.100*   14
15						30.000*	78.100*	39.380*	58.800*	7.000*	37.800*	26.200*   15
16						39.330*	76.500*	36.060*	56.500*	15.500*	41.600*	24.600*   16
17						28.300*	70.600*	27.700*	57.300*	15.500*	39.600*	16.900*   17
18						34.100*	66.300*	27.300*	62.000*	15.500*	39.000*	21.700*   18
19						16.700*	70.100*	26.000*	63.300*	14.500*	31.700*	16.600*   19
20						23.800*	70.100*	35.800*	64.200*	13.500*	47.500*	10.300*   20
21						32.200*	70.100*	56.000*	61.200*	12.500*	35.300*	6.300*   21
22						42.200*	40.100*	59.200*	59.400*	10.300*	32.300*	3.600*   22
23						40.200*	26.100*	62.700*	59.000*	10.000*	46.060*	9.200*   23
24						9.900*	39.000*	52.800*	62.800*	10.300*	34.100*	11.000*   24
25						0.000*	36.000*	55.910*	43.800*	32.500*	35.300*	10.800*   25
26							35.000*	47.600*	38.700*	56.100*	35.200*	6.000*   26
27							35.000*	47.560*	41.200*	47.800*	30.000*	1.400*   27
28							34.000*	51.100*	58.800*	47.600*	27.600*	12.400*   28
29							35.000*	51.100*	62.600*	42.400*	26.800*	13.600*   29
30							37.000*	57.200*	42.200*	49.400*	28.300*	8.700*   30
31							39.000*		30.300*	49.300*		0.000*   31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	296.73	1649.55	1140.79	1806.67	449.70	1120.78	508.00
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	10	31	30	31	17	30	30
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.67	53.21	38.03	58.28	26.45	37.36	16.93
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	588.56	3271.88	2262.76	3583.53	891.98	2223.07	1007.62

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 6972.22 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 179.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 13829.40 AF

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 All other data is interpreted from previous observed value.

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DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 3

ANNUAL WATER DIVERSION REPORT

IRRIGATION YEAR: 1997  
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STRUCTURE NAME: CANAL 3 DITCH ( 934) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : OTHER (Q)  
 TYPE : RELEASE TO RIVER (7)

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1							16.000*	25.200*	7.930*	7.300*	17.200*	35.300*   1
2							14.400*	26.800*	13.100*	8.700*	15.900*	37.900*   2
3							8.200*	28.200*	16.800*	18.000*	19.400*	34.600*   3
4							6.800*	27.900*	13.700*	17.000*	18.200*	36.600*   4
5							5.700*	25.900*	18.300*	18.000*	18.300*	38.700*   5
6							0.930*	25.600*	17.200*	12.000*	22.400*	40.700*   6
7							0.550*	27.700*	17.500*	0.820*	28.900*	39.200*   7
8							0.000*	27.700*	19.400*	10.000*	28.400*	44.400*   8
9							12.900*	20.100*	17.200*	30.000*	34.000*	47.700*   9
10							3.700*	15.790*	15.400*	20.000*	30.900*	46.500*   10
11							3.700*	19.400*	12.200*	16.000*	17.480*	43.400*   11
12							1.500*	26.200*	10.000*	16.000*	25.800*	45.900*   12
13							0.900*	26.600*	10.000*	16.000*	21.700*	42.500*   13
14							1.170*	7.530*	10.000*	16.000*	13.800*	33.900*   14
15							6.900*	7.620*	10.000*	16.000*	21.200*	35.800*   15
16							0.670*	6.500*	9.940*	10.000*	17.500*	17.400*   16
17							11.700*	7.400*	15.300*	10.000*	17.500*	20.400*   17
18							5.900*	12.700*	15.700*	10.000*	17.500*	23.000*   18
19							3.300*	9.900*	18.000*	10.000*	17.500*	28.300*   19
20							6.200*	9.900*	11.200*	10.000*	17.500*	18.500*   20
21							7.800*	9.900*	15.000*	10.000*	17.500*	33.700*   21
22							2.600*	9.900*	12.800*	10.000*	19.700*	36.700*   22
23							12.000*	9.900*	6.300*	10.000*	20.000*	23.940*   23
24							55.800*	15.000*	10.200*	10.000*	19.700*	34.900*   24
25							68.000*	15.000*	3.090*	15.000*	10.500*	32.700*   25
26							57.000*	15.000*	7.400*	15.000*	11.900*	32.800*   26
27							41.000*	15.000*	6.440*	15.000*	13.200*	35.000*   27
28							32.000*	15.000*	15.900*	15.000*	13.400*	37.400*   28
29							31.000*	15.000*	11.900*	26.600*	17.600*	37.200*   29
30							41.000*	15.000*	7.800*	31.800*	15.600*	35.700*   30
31							15.000*		27.700*	18.700*		0.000*   31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.97	279.45	505.21	444.83	487.12	781.22	1331.00
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	15	30	30	31	31	30	30
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.06	9.32	16.84	14.35	15.71	26.04	44.37
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	745.74	554.29	1002.08	882.32	966.20	1549.55	2640.04

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 4204.80 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 197.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 8340.22 AF

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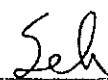
STRUCTURE NAME: OGILVY DITCH ( 937) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : IRRIGATION (1)  
 TYPE :

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1							3.900*		81.000*	68.000*	88.000*	14.500*
2							12.600*		77.000*	69.000*	88.000*	14.500*
3							14.200*		76.000*	66.000*	91.000*	14.500*
4							14.000*		75.000*	75.000*	79.000*	4.800*
5							14.000*		71.000*	79.000*	53.900*	0.000*
6							13.200*	7.800*	70.000*	83.000*	56.700*	
7							13.400*	8.000*	71.000*	82.000*	55.300*	
8							14.000*	7.800*	75.000*	75.000*	53.900*	
9							14.800*	7.400*	78.000*	75.000*	53.900*	
10							54.700*	7.500*	77.000*	76.000*	46.900*	
11							53.200*	7.400*	78.000*	81.000*	36.400*	
12							54.700*	7.300*	75.000*	79.000*	30.600*	
13							56.200*	42.300*	71.000*	81.000*	30.000*	
14							55.500*	66.000*	71.000*	83.000*	29.400*	
15							58.500*	65.000*	72.000*	82.000*	28.200*	
16							68.400*	63.000*	74.000*	79.000*	28.200*	
17							74.700*	61.000*	73.000*	80.000*	28.800*	
18							72.900*	61.000*	80.000*	80.000*	28.200*	
19							75.600*	61.000*	82.000*	81.000*	28.200*	
20							78.300*	18.300*	82.000*	77.000*	35.400*	
21							81.000*	17.400*	86.000*	74.000*	38.400*	
22							80.100*	18.000*	88.000*	71.000*	39.000*	
23							58.800*	18.900*	88.000*	70.000*	39.600*	
24							55.300*	16.800*	90.000*	70.000*	39.000*	
25							7.600*	52.500*	15.900*	84.000*	70.000*	39.000*
26							6.800*	51.100*	15.300*	84.000*	68.000*	16.000*
27							5.000*	52.500*	17.700*	82.000*	78.000*	15.750*
28							4.700*	48.300*	59.100*	80.000*	84.000*	15.000*
29							4.600*	49.000*	78.000*	76.000*	84.000*	14.750*
30							4.700*	0.000*	75.000*	78.000*	85.000*	14.500*
31									73.000*	88.000*		
TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.40	1345.40	822.90	2418.00	2393.00	1241.00	48.30
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	6	29	25	31	31	30	4
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.57	46.39	32.92	78.00	77.19	41.37	12.08
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.25	2668.60	1632.22	4796.10	4746.52	2461.52	95.80

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 8302.00 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 156.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 16467.02 AF

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STRUCTURE NAME: OGILVY DITCH ( 937) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUDE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : OTHER (Q)  
 TYPE : RELEASE TO RIVER (7)

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
1							35.100*	75.000*				43.500*	1
2							50.400*	80.000*				43.500*	2
3							56.800*	74.000*				43.500*	3
4							56.000*	76.000*				14.500*	4
5							56.000*	78.000*		23.100*	0.000*		5
6							52.800*	70.200*		24.300*			6
7							53.600*	72.000*		23.700*			7
8							56.000*	70.200*		23.100*			8
9							59.200*	66.600*		23.100*			9
10							18.300*	67.500*		20.100*			10
11							17.800*	66.600*		15.600*			11
12							18.300*	65.700*		20.400*			12
13							18.800*	34.700*		20.000*			13
14							18.500*	0.000*		19.600*			14
15							19.500*			18.800*			15
16							7.600*			18.800*			16
17							8.300*			19.200*			17
18							8.100*			18.800*			18
19						26.800*	8.400*			18.800*			19
20						57.000*	8.700*	42.700*		23.600*			20
21						66.000*	9.000*	40.600*		25.600*			21
22						73.000*	8.900*	42.000*		26.000*			22
23						73.000*	25.200*	44.100*		26.400*			23
24						76.000*	23.700*	39.200*		26.000*			24
25						68.400*	22.500*	37.100*		26.000*			25
26						61.200*	21.900*	35.700*		48.000*			26
27						45.000*	22.500*	41.300*		47.250*			27
28						42.300*	20.700*	12.900*		45.000*			28
29						41.400*	21.000*	0.000*		44.250*			29
30						42.300*	70.000*			43.500*			30
31							73.000*						31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	672.40	946.60	1232.10	0.00	0.00	689.00	145.00
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	12	31	22	0	0	26	4
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.03	30.54	56.00	0.00	0.00	26.50	36.25
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1333.71	1877.58	2443.87	0.00	0.00	1366.63	287.61

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 3685.10 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 95.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 7309.40 AF

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STRUCTURE NAME: WHITNEY IRR DITCH ( 930) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : OTHER (Q)  
 TYPE : RELEASE TO RIVER (7)

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
1							25.500*	25.000*	16.000*		13.000*	24.000*	1
2							23.000*	38.000*	13.000*		13.000*	24.000*	2
3							22.100*	27.000*	12.000*		13.000*	24.000*	3
4							22.100*	43.000*	10.000*		21.500*	24.000*	4
5							22.100*	37.000*	15.000*	41.000*	20.000*	24.000*	5
6							22.100*	34.000*	13.000*	0.000*	22.000*	24.000*	6
7							16.100*	30.000*	12.000*	49.000*	23.000*	7.000*	7
8							16.100*	30.000*	10.000*	18.000*	23.000*	0.000*	8
9							15.000*	28.000*	5.000*	0.000*	23.000*		9
10							23.000*	33.000*	10.000*		23.000*		10
11							27.000*	32.000*	8.000*		23.000*		11
12							30.000*	32.000*	8.000*		23.000*		12
13							30.000*	9.200*	6.000*		23.000*		13
14							22.000*	0.000*	6.000*		21.500*		14
15							22.000*		8.000*		21.500*		15
16							16.000*		4.000*		21.000*		16
17							15.000*		6.000*		21.500*		17
18							16.000*		9.000*		21.500*		18
19							13.000*		9.000*		21.100*		19
20							14.000*		8.000*		21.100*		20
21							14.000*		6.000*		21.800*		21
22							17.000*	51.000*	6.000*		23.100*		22
23							20.000*	42.000*	6.000*		23.100*		23
24							23.000*	43.000*	10.000*	10.600*	26.300*		24
25							22.000*	41.000*	10.000*	13.000*	26.300*		25
26							25.000*	39.000*	10.000*	13.500*	26.300*		26
27							25.000*	37.000*	10.000*	13.000*	24.000*		27
28							25.000*	37.000*	27.000*	13.000*	24.000*		28
29							25.000*	35.000*	7.900*	13.000*	24.000*		29
30							25.000*	25.000*	0.000*	13.500*	24.000*		30
31							25.000*			13.000*			31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	658.10	748.20	280.90	210.60	655.60	151.00
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	22	29	11	30	7
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.23	34.01	9.69	19.15	21.85	21.57
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1305.34	1484.05	557.17	417.73	1300.38	299.51

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 2704.40 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 130.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 5364.18 AF

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STRUCTURE NAME: WHITNEY IRR DITCH ( 930) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : IRRIGATION (1)  
 TYPE :

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
1							4.000*	15.000*	45.000*	58.000*	39.000*	8.000*	1
2							4.000*	2.000*	48.000*	61.000*	39.000*	8.000*	2
3							4.000*	10.000*	48.000*	61.000*	39.000*	8.000*	3
4							4.000*	12.000*	50.000*	52.000*	21.500*	8.000*	4
5							4.000*	12.000*	50.000*	17.000*	20.000*	8.000*	5
6							4.000*	12.000*	52.000*	0.000*	22.000*	8.000*	6
7							10.000*	12.000*	53.000*		23.000*	2.300*	7
8							10.000*	12.000*	55.000*	43.000*	23.000*	0.000*	8
9							12.000*	14.000*	55.000*	67.000*	23.000*		9
10							14.000*	10.000*	55.000*	65.000*	23.000*		10
11							16.000*	10.000*	55.000*	49.000*	23.000*		11
12							16.000*	10.000*	55.000*	49.000*	23.000*		12
13							16.000*	3.000*	55.000*	50.000*	23.000*		13
14							21.000*	0.000*	55.000*	50.000*	21.500*		14
15							29.000*		55.000*	49.000*	21.500*		15
16							32.000*		55.000*	14.600*	21.000*		16
17							34.000*		55.000*	0.000*	21.500*		17
18							30.000*		55.000*		21.500*		18
19							30.000*		55.000*		10.900*		19
20							32.000*		55.000*		10.900*		20
21							32.000*		55.000*		11.200*		21
22							32.000*	4.000*	55.000*		11.900*		22
23							26.000*	10.000*	55.000*		11.900*		23
24							23.000*	15.000*	55.000*	31.900*	8.700*		24
25							20.000*	14.000*	55.000*	39.000*	8.700*		25
26							15.000*	16.000*	55.000*	40.500*	8.700*		26
27							15.000*	18.000*	55.000*	39.000*	8.000*		27
28							15.000*	28.000*	40.000*	39.000*	8.000*		28
29							15.000*	30.000*	11.600*	39.000*	8.000*		29
30						29.500*	15.000*	40.000*	0.000*	40.500*	8.000*		30
31							15.000*		13.000*	39.000*			31
TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.50	549.00	309.00	1510.60	993.50	563.40	50.30	
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	22	30	22	30	7	
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.50	17.71	14.05	50.35	45.16	18.78	7.19	
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.51	1088.94	612.90	2996.28	1970.61	1117.50	99.77	

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 4005.30 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 143.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 7944.51 AF

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 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUVRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : IRRIGATION (1)  
 TYPE :

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
1									24.600*	2.500*	23.900*	20.000*	1
2									23.600*	2.500*	23.900*	6.700*	2
3									23.300*	2.500*	21.900*	0.000*	3
4									27.100*	9.400*	18.400*		4
5									33.000*	25.000*	19.000*		5
6									33.000*	25.000*	21.000*		6
7									34.000*	25.000*	18.700*		7
8									35.000*	15.400*	18.400*		8
9									31.000*	2.960*	18.600*		9
10									27.500*	2.960*	18.400*		10
11									30.000*	4.100*	18.100*		11
12									31.400*	28.500*	18.100*		12
13									28.600*	28.500*	18.400*		13
14									29.200*	28.500*	18.100*		14
15							2.000*		28.100*	28.500*	17.800*		15
16							2.000*		26.400*	27.400*	17.800*		16
17							2.000*		28.100*	13.300*	17.800*		17
18							2.000*		30.700*	4.100*	17.500*		18
19							2.000*		28.100*	3.800*	18.900*		19
20							5.000*		29.200*	3.600*	22.600*		20
21							0.000*		29.000*	3.400*	22.800*		21
22									28.900*	3.300*	22.900*		22
23									29.200*	3.100*	22.900*		23
24								7.300*	31.100*	16.800*	22.300*		24
25								14.300*	30.000*	21.100*	21.900*		25
26								20.900*	30.000*	21.000*	21.400*		26
27								21.500*	29.600*	21.000*	20.000*		27
28								23.900*	28.900*	20.600*	20.300*		28
29								21.000*	4.900*	20.800*	20.000*		29
30								21.600*	2.500*	24.300*	20.000*		30
31									2.500*	25.000*			31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	130.50	828.50	463.92	601.80	26.70
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	31	31	30	2
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	18.64	26.73	14.97	20.06	13.35
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.75	258.85	1643.33	920.19	1193.67	52.96

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 2066.42 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 107.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 4098.74 AF

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STRUCTURE NAME: B H EATON DITCH ( 931) SOURCE: NATURAL STREAMFLOW (1)  
 SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9) FROM :  
 USE : OTHER (Q)  
 TYPE : RELEASE TO RIVER (7)

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1								15.800*				1
2								18.100*				2
3								16.000*				3
4								12.100*				4
5								15.200*				5
6								16.900*				6
7								16.900*				7
8								16.900*				8
9								16.900*				9
10								16.900*				10
11								16.900*				11
12								16.900*				12
13								12.400*				13
14							4.700*	13.200*				14
15							13.700*	13.500*				15
16							14.900*	11.400*				16
17							16.100*	10.100*				17
18							16.800*	8.900*				18
19							17.100*	9.100*				19
20							14.100*	13.100*				20
21							19.100*	16.000*				21
22							21.100*	14.700*				22
23							26.000*	7.900*				23
24							23.300*	0.000*				24
25							21.300*					25
26							20.300*					26
27							20.000*					27
28							20.300*					28
29							20.300*					29
30							15.200*					30
31							15.200*					31

TOTAL SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.50	325.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DAYS USED	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	23	0	0	0	0
AVG SFD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.75	14.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL AF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.73	646.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 645.30 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 41.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 1279.95 AF

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STRUCTURE NAME: NEW CACHE LA POUFRE CO D ( 929)

SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUFRE RIV ( 9)

+++ TOTAL WATER THROUGH STRUCTURE +++

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	2.430	0.000	4.300	0.000			30.000	143.000	314.000	9.400	31.800	0.600
2	2.430		4.300				28.000	117.000	335.000	1.800	50.000	0.600
3	2.430		4.300				39.000	24.000	212.000	31.000	81.000	0.600
4	2.430		4.300				41.000	24.000	407.500	303.000	153.000	0.550
5	2.430		4.300				55.000	24.000	441.000	229.000	185.000	0.550
6	2.430		4.300				203.000	23.000	384.500	23.000	156.000	88.550
7	2.430		4.300				251.000	23.000	419.900	14.000	105.000	201.550
8	2.430		4.300				205.000	23.000	416.700	7.900	124.000	206.550
9	2.430		4.300				243.000	23.000	324.000	9.900	160.000	200.550
10	2.430		4.300				259.000	22.000	326.100	22.700	137.000	193.550
11	2.420		4.300				259.000	22.000	315.100	47.000	126.000	186.550
12	2.420		4.300				300.000	21.000	354.700	127.000	162.000	191.550
13	2.420		4.300				266.000	20.000	328.900	112.000	146.000	179.550
14	2.420		4.300				280.000	20.000	326.000	99.000	103.000	109.550
15	2.420		4.300				198.000	20.000	352.500	110.000	106.000	116.550
16	2.420		4.300				189.000	19.000	329.900	90.000	165.000	155.550
17	2.420		4.300				331.000	19.000	248.000	115.000	171.000	91.550
18	2.420		4.300				398.000	19.000	233.900	125.000	171.000	0.550
19	2.420		4.300				292.000	19.000	168.900	138.000	143.000	0.550
20	2.420		4.300				410.000	20.000	151.900	130.000	17.000	0.550
21	2.420		4.300				397.000	19.000	121.900	118.000	16.000	0.550
22	2.420		4.300				326.000	28.000	136.400	79.000	11.000	0.550
23	2.420		4.300				258.000	69.000	139.600	101.000	11.000	0.550
24	2.420		4.300				194.000	28.000	150.000	101.000	10.000	0.550
25	2.420		4.300				180.000	25.000	133.900	88.000	8.300	0.550
26	2.420		4.300				183.000	17.000	185.400	123.000	6.300	0.550
27	2.420		4.200				183.000	91.000	144.700	128.000	0.000	0.550
28	2.420		4.200				182.000	158.000	210.000	123.000		0.550
29	2.420		4.200				163.000	199.000	226.000	112.000		0.550
30	2.420		4.200			5.100	122.000	235.000	138.000	142.000		0.550
31			4.200				135.000		21.000	34.000		0.550
TOTAL SFD	72.70	0.00	132.80	0.00	0.00	5.10	6600.00	1514.00	8007.40	2893.70	2555.40	1932.20
DAYS USED	30	0	31	0	0	1	31	30	31	31	26	31
AVG SFD	2.42	0.00	4.28	0.00	0.00	5.10	212.90	50.47	258.30	93.35	98.28	62.33
TOTAL AF	144.20	0.00	263.41	0.00	0.00	10.12	13091.10	3003.02	15882.68	5739.65	5068.64	3832.52

ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 23713.30 SFD  
 TOTAL DAYS USED : 242.00 DAYS  
 ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 47035.33 AF

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WATER COMMISSIONER



DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 3

ANNUAL WATER DIVERSION REPORT

IRRIGATION YEAR: 1997  
(11/01/1996 - 10/31/1997)

STRUCTURE NAME: RIVER PT BELOW NEW CACHE ( 2929)  
SOURCE STREAM : CACHE LA POUDRE RIV ( 9)

SOURCE: COMBINED (6)  
FROM :  
USE : OTHER (Q)  
TYPE : ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD ONLY (O)

DAY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
1	32.000*	73.000*	45.000*	76.000*	52.000*	8.600*	122.000*	465.000*	84.000*	324.000*	367.000*	236.000*
2	29.000*	71.000*	46.000*	76.000*	49.000*	8.600*	91.000*	854.000*	83.000*	158.000*	377.000*	240.000*
3	66.000*	66.000*	59.000*	76.000*	45.000*	9.100*	71.000*	1760.000*	81.000*	169.000*	231.000*	246.000*
4	140.000*	67.000*	78.000*	76.000*	43.000*	8.800*	72.000*	1930.000*	84.000*	75.000*	83.000*	237.000*
5	143.000*	66.000*	73.000*	76.000*	42.000*	10.000*	75.000*	1990.000*	86.000*	94.000*	107.000*	235.000*
6	139.000*	68.000*	71.000*	77.000*	41.000*	7.800*	67.000*	1940.000*	85.000*	837.000*	178.000*	182.000*
7	134.000*	76.000*	68.000*	77.000*	29.000*	7.800*	72.000*	2200.000*	87.000*	584.000*	86.000*	81.000*
8	123.000*	78.000*	68.000*	77.000*	15.000*	7.800*	76.000*	2230.000*	88.000*	387.000*	89.000*	198.000*
9	118.000*	86.000*	73.000*	77.000*	11.000*	7.600*	78.000*	2450.000*	84.000*	473.000*	96.000*	197.000*
10	137.000*	92.000*	77.000*	76.000*	9.900*	8.100*	95.000*	2320.000*	84.000*	609.000*	92.000*	196.000*
11	138.000*	90.000*	77.000*	77.000*	12.000*	7.600*	103.000*	2130.000*	85.000*	757.000*	87.000*	190.000*
12	133.000*	85.000*	77.000*	77.000*	13.000*	7.200*	106.000*	2000.000*	88.000*	637.000*	93.000*	191.000*
13	133.000*	82.000*	77.000*	77.000*	17.000*	7.000*	101.000*	1880.000*	84.000*	619.000*	90.000*	212.000*
14	147.000*	78.000*	77.000*	77.000*	17.000*	6.600*	101.000*	1920.000*	85.000*	571.000*	83.000*	220.000*
15	147.000*	72.000*	77.000*	76.000*	16.000*	6.500*	157.000*	1920.000*	83.000*	567.000*	81.000*	111.000*
16	155.000*	66.000*	77.000*	76.000*	12.000*	4.400*	156.000*	1620.000*	83.000*	515.000*	88.000*	76.000*
17	124.000*	134.000*	77.000*	73.000*	17.000*	3.100*	110.000*	1530.000*	83.000*	540.000*	89.000*	132.000*
18	86.000*	258.000*	77.000*	64.000*	18.000*	2.100*	114.000*	1600.000*	84.000*	555.000*	89.000*	224.000*
19	105.000*	183.000*	77.000*	60.000*	15.000*	29.000*	113.000*	1870.000*	82.000*	464.000*	149.000*	224.000*
20	109.000*	101.000*	77.000*	56.000*	58.000*	75.000*	126.000*	2270.000*	83.000*	315.000*	333.000*	230.000*
21	91.000*	33.000*	77.000*	53.000*	55.000*	63.000*	150.000*	2520.000*	83.000*	259.000*	444.000*	215.000*
22	85.000*	38.000*	77.000*	52.000*	13.000*	61.000*	228.000*	2450.000*	84.000*	193.000*	473.000*	218.000*
23	84.000*	45.000*	77.000*	51.000*	12.000*	61.000*	360.000*	1920.000*	84.000*	153.000*	482.000*	218.000*
24	91.000*	45.000*	77.000*	51.000*	13.000*	82.000*	267.000*	1650.000*	87.000*	142.000*	437.000*	239.000*
25	86.000*	45.000*	77.000*	55.000*	14.000*	63.000*	142.000*	1160.000*	84.000*	102.000*	388.000*	293.000*
26	75.000*	45.000*	77.000*	72.000*	11.000*	28.000*	112.000*	802.000*	84.000*	99.000*	338.000*	229.000*
27	82.000*	45.000*	77.000*	65.000*	13.000*	18.000*	75.000*	546.000*	82.000*	99.000*	240.000*	242.000*
28	75.000*	44.000*	77.000*	53.000*	13.000*	17.000*	74.000*	322.000*	232.000*	99.000*	252.000*	271.000*
29	69.000*	44.000*	77.000*		11.000*	22.000*	74.000*	193.000*	1440.000*	135.000*	232.000*	271.000*
30	69.000*	44.000*	77.000*		8.600*	61.000*	213.000*	93.000*	475.000*	333.000*	234.000*	269.000*
31		44.000*	76.000*		8.600*		261.000*		555.000*	411.000*		289.000*

TOTAL SFD	3145.00	2364.00	2274.00	1929.00	704.10	708.70	3962.00	48535.00	4976.00	11275.00	6408.00	6612.00
DAYS USED	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31
AVG SFD	104.83	76.26	73.35	68.89	22.71	23.62	127.81	1617.83	160.52	363.71	213.60	213.29
TOTAL AF	6238.11	4688.99	4510.48	3826.17	1396.58	1405.71	7858.63	96269.17	9869.90	22363.96	12710.27	13114.90

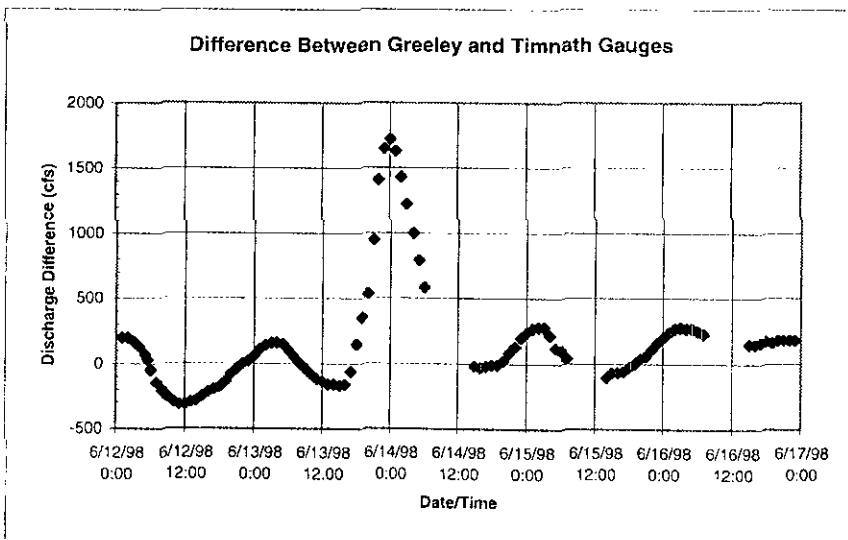
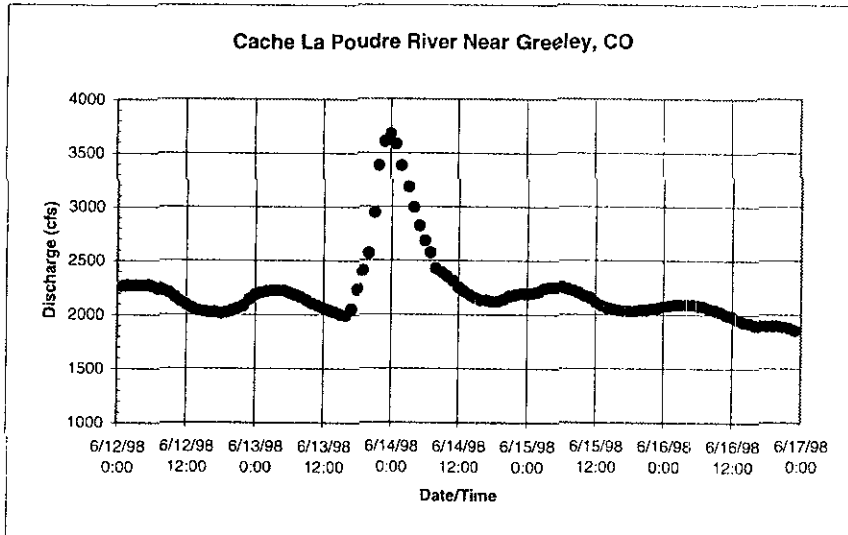
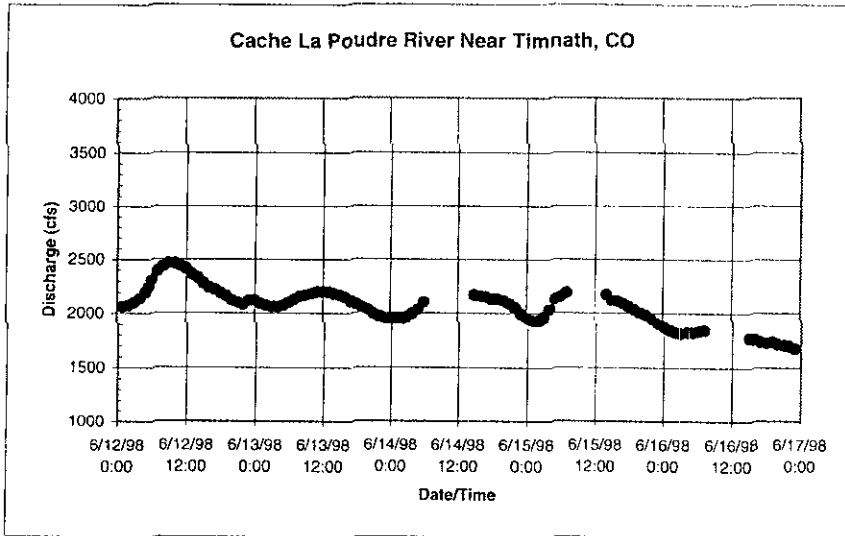
ANNUAL TOTAL SFD : 92892.80 SFD  
TOTAL DAYS USED : 365.00 DAYS  
ANNUAL TOTAL ACRE FEET : 184252.87 AF

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WATER COMMISSIONER

- This is a Non-additive Classification -

Hydrographs



(No Time shift & no irrigation ditches)

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:

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FROM: Bob Cooper

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MESSAGE: Flow Data - Cache la Poudre @ Greeley

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*George Jensen*

*USGS Lakewood  
(303) 276-9404  
Bob Jensen  
June 12-16, 1997*



PLATTE RIVER BASIN

06752500 CACHE LA POUUDRE RIVER NEAR GREELEY, CO

LOCATION.--Lat 40°25'04", long 104°39'22", in NW¼ sec. 11, T.5 N., R.65 W., Weld County, Hydrologic Unit 10190007, on right bank 25 ft downstream from highway bridge, 2.9 mi east of courthouse in Greeley, and 3.0 mi upstream from mouth.

DRAINAGE AREA.--1,877 mi².

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder with satellite telemetry. Elevation of gage is 4,610 ft above National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929, from topographic map. See WSP 1710 or 1730 for history of changes prior to Dec. 14, 1933.

REMARKS.--Primary record is taken from hourly satellite gage readings, and is complete. Reliability of record is questionable from Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1996 due to inlet plugged. New multiple inlets were installed Apr. 30, 1997, increasing reliability of the record. The record is fair, except for the periods Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1996; Jul. 1-Sep. 9, 1997, which are poor due to inlet problems. Station maintained by Jim Clark and record developed by Jim Clark and Robert Cooper.

RATING TABLE.--CLAGRECO25 USED FROM 01-OCT-1996 TO 30-SEP-1997

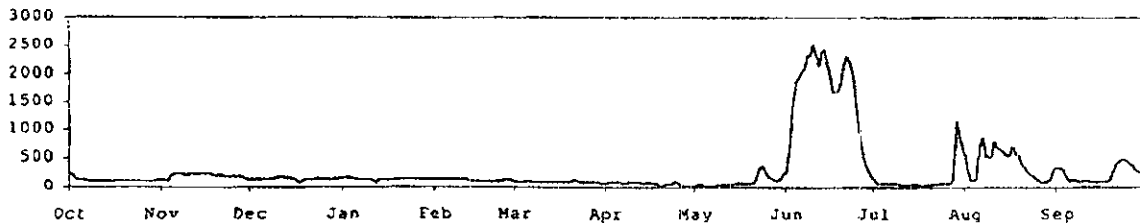
DISCHARGE, IN CFS, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1996 TO SEPTEMBER 1997  
MEAN VALUES

DAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	251	135	153	167	147	104	83	33	266	146	560	335
2	216	128	156	167	143	99	89	66	621	72	269	328
3	146	127	151	168	141	101	88	38	1280	78	124	312
4	133	182	156	170	136	108	89	34	1870	75	130	141
5	125	231	151	150	140	109	93	32	1950	69	152	92
6	140	233	152	152	143	99	82	32	2040	69	711	139
7	130	236	145	140	141	99	81	24	2120	76	889	114
8	122	232	152	147	141	97	84	31	2320	77	524	91
9	116	226	159	143	138	95	89	44	2320	71	523	106
10	119	228	175	149	137	101	89	44	2550	51	516	115
11	116	249	181	114	143	104	87	57	2340	50	815	118
12	113	244	175	69	143	104	86	56	2140	53	706	108
13	109	225	170	138	127	106	84	47	2370	39	657	102
14	110	235	158	140	125	107	81	51	2450	42	614	102
15	106	245	139	146	123	106	86	70	2130	38	545	100
16	114	252	142	156	121	102	76	77	1970	41	543	100
17	118	246	79	153	119	101	64	62	1670	34	712	103
18	124	211	106	152	121	107	64	53	1670	33	579	106
19	117	199	137	144	123	105	36	63	1740	46	554	109
20	115	222	151	143	114	102	26	66	1950	57	417	258
21	115	212	152	154	101	145	58	79	2220	48	355	396
22	121	202	149	152	109	128	40	220	2330	42	272	453
23	121	199	157	144	108	99	38	353	2120	43	225	480
24	115	198	154	141	129	97	87	364	1830	62	188	462
25	114	203	152	136	129	98	97	245	1460	67	152	417
26	131	194	147	135	137	99	41	159	897	61	106	381
27	122	188	154	136	147	96	28	160	561	56	97	302
28	124	190	156	136	119	87	24	126	376	123	100	272
29	123	175	160	138	---	86	24	127	295	1180	91	260
30	132	155	155	139	---	82	26	134	198	877	161	245
31	137	---	161	144	---	82	---	226	---	633	332	---
TOTAL	3995	6202	4685	4463	3645	3155	2020	3173	50054	4409	12619	6647
MEAN	129	207	151	144	130	102	67.3	102	1668	142	407	222
AC-FT	7920	12300	9290	8850	7230	6260	4010	6290	99280	8750	25030	13180
MAX	251	252	181	170	147	145	97	364	2550	1180	889	480
MIN	106	127	79	69	101	82	24	24	198	33	91	91

CAL YR 1996 TOTAL 77253.3 MEAN 211 MAX 1740 MIN 8.0 AC-FT 153200  
WTR YR 1997 TOTAL 105067 MEAN 288 MAX 2550 MIN 24 AC-FT 208400

MAX DISCH 0.00 CFS AT 2315 01-OCT-1996 GH 2.98 FT. SHIFT 0.08 FT. MAX GH 8.48 FT. AT 2345 13-JUN-1997

FOR MORE COMPLETE OR DETAILED INFORMATION SEE DAILY OR MONTHLY RECORD.



LAGRECO JUN13 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.32 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.25 MEAN Q= 2370.00  
 MEAN SHIFT= -0.10 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
 MAX STAGE= 8.48 AT 2345 MIN STAGE= 6.92 AT 1545

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.18	-0.10		2200.00	13	6.99	-0.10		2040.00
2	7.19	-0.10		2210.00	14	6.96	-0.10		2020.00
3	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	15	6.93	-0.10		2000.00
4	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	16	6.93	-0.11		1990.00
5	7.20	-0.10		2220.00	17	7.01	-0.11		2050.00
6	7.18	-0.10		2200.00	18	7.22	-0.11		2230.00
7	7.16	-0.10		2180.00	19	7.40	-0.11		2400.00
8	7.14	-0.10		2160.00	20	7.56	-0.11		2560.00
9	7.11	-0.10		2130.00	21	7.89	-0.11		2940.00
10	7.07	-0.10		2100.00	22	8.25	-0.11		3380.00
11	7.04	-0.10		2080.00	23	8.43	-0.11		3600.00
12	7.01	-0.10		2060.00	24	8.48	-0.11		3670.00

ENTER NUMBER OF DAYS FORWARD OR BACK (+/-) (DEFAULT IS 1).  
 TYPE QUIT TO RETURN TO SELECTION MENU



LAGRECO JUN14 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 7.43 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 7.34 MEAN Q= 2450.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.11 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 8.48 AT 0015 MIN STAGE= 7.12 AT 1730

HOURL	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOURL	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	8.41	-0.11		3580.00	13	7.20	-0.11		2210.00
2	8.25	-0.11		3380.00	14	7.17	-0.11		2180.00
3	8.09	-0.11		3180.00	15	7.15	-0.12		2150.00
4	7.93	-0.11		2990.00	16	7.13	-0.12		2130.00
5	7.79	-0.11		2820.00	17	7.13	-0.12		2130.00
6	7.67	-0.11		2680.00	18	7.12	-0.12		2120.00
7	7.57	-0.11		2570.00	19	7.12	-0.12		2120.00
8	7.42	-0.11		2420.00	20	7.14	-0.12		2140.00
9	7.39	-0.11		2390.00	21	7.17	-0.12		2170.00
10	7.34	-0.11		2350.00	22	7.18	-0.12		2180.00
11	7.30	-0.11		2310.00	23	7.19	-0.12		2190.00
12	7.24	-0.11		2250.00	24	7.19	-0.12		2190.00

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TYPE QUIT TO RETURN TO SELECTION MENU

LAGRECO JUN06 1997

(FINAL)

RATING TABLE: CLAGRECO25

MEAN STAGE= 6.96 EQUIVALENT STAGE= 6.88 MEAN Q= 2040.00  
MEAN SHIFT= -0.08 MEAN DATUM= 0.00 NVALS= 96  
MAX STAGE= 7.12 AT 0500 MIN STAGE= 6.77 AT 1500

HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q	HOUR	STAGE	SHIFT	DATUM	Q
1	7.03	-0.08		2080.00	13	6.83	-0.08		1940.00
2	7.06	-0.08		2110.00	14	6.79	-0.08		1920.00
3	7.08	-0.08		2120.00	15	6.77	-0.08		1900.00
4	7.11	-0.08		2150.00	16	6.77	-0.08		1900.00
5	7.12	-0.08		2160.00	17	6.77	-0.08		1900.00
6	7.12	-0.08		2160.00	18	6.80	-0.08		1920.00
7	7.12	-0.08		2160.00	19	6.83	-0.08		1940.00
8	7.09	-0.08		2130.00	20	6.88	-0.08		1980.00
9	7.05	-0.08		2100.00	21	6.93	-0.08		2020.00
10	7.00	-0.08		2060.00	22	6.97	-0.08		2040.00
11	6.94	-0.08		2020.00	23	7.01	-0.08		2070.00
12	6.88	-0.08		1980.00	24	7.04	-0.08		2090.00

ENTER NUMBER OF DAYS FORWARD OR BACK (+/-) (DEFAULT IS 1).  
TYPE QUIT TO RETURN TO SELECTION MENU

## 100 Year Peak Discharge Calculations

### Purpose:

Estimate the peak 100-year discharge for several creeks in Weld County, CO using the methodology developed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWBC). The watersheds evaluated here include Lone Tree Creek, Owl Creek, Willow Creek, and Crow Creek.

### Methods/Equations:

The CWBC has developed regression equations to calculate 100-year peak discharge for watersheds in Colorado. The state is divided into subregions based on stream characteristics and a regression equation has been developed for each subregion. The input to the equations is the area of the watershed in square miles. The area for Lone Tree Creek and Crow Creek was found on the USGS Water Resources web site and the area of Owl Creek and Willow Creek were found with a digital planimeter. The following table shows the area in square miles and the CWBC subregion for each watershed:

<u>Drainage/Gauge</u>	<u>Area (mi<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>CWBC Subregion</u>
Lone Tree Creek near Greeley, CO (includes Owl Creek)	571 <sup>1</sup>	
Lone Tree Creek w/o Owl Creek (571 minus 174)	397	SPL-4 or SPL-1
Crow Creek near Barnesville, CO	1,324 <sup>1</sup>	SPL-1
Willow Creek	88 <sup>2</sup>	SPL-1
Owl Creek	174 <sup>2</sup>	SPL-1

<sup>1</sup> Area of watershed found on internet. //waterdata.usgs.gov.nwis-w/CO/

<sup>2</sup> Area of watershed found with digital planimeter.

The following equations were used to calculate the 100-year peak discharge:

$$\text{Subregion SPL-1} \quad Q = 707.9(\text{Area})^{0.654}$$

$$\text{Subregion SPL-4} \quad Q = 800.8(\text{Area})^{0.478}$$

where,  $Q$  = 100-year peak discharge in cubic feet per second (cfs)  
 $Area$  = area of watershed in square miles ( $2 < Area < 1,090$ )

These equations came from *Guidelines for Determining 100-Year Flood Flows for Approximate Floodplains in Colorado*, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board, July 1997. The equation for subregion SPL-1 is only recommended by the CWBC for

watersheds with an area between 2 and 1,090 square miles. Note that the Crow Creek watershed is somewhat larger than this. Therefore, this equation may not yield valid results for Crow Creek. The equation for subregion SPL-4 is only recommended by the CWBC for watersheds with an area between 1 and 445 square miles.

**Results:**

100-year peak discharge estimates for Lone Tree Creek, Owl Creek, Willow Creek, and Crow Creek in Weld County, CO using CWBC methods are:

<u>Watershed</u>	<u>SPL-1 Discharge</u>	<u>SPL-4 Discharge</u>
Lone Tree Creek	35,447 cfs	13,988 cfs
Crow Creek	77,927 cfs	
-Willow Creek	13,233 cfs	(Wrong Willow Creek!)
Owl Creek	20,668 cfs	



# Crow Creek Near Barnsville, Co.

## Station Information

Station Number	Latitude (ddmmss)	Longitude (dddmmss)	County	Basin Name	Drainage Area (miles <sup>2</sup> )	Datum (ft above NGVD)
06756500	402935	1042635	Weld	Crow	1324.00	4670.00

## Data Types Available

- [Historical Streamflow Daily Values](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)
- [EPA "Surf Your Watershed" for Crow.](#)

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# Lonetree Creek Near Greeley, Co.

## Station Information

Station Number	Latitude (ddmmss)	Longitude (dddmmss)	County	Basin Name	Drainage Area (miles <sup>2</sup> )	Datum (ft above NGVD)
06753990	402633	1043518	Weld	Lone Tree-Owl	571.43	4630

## Data Types Available

- [Peak Flow](#)
- [Map of region surrounding station](#)
- [EPA "Surf Your Watershed" for Lone Tree-Owl.](#)

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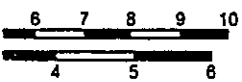
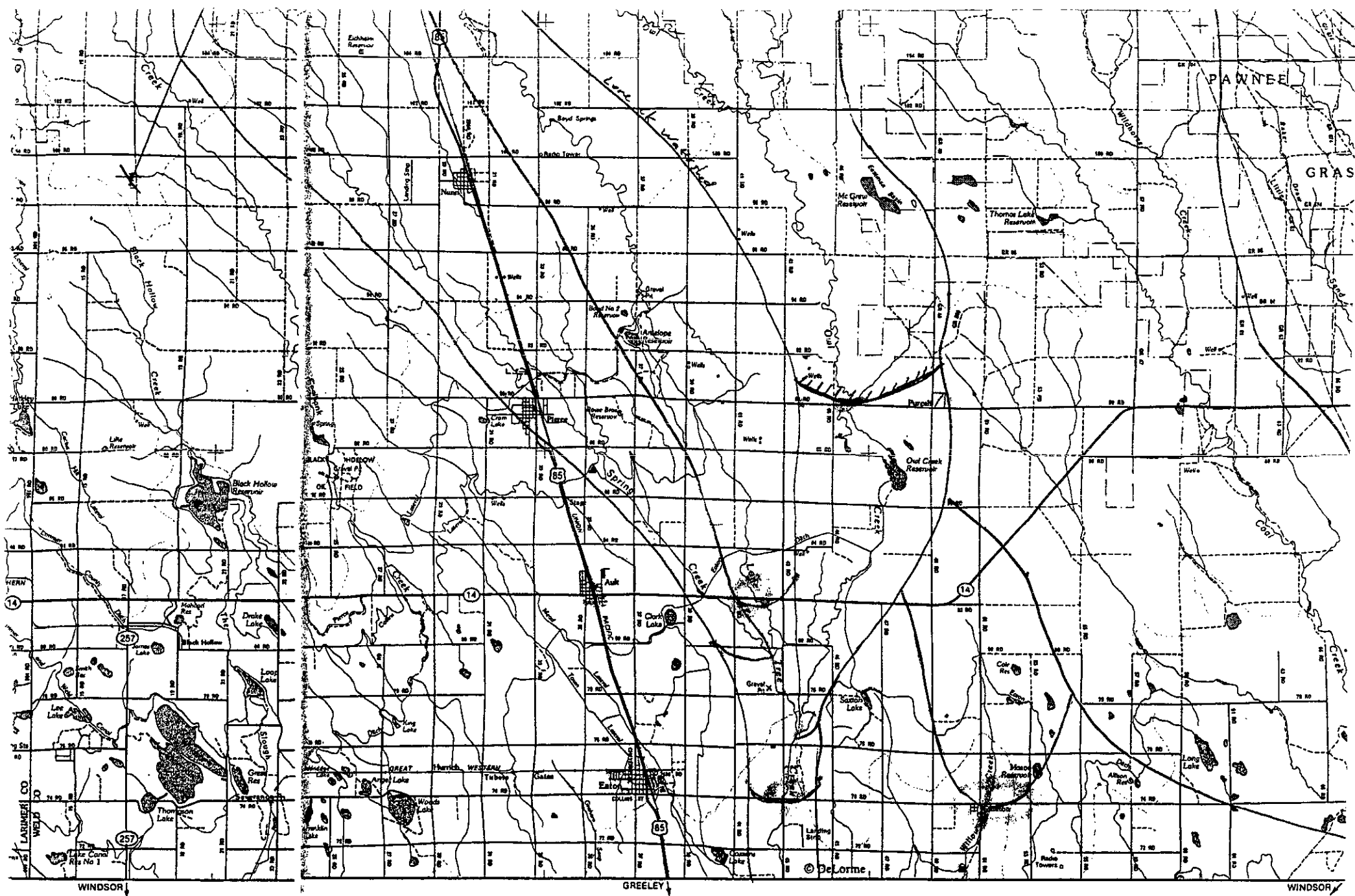
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300 feet (91.4 meters)

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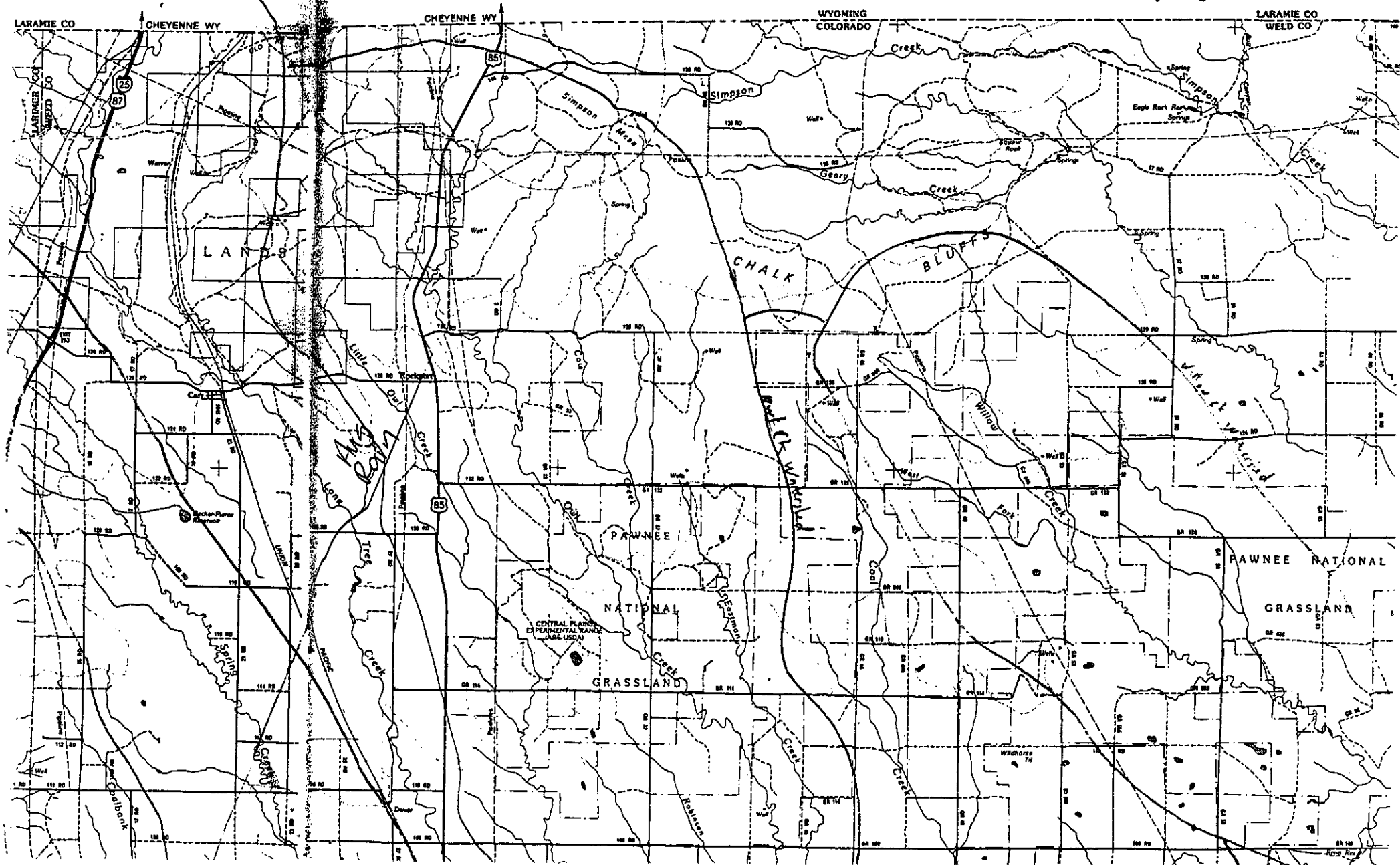
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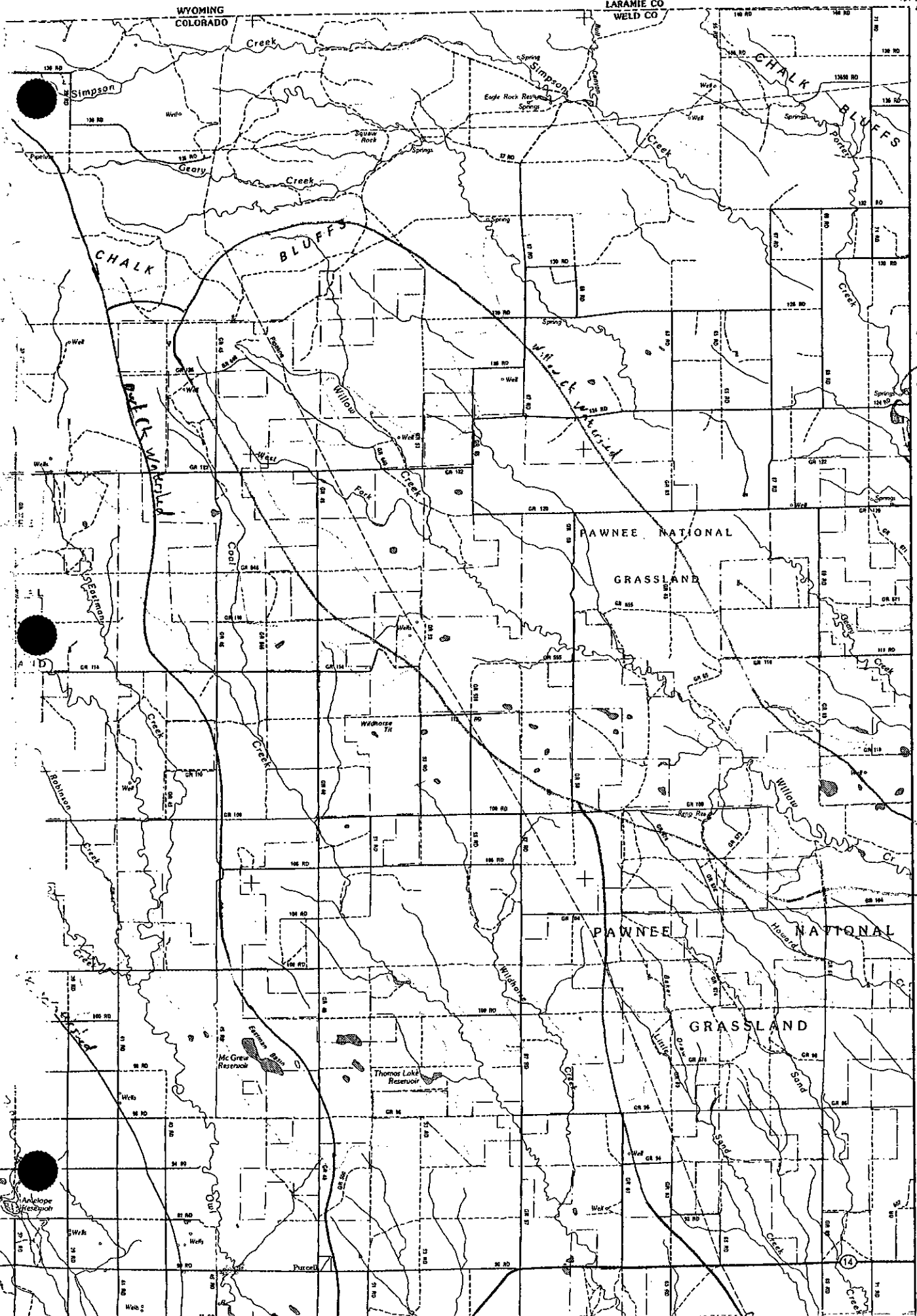
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Subject: 100yr Peak Discharge - CWCB Method  
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Purpose: Estimate 100 year peak discharge for several creeks in Weld County

Drainage / Gauge	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	CWCB Subregion
Lone tree Ck Near Greeley, CO	571.43 mi <sup>2</sup> ① (includes Owl Ck) (397 alone)	SPL-4 → SPL-1
Crow Ck near Bannockville, CO	1324 mi <sup>2</sup> ①	SPL-1
Willow Ck	88 ②	SPL-1
Owl Ck	174 ②	SPL-1

① // waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis-w/co/

② Planimeter

$E q^{.5}$  SPL-1  $Q = 707.9 (A)^{.654}$

SPL-4  $Q = 800.8 (A)^{.478}$

Results

	SPL-1	SPL-4
Lone tree Ck	35,447 cfs	13,988 cfs
Crow Ck	77,927 cfs	
Willow Ck	13,233 cfs	
Owl Ck	20,668 cfs	

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## Addendum to 100 Year Peak Discharge Calculations

### Purpose:

Several other gauging sites were analyzed using the CWBC method. These included Willow Creek at Galeton, Owl Creek at County Road 90, Lone Tree Creek at Hwy 14, and Lone Tree Creek at County Road 43 and 74.

### Methods/Equations:

The same equations were used for this addendum as were used for the four streams in the main calc file. The main difference here is that all areas were found using a digital planimeter. Also, it was determined that there are two Willow Creeks in Weld County. This addendum calculates the 100-Year peak discharge for the Willow Creek at Galeton, CO. Maps used for the planimeter are included in this file, as are hand written notes on watershed area and peak discharge calculations. The following table shows the area in square miles and the CWBC subregion (which defines which equation to use) for each watershed:

<u>Drainage/Gauge</u>	<u>Area (mi<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>CWBC Subregion</u>
Crow Creek at Cornish	1,316	N/A
Crow Creek at Barnesville	1,324	N/A
Willow Creek at Galeton	13.2	SPL-1
Owl Creek at CR 90	158.8	SPL-1
Lone Tree Creek at Hwy 14	280.2	SPL-1 or SPL-4
Lone Tree Creek at CR 43 and 74	285	SPL-1 or SPL-4

The following equations were used to calculate the 100-year peak discharge:

$$\text{Subregion SPL-1} \quad Q = 707.9(\text{Area})^{0.654}$$

$$\text{Subregion SPL-4} \quad Q = 800.8(\text{Area})^{0.478}$$

where,  $Q$  = 100-year peak discharge in cubic feet per second (cfs)  
 $Area$  = area of watershed in square miles ( $2 < Area < 1,090$ )

These equations came from *Guidelines for Determining 100-Year Flood Flows for Approximate Floodplains in Colorado*, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board, July 1997. The equation for subregion SPL-1 is only recommended by the CWBC for watersheds with an area between 2 and 1,090 square miles. The equation for subregion SPL-4 is only recommended by the CWBC for watersheds with an area between 1 and 445 square miles.

**Results:**

100-year peak discharge estimates for Willow Creek, Owl Creek, and Lone Tree Creek in Weld County, CO using the CWBC methods are:

<u>Drainage/Gauge</u>	<u>SPL-1 Discharge</u>	<u>SLP-4 Discharge</u>
Willow Creek at Galetton	3,827	
Owl Creek at CR 90	19,468	
Lone Tree Creek at Hwy 14	28,224	11,842
Lone Tree Creek at CR 43 and 74	28,539	11,938

Note: The drainage area of Crow Creek is larger than recommended for using the CWBC method. Therefore, an alternate method will be used. It is hoped that the 100-year peak discharge for Crow Creek can be estimated using the USGS ANNIE program. Input to this program will be annual peak discharges from the Barnesville gauge for as long a period as is available.

5/26/98 Talked to Bob Brandt at USGS in Lakewood, CO. He told me that the Barnesville gauge was operated between 1951 & 1957, but that the entire creek was diverted for irrigation before the gauge. Therefore, there are no discharge data for this gauge. (Web site is empty too.)  
Bill Ellett

I talked to George Seivers in the Greeley office of the Division of Water Resources (970-352-8712) and he told me that there are several ditches that take water out of the Poudre River between Timnath and Greeley. These include the Timnath Ditch, Whitney Ditch, Jones Ditch, Greeley No. 2 and No. 3 Canals, Boydman-Freeman Ditch, and Ogolby Ditch. (spelling is uncertain on these ditch names) George told me that the Greeley No. 2 is the biggest ditch and it was turned off on June 13 because there had been rain for several days prior to June 13. He thought it was likely that most, if not all, of these ditches were turned off on June 13. He also told me that Fossil Creek releases were about 250 cfs on June 13.

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Crow Ck @ Cornish  
 (Area between Cornish + Barnesville)

5250 acres  
 5250 acres  $\div$  640 acres/mi<sup>2</sup> = 8.25 mi<sup>2</sup>

Barnesville area: 1,324 mi<sup>2</sup>  
 - Cornish to Barnesville: 8 mi<sup>2</sup>  
 1,316 mi<sup>2</sup>

Willow Ck @ Galeton

8,477 acres  
 8,288  
 8,477  
 8,540  
 avg. = 8446 = 13.2 mi<sup>2</sup>

Owl Ck @ CR 90

(Area between CR 90 + confluence w/ Lone Tree Ck)

9868 acres  
 9678  
 9615  
 9742  
 avg. = 9726 = 15.2 mi<sup>2</sup>

Total Owl Ck = 174 mi<sup>2</sup>

Owl Ck @ CR 90 = 174 mi<sup>2</sup> - 15.2 mi<sup>2</sup> = 158.8 mi<sup>2</sup>

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Lone Tree Ck

downstream of Hwy 14:

13,221 acres

13,600

13,600

13,221

$$\text{avg.} = 13,410 = 20.95 \text{ mi}^2$$

downstream of CR 43 &amp; 74

10,501 acres

10,501

10,311

10,248

$$\text{avg.} = 10,390 = 16.2 \text{ mi}^2$$

Spring Ck

61,170 acres

61,550

61,423

$$\text{avg.} = 61,381 = 95.9 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{Lone Tree} - \text{Spring Ck} = 397 - 95.9 = 301.1 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{Lone Tree Ck @ Hwy 14} = 301.1 \text{ mi}^2 - 20.95 \text{ mi}^2 = 280.15 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{Lone Tree Ck @ CR 43 \& 74} = 301.1 \text{ mi}^2 - 16.2 \text{ mi}^2 = 284.9 \text{ mi}^2$$

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Methods:

Gauge	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Method
Crow Ck @ Cornish	1,316	HEC SWSTAT
Crow Ck @ Barnesville	1,324	HEC SWSTAT
Willow Ck @ Galeton	13.2	CWBC SPL-1
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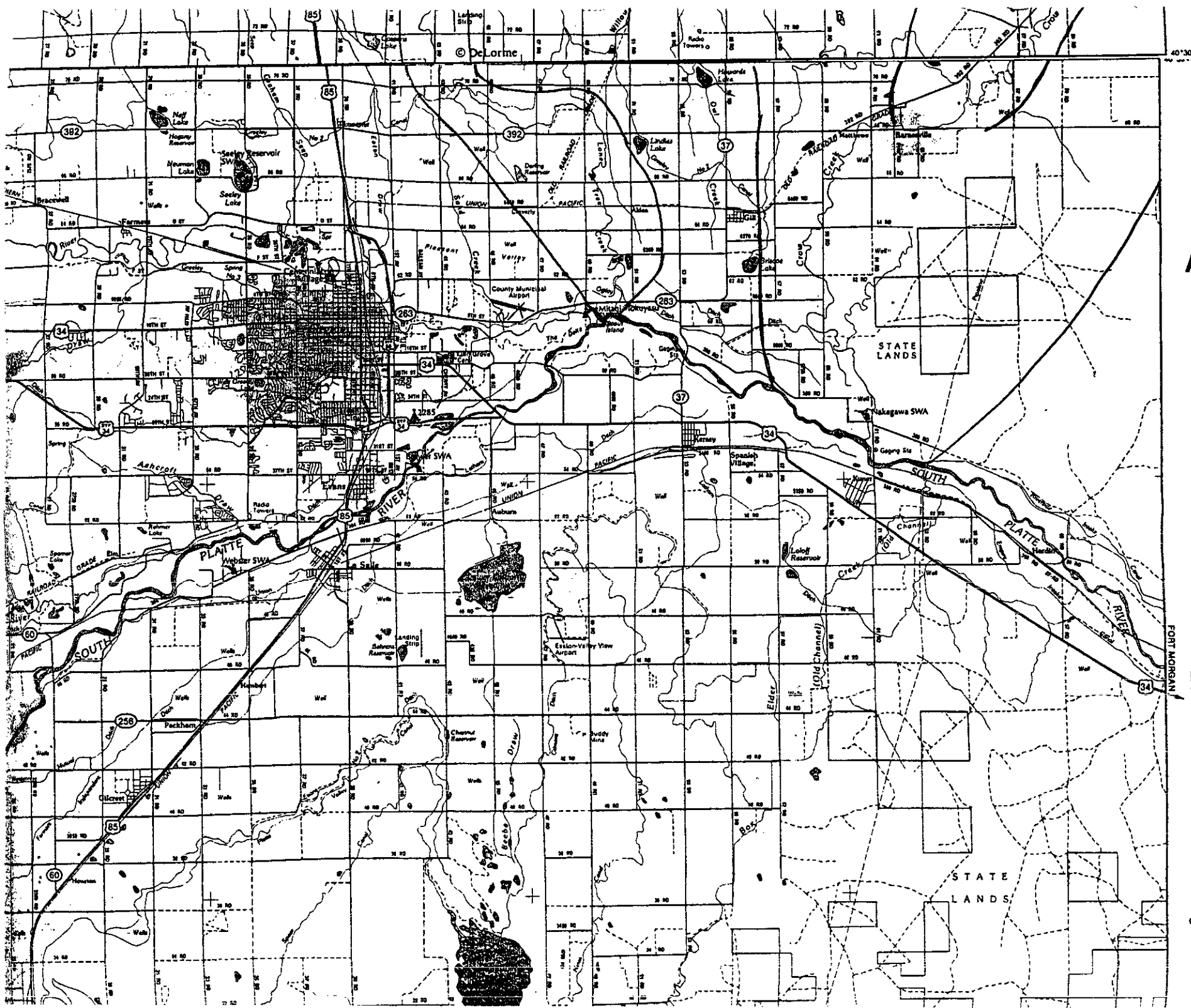
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                 SPL-4       $Q = 800.8 (\text{Area})^{0.478}$

Results:

Gauge	100-yr Peak Discharge (cfs)	
	SPL-1	SPL-4
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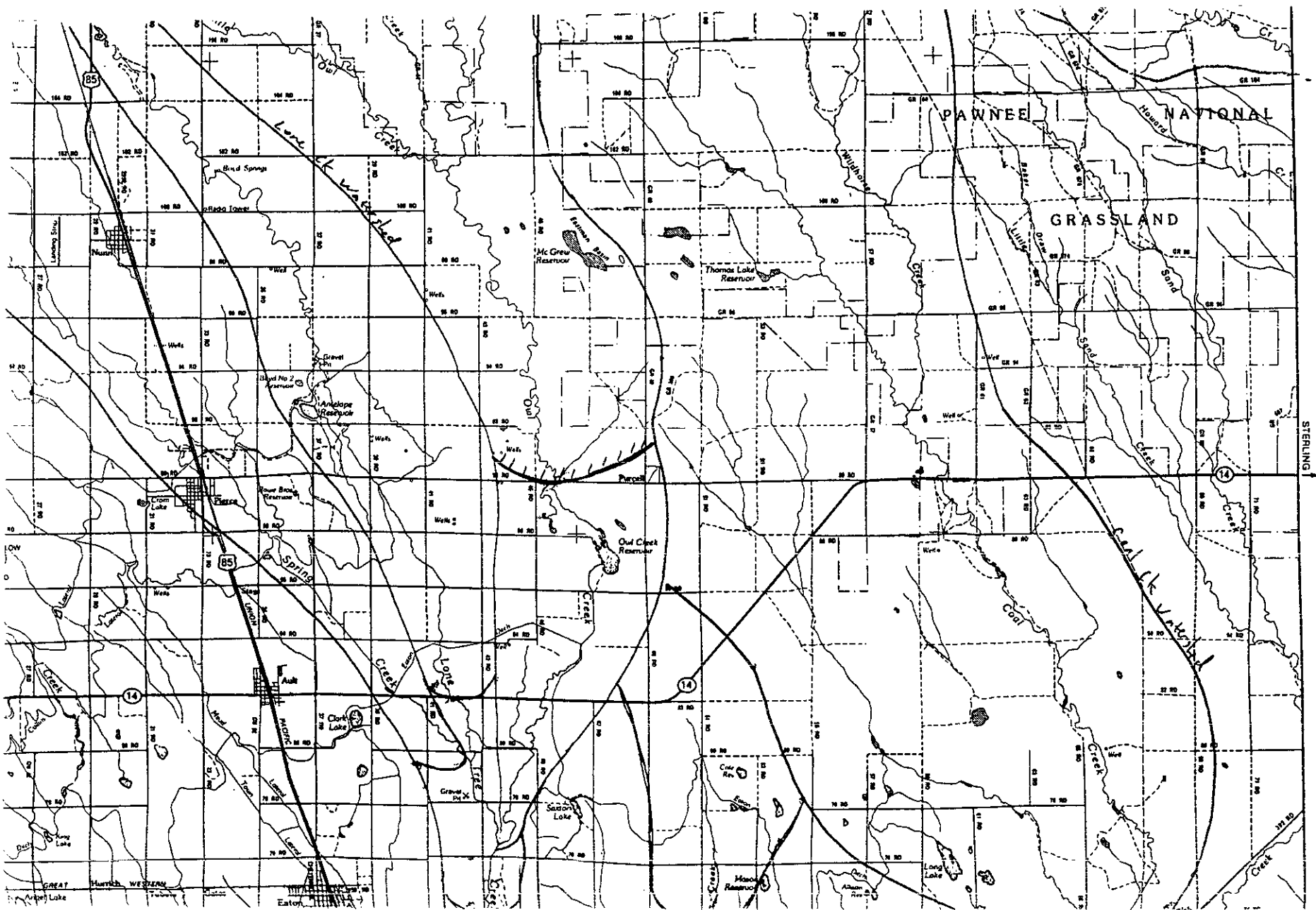




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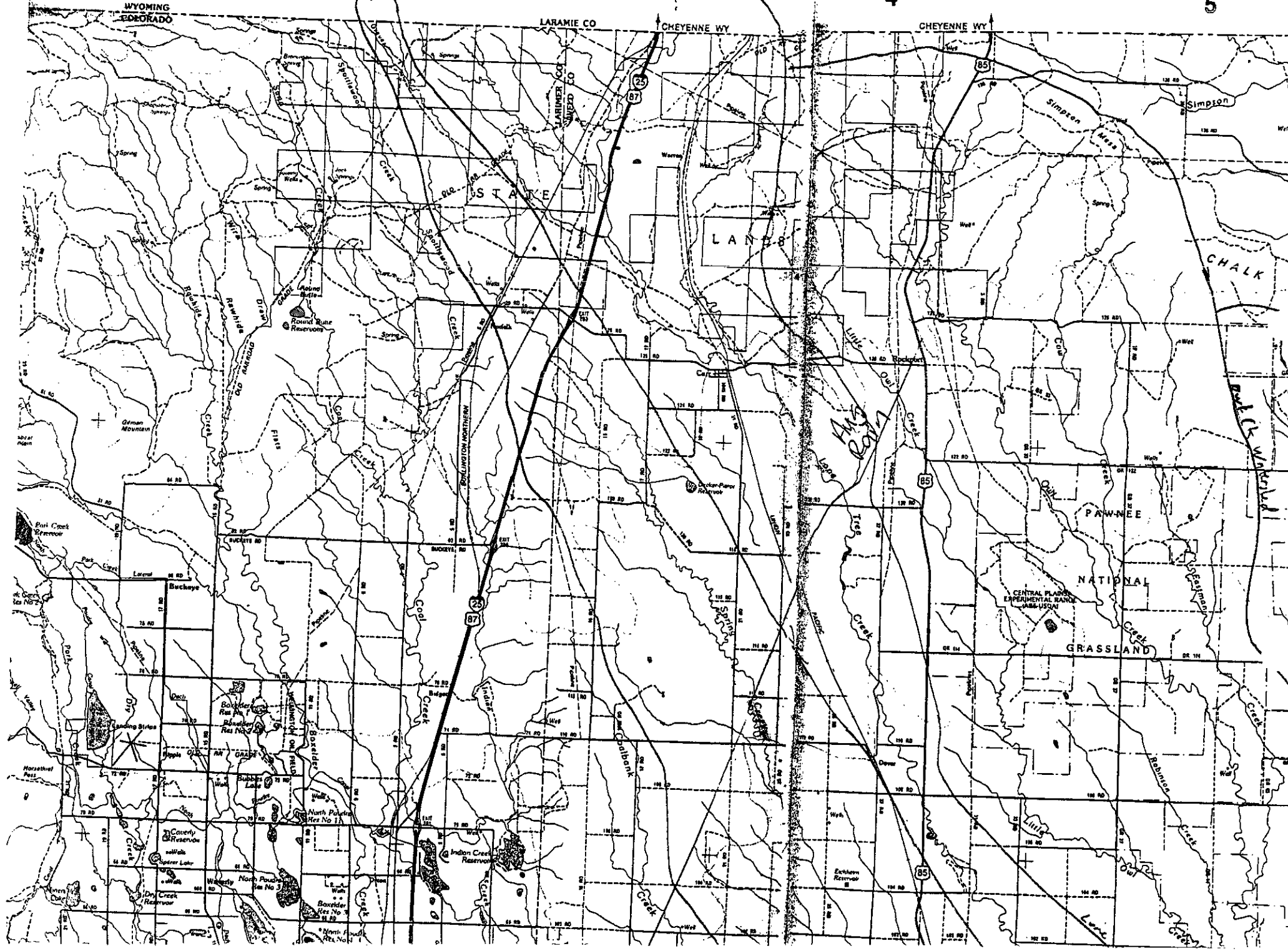


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## **Calculation File to Estimate Peak Discharge for Northern Weld County**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this calculation file is to estimate the peak discharge associated with the storm event of May 24, 1997 in northern Weld County using indirect flow measurements. This storm event had peak rainfall totals for a 6-hour period in excess of 8 inches. The storm cells developed approximately 21 miles north of Raymer and moved in a northeast direction across Sidney Draw into Nebraska.

**Methodology:** On June 8, 1997 an RTi flood documentation team (Markus Ritsch and Bill Ellett) performed a field investigation in northern Weld County. The field work began with a meeting between the flood documentation team and Harold and Mark Weisbrook. Harold is a wheat farmer and NWS cooperative weather observer who maintains 9 rain gauges on his farm. Harold recorded total rain accumulations of between 2.5 and 3.0 inches at his farm approximately 5 miles south of the Colorado-Nebraska border. His son Mark who lives approximately 1/2 mile north of the Colorado-Nebraska border maintains 1 rain gauge and recorded a total rain accumulation of more than 7 inches for the storm event of May 24, 1997. The information contained within this calculation file was developed from the interview with Harold and Mark and the associated field work.

### **Storm Description:**

- The storms began in the afternoon of May 24, 1997 approximately 4:30 p.m.
- The heavy rainfall occurred during a 4-hour period ending approximately 8:00 p.m.
- Several large storm cells developed in approximately the same location (over Sidney Draw) and moved in a northeast direction. Harold used the term "train" effect to describe the development and subsequent movement of storm cells to the northeast.
- There was a large amount of hail associated with the storm cells. Mark reported golf-ball sized hail stones to a depth of 6 inches.
- There was a large amount of lightning and thunder associated with the storm cells.

### **Rainfall Estimates:**

Rainfall estimates were obtained from Harold and Mark Weisbrook in addition to a storm total precipitation radar imaged from the NWS Doppler radar. Rainfall estimates are shown (in inches) on the attached map.

### **Flood Damages:**

A complete flood damage survey was not performed by the flood documentation team. However, flood damages were noted during the field visit which included damage and overtopping of several county roads, erosion/washout damage to several county roads, damage to corps and fields, and debris accumulations.

### **Runoff Estimate:**

Harold and Mark Weisbrook identified several locations where they thought evidence of high water still existed. A trip was made to each of these locations to assess those with the highest potential for estimating a peak discharge based on evidence of high water. The final location chosen was on an

un-named tributary directly north of Sidney Draw in Kimball County Nebraska. The watershed sits on the Colorado-Nebraska state line and has a total drainage area upstream of the measured cross sections of approximately 22.6 square miles. The drainage area was determined manually using a digital planimeter and 1:24,000 scale USGS quad maps.

A runoff estimate was obtained for the un-named drainage using indirect flow measurement techniques. Several channel cross-sections were obtained using a survey instrument and stadia rod. High water marks were identified by debris lines on barbed wire fences and fence posts that ran parallel to the channel. A channel slope was surveyed in the field, and Manning's "n" values were estimated for the overbanks and main channel.

The attached figure shows the surveyed cross sections and the computation of the average cross sectional area. The average cross sectional area is computed to be 342 square feet.

The channel slope was surveyed to be approximately 0.0035 feet per feet. The channel slope determined from a 1:24,000 scale USGS topography map (1972) for the same channel reach was estimated to be on the order of 0.0033 feet per feet. For calculation purposes, the slope was assumed to be 0.0034 feet per feet.

The channel consisted of a grass lined channel with no alluvial deposits. There were no gravels, rocks or other deposits in the channel. There were no shrubs or trees growing in the channel or on the banks. Photographs of the channel were taken and are shown in the document. Using the U.S. Soil Conservation Service's field test results for grassed channels (See Chow 1959) a range of Manning's "n" was chosen (0.023 to 0.030).

The wetted perimeter was measured to be approximately 135.5 feet.

The Chezy-Manning equation is employed under the assumption of normal flow to estimate the discharge. Inputs to the Chezy-Manning equation consist of slope of the hydraulic grade line (assumed to be the channel slope), cross sectional area (342 sq. ft.), wetted perimeter (135.5 ft), and Manning's n (0.023 to 0.030). The Chezy-Manning equation is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} * A * (r_H)^{\frac{2}{3}} * \sqrt{S}$$

Where Q=discharge (cfs)

n=Manning's n

rH=hydraulic radius (area/wetted perimeter) (ft)

S=slope (ft/ft)

Solving the Chezy-Manning equation under the assumption of normal flow for various values of "n" is shown in the table below.

#### Discharge Estimates

Manning's "n"	Discharge	Velocity
0.023	2,395 cfs	7.0 fps
0.030	1,836 cfs	5.4 fps

The resulting velocities are less than 10 fps (typically the upper limit for an open channel) and are considered reasonable.

**100-year Discharge Estimate:**

A comparison of the computed discharge (1,836 cfs to 2,395 cfs) is made relative to a regional 100-year discharge estimate. The discharge associated with a return interval of 100-years can be estimated using a regional equation developed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (Guidelines for determining 100-year flood flows for approximate floodplains in Colorado, vs 3.0, July 1997). The region of consideration is in the South Platte River Basin, Eastern Plains Subregion (SPL-1). The regional regression equation for this region (SPL-1) is:

$$Q = 707.9*(A)^{0.654}$$

Where Q=100-year peak discharge (cfs)  
A=Drainage area (sq. mi.)

Using an area of 22.6 square miles, the equation is solved for the 100-year peak discharge. The resulting discharge is approximately 5,400 cfs.

**Conclusion:**

A field visit was conducted in northern Weld County to investigate and measure the remaining channel evidence of the peak flow experienced as a result of the May 24, 1997 storm event. The parameters required to establish a peak discharge estimate using indirect methods were determined from the data collected during the field visit. The Chezy-Manning equation was solved under the assumption of normal flow to determine the peak discharge of 1,836 cfs to 2,395 cfs.

The CWCB regional guidelines were used to establish the approximate 100-year peak discharge for the watershed visited during the field trip. The CWCB guidelines established an approximate 100-year peak flow to be 5,400 cfs.





### Watershed Calculation for unnamed creek in northern Weld County, and Nebraska

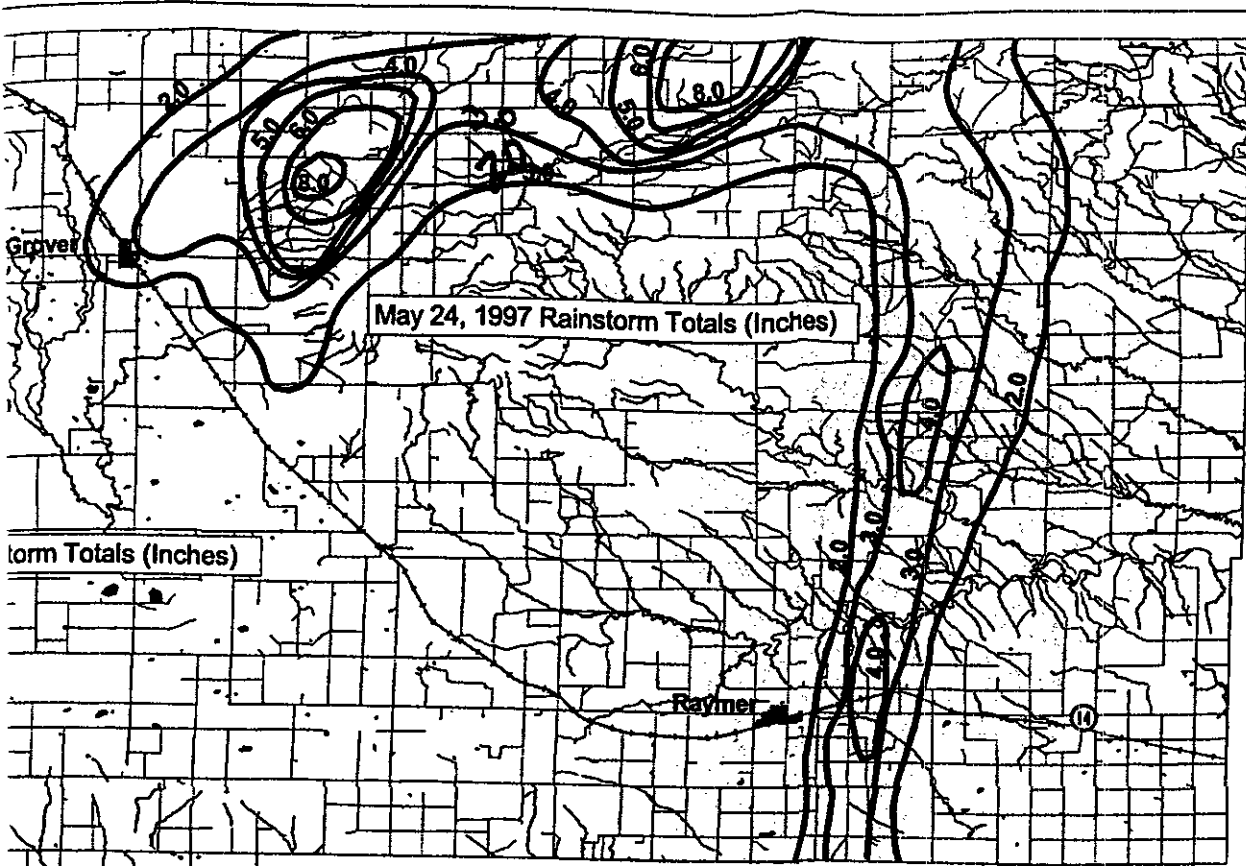
Using four 1:24000 USGS quadrangle maps (Busnell SE, Busnell SW, VIM School, and Dolan Spring) the watershed boundary from the RTi channel surveys was delineated to the headwaters.

The area of the unnamed creek watershed was calculated using *Placom* Digital Planimeter. The water shed was divided into five areas (one for each quadrangle, and two for Dolan Spring quadrangle) that were traced using the planimeter. Four traces were done for each area and this was averaged to determine the area.

<u>Busnell SE</u>	<u>Busnell SW</u>	<u>Area in Acreage</u>		
		<u>VIM School</u>	<u>Dolan Spring</u>	
5535.0	2015.4	1080.3	4099.1	1759.2
5569.4	2015.4	1071.7	4090.6	1750.7
5535.2	2020.5	1067.5	4100.5	1753.5
<u>5532.4</u>	<u>2018.3</u>	<u>1076.8</u>	<u>4091.1</u>	<u>1757.8</u>
5543.0 = AVG	2017.4 = AVG	1074.1 = AVG	4095.3 = AVG	1755.3 = AVG










The five averages were added together to give the total area of watershed

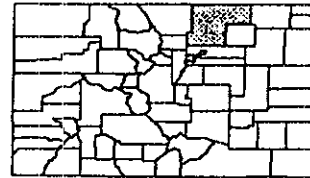
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14,485.1 acres = Total  
22.6 square miles



orm Totals (Inches)

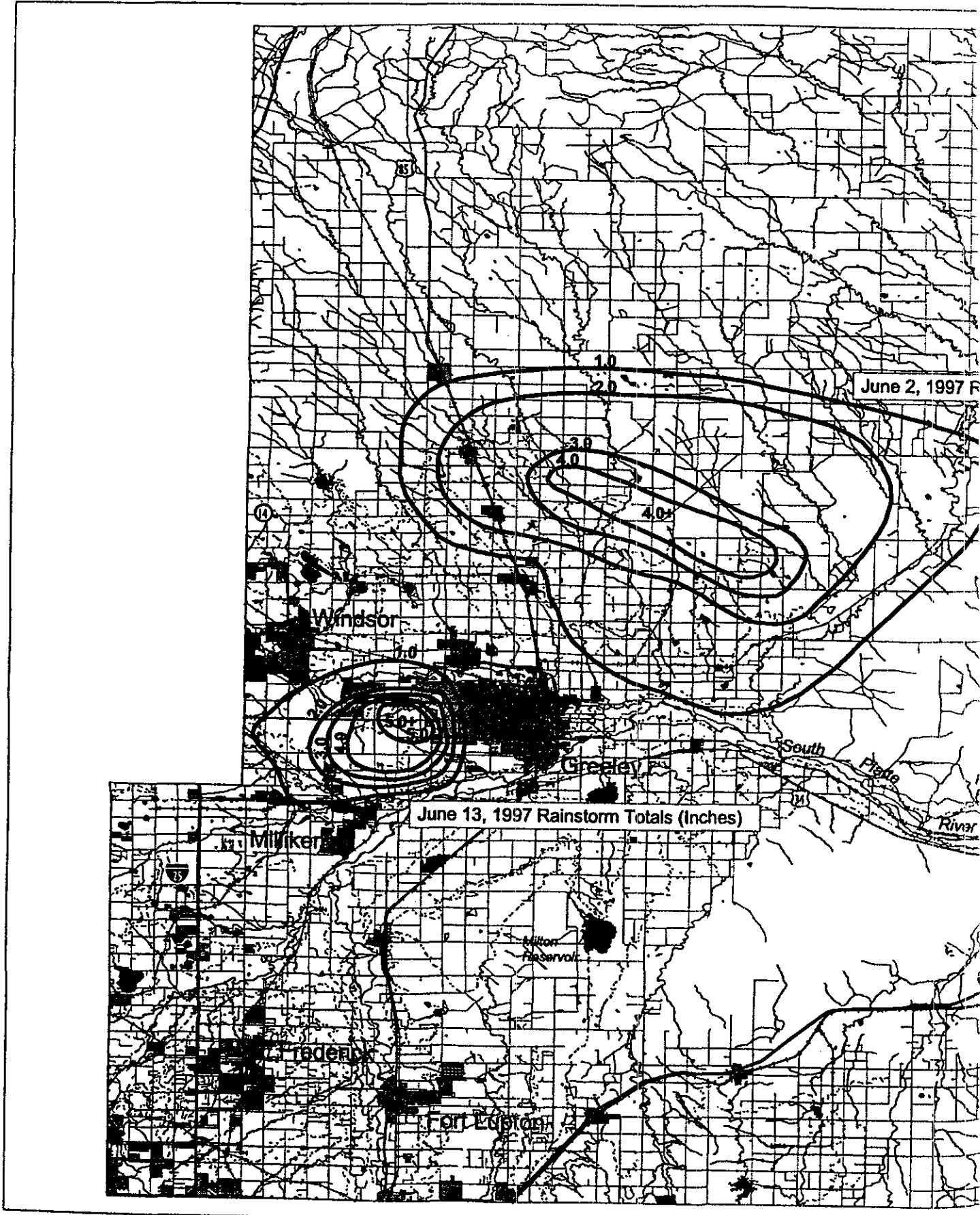
# Weld County Precipitation Map

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-  Rivers and Streams
-  Canals and Ditches
-  Interstate Highways
-  Primary Roads
-  Secondary Roads
-  Railroads
-  Lakes and Reservoirs
-  Municipal Boundaries



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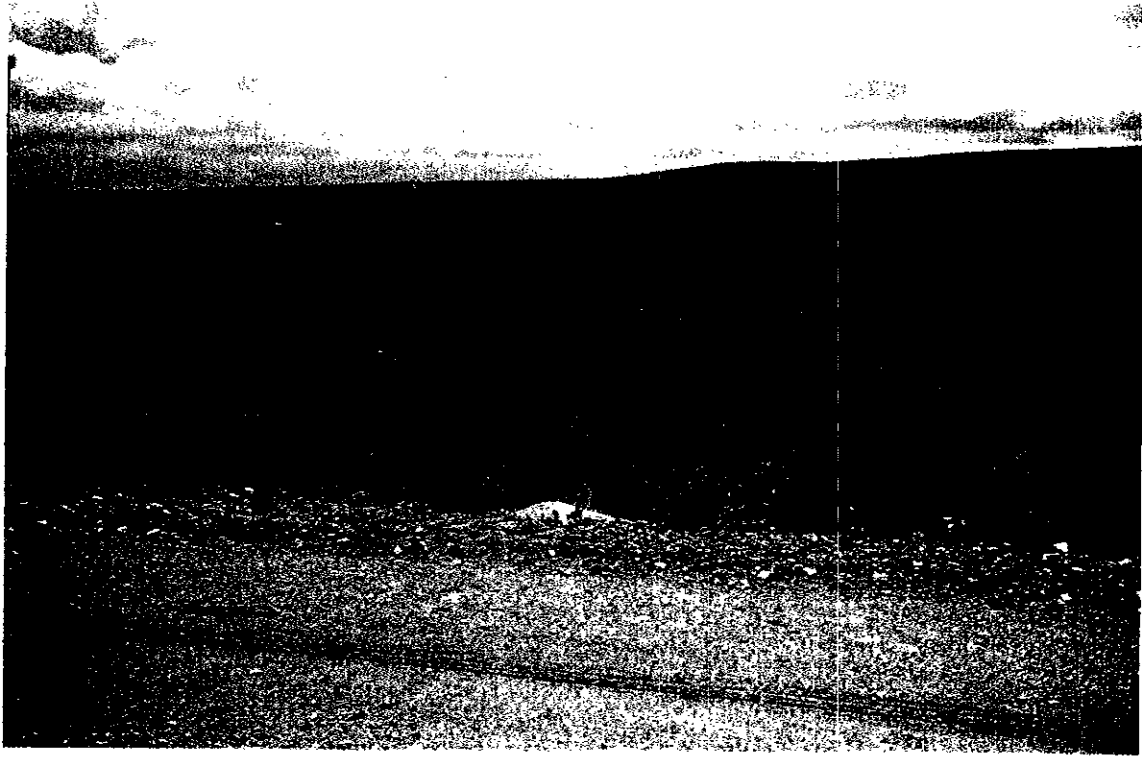


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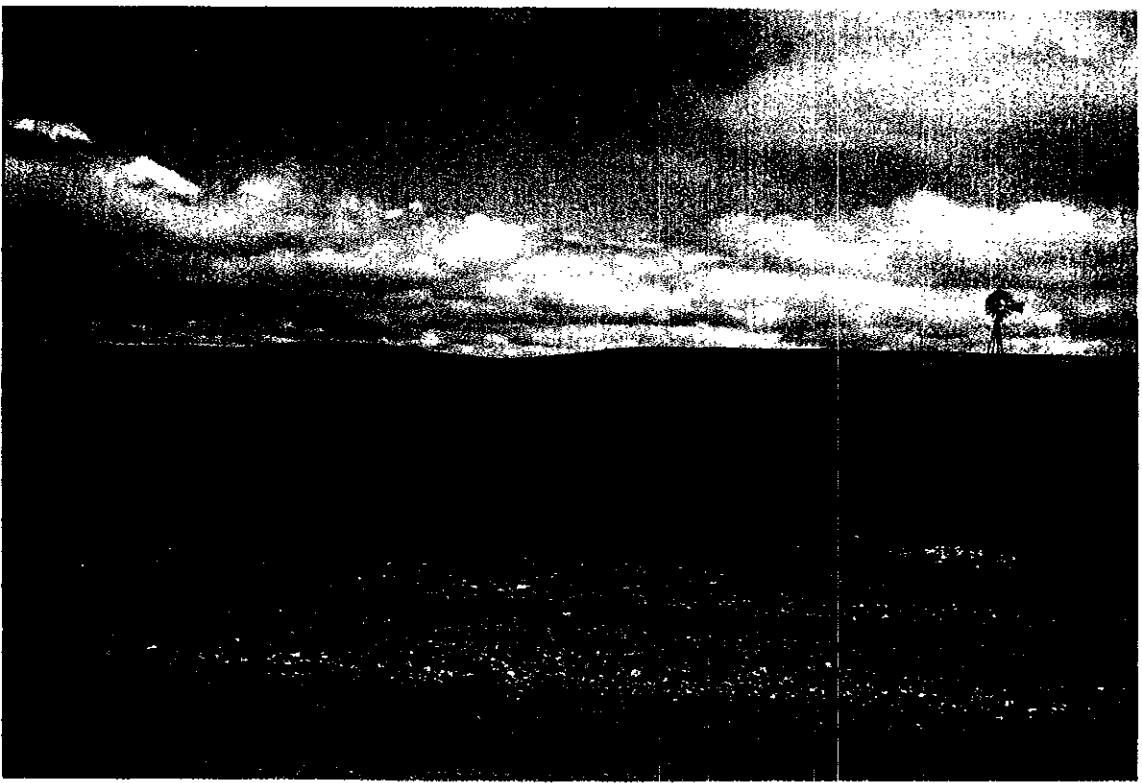


A rock dam constructed in the flood path. The water was about four feet deep here. Notice how the flood dispersed the rocks from the dam.

second stop June 8, 1998 - Un-named Drainage  
North of Sidney Draw



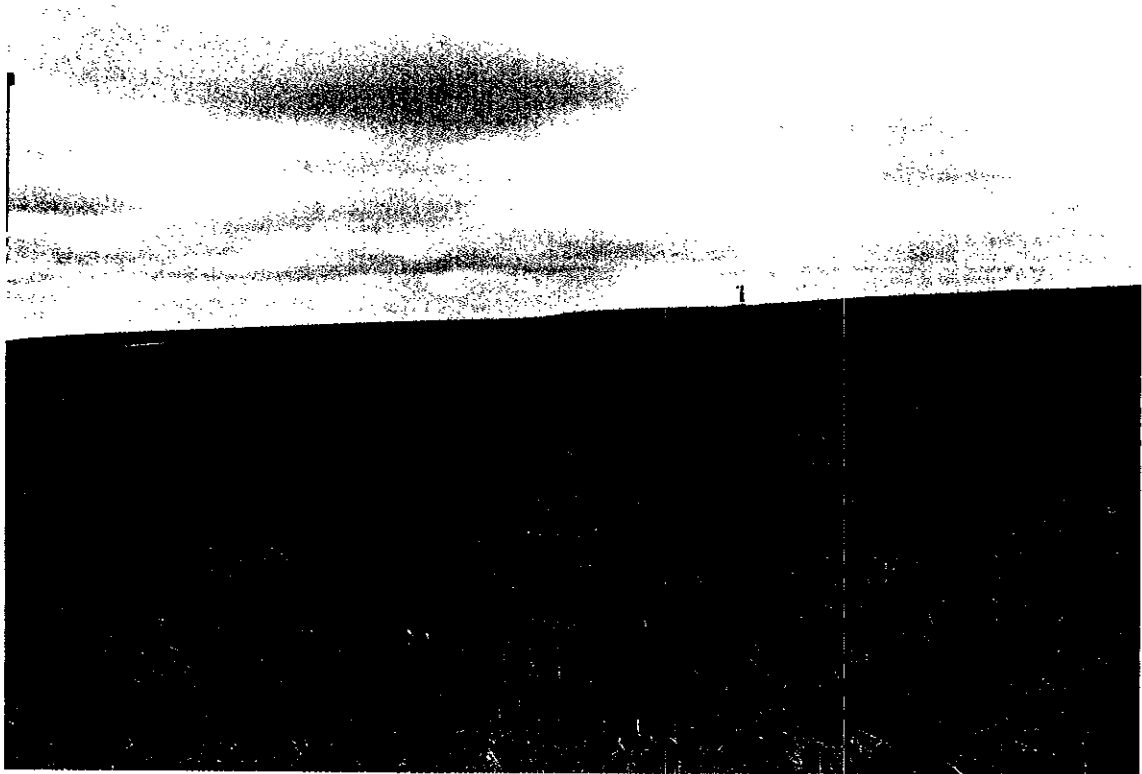
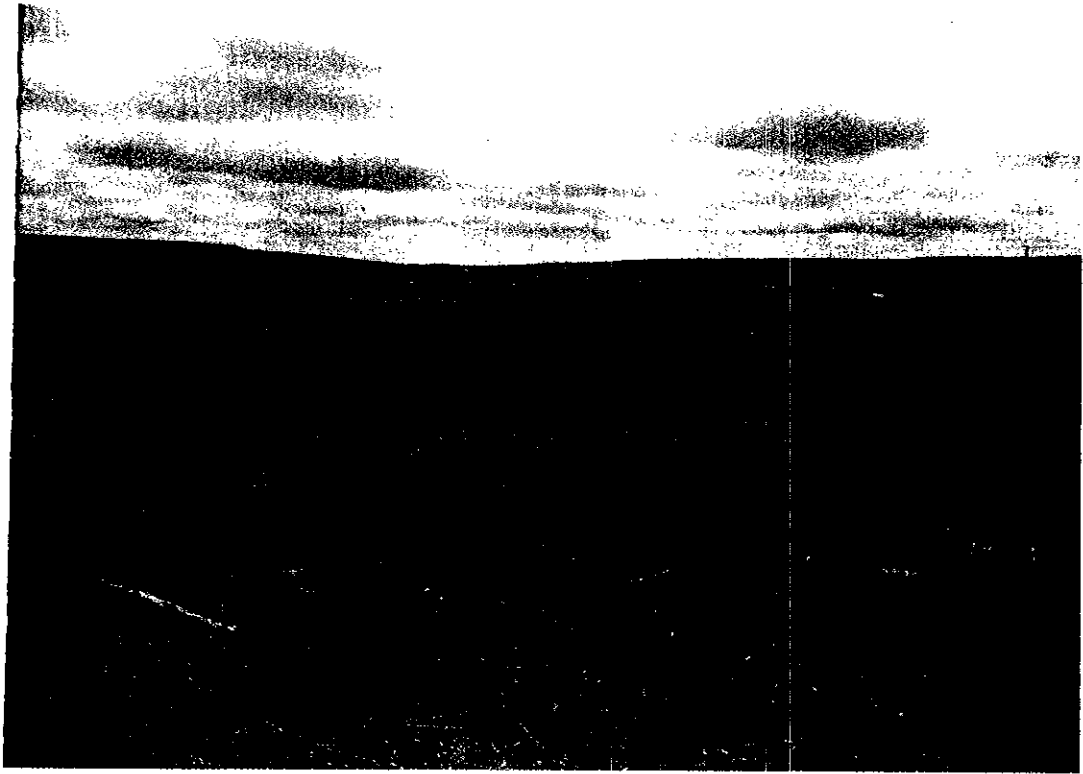
Looking upstream from Kimball County Road 25.  
Flood debris was found along the fence that ran  
parallel to the road.



Looking down stream

walking up stream from Kimball cnty Rd 25.

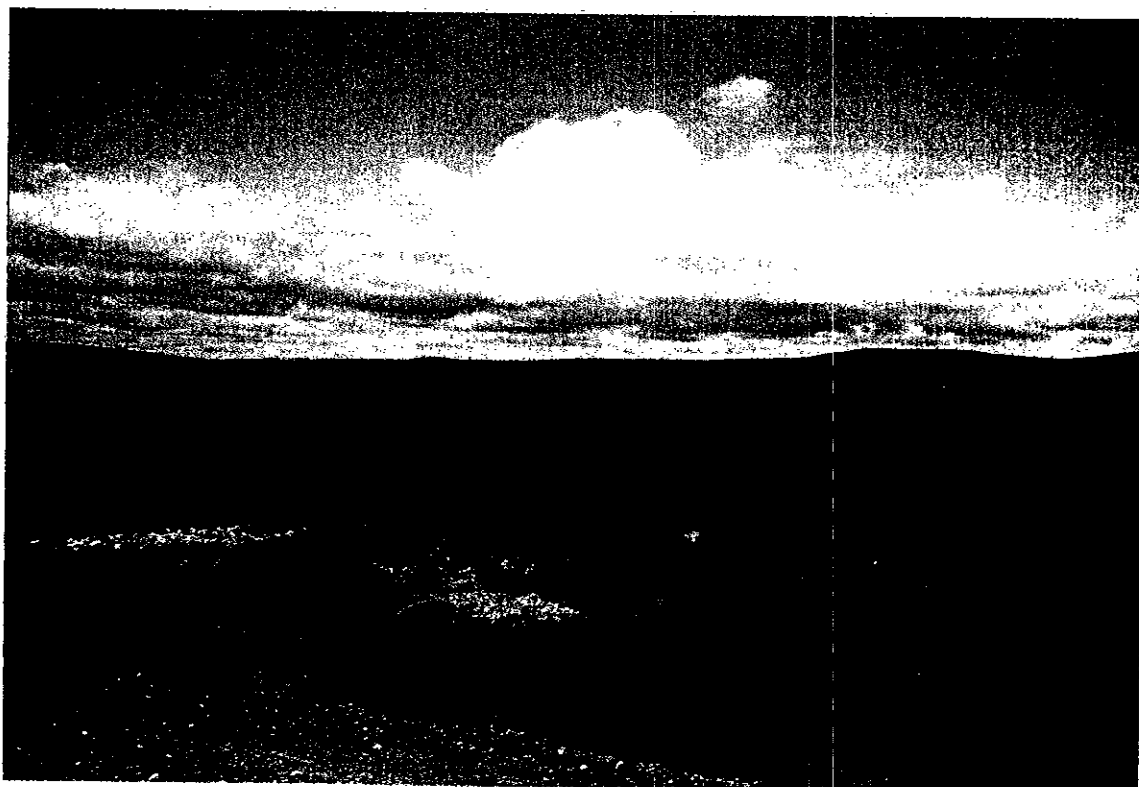
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Grass lined channel (crested wheat Grass?)  
No cobbles/boulders in channel.



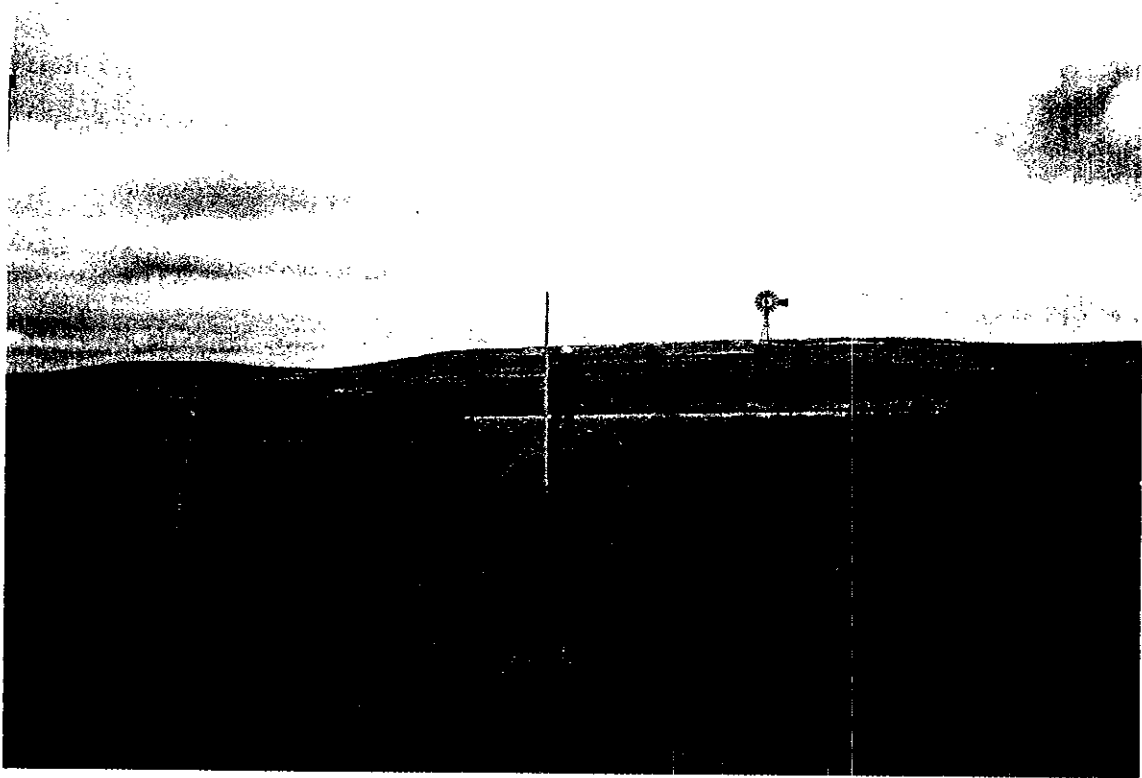
looking at culvert outlet down stream of  
Kimball Cnty Rd 25. A large scour hole  
has been filled in with tumble weeds.



Looking further down stream from  
Kimball Cnty Rd 25.

Flood Stage @ Kimball cnty Rd 25

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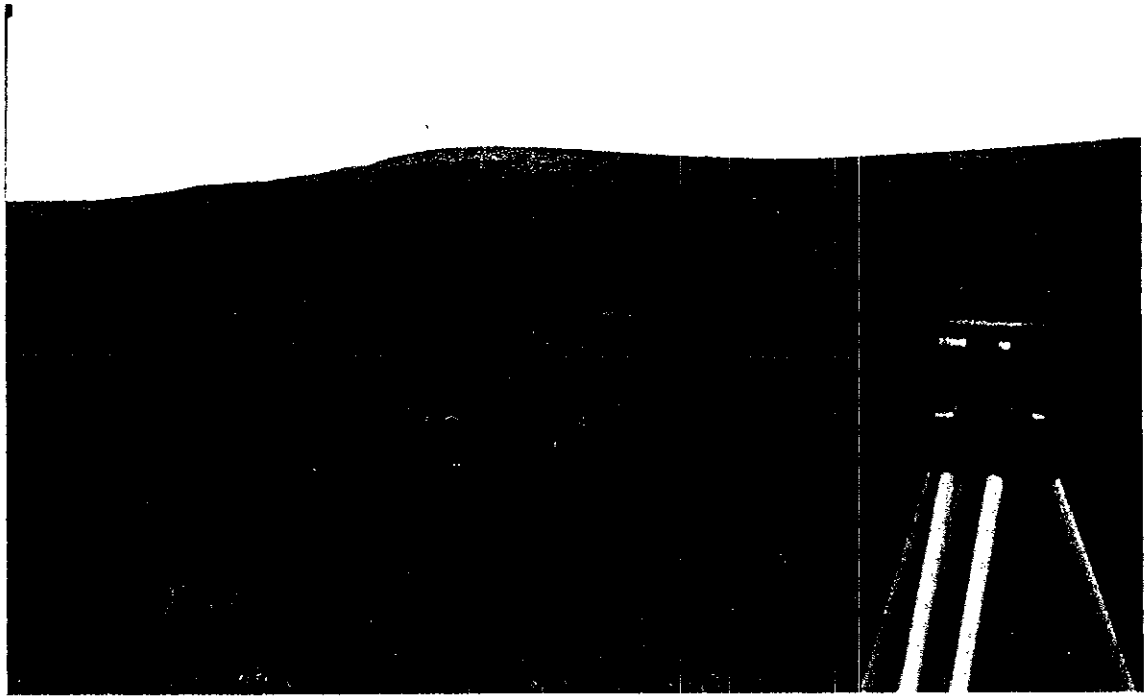


Approximate flood stage as determined from debris lines along fence.



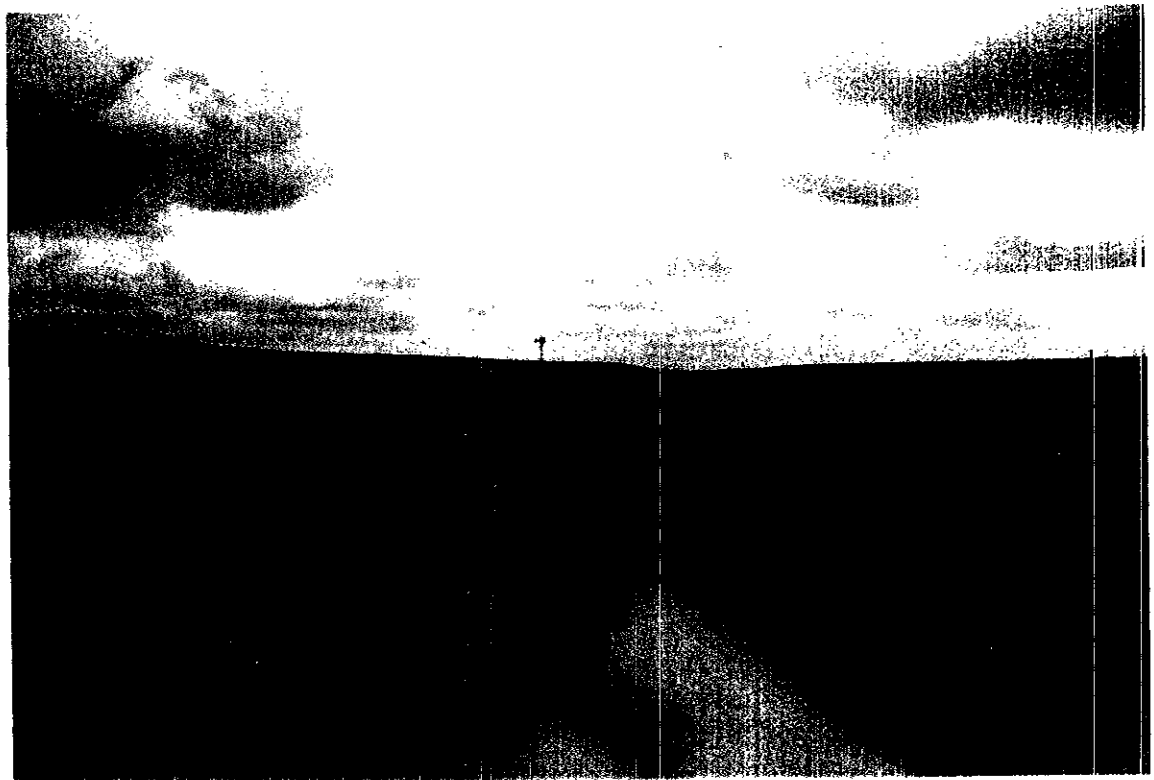
Third stop June 8, 1998

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looking  
downstream

Final site where X-sections were surveyed. Approximately 1/2 mile downstream of Kimball entry Rd 25. Found very good flood debris along the fence posts on left side of photo.



Looking  
upstream