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**April 13, 2005** 

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will begin its annual flood prediction and notification services on Friday, April 15. This program serves the seven-county Denver/Boulder metropolitan area and operates in cooperation with the National Weather Service by providing daily forecasts of flood potential and by directly contacting local jurisdictions when flood threats develop.

The District has retained the private consulting firm of HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to provide the meteorological support for this year. HDR will phone flood alerts to designated emergency communication points in each county. The weather information is then relayed to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals involved with making public warning decisions and preparing for possible flooding.

In addition to providing flood predictions, the District operates a large network of automated rain and stream gauges and has developed local flood warning plans for the following streams:

- Bear Creek and Mount Vernon Creek in Jefferson County, Morrison and Lakewood
- Boulder Creek and South Boulder Creek through Boulder and Boulder County
- Goldsmith Gulch and Harvard Gulch in Denver
- Lena Gulch in Jefferson County, Golden, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge
- Ralston Creek, Leyden Creek and Van Bibber Creek in Jefferson County and Arvada
- Toll Gate Creek in Aurora
- Westerly Creek in Denver and Aurora

The "ALERT System" provides continuous real-time monitoring of flood conditions and sets off alarms when threatening rainfall or rising stream levels are detected. More information about this program can be obtained from the District's website www.udfcd.org or by calling 303-455-6277.