## May 19-20, 1864

19-20 IN 1864...A DEVASTATING MAJOR FLASH FLOOD OCCURRED ON THE NORMALLY DRY AND SANDY CHERRY CREEK IN DENVER. THE FLOOD WAS CAUSED BY HEAVY THUNDERSTORM RAINFALL AND HAIL OVER THE PALMER RIDGE TO THE SOUTH OF THE CITY IN BOTH THE CHERRY CREEK AND PLUM CREEK BASINS. NINETEEN DEATHS OCCURRED ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND CHERRY CREEK IN DENVER. THE TORRENT SWEPT CATTLE AND SHEEP ALONG WITH LARGE TREES AND HOUSES BEFORE IT WASHING OUT SEVERAL BRIDGES...AND MOVING LARGE STRUCTURES FROM THEIR FOUNDATIONS. ALL CITY RECORDS WERE DESTROYED WHEN CITY HALL WASHED AWAY. THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS BUILDING...BUILT ON STILTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CREEK...WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY THE RAGING WATERS...WHICH WERE AS DEEP AS 5 FEET ON THE MORNING OF THE 20TH. ONCE THE FLOOD WATERS RECEDED...MUCH SAND AND GRAVEL WAS LEFT BEHIND. PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM THE FLOOD WAS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR FLOOD OF RECORD IN THE CITY.

# May 31-June 2, 1894

29-1 IN 1894...HEAVY RAIN COMBINED WITH SNOWMELT RUNOFF CAUSED WIDESPREAD FLOODING OVER THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN. RAINFALL WAS HEAVIEST IN THE FOOTHILLS WHERE 5 TO 8 INCHES WERE MEASURED OVER THE 4 DAYS. HEAVY RAINFALL WEST OF BOULDER FLOODED MINING TOWNS AND DAMAGED MINING PROPERTIES. IN THE CANYONS ABOVE BOULDER...RAILROADS AND ROADS WERE WASHED OUT ALONG WITH MANY BRIDGES. THE FLOODWATERS SPREAD INTO CENTRAL BOULDER AND COVERED A WIDE AREA FROM UNIVERSITY HILL NORTH TO NEAR MAPLETON HILL TO A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 8 FEET. MANY HOUSES WERE SWEPT AWAY...AND EVERY BRIDGE IN BOULDER WAS DESTROYED. A FEW PEOPLE...TRAPPED IN THEIR HOMES BY THE FLOODWATERS... HAD TO BE RESCUED. HOWEVER... THE GRADUAL RISE OF THE FLOOD WATERS RESULTED IN ONLY ONE DEATH. BOULDER CREEK SPREAD TO A WIDTH OF NEARLY ONE MILE IN THE PASTURE LAND TO THE EAST OF BOULDER. EXTENSIVE FLOODING ON LEFT HAND CREEK NORTH OF BOULDER WASHED AWAY RAILROAD AND WAGON BRIDGES. THE HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS CAUSED FLOODING ON BEAR CREEK...WHICH WASHED AWAY BRIDGES...RAILROAD TRACKS...AND STRUCTURES AND DESTROYED THE CANYON ROADWAY. MORRISON SUSTAINED THE HEAVIEST FLOOD DAMAGE ON BEAR CREEK. IN DENVER...RAINFALL TOTALED ONLY 1.50 INCHES ON THE 30TH AND 31ST...BUT THE HEAVY RAINFALL ON UPSTREAM TRIBUTARIES OF THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER CAUSED THE RIVER TO RISE AS MUCH AS 10 FEET ABOVE THE LOW WATER MARK IN THE CITY...WHICH CAUSED SOME FLOODING OF PASTURE LAND DOWNSTREAM TO A DEPTH OF 6 FEET NEAR BRIGHTON.

## August 19, 1896

#### July 24, 1896

24 IN 1896...HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS IN THE FOOTHILLS WEST OF DENVER
CAUSED FLASH FLOODING ON BEAR CREEK...CLEAR CREEK...GOLDEN
GATE GULCH...AND MOUNT VERNON CREEK...RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF
27 DEATHS. THE DOWNPOUR DISLODGED LARGE BOULDERS...ONE OF
WHICH CRUSHED A HOUSE. THE HEAVY RAIN ALSO CAUSED A DAM ON

CUB CREEK TO WASH OUT...ADDING EVEN MORE WATER TO THE FLOOD. A WALL OF WATER AS HIGH AS 10 FEET FLOODED EVERGREEN AND PASSED DOWN BEAR CREEK...WASHING AWAY MANY STRUCTURES ALONG THE WAY. THE FLOOD CREST PRODUCED 3 FEET OF WATER IN DOWNTOWN MORRISON DURING THE EARLY EVENING. FLASH FLOODING ON MOUNT VERNON CREEK ADDED TO THE FLOODING IN MORRISON. IN GOLDEN...THE FLOODING WASHED OUT BRIDGES ON CLEAR CREEK AND ON CRESMAN AND TUCKER GULCHES AND FORCED THE CLOSURE OF THE POWER PLANT. IN DENVER...A THUNDERSTORM PRODUCED HAIL OF UNKNOWN SIZE DURING THE AFTERNOON AND RAINFALL OF 1.23 INCHES OVERNIGHT.

## July 8, 1906

July 23, 1909 Two Mile Canyon in Boulder 2 deaths reported, 2 others seriously injured...deaths not confirmed.

July 30, 1916

#### June 3, 1921

IN 1921...HEAVY RAINFALL FOR NEARLY A WEEK...ON TOP OF STREAMS ALREADY SWOLLEN BY MOUNTAIN SNOWMELT...PRODUCED WIDESPREAD FLOODING OVER THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN...INCLUDING THE TRIBUTARIES THROUGH THE CANYONS TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF DENVER. HEAVY RAINFALL OVER THE 6-DAY PERIOD TOTALED 3.36 INCHES IN BOULDER...4.98 INCHES IN MORRISON...4.27 INCHES IN CASTLE ROCK...AND 2.94 INCHES IN THE CITY OF DENVER. RAINFALL AMOUNTS IN THE FOOTHILLS WERE ESTIMATED BETWEEN 3 AND 6 INCHES. THE NARROW-GAGE TRACKS OF THE COLORADO AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD WERE DESTROYED IN THE PLATTE CANYON. FROM THE MOUTH OF THE CANYON THROUGH THE CITY TO NEAR BRIGHTON... THE RIVER SPREAD FROM 1/2 TO NEARLY 1 1/2 MILES WIDE... FLOODING FARM AND PASTURE LAND AND DESTROYING OR DAMAGING MANY BRIDGES. IN THE CITY...MANY BUSINESSES ALONG WITH AS MANY AS 500 HOMES WERE INUNDATED...FORCING THEIR EVACUATION. BRIDGES WERE SWEPT AWAY. THE HIGH WATERS FLOODED THE RAIL YARDS AND STOCK YARDS IN LOWER DOWNTOWN...CLOSING THREE ADJACENT PACKING HOUSES. THE HEAVY RAINS ALSO CAUSED FLOODING ON BOULDER CREEK IN BOULDER ON THE 6TH.

July 2-7, 1921

July 31, 1929

#### July 7, 1933

IN 1933...HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS DURING THE AFTERNOON IN THE IDLEDALE AREA AND ON SAW MILL GULCH CAUSED FLASH FLOODING ON BEAR CREEK RESULTING IN 7 DEATHS. FLOODING IN MORRISON WAS COMPOUNDED WHEN A WALL OF WATER AS HIGH AS 15 FEET SWEPT DOWN MOUNT VERNON CREEK. THE FLOODING CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BEAR CREEK CANYON HIGHWAY.

#### August 3, 1933

IN 1933...HEAVY CLOUDBURST RAINS CAUSED THE FAILURE OF THE CASTLEWOOD DAM...WHICH RESULTED IN FLASH FLOODING ON CHERRY CREEK...THE DEATHS OF 7 PEOPLE IN DENVER...AND FLOOD DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 1 MILLION DOLLARS. LOWER DENVER WAS FLOODED DURING THE MORNING BY WATERS POURING DOWN CHERRY CREEK AND ITS VALLEY FROM CASTLEWOOD DAM...WHICH HAD BROKEN BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 2:00 AM. HEAVY RAIN OF 3 TO 9 INCHES IN 9 HOURS IN THE WATERSHED ABOVE THE DAM RESULTED IN THE FAILURE. AT 7:30 AM...THE FLOW IN CHERRY CREEK WAS REPORTED AT 16 THOUSAND SECOND-FEET AS COMPARED WITH A PEAK FLOW OF 3 THOUSAND SECOND-FEET IN OTHER YEARS. THE FLOOD WATERS RUINED HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF CROPS AND DROWNED SCORES OF FARM ANIMALS. SIX BRIDGES IN DENVER WERE SWEPT AWAY. GREAT DEPOSITS OF MUD WERE LEFT IN THE LOWER SECTIONS OF THE CITY...INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF BASEMENTS AND LOWER FLOORS OF BUILDINGS. AT THE END OF THE MONTH...A DEADLY STENCH STILL ROSE FROM SWAMPY AREAS NEAR THE LOWER CITY LIMITS.

## August 9, 1934

IN 1934...HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS IN THE FOOTHILLS NEAR KITTREDGE
AND AT THE HEAD OF MOUNT VERNON CREEK CAUSED FLASH FLOODING
ON BOTH BEAR CREEK AND MOUNT VERNON CREEK AT MORRISON...
WHICH RESULTED IN 6 DEATHS AND MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE.
THE HIGHWAY IN MOUNT VERNON CANYON WAS DESTROYED BY THE
FLOOD WATERS.

#### May 30, 1935

IN 1935...SOUTHEAST WINDS SUSTAINED TO 29 MPH WITH GUSTS TO 34 MPH PRODUCED A MODERATE DUSTSTORM DURING THE AFTERNOON.

## August 31- September 3, 1938

#### **September 2-3, 1938**

IN 1938...HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS IN THE FOOTHILLS NEAR THE TOP OF GENESEE MOUNTAIN CAUSED FLASH FLOODING ON BEAR CREEK AT MORRISON. NEARLY 8 INCHES OF RAIN FELL JUST NORTH OF MORRISON IN 6 HOURS AND DROWNED 6 PEOPLE IN A CAR BETWEEN MORRISON AND KITTREDGE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. FLASH FLOODING ALSO OCCURRED ON SOUTH BOULDER CREEK IN ELDORADO SPRINGS. RAINFALL TOTALED 4.42 INCHES IN ELDORADO SPRINGS...AND RAINFALL WAS ESTIMATED TO MORE THAN 6 INCHES IN THE FOOTHILLS WEST OF THE TOWN. MANY BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES WERE DAMAGED IN ELDORADO SPRINGS...AND BRIDGES WERE SWEPT AWAY. THE HIGH WATERS FORCED RESIDENTS FROM THEIR HOMES AS FAR DOWNSTREAM AS ERIE. THIS WAS THE FLOOD OF RECORD ON SOUTH BOULDER CREEK.

### June 22, 1941

21-22 IN 1941...STRONG THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCED CLOUDBURSTS OF RAIN IN BOULDER COUNTY...STARTING DURING THE LATE EVENING OF THE 21ST AND CONTINUING OVERNIGHT. THE HEAVY RAINS OVER THE BOULDER CREEK...LEFT HAND CREEK...AND SOUTH ST VRAIN RIVER BASINS PRODUCED FLOODING IN ALREADY SWOLLEN STREAMS AND TURNED DRY GULCHES INTO RAGING TORRENTS. THE FORCE OF THE

FLOODWATERS SWEPT A MAN FROM THE ARMS OF HIS WIFE TO HIS DEATH...SEVERELY DAMAGED CANYON HOMES AND SWEPT OTHERS AWAY... AND HURTLED A CAR DOWN A STEEP EMBANKMENT AFTER THE DRIVER NARROWLY ESCAPED. WEST OF BOULDER...THE BOULDER CANYON HIGHWAY WAS LITTERED WITH ROCKS AND DEBRIS AND COLLAPSED WHEN TWO CULVERTS WERE WASHED AWAY. THE FLOOD WATERS WASHED MUCH DEBRIS DOWN FOUR MILE CANYON...DAMAGING THE ROAD NEAR THE CREEK BED. A BRIDGE OVER DRY CREEK JUST SOUTH OF NIWOT WAS COMPLETELY WASHED AWAY.

#### June 16-17, 1965

16-17 IN 1965...ON THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF THE 16TH...VIOLENT THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCED EXTREMELY HEAVY CLOUDBURSTS OF RAIN OVER THE PALMER DIVIDE AND SENT A WALL OF WATER AS HIGH AS 20 FEET DOWN BOTH BRANCHES OF PLUM CREEK INTO THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND THROUGH METRO DENVER. THE HEAVY RAINFALL PRODUCED THE MOST DEVASTATING FLOOD IN THE HISTORY OF DENVER. RAINFALL TOTALED 14.0 INCHES IN 3 HOURS AT BOTH LARKSPUR AND PALMER LAKE WITH 12.0 INCHES RECORDED IN CASTLE ROCK. THE FLOOD WATERS CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ROADS AND BRIDGES IN LARKSPUR...CASTLE ROCK...AND SEDALIA...INCLUDING WASHING OUT THE I-25 BRIDGE OVER EAST PLUM CREEK IN CASTLE ROCK. THE CITIZENS OF METRO DENVER RECEIVED REPORTS OF THE FLOODING TO THE SOUTH AND HAD A FEW HOURS TO INITIATE EVACUATION PROCEDURES ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER...GREATLY LIMITING THE LOSS OF LIFE. BY EVENING...THE FLOOD REACHED LITTLETON WHERE AN HEROIC EFFORT WAS MADE TO SAVE NEARLY 150 HORSES AT THE CENTENNIAL RACETRACK...WHICH WAS COMPLETELY INUNDATED BY THE FLOOD WATERS. AS THE FLOOD PROCEEDED THROUGH THE CITY OF DENVER...THE RIVER BECAME MORE THAN 1/2 MILE WIDE AND DESTROYED ALL HOMES...TRAILER COURTS... AND BUSINESSES IN ITS PATH. THE WATERS CONTAINED DEBRIS RANGING FROM REFRIGERATORS TO OLD CARS. AS MANY AS 26 BRIDGES WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED...INCLUDING THE 6TH AVENUE FREEWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE SOUTH PLATTE. BOTH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY POWER PLANTS WERE SHUT DOWN BY THE FLOOD. THE KING SOOPERS GROCERY CHAIN BAKERY WAS INUNDATED. ABOUT MIDNIGHT... THE TORRENT CRESTED AT 25 FEET ABOVE NORMAL WITH FLOW EXCEEDING 40 TIMES NORMAL AND IS THE RECORD FLOOD ON THE SOUTH PLATTE AND MANY OF ITS TRIBUTARIES. THE FLOOD CAUSED 230 MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE AND <mark>8 DEATHS</mark> ALONG THE ENTIRE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN. THE INTENSE RAIN ALSO CAUSED FLOODING ALONG CHERRY CREEK IN DENVER...ON TOLL GATE AND SAND CREEKS IN EAST METRO DENVER...AND ON KIOWA AND BIJOU CREEKS TO THE EAST OF DENVER. THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER FLOOD CLOSED NEARLY EVERY MAJOR EAST-WEST HIGHWAY INTO DENVER...NEARLY ISOLATING THE CITY. THE FLOOD CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE TO STATE AND COUNTY ROADS IN THE AREA. RAILROADS WERE ALSO HARD HIT WITH THE MAIN YARDS IN LOWER DOWNTOWN INUNDATED. SEWERAGE... WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES...AND IRRIGATION WORKS ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY FLOOD DAMAGE. THE FLOOD CREST DID NOT REACH NEBRASKA UNTIL THE 20TH.

## May 7, 1969

4-8 IN 1969...HEAVY RAINS CAUSED FLOODING ON BOULDER CREEK IN BOULDER...WHICH RESULTED IN ONE DEATH ON THE 7TH.

FLOODING ALSO OCCURRED ON BEAR CREEK IN SHERIDAN AND ON THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER IN DENVER. RAIN OVER MOST OF THE EASTERN FOOTHILLS STARTED LATE ON THE 4TH AND CONTINUED WITH ONLY BRIEF INTERRUPTIONS IN MANY AREAS UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE 8TH. VERY HIGH RATES OF RAINFALL OCCURRED ON THE 6TH AND 7TH WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITIES IN A BAND ALONG THE FOOTHILLS FROM ABOUT 25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DENVER NORTHWARD TO ESTES PARK. STORM TOTALS BY BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS EXCEEDED 10 INCHES OVER MUCH OF THIS AREA AND WERE OVER 12 INCHES IN SOME LOCALITIES. HEAVY SNOW FELL IN THE HIGHER MOUNTAINS AND IN THE FOOTHILLS LATER IN THE PERIOD. SATURATION OF THE SOIL RESULTED IN NUMEROUS ROCK AND LAND SLIDES...AND THE HEAVY RUN-OFF CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE ALONG MANY STREAMS AND FLOODING ON THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. MANY FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES WERE ISOLATED AS HIGHWAYS WERE BLOCKED AND COMMUNICATIONS DISRUPTED. ROADS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED OVER A WIDE AREA...AND A LARGE NUMBER OF BRIDGES WASHED OUT. MANY ROADS WERE CLOSED DUE TO THE DANGER FROM FALLING A BUILDING IN GEORGETOWN COLLAPSED FROM THE WEIGHT OF HEAVY WET SNOW. IN BOULDER...A MAN DROWNED WHEN CAUGHT BY THE FLOODING WATERS OF BOULDER CREEK...AND A PATROLMAN WAS INJURED. RAINFALL TOTALED 7.60 INCHES IN BOULDER WITH 9.34 INCHES RECORDED AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ELECTRIC PLANT IN BOULDER CANYON. IN MORRISON...RAINFALL TOTALED 11.27 INCHES IN 4 DAYS. HEAVY RAINFALL TOTALED 4.68 INCHES AT STAPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OVER 3 DAYS FROM THE 5TH THROUGH THE 7TH. RAINFALL OF 3.14 INCHES WAS RECORDED IN 24 HOURS ON THE 6TH AND 7TH. DOWNSTREAM FLOODING CONTINUED ALONG THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER UNTIL THE 12TH WHEN THE FLOOD CREST REACHED THE NEBRASKA LINE.

# July 31, 1976

IN 1976...DURING THE EVENING HOURS EXTREMELY HEAVY THUNDERSTORM RAINS PRODUCED FLASH FLOODING IN BIG THOMPSON CANYON WHICH KILLED 144 PEOPLE BETWEEN ESTES PARK AND LOVELAND. NO SIGNIFICANT WEATHER OCCURRED IN METRO DENVER AT THE TIME.

#### July 12, 1996

IN 1996...VERY HEAVY RAINFALL FROM A FAST MOVING THUNDERSTORM DUMPED 2 TO 3 INCHES OF RAIN WITHIN AN HOUR OVER SOUTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTY. TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED NEAR THE TOWN OF BUFFALO CREEK WHEN A 20-FOOT WALL OF WATER FLOODED THE AREA. UTILITY POLES AND TREES WERE UPROOTED; CARS... PROPANE TANKS...AND BRIDGES WERE DESTROYED IN THE FLOOD'S PATH. ENTIRE BUILDINGS WERE MOVED FROM THEIR FOUNDATIONS AND HEAVILY DAMAGED BY THE FLOODWATERS. THE FIRST FATALITY OCCURRED ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 126 WHEN THE DRIVER OF A PICK-UP TRUCK WAS WASHED OFF THE ROAD BY THE DEADLY WALL OF WATER. THE SECOND DEATH OCCURRED FARTHER UPSTREAM WHEN A MAN IN A 5TH-WHEEL TRAILER WAS WASHED AWAY. THIS WAS THE SECOND DISASTER TO STRIKE THE AREA IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. THE COMMUNITY WAS ALREADY RECOVERING FROM A WILDFIRE WHICH BURNED ABOUT 12 THOUSAND ACRES OF FOREST LAND IN LATE MAY. WITH THE FOREST BURNED BY FIRE...VERY LITTLE VEGETATION WAS AVAILABLE TO SLOW THE STORM'S RUNOFF...WHICH

RESULTED IN THE FLASH FLOOD. POWER...WATER...AND SEWER SERVICE WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED IN THE FLOOD AND...IN SOME CASES...BEYOND REPAIR. THE COST OF REPAIRING THE ROADS AND WATER SYSTEM IN THE AREA WAS ESTIMATED AT AROUND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. ELSEWHERE ACROSS METRO DENVER...SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCED HAIL...DAMAGING WINDS...AND SMALL TORNADOES. WEAK TORNADOES (F0) WERE REPORTED IN BROOMFIELD... 3 MILES EAST OF ENGLEWOOD...AND IN DACONO. NO DAMAGE WAS REPORTED...EXCEPT A TRAMPOLINE WAS BLOWN INTO A WINDOW AND SEVERAL TREES WERE DOWNED IN BROOMFIELD. THUNDERSTORM WIND GUSTS ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 60 MPH BLEW A FENCE DOWN IN LOUISVILLE WHERE WINDS ALSO TOPPLED A TREE NEAR A HOUSE. THE HOUSE RECEIVED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. LARGE HAIL...STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE IN PORTIONS OF SOUTHEASTERN BOULDER AND NORTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTIES. DAMAGE ESTIMATES IN THE BROOMFIELD AREA ALONE WERE ABOUT 1 MILLION DOLLARS. WINDS GUSTED TO 81 MPH IN BROOMFIELD. LARGE HAIL...3/4 TO 1 1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER FELL IN EVERGREEN...LAKEWOOD...ENGLEWOOD...BROOMFIELD...NEAR MORRISON...NORTHEAST OF BOULDER...AND JUST EAST OF DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

## July 28, 1997

IN 1997...A WEAK TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY IN PARKER... DAMAGING A GREENHOUSE. TWENTY PIECES OF THE FIBERGLASS ROOF WERE RIPPED AWAY. HEAVY RAINFALL IN THE FOOTHILLS WASHED OUT SOME CULVERTS IN THE PINE AND CONIFER AREAS. HEAVY RAINFALL SPREAD OVER THE PLAINS WITH 4 TO 7 INCHES REPORTEDLY FALLING NEAR HUDSON. SEVERAL COUNTY ROADS WERE WASHED OUT BETWEEN FORT LUPTON AND HUDSON. SEVERAL BASEMENTS IN THE AREA WERE FLOODED UP TO THE CEILING. STANDING WATER...UP TO 3 FEET DEEP...WAS REPORTED IN SOME BACKYARDS. LATER IN THE EVENING...A FLASH FLOOD KILLED 5 PEOPLE AND INJURED 40 OTHERS IN TWO MOBILE HOME PARKS IN FORT COLLINS. THE TORRENTIAL RAINFALL ALSO CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE ON THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. THUNDERSTORM RAINFALL TOTALED 0.80 INCH AT DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND 1.09 INCHES AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER STAPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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