

2013

COLORADO FLOODING

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 12 days

7 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- FEMA US&R IST
- FEMA US&R IST Cache

Type - **RAIN**



On September 9, 2013 a slow moving cold front stalled across the State of Colorado clashing with a warm humid air mass resulting in heavy rain and catastrophic flooding along Colorado's Front Range. The rain continued for days with upwards of 18 inches of rain September 14-16. The rain recorded during this month was 1.7 times higher than any other month Colorado had ever seen since they began tracking rain in 1897.

In Boulder County alone, flooding damaged over 19,000 residences and destroyed more than 1,500 entirely. Because of the terrain, the loss of roadways left many mountain communities and their residents isolated and trapped as floodwaters rose around them. In narrow river valleys, mudslides, and mudflows trapped people and cars on roadways leading into and out of small communities.

On September 13, FEMA activated the FEMA US&R White IST, the Central FEMA US&R IST cache, and 1 US&R Task Force and requested TX-TF1 assist with staffing. As a result, 7 TX-TF1 Support Specialists deployed in support of the IST. Additionally, 1 US&R Task Force was activated as a state resource, and a few days later FEMA activated 3 additional US&R Task Forces. The task forces worked tirelessly conducting search and rescue operations in multiple counties rescuing at least 1,750 people and 300 pets by air and ground

A total of 18 counties were declared a disaster before the rain came to an end on September 16. Finally, beginning on September 20, after many successful search and rescue missions, FEMA began demobilizing activated resources. The demobilization of task forces was staggered, with 2 demobilizing on September 20, 2 demobilizing on September 21, and the last 1 demobilizing on September 22. Finally, on September 24, the White IST and the Central IST Cache was demobilized, allowing all TX-TF1 personnel to return home.



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September 13-24