

June 1965 Colorado Flooding
Number and Location of Deaths
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This report provides information on the June 1965 Colorado flooding and was prepared to debunk an urban myth. The report honors the memory of those who perished.

"A series of thunderstorms of unprecedented severity and extent for Colorado, during the period around June 13 to 18, resulted in the most destructive flooding in the State's history for widespread areas from the mountains to the eastern border." Source: Climatological Data, Colorado, June 1965, Volume 70, No. 6.

"Before this week was over, however, Eastern Colorado experienced the worst natural disaster in the history of the state. Twenty-one men, women, and children died." Source: 1965 Flood Disasters in Colorado, prepared by Colorado Legislative Council, Research Publication No. 106, November 1965.

A review of flood-era newspapers published in various cities and towns in eastern Colorado indicates that flood-related fatalities occurred in many different communities in Colorado ranging from near Lycan and Deora in the far southeastern corner of the state to the vicinities of Loveland, Greeley, Deer Trail, Last Chance and Lindon in the northern part of the state.

Somehow, throughout the years, the number and location of fatalities got confused by people who have written about the flooding.

There is an urban myth stating that 21 people died on the **South Platte River in the Denver area during the June 1965 flood**. This is factually incorrect and this paper provides corrected information.

Two sources of the urban myth are as follows:

The Colorado Virtual Library <https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/state-pubs-blog/time-machine-tuesday-1965-flood/> contains an article titled "Time Machine Tuesday: 1965 Flood," which includes the following passage:

The 1965 flood occurred on June 16 of that year, when four consecutive days of heavy rains caused the South Platte River to flood from Denver to the Nebraska state line. Twenty-one people were killed and many others injured.

The Colorado Encyclopedia <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/south-platte-flood-1965> contains an article titled “South Platte Flood of 1965” which includes the following passage:

The South Platte River flood of 1965 was one of the worst natural disasters in Denver’s history. It claimed twenty-one lives and resulted in property losses estimated at \$543 million (more than \$4.4 billion in 2019 dollars), with the worst damage occurring in the Denver metro area.

An article in the Denver Post on Thursday, June 17th, titled “Prompt Alarms Keep Toll Low,” contained the following: “Miraculously - and because police and volunteers labored to warn persons in its path - the Denver area flood took a limited human toll.”

An editorial, titled “Black Wednesday,” in the Friday, June 18, Rocky Mountain News stated: “The loss in property will run into millions of dollars. The loss in life and the number of injured, however, are relatively small.”

Based on the investigation summarized in this report the following statement can be made:

The June 1965 Colorado Flooding resulted in 24 flood-related deaths state-wide. There were 11 flood-related deaths in the Arkansas River Drainage Basin and 13 flood-related deaths in the South Platte River Drainage Basin. Along the South Platte River, from Littleton, through Denver, to Brighton, there were only 2 flood-related deaths.

The remaining portion of this paper summarizes reports and studies prepared in the months and few years in the immediate aftermath of the flood and then segues into a recent investigation using flood-era newspapers from more than a dozen cities and towns in eastern Colorado.

The report, “1965 Flood Disasters in Colorado,” referenced earlier, contained flood fatality information compiled by the American Red Cross. There were 11 deaths shown in the South Platte River Basin with 2 in Arapahoe County, 4 in Denver County, 1 in Douglas County, 1 in Larimer County and 3 in Weld County. There were 10 deaths shown in the Arkansas River Basin with 2 in El Paso County, 6 in Prowers County and 2 in Pueblo County. Note that number of deaths per county does not agree well with the recent analysis using flood-era newspaper research.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, “Climatological Data - National Summary,” for June 1965 stated: “The toll of life [from the June floods] in eastern Colorado was 21.” It also stated: “There were at least 11 deaths from drowning in the South Platte Basin.” Perhaps not recognizing an inconsistency, the report also stated: “The number of deaths along the Colorado portion of the Arkansas River and Tributaries will probably total between 20 and 25.”

Focused on the South Platte River Basin:

The United States Geological Survey publication, "Floods of June 1965 in the South Platte River Basin, Colorado," Water Supply Paper 1850-B, stated: "six persons were drowned, and two other deaths were attributed to the storms." The report also stated: "Four of the six drownings occurred in the Bijou Creek Flood."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "Report on the Floods of June 1965, South Platte River Basin, Colorado and Nebraska," published January 1967, stated: "Thirteen lives were lost in the South Platte River Basin, including four on Plum Creek, three on the Cache La Poudre River, two on Bijou Creek, two on Beaver Creek, and one each on Cherry Creek and the Big Thompson River."

Focused on the Arkansas River Basin:

The USGS publication, "Floods of June 1965 in Arkansas River Basin, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico," stated : "Fourteen persons were drowned, and at least two other deaths were attributed to the storms and activities related to the 1965 floods." The fourteen deaths includes those in Kansas and New Mexico.

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, "Flood Report, Arkansas River Basin, Flood of June 1965, Colorado, Kansas & New Mexico, published April 1966, categorized damage and loss estimates for areas above and below John Martin Dam. Upstream from John Martin Dam the report stated: "Four deaths are attributed to the floods above John Martin Dam. One life was lost when a wall of water from a broken dam on Beaver Creek destroyed the cabin while the occupant was asleep. One man was drowned when he drove his car off a bridge into a stream about 24 miles east of Colorado Springs. A youth was electrocuted at Pueblo while assisting in cleanup operations. A woman was drowned while fleeing from her trailer home which was overturned during the flash flood on Muddy Creek." Downstream from John Martin Dam the report stated: "Ten deaths are attributed to the flood in the Arkansas River sub basin between John Martin Dam and Great Bend, Kansas. Nine of these deaths were from drowning, and one was the result of a heart attack."

The following is an update to fatality tabulations for all of eastern Colorado for flood events that occurred during the period Monday June 14 to Friday June 18, 1965. This analysis is largely derived from newspapers published in about a dozen cities or communities in eastern Colorado.

For each flood-related fatality, the following is provided: Name of decedent, age, incident location, watercourse, date, what caused the fatality, and reference(s). Names are ordered by incident date. Burial locations are provided when available on findagrave.com or coloradogravestones.org.

South Platte River Drainage Basin

Richard C Andrus, age 21, of Boulder, died when his light plane crashed near Byers (Arapahoe County) in a thunderstorm (RMN, Friday, June 18, 1965). The crash reportedly occurred on Wednesday, June 16 (Denver Post, Saturday, June 19). Newspapers conveniently lumped the death of Mr. Andrus with other flood related deaths. His death was weather or storm related and should not be considered a flood-related death. Richard Andrus is buried at Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder, Colorado. Source: findagrave.com.

Mr. J.E. Osnwitz, age 22, died on Wednesday, June 16, near Larkspur (Douglas County). "Osnwitz's body was pulled from his sports car by a skin-diver from flooding Plum Creek near Larkspur today. The car apparently plunged into the creek at a point where a bridge had been carried away, searchers said." "Osnwitz was a photographer-reporter for the Pueblo Star-Journal and Chieftan, but a spokesman of the paper said he went to the flood scene on his own and was not sent there on assignment." Source: Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, Friday, June 18, 1965, page 6a. Based on USGS topographic maps, the stream that passes near Larkspur is East Plum Creek, not Plum Creek. See P1 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Mr. Ralph Cooper, age 40, of Pueblo, Colorado, was believed drowned on Wednesday, June 16, when the truck that he was driving was swept away at the washed out Interstate 25 bridges on Plum Creek, near Larkspur, south of Castle Rock. This is in Douglas County. The newspaper article describing this said it was based on the company that he worked for (Solid Carbonic, Inc.) and his wife having not heard from him after the flood. His wife was informed by the trucking company on Friday, June 18, that her husband was an apparent flood victim. Source: Denver Post, Thursday, June 24, 1965. Earlier, on June 17, 1965, the Denver Post had an article titled: "Truck Seen Vanishing Into Creek," which described observations made by people at the Larkspur interchange on Interstate 25 where a person "looked up to see the [trailer] truck vanish into the raging waters of the flooded creek as the bridge gave way." This June 17th article stated that the bridge was over West Plum Creek. Based on USGS topographic maps, the stream that passes near Larkspur is East Plum Creek. See P2 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Mrs. Annabelle Jackson, age 37, who lived in the Grandview Estates neighborhood on the north side of Lincoln Avenue near Parker (in Douglas County) apparently had heard the radio announcement on Wednesday, June 16, of a tornado striking the Parker area. She was in Denver at the time. She rushed toward home and had made it to the Newlin Gulch on the West Parker Road when her car stalled. [Newlin Gulch is a tributary of Cherry Creek and enters Cherry Creek upstream from Cherry Creek Reservoir]. It was reported that efforts were made to throw her a rope but efforts were futile for just then the big crest of the flood hit her and her car and carried her to her death. Source: The Douglas County News, June 24, 1965. Annabelle Jackson is

buried at Elizabeth Cemetery in Elizabeth, Colorado. Source: findagrave.com. See P3 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Mr. Robert Greshke, age 41, of 902 S. Ironston Street, Aurora, (Arapahoe County) died of an apparent heart attack on Wednesday, June 16, while shoveling dirt around the foundation of his home to keep water out. Source: Rocky Mountain News, Friday, June 18, 1965. This address, just northeast of Havana Street and East Mississippi Ave, is not near any major stream or waterway, thus, is considered local drainage flooding. See P4 on Figure 1 for approximate house location.

Mr. Adam Haffnieter, age 69, died either from a heart attack or drowning. "The body of a 69-year-old Globeville man who had been evacuated on Wednesday night but had returned to check on his home was found floating in three feet of water about 3 a.m. Thursday near E. 48th Ave. and Lincoln St., police reported." Haffnieter lived at 4726 Sherman Street, Denver (Denver County), an area flooded by the South Platte River. Police said Haffnieter and his wife had left their home about 7 p.m. and had gone to stay with a relative. "Haffnieter, his wife told police, however, decided to return home about 10:30 p.m. to check after he had heard that looters might be in the area." "The coroner said an autopsy would be held to determine the cause of death. Mrs. Haffnieter said her husband had a history of heart trouble." The article contained a picture of Haffnieter and under his name was the caption: "Only known flood fatality." Source: Denver Post, Thursday, June 17, 1965. See P5 on Figure1 for approximate house location.

Mr. Madfa (Matt) Davidovich, age 69, of 4777 Logan Street, Denver, (Denver County), died as an indirect result of the South Platte River Flood. He and his wife, Olga, had been evacuated but returned to their home after the flood crest passed. They began to prepare breakfast about dawn on Thursday and apparently touched off a gas explosion. He "suffered burns to his arms and chest." Source: Denver Post, Thursday, June 17, 1965. A slightly different story was contained in the Rocky Mountain News on Friday, June 18. It stated: "both hospitalized with serious burns suffered when they tried to relight their furnace and it exploded." "Olga would survive the blast but Matt would not." Source: <http://globevillestory.blogspot.com>. See P6 on Figure 1 for approximate house location.

Linda Rae Rein, 13-years old, drowned Thursday afternoon, June 17, while she tried to cross Indian Creek near her home on Glade Road west of Devils Backbone in Loveland (Larimer County). "The girl had been watching the floodwaters coming down the creek east of the Buckhorn river (sic), and suddenly started to cross over though the floodwaters." "It was reported that the girl was attempting to cross the creek near her home to reach her brothers, when she was caught by the on-rushing floodwaters." Indian Creek is a tributary of Buckhorn Creek, a tributary of the Big Thompson River. Source: Article written by Bill Bloom, "Girl Drowns as Creek Rages Out of Bank," published in the Loveland Reporter-Herald, Friday, June 18, 1965. Linda Rein is buried at Loveland Burial Park in Loveland, Colorado. Source: findagrave.com. See P7 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Harold Young, age 23, of East Highway 86 at East Bijou Creek (Elbert County) “went out in the severe rainstorm to let the dogs out in the severe rainstorm to prevent possible drowning. The huge crest of the flood coming down the creek washed him away instantly in the stormy darkness.” This occurred on Thursday. Source: The Douglas County News, June 24, 1965. This story is corroborated by the following: “We learned that a friend of ours who resided 12 miles northwest of Simla, Colo. was drowned in a wall of water which swept down normally dry Bijou Creek. The victim, a personable young man of 23, had gone out in the storm to move his ‘coon dogs’ to higher ground. He didn’t make it back to the house. The flood-waters were upon him and he didn’t stand a chance.” Source: The Louisville Times, June 25, 1965. Harold Young is buried at Saint Michaels Cemetery in Calhan, Colorado. Source: findagrave.com. See P8 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Leslie Dean Ochs, age 2, was with his mother in her vehicle which was swept away at approximately 11 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, from flooding on East Bijou Creek on Highway 40, on the outskirts of Deer Trail (Arapahoe County). Leslie was swept from his mother’s arms as she and her family attempted to cling onto trees after being washed off the highway. Source: Email correspondence from Susan Eldringhoff, Deer Trail Pioneer Historical Society, to Wayne Graham, January 11, 2022. Leslie is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Deer Trail. Source: findagrave.com. See P9 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Clarence White Tuttle, age 67, of Denver, drowned Friday morning, June 18. He was driving a truck and hauling another, with the front wheels loaded on the bed in “piggy-back” fashion. A short time after 2 a.m., two law enforcement officials driving on U.S. Highway 36 stopped at a point about 4.5 miles west of Last Chance where the water was rushing across the highway. “Both got out and they heard what they believed to be some shouting. With the aid of a spotlight, they located Tuttle, some 300 yards north of the highway in swirling water.” “He had climbed up on the hood of the truck that was being hauled and was shouting for help.” The officers were unable to aid him. “At about 5:30 o’clock, a helicopter came over, located the stranded man and dropped a rope.” In the attempted rescue, the “rope either broke or came untied in the helicopter and Tuttle plunged into the water.” A crewman jumped out of the helicopter and took him to shore. Attempts to revive him using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation were futile. Source: The Akron News-Reporter, Thursday, June 24, 1965. Based on the distance from Last Chance, Beaver Creek was the likely flood source which places this in Washington County. See P10 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Pearl Grace Gray, age 14, drowned at approximately 1 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 1965. She had been living at the Theo Roderick ranch, located seven miles north and a mile and half west of Lindon. “When the water in the gulch on which the Roderick ranch is located started rising farther south in the Lindon area, the Roderick’s had been notified by telephone of a possible flood.” Mr. and Mrs. Roderick, their son, and Pearl decided to take refuge at a quonset building located on higher ground. Pearl was swept away while attempting to reach higher ground. Source: article titled: “14-

year-old-girl drowns near Lindon early Friday in disastrous flash flood,” published in the Akron News Reporter, Thursday, June 24, 1965. The ranch was located in Washington County and was either on Sand Creek or a tributary to Sand Creek. Sand Creek flows into Beaver Creek which enters the South Platte River at Brush. Pearl is buried at Abbott Church Cemetery in Lindon, Colorado. Source: findagrave.com. See P11 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Charles Allison and Richard Hauenstein, ages 12 and 16, apparently disappeared in the swollen Cache La Poudre River near Greeley (Weld County). The Cache La Poudre River is a tributary to the South Platte River. When last seen late Saturday, June 19, the two were riding a horse near the river. The horse was recovered some four hours later - wet and riderless. Source: Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, Monday, June 21, 1965, page 1. Charles Allison’s body was recovered on Sunday, June 27, about two miles downstream from where the pair disappeared. Richard Hauenstein was still missing at that time. Source: The Fort Morgan Times, Monday, June 28, 1965. Charles Allison is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Greeley. Richard Hauenstein is buried at Linn Grove Cemetery in Greeley. Source: findagrave.com. See P12 and P13 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

South Platte River drainage basin flood-related fatalities are summarized at the end of this report in Table 1, and shown on Figure 1, as P1 through P13.

Arkansas River Drainage Basin

Note that none of the people who perished in the Arkansas River drainage basin were actually on the Arkansas River, itself.

David Wilson, age 21, drowned on Thursday, June 17, 1965. David Wilson and a companion, David Speidel, were at a cabin on West Beaver Creek, in Teller County. Two dams on the West Fork of West Beaver Creek failed. A wall of water reached the cabin in Beaver Creek Valley where the two were staying at about 10 p.m. Speidel successfully scrambled to safety, whereas Wilson was overcome by the sudden flooding and drowned. Source: Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, Sunday, June 20, 1965. David Wilson is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs. Source: findagrave.com. See A1 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Glen Leeman, age 53, of Ellicott, Colorado, died on Thursday, June 17th about one-half mile west of Ellicott (El Paso County) while traveling in a vehicle. News reports stated: “two men were parked with other motorists by the washed out bridge. Leeman was seen approaching in his car alone, passed them, and ran off the bridge.” Attempts to rescue him were unsuccessful. The unnamed stream that the bridge crossed flows into Black Squirrel Creek, which flows into Chico Creek, which enters the Arkansas River near Avondale, Colorado. Source: Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, Sunday, June 20, 1965. See A2 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Mamie Blundell, age 56, drowned Thursday night, June 17th. Nearly all news media accounts use the name Mrs. James Blundell. The June 24th Bent County Democrat stated: "Mrs. James Blundell, 56, was washed away by a flash flood on Johnny Creek last Thursday night, and her body had not been recovered." "Mr. and Mrs. Blundell live at the house on their ranch about five miles south south-west of Ninaview..." On Thursday night they were staying in a trailer house on their ranch. The trailer house was located about 2.5 miles south of Ninaview and was 75 to 100 yards back from Johnny Creek. The location places the trailer in Las Animas County. Mr. Blundell noticed that water was over the floor of the trailer. He wrapped his wife, who hadn't been in good health, in a blanket, and attempted to evacuate from the trailer. Without Mr. Blundell's knowledge, floodwater had already moved the trailer and "when he stepped down, the water was up to his chest." He eventually lost his hold of his wife and she drowned. Source: article titled: "Mrs. Jim Blundell Lost in Flood Near Ninaview," published in The Bent County Democrat (Las Animas), Thursday, June 24, 1965. Her body was found in Setchfield Lake on Monday, July 5, 1965. Source: Bent County Democrat, Thursday, July 8, 1965. She is buried at Las Animas Cemetery. Source: findagrave.com. See A3 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

James Piper, age 2, and Wilma Piper, age 7 drowned Thursday, June 17, in Baca County. "A ham radio operator sent out a plea for help today and said two children stranded with him near Lamar, Colo., had been swept away by flood waters." "The call for help said the caller was stranded on the Butte Mountain Road, nine miles west of U.S. 87 and 30 miles south of Lamar." Source: Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, Friday June 18, 1965. "Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Piper who live in the southeast corner of Bent County in the Deora Community, were washed away by the flood Thursday night of last week..." Bill and his wife were driving in separate vehicles about 2 miles east of their house when they got to a concrete slab across a draw. The wife successfully crossed the draw but the vehicle Bill was driving got water in the engine as it attempted to cross the draw. Bill got the two kids out of the vehicle, had them in his arms, and "then the car slipped off the concrete and he and the two children went under the car in the water." The parents were unsuccessful in finding or rescuing the two children. Source: La Junta Tribune-Democrat, Monday, June 28, 1965. Two miles east of the Deora Community clearly places the location in Baca County. The June 20, 1966 Lamar Tri-State Daily News, in an article titled: "6 Die in Prowers Flood," indicated that the flood source was Butte Creek. The children are buried at Fairmont Cemetery in Lamar, Prowers County. Source: coloradogravestones.org. See A4 and A5 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Agelicia Guajardo, age unknown, Maria Guajardo, age 5, George Guajardo, age 9 and Manuel Jr., age 11 drowned in Prowers County on Friday, June 18, 1965. "The Guajardo family was drowned trying to reach Lamar." Source: La Junta Tribune-Democrat, Tuesday, June 22, 1965. The Guajardo family lived at West Farm which is east of Lamar. Source: The Lamar-Tri-State Daily News, Monday, June 21, 1965. "The Guajardo family was caught in rising waters on the West Farm of what used to be

the American Crystal Sugar Beet Farm several miles east of Lamar. She [a daughter of the parents] was outside, presumably attempting to help her father make the car go. Suddenly she turned and the car and her father were gone. " Source: Pueblo Chieftan, Tuesday, June 22, 1965. The July 16 & 17, 1965 The Lamar-Tri-State Daily News included an article titled "Third Victim Found," which stated: "The body of Mrs. Agelicia (sic) Guajardo has not been recovered." The June 20, 1966 Lamar Tri-State Daily News, in an article titled: "6 Die in Prowers Flood," indicated that the flood source was Clay Creek. Maria, George, and Manuel Jr. are buried at Riverside Cemetery in Larmar, Prowers County. Source: coloradogravestones.org. A burial location for Agelicia Guajardo was not determined. See A6, A7, A8, and A9 on Figure 1 for approximate drowning location.

Yvonne Stecklein, age 46, of Lycan, Baca County, was injured in an explosion on Saturday night (June 19). She and other people injured in the explosion were flown that night to Colorado General Hospital in Denver. Source: The Lamar-Tri-State Daily News, Monday, June 21, 1965. Mrs. Stecklein died Friday, June 25, while at the Denver hospital. "Authorities said Mrs. Stecklein, driven from her home by a flash flood, was burned in an explosion as she attempted to re-light a butane stove." Source: Rocky Mountain News, Saturday, June 26, 1965. "Charles Beedy...said the explosion occurred in the Stecklein home on a farm operated by Wilbur Beedy about ten miles northwest of Lycan." Source: Pueblo Chieftan, Monday, June 21, 1965. (This distance from Lycan would put the house on Little Bear Creek and in Prowers County). Yvonne Stecklein is buried at Holly Cemetery. Source: findagrave.com. See A10 on Figure 1 for approximate house explosion location.

Robert Reutter, age 15, of 611 Harrison Street, Pueblo, Colorado, (Pueblo County), died shortly before 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 20. He died of electrocution at a feedlot at 1201 S. La Crosse. The feedlot address places it near Fountain Creek. Robert, part of a group of boys who were helping the feedlot owner after the Thursday flood, "was stepping down under a livestock scales with an electric light in his hand. He stepped in thick mud, and the light apparently shorted out, the sheriff's office said." Source: Article titled: "Pueblo boy dies in Flood Clean-Up," published in the Pueblo Chieftan, Monday, June 21, 1965. Robert Reutter is buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo. Source: findagrave.com. See A11 on Figure 1 for approximate feedlot location.

Arkansas River drainage basin flood-related fatalities are summarized at the end of this report in Table 2, and shown on figure 1, as A1 through A11.

Table 1
Summary of Flood-Related Fatalities
South Platte River Drainage Basin
Flooding of June 14-18, 1965

Name	Date	Cause of Death	Water-course	Location	County	Map ID
J.E. Osnwitz	June 16 Wednesday	Drowning	East Plum Creek	near Larkspur	Douglas	P1
Ralph Cooper	June 16 Wednesday	Drowning	East Plum Creek	near Larkspur	Douglas	P2
Annabelle Jackson	June 16 Wednesday	Drowning	Newlin Gulch	near Parker	Douglas	P3
Robert Greshke	June 16 Wednesday	Heart Attack	Local Drainage	Aurora	Arapahoe	P4
Adam Haffnieter	June 17 Thursday	Heart Attack or Drowning	South Platte River	Denver, near 48th and Lincoln	Denver	P5
Madfa Davidovich	June 17 Thursday Unknown death date.	Burns suffered in house explosion	South Platte River	Denver, near 48th and Logan	Denver	P6
Linda Rein	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	Indian Creek	West of Loveland	Larimer	P7
Harold Young	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	East Bijou Creek	12 miles NW of Simla	Elbert	P8
Leslie Ochs	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	East Bijou Creek	near Deer Trail	Arapahoe	P9
Clarence Tuttle	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Beaver Creek	4.5 miles west of Last Chance	Washington	P10
Pearl Gray	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Sand Creek or Sand Creek Tributary	7 miles north; 1.5 miles west of Lindon	Washington	P11
Charles Allison	June 19 Saturday	Drowning	Cache La Poudre	near Greeley	Weld	P12
Richard Hauenstein	June 19 Saturday	Drowning	Cache La Poudre	near Greeley	Weld	P13

Table 2
Summary of Flood-Related Fatalities
Arkansas River Drainage Basin
Flooding of June 14-18, 1965

Name	Date	Cause of Death	Water-course	Location	County	Map ID
David Wilson	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	West Beaver Creek	Beaver Creek Valley	Teller	A1
Glen Leeman	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	Tributary to Black Squirrel Creek	0.5 mile west of Ellicott	El Paso	A2
Mamie Blundell	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	Johnny Creek	2.5 miles south of Ninaview	Las Animas	A3
James Piper	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	Butte Creek	Near Deora Community	Baca	A4
Wilma Piper	June 17 Thursday	Drowning	Butte Creek	Near Deora Community	Baca	A5
Agelicia Guajardo	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Clay Creek	West Farm nr Lamar	Prowers	A6
Maria Guajardo	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Clay Creek	West Farm nr Lamar	Prowers	A7
George Guajardo	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Clay Creek	West Farm nr Lamar	Prowers	A8
Manuel Jr. Guajardo	June 18 Friday	Drowning	Clay Creek	West Farm nr Lamar	Prowers	A9
Yvonne Stecklein	Explosion on June 19; died on June 25	Burns suffered in house explosion	Little Bear Creek	10 miles NW of Lycan	Baca or Prowers	A10
Robert Reutter	June 20 Sunday	Electro-cuted	Fountain Creek	Pueblo	Pueblo	A11

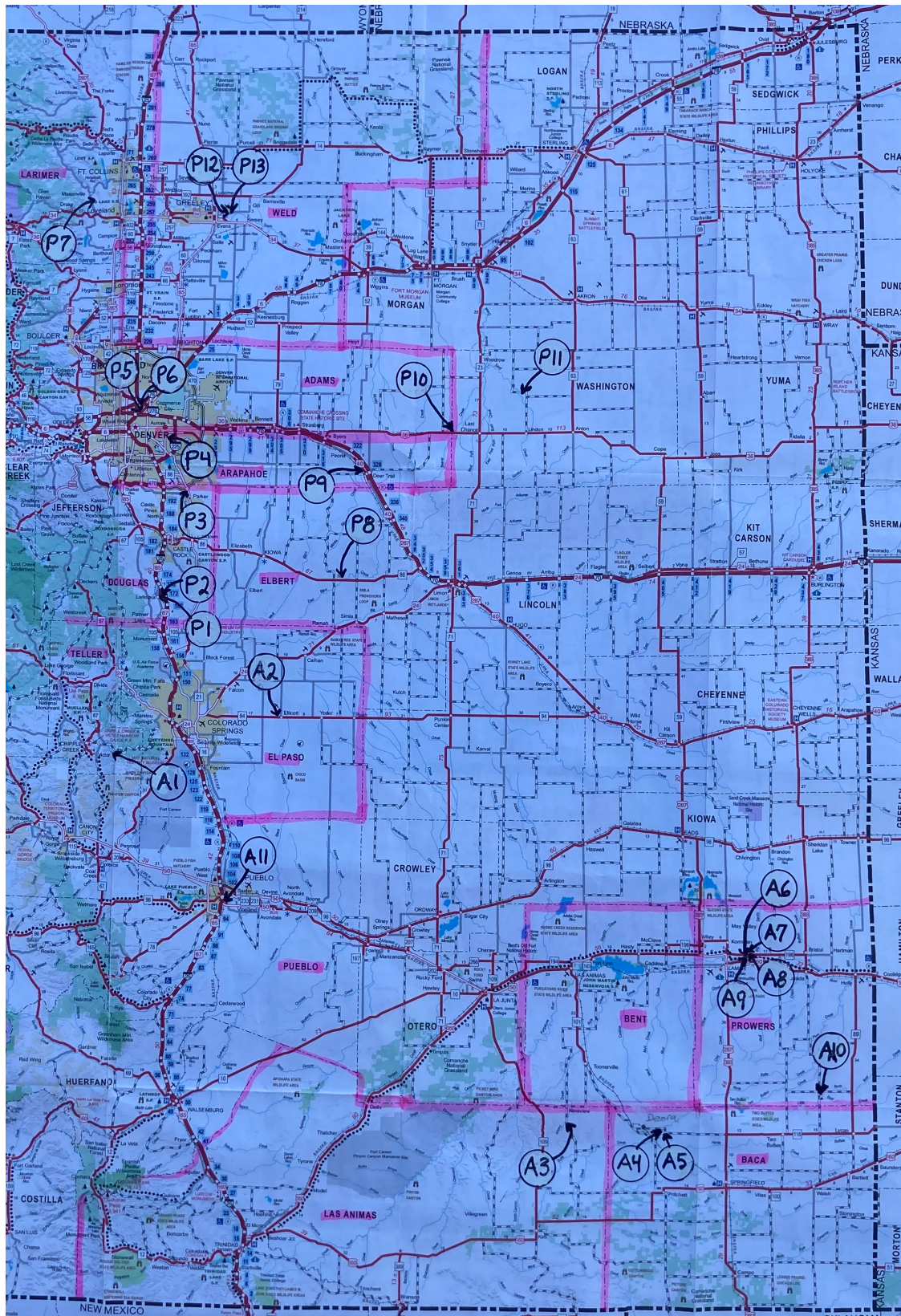


Figure 1 - Map Showing Location of June 1965 Flood-Related Fatalities

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