
Significant Flood Events in the Pikes Peak Region throughout the Past Century

June 10, 1864

- 20-30 foot rise in Fountain Creek. Swept away all of Colorado City affecting several victims.

July 3, 1882

- Flood down Ute Pass in Manitou; bridges and railroad tracks destroyed. One victim.

July 26, 1885

- Flash Flood Swept Away Homes, People, and Livestock. A sudden downpour caused Shook's Run, Fountain, and Cheyenne creeks to overflow. Railroad bridges on the old Manitou spur were wiped out, and the Rio Grande Bridge was destroyed. The storm dumped 16 inches of rain and hail in one hour, devastating downtown Colorado Springs. There was one victim.

August 1, 1886-

- Repeat of 1885 flood.

August 1, 1915-

- "Great Sand Creek Flood" - East of Colorado Springs; taking three victims.

JUNE 2-7, 1921-

- Shook's Run, Sand Creek, and Fountain Creek flooded. Deluge of Water Submerges Colorado Springs - Pueblo inundated. Sand Creek was 15 feet deep, Fountain Creek overflowed, and Shook's Run became a river with water flooding several blocks of Northwestern Colorado Springs. South Nevada Avenue was completely flooded.

MAY 27, 1922

- Eastern Colorado Springs and Templeton Gap Basin flooded.

September 1, 1929

- Flood Hits Summer Homes - Mountain Resort is wiped out. College Gulch was flooded by a 15 foot wall of water caused by the breaking of dams on Ute Pass Fish Club. This wiped out Crystola and washed out the Midland tracks. There was one victim.

MAY 31, 1935

- Monument Creek flooded within one hour, killing four people and causing \$1.2 million in property damage (equal to \$16.1 million, today). Memorial Day Flood Monument Creek floods 200 square blocks of the city and southern Colorado Springs was under water. Damages were estimated at \$1.769 million. Monument creek had a peak flow of 50,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) into Fountain Creek. There were eight victims.

June 15-19, 1965

- Storm in Region Causes Wide Damage from rain; 2-3 inches of hail in Security and Fountain areas. Sand, Squirrel, and Fountain Creek overflowed; Hancock Expressway section washed away. 8 -10 bridges were swept away.

July 24, 1965

- Rash floods cause a landslide at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, damaging ape and hippo houses. Seven Falls Area was also affected.
- Boulders were dislodged from Cheyenne Mountain and crossed Highway 115 into Fort Carson.

July 24, 1970

- Flash floods cover Constitution Ave, to Fountain Blvd.; One victim.

August 20, 1970

- 9-11" of rain causes flooding and rock slides in Rock Creek Canyon.

July 21, 1972

- Jimmy Camp Creek flood washout causes \$50,000 worth of damage to roads and bridges.

July 2, 1980

- Heavy rains causes flooding.

July 21, 1985

- 1-25 closed due to nearly 2-5 inches of rain; Gold Camp and Old Stage Road were closed.

JUNE 17, 1993

- Flash flooding, and Fountain Creek overflowed.

APRIL-MAY 1995

- Black Squirrel Creek spilled over railroad tracks; damaged the creek bed and 40 roads; 24 roads were closed.

July 14, 1996

- El Paso County was hit the hardest with numerous washed out roads and bridges. Statewide flood damage estimates exceeded \$38 million.

July 27, 1997

- Colorado Springs is hammered again with flooding, hail, power outages, 1-3 inches rain. 1.5 inches in 45 minutes. Fountain and Monument creeks overflowed; water had risen to 3 ft. deep on streets.

June 11, 1997

- Flood waters still raging through the area with 6-10 inches of rain, roads closed, Fountain and Cheyenne Creeks had washed out bridges. Evacuations in Red Rock Canyon and Manitou. Seven Falls closed.

JULY 30, 1998

- Heavy rain impacted Security and Widefield communities. 4 inches of rain in El Paso County, washes out County Fair, streets flood, bridge collapsed.

MAY 1999

- National Disaster was declared after flooding in El Paso County. Infrastructure damage at over 80 sites in El Paso County. As much as 14.5 inches of rain fell in less than 48 hours (compared to average annual precipitation/rainfall of 17 to 19 inches). Over \$30 million in damages. Waterlogged Four days of rain/snow: 13 inches in Seven Falls, 12.16 inches in Manitou Springs, 7.9 inches in Monument and Fountain Creek overflowed.

June 21, 2005

- Flash Flood on Cottonwood Creek; 2 victims.

July 23, 2012

- Flash Flooding in Ute Pass. U.S. Highway 24 was closed, damage done to Ute Pass Elementary School playground.

Aug. 2, 2012

- Rainbows Falls Recreation Area closed due to flash flood damage and danger.

July 1, 2013

- Flash Flooding on U.S. Highway 24.

July 10, 2013

- Flash Flooding in Manitou Springs destroying several houses.

Aug. 9, 2013

- Flash Flooding; one man killed, Highway 24 closed.

Sept. 11-13, 2013

- Flash Flooding; one person killed, Highway 24 closed. Cheyenne Creek Flooding, residents pre-evacuated due to danger, roads closed, thousands without power.