

State of Wyoming Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) Study

★ Project Overview ★

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A Couple Definitions



- Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP)

- Theoretically, the greatest depth of precipitation for a given duration that is physically possible over a given size storm at a particular geographic location at a certain time of the year.

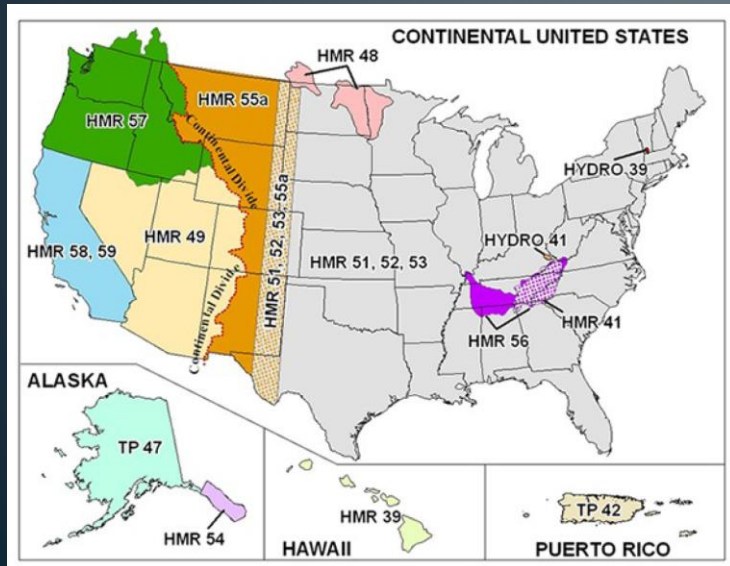


- Probable Maximum Flood (PMF)

- The flood that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorological and hydrologic conditions that are reasonably possible in a particular drainage area.

Wyoming Statewide Probable Maximum Precipitation Study

- Replaces the outdated National Weather Service Hydrometeorological Reports (HMRs) for Wyoming



Regions covered
by HMRs



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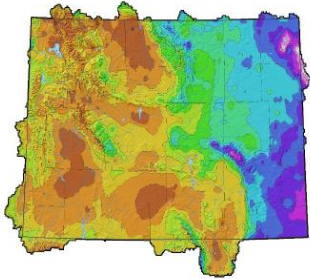
Probable Maximum Precipitation Estimates-United States
Between the Continental Divide and the 103rd Meridian

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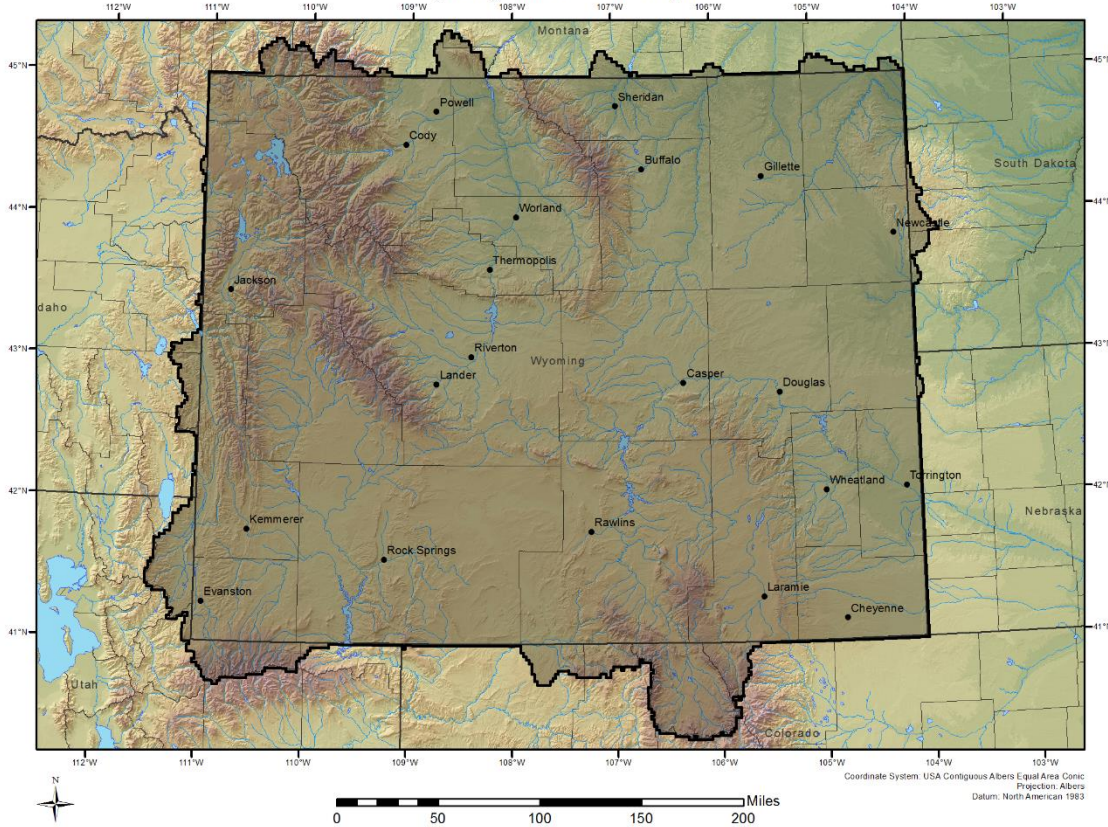
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WWDO Recently Completed PMP Study for Wyoming

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Let's take a quick look at how PMP numbers are derived

Gridded PMP Analysis Domain
Wyoming Statewide PMP Analysis

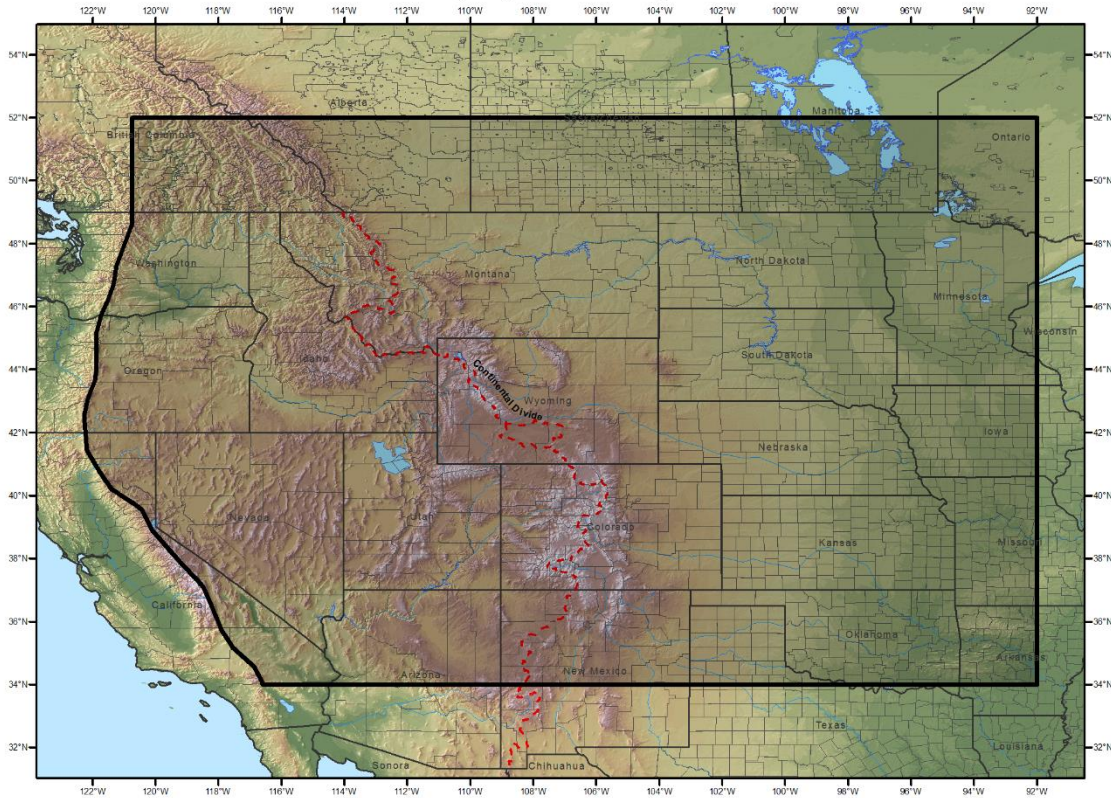


Step 1

Define the Analysis Domain

- Inclusive of River Basin Boundaries that Extend by State Line

Storm Search Domain
Wyoming Statewide PMP Study

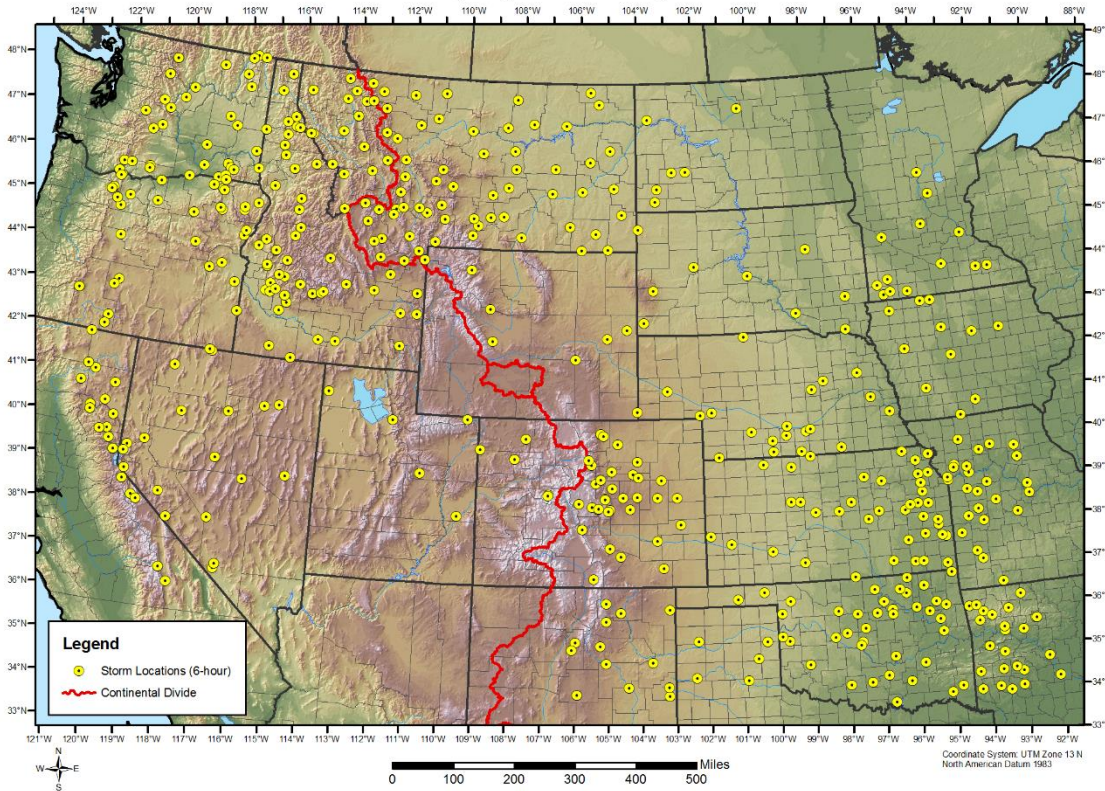


Step 2

Define the Storm Search Domain

- Inclusive of Areas Both East and West of the Continental Divide

6-hour Storm Locations Wyoming Statewide PMP Study

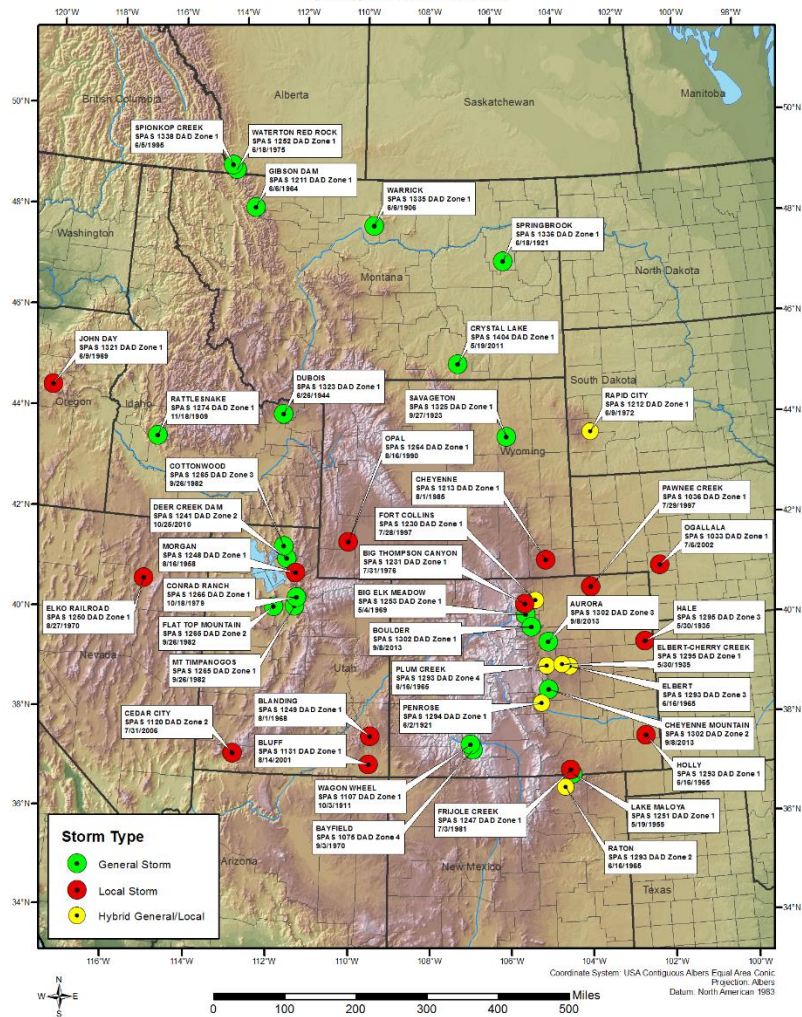


Step 3

Search for Storms

- National Climatic Data Center
- HMR Reports
- US Corps of Engineers Storm Studies
- US Bureau of Reclamation Storm Data
- Many Others....

Locations of Short List Storm Events
Wyoming Statewide PMP Study

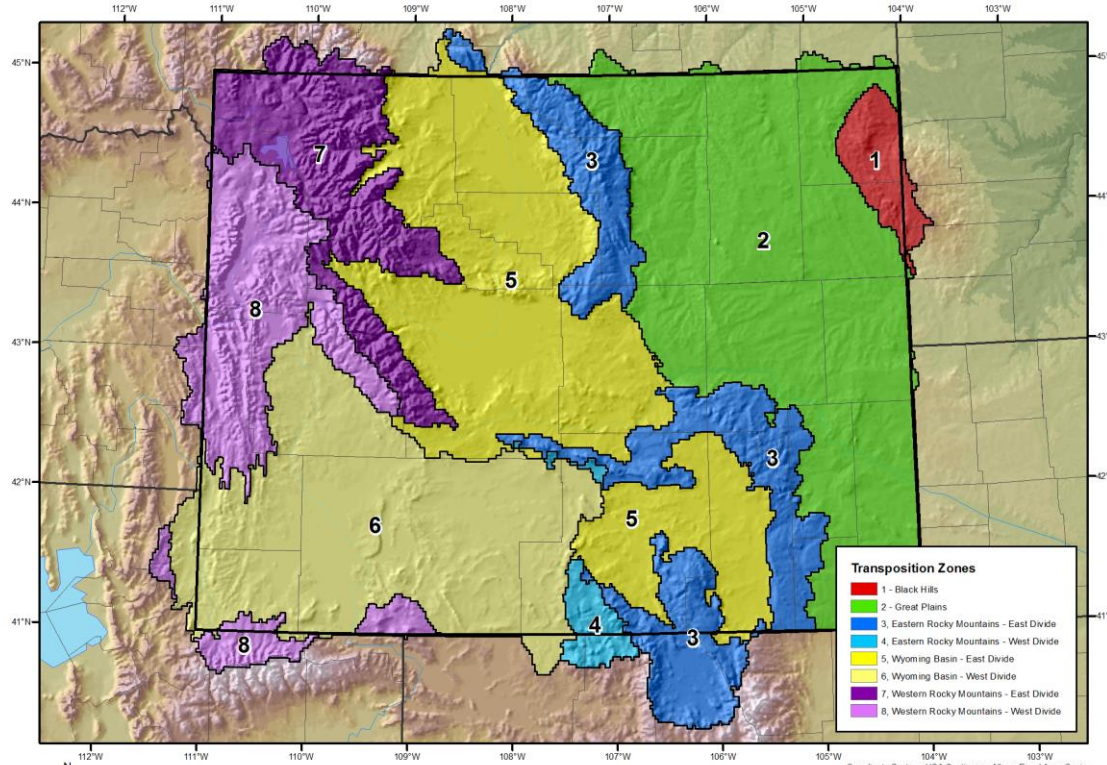


Step 4

Develop Storm Short List And Analyze Storms

- Determine Storms that can be “Transpositioned” to Wyoming
- SPAS (Storm Precipitation Analysis System)

Orographic Transposition Zones Wyoming Statewide PMP



Step 5

Develop Transposition Zones For Individual Storms

- Based on Topography and Other Physical Features

Wyoming Storm Short List

Wyoming Short-Listed Storms (40 Count)

Storm Name	State	Storm Type	Storm Location	Lat	Lon	Year	Month	Day	Maximum Point Rainfall	Precipitation Source
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GIBSON DAM	MT	General	West of Divide	48.354	-113.371	1964	6	6	19.16	SPAS 1211
LAKE MALOYA	NM	General	West of Divide	37.009	-104.341	1955	5	19	14.82	SPAS 1251
WATERTON RED ROCK	AB	General	West of Divide	49.088	-114.046	1975	6	18	14.46	SPAS 1252
BIG ELK MEADOW	CO	General	West of Divide	40.267	-105.417	1969	5	4	20.01	SPAS 1253
BOULDER	CO	General	West of Divide	40.150	-105.265	2013	9	8	22.81	SPAS 1302
CALGARY	AL	General	West of Divide	51.050	-114.100	2013	6	20	15	SPAS 1320
SAVAGETON	WY	General	West of Divide	43.846	-105.804	1923	9	27	17.56	SPAS 1325
WARRICK	MT	General	West of Divide							AS 1335
SPRINGBROOK	MT	General	West of Divide							AS 1336
PARKMAN	SK	General	West of Divide							AS 1337
SPIONKOP CREEK	AB	General	West of Divide							AS 1338
BAYFIELD	CO	General	West of Divide	37.304	-107.413	1970	9	3	5.95	SPAS 1075
WAGON WHEEL	CO	General	West of Divide	37.663	-106.938	1911	10	3	7.88	SPAS 1107
DEER CREEK DAM	UT	General	West of Divide	41.360	-111.910	2010	10	25	4.74	SPAS 1241
COTTONWOOD	UT	General	West of Divide	40.617	-111.783	1982	9	26	7.05	SPAS 1265
CONRAD RANCH	UT	General	West of Divide	40.585	-111.590	1979	10	18	5.78	SPAS 1266
RATTLESNAKE	ID	General	West of Divide	43.648	-115.744	1909	11	18	16.21	SPAS 1274
DUBOIS	ID	General	West of Divide	44.250	-112.193	1944	6	26	4.32	SPAS 1323

General Storms

West of Divide

East of Divide

- Sort Storms by Storm Type and Transposition Location

OGALLALA	NE	Local	West of Divide	41.125	-101.717	2002	7	6	14.92	SPAS 1033
PAWNEE CREEK	CO	Local	West of Divide	40.775	-103.625	1997	7	29	13.58	SPAS 1036
VANGUARD	SK	Local	West of Divide	49.922	-107.210	2000	7	3	15.29	SPAS 1177
RAPID CITY	SD	Local	West of Divide	44.196	-103.488	1972	6	9	15.8	SPAS 1212
CHEYENNE	WY	Local	West of Divide	41.354	-104.819	1985	8	1	7.15	SPAS 1213
FORT COLLINS	CO	Local	West of Divide	40.548	-105.133	1997	7	28	14.48	SPAS 1230
BIG THOMPSON CANYON	CO	Local	West of Divide	40.479	-105.429	1976	7	31	12.52	SPAS 1231
FRIJOLE CREEK	CO	Local	West of Divide	37.096	-104.379	1981	7	3	16.33	SPAS 1247
HOLLY	CO	Local	West of Divide	37.713	-102.404	1965	6	16	19.18	SPAS 1293
PLUM CREEK	CO	Local	West of Divide							AS 1293
PENROSE	CO	Local	West of Divide							AS 1294
ELBERT	CO	Local	West of Divide							AS 1295
HALE	CO	Local	West of Divide							AS 1295
GLEN ULLIN	ND	Local	West of Divide	47.304	-101.388	1966	6	24	12.87	SPAS 1324
BUFFALO GAP	SK	Local	West of Divide	49.115	-105.290	1961	5	30	10.5	SPAS 1334
CEDAR CITY	UT	Local	West of Divide	37.375	-113.075	2006	7	31	5.69	SPAS 1120
BLUFF	UT	Local	West of Divide	37.255	-109.575	2001	8	14	6.28	SPAS 1131
MORGAN	UT	Local	West of Divide	41.079	-111.654	1958	8	16	7.01	SPAS 1248
BLANDING	UT	Local	West of Divide	37.826	-109.543	1968	8	1	6.67	SPAS 1249
ELKO RAILROAD	NV	Local	West of Divide	40.776	-115.759	1970	8	27	4.68	SPAS 1250
OPAL	WY	Local	West of Divide	41.738	-110.246	1990	8	16	7.16	SPAS 1264
JOHN DAY	OR	Local	West of Divide	44.446	-118.879	1969	6	9	7.09	SPAS 1321

Local Storms

West of Divide

East of Divide

Each of the forty storms were analyzed using the Storm Precipitation Analysis System (SPAS), which produced Depth-Area-Duration (DAD) values, mass curves, and total storm isohyets, among other products.

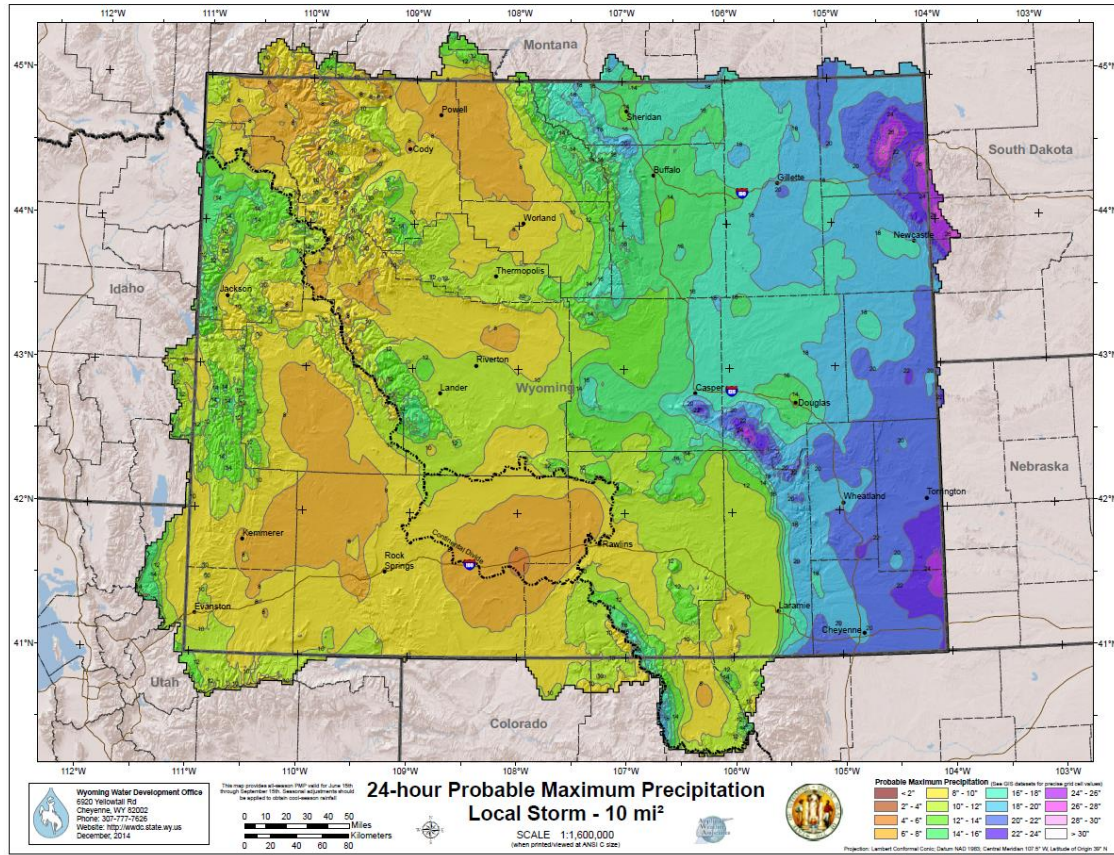
Step 6

Storm Maximization

- Determines How Much Rainfall Could Have Occurred in Original Storm
- Apply Adjustment Factors to Precipitation Values
- Produce Final Grid-Based PMP Maps

Adjustment Factors Include:

- IPMF – In Place Maximization Factor
- MTF – Moisture Transposition Factor
- OTF – Orographic Transposition Factor



Available PMP Mapping Includes the Following:

- **General Storms**

- 24 hour, 10 square mile
- 24 hour, 100 square mile
- 24 hour, 1,000 square mile
- 72 hour, 10 square mile
- 72 hour, 100 square mile
- 72 hour, 1,000 square mile

- **Local Storms**

- 1 hour, 1 square mile
- 1 hour, 10 square mile
- 1 hour, 100 square mile
- 6 hour, 1 square mile
- 6 hour, 10 square mile
- 6 hour, 100 square mile
- 24 hour, 1 square mile
- 24 hour, 10 square mile
- 24 hour, 100 square mile

Additional durations and area sizes are available within GIS deliverables

GIS PMP Raster Files

PMP Maps

Appendices

Final PMP Deliverables Include

GIS PMP Evaluation Tool

Provides PMP Numbers for Any User-Specified Basin

Final Report

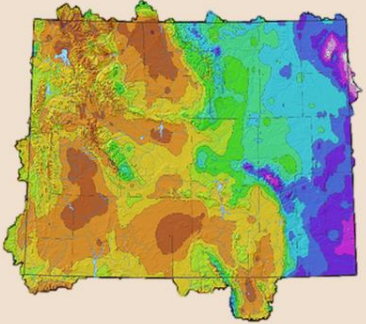
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All PMP Products are Available Online


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This study provides Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) values for any drainage basin within Wyoming, including regions adjacent to the State that provide runoff into drainage basins within Wyoming. The PMP values are valid for June 15 through September 15, which is the time of the year when the most intense rainfall could occur. A seasonality adjustment is provided to derive PMP values for dates outside of this time period. PMP values may be used in the computation of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). PMP values provided in this study supersede PMP values in the four Hydrometeorological Reports (HMRs) for locations in Wyoming, including HMR 49 (Hansen et al., 1977), HMR 51 (Schreiner and Riedel, 1978), HMR 55A (Hansen et al., 1988), and HMR 57 (Hansen et al., 1994).

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