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## Conversion Factors and Datums

<b>Multiply</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To obtain</b>
inch	25.40	millimeter
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter (m)
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer (km)
square mile (mi <sup>2</sup> )	2.590	square kilometer
cubic foot per second (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.02832	cubic meter per second

Horizontal coordinate information is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

Vertical coordinate information is referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

Elevation, as used in this report, refers to distance above the vertical datum.

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## Abstract

Estimates of the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges are necessary for the reliable flood-hazard mapping in the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Navajo Nation requested that the U.S. Geological Survey update estimates of peak discharge magnitude for gaging stations in the region and update regional equations for estimation of peak discharge and frequency at ungaged sites.

Equations were developed for estimating the magnitude of peak discharges for recurrence intervals of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, and 500 years at ungaged sites using data collected through 1999 at 146 gaging stations, an additional 13 years of peak-discharge data since a 1997 investigation, which used gaging-station data through 1986. The equations for estimation of peak discharges at ungaged sites were developed for flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6 and are delineated on the basis of the hydrologic codes from the 1997 investigation.

Peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals were determined at gaging stations by fitting observed data to a log-Pearson Type III distribution with adjustments for a low-discharge threshold and a zero skew coefficient. A low-discharge threshold was applied to frequency analysis of 82 of the 146 gaging stations. This application provides an improved fit of the log-Pearson Type III frequency distribution. Use of the low-discharge threshold generally eliminated the peak discharge having a recurrence interval of less than 1.4 years in the probability-density function.

Within each region, logarithms of the peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals were related to logarithms of basin and climatic characteristics using stepwise ordinary least-squares regression techniques for exploratory data analysis. Generalized least-squares regression techniques, an improved regression procedure that accounts for time and spatial sampling errors, then was applied to the same data used in the ordinary least-squares regression analyses. The average standard error of prediction for a peak discharge have a recurrence inter-

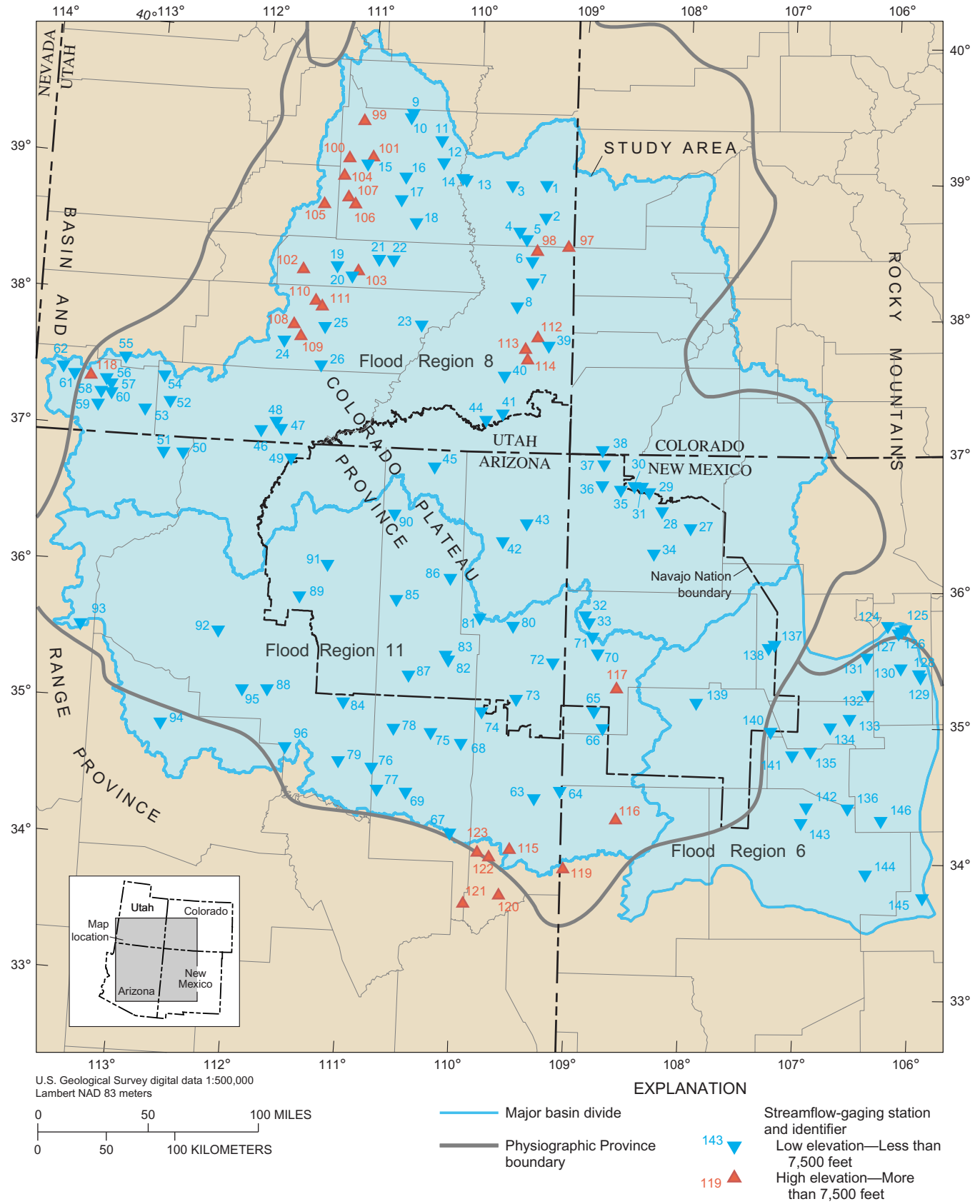
val of 100-years for region 8 was 53 percent (average) for the 100-year flood. The average standard of prediction, which includes average sampling error and average standard error of regression, ranged from 45 to 83 percent for the 100-year flood. Estimated standard error of prediction for a hybrid method for region 11 was large in the 1997 investigation. No distinction of floods produced from a high-elevation region was presented in the 1997 investigation. Overall, the equations based on generalized least-squares regression techniques are considered to be more reliable than those in the 1997 report because of the increased length of record and improved GIS method.

Techniques for transferring flood-frequency relations to ungaged sites on the same stream can be estimated at an ungaged site by a direct application of the regional regression equation or at an ungaged site on a stream that has a gaging station upstream or downstream by using the drainage-area ratio and the drainage-area exponent from the regional regression equation of the respective region.

## Introduction

Estimates of the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges at unregulated streams at gaging stations or ungaged stream sites in the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico (fig. 1) are necessary for reliable flood-hazard mapping. The 100-year recurrence interval is mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for mapping flood-hazard areas for housing development. The magnitude of the peak discharge with a 100-year recurrence interval has an annual exceedance frequency of 1 percent and occurs, on average, at least once in a 100-year period. The United States Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to map flood-hazard areas for the Navajo Nation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, USACE, and Navajo Nation requested that the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) update estimates of peak discharge magnitude for gaging stations in the region and update regional equations for estimation of peak discharge and frequency at ungaged sites.

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**Figure 1.** Boundaries, flood regions, and locations of gaging stations in the Navajo Nation and surrounding region.



The most recent publication for estimating magnitude and frequency of floods for the Navajo Nation and surrounding region was completed in 1997 (Thomas and others, 1997). Thomas and others (1997) included analysis of flood data collected for about 1,300 gaging stations from beginning of record through 1986 and presented equations for estimation of peak discharges for various frequencies based on basin and climatic characteristics for 15 physiographic regions in the western United States. Thomas and others (1997) determined that the use of a zero for the generalized skew coefficient and a low-discharge threshold improved the fit of the log-Pearson III distribution to recorded peak discharge data in the southwestern United States. In addition to the investigation by Thomas and others (1997), another statistical regression analysis approach—generalized least squares (Stedinger and Tasker, 1985), also has statistically improved estimation of regional flood-frequency relations and is used in this report.

## Purpose and Scope

This report presents updated estimates of the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges at gaging stations based on 13 additional years (since 1986) of data collected since the Thomas and others (1997) investigation and improved equations for estimates of magnitude and frequency of peak discharges at ungaged sites. The report presents new and updated basin and climatic characteristics using an improved geographical information system (raster modeling) and the National Elevation Dataset. The magnitudes of peak discharges were determined for recurrence intervals of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, and 500 years for 146 unregulated gaging stations. The frequency analyses are based on data for 146 gaging stations that generally have 10 or more years of record. The equations for estimation of peak discharges at ungaged sites were developed for four flood regions—regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6. Also presented in this report is the average basin slope and a discussion of significant improvements in the prediction error of the regression models, which is attributed to the improved accuracy in the determination of drainage area and average basin elevation.

## Description of Study Area

The physiography of the Navajo Nation and surrounding region is varied and complex and includes mountains, plains, plateaus, valleys, and deserts. The Rocky Mountains end in northern New Mexico, bounding the region on the east. The Colorado Plateau Province in the northern part of the study area consists of nearly horizontal layers of sedimentary rocks, generally ranges in elevation from about 5,000 to 11,000 ft, and has many canyons and escarpments. Landforms include plains, plateaus, pediments, and isolated mountains. The Basin and Range Province in the western and southern part of the study area has mostly isolated block mountains separated by aggraded desert plains. The southeast mountains commonly rise abruptly from the valley floors and have piedmont plains that extend downward to neighboring basin floors. Several flat desert areas are

interspersed between the mountains, and some of these areas are lake deposits that have not been covered with water for hundreds of years. Many of the piedmont plains contain distributary-flow areas that consist of material deposited by mountain-front runoff (Thomas and others, 1997).

Storms that originate in the Pacific Ocean travel over the mountains and locally intensify in the plains area of the four corners region (Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico). Regional thunderstorms develop over the mountains during early and late summer. The greatest monthly precipitation and localized areas of rainfall typically occur in July and August. Intense, convective midsummer storms that commonly are preceded by mild rainfall can produce severe flooding.

Floods in mountainous regions generally are produced by snowmelt and rarely by rainfall on snowpack. Floods in the plains, plateaus, valleys, and deserts almost always are produced by rainfall.

## Analysis of Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges

Peak-discharge data collected at crest-stage gages and continuously recording gaging stations were used to estimate the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges using a log-Pearson Type III probability distribution (Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data, 1982). The peak-discharge characteristics at the gaging stations were related to basin and climatic characteristics using generalized least-squares (GLS) regression analyses.

### Station Flood-Frequency Analysis

Peak-discharge data at gaging stations consist of a period of gaged record through 1999 of annual peak discharges, referred to as the systematic record, and stations with one or more historic, extreme discharges outside the systematic record (Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data, 1982). Relating the magnitudes of annual peak discharges, generally referred to as flood-frequency data or characteristics, to their expected frequency of exceedance is termed a flood-frequency analysis. The frequency of peak discharges generally is expressed in terms of exceedance probability or recurrence intervals. Exceedance probability is the probability that a flood will exceed a given magnitude in any year. Recurrence interval, in years, is the reciprocal of the exceedance probability. For example, a flood with an exceedance probability of 0.01 has a recurrence interval of 100 years. The term “recurrence interval” is used in this report for simplicity.

Peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals were determined for each of 146 gaging stations using the log-Pearson Type III probability distribution as recommended by the Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data (1982). Various adjustments for low outliers, zero-flow years, historic peak discharges, user-defined low-discharge threshold, and a

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user-defined generalized coefficient of skewness were applied to station data where applicable.

Floods in the United States are derived mainly from four different mixed populations: rainfall, snowmelt runoff, rain on snowpack, from remnants of hurricanes or tropical storms. Some outliers existed in the annual peak-discharge series, which most likely was from a population other than the typical rainfall derived population; however an adequate number of annual peak-discharge data to define these rare populations was not recorded to date (1999) for any of the gaging stations in the study area. Annual peak discharges caused by annual snowmelt runoff from mountainous regions, annual peak discharges caused by annual rainfall runoff from convective thunderstorms are the most common, and annual peak discharges caused by annual rainfall runoff from infrequent remnants of hurricanes or tropical storms are the rare populations. Composite frequency analysis is required for some sites that have mixed populations. Crippen (1978) described techniques for making a composite analysis primarily from two populations of annual peak discharges, those caused by snowmelt runoff and rainfall runoff. The populations that cause floods were described in the 1988–89 National Water Summary (U.S. Geological Survey, 1991). Only a few gaging stations have recorded extreme peak discharges that plot as high outliers from the main distribution. Data on the separate sample populations for these rare storms are inadequate, thus a composite frequency analysis could not be performed.

The low-discharge threshold was used in investigations of flood frequency in the southwestern United States by Waltemeyer (1996) and Thomas and others (1997). The user-defined low-discharge threshold is based on the rationale that, in some instances, discharges less than some threshold value are not from the same population of peak discharges as the larger peak discharges. A probability-density-function plot of annual series data indicates that these low discharges have a different slope than the larger peak discharges. As a result, the overall fit of the probability distribution is affected, and peak discharges for large recurrence intervals tend to be underestimated when the low discharges are included. The low-discharge threshold was visually selected from the probability-density-function plots and applied to the frequency analysis of 82 of the 146 gaging stations (four flood regions in appendix 1). Use of the low-discharge threshold generally eliminated the peak discharges having a recurrence interval less than 1.4 years.

The skew coefficient used in the log-Pearson Type III analysis is a weighted value determined by weighting the station skew with a generalized skew in inverse proportion to its mean-square errors (Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data, 1982). In this report, a generalized skew is used based on research in prior investigations. The station skew used in an investigation in New Mexico (Waltemeyer, 1986) ranged from -0.22 to 0.29 log units for the physiographic regions; previous investigations have reported the median for most of the regions as close to zero (Waltemeyer, 1986). A recent investigation of flood frequency for the southwestern United States (Thomas and others, 1997) also used zero for the generalized

skew. Results from the investigation indicated that the mean-square error of generalized skew was 0.31; the same mean-square error was considered to be applicable for the investigation described in this report. Accordingly, the generalized skew for the four flood regions (8, 11, high elevation, and 6) was considered to be zero for this investigation.

The USGS computer program PEAKFQ (Kirby, 1981) was used to perform the flood-frequency analyses. Peak-discharge data and basin characteristics were determined from the NWISWeb (U.S. Geological Survey, 2001) and GIS (GIS Weasel) computerized systems (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000) and entered in the ANNIE data-management program (Lumb and others, 1990) for analysis. Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics for each station are listed in appendixes 1 and 2.

### Regional Flood-Frequency Analysis

Regionalization of flood-frequency characteristics with basin and climatic characteristics is mandated to estimate peak discharge at ungaged sites (New Mexico Department of Transportation, 1995). The magnitude of peak discharge is influenced by the basin and climatic characteristics of a physiographic region. In the western United States, Thomas and others (1997) identified two flood regions that have different flood characteristics (regions 8 and 11). These two flood regions, a region in New Mexico (region 6), and a high-elevation region (greater than 7,500 ft in elevation) were used for this report. Floods in regions 8, 11, and 6 are generally in response to rainfall runoff, whereas floods at elevations greater than 7,500 ft (high-elevation region) are generally in response to snowmelt runoff (Jarrett and Costa, 1982). These regions generally correspond to the hydrologic unit code defined by the USGS (Seaber and others 1987). The regional equations developed for these four flood regions attempt to explain flood response with selected basin and climatic characteristics. Each region has unexplained variation, largely from basin and climatic characteristics that are not measured and used in the regional equations.

Ordinary least-squares (OLS) regression techniques (Minitab, Inc., 2003) were used to determine the most appropriate basin and climatic variables. Generalized least-squares (GLS) regression analysis (Stedinger and Tasker, 1985) was used to determine the values of the regression constant, regression coefficients, and the error terms of the regression equations.

### Determination of Basin and Climatic Characteristics

Regional equations commonly are used for estimating the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges at locations that have no streamflow data. Equations have been developed from a regression analysis that relate peak discharges for recurrence intervals determined at gaging stations to basin and climatic characteristics.

## Geographical Information System

Basin and climatic characteristics were computed using an ARC/INFO geographical information system (GIS) (ESRI, 1999) and algorithms in the GIS Weasel developed by the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000). The GIS Weasel uses a graphical-user interface based on the ARC/INFO, arc macro language (AML) scripts, and C++ programming language. The operation of the GIS Weasel does not require GIS expertise, but knowledge of ARC/INFO is helpful in changing the geographical projections from decimal degrees to other projections and in merging grids. The GIS Weasel online computer program (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000) was used to derive basin and climatic characteristics from raster data. The GIS Weasel uses a GRID subsystem of ARC/INFO to discretize coverages (vector data) into grids of cells with specific dimensions (for example, 85 ft by 85 ft) and to assign a data value to each grid cell. The grid of data values represents some aspect of the discretized coverage, such as elevation or precipitation. The data values can be manipulated by applying mathematical operations to individual cells, to the whole grid, or by combining two or more grids. The GIS Weasel runs on a Unix or Windows NT platform and is available for downloading at <http://wwwbrr.cr.usgs.gov/weasel/>, accessed July 10, 2000. Coverages of vector data were converted to raster data by discretizing coverages into a regularly spaced grid. The rasterization of the vector data or the use of raster data herein is referred to as "raster modeling." Grid cells were assigned data values representing geospatial characteristics.

## Basin and Climatic Characteristics

The following basin and climatic characteristics were determined with raster modeling by using GIS Weasel (appendix 2): average basin mean annual precipitation (1961–90), average basin mean winter precipitation (1961–90), average basin maximum 24-hour and 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval using NOAA Atlas's 2 (Miller and others, 1973) and Atlas 14 (Bonnin and others, 2004), average basin slope, drainage area, average basin elevation, and average basin aspect. Existing basin and climatic characteristics also were available from the USGS Water-Data Storage and Retrieval System (WATSTORE) computerized data system (Dempster, 1981; 1983). Existing data values for the basin and climatic characteristics were not used in the analysis because the only other significant characteristics in previous reports were average channel elevation and mean minimum January temperature. The average basin slope determined in this investigation was thought to be superior to average channel elevations and January temperature characteristic was considered to be an inherent characteristic in average basin elevation.

The National Elevation Dataset (NED) is a USGS raster product (U.S. Geological Survey, 1999) designed to provide national elevation data in a seamless form with a consistent datum, elevation unit, and cartographic projection. Seamless means that all 7.5-min quadrangles for each State can be compiled into a single coverage or layer. Data corrections were

made in the NED assembly process to minimize artifacts, permit edge matching, and fill sliver areas of missing data. The NED has a resolution of 1 arc-second (approximately 30 m or 91 ft) for the conterminous United States. For example, the New Mexico 7.5-min, 30-m NED actual cell size is 28 m (85 ft). In the NED assembly process, the elevation values were converted to decimal meters as a consistent unit of measure, the North American Datum (NAD) of 1983 consistently was used as a horizontal datum, and all data were recast in a geographic projection of decimal degrees. The web page describing the NED is available at <http://edcnts12.cr.usgs.gov/ned/>, accessed June 7, 2006.

The GIS Weasel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000) aids in the preparation of spatial information for input to merged and distributed parameter physical-process models. GIS Weasel provides tools to delineate, characterize, modify, and parameterize "model response units" (MRU's) within a geographical area; in this report, the area is the watershed or drainage area. An MRU in a watershed is typically used to represent an area that is characterized or attributed to estimate a uniform physical hydrologic process. Selected basin and climatic characteristics were computed for each watershed (average basin mean annual precipitation, average basin mean winter precipitation, average basin maximum 24-hour and 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval using NOAA Atlas's 2 (Miller and others, 1973) and 14 (Bonnin and others, 2004), average basin slope, drainage area, average basin elevation, and average basin aspect) using a single MRU for each watershed. The 7.5-min digital elevation models (DEM's) of the NED were used for Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. The mean annual and winter precipitation grids were composed for the four-corner States. A point coverage (latitude and longitude) was developed for the gaging-station locations listed in appendix 1.

Drainage area (DA), in square miles, typically is determined by planimetry on the delineated area on the largest scale topographic maps available (generally the 7.5-min quadrangles, 1:24,000-scale). In this investigation, DA was determined by raster modeling using 7.5-min, 30-m DEM's. Average basin mean winter precipitation (Pw) and average basin mean annual precipitation (Pa) (1961–90, in inches) were averaged for each basin by raster modeling using a 4-km (2.5-mi) grid developed by Daly and others (1998) for Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. Average basin slope (S), in percent, was averaged for each basin by raster modeling using the grid cells of the 7.5-min, 30-m DEM's. Average basin aspect (A), in degrees from north, was averaged for each basin by raster modeling using the grid cells of the 7.5-min, 30-m DEM's. Average basin elevation (E), in feet, was averaged for each basin by raster modeling using the grid cells of the 7.5-min, 30-m DEM's.

Estimates of mean monthly and mean annual precipitation for 1961–90 have been developed for 4-km (2.5-mi) grid cells by Daly and others (1998) for Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico using the Parameter-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) presented by Daly and others (1994). PRISM estimates are based on all available point data, including the high-elevation precipitation data from the

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Natural Resources Conservation Service data collection, and a DEM to account for the effects of topography through station weighting and simple linear regression of precipitation and elevation. The mean monthly precipitation raster datasets are available at [http://www.ocs.orst.edu/prism/prism\\_new.html](http://www.ocs.orst.edu/prism/prism_new.html), accessed November 15, 1999. The raster precipitation data units are in millimeters multiplied by 100, and the geographical coordinates of the grid cells are in decimal degrees.

The mean monthly precipitation (1961–90) raster data were available only by month. By using the 12 monthly values of 30-year mean precipitation for each grid cell, the GRID subsystem of ARC/INFO was used to compute mean values for the annual 12-month period and for the 7-month winter period (October–April). GIS Weasel was used to compute an average, aerially weighted value for each basin from the values for the 4-km (2.5-mi) grid cells within each basin. Finally, total values of precipitation for each period were computed and converted from millimeters to inches by multiplying by the number of months in the period (7 for the winter and 12 for the annual) and dividing by 2,540.

Drainage area determined using GIS Weasel for the 62 gaging stations in region 8 ranged from 0.06 to 4,350 mi<sup>2</sup>; average basin slope ranged from 0.0231 to 0.4447 percent; and, average basin elevation ranged from 4,320 to 7,750 ft (table 1; appendix 1). Drainage area determined using GIS Weasel for the 34 gaging stations in region 11 ranged from 0.11 to 2,150 mi<sup>2</sup>; average basin slope ranged from 0.0177 to 0.1545 percent (table 1; appendix 1); and, average basin elevation ranged from 5,010 to 7,440 ft (this variable was not significant in regression analysis; not listed in table 1 or appendix 1).

**Table 1.** Range of statistically significant basin characteristics selected for use in the regression analysis.

[--, indicates that characteristic is not statistically significant]

Region	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8	0.06 to 4,350	0.0231 to 0.4447	4,320 to <sup>1</sup> 7,750
Region 11	0.11 to 2,150	0.0177 to 0.1545	--
Region high elevation (elevations greater than 7,500 feet)	1.7 to 1,200	--	--
Region 6	0.18 to 7,220	--	--

<sup>1</sup>Two gaging stations used at average basin elevation above 7,500 feet.

Drainage area for the 27 gaging stations in region high elevation (elevations greater than 7,500 ft) ranged from 1.7 to 1,200 mi<sup>2</sup> (table 1; appendix 1); average basin slope ranged from 0.0851 to 0.4130 percent (this variable was not significant in regression analysis; not listed in table 1 or appendix 1); and, average basin elevation ranged from 7,680 to 10,960 ft (this variable was not significant in regression analysis; not listed in table 1 or appendix 1). Drainage area for the 23 gaging stations in region 6 ranged from 0.18 to 7,220 mi<sup>2</sup> (table 1; appendix 1); average basin slope ranged from 0.0345 to 0.2096 percent (this variable was not significant in regression analysis; not listed in table 1 or appendix 1); and, average basin elevation ranged from 5,360 to 7,260 ft (this variable was not significant in regression analysis; not listed in table 1 or appendix 1). Note that five gaging stations were outside the boundary of region 8 and 11, but nearby, because of the lack of data greater than 7,500 ft.

A stepwise OLS multiple-regression procedure (Minitab, Inc., 2003) was used to determine which independent variables were significant in the equations for peak discharge. In the stepwise procedure, variables were added one at a time until all that were significant at the 5-percent level were included. Because the logarithms of peak discharge commonly are determined to be linearly related to logarithms of basin and climatic variables, all variables were transformed to base 10 logarithms for the regression analysis. The general form of the mathematical model is:

$$\log Q_t = \log k + a \log x_1 + b \log x_2 + \dots + n \log x_n$$

$$\text{or } Q_t = K x_1^a x_2^b \dots x_n^n \quad (1)$$

where

$Q_t$  = peak discharge (instantaneous peak discharge), in cubic feet per second, for recurrence interval  $t$ ;

$k$  = regression constant;

$a, b, \dots, n$  = regression coefficients;

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  = basin and climatic variables; and

$K$  = the anti-log of the regression constant.

One or more of the following basin and climatic characteristics was determined to be statistically significant for inclusion as independent variables in the regression equations:

A drainage area, in square miles;

S average basin slope upstream from the gaging station, in percent; and

E average basin elevation, in feet above NAVD 88.

Additional variables listed in appendix 2 also were determined using GIS, which include mean annual precipitation (1961–90), mean annual winter precipitation (1961–90), maximum 24-hour and 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence intervals for NOAA Atlas 2 (Miller and others, 1973) and NOAA Atlas 14 (Bonnin and others, 2004), and average basin aspect. The maximum precipitation frequency from NOAA Atlas 2 was statistically significant in some flood regions in previous reports (Waltemeyer, 1986; 1996). Maximum precipitation characteristics from NOAA Atlas 2 and 14 were not statistically significant ( $p$ -value less than 5 percent).

### Development of Generalized Least-Squares Regression Equations

After the appropriate independent variables had been determined using the OLS regression, GLS regression was used to determine the best values of the regression coefficients. Regression coefficients determined from a GLS regression procedure (Stedinger and Tasker, 1985; Tasker and others, 1986) are considered to be better than those determined from OLS

regression because GLS regression considers the time-sampling error of the dependent variable, whereas OLS regression does not. GLS regression also considers cross correlation among concurrent peak discharges at gaging stations, whereas OLS regression does not. The basic regression model using GLS is shown as equation 1. The equations determined using GLS regression analysis are listed in table 2. Included are equations for estimating peak-discharge magnitudes that have recurrence intervals of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, and 500 years for each of the four regions in the Navajo Nation and surrounding region.

**Table 2.** Regional flood-frequency equations using generalized least-squares regression.

[Q, peak discharge, in cubic feet per second for indicated recurrence interval in years; A, drainage area, in square miles; S, average basin slope, in percent; E, average basin elevation, in feet; flood regions are listed in appendix 1]

Flood-frequency equations						Recurrence interval (years)	Average standard error of estimates				
							Regression		Prediction		
							Log units	Percent	Log units	Percent	
<b>Region 8</b>											
Q2 =	1.08	X	10 <sup>7</sup>	A <sup>0.457</sup>	E <sup>-1.35</sup>	2	0.386	110	0.397	116	
Q5 =	1.71	X	10 <sup>10</sup>	A <sup>0.372</sup>	S <sup>0.360</sup>	E <sup>-1.98</sup>	5	0.282	72	0.294	76
Q10 =	8.79	X	10 <sup>10</sup>	A <sup>0.343</sup>	S <sup>0.395</sup>	E <sup>-2.10</sup>	10	0.238	59	0.250	63
Q25 =	3.91	X	10 <sup>11</sup>	A <sup>0.310</sup>	S <sup>0.432</sup>	E <sup>-2.19</sup>	25	0.206	50	0.220	54
Q50 =	8.47	X	10 <sup>11</sup>	A <sup>0.287</sup>	S <sup>0.460</sup>	E <sup>-2.23</sup>	50	0.199	48	0.214	52
Q100 =	1.53	X	10 <sup>12</sup>	A <sup>0.265</sup>	S <sup>0.477</sup>	E <sup>-2.25</sup>	100	0.203	49	0.219	54
Q500 =	4.24	X	10 <sup>12</sup>	A <sup>0.224</sup>	S <sup>0.513</sup>	E <sup>-2.28</sup>	500	0.237	59	0.256	64
<b>Region 11</b>											
Q2 =	3.05	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.476</sup>	S <sup>0.608</sup>		2	0.348	95	0.367	102
Q5 =	8.44	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.471</sup>	S <sup>0.653</sup>		5	0.278	71	0.296	77
Q10 =	1.49	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.466</sup>	S <sup>0.688</sup>		10	0.262	66	0.280	72
Q25 =	2.79	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.460</sup>	S <sup>0.730</sup>		25	0.263	67	0.282	72
Q50 =	4.19	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.455</sup>	S <sup>0.759</sup>		50	0.274	70	0.295	77
Q100 =	6.03	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.450</sup>	S <sup>0.784</sup>		100	0.290	75	0.313	83
Q500 =	1.25	X	10 <sup>4</sup>	A <sup>0.439</sup>	S <sup>0.836</sup>		500	0.336	91	0.363	101
<b>Region High Elevation (elevations greater than 7,500 feet above NAVD88)</b>											
Q2 =	1.09	X	10	A <sup>0.767</sup>			2	0.199	48	0.208	51
Q5 =	2.81	X	10	A <sup>0.711</sup>			5	0.158	38	0.168	40
Q10 =	4.68	X	10	A <sup>0.680</sup>			10	0.149	36	0.160	38
Q25 =	8.08	X	10	A <sup>0.646</sup>			25	0.152	36	0.164	39
Q50 =	1.15	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.623</sup>			50	0.160	38	0.173	41
Q100 =	1.59	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.602</sup>			100	0.172	41	0.186	45
Q500 =	3.08	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.557</sup>			500	0.205	50	0.222	55
<b>Region 6</b>											
Q2 =	1.328	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.420</sup>			2	0.376	98	0.390	111
Q5 =	3.163	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.394</sup>			5	0.298	80	0.307	81
Q10 =	4.906	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.383</sup>			10	0.269	66	0.277	71
Q25 =	7.800	X	10 <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>0.372</sup>			25	0.252	62	0.260	66
Q50 =	1.050	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.365</sup>			50	0.248	61	0.256	64
Q100 =	1.374	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.359</sup>			100	0.251	61	0.260	66
Q500 =	2.354	X	10 <sup>3</sup>	A <sup>0.345</sup>			500	0.273	68	0.284	73

### Improvement of Estimates at Gaging Stations

Flood-frequency estimates for gaging stations having short-term records can be improved by weighting the station data with estimates from the regional regression equation (Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data, 1982). The GLSNET (Regional Hydrologic Regression and Network Analysis using Generalized Least Squares) (Stedinger and Tasker, 1985) computer program computes the weighted estimate by using the observed station peak discharge, the regression-equation-predicted peak discharge, the equivalent years of record, and the actual record length. The observed (top line of data), predicted (middle line of data), and weighted (bottom line of data) flood-frequency data are listed in appendix 1 for each gaging station. Weighted estimates, considered to be the best estimates at gaging stations, were determined by:

$$Q_w = (n_i y_i + en_i x_i b) / (n_i + en_i) \quad (2)$$

where

$Q_w$  = weighted flood-frequency data at the gaging station, in cubic feet per second;

$n_i$  = actual record length, in years;

$y_i$  = flood-frequency data at the gaging station, in cubic feet per second;

$en_i$  = equivalent record length, in years; and

$x_i b$  = predicted flood-frequency data at the gaging station using the regression equation, in cubic feet per second.

The weighted estimate determined by equation 2 is a function of actual record length and equivalent years from the regression analysis. If actual record length is longer than equivalent years, more weight is given to the observed station data. Conversely, if actual record length is shorter than equivalent years, more weight is given to the regression estimate.

### Limitations and Accuracy of Regression Equations

The intended use of regression equations is to provide reliable estimates of peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals at unregulated, ungaged stream sites in the Navajo Nation and surrounding areas. Estimates commonly are required for ungaged sites on ungaged streams and, often, for ungaged sites on streams that have gaging stations located near the ungaged sites. Estimates at ungaged sites in a basin located in two regions are less common and somewhat more difficult than for basins in one region. In parts of some regions, regression equations may not be reliable for areas with sparse data or for ungaged sites that have basin and climatic variables beyond the range of those listed in table 1. The application of regional equations is not intended to preclude the use of sound hydrologic judgment or any other hydrologic or engineering method that may provide a more reliable estimate. Unit-hydrograph techniques that use gaged precipitation in a basin lacking gaging-station data may yield more reliable estimates of peak discharge than regional equations (Waltmeyer, 2002).

Accuracy of the GLS regression equations generally is measured by the average standard error of prediction and the equivalent years of record. The average standard error of prediction is the sum of the average regression or model error and the average sampling error. The average standard error of regression presented in table 2 for a 100-year recurrence interval peak discharge ranged from 41 to 75 percent for the regions. The average standard error of prediction presented in table 2 for a 100-year recurrence interval peak discharge ranged from 45 to 83 percent for the regions. Significant improvements over errors previously reported (Thomas and others, 1997) for regions 11, high elevation, and 6 are attributed to improved GIS determination of drainage area, average basin elevation, and the determination of average basin slope for the first time. Region 8 in the 1997 investigation presented a regression analysis using drainage area and mean basin elevation with a standard error of prediction of 53 percent (average) for the 100-year flood. Region 11 presented a hybrid method indicating a large estimated standard error of prediction. No distinction of floods produced from a high-elevation region was presented. Overall, the equations based on GLS regression are considered to be more reliable than those in the previous report because of the increased length of record and improved GIS method. The average standard error of prediction was calculated in log units and converted to percent by using methods described by Hardison (1971).

Equivalent years of record are an alternative measure of the accuracy of regression equations that are particularly useful for comparison to gaging-station data. Equivalent years of record are the number of years of actual peak-discharge record that would be required to achieve the same accuracy in the estimate of the t-year peak discharge as that obtained from the regional equation. Equivalent years of record are computed by the GLSNET computer program using the method described by Hardison (1971).

### Estimate of Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges at Ungaged Sites

Peak discharges that have various recurrence intervals can be estimated for ungaged sites on unregulated, ungaged streams from the regional equations listed in table 2. Gaging-station data can be extrapolated to estimate peak discharge at an ungaged site on a stream that has a nearby gaging station. Additionally, flood-frequency data are available for gaging stations on the main stems of some streams not used in this report for the development of regional regression relations. Data at these gaging stations can be used to make estimates at ungaged sites on the same stream. The independent variables that pertain to the equation for each region need to be measured as previously described for the development of the equations. These methods are described in more detail in the national handbook of recommended methods for water-data acquisition (U.S. Geological Survey, 1977) and in the section "Determination of Basin and

Climatic Characteristics” in this report. The following sections present examples of the above procedures.

### Ungaged Site on an Ungaged Stream

An estimate of peak discharge with a recurrence interval of 100 years is required for an ungaged site in region 8 that has a drainage area of 523 mi<sup>2</sup>, average basin slope of 0.2422, in percent, and a mean basin elevation of 6,940 ft. Using the equation in table 2, the peak discharge for a 100-year recurrence interval is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{100} &= 1.53 \times 10^{12} A^{0.265} S^{0.477} E^{-2.25} \\
 &= (1.53 \times 10^{12}) (523)^{0.265} (0.2422)^{0.477} (6,940)^{-2.25} \\
 &= 8,510 \text{ cubic feet per second.}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Ungaged Site on a Stream Having a Nearby Gaging Station

Flood-frequency estimates can be made for ungaged sites upstream or downstream from gaging stations by using a method developed by Thomas and others (1997). This method transfers flood-frequency data at the gaging station to the ungaged site by using the following drainage-area ratio adjustment equation:

$$Q_{T(u)} = Q_{T(g)} (A_u/A_g)^x, \tag{3}$$

where

- $Q_{T(u)}$  = weighted flood-frequency estimate at the ungaged site, in cubic feet per second;
- $Q_{T(g)}$  = flood-frequency estimate at the gaging station, in cubic feet per second;
- $A_u$  = drainage area at the ungaged site, in square miles;
- $A_g$  = drainage area at the gaging station, in square miles; and
- $x$  = exponent of the drainage area of the applicable regional regression equation listed in table 2.

According to Saur (1974) the equation is applicable when the drainage-area ratio is between 0.5 and 1.5. For example, to estimate a 50-year peak discharge at an ungaged site in region 8 upstream from gaging station Cisco Wash near Cisco, Utah (09163700), the station value listed in appendix 1 is 4,820 ft<sup>3</sup>/s. Note that the weighted value of 5,770 ft<sup>3</sup>/s was not used because the technique makes a regional adjustment using the exponent from the regional equation. The weighted value is considered the best flood-frequency value, and this technique would make a double weight based on the regional flood information. The drainage area at the gaging station is 90.7 mi<sup>2</sup> (appendix 1). The exponent of the drainage area of the regression equation for a 50-year recurrence interval for region 8 is 0.287 (table 2). The drainage area at the ungaged site is 75.5 mi<sup>2</sup>, and using equation 4 the peak discharge at the ungaged site is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{50 u} &= Q_{50 g} (A_u/A_g)^x \\
 &= (4,820) (75.5/90.7)^{0.287} \\
 &= 4,580 \text{ cubic feet per second.}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

## Summary

Estimates of the magnitude and frequency of peak discharge are necessary for reliable flood-hazard mapping in the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Navajo Nation requested that the U.S. Geological Survey update estimates of peak discharge magnitude for gaging stations in the region and update regional equations for estimation of peak discharge and frequency at ungaged sites.

Equations were developed for estimating the magnitude of peak discharges for recurrence intervals of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, and 500 years at ungaged sites using data collected through 1999 at 146 gaging stations, an additional 13 years of peak-discharge data since the 1997 investigation (gaging-station data through 1986). Peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals were determined at gaging stations by fitting observed data to a log-Pearson Type III probability distribution with adjustments for a low-discharge threshold and a zero skew coefficient. A low-discharge threshold was applied to frequency analysis of 82 gaging stations. This application provides an improved fit of the log-Pearson Type III frequency distribution. Use of the low-discharge threshold generally eliminated the peak discharges having a recurrence interval of less than 1.4 years in the probability-density function.

The National Elevation Dataset (30-meter resolution) was used with the U.S. Geological Survey computer program USGS GIS Weasel for determining basin and climatic characteristics. Statistically significant characteristics are drainage area, average basin slope, and average basin elevation. Other characteristics not statistically significant but determined using GIS include average basin mean annual precipitation (1961–90), average basin mean annual winter precipitation (1961–90), average basin maximum 24-hour and 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence intervals for NOAA Atlas 2 and NOAA Atlas 14, and average basin aspect.

The equations reflect flood response for four distinct flood regions with a distinction of flood response from high elevation in or near four regions. The flood regions were delineated on the basis of the hydrologic unit codes from the 1997 investigation and are: (1) region 8, (2) region 11, (3) region high elevation, and (4) region 6. Within each region, logarithms of the peak discharges for selected recurrence intervals were related to logarithms of basin and climatic characteristics using stepwise ordinary least-squares regression techniques for exploratory data analysis. Generalized least-squares regression techniques, an improved regression procedure that accounts for time and spatial sampling errors, then was applied to the same data used in the ordinary least-squares regression analyses. The average standard error of prediction for a peak discharge having a recurrence interval of 100 years for region 8 was 53 percent (average) from the 1997 investigation. Estimated standard error of prediction for a hybrid method for region 11 was large in the 1997 investigation. Also, no distinction was made for floods produced from higher elevations. The average standard error of

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prediction, which includes average sampling error and average standard error of regression, ranged from 45 to 83 percent for the 100-year flood in this investigation. Overall, the equations based on generalized least squares regression techniques are considered to be more reliable than those in the 1997 investigation because of the increased length of record and improved GIS method.

Techniques for transferring flood-frequency relations to ungaged sites on the same stream can be estimated at an ungaged site on a stream that has a gaging station upstream or downstream by using the drainage-area ratio and the drainage-area exponent from the regional regression equation of the respective region.

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**Appendix 1—Selected Basin, Climatic, and  
Flood Characteristics, Maximum Peak  
Discharge Recorded, and Low-Discharge  
Threshold for Gaging Stations in Flood  
Regions 8, 11, High Elevation, and 6**

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### Appendix 1. Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

[Peak discharge values in cubic feet per second: first line, station value used in regression analysis; second line, predicted value using regression equation; third previously published from manual delineation (Dempster, 1983). Blank basin slope or elevation indicates variable not statistically significant]

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8					
09163700	1	Cisco Wash near Cisco, Utah	90.7 29.0	0.1241	4,820
09181000	2	Onion Creek near Moab, Utah	20.2 18.8	0.3612	5,640
09182600	3	Salt Wash near Thompson, Utah	1.43 3.90	0.0541	5,050
09183000	4	Courthouse Wash near Moab, Utah	161 162	0.1224	4,770
09184000	5	Mill Creek near Moab, Utah	73.3 74.9	0.2709	7,060
09185200	6	Kane Springs Canyon near Moab, Utah	17.2 17.8	0.2167	6,270
09185500	7	Hatch Wash near La Sal, Utah	366 378	0.0869	6,730
09187000	8	Cottonwood Creek near Monticello, Utah	113 115	0.3029	7,380
09314250	9	Price River below Miller Creek near Wellington, Utah	946 956	0.2490	7,660
09314280	10	Desert Seep Wash near Wellington, Utah	206 191	0.0613	5,750
09314500	11	Price River at Woodside, Utah	1,730 1,540	0.2025	6,500
09315200	12	Saleratus Wash tributary No. 2 near Woodside, Utah	4.92 4.40	0.1740	4,830
09315900	13	Browns Wash tributary near Green River, Utah	3.04 3.89	0.0547	4,320
09316000	14	Browns Wash near Green River, Utah	78.1 75.0	0.2154	5,030

## gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

line, weighted value with station and predicted value. --, no data; drainage area: first line determined from geographic information system analysis; second line,

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 8											
09163700	1	2,090	3,020	3,610	4,310	4,820	5,300	6,370	3,650	1,000	15
		943	2,210	3,470	5,580	7,490	9,700	16,200	--	--	--
		2,000	2,890	3,580	4,720	5,770	6,920	9,690	--	--	--
09181000	2	939	1,270	1,500	1,820	2,060	2,310	2,950	2,100	600	13
		512	1,360	2,280	3,940	5,590	7,610	14,000	--	--	--
		885	1,290	1,730	2,630	3,530	4,580	7,290	--	--	--
09182600	3	275	723	1,190	2,000	2,780	3,740	6,750	1,380	--	15
		117	319	546	972	1,410	1,960	3,770	--	--	--
		255	615	931	1,440	1,960	2,630	4,890	--	--	--
09183000	4	2,120	4,610	7,040	11,200	15,200	20,100	35,800	12,300	50	31
		1,220	2,780	4,300	6,780	8,980	11,500	18,800	--	--	--
		2,090	4,470	6,660	10,200	13,400	17,400	30,300	--	--	--
09184000	5	692	1,810	2,990	5,080	7,150	9,700	17,900	5,110	--	46
		552	1,270	1,980	3,170	4,300	5,630	9,690	--	--	--
		689	1,780	2,880	4,720	6,470	8,620	15,700	--	--	--
09185200	6	541	826	1,030	1,320	1,540	1,780	2,370	1,290	200	15
		344	863	1,410	2,380	3,340	4,500	8,190	--	--	--
		522	833	1,130	1,700	2,250	2,900	4,590	--	--	--
09185500	7	505	1,190	1,910	3,220	4,550	6,260	12,200	4,650	100	22
		864	1,690	2,420	3,550	4,510	5,590	8,640	--	--	--
		512	1,220	1,960	3,280	4,540	6,080	11,100	--	--	--
09187000	8	390	1,270	2,330	4,410	6,650	9,570	19,900	2,200	--	17
		635	1,420	2,180	3,460	4,640	6,030	10,200	--	--	--
		400	1,290	2,300	4,080	5,790	7,910	15,000	--	--	--
09314250	9	1,720	2,360	2,760	3,230	3,580	3,900	4,640	2,880	--	13
		1,390	2,710	3,880	5,650	7,180	8,880	13,600	--	--	--
		1,710	2,390	2,930	3,800	4,540	5,310	6,990	--	--	--
09314280	10	536	854	1,110	1,500	1,840	2,220	3,310	2,060	200	15
		806	1,640	2,410	3,600	4,640	5,790	9,090	--	--	--
		545	910	1,270	1,900	2,480	3,110	4,740	--	--	--
09314500	11	4,460	6,490	7,870	9,620	10,900	12,200	15,300	11,200	3,000	49
		2,260	4,370	6,200	8,930	11,200	13,700	20,400	--	--	--
		4,420	6,420	7,770	9,550	11,000	12,400	15,900	--	--	--
09315200	12	1,110	2,400	3,530	5,220	6,660	8,240	12,500	3,720	300	15
		299	839	1,450	2,600	3,770	5,240	10,000	--	--	--
		977	1,930	2,630	3,770	4,920	6,380	11,000	--	--	--
09315900	13	206	607	1,070	1,980	2,940	4,200	8,690	1,470	10	15
		213	577	985	1,740	2,490	3,410	6,410	--	--	--
		207	601	1,050	1,870	2,710	3,770	7,410	--	--	--
09316000	14	1,790	3,750	5,460	8,090	10,400	13,000	20,100	5,620	--	19
		961	2,340	3,750	6,160	8,390	11,000	18,900	--	--	--
		1,730	3,540	5,050	7,400	9,570	12,100	19,600	--	--	--

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**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8—Continued					
09327600	15	Ferron Creek tributary near Ferron, Utah	0.62 0.96	0.0793	6,180
09328300	16	Sids Draw near Castle Dale, Utah	18.4 17.6	0.1393	6,400
09328600	17	Georges Draw near Hanksville, Utah	6.95 6.63	0.1126	6,940
09328700	18	Temple Wash near Hanksville, Utah	44.2 38.2	0.0898	5,200
09330120	19	Sulphur Creek near Fruita, Utah	54.0 56.7	0.2344	6,980
09330200	20	Pleasant Creek at Notom, Utah	78.5 80.6	0.2334	7,400
09330300	21	Neilson Wash near Caineville, Utah	22.5 22.3	0.0730	4,790
09330400	22	Fremont River near Hanksville, Utah	1,900 1,900	0.1740	7,280
09334000	23	North Wash near Hanksville, Utah	135 136	0.2501	5,120
09336400	24	Upper Valley Creek near Escalante, Utah	53.9 53.0	0.2187	7,520
09338900	25	Deer Creek near Boulder, Utah	65.4 62.7	0.2127	7,360
09339200	26	Twentymile Wash near Escalante, Utah	144 140	0.2699	6,460
09357200	27	Gallegos Canyon tributary near Nageezi, New Mexico	0.060 0.200	0.0231	6,650
09357230	28	West Draw near Farmington, New Mexico	0.29 0.32	0.0491	5,980

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 8—Continued											
09327600	15	111	341	607	1,110	1,630	2,290	4,530	600	--	12
		64	180	312	569	841	1,190	2,400	--	--	--
		104	289	467	774	1,100	1,520	3,020	--	--	--
09328300	16	464	1,300	2,120	3,450	4,630	5,970	9,620	2,150	170	14
		301	725	1,160	1,920	2,660	3,550	6,320	--	--	--
		450	1,180	1,810	2,730	3,580	4,600	7,780	--	--	--
09328600	17	210	587	1,010	1,830	2,690	3,800	7,750	1,650	10	15
		163	398	644	1,090	1,520	2,060	3,790	--	--	--
		206	548	890	1,470	2,040	2,770	5,320	--	--	--
09328700	18	139	381	671	1,270	1,940	2,890	6,680	1,880	30	10
		555	1,290	2,040	3,290	4,440	5,790	9,850	--	--	--
		159	494	976	2,010	3,060	4,330	8,400	--	--	--
09330120	19	688	1,310	1,860	2,700	3,450	4,300	6,790	2,600	350	16
		475	1,100	1,720	2,780	3,780	4,980	8,620	--	--	--
		671	1,280	1,820	2,730	3,600	4,620	7,640	--	--	--
09330200	20	238	793	1,470	2,800	4,220	6,080	12,600	2,040	--	14
		502	1,120	1,730	2,740	3,690	4,810	8,190	--	--	--
		250	837	1,530	2,780	3,970	5,430	10,200	--	--	--
09330300	21	1,140	2,250	3,220	4,720	6,050	7,550	11,800	5,450	350	15
		453	1,100	1,770	2,920	4,000	5,280	9,190	--	--	--
		1,070	2,030	2,780	3,950	5,050	6,390	10,500	--	--	--
09330400	22	4,510	7,050	9,050	12,000	14,400	17,100	24,700	15,300	2,000	15
		1,850	3,420	4,760	6,720	8,340	10,100	14,900	--	--	--
		4,390	6,660	8,280	10,500	12,400	14,600	21,100	--	--	--
09334000	23	1,180	3,070	5,010	8,420	11,700	15,800	28,500	8,900	--	21
		1,230	2,920	4,630	7,480	10,100	13,100	22,200	--	--	--
		1,180	3,050	4,940	8,140	11,100	14,700	25,900	--	--	--
09336400	24	719	1,580	2,440	3,950	5,440	7,320	13,600	5,560	--	16
		409	925	1,430	2,290	3,100	4,070	7,020	--	--	--
		696	1,470	2,170	3,280	4,340	5,660	10,100	--	--	--
09338900	25	392	1,250	2,290	4,370	6,630	9,650	20,600	3,820	50	16
		457	1,030	1,580	2,520	3,400	4,440	7,590	--	--	--
		396	1,210	2,100	3,570	4,960	6,720	12,800	--	--	--
09339200	26	1,750	2,910	3,820	5,100	6,210	7,390	10,600	4,620	1,000	10
		859	1,940	3,000	4,740	6,350	8,210	13,800	--	--	--
		1,650	2,690	3,540	4,950	6,280	7,830	12,200	--	--	--
09357200	27	108	205	291	425	546	686	1,100	580	25	35
		15	42	74	138	209	303	641	--	--	--
		94	160	206	281	364	475	858	--	--	--
09357230	28	23	38	49	64	76	88	119	54	--	21
		43	122	213	393	585	837	1,710	--	--	--
		24	47	77	143	214	296	510	--	--	--

## 18 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8—Continued					
09367530	29	Locke Arroyo near Kirtland, New Mexico	2.68 2.96	0.0720	5,500
09367550	30	Stevens Arroyo near Kirtland, New Mexico	4.72 4.59	0.0569	5,490
09367561	31	Shumway Arroyo near Waterflow, New Mexico	134 73.8	0.1109	5,640
09367860	32	Chusca Wash near Mexican Springs, New Mexico	9.78 8.70	0.1922	7,240
09367900	33	Black springs Wash near Mexican Springs, New Mexico	7.13 7.05	0.1513	6,690
09367930	34	Hunter Wash at Bisti Trading Post, New Mexico	45.0 45.6	0.0494	6,200
09367950	35	Chaco River near Waterflow, New Mexico	4,350 4,350	0.0681	6,290
09367980	36	Rattlesnake Arroyo near Shiprock, New Mexico	21.3 --	0.0317	5,230
09368020	37	Malpais Arroyo near Shiprock, New Mexico	2.02 --	0.0567	5,330
09371000	38	Mancos River near Towaoc, Colorado	523 526	0.2422	6,940
09378480	39	Montezuma Creek near Monticello, Utah	142 117	0.1209	7,030
09378950	40	Comb Wash near Blanding, Utah	10.3 10.3	0.2549	5,810
09379000	41	Comb Wash near Bluff, Utah	276 278	0.2009	5,880
09379030	42	Black Mountain Wash near Chinle, Arizona	73.5 80.7	0.1031	5,830



gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									Record length (years)
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 8—Continued											
09367530	29	94	248	408	684	949	1,270	2,260	535	--	35
		143	377	634	1,110	1,590	2,190	4,140	--	--	--
		95	259	441	785	1,130	1,550	2,840	--	--	--
09367550	30	134	470	901	1,800	2,800	4,160	9,250	1,550	10	21
		171	429	704	1,200	1,680	2,280	4,180	--	--	--
		136	464	853	1,570	2,280	3,210	6,530	--	--	--
09367561	31	183	783	1,680	3,820	6,500	10,500	27,800	6,420	10	16
		821	1,800	2,730	4,250	5,610	7,160	11,700	--	--	--
		197	861	1,850	3,950	6,150	8,990	19,500	--	--	--
09367860	32	1,260	2,430	3,470	5,130	6,650	8,430	13,800	6,400	600	29
		203	504	819	1,390	1,950	2,650	4,890	--	--	--
		1,150	2,020	2,610	3,420	4,240	5,310	9,060	--	--	--
09367900	33	446	1,000	1,530	2,430	3,270	4,280	7,390	2,250	--	44
		191	481	789	1,350	1,910	2,600	4,820	--	--	--
		428	919	1,340	2,020	2,680	3,500	6,210	--	--	--
09367930	34	752	1,200	1,510	1,900	2,200	2,500	3,190	1,570	--	18
		348	742	1,120	1,740	2,300	2,950	4,880	--	--	--
		730	1,140	1,430	1,860	2,230	2,640	3,700	--	--	--
09367950	35	3,880	5,270	6,190	7,350	8,220	9,090	11,100	7,300	2,500	30
		2,610	4,440	5,930	7,980	9,540	11,200	15,500	--	--	--
		3,870	5,250	6,180	7,410	8,360	9,330	11,600	--	--	--
09367980	36	143	568	1,230	2,900	5,150	8,780	26,900	3,800	--	17
		300	670	1,040	1,650	2,210	2,870	4,840	--	--	--
		149	579	1,190	2,440	3,790	5,660	13,600	--	--	--
09368020	37	57	127	194	307	412	539	932	321	--	16
		125	331	559	981	1,410	1,940	3,690	--	--	--
		63	160	288	558	840	1,180	2,180	--	--	--
09371000	38	1,110	1,920	2,570	3,510	4,300	5,150	7,450	5,300	60	66
		1,270	2,620	3,850	5,770	7,450	9,350	14,800	--	--	--
		1,110	1,940	2,620	3,660	4,560	5,530	8,090	--	--	--
09378480	39	475	1,140	1,790	2,900	3,960	5,240	9,220	1,720	--	10
		587	1,220	1,820	2,770	3,630	4,610	7,500	--	--	--
		486	1,160	1,800	2,840	3,770	4,850	8,110	--	--	--
09378950	40	746	1,440	2,090	3,150	4,150	5,350	9,160	3,430	100	10
		330	879	1,480	2,580	3,680	5,040	9,440	--	--	--
		673	1,260	1,810	2,820	3,850	5,150	9,340	--	--	--
09379000	41	1,760	3,160	4,410	6,400	8,230	10,400	17,100	8,390	1,150	10
		1,230	2,680	4,060	6,280	8,240	10,500	17,000	--	--	--
		1,710	3,070	4,300	6,350	8,240	10,400	17,000	--	--	--
09379030	42	892	1,630	2,220	3,060	3,760	4,510	6,480	3,100	450	15
		588	1,310	2,020	3,180	4,240	5,470	9,130	--	--	--
		871	1,580	2,170	3,100	3,950	4,910	7,540	--	--	--

## 20 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8—Continued					
09379060	43	Lukachukai Creek tributary near Lukachukai, Arizona	1.36 1.37	0.0319	5,830
09379300	44	Lime Creek near Mexican Hat, Utah	65.2 32.0	0.1831	5,190
09379560	45	El Capitan Wash near Kayenta, Arizona	6.07 5.88	0.1348	5,620
09379800	46	Coyote Creek near Kanab, Utah	89.6 89.0	0.1508	4,830
09379820	47	Buck Tank Draw near Kanab, Utah	4.81 5.25	0.0785	5,100
09381800	48	Paria River near Kanab, Utah	642 647	0.2335	6,260
09382000	49	Paria River at Lees Ferry, Arizona	1,060 1,410	0.1874	6,170
09403780	50	Kanab Creek near Fredonia, Arizona	1,080 1,080	0.1294	5,870
09403800	51	Bitter Seeps Wash tributary near Fredonia, Arizona	2.48 2.85	0.2243	5,050
09404500	52	Mineral Gulch near Mount Carmel, Utah	8.26 7.60	0.1297	5,960
09404900	53	East Fork Virgin River near Springdale, Utah	339 343	0.2449	6,180
09405420	54	North Fork Virgin River below Bulloch Canyon near Glendale, Utah	29.4 29.6	0.3130	7,750
09406300	55	Kanarra Creek at Kanarraville, Utah	9.74 9.85	0.3537	7,720
09406700	56	South Ash Creek below Mill Creek near Pintura, Utah	11.0 11.0	0.4447	6,840

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 8—Continued											
09379060	43	20	46	74	126	182	255	522	49	12	14
		77	195	322	557	792	1,090	2,050	--	--	--
		23	61	117	245	384	557	1,100	--	--	--
09379300	44	1,680	4,150	6,560	10,500	14,200	18,600	31,400	6,600	100	15
		804	1,940	3,100	5,070	6,900	9,060	15,600	--	--	--
		1,600	3,700	5,430	7,980	10,300	13,200	22,300	--	--	--
09379560	45	469	950	1,390	2,110	2,780	3,570	5,980	2,340	--	14
		233	613	1,030	1,790	2,550	3,490	6,520	--	--	--
		440	869	1,260	1,950	2,650	3,520	6,290	--	--	--
09379800	46	1,410	2,740	3,850	5,490	6,870	8,390	12,500	4,590	100	14
		985	2,340	3,700	5,990	8,080	10,500	17,700	--	--	--
		1,370	2,680	3,810	5,670	7,380	9,330	14,700	--	--	--
09379820	47	10	70	208	685	1,510	3,100	13,900	680	--	10
		215	561	939	1,630	2,310	3,150	5,860	--	--	--
		14	124	387	1,110	1,970	3,140	7,860	--	--	--
09381800	48	2,480	5,290	7,960	12,400	16,600	21,700	37,600	15,400	--	17
		1,650	3,420	5,050	7,590	9,780	12,200	19,200	--	--	--
		2,430	5,050	7,310	10,700	13,800	17,400	28,900	--	--	--
09382000	49	3,450	6,320	8,750	12,500	15,700	19,400	29,900	16,100	1,000	76
		1,970	3,920	5,670	8,320	10,500	13,000	19,800	--	--	--
		3,430	6,260	8,610	12,100	15,200	18,600	28,700	--	--	--
09403780	50	871	1,780	2,620	3,970	5,220	6,700	11,200	4,630	100	16
		1,950	3,820	5,470	7,950	10,000	12,200	18,400	--	--	--
		896	1,900	2,920	4,690	6,310	8,130	13,200	--	--	--
09403800	51	129	560	1,190	2,640	4,380	6,890	17,000	1,950	--	14
		222	652	1,160	2,130	3,150	4,460	8,850	--	--	--
		139	586	1,180	2,330	3,550	5,160	11,000	--	--	--
09404500	52	315	931	1,650	3,050	4,540	6,500	13,500	3,210	30	14
		238	604	995	1,700	2,400	3,250	5,990	--	--	--
		307	857	1,410	2,340	3,260	4,440	8,590	--	--	--
09404900	53	1,050	2,600	4,110	6,590	8,880	11,600	19,400	3,540	--	8
		1,300	2,820	4,240	6,530	8,560	10,900	17,500	--	--	--
		1,070	2,640	4,150	6,570	8,730	11,200	18,400	--	--	--
09405420	54	203	406	603	943	1,280	1,690	3,090	1,740	--	11
		331	791	1,260	2,070	2,870	3,840	6,880	--	--	--
		212	465	765	1,360	1,960	2,680	4,860	--	--	--
09406300	55	141	367	608	1,050	1,490	2,050	3,920	1,000	--	23
		216	552	910	1,570	2,230	3,060	5,770	--	--	--
		145	387	663	1,190	1,740	2,420	4,620	--	--	--
09406700	56	219	523	839	1,410	1,980	2,700	5,160	1,910	60	16
		299	797	1,340	2,340	3,360	4,630	8,780	--	--	--
		225	566	966	1,760	2,580	3,600	6,870	--	--	--

## 22 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 8—Continued					
09406800	57	South Ash Creek near Pintura, Utah	13.7 14.0	0.4152	6,590
09407200	58	Ash Creek below West Field Ditch at Toquerville, Utah	200 201	0.2998	5,920
09408000	59	Leeds Creek near Leeds, Utah	15.3 15.5	0.3708	6,130
09408150	60	Virgin River near Hurricane, Utah	700 1,490	0.2830	5,250
09409100	61	Santa Clara River above Baker Reservoir near Central, Utah	111 116	0.2783	7,230
09409500	62	Moody Wash near Veyo, Utah	33.5 33.0	0.2953	6,010
Region 11					
09385800	63	Little Colorado River tributary near St. Johns, Arizona	0.35 0.35	0.0985	
09386200	64	Carrizo Creek near Salt Lake, New Mexico	1,820 560	0.0827	
09386950	65	Zuni River above Black Rock Reservoir, New Mexico	831 848	0.0874	
09387050	66	Galestena Canyon tributary near Black Rock, New Mexico	18.5 19.0	0.0729	
09390500	67	Show Low Creek near Lakeside, Arizona	67.9 68.6	0.0579	
09395100	68	Carr Lake Draw tributary near Holbrook, Arizona	1.16 1.28	0.0298	
09395200	69	Decker Wash near Snowflake, Arizona	15.8 16.5	0.0640	
09395500	70	Puerco River at Gallup, New Mexico	548 558	0.1106	

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 8—Continued											
09406800	57	194	468	739	1,190	1,630	2,140	3,710	938	--	14
		344	908	1,520	2,640	3,770	5,170	9,690	--	--	--
		204	537	934	1,730	2,540	3,510	6,400	--	--	--
09407200	58	265	829	1,480	2,730	4,030	5,700	11,400	1,850	--	10
		1,190	2,710	4,200	6,650	8,890	11,500	19,100	--	--	--
		302	1,040	2,050	4,080	6,060	8,370	15,200	--	--	--
09408000	59	182	747	1,560	3,440	5,710	9,020	22,800	4,420	--	36
		396	1,050	1,760	3,050	4,340	5,930	11,100	--	--	--
		187	769	1,590	3,340	5,270	7,890	18,000	--	--	--
09408150	60	5,380	8,460	11,000	14,700	18,000	21,700	32,300	66,000	3,000	32
		2,450	5,370	8,110	12,400	16,200	20,400	32,200	--	--	--
		5,290	8,260	10,700	14,300	17,600	21,400	32,300	--	--	--
09409100	61	64	285	604	1,310	2,140	3,300	7,720	1,160	38	10
		637	1,430	2,190	3,470	4,650	6,040	10,200	--	--	--
		76	371	854	1,940	3,080	4,470	8,900	--	--	--
09409500	62	208	800	1,610	3,360	5,380	8,220	19,200	1,810	--	15
		537	1,350	2,190	3,680	5,110	6,850	12,300	--	--	--
		224	875	1,750	3,480	5,250	7,480	15,200	--	--	--
Region 11											
09385800	63	51	126	205	352	503	697	1,380	326	--	14
		45	113	186	317	448	610	1,140	--	--	--
		51	124	201	341	484	666	1,290	--	--	--
09386200	64	329	1,260	2,490	5,110	8,070	12,130	27,300	8,380	250	38
		2,380	5,700	8,920	14,300	19,210	25,000	42,000	--	--	--
		353	1,400	2,840	5,870	9,190	13,600	29,300	--	--	--
09386950	65	673	1,970	3,270	5,420	7,360	9,570	15,700	5,200	540	30
		1,690	4,070	6,410	10,300	14,000	18,300	31,100	--	--	--
		700	2,090	3,550	5,990	8,220	10,800	17,800	--	--	--
09387050	66	86	192	299	487	672	904	1,670	593	--	41
		249	603	962	1,580	2,170	2,870	5,050	--	--	--
		89	208	335	566	794	1,070	1,980	--	--	--
09390500	67	342	1,410	2,910	6,190	9,980	15,300	35,500	5,550	--	46
		401	958	1,510	2,420	3,290	4,300	7,370	--	--	--
		343	1,380	2,760	5,590	8,740	13,000	29,000	--	--	--
09395100	68	27	73	120	198	271	356	606	140	--	13
		39	91	143	230	312	410	710	--	--	--
		28	76	125	208	284	374	641	--	--	--
09395200	69	52	212	448	1,010	1,710	2,750	7,350	1,170	--	14
		213	515	817	1,330	1,830	2,420	4,230	--	--	--
		62	257	535	1,120	1,750	2,610	5,840	--	--	--
09395500	70	1,390	4,640	8,170	14,200	19,900	26,400	45,000	12,000	--	41
		1,610	3,910	6,220	10,200	13,900	18,300	31,600	--	--	--
		1,400	4,590	7,960	13,700	18,900	25,100	42,700	--	--	--

## 24 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 11—Continued					
09395600	71	Wagon Trail Wash near Gamerco, New Mexico	0.28 0.38	0.0451	
09395900	72	Black Creek near Lupton, Arizona	491 493	0.1188	
09396100	73	Puerco River near Chambers, Arizona	2,150 2,160	0.0976	
09396400	74	Dead Wash tributary near Holbrook, Arizona	0.75 1.22	0.0653	
09397100	75	Leroux Wash near Holbrook, Arizona	806 809	0.0471	
09397500	76	Chevelon Fork below Wildcat Canyon, near Winslow, Arizona	270 275	0.1132	
09397800	77	Brookbank Canyon near Heber, Arizona	27.5 27.9	0.0802	
09398000	78	Chevron Creek near Winslow, Arizona	983 781	0.0686	
09398500	79	Clear Creek below Willow Creek near Winslow, Arizona	316 317	0.1533	
09400100	80	Ganado Wash tributary near Ganado, Arizona	8.89 7.85	0.0379	
09400200	81	Steamboat Wash tributary near Ganado, Arizona	0.156 0.320	0.0863	
09400290	82	Teshbito Wash tributary near Holbrook, Arizona	19.8 20.0	0.0675	
09400300	83	Teshbito Wash near Holbrook, Arizona	68.0 60.3	0.0690	
09400530	84	Cow Canyon near Winslow, Arizona	6.25 7.53	0.0177	

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									Record length (years)
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 11—Continued											
09395600	71	78	170	255	393	520	668	1,110	437	20	24
		25	61	98	162	224	299	538			
		74	154	224	336	442	568	955			
09395900	72	2,650	4,360	5,670	7,500	8,980	10,600	14,700	7,680	1,000	19
		1,590	3,890	6,210	10,200	13,900	18,400	32,000			
		2,560	4,300	5,760	8,050	10,000	12,300	18,200			
09396100	73	6,090	10,600	14,000	18,600	22,300	26,100	35,600	17,800	2,100	28
		2,850	6,870	10,800	17,400	23,500	30,700	51,900			
		5,890	10,200	13,500	18,400	22,500	26,900	38,300			
09396400	74	202	373	515	730	917	1,130	1,710	743	100	13
		51	124	200	334	464	623	1,130			
		177	307	409	576	733	920	1,480			
09397100	75	4,700	6,130	7,090	8,300	9,210	10,100	12,300	8,460	3,000	14
		1,150	2,690	4,140	6,500	8,650	11,100	18,400			
		4,220	5,450	6,360	7,800	9,050	10,400	13,900			
09397500	76	2,220	6,460	11,400	20,800	30,700	43,800	89,700	24,700	--	41
		1,160	2,850	4,540	7,460	10,200	13,600	23,600			
		2,170	6,130	10,400	18,300	26,400	36,900	73,600			
09397800	77	153	306	439	642	821	1,020	1,590	666	80	13
		318	774	1,240	2,030	2,790	3,700	6,510			
		164	363	569	922	1,240	1,610	2,640			
09398000	78	2,470	6,370	10,800	19,500	28,900	41,600	89,700	33,600	550	49
		1,590	3,770	5,880	9,370	12,600	16,400	27,400			
		2,450	6,210	10,300	18,200	26,500	37,500	78,300			
09398500	79	2,420	7,180	12,500	22,400	32,500	45,300	87,500	29,100	--	45
		1,510	3,740	6,030	10,000	13,800	18,500	32,600			
		2,390	6,910	11,800	20,500	29,200	40,200	76,600			
09400100	80	240	525	801	1,270	1,710	2,250	3,970	1,680	40	14
		118	279	436	699	945	1,240	2,120			
		226	474	699	1,070	1,430	1,860	3,240			
09400200	81	47	163	311	619	966	1,440	3,240	383	10	14
		28	71	116	199	281	383	716			
		45	140	245	441	648	924	1,930			
09400290	82	611	758	843	940	1,010	1,070	1,200	890	400	15
		245	593	942	1,540	2,110	2,790	4,880			
		563	727	865	1,090	1,270	1,470	1,930			
09400300	83	663	1,040	1,320	1,680	1,970	2,260	2,990	1,580	400	14
		447	1,080	1,700	2,760	3,760	4,940	8,540			
		640	1,050	1,400	1,940	2,410	2,920	4,250			
09400530	84	65	127	179	255	318	388	575	253	30	15
		63	143	219	341	452	581	961			
		65	129	185	271	346	429	655			

## 26 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 11—Continued					
09400560	85	Oraibi Wash tributary near Oraibi, Arizona	1.76 1.78	0.1545	
09400565	86	Polacca Wash tributary near Chinle, Arizona	6.33 6.45	0.1236	
09400580	87	Castle Butte Wash near Winslow, Arizona	5.16 5.57	0.0726	
09400650	88	Sinclair Wash at Flagstaff, Arizona	7.44 8.11	0.0884	
09401220	89	Cedar Wash near Cameron, Arizona	558 579	0.0744	
09401245	90	Klethla Valley tributary near Kayenta, Arizona	0.80 0.79	0.1247	
09401260	91	Moenkopi Wash at Moenkopi, Arizona	1,590 1,630	0.0955	
09404050	92	Spring Valley Wash tributary near Williams, Arizona	2.51 5.00	0.0320	
09404310	93	Yampai Canyon tributary near Peach Springs, Arizona	0.11 0.20	0.0833	
09502800	94	Williamson Valley Wash near Paulden, Arizona	253 255	0.1196	
09503800	95	Volunteer Wash near Bellemont, Arizona	135 131	0.0726	
09505220	96	Rocky Gulch near Stoneman Lake, Arizona	1.85 1.40	0.1201	
Region High Elevation					
09177500	97	Taylor Creek near Gateway, Colorado,	15.3 12.0		
09183500	98	Mill Creek at Sheley Tunnel near Moab, Utah	26.4 26.8		



gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 11—Continued											
09400560	85	124	237	333	481	609	755	1,170	383	30	14
		128	325	538	926	1,310	1,800	3,370	--	--	--
		125	250	373	583	778	1,000	1,660	--	--	--
09400565	86	365	707	985	1,390	1,720	2,080	3,010	1,130	200	13
		206	514	839	1,420	1,990	2,680	4,910	--	--	--
		344	666	945	1,400	1,810	2,270	3,590	--	--	--
09400580	87	86	283	523	1,000	1,520	2,200	4,630	707	10	13
		135	330	529	875	1,210	1,610	2,870	--	--	--
		91	292	525	955	1,390	1,950	3,840	--	--	--
09400650	88	74	166	258	416	571	762	1,380	401	--	11
		181	446	718	1,200	1,660	2,220	3,980	--	--	--
		82	205	346	604	857	1,160	2,110	--	--	--
09401220	89	1,510	4,460	7,840	14,200	20,900	29,500	59,000	10,400	100	10
		1,270	3,050	4,780	7,670	10,400	13,500	22,900	--	--	--
		1,480	4,120	6,800	11,400	16,000	21,700	40,400	--	--	--
09401245	90	121	191	241	307	359	412	543	290	60	15
		77	195	322	551	780	1,070	1,990	--	--	--
		117	192	257	362	454	556	824	--	--	--
09401260	91	3,450	5,730	7,470	9,900	11,900	14,000	19,400	10,100	1,300	26
		2,440	5,870	9,240	14,900	20,200	26,300	44,700	--	--	--
		3,390	5,750	7,690	10,600	13,100	15,900	23,000	--	--	--
09404050	92	20	58	101	182	266	374	745	35	--	14
		58	137	215	345	468	613	1,060	--	--	--
		22	67	120	218	316	438	835	--	--	--
09404310	93	14	36	62	110	161	229	473	177	--	13
		24	59	97	165	233	318	596	--	--	--
		15	40	70	127	185	260	519	--	--	--
09502800	94	1,300	4,070	7,390	13,900	21,000	30,300	63,600	14,800	--	21
		1,170	2,860	4,580	7,540	10,400	13,700	24,100	--	--	--
		1,290	3,900	6,810	12,200	17,700	24,900	49,700	--	--	--
09503800	95	507	1,130	1,670	2,500	3,200	3,980	6,060	2,300	200	14
		638	1,540	2,420	3,920	5,330	7,000	12,000	--	--	--
		519	1,200	1,840	2,890	3,820	4,880	7,800	--	--	--
09505220	96	38	122	235	490	804	1,270	3,380	1,550	10	30
		113	283	463	788	1,110	1,510	2,790	--	--	--
		40	132	256	530	853	1,320	3,260	--	--	--
Region High Elevation											
09177500	97	111	264	407	637	843	1,080	1,770	555	--	24
		88	196	299	471	631	822	1,410	--	--	--
		108	245	368	566	748	964	1,610	--	--	--
09183500	98	197	452	710	1,170	1,620	2,190	4,080	1,080	--	17
		134	288	433	670	887	1,140	1,910	--	--	--
		186	400	594	919	1,230	1,620	2,880	--	--	--

## 28 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region High Elevation—Continued					
09317997	99	Huntington Creek near Huntington, Utah	177 178		
09326500	100	Ferron Creek near Ferron, Utah	136 138		
09327550	101	Ferron Creek below Paradise Ranch near Clawson, Utah	218 221		
09329900	102	Pine Creek near Bicknell, Utah	107 104		
09330230	103	Fremont River near Caineville, Utah	1,200 1,210		
09330500	104	Muddy Creek near Emery, Utah	108 105		
09331500	105	Ivie Creek above Diversions near Emery, Utah	45.1 50.0		
09332100	106	Muddy Creek below Interstate 70 near Emery, Utah	414 418		
09332500	107	Muddy Creek below Ivie Creek near Emery, Utah	430 440		
09337000	108	Pine Creek near Escalante, Utah	66.7 68.1		
09337500	109	Escalante River near Escalante, Utah	315 320		
09338000	110	East Fork Boulder Creek near Boulder, Utah	20.4 21.4		
09338500	111	East Fork Deer Creek near Boulder, Utah	1.70 1.90		
09378170	112	South Creek above reservoir near Monticello, Utah	8.25 8.64		

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region High Elevation—Continued											
09317997	99	832	1,580	2,190	3,090	3,840	4,660	6,870	1,680	--	17
		576	1,110	1,580	2,290	2,900	3,590	5,510	--	--	--
		793	1,450	1,970	2,740	3,410	4,170	6,250	--	--	--
09326500	100	818	1,330	1,760	2,410	2,980	3,650	5,590	4,180	300	64
		471	924	1,320	1,930	2,460	3,060	4,750	--	--	--
		800	1,290	1,700	2,330	2,890	3,540	5,440	--	--	--
09327550	101	1,240	2,130	2,800	3,730	4,480	5,260	7,230	2,670	--	11
		675	1,290	1,820	2,620	3,300	4,070	6,180	--	--	--
		1,110	1,810	2,340	3,130	3,820	4,590	6,660	--	--	--
09329900	102	74	232	422	798	1,210	1,750	3,720	707	--	16
		392	779	1,120	1,650	2,120	2,650	4,160	--	--	--
		95	323	601	1,090	1,560	2,130	3,920	--	--	--
09330230	103	1,760	3,400	4,700	6,560	8,080	9,700	13,900	8,800	--	33
		2,500	4,350	5,810	7,880	9,570	11,400	16,000	--	--	--
		1,800	3,480	4,840	6,780	8,340	10,000	14,200	--	--	--
09330500	104	467	1,000	1,520	2,420	3,280	4,350	7,820	3,340	--	56
		394	784	1,130	1,660	2,130	2,670	4,180	--	--	--
		463	979	1,460	2,270	3,030	3,960	6,940	--	--	--
09331500	105	190	392	577	875	1,150	1,470	2,430	1,240	50	24
		202	422	623	946	1,240	1,580	2,570	--	--	--
		192	399	591	900	1,180	1,510	2,490	--	--	--
09332100	106	1,220	2,210	3,080	4,500	5,800	7,350	12,100	9,400	300	30
		1,100	2,040	2,820	3,960	4,930	5,990	8,840	--	--	--
		1,210	2,180	3,030	4,360	5,560	6,960	11,200	--	--	--
09332500	107	1,100	1,690	2,110	2,680	3,120	3,580	4,720	2,890	200	17
		1,140	2,090	2,890	4,060	5,050	6,130	9,030	--	--	--
		1,100	1,770	2,310	3,100	3,740	4,410	6,060	--	--	--
09337000	108	181	366	532	797	1,040	1,310	2,140	1,010	50	47
		273	557	814	1,220	1,580	2,000	3,200	--	--	--
		185	384	571	871	1,140	1,450	2,350	--	--	--
09337500	109	827	1,740	2,540	3,750	4,790	5,960	9,130	4,550	100	44
		896	1,680	2,340	3,320	4,160	5,080	7,590	--	--	--
		830	1,740	2,510	3,670	4,660	5,770	8,800	--	--	--
09338000	110	199	303	375	467	537	607	773	483	--	20
		110	240	364	567	755	978	1,650	--	--	--
		183	285	371	507	625	754	1,090	--	--	--
09338500	111	20	64	122	248	398	614	1,520	350	--	20
		16	41	67	114	161	219	414	--	--	--
		19	57	98	178	264	383	840	--	--	--
09378170	112	70	105	130	164	192	220	293	163	30	14
		55	126	196	316	430	567	998	--	--	--
		66	113	160	240	311	392	616	--	--	--

### 30 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region High Elevation—Continued					
09378630	113	Recapture Creek near Blanding, Utah	3.88 3.77		
09378650	114	Recapture Creek below Johnson Creek near Blanding, Utah	37.1 50.2		
09383600	115	Fish Creek near Eager, Arizona	17.0 16.9		
09386100	116	Largo Creek near Quemado, New Mexico	138 151		
09386900	117	Rio Nutria near Ramah, New Mexico	71.2 71.4		
09408400	118	Santa Clara River near Pine Valley, Utah	18.3 18.7		
09442650	119	Romero Creek near Arizona State line near Luna, New Mexico	9.37 10.8		
09489200	120	Pacheta Creek near Maverick, Arizona	16.4 14.8		
09489700	121	Big Bonito Creek near Fort Apache, Arizona	114 119		
09490800	122	North Fork White River near Greer, Arizona	39.3 40.2		
09491000	123	North Fork White River near McNary, Arizona	69.1 78.2		
Region 6					
08313100	124	Canada Ancha tributary near Santa Fe, New Mexico	0.577 1.23		
08316600	125	North Frijoles Arroyo near Santa Fe, New Mexico	0.356 0.330		
08316650	126	Arroyo de los Frijoles, Locust Tree, near Santa Fe, New Mexico	1.40 1.30		

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region High Elevation—Continued											
09378630	113	15	36	58	99	139	191	364	97	1	34
		31	74	118	194	269	360	655	--	--	--
		16	41	69	121	171	234	439	--	--	--
09378650	114	120	330	546	914	1,260	1,670	2,890	695	--	18
		174	367	546	834	1,100	1,400	2,310	--	--	--
		127	340	546	877	1,180	1,530	2,590	--	--	--
09383600	115	62	163	258	408	539	684	1,070	236	50	13
		96	211	321	504	674	876	1,490	--	--	--
		68	180	287	458	613	790	1,300	--	--	--
09386100	116	313	552	761	1,090	1,390	1,740	2,800	1,320	250	42
		476	934	1,330	1,950	2,490	3,090	4,790	--	--	--
		335	644	944	1,420	1,840	2,310	3,640	--	--	--
09386900	117	338	676	954	1,360	1,700	2,070	3,030	1,840	--	30
		287	583	851	1,270	1,650	2,080	3,310	--	--	--
		333	659	928	1,330	1,680	2,070	3,120	--	--	--
09408400	118	87	209	342	597	869	1,230	2,570	340	--	40
		101	222	338	528	706	916	1,550	--	--	--
		90	214	340	557	768	1,030	1,900	--	--	--
09442650	119	56	145	244	436	643	918	1,940	480	--	19
		61	138	214	343	465	612	1,070	--	--	--
		57	143	231	388	545	744	1,430	--	--	--
09489200	120	105	179	234	312	374	439	607	312	20	23
		93	205	313	492	659	858	1,460	--	--	--
		104	185	258	372	472	583	878	--	--	--
09489700	121	644	1,510	2,370	3,840	5,240	6,950	12,300	4,510	--	24
		411	815	1,170	1,720	2,210	2,750	4,310	--	--	--
		615	1,340	1,960	2,930	3,850	4,950	8,400	--	--	--
09490800	122	188	261	315	390	451	516	689	299	100	13
		182	382	568	866	1,140	1,450	2,380	--	--	--
		186	297	408	588	742	911	1,360	--	--	--
09491000	123	404	740	1,030	1,480	1,890	2,350	3,720	2,310	--	39
		280	571	833	1,250	1,620	2,040	3,260	--	--	--
		394	713	987	1,420	1,810	2,260	3,590	--	--	--
Region 6											
08313100	124	17	71	147	316	517	802	1,940	298	5	32
		105	255	397	636	860	1,130	1,940	--	--	--
		19	80	170	367	588	882	1,940	--	--	--
08316600	125	141	242	320	429	518	612	856	360	20	13
		86	211	330	531	721	948	1,640	--	--	--
		135	236	323	462	590	739	1,160	--	--	--
08316650	126	510	1,010	1,450	2,100	2,680	3,320	5,120	1,900	40	14
		153	361	558	884	1,190	1,550	2,650	--	--	--
		464	864	1,160	1,590	1,980	2,440	3,820	--	--	--

## 32 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 6—Continued					
08316700	127	Arroyo de los Frijoles near Santa Fe, New Mexico	2.80 2.92		
08317600	128	San Cristobal Arroyo near Galisteo, New Mexico	114 116		
08317700	129	Tarhole Canyon near Galisteo, New Mexico	2.06 2.15		
08317720	130	Canada de la Cueva near Galisteo, New Mexico	1.77 1.79		
08318000	131	Galisteo Creek at Domingo, New Mexico	661 640		
08318900	132	San Pedro Creek near Golden, New Mexico	44.7 45.2		
08330500	133	Tijeras Arroyo at Albuquerque, New Mexico	74.7 75.3		
08330600	134	Tijeras Arroyo near Albuquerque, New Mexico	134 128		
08331100	135	Belen Highline Canal tributary near Los Lunas, New Mexico	0.180 0.160		
08331650	136	Cañada Montoso near Scholle, New Mexico	37.0 35.0		
08334000	137	Rio Puerco above Arroyo Chico near Guadalupe, New Mexico	420 420		
08340500	138	Arroyo Chico near Guadalupe, New Mexico	1,360 1,390		
08343100	139	Grants Canyon at Grants, New Mexico	11.8 13.0		
08351500	140	Rio San Jose at Correo, New Mexico	3,650 3,660		

gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 6—Continued											
08316700	127	473	1,540	2,910	5,840	9,240	14,000	33,300	5,340	30	14
		205	475	728	1,140	1,530	1,990	3,370	--	--	--
		444	1,290	2,130	3,500	4,790	6,420	12,200	--	--	--
08317600	128	1,820	3,500	5,010	7,440	9,680	12,300	20,300	13,200	800	40
		971	2,050	3,010	4,540	5,920	7,520	12,200	--	--	--
		1,800	3,420	4,830	7,040	9,050	11,400	18,600	--	--	--
08317700	129	315	731	1,120	1,740	2,310	2,960	4,840	2,440	250	34
		180	420	647	1,020	1,370	1,780	3,030	--	--	--
		309	703	1,050	1,600	2,080	2,640	4,300	--	--	--
08317720	130	114	255	397	647	896	1,210	2,250	919	--	25
		169	396	611	964	1,290	1,690	2,870	--	--	--
		117	268	426	711	993	1,340	2,450	--	--	--
08318000	131	6,440	11,000	14,700	20,100	24,700	29,800	43,900	22,800	2,000	29
		2,030	4,090	5,900	8,720	11,200	14,100	22,500	--	--	--
		6,240	10,400	13,500	18,000	21,700	25,900	38,000	--	--	--
08318900	132	928	1,550	2,120	3,060	3,950	5,040	8,610	10,800	600	44
		655	1,410	2,100	3,200	4,210	5,380	8,630	--	--	--
		922	1,550	2,120	3,070	3,980	5,090	8,640	--	--	--
08330500	133	702	1,870	3,070	5,150	7,140	9,530	16,900	6,500	450	47
		813	1,730	2,560	3,880	5,070	6,460	10,600	--	--	--
		704	1,870	3,040	5,000	6,840	9,020	15,600	--	--	--
08330600	134	664	1,160	1,570	2,160	2,670	3,230	4,770	2,930	--	45
		1,040	2,180	3,200	4,820	6,280	7,970	12,900	--	--	--
		670	1,190	1,640	2,330	2,950	3,640	5,550	--	--	--
08331100	135	199	310	390	497	580	666	878	480	--	41
		65	161	254	412	562	742	1,300	--	--	--
		192	297	373	483	576	680	960	--	--	--
08331650	136	369	1,090	1,970	3,780	5,820	8,660	19,800	5,600	--	37
		605	1,310	1,960	2,990	3,930	5,020	8,260	--	--	--
		374	1,100	1,970	3,670	5,500	7,920	16,800	--	--	--
08334000	137	1,890	3,070	3,900	4,970	5,780	6,590	8,490	6,940	1,000	48
		1,680	3,420	4,960	7,370	9,530	12,000	19,200	--	--	--
		1,890	3,090	3,950	5,140	6,080	7,070	9,480	--	--	--
08340500	138	4,030	6,800	9,040	12,400	15,200	18,300	27,200	15,200	1,000	43
		2,750	5,430	7,770	11,400	14,600	18,300	29,000	--	--	--
		4,010	6,740	8,960	12,300	15,100	18,300	27,400	--	--	--
08343100	139	175	508	844	1,400	1,900	2,470	4,050	1,550	--	34
		375	837	1,260	1,950	2,590	3,330	5,550	--	--	--
		179	525	879	1,470	2,010	2,630	4,360	--	--	--
08351500	140	1,420	3,070	4,560	6,880	8,950	11,300	18,000	11,000	--	52
		4,160	8,020	11,300	16,500	21,000	26,100	40,800	--	--	--
		1,440	3,160	4,750	7,320	9,630	12,300	19,700	--	--	--

### 34 Magnitude and Frequency of Peak Discharges for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico

**Appendix 1.** Selected basin, climatic, and flood characteristics, maximum peak discharge recorded and low-discharge threshold for

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Gaging-station name	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin slope (percent)	Average basin elevation (feet)
Region 6—Continued					
08352500	141	Rio Puerco at Rio Puerco, New Mexico	6,130 6,590		
08353000	142	Rio Puerco near Bernardo, New Mexico	7,220 7,350		
08354000	143	Rio Salado near San Acacia, New Mexico	1,380 1,380		
08358600	144	Chupadera Wash tributary at Bingham, New Mexico	0.765 1.29		
08480150	145	White Oaks Canyon near Carrizozo, New Mexico	35.1 31.0		
08489000	146	Big Draw near Mountainair, New Mexico	4.08 3.90		



gaging stations in flood regions 8, 11, high elevation, and 6—Continued.

Gaging-station number	Identifier (fig. 1)	Peak discharge (cubic feet per second)									
		Recurrence interval (years)							Maximum peak discharge recorded	Low-discharge threshold	Record length (years)
		2	5	10	25	50	100	500			
Region 6—Continued											
08352500	141	5,180	10,300	14,900	22,500	29,600	38,000	63,800	37,700	--	51
		5,170	9,830	13,800	20,000	25,400	31,500	48,900	--	--	--
		5,180	10,300	14,900	22,400	29,200	37,300	62,000	--	--	--
08353000	142	2,690	5,480	7,980	12,000	15,500	19,700	31,900	18,800	--	60
		5,540	10,500	14,700	21,200	26,900	33,400	51,700	--	--	--
		2,710	5,560	8,150	12,300	16,100	20,500	33,300	--	--	--
08354000	143	7,250	15,100	21,300	30,000	36,800	44,000	61,200	36,200	1,000	38
		2,770	5,470	7,820	11,500	14,700	18,400	29,100	--	--	--
		7,120	14,500	20,000	27,300	33,000	39,100	54,500	--	--	--
08358600	144	79	223	362	582	774	987	1,550	620	--	35
		119	285	443	706	953	1,250	2,140	--	--	--
		80	227	370	601	807	1,040	1,680	--	--	--
08480150	145	1,110	1,980	2,770	4,050	5,250	6,690	11,300	7,690	--	39
		592	1,290	1,920	2,930	3,850	4,930	8,110	--	--	--
		1,090	1,940	2,690	3,900	5,030	6,380	10,600	--	--	--
08489000	146	45	182	370	773	1,230	1,850	4,170	1,710	30	40
		240	550	841	1,320	1,760	2,280	3,840	--	--	--
		47	195	401	835	1,310	1,930	4,100	--	--	--

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**Appendix 2—Basin and Climatic  
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**Appendix 2.** Basin and climatic characteristics determined using Geographical Information System Weasel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000).

[NOAA2, NOAA14, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atlases 2 and 14, respectively; NAVD88, North American Vertical Datum of 1988]

Station number	Average basin mean annual precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin mean winter precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin slope (percent)	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin elevation (feet above NAVD88)	Average basin aspect (azimuth degree)
08313100	14.60	5.70	2.94	2.31	3.28	2.62	0.0354	0.577	6,520	45
08316600	12.90	5.07	3.00	2.53	3.13	2.59	0.0757	0.356	7,260	180
08316650	12.80	5.01	3.00	2.51	3.12	2.58	0.0696	1.40	7,170	315
08316700	13.00	5.01	2.99	2.46	3.13	2.57	0.0709	2.80	7,080	315
08317600	15.64	5.81	3.65	2.86	3.54	2.86	0.0903	114	7,130	225
08317700	13.27	4.94	3.62	2.83	3.42	2.82	0.0985	2.06	6,660	270
08317720	12.89	4.92	3.34	2.68	3.25	2.68	0.0561	1.77	6,260	180
08318000	13.54	5.14	3.41	2.71	3.30	2.70	0.1001	661	6,470	270
08318900	16.80	7.56	3.59	2.76	3.47	2.56	0.1464	44.7	6,900	90
08330500	16.70	7.47	3.54	2.76	3.54	2.53	0.2024	74.7	6,980	90
08330600	14.72	6.48	3.38	2.68	3.31	2.45	0.1833	134	6,690	270
08331100	9.44	3.71	2.64	2.30	2.75	2.26	0.0501	0.180	5,360	315
08331650	14.40	5.66	3.44	2.73	3.77	2.73	0.0886	37.0	6,310	315
08334000	14.10	6.61	3.13	2.44	3.10	2.40	0.1357	420	7,100	270
08340500	10.50	4.35	2.81	2.22	2.69	2.18	0.0790	1,360	6,800	0
08343100	11.02	4.37	2.83	2.26	2.70	2.23	0.1703	11.8	7,020	180
08351500	12.33	5.19	2.87	2.23	2.90	2.40	0.0868	3,650	7,240	0
08352500	11.60	4.87	2.88	2.27	2.82	2.32	0.0923	6,130	6,900	0
08353000	11.53	4.80	2.88	2.27	2.83	2.34	0.0879	7,220	6,850	0
08354000	11.85	4.17	3.03	2.45	3.10	2.54	0.1261	1,380	6,710	90
08358600	11.52	3.98	3.34	2.73	3.55	2.94	0.0870	0.765	5,610	315
08480150	15.87	5.82	4.30	3.29	3.99	3.33	0.2096	35.1	6,740	270
08489000	16.06	6.74	4.03	2.92	4.06	3.01	0.0345	4.08	7,000	135
09163700	9.32	5.53	2.42	1.78	2.34	2.06	0.1241	90.7	4,820	180
09181000	12.97	7.56	2.79	1.89	2.80	2.38	0.3612	20.2	5,640	45
09182600	9.36	5.21	2.45	1.77	2.38	2.13	0.0541	1.43	5,050	135
09183000	9.52	5.58	2.42	1.76	2.70	2.39	0.1224	161	4,770	270
09184000	20.11	12.19	2.94	1.97	3.47	2.83	0.2709	73.3	7,060	270
09185200	15.77	9.15	2.88	1.92	3.08	2.64	0.2167	17.2	6,270	315
09185500	13.67	7.79	2.95	2.00	3.15	2.26	0.0869	366	6,730	270
09187000	18.70	11.48	3.22	2.19	3.68	2.47	0.3029	113	7,380	90
09314250	17.05	10.68	2.99	2.08	2.75	2.09	0.2490	946	7,660	90
09314280	9.60	4.88	2.59	1.78	2.33	1.74	0.0613	206	5,750	90
09314500	14.07	8.27	2.84	1.97	2.61	1.97	0.2025	1,730	6,500	90
09315200	8.07	4.36	2.58	1.76	2.48	1.88	0.1740	4.92	4,830	270
09315900	6.80	3.58	2.40	1.76	2.37	1.78	0.0547	3.04	4,320	45

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**Appendix 2.** Basin and climatic characteristics determined using Geographical Information System Weasel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000)—Continued.

Station number	Average basin mean annual precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin mean winter precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin slope (percent)	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin elevation (feet above NAVD88)	Average basin aspect (azimuth degree)
09316000	9.08	5.05	2.54	1.8	2.61	1.99	0.2154	78.1	5,030	225
09327600	8.48	4.24	2.42	1.75	2.24	1.68	0.0793	0.620	6,180	315
09328300	8.98	4.40	2.64	1.83	2.40	1.87	0.1393	18.4	6,400	0
09328600	9.55	4.61	2.71	1.87	2.50	1.95	0.1126	6.95	6,940	90
09328700	7.63	3.79	2.53	1.8	2.36	1.86	0.0898	44.2	5,200	135
09330120	10.63	5.45	3.06	2.06	2.83	1.94	0.2344	54.0	6,980	180
09330200	12.84	7.38	3.40	2.29	3.05	2.12	0.2334	78.5	7,400	90
09330300	6.26	3.13	2.39	1.76	2.26	1.75	0.0730	22.5	4,790	225
09330400	13.42	7.90	3.18	2.12	2.83	2.07	0.1740	1,900	7,280	90
09334000	7.38	4.14	2.88	1.95	2.49	1.88	0.2501	135	5,120	135
09336400	14.84	8.81	3.78	2.64	3.38	2.36	0.2187	53.9	7,520	90
09338900	13.67	8.10	3.86	2.56	3.43	2.23	0.2127	65.4	7,360	180
09339200	11.32	6.33	3.36	2.39	3.22	2.16	0.2699	144	6,460	90
09357200	10.35	5.05	2.70	2.16	2.79	2.06	0.0231	0.060	6,650	315
09357230	10.20	5.65	2.69	2.11	2.65	2.03	0.0491	0.29	5,980	90
09367530	8.78	5.24	2.70	2.13	2.47	1.96	0.0720	2.68	5,500	135
09367550	8.83	5.28	2.68	2.11	2.48	1.94	0.0569	4.72	5,490	180
09367561	10.80	6.44	2.76	2.18	2.69	2.00	0.1109	134	5,640	180
09367860	12.84	6.14	3.17	2.42	3.15	2.36	0.1922	9.78	7,240	225
09367900	12.25	6.07	3.05	2.30	3.00	2.32	0.1513	7.13	6,690	90
09367930	9.22	4.54	2.64	2.11	2.69	2.06	0.0494	45.0	6,200	180
09367950	9.79	4.76	2.61	2.09	2.67	2.17	0.0681	4,350	6,290	0
09367980	8.14	4.57	2.37	2.00	2.47	1.94	0.0317	21.3	5,230	90
09368020	10.40	6.14	2.72	2.19	2.56	1.94	0.0567	2.02	5,330	225
09371000	18.50	11.22	3.14	2.23	2.88	2.08	0.2422	523	6,940	270
09378480	18.27	11.28	3.30	2.28	4.08	2.44	0.1209	142	7,030	90
09378950	13.26	7.82	3.17	2.18	3.10	2.20	0.2549	10.3	5,810	90
09379000	12.39	7.43	3.11	2.18	2.97	2.17	0.2009	276	5,880	90
09379030	10.06	5.48	2.90	2.19	2.79	2.21	0.1031	73.5	5,830	90
09379060	9.61	5.36	2.95	2.26	2.73	2.08	0.0319	1.36	5,830	315
09379300	9.45	5.59	3.13	2.17	2.64	2.04	0.1831	65.2	5,190	225
09379560	7.85	4.34	2.71	2.09	2.51	2.01	0.1348	6.07	5,620	45
09379800	7.23	4.88	3.05	2.28	2.71	1.98	0.1508	89.6	4,840	0
09379820	8.76	4.81	2.89	2.19	2.75	2.00	0.0785	4.81	5,100	0
09381800	11.77	6.75	3.39	2.55	3.01	2.16	0.2335	642	6,260	90
09382000	11.56	6.54	3.22	2.44	3.11	2.21	0.1874	1,060	6,170	0
09385800	12.26	5.32	3.17	2.39	3.07	2.54	0.0985	0.350	6,360	0
09403780	14.48	9.24	3.42	2.68	3.36	2.35	0.1294	1,080	5,870	315
09403800	11.90	7.37	3.68	2.84	3.01	2.24	0.2243	2.48	5,050	225

**Appendix 2.** Basin and climatic characteristics determined using Geographical Information System Weasel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000)—Continued.

Station number	Average basin mean annual precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin mean winter precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin slope (percent)	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin elevation (feet above NAVD88)	Average basin aspect (azimuth degree)
09404500	14.49	9.29	3.75	2.80	3.49	2.25	0.1297	8.26	5,960	90
09404900	15.65	10.13	3.65	2.85	3.52	2.28	0.2449	339	6,180	90
09405420	22.94	15.41	4.26	3.16	4.05	2.59	0.3130	29.4	7,750	180
09406300	18.63	12.32	4.06	2.80	4.14	3.00	0.3537	9.74	7,720	270
09406700	22.05	15.13	3.85	2.97	4.20	2.90	0.4447	11.0	6,840	90
09406800	20.34	13.89	3.76	2.93	4.05	2.81	0.4152	13.7	6,590	90
09407200	16.80	11.31	3.68	2.81	3.72	2.65	0.2998	200	5,920	135
09408000	16.97	11.66	3.54	2.87	3.99	2.77	0.3708	15.3	6,130	180
09408150	14.73	9.87	3.57	2.77	3.47	2.46	0.2830	700	5,250	135
09409100	22.65	15.80	4.04	2.93	4.12	3.02	0.2783	111	7,230	270
09409500	22.64	16.87	3.58	2.85	4.34	2.91	0.2953	33.5	6,010	180
09386200	14.31	6.27	2.94	2.25	3.11	2.63	0.0827	1,820	7,300	0
09386950	15.11	7.67	2.83	2.20	3.19	2.57	0.0871	831	7,280	0
09387050	14.37	7.01	2.82	2.23	3.16	2.59	0.0729	18.5	7,440	315
09390500	27.71	16.04	5.12	3.69	4.88	3.71	0.0579	67.9	7,240	270
09395100	9.38	4.38	2.87	2.20	3.12	2.49	0.0298	1.16	5,450	315
09395200	19.81	10.47	5.50	3.81	4.42	3.26	0.0640	15.8	6,670	90
09395500	13.29	6.48	2.87	2.23	3.08	2.52	0.1106	548	7,230	0
09395600	12.26	6.08	2.7	2.15	3.00	2.38	0.0451	0.280	6,760	225
09395900	13.6	6.67	3.12	2.35	3.26	2.39	0.1188	491	7,370	135
09396100	13.06	6.48	2.95	2.27	3.18	2.47	0.0976	2,150	6,990	135
09396400	9.56	4.66	2.85	2.09	3.01	2.39	0.0653	0.750	5,720	135
09397100	10.70	5.50	2.97	2.28	3.10	2.38	0.0471	806	5,980	180
09397500	23.91	14.42	5.36	3.83	5.05	3.62	0.1132	27.0	7,110	90
09397800	23.15	13.39	5.53	3.85	4.82	3.53	0.0802	27.5	6,950	90
09398000	18.54	10.16	4.57	3.34	4.18	3.12	0.0686	983	6,430	0
09398500	26.91	16.86	5.21	3.65	5.73	3.83	0.1533	316	7,160	90
09400100	12.02	6.37	3.28	2.49	3.11	2.40	0.0379	8.89	6,730	315
09400200	11.62	6.34	3.09	2.48	3.13	2.39	0.0863	0.156	6,810	225
09400290	10.46	5.80	3.04	2.47	3.09	2.32	0.0675	19.8	6,340	90
09400300	10.15	5.56	3.05	2.47	3.07	2.28	0.0690	68.0	6,140	135
09400530	9.28	4.39	3.04	2.24	2.74	2.22	0.0177	6.25	5,420	45
09400560	9.35	5.16	3.00	2.26	2.87	2.20	0.1545	1.76	5,940	90
09400565	10.79	6.05	3.08	2.48	3.09	2.31	0.1236	6.33	6,940	135
09400580	9.67	5.04	2.91	2.19	2.97	2.28	0.0726	5.16	5,780	270
09400650	24.06	15.32	4.74	3.39	4.74	3.08	0.0884	7.44	7,160	90
09401220	13.70	7.48	3.28	2.50	3.39	2.57	0.0744	558	6,460	90
09401245	11.78	6.90	2.87	2.27	3.09	2.30	0.1247	0.800	6,650	270
09401260	10.00	5.91	2.88	2.25	2.94	2.20	0.0955	1,590	6,160	270

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**Appendix 2.** Basin and climatic characteristics determined using Geographical Information System Weasel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2000)—Continued.

Station number	Average basin mean annual precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin mean winter precipitation (inches), 1961–90	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA2 (inches)	Average basin maximum 24-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin maximum 6-hour precipitation for 100-year recurrence interval—NOAA14 (inches)	Average basin slope (percent)	Drainage area (square miles)	Average basin elevation (feet above NAVD88)	Average basin aspect (azimuth degree)
09404050	18.35	10.85	3.50	2.75	4.13	2.97	0.0320	2.51	6,120	0
09404310	11.49	6.16	3.17	2.78	3.64	3.21	0.0833	0.110	5,320	180
09502800	15.10	7.96	4.64	3.52	4.22	2.98	0.1196	253	5,010	0
09503800	24.92	15.92	4.93	3.53	4.81	3.13	0.0726	135	7,390	225
09505220	29.49	20.38	6.47	4.37	5.49	3.83	0.1201	1.85	7,220	180
09177500	24.27	15.00	3.12	2.03	4.00	2.79	0.1549	15.3	8,840	45
09183500	27.26	17.23	3.21	2.10	3.97	3.03	0.3404	26.4	8,770	225
09317997	25.78	17.40	3.62	2.34	3.04	2.44	0.3808	177	9,170	90
09326500	24.07	15.87	3.62	2.33	3.34	2.26	0.2512	136	8,940	90
09327550	18.88	11.94	3.24	2.14	2.98	2.08	0.2086	218	8,030	90
09329900	19.13	12.44	3.82	2.47	3.35	2.43	0.1179	107	9,270	0
09330230	16.53	10.07	3.38	2.22	2.98	2.18	0.1751	1,200	8,360	90
09330500	24.44	15.69	3.63	2.31	3.27	2.32	0.2562	108	8,750	180
09331500	21.14	13.30	3.70	2.33	2.90	2.33	0.2202	45.1	8,720	90
09332100	16.25	9.67	3.09	2.04	2.85	2.03	0.2207	414	7,900	90
09332500	15.91	9.43	3.06	2.04	2.83	2.02	0.2183	430	7,780	90
09337000	22.17	14.88	4.18	2.78	3.83	2.67	0.1976	66.7	9,730	270
09337500	17.44	11.07	3.93	2.67	3.57	2.46	0.2295	315	7,800	90
09338000	24.33	17.11	4.35	2.97	3.93	2.79	0.1027	20.4	10,960	225
09338500	19.37	12.74	4.11	2.65	3.75	2.58	0.1323	1.70	9,500	180
09378170	32.31	21.74	3.44	2.40	4.73	2.71	0.2634	8.25	8,420	90
09378630	25.39	16.62	3.40	2.40	4.74	2.72	0.3345	3.88	8,380	180
09378650	23.87	15.51	3.40	2.38	4.38	2.61	0.2386	37.1	7,680	90
09383600	28.93	15.59	5.26	3.72	4.59	3.80	0.0851	17.0	9,160	90
09386100	16.97	7.66	3.09	2.28	3.43	2.75	0.1511	138	8,010	315
09386900	17.74	9.88	2.93	2.25	3.71	2.79	0.0861	71.2	7,960	225
09408400	28.72	20.06	4.14	3.01	4.48	3.16	0.413	18.3	8,970	315
09442650	25.83	13.31	3.87	2.92	4.24	3.34	0.1765	9.37	8,760	225
09489200	28.27	15.83	5.42	3.80	4.59	3.73	0.1396	16.4	8,450	135
09489700	28.08	16.01	5.65	3.94	4.71	3.70	0.2584	114	8,070	135
09490800	31.19	17.50	6.12	4.33	4.87	3.88	0.1752	39.3	9,310	0
09491000	31.25	17.67	6.10	4.27	5.14	3.90	0.1910	69.1	9,180	270

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