

Natural Hazards Science: Reducing the Risk from Floods



"Floods are among the most powerful forces on earth. Each year they cause billions of dollars in damage and threaten lives and property in every State. For more than a century, the USGS has played a key role in better understanding the nature of floods - - their causes, effects and hazards. Monitoring the water level and flow of the Nation's rivers and streams, coupled with the long-term data collected by the USGS streamgaging network, enables communities to prepare for and respond to floods, and thereby potentially reduce losses from future floods."

Senator Pete Domenici
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