

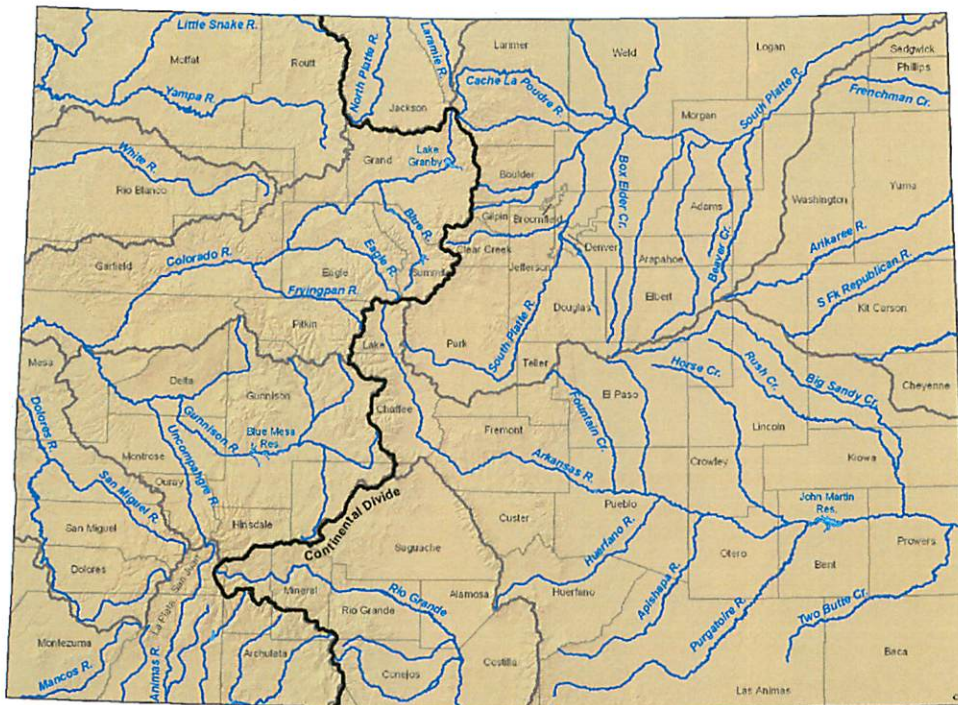


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Colorado Silver Jackets Team Charter



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This charter establishes and formalizes the opportunities for implementation of the Silver Jackets Risk Management Team (RMT) for the State of Colorado. The RMT is established and utilized by the State of Colorado. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this charter, no Federal agency funds or controls the RMT. This charter is voluntary in nature and may be revised or rescinded at any time by the signatory agencies. There are no required or implied funding obligations by any of the charter members, but rather the RMT will seek to maximize integrated resource management for flood risk reduction in Colorado. This charter may also be expanded at any time by mutual consent of the signatory agencies to include additional factors such as drought conditions and water supply sustainability.

VISION STATEMENT

To foster intergovernmental partnerships, which will result in enhanced long-term solutions for Colorado's flood risk management.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through an intergovernmental team of State and Federal agencies, a collaborative process will:

- Facilitate strategic, integrated life-cycle mitigation actions to reduce the threat, vulnerability and consequences of floods in Colorado;
- Create or supplement a mechanism to collaboratively solve flood risk issues and recommend mitigation measures;
- Foster leveraging of available agency resources and information;
- Increase and improve flood risk communication and outreach;
- Improve upon comprehensive regional flood risk management strategies; and
- Integrate mitigation measures and recovery actions.

GOALS

- Establish an interagency administrative mechanism to ensure continuous pre- and post-disaster collaboration among charter members that allows for involvement of entities that are not charter members;
- Establish regular forums and intermediate conference calls to examine flood risks and identify potential flood risk management mitigation measures;
- Develop and maintain a common information matrix on State and Federal programs that identifies funding mechanisms, resources opportunities, and program limitations;
- Provide a unified set of recommendations on agency programs that could be used to create integrated solutions;
- Periodically review high priority action items identified in the State's hazard mitigation plan;

- Jointly develop and deliver unified flood risk outreach messages to educate the public and advise local governments about flood risk;
- Collaboratively foster and maintain relationships between various governmental and non-governmental stakeholder groups involved in flood risk management, development, watershed protection and other activities in an around all floodplains;
- Jointly provide specific input to agencies on barriers that may exist in their programs, policies or processes that could hinder effective management of flood risks;
- Strive to prioritize needs, coordinate responses, identify gaps, and minimize duplication of efforts; and
- Catalog and share information on past and future projects and initiatives.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Colorado RMT will involve interagency cooperation. Membership will vary based on available resources and team project focus. Representatives may be from the regional and State levels of the organizations. All participating agencies will contribute experience and information to team efforts as appropriate. Special subcommittees can be established by the RMT to address specific issues as they emerge.

As the RMT evolves, other State and Federal agencies may choose to participate in this initiative, however; the core agencies that will provide guidance and coordination will include:

- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Colorado Office of Emergency Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA Region VIII)

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) is designated as the lead State agency and chairs the RMT, and the Omaha District (District) will serve as the lead U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District. The District will maintain and distribute a contact database for the core members.

The RMT will also be cognizant of the needs and desires of Native American Tribes located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the state, and will commit themselves to contributing information and available resources towards mitigation activities which will reduce the threat, vulnerability and consequences of flooding to any at-risk Tribes.

Potential non-signatory partners for the RMT may include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District
- Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers
- Colorado Climate Center
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Colorado Division of Water Resources

- Colorado Flood Task Force
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Weather Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado Snow Survey office
- Urban Drainage & Flood Control District
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Geological Survey

MEETINGS


Meetings will be conducted as needed or on a regular schedule agreed to by the RMT. With the support of all core members, the District will coordinate logistics and will facilitate meetings. Draft meeting minutes shall be distributed for review and comment, which will then be presented for approval at the subsequent meeting. The District will maintain final minutes for distribution to all core agencies.

DECISIONS

Decisions related to the implementation of solutions to Colorado flood and natural hazard risks will remain the independent prerogative of each of the RMT members. However, inter-agency cooperation will be strongly encouraged, and the CWCB shall be notified of any initiatives taken by federal partners to ensure proper communication and knowledge of all actions. Those decisions will also be a matter for discussion by the RMT so as to coordinate actions and avoid duplications or conflicts.

All commitments, activities, and participation by each Federal and State agency, or partnering entity, covered by this Charter are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and budget priorities. Nothing in this Charter, in and of itself, or any decisions made by the team, obligates the parties to expend funds or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement or other financial obligation.


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Board


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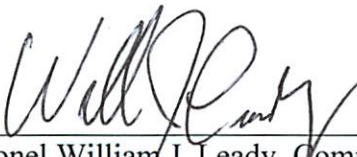
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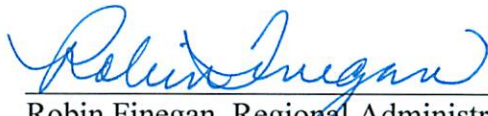
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