

## The 2013 Flood—Boulder County

In September 2013, Boulder County, CO experienced a “1,000-year flood.” Designated a National Disaster by the Federal Government. The damage was extensive, especially in Jamestown and Lyons, but also Longmont, City of Boulder, Estes Park, other mountain towns, and spots all over the county.

### Boulder Flood 2013: Facts

Deaths: 4

People unaccounted for: 0

Homes destroyed: 345

Homes damaged: 557

Commercial properties damaged: 33

Commercial properties destroyed: 3

Total properties assessed: 5,592

People evacuated by air: 1,102

People evacuated by road: 707

Miles of county roads damaged: Approximately 150

Cost to replace damaged county roads: \$100 million to \$150 million

*Source: Boulder County Office of Emergency Management*



*Lefthand Canyon Drive*

“A neighborhood in Lyons, CO” (Photo posted on Pied Type website, cited to Channel 9 News; no other citation available)





Lyons, CO  
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Mobile Home Park, Lyons, CO  
(Photo: Denver Post)



Estes Park, CO  
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“A large surge of water was reported by the Office of Emergency Management at 11:30 a.m. at Logan Mill in Fourmile Creek, exploding from 100 cubic feet per second to 1,000 cfs. Residents downstream were advised to climb to higher ground. Evacuation centers began opening for Boulder, Longmont, Jamestown, Lyons and Nederland.

Gurpreet Gill, a three-year resident of Salina, a town at the junction of Fourmile Canyon and Gold Run Road, had spent the early hours of Thursday placing sandbags around her home and listening to boulders crashing down the creek. By afternoon, her only escape from her property was about to get swept away. "My bridge had washed out, and my shed had fallen in," she said. Gill moved her car closer to her home once water had reached the top of the tires and then went to a friend's house to discuss what to do next. "We sat there watching this massive wall of water coming down," she said. "We saw a car, we saw a boat, we saw a propane tank.””

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