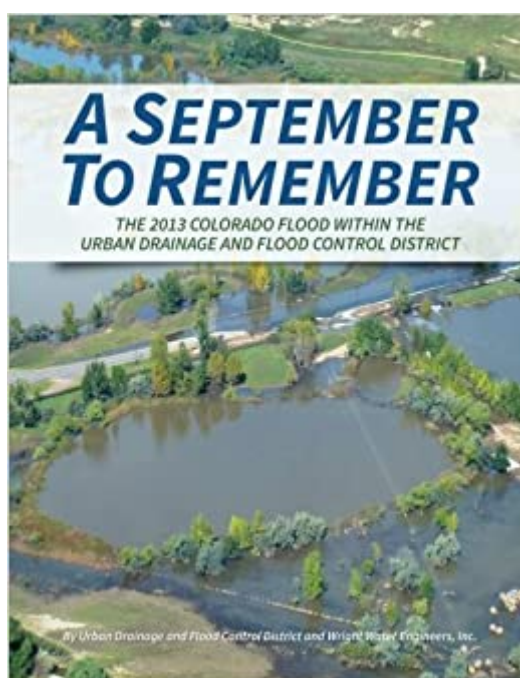


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The September 2013 flood will be remembered for many years to come by Colorado Front Range communities. On September 8, 2013, an unusual weather pattern began to set in along the Colorado Front Range, leading to a multi-day rainfall event. In some communities, rainfall totals were characterized as a 1,000-year rainfall event. Flooding damages from the September 9-15 rainfall rivaled some of the worst in Colorado's history, second only to the 1965 South Platte River flood. A September to Remember provides a synopsis of the flood event for selected watersheds within the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) through the lens of drainage and floodplain planning and management. In the aftermath of the flood, UDFCD had a unique opportunity to systematically review how its drainage and flood-related policies, plans, improvements, and programs functioned when tested by a major, widespread flood event. The importance of sound drainage and floodplain management has been reinforced and illustrated through the photography and analysis of conditions in those watersheds within the UDFCD boundaries. Many lessons have been learned and long-standing principles and policies reinforced, based on the real-world experience of communities in these watersheds. These lessons learned are provided in A September to Remember so that the citizens of Colorado can benefit from these experiences into the future.

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