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Re: Commissioners Thank Counties for Assistance

### WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THANK SEVEN COUNTIES FOR ASSISTANCE DURING FLOOD

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners presented Alamosa, Las Animas, Mesa, Otero, Pitkin, and Prowers counties each with a framed Counties Helping Counties proclamation and a challenge coin as a token of appreciation for their assistance during the 2013 September flood. The frames were presented at the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) conference held in Keystone earlier this week.

Douglas County, which also assisted Weld County after the flood, received their frame and challenge coin last fall.

The seven counties provided equipment and personnel to assist Weld County's public works crews in repairing damaged roads and bridges immediately following the flood. Over \$12 million was needed in emergency repairs at more than 130 sites on Weld County roads and bridges due to damage from the flood.

"We had seven counties from across the state come together to help our public works department get roads reopened," said Weld County Commissioner Chairman Doug Rademacher. "The way these counties stepped up to the plate demonstrated the cooperation that exists across Colorado in times of need."

From September 12-24, Weld County had 109 road closures. With help from county partners, Weld had that number down to 36 closures by September 27. Weld County is still working on permanent repairs to roads and bridges as spring runoff continues.

"The flood occurred during harvest," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. "We knew we had to get roads open as quickly as possible in order to avoid a disaster within a disaster. Our fellow counties stepped in, and we are truly grateful for their help."

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