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The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District Launches 2012 Flood Prediction and Notification Services in Denver Metro Area

(Denver, CO) -- The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District launches its annual flood prediction and notification services on Sunday, April 15. The program, which serves the seven-county Denver-Boulder metropolitan area, operates in cooperation with the National Weather Service. The program provides daily forecasts of flood potential and directly contacts local jurisdictions when flood threats develop.

Key to this valuable early flood prediction program is the District's ALERT System, a large network of automated rain and stream gauges. This network provides continuous, real-time monitoring of flood conditions and sets off alarms when threatening rainfall or rising stream levels are detected.

The District has retained the consulting firm of Genesis Weather Solutions (GWS) teamed with Skyview Weather to provide the meteorological support for this year. GWS/Skyview will phone flood alerts to designated emergency communication points in each county. The weather information is then relayed to appropriate agencies, organizations and individuals involved with making public warning decisions and preparing for possible flooding.

The program also supports flood warning plans for the following streams:

- Bear Creek and Mount Vernon Creek in Jefferson County, Morrison and Lakewood
- Boulder Creek and South Boulder Creek in Boulder and Boulder County
- Goldsmith Gulch and Harvard Gulch in Denver
- Lena Gulch in Jefferson County, Golden, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge
- Ralston Creek, Leyden Creek and Van Bibber Creek in Jefferson County and Arvada
- Toll Gate Creek in Aurora
- Westerly Creek in Denver and Aurora

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District is a regional agency that works with local governments to address potential flood hazards and alerts local authorities when storms pose an immediate danger. For more information about this local flood warning program, please visit the District's website www.udfcd.org or call 303-455-6277.