# Colorado Pre-Survey Results

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#### WHAT AREA(S) DO YOU WORK IN?



Cloud seeding, water monitoring, reporter, drought communication, ngo

### WHAT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION DO YOU WORK FOR?



News media, federal gov., public utility

#### AT WHAT SCALE DO YOU/ORG OPERATE AND MAKE DECISIONS?



watershed, I don't make decisions

#### WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ROLE?



#### Reporter, water rights administration, monitoring, implementation

#### WHICH BASIN DO YOU HAVE PARTICULAR INTERESTS IN AND OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR?



Westwide, Lower CO Basin, Salt and Verde Watersheds, statewide

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#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE S.W.E. FROM SNOTEL/SNOWCOURSE SITES ACCESSED FROM THE NRCS COLORADO SNOW SURVEY WEBSITE?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE S.W.E. FROM SNOTEL/SNOWCOURSE SITES ACCESSED FROM THE NOAA COLORADO BASIN RIVER FORECAST CENTER WEBSITE



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE S.W.E. FROM NATIONAL SNOW ANALYSES (SNODAS) FROM NOAA NOHRSC?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE SEASONAL RUNOFF FORECASTS FROM NRCS COLORADO SNOW SURVEY?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE SEASONAL RUNOFF FORECASTS FROM THE NOAA COLORADO BASIN, MISSOURI BASIN, ARKANSAS RED BASIN, WEST GULF/RIO GRANDE RIVER FORECAST CENTERS?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE NRCS COLORADO BASIN OUTLOOK REPORTS?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE NOAA COLORADO BASIN RIVER FORECAST CENTER MONTHLY WEBINAR?



### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE NIDIS/COLORADO CLIMATE CENTER UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN CLIMATE, WATER AND DROUGHT ASSESSMENT?



#### HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE WESTERN WATER ASSESSMENT INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CLIMATE DASHBOARD AND MONTHLY BRIEFINGS?





## HOW DO YOU USE SNOWPACK INFORMATION?

**Highest Responses:** 

- To anticipate other impacts to my resources of interest
- To get a better sense of how the snowpack is evolving
- To anticipate likely runoff anomalies

#### Moderate Responses:

- To identify analog years in the historical record with similar snowpacks
- To supplement operational runoff forecasts
- To make operational decisions (e.g. res. releases)
- For public outreach

Lowest Response:

- To generate quantitative forecasts of runoff using a statistical model
- For research purposes

## CHALLENGES USING INFORMATION (selected)

- Data availability, data gaps, monitoring gaps, spatial coverage
- Info not centralized or in inter-operable data format
- NRCS is unable to maintain snow course measurements leading to loss of historical data
- Remotely sensed snow data is difficult to find, not well explained

## DESIRED WORKSHOP OUTCOMES (selected)

- Learn about various products, where to find them and how to use them
- Get comprehensive picture of how snow monitoring and streamflow forecasting is done
- Differences between snowpack and hydrology data presented by different groups
- Learn more about remote sensing and products on the horizon