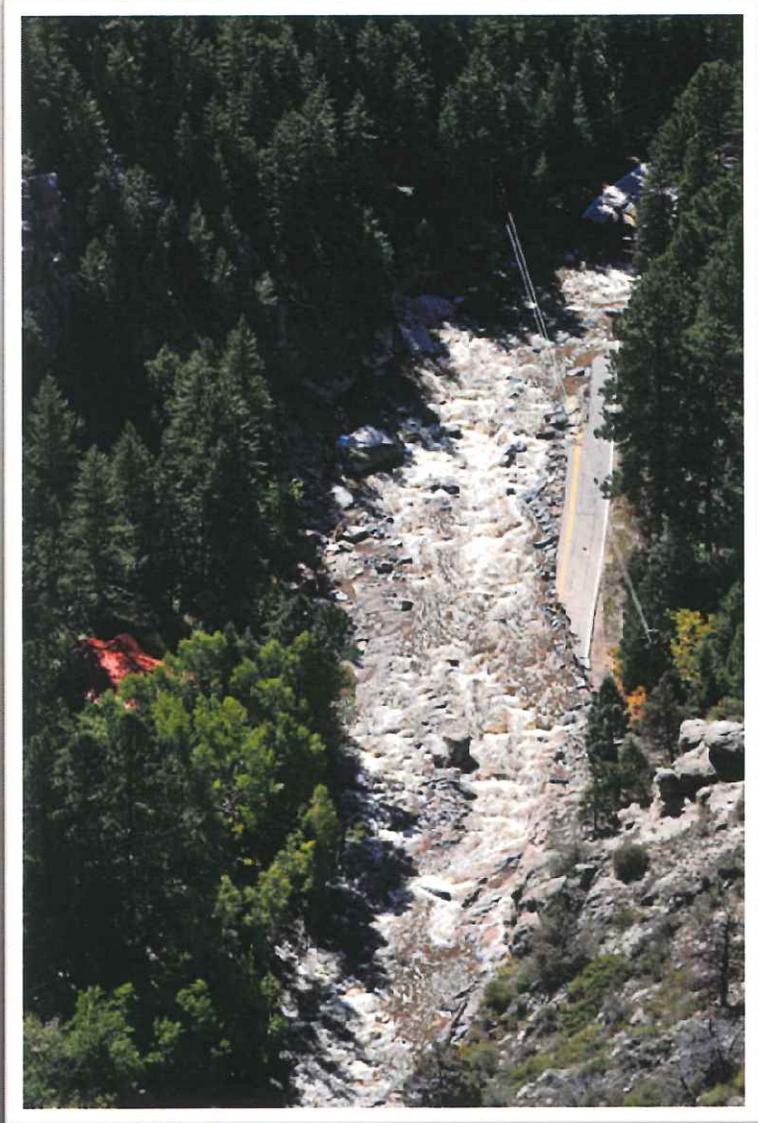


2013 Flood Larimer County



CR 43—Glen Haven



- County Road 43, aka Devils Gulch Road, extends from Drake in the Big Thompson, through Glen Haven, and on to Estes Park.
- The flood destroyed a significant portion of the road, especially in the section from Drake to Glen Haven, leaving hundreds of properties inaccessible, including communities on Storm Mountain and at The Retreat.
- A primitive road along CR43 should be completed by December 1.



CR 43—Glen Haven

The north fork of the Big Thompson carved a new channel, destroying portions of CR43 and dramatically altering the floodplain.



CR 43—Glen Haven

The primitive road being constructed is lower and more narrow than the original road. Permanent repairs, including paving, are planned for 2014.



CR 43—Glen Haven

The flood created a new river channel as it overtopped existing roads and bridges.



CR 43—Glen Haven

In some areas, the new river channel reclaimed the entire floodplain, obliterating any trace of the road.



CR 43—Glen Haven

Landslides created new vertical slopes which pose an ongoing threat to the river channel, roads, and private property.



CR 43—Glen Haven

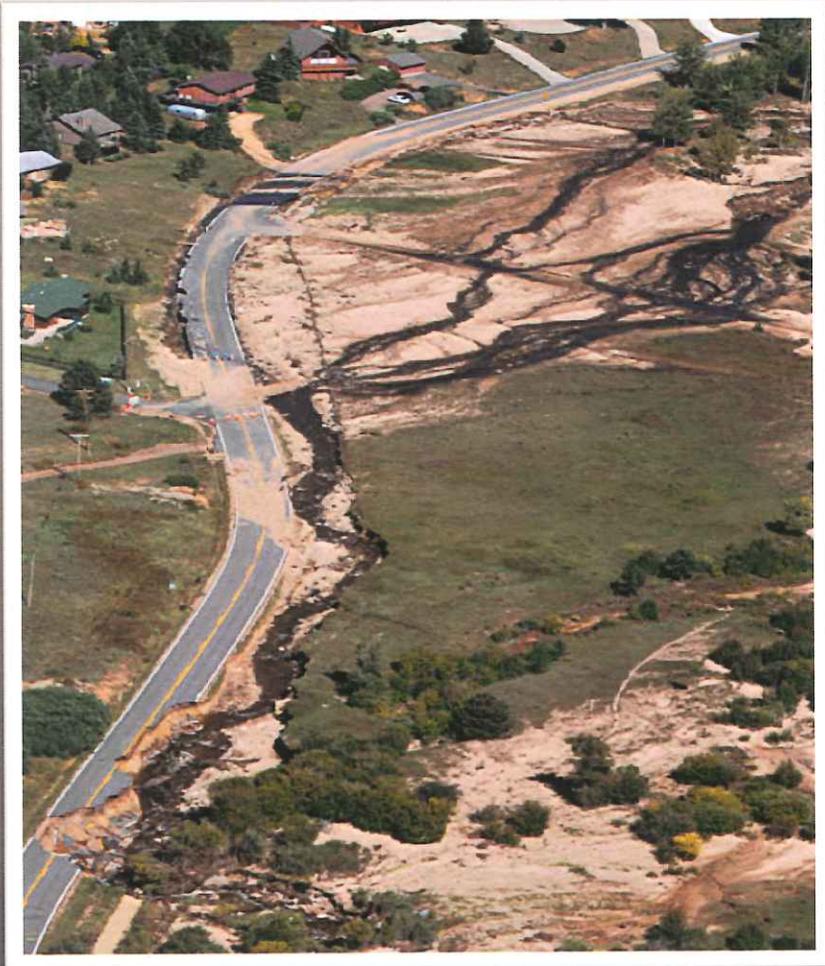
In Glen Haven, the road became part of the river during the flood and for several days afterward.



CR 43—Glen Haven

As floodwaters receded, the full extent of the damage in Glen Haven became apparent. Some buildings disappeared; others were damaged beyond repair.

Fish Creek Road



- Portions of Fish Creek Road are in the Town of Estes Park; other portions are in unincorporated Larimer County.
- The extent of damage varied considerably over the length of the road. Some sections, as pictured in the lower left, were completely destroyed. In the middle left, damage along the edges of the road was minor. And some sections of the road were undamaged.



Fish Creek Road

Some sections of the road were completely destroyed. Approximately 13 homes are still inaccessible.



Fish Creek Road

Sections of the bicycle/pedestrian trail running along the corridor were also completely destroyed.



Fish Creek Road

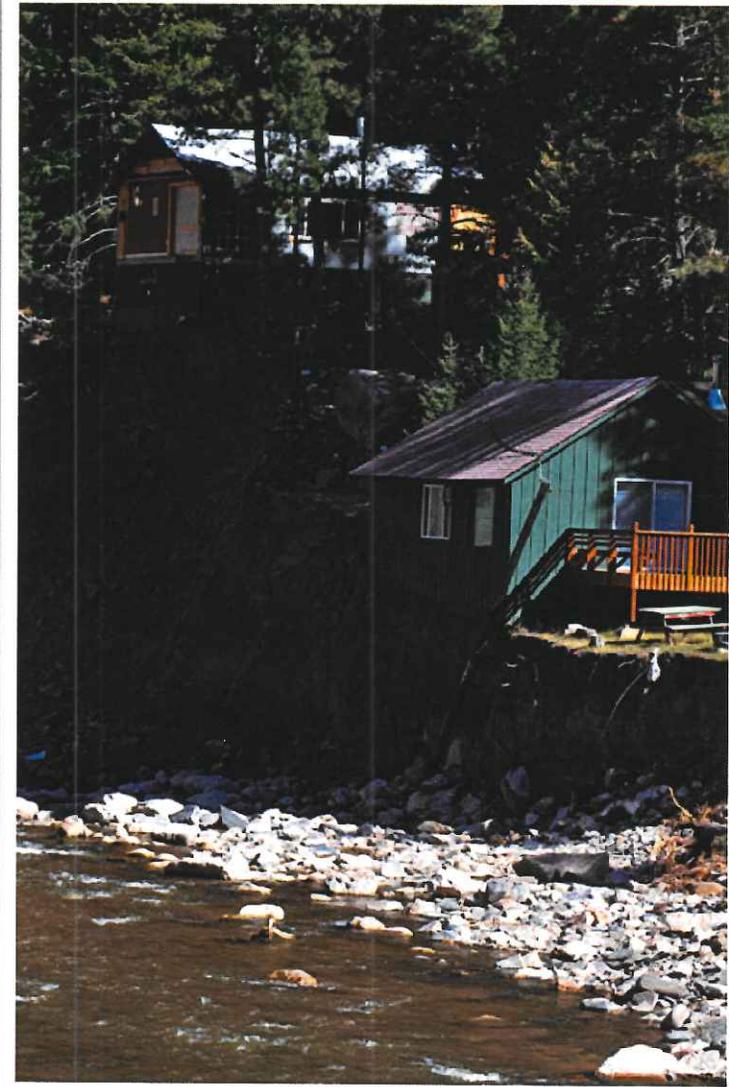
Sanitary sewer, water, electric, gas, and tele-communication utility lines were damaged or destroyed.



Fish Creek Road

The channel of Fish Creek was severely eroded, creating hazardous vertical banks along the edges of the road and along private property.

Big Thompson Canyon



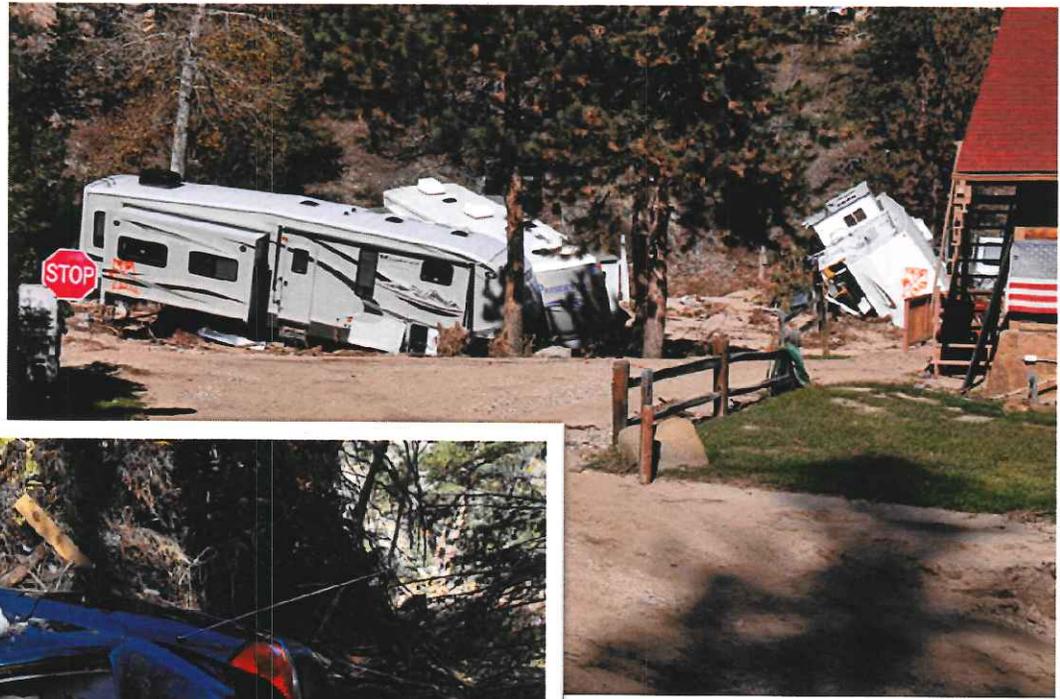
- This photo illustrates the dilemma for many canyon property owners. Homes that may not have been destroyed by the flood are threatened by hazardous slopes and the prospect of continuing erosion.
- While temporary repairs to US 34 are moving forward rapidly, there are significant questions about how and when local access will be restored.



Some homes undamaged by the 1976 flood were destroyed by this flood.



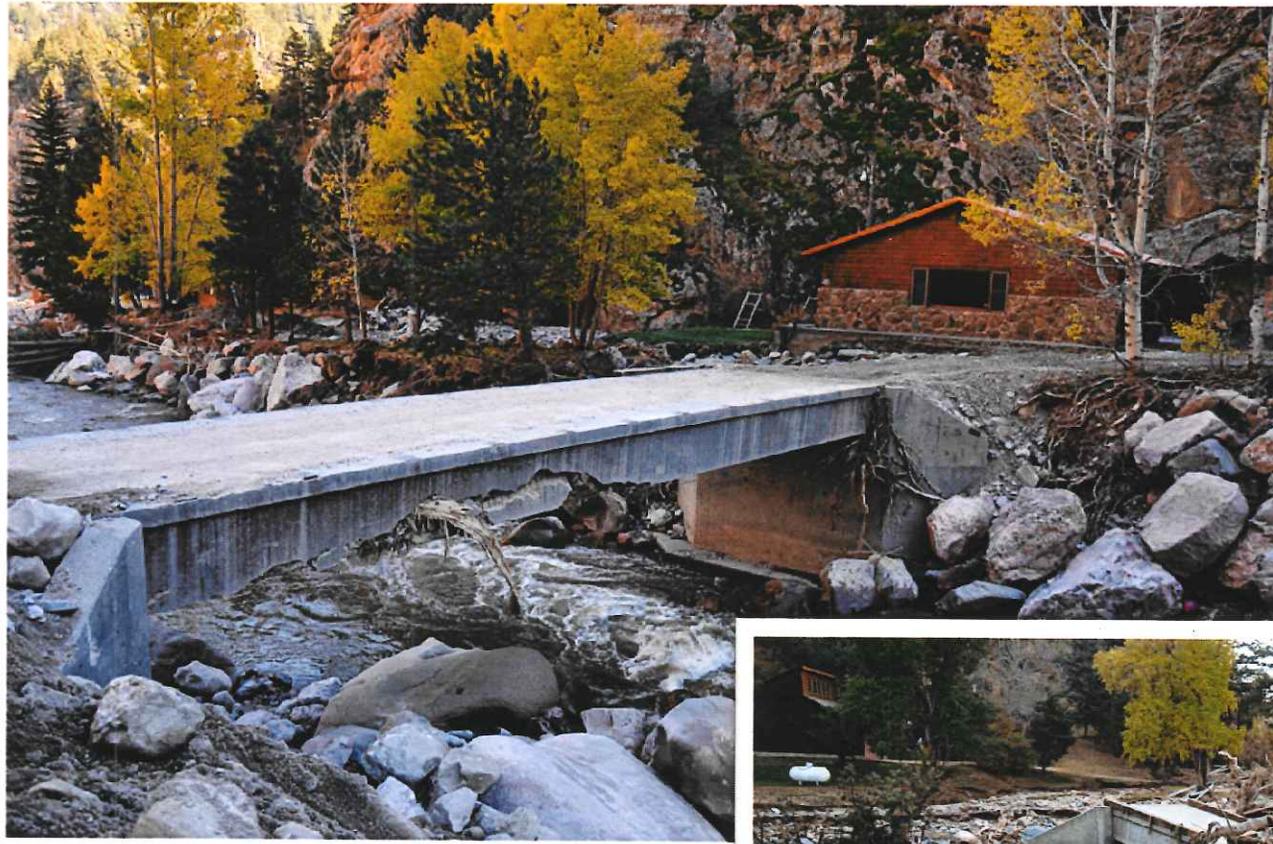
Damaged vehicles were scattered throughout the flood area.





Examples of damage to the road and bridges on US 34 from Estes Park downstream to Drake.

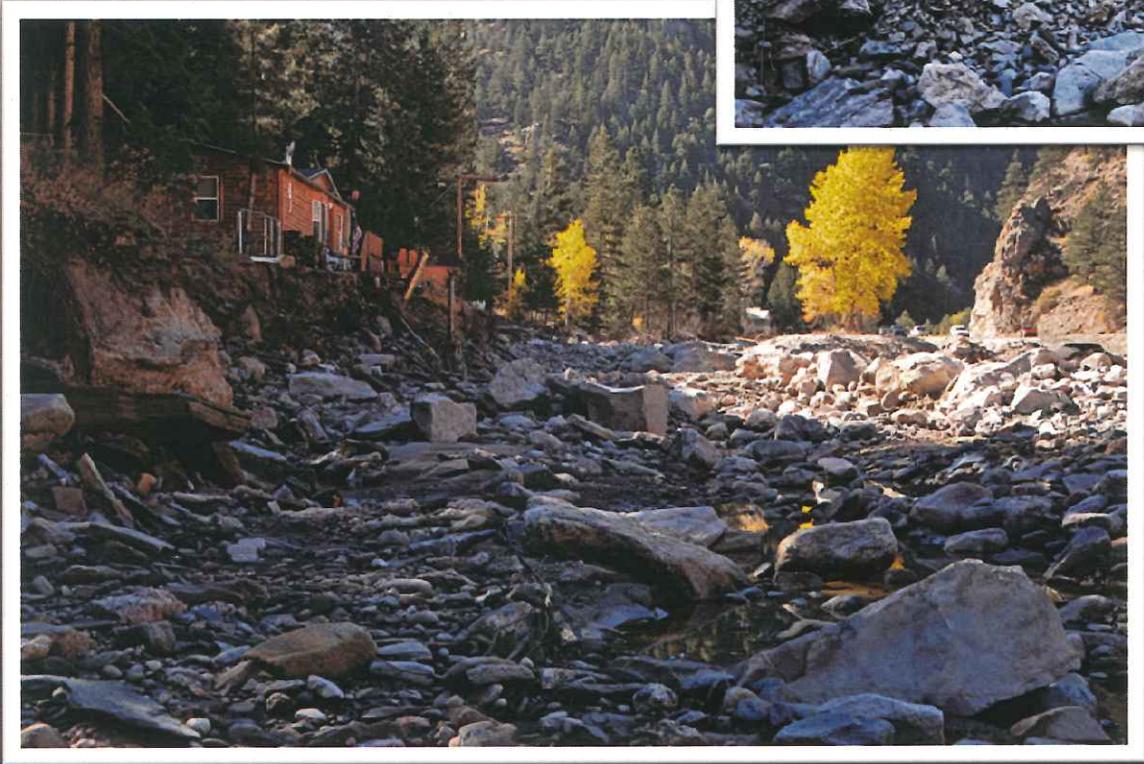




Some local bridges were damaged while others were completely destroyed.



Landslides dropped rocks, sediment and trees into the channel in some locations...



...While floodwaters scoured the channel down to bare rock or fields of boulders in other locations.