Flooding in the Basin

Since the turn of the century, there have been at least six significant storm events and numerous minor ones which have resulted in an estimated $2.4 billion in damages (1996 dollars).

For much of the area, the August 1973 storm is the flood of record, the biggest flood for which records exist. There were:

- Six deaths and 34 injuries,
- More than 1,000 evacuations
- Approximately $80 million in damages (1996 dollars).

October 1996 Flood

During the October 1996 flood, the total rainfall ranged from just over 3 inches to more than 7 1/2 inches.

The October flood resulted in the following damage:

- Caused an estimated $22.8 million in damages to more than 1,950 residential and business structures
- Saw 3,030 people evacuated from their homes
The top two pictures show the raging waters during the 1973 flood, while the bottom two photos show the results of the October 1996 flood.

The next few posters also show damages from past flood events.