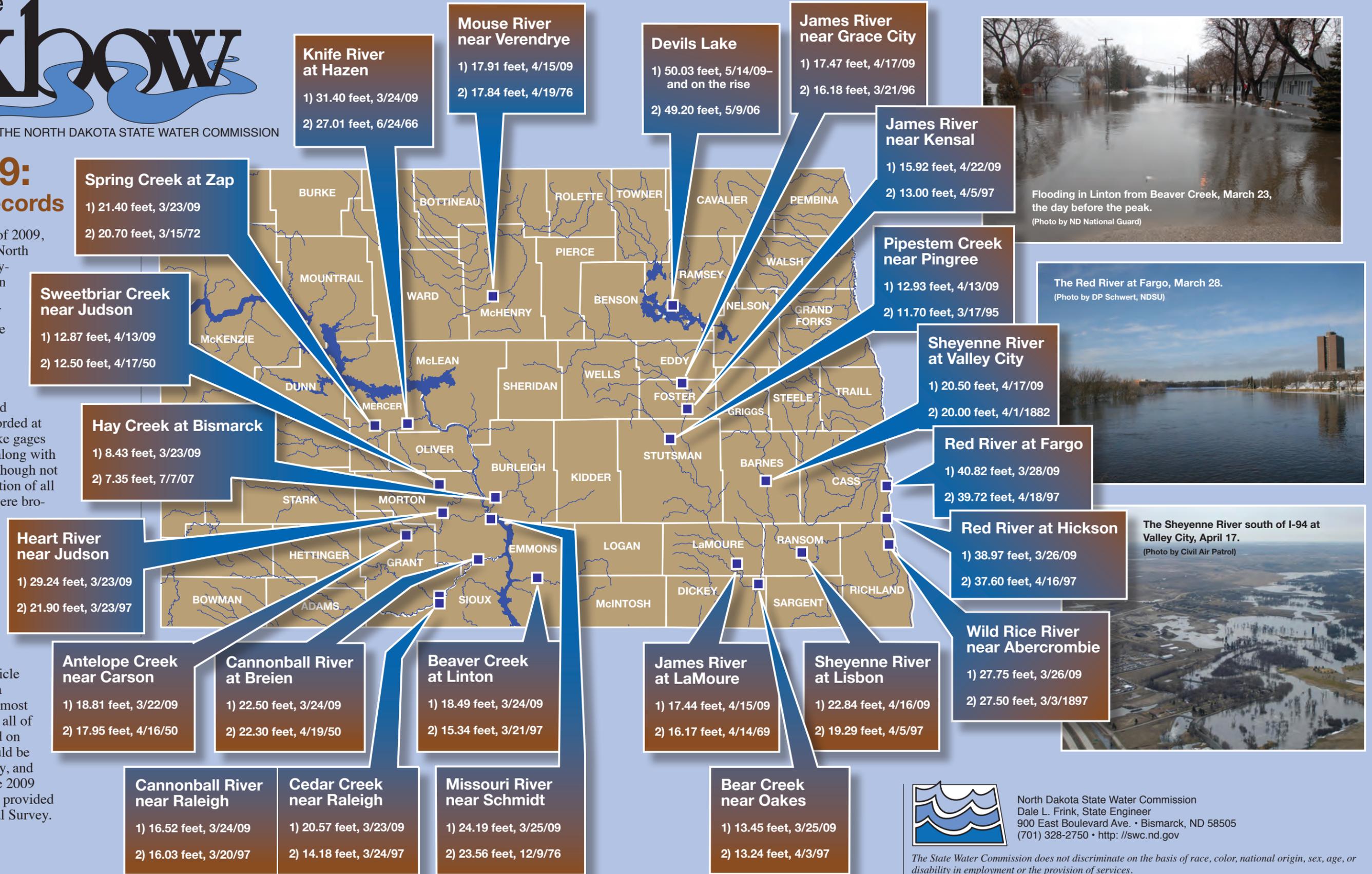


## 2009: A Year of Records

During the spring of 2009, people in all parts of North Dakota were heard saying – we've never seen water levels like this before. And in a lot of instances, those people were absolutely right.

The adjacent map provides a number of examples where record water levels were recorded at various stream and lake gages throughout the state, along with the previous record. Though not a complete representation of all the stage levels that were broken, it is effective in showing how the floods of 2009 were not isolated to one or two river basins. Rather, records were broken in every major drainage basin in North Dakota.

At the time this article was written, gage data were being updated almost constantly. Therefore, all of the 2009 data reported on the adjacent map should be considered preliminary, and subject to change. The 2009 preliminary data were provided by the U.S. Geological Survey.



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