

RESSED

THE NATIONAL RESERVOIR SEDIMENTATION DATABASE

OF THE

**FEDERAL INTERAGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEDIMENTATION
Advisory Committee on Water Information**

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Overview of Presentation

- Overview of ACWI-SOS RESSED project, 2009-10
- Description of RESSED Database and Website
- RESSED issues/problems
- Big Picture/Long Term Goals

COE-USGS RESSED Project

- Render static RESSED Database updatable on-line by any “certified” user
- Include info from the 2008 COE “Data Call”
- “Push” data to COE Oracle database/CorpMap
- Provide capability to produce reports useful to the COE and others
- “Modern” schema and use of FilemakerPro database (flexible) software renders product useful for present and future



COE-USGS RESSED Project

- **Funded by the COE/Water Resources Institute;
support arranged by Jerry Webb**
- **COE team: Jerry Webb, Meg Jonas, John
Remus, Mike Smith, James Stinson**
- **USGS team: John Gray, Jerry McFaul, Jenifer
Bracewell, Kevin Laurent, Dave Stewart**
- **Functional Product by July 2010**

What Is RESSED?

- SCS database, initiated ~1953
- Changes in capacities are computed from bathymetric data (+/- acre feet/year)
- 1,824 reservoirs, 6,618 surveys, lower US, 1:PR
- Based on Soil Conservation Service Form 34
- ?Presumed to be largest such database for US?

Very Brief History

- SCS Form 34 developed in 1953
- Results published in at least 3 summary reports:
through 1953; through 1975; 1981-1985
- 1993: An unmarked magnetic tape is found in a
box by NRCS – Presumed all Form 34 data
- USGS ports data iteratively to MS Access, uses
data as part of carbon cycle budget research

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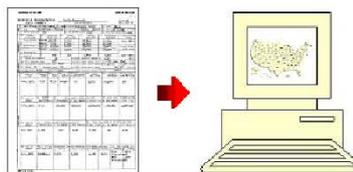
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WELCOME TO THE RESERVOIR SEDIMENTATION (RESSED) DATABASE

The [Advisory Committee on Water Information, Subcommittee on Sedimentation](#)'s Reservoir Sedimentation (RESSED) database enables access to sedimentation-survey data for selected United States reservoirs. These data or their visual representation are available via:

- A [Relational Database](#) containing all Subcommittee on Sedimentation's compiled reservoir-survey information to facilitate analyses related to reservoir-sediment deposition.
- [Interactive Maps](#) for viewing reservoir-survey locations and ancillary information, and
- [List of Reservoirs and Individual Data Sheets](#) used to populate the relational database for all but two of the surveyed reservoirs.

RESSED, developed in March 2009 from its predecessor [RESIS-II](#), is a work-in-progress, dynamic database. The Subcommittee on Sedimentation seeks additional or [revised quality-assured sediment-survey information](#) to improve and expand RESSED.



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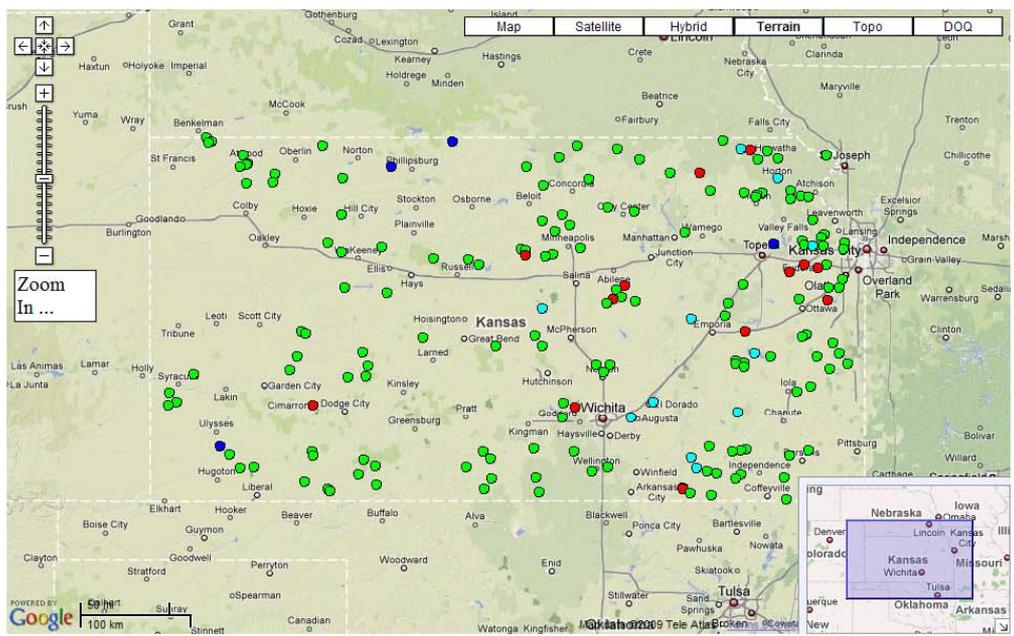
Select a State



Select a State or [View](#) the Reservoir Master List by Data Sheet Number.
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- Verified on 1:24,000 topo map
- NHD lat/lon of dam outlet, & Verified on 1:24,000 topo maps lat/lon
- Original datasheet lat/lon
- Located at nearest post office

Reservoir Name	County	Water Course	Data Sheet	Reservoir Map	NID ID
ADAIR	CHAUTAUQUA	NORTH CANEY RIVER	45-25	Map	
ADAMS	HARPER	TRIB. OF BLUFF CREEK	46-26	Map	
ALBERT SAUVAGE STOCKWATER DAM	RAWLINS	SAPPA CREEK	33-15	Map	KS01762
AMERINE	HAMILTON	TRIB. OF LITTLE BEAR CREEK	47-14	Map	KS03546
BARBER	RICE	TRIB. OF ARKANSAS RIVER	46-45	Map	
BARRETT	HARPER	WILD CREEK	46-31	Map	



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RESERVOIR SEDIMENT
 DATA SUMMARY

LAKE MEAD (HOOVER DAM)

NAME OF RESERVOIR

62-1a

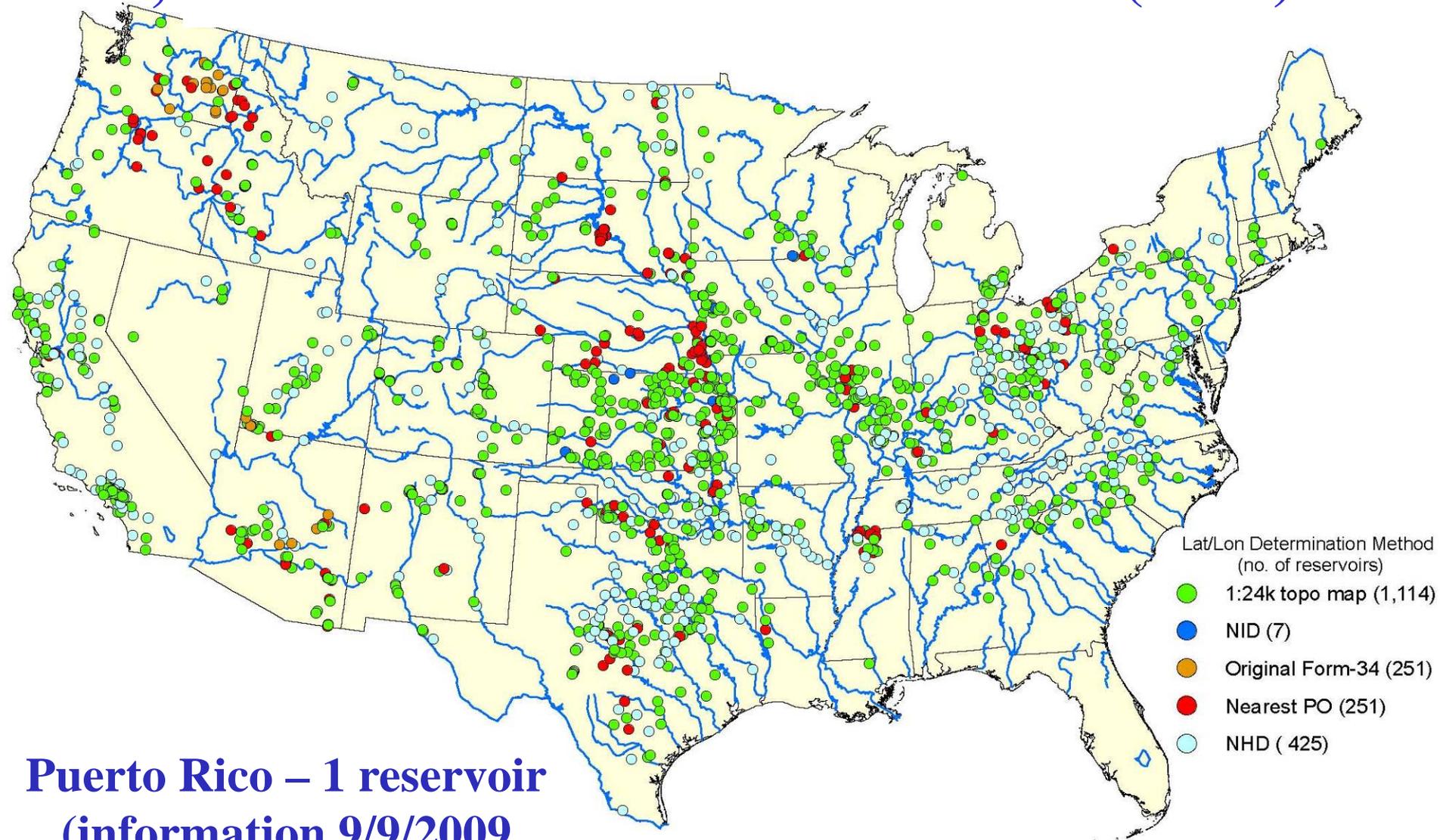
DATA SHEET NO.

DAM	1. OWNER Interior - Bureau of Reclamation				2. STREAM Colorado				3. STATE Nevada - Arizona							
	4. SEC. 29 TWP. T22S RANGE R65E				5. NEAREST P.O. Boulder City 6NE				6. COUNTY Clark-Mohave							
	7. LAT 36° 01' " LONG 114° 44' "				8. TOP-OF DAM ELEVATION 1232 1/				9. SPILLWAY CREST ELEV. 1221.4 2/							
RESERVOIR	10. STORAGE ALLOCATION		11. ELEVATION TOP OF POOL		12. ORIGINAL SURFACE AREA, ACRES		13. ORIGINAL CAPACITY, ACRE-FEET		14. GROSS STORAGE, ACRE-FEET		15. DATE STORAGE BEGAN					
	a. FLOOD CONTROL		1229		162,600		1,587,000		32,471,000		Feb. 1, 1935					
	b. MULTIPLE USE 3/		1219.61		156,600		27,661,000		30,884,000							
	c. POWER															
	d. WATER SUPPLY															
	e. IRRIGATION										16. DATE NORMAL OPER. BEGAN					
	f. CONSERVATION										Mar. 1, 1936					
	g. INACTIVE		895		33,400		3,223,000		3,223,000							
17. LENGTH OF RESERVOIR 152 4/				MILES, AV. WIDTH OF RESERVOIR 1.65				MILES								
WATERSHED	18. TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA 167,800				SQ. MI.				22. MEAN ANNUAL PRECIPITATION 10 6/				INCHES			
	19. NET SEDIMENT CONTRIBUTING AREA 167,600 5/				SQ. MI.				23. MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF 1.30				INCHES			
	20. LENGTH MILES				AV. WIDTH MILES				24. MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF 11,610,000 7/				AC.-FT.			
	21. MAX. ELEV. 14,400				MIN. ELEV. 640				25. ANNUAL TEMP. MEAN RANGE							
SURVEY DATA	26. DATE OF SURVEY		27. PERIOD YEARS		28. ACCL. YEARS		29. TYPE OF SURVEY		30. NO. OF RANGES OR CONTOUR INT.		31. SURFACE AREA, ACRES		32. CAPACITY, ACRE-FEET g/		33. C/I RATIO, AC.-FT. PER AC.-FT.	
	2-1-35		-		-		(D)		10 ft.		163,000		32,471,000		2.80	
	9-30-48		13.7		13.7		(D)		10 ft.		163,000		31,047,000		2.67	
	10-14-64		16.0		29.7		(D)		10 ft.		163,000		29,755,000		2.56	
	26. DATE OF SURVEY		34. PERIOD ANNUAL PRECIPITATION				35. PERIOD WATER INFLOW, ACRE-FEET				36. WATER INFL. TO DATE, AC.-FT.					
			a. MEAN ANNUAL		b. MAX. ANNUAL		c. PERIOD TOTAL		a. MEAN ANNUAL		b. TOTAL TO DATE					
	9-30-48		12,526,000		17,260,000		175,362,000		12,526,000		175,362,000					
	10-14-64		10,083,000		18,160,000		161,335,000		11,610,000		336,697,000					
	26. DATE OF SURVEY		37. g/ PERIOD CAPACITY LOSS, ACRE-FEET				38. TOTAL SED. DEPOSITS TO DATE, ACRE-FEET									
			a. PERIOD TOTAL		b. AV. ANNUAL		c. PER SQ. MI.-YEAR		a. TOTAL TO DATE		b. AV. ANNUAL		c. PER SQ. MI.-YEAR			
9-30-48		1,424,000		104,000		0.621		1,424,000		104,000		0.621				
10-14-64		1,292,000		80,750		0.482		2,716,000		91,450		0.546				
26. DATE OF SURVEY		39. AV. DRY WGT., LBS. PER CU. FT.		40. SED. DEP., TONS PER SQ. MI.-YR.		41. STORAGE LOSS, PCT.		42. SED. INFLOW, PPM								
		a. PERIOD		b. TOTAL TO DATE		a. AV. ANN! b. TOT. TO DATE		a. PERIOD b. TOT. TO DATE								
9-30-48		65 9/		879		0.320 4.39		8,460 8,460								
10-14-64		60		572		0.282 8.36		7,700 7,760								

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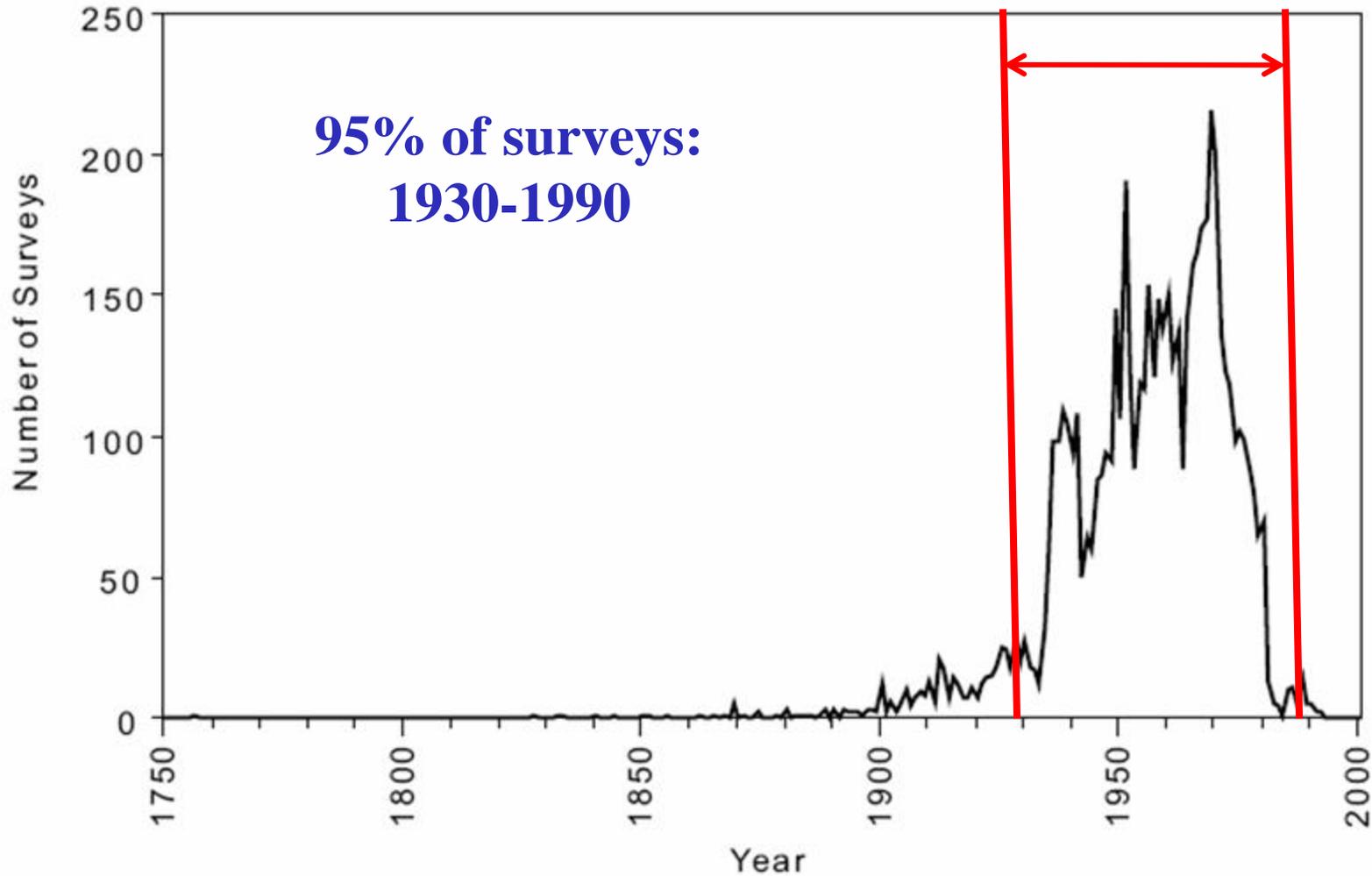
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1,824 RESSED Reservoir Locations (2009)

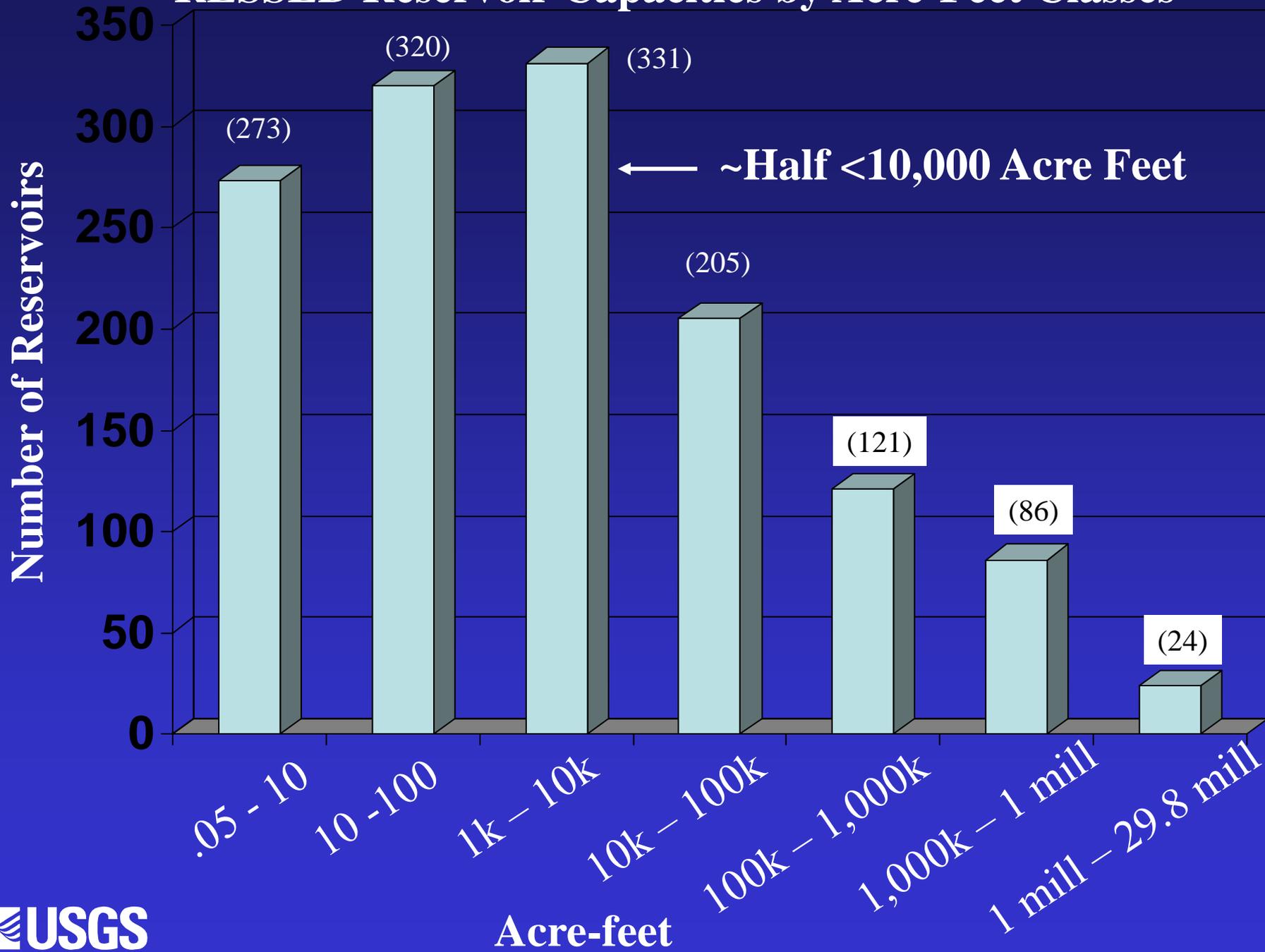


Puerto Rico – 1 reservoir
(information 9/9/2009
D.W. Stewart)

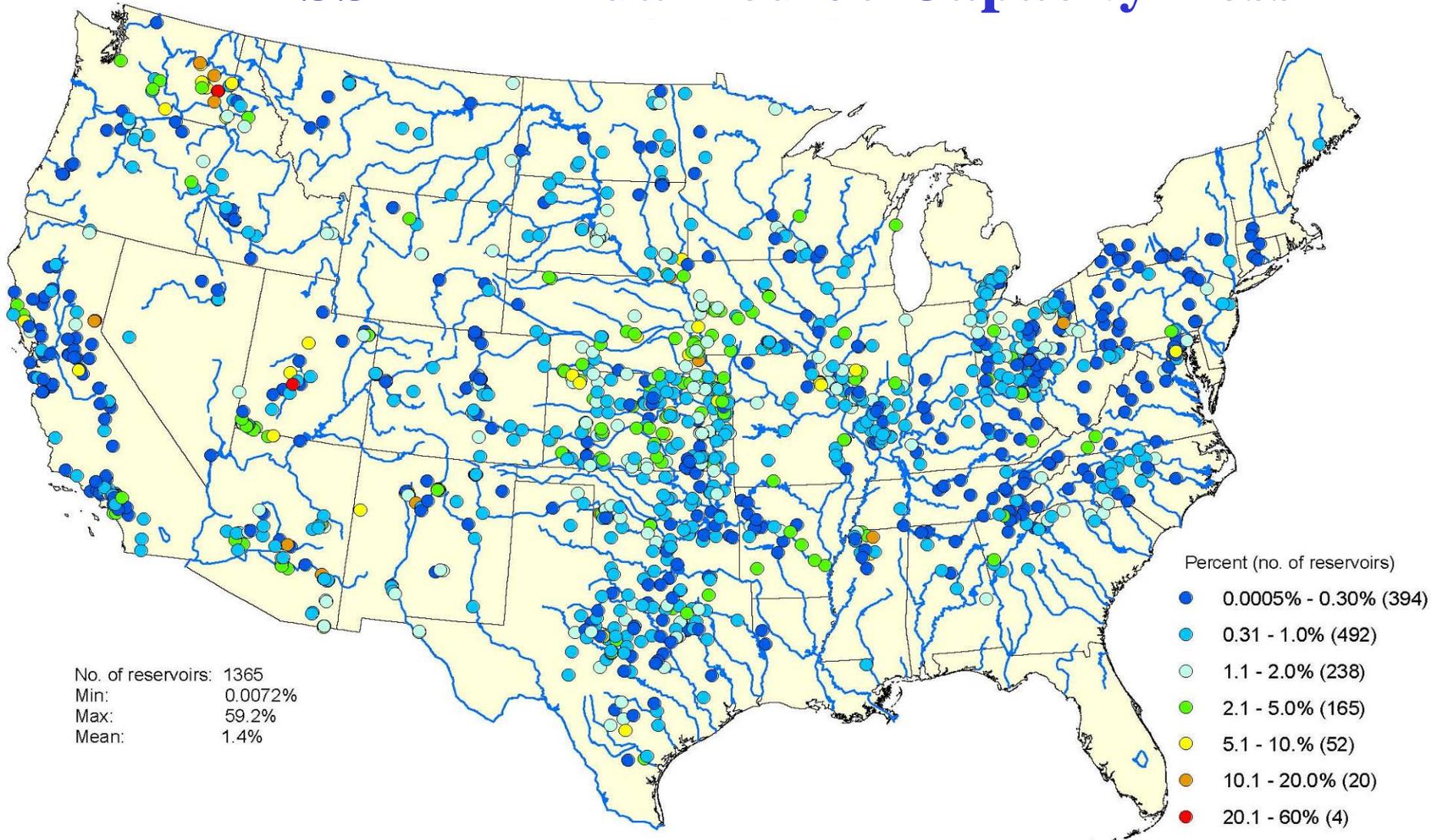
RESSED Reservoir Surveys by Year



RESSED Reservoir Capacities by Acre-Foot Classes

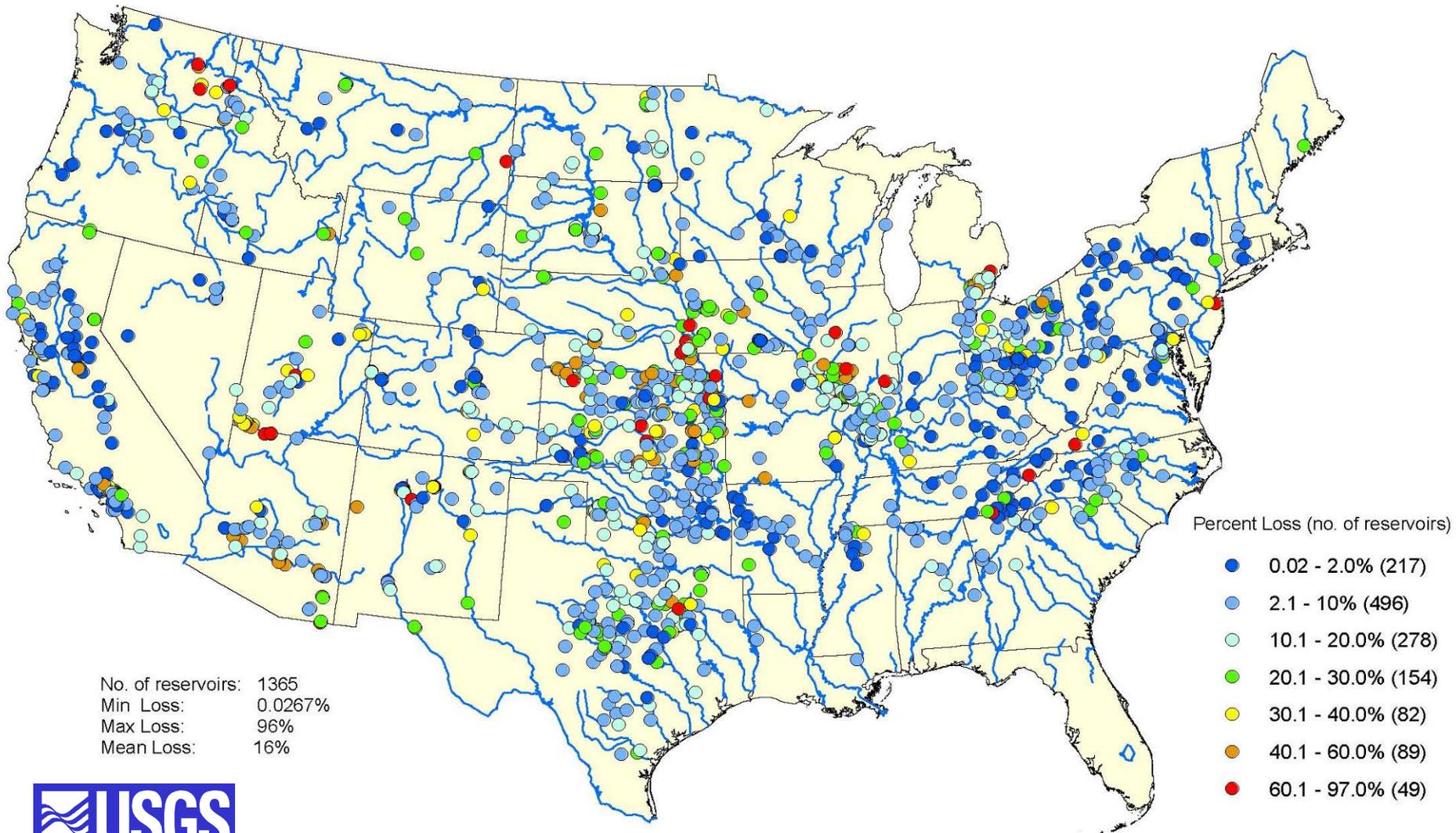


RESSED Annualized % Capacity Loss



~82%: <2% capacity loss/year (1,124/1,365 reservoirs)

RESSED Total % Capacity Loss



~32% have lost 10-30% capacity (432/1,365 reservoirs)

Other RESSED Issues

- SCS Form 34 is but one of many data formats that now exist
 - Bureau of Reclamation e-Form 34
 - Corps 2008 Reservoirs Data Call format
 - On-line reservoir information from Maryland, elsewhere
- GPS, depth sounders, other instrumentation provide a wealth of new types of information, much of which needs to be stored
- Quality assurance protocols have special data-storage requirements
- Current RESSED isn't amenable to the long haul

Other RESSED Issues (cont)

- Let's do a little math:
 - 1,824 reservoirs in RESSED
 - ~80,000 dams (ergo reservoirs?) in the National Inventory of Dams
 - ~?6 million – 9 million impoundments in the U.S. (USGS National Hydrography Dataset; Renwick, Miami of Ohio)
- Hence, the number of reservoirs in RESSED are:
 - ~2% of number of dams in the NID (but not all cross-listed)
 - ~0.03% of U.S. impoundments

RESSED Reservoirs are much less than the “tip of the iceberg”

Ergo....

**THE NATION NEEDS A CAREFULLY
DESIGNED AND FULLY POPULATED
NATIONAL “RESSED-FUTURE”**

- **UNRESTRICTED ACCESS/USE**
- **LINKED TO OTHER KEY DATABASES (NID, ETC)**
- **UPDATABLE**
- **CAPABLE OF STORING ALL RELEVANT DATA**
- **ANALYZABLE LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL SCALES**

BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

Take Home Message

- ✓ **RESSED on-line, useful tool – best we've got?**
- ✓ **Work in Progress**
- ✓ **Short Term: Need update capability, report production, other information**
- ✓ **Long Term:**
 1. **Need base-funded project**
 2. **Need data types & requirements statement**
 3. **Need new database architecture**
- ✓ **Interested in helping....?**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. A large, muddy brown river flows through the center of the image, winding between green fields. In the foreground, there are rows of green corn crops. In the background, there are more green fields, some with small buildings or houses, and a dirt road. The sky is overcast and hazy.

The Beginning

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