



Another technique using this method is to combine the flow of two upstream sites located on tributaries to estimate the flow at an upgradient site downstream from their confluence. This method is used in the Little Tennessee River drainage basin. We have data listed in table 1 for site 5124.00 on the Little Tennessee River, and site 5124.00 on the upper Little Tennessee River. The 7-day, 2-year minimum flow for site 5124.00 could be estimated by the combined flow for each of the upstream sites, adding the results, and dividing by the combined drainage area of the upstream sites. This procedure's value is 0.77 cfm.

This estimate compares quite closely with the value that may be computed from table 1 of approximately 30 cfm. Caution should be exercised when transferring data by this method. The examples shown above were selected because they gave good estimates. Error can be introduced along a stream that flows through dissimilar hydrologic regions and if the difference in drainage area is too large. Estimated discharge errors, one drainage area should not be over 2 or 3 times larger than the other and they should be on the same stream.

Method 2.—The criterion for keeping the error of streamflow data at any point in the park and to give a more accurate estimate of the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow, a regression analysis was made of the average and the 7-day, 2-year minimum flows in table 1 versus various climatic factors in the park. The results of this analysis showed drainage area, mean basin altitude, and mean annual precipitation to be the most important factors. The following equations were developed in the analysis are:

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E = mean basin altitude, in feet;
P = mean annual precipitation, in inches.

If any one of the factors to which mean annual precipitation is related is not available, the other two may be used. An example of this is shown in table 1. Therefore, when the equation indicates that in most basins where mean annual precipitation is not available, the other two factors should be used to estimate the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow. The results of this analysis showed drainage area, mean basin altitude, and mean annual precipitation to be the most important factors. The following equations were developed in the analysis are:

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Equations 1 and 2 may be solved mathematically or by graphical means. To estimate the average flow or the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow from surface-water availability map and figures 3 and 4 the following procedure should be used:

- 1. Sketch the drainage basin on the map and determine the area of the basin.
2. Determine the mean basin altitude from the topographic contours have been accentuated on the map to assist in determining the mean basin altitude.
3. Determine the mean annual precipitation of the basin from figure 5.
4. Use the area of the basin, the mean basin altitude, and the mean annual precipitation to estimate the average flow or the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow from figure 3 and the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow from figure 4.

Example:
1. Determined: Area of drainage basin = 5 square miles; mean basin altitude = 4,000 feet; and mean annual precipitation = 60 inches.
2. From figure 3, the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow at the altitude point and locate the intersection of the drainage area and the precipitation curve. The average discharge is 1,000 cfm.
3. Enter figure 4 on the bottom scale at the 4,000-foot altitude point and locate the intersection of the drainage area and the precipitation curve. The 7-day, 2-year minimum flow is 1,000 cfm.

NOTE: The average standard error of estimate for average flow parameters is primarily because equations 1 and 2 are based on a limited number of data points. Incomplete knowledge of variables that control the flow regime of the stream.

Although the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow is a useful parameter for determining the relative width of stream, longer recurrence intervals are needed for the actual design of water-supply systems. This is especially true in most cases, for designing a dependable supply. A water supply designed for this flow could be expected to be deficient only once in 20 years, on the average.

The 7-day, 2-year minimum flow divided by the drainage area gives the average flow rate. This flow rate is used to estimate the flow rate at the outlet of the stream. The flow rate at the outlet of the stream, on the average, once every 20 years (fig. 5). In the design of a water-supply system, the flow rate at the outlet of the stream, on the average, once every 20 years is the most important factor. The flow rate at the outlet of the stream, on the average, once every 20 years is the most important factor. The flow rate at the outlet of the stream, on the average, once every 20 years is the most important factor.

Standard errors of estimate of the draft rate in the relations shown in figure 5 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Relation (ac-ft per sq mi) and Standard error (cfs per sq mi). Values range from 200 to 0.

These standard errors do not reflect the errors involved in determining 7-day, 2-year minimum flow from altitude and precipitation.

SURFACE-WATER AVAILABILITY MAP

Figure 3.—Relation for estimating average flow of a stream within a drainage basin. The map shows contour lines and stream networks. A scale bar is provided at the bottom.

Figure 4.—Relation for estimating 7-day, 2-year minimum flow of a stream within a drainage basin. The map shows contour lines and stream networks. A scale bar is provided at the bottom.

Figure 5.—Relation for estimating the mean annual precipitation of a stream within a drainage basin. The map shows contour lines and stream networks. A scale bar is provided at the bottom.

Figure 6.—Relation for estimating the 7-day, 2-year minimum flow of a stream within a drainage basin. The map shows contour lines and stream networks. A scale bar is provided at the bottom.

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INTRODUCTION

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is located in the Appalachian Range. The park occupies an area of about 520 square miles which is divided almost equally between the States of Tennessee and North Carolina. This is the nation's most visited national park. The number of visitors increased from 600,000 in 1937 to 3,000,000 in 1964. The park is a national monument and a national park. The park is a national monument and a national park.

The recreational and scenic facilities are scattered throughout the park, and it is necessary to develop a separate water supply for each. For many years, water supplies in the park have been obtained from streams and springs. However, the increasing demand for water at some facilities has approached the yield of the springs. Although streams in the park are abundant, they are not always available for water supply. The water supply in the park is not always available for water supply.

The four principal factors that affect streamflow are drainage area, precipitation, evapotranspiration, and storage. The drainage area is the area of land that drains into a stream. Precipitation is the amount of water that falls on the land. Evapotranspiration is the amount of water that is lost to the atmosphere. Storage is the amount of water that is held in the soil and in the stream.

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