



INTRODUCTION

Proposed water-resource development has prompted numerous hydrologic studies of the James River within South Dakota. Several of these hydrologic studies identified the need for drainage area data within the basin. Drainage area data are useful in determining hydrologic characteristics of stream basins such as the rates and volumes of runoff.

Previous determination of the drainage areas of portions of the basin was done prior to the availability of U.S. Geological Survey 7 1/2 minute topographic maps. Thus, the original drainage area data lacked the degree of accuracy which the 7 1/2 minute topographic maps now make possible.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This map report identifies drainage areas for both named and unnamed tributaries within the James River basin in South Dakota which have drainage areas larger than 10 mi². The drainage areas upstream from all U.S. Geological Survey streamflow-gaging stations within the basin in South Dakota are also identified.

The drainage area boundaries were delineated by visual interpretation of contour information shown on U.S. Geological Survey 7 1/2 minute topographic maps. The area of each drainage area was determined by tracing the drainage boundary on the topographic maps with an electronic digitizer. The original topographic maps on which the drainage boundaries were delineated are on file in the U.S. Geological Survey office, Federal Building, Huron, South Dakota. The number, name, and area of each drainage area identified on the map are contained in table 1. Names in parentheses were added to differentiate among drainage areas with identical names. Any unnamed drainage areas were assigned names during the boundary delineation process explained above.

The drainage areas upstream from U.S. Geological Survey streamflow-gaging stations within the James River basin are shown in table 2. The areas of the James River basin in North Dakota were obtained from the North Dakota District office of the U.S. Geological Survey in Bismarck. At the time that the North Dakota drainage areas were developed, 7 1/2 minute topographic maps were not available for the entire basin in North Dakota. If the drainage area of the James River basin in North Dakota is ever recognized based on data strictly from 7 1/2 minute topographic maps, the drainage areas of those streamflow-gaging stations in table 2 with drainages in North Dakota should be adjusted as necessary.

The area of the James River drainage basin in South Dakota is 14,408 mi². The area of the James River drainage basin in North Dakota is 6,408 mi². The total area of the James River drainage basin in South Dakota and North Dakota is 21,116 mi². About 20 percent (4,148 mi²) of the total drainage area is noncontributing.

CONVERSION FACTORS

The following factors can be used to convert inch-pound units in this report to metric (International System) units:

Multiply inch-pound unit	By	To obtain metric unit
mile	1.609	kilometer
square mile (mi ²)	2.590	square kilometer

Table 1.—Drainage areas within the James River basin in South Dakota
[Names in parentheses were added to differentiate between tributaries with identical names; individual drainage areas may not add to totals because of independent rounding.]

Map number	Drainage-area name	Drainage area (mi ²)
1	State line/Neola gage east reach	4.89
2	State line/Neola gage west reach	2.24
3	Hecla gage/Dry Run (Mad) reach	19.1
4	Dry Run (Mad)	44.8
5	Hecla gage/Boughton Dam reach	15.2
6	Dry Run (Mad)/Boughton Dam reach	4.77
7	Mud Lake Reservoir	1.30
8	Houghton Dam/Redfield tributary reach	6.21
9-10	Redfield tributary (total)	53.5
9	Redfield tributary noncontributing	(23.2)
10	Redfield tributary	30.3
11	Houghton Dam/Columbia Road Dam reach	12.7
12	Redfield tributary/Columbia Road Dam reach	20.0
13	Columbia Road Reservoir	8.45
14	Columbia Road Dam/Garland tributary reach	86.1
15	Garland tributary	1.50
16	Columbia Road Dam/Columbia gage reach	7.12
17	Garland tributary/Columbia gage reach	3.02
18	Columbia gage/Elle River reach	.01
19-28	Elle River (total)	482
19	Lorraine tributary	6.53
20	Wachter tributary	18.0
21	Wachter tributary	21.7
22	Carl tributary	23.2
23-24	Dry Branch (total)	58.1
23	Sewer Branch	2.30
24	Dry Branch	55.8
25	Maple River	30.0
26-27	Willow Creek (total)	190
26	Dry Run (Willow)	70.5
27	Willow Creek	119.5
28	Elle River	119
29	Columbia gage/Crow Creek reach	25.2
30-35	Crow Creek Drainage Ditch (total)	836
30	Crow Creek Drainage Ditch noncontributing	(185)
31-32	Dayton-Crow Ditch (total)	70.6
31	Dayton-Stems Ditch	16.2
32	Dayton-Crow Ditch	54.4
33	Newport-Medton Ditch	150
34	Portage Detroit Ditch	98.8
35	Crow Creek Drainage Ditch	327
36	Crow Creek Drainage Ditch/Riverside School tributary reach	2.58
37-38	Riverside School tributary (total)	45.5
37	Pulney tributary	13.6
38	Riverside School tributary	31.9
39	Elle River/Moosasin Creek reach	40.0
40-41	Moosasin Creek (total)	387
40	Foot Creek	196
41	Moosasin Creek	191
42	Riverside School tributary/Stratford gage reach	37.4
43	Moosasin Creek/Stratford gage reach	29.2
44	Stratford gage/Mud Creek reach	5.24
45-52	Mud Creek (total)	782
45-46	West Hansen tributary (total)	188
45	Mud Creek noncontributing	(64.2)
46	West Hansen tributary	124
47-48	Groton tributary (total)	204
47	Antelope Creek	38.2
48	Groton tributary	165.8
49	Synagogue School tributary	34.7
50	Excelsior School tributary	23.4
51	Sunnyview School tributary	10.2
52	Mud Creek	31
53	Stratford gage/Gallup tributary reach	14.6
54	Gallup tributary	30.7
55	Mud Creek/Ashton gage reach	40.1
56	Gallup tributary/Ashton gage reach	3.28
57	Ashton gage/Snake Creek reach	2.84
58-96	Snake Creek (total)	2,857
58	Crompton Lake tributary	19.8
59	Howard tributary	49.0
60	Washington tributary	34.3
61-63	Lake Parney tributary (total)	183
61	Plainview Colony tributary	88.4
62	Robetta Lake tributary	13.4
63	Lake Parney tributary	81.1
64	Manfield tributary	1.81
65-94	North Fork Snake Creek (total)	1,981
65	Latham School tributary	29.5
66	Taylor School tributary	26.3
67	Voglar Draw	29.0
68	Ford Lake tributary	98.4
69	Ballouin School tributary	26.4
70	Melton tributary	31.1
71	Reed tributary	14.6
72-82	North Fork Snake Creek (total)	954
72	Redbrook tributary	36.0
73	Harmony tributary	24.6
74-75	Cleveland tributary (total)	59.3
74	Powell tributary	32.8
75	Cleveland tributary	26.5
76	Liberty tributary	18.7
77-78	North Freedom tributary (total)	504
77	North Freedom tributary noncontributing	(48.4)
78	North Freedom tributary	455.6
79	Lake Crawford tributary	147
80	North tributary	99.8
81	Millard School tributary	14.7
82	Zion Church tributary/Snake Creek	84.7
83	Devon tributary	40.6
84-92	Perry Creek (total)	376
84	Howard tributary	26.4
85-91	Scatterwood Lakes (total)	308
85	Stony Run (Scatterwood Lakes)	38.1
86-90	Preachers Run (total)	280
86	Huntley tributary	47.2
87	Spetch tributary	25.4
88	Richland tributary	13.5
89	Towne Slough tributary	38.3
90	Preachers Run	10.8
91	Scatterwood Lakes	39.4
92	Perry Creek	18.7
93	Dove Creek	106
94	South Fork Snake Creek	208
95	Hellella tributary	18.6
96	Snake Creek	324
97	Snake Creek/Turtle Creek reach	3.28
98	Preacher Creek/Kapa Junction tributary reach	38.5
99	Mud Creek/Faeton gage reach	9.19
100	Beaver Creek	2.57
101	Beaver Creek/Kapa Junction tributary reach	2.78
102	Napa Junction tributary	1.0
103	Beaver Creek/Missouri River reach	7.66
104	Napa Junction tributary/Missouri River reach	5.58

EXPLANATION

202 DRAINAGE DIVIDE—Number refers to drainage basin, reach, or noncontributing area in table 1

▲ STREAM-GAGING STATION—Letter refers to gaging station in table 2

Table 2.—Drainage area upstream from streamflow-gaging stations in the James River basin within South Dakota

Map number	Streamflow-gaging station name	Contributing drainage area (square miles)		Noncontributing drainage area (square miles)		Total drainage area (square miles)	
		North Dakota	South Dakota	North Dakota	South Dakota	Total	Noncontributing
A	0647080 James River at Hecla, S. Dak.	2,181	7.13	3,300	0	5,488	3,300
B	0647100 James River at Columbia, S. Dak.	2,208	272	3,353	23.2	5,857	3,376
C	0647120 Maple River at W. Dak.-S. Dak. State line	382	1,712	332	0	2,116	332
D	0647150 Elk River at Westport, S. Dak.	610	439	444	0	1,493	444
E	0647188 Moosasin Creek near Warner, S. Dak.	--	304	--	0	304	0
F	0647200 James River near Stratford, S. Dak.	2,892	1,369	3,797	208	6,865	4,005
G	0647200 Mud Creek near Stratford, S. Dak.	--	674	--	0	674	674
H	0647300 James River at Ashton, S. Dak.	2,892	2,781	3,797	974	9,742	4,069
I	0647350 South Fork Snake Creek near Athol, S. Dak.	--	1,695	--	48.4	1,743	48.4
J	0647350 Snake Creek near Athol, S. Dak.	--	2,659	--	48.4	2,697	48.4
K	0647350 Wolf Creek near Hecla, S. Dak.	--	334	--	0	334	0
L	0647400 Turtle Creek near Tulare, S. Dak.	--	1,124	--	0	1,124	0
M	0647450 Medicine Creek near Hecla, S. Dak.	--	1,481	--	0	1,481	0
N	0647500 James River near Redfield, S. Dak.	2,892	6,902	3,797	371	13,911	4,118
O	0647500 Dry Run near Frankfort, S. Dak.	--	201	--	0	201	0
P	0647600 James River at Huron, S. Dak.	2,892	6,929	3,797	352	15,869	4,148
Q	0647750 Sand Creek near Alpena, S. Dak.	--	261	--	0	261	0
R	0647700 James River near Forestburg, S. Dak.	2,892	10,550	3,797	352	17,590	4,148
S	0647800 James River near Fulton, S. Dak.	--	261	--	0	261	0
T	0647750 Firesteel Creek near Mount Vernon, S. Dak.	--	521	--	0	521	0
U	0647800 James River near Mitchell, S. Dak.	2,892	12,024	3,797	352	19,064	4,148
V	0647802 Enemy Creek near Mitchell, S. Dak.	--	163	--	0	163	0
W	0647803 Pierre Creek near Alexandria, S. Dak.	--	78.7	--	0	78.7	0
X	0647830 Plum Creek near Hillman, S. Dak.	--	39.2	--	0	39.2	0
Y	0647830 Wolf Creek near Clayton, S. Dak.	--	396	--	0	396	0
AA	0647850 Lometree Creek near Clifton, S. Dak.	--	110	--	0	110	0
BB	0647850 James River near Scotland, S. Dak.	2,892	13,613	3,797	352	20,653	4,148
CC	0647851 James River near Yankton, S. Dak.	2,892	13,602	3,797	352	20,642	4,148
DD	0647851 Beaver Creek near Yankton, S. Dak.	--	145	--	0	145	0

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Base from U.S. Geological Survey
1:500,000 base map

DRAINAGE AREAS IN THE JAMES RIVER BASIN IN EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

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