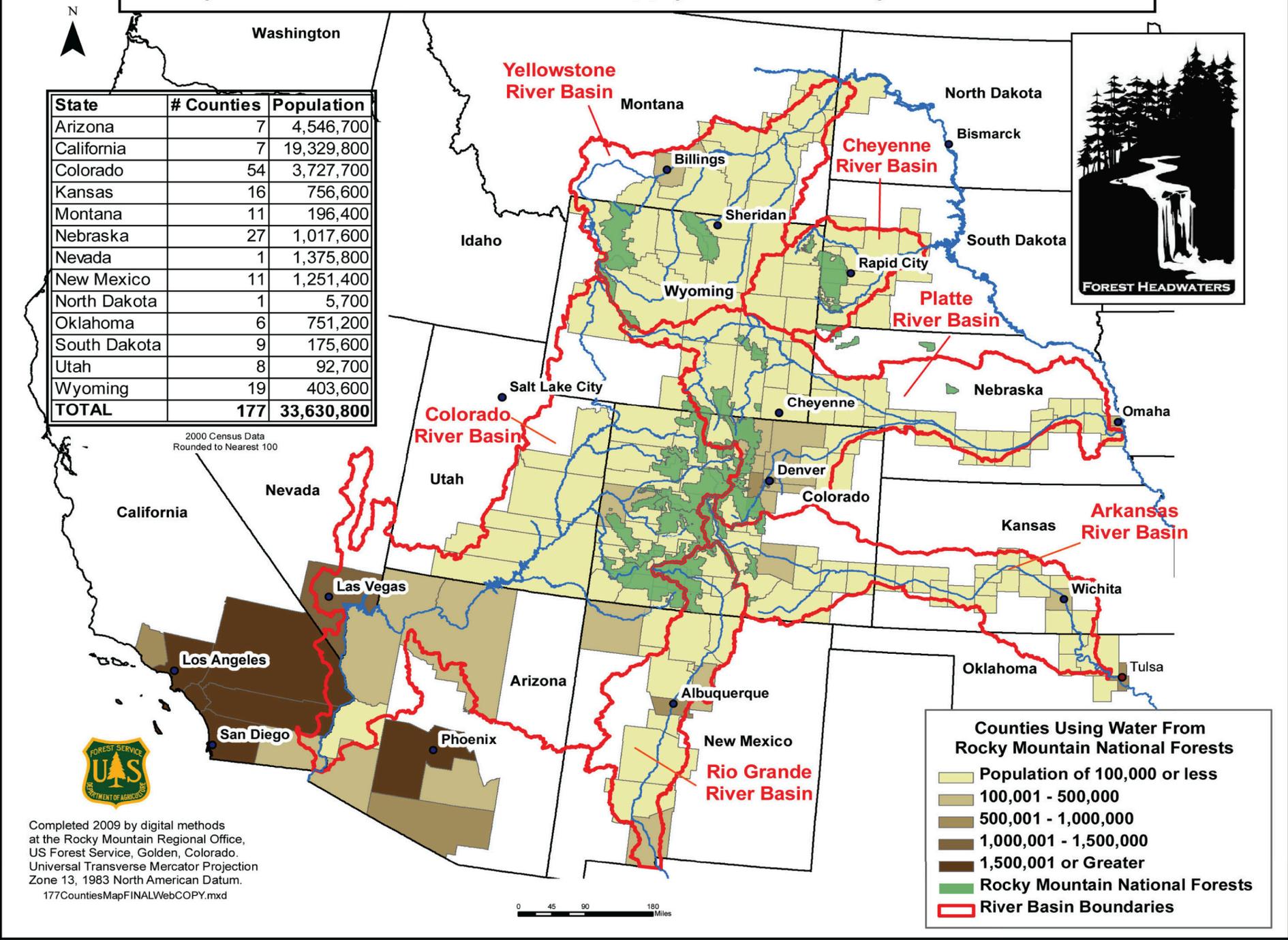


Rocky Mountain National Forests Supply Water to Many Western Counties



People in 177 counties in 13 states depend on water from national forests in the Rocky Mountain Region. They draw their water from rivers or valley soils, and typically use it for some mix of drinking, irrigation, and livestock watering. Counties were included down-river until less than 20 percent of the flow in the river originates on national forests in the Rocky Mountain Region.