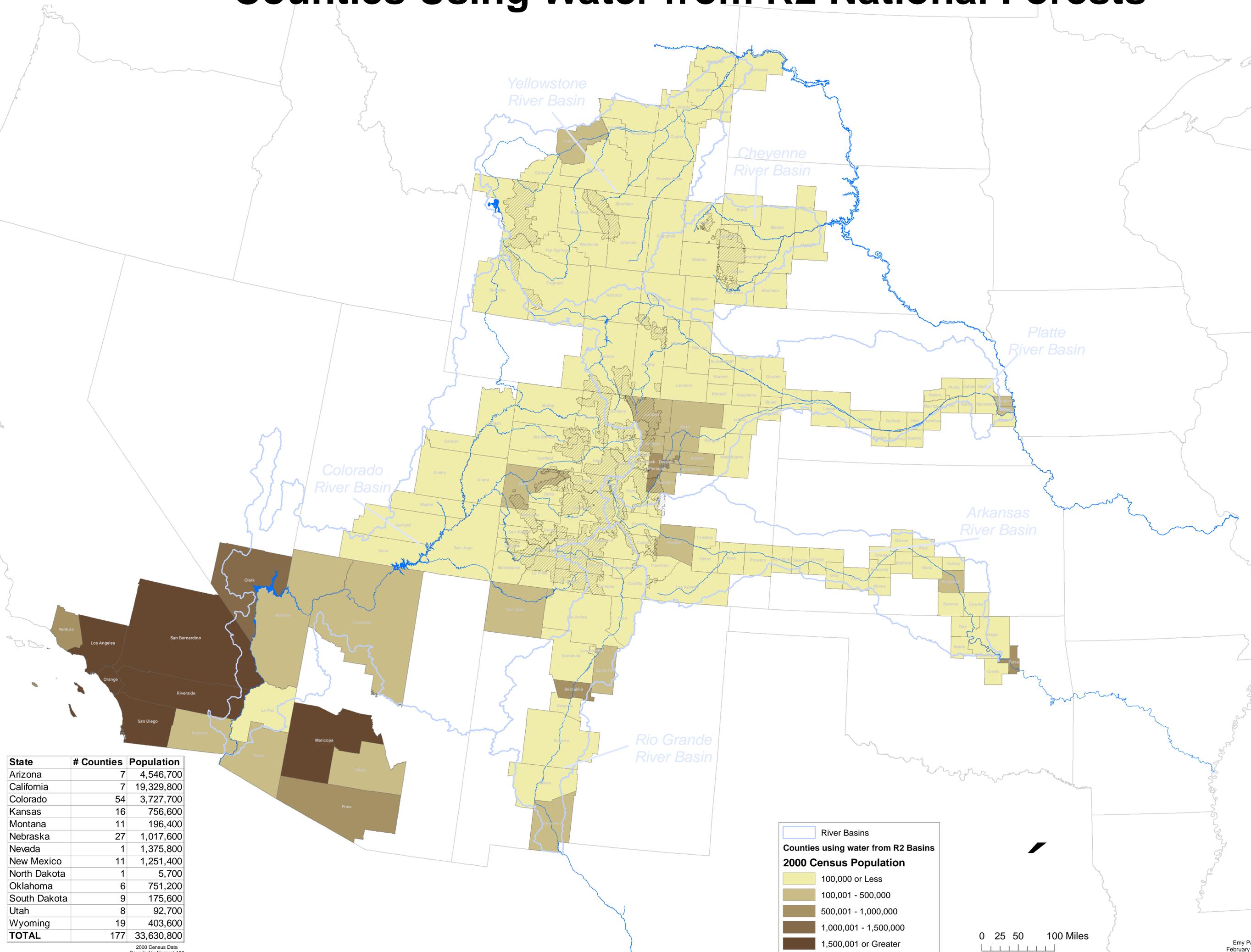


# Counties Using Water from R2 National Forests



State	# Counties	Population
Arizona	7	4,546,700
California	7	19,329,800
Colorado	54	3,727,700
Kansas	16	756,600
Montana	11	196,400
Nebraska	27	1,017,600
Nevada	1	1,375,800
New Mexico	11	1,251,400
North Dakota	1	5,700
Oklahoma	6	751,200
South Dakota	9	175,600
Utah	8	92,700
Wyoming	19	403,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>33,630,800</b>

2000 Census Data  
Rounded to Nearest 100

River Basins  
**Counties using water from R2 Basins**  
**2000 Census Population**  
 100,000 or Less  
 100,001 - 500,000  
 500,001 - 1,000,000  
 1,000,001 - 1,500,000  
 1,500,001 or Greater



## **Counties Using Water from Rocky Mountain (Region 2) National Forests Map Summary Facts**

1. National forests in the Rocky Mountain Region (Region 2) are the headwaters for six major river basins: the Arkansas; the Cheyenne; the Colorado; the Platte; the Rio Grande; and the Yellowstone.
2. More than 175 counties in 13 western states depend on water flowing from the Rocky Mountains for drinking water supply and other uses.
3. Approximately 33 million people live in those 177 counties.
4. The counties stretch clear to Los Angeles, where 25 percent of the water supply comes from the Colorado River. This water begins as snowmelt from the national forests of the Rocky Mountains.
5. Many people in downstream states like California and Arizona, who live far from the Rocky Mountains, may not realize that much of their water comes from national forests. While most of the counties are in Colorado (54), over half of the water-using population is in California, with Arizona as the second-largest population base.