



# Alaska

## CoCoRaHS

*CoCoRaHS is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation.*

Happy October!

What a wet month September was, thanks for all the observations you busily submitted this past month! At a few of our stations, precipitation fell 27 out of the 30 days in September. Our wettest location in Girdwood recorded just under 10" of rain while monthly amounts decreased from there to under 2". During the month of September we had 11 active observers reporting at least one precipitation measurement while 8 observers were consistent enough to allow an accurate monthly amount. If you have [Google Earth](#), you can download a map of the Alaska CoCoRaHS total precipitation amounts for September 2008 from the [Alaska CoCoRaHS](#) webpage: click on KMZ file.

It's that time of the year when you need to start watching the temperature and thinking about removing the inner tube from your gauge - if water is left in the gauge and it freezes, the plastic tube could crack and break. At the same time, locating your snowboard and ruler would be a good idea as it won't be long till the snow starts to fly. We encourage you to continue to make observations daily even if no precipitation has fallen; please remember an observation of 0.00 or a trace is much more meaningful than no report at all.

Thanks again for all your hard work! Please spread the word about CoCoRaHS, we're always trying to recruit new observers. This past month we've had a handful of new observers sign up and we're looking for more!

Happy Observing,

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