



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 November!

Thanks for all the observations you busily submitted this past month! We have grown tremendously this past month, adding many observers from all regions of the state. If you have [Google Earth](#), you can download a map of the Alaska CoCoRaHS total precipitation amounts for October 2008 from the [Alaska CoCoRaHS](#) webpage: click on KMZ file.

Tis the season for more complex observations. Unlike our above freezing months of the year, when we receive a snowfall the observations take a bit more time a few more measurements. There is a complete write-up on the CoCoRaHS webpage on how to accurately measure snow; please review it if you're not sure how to record snowfall. During freezing precipitation events, please measure the depth of both the 24-hour snowfall and the total snow depth on the ground. The 24-hr precipitation is the melted portion of the snow in the rain gauge without the inner tube. If you're able, we'd also love a snow water equivalence measurement from the snowpack on the ground; this can be done by sticking the rain gauge in the snow upside down and capturing the snow pack in the outer tube and melting it down.

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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