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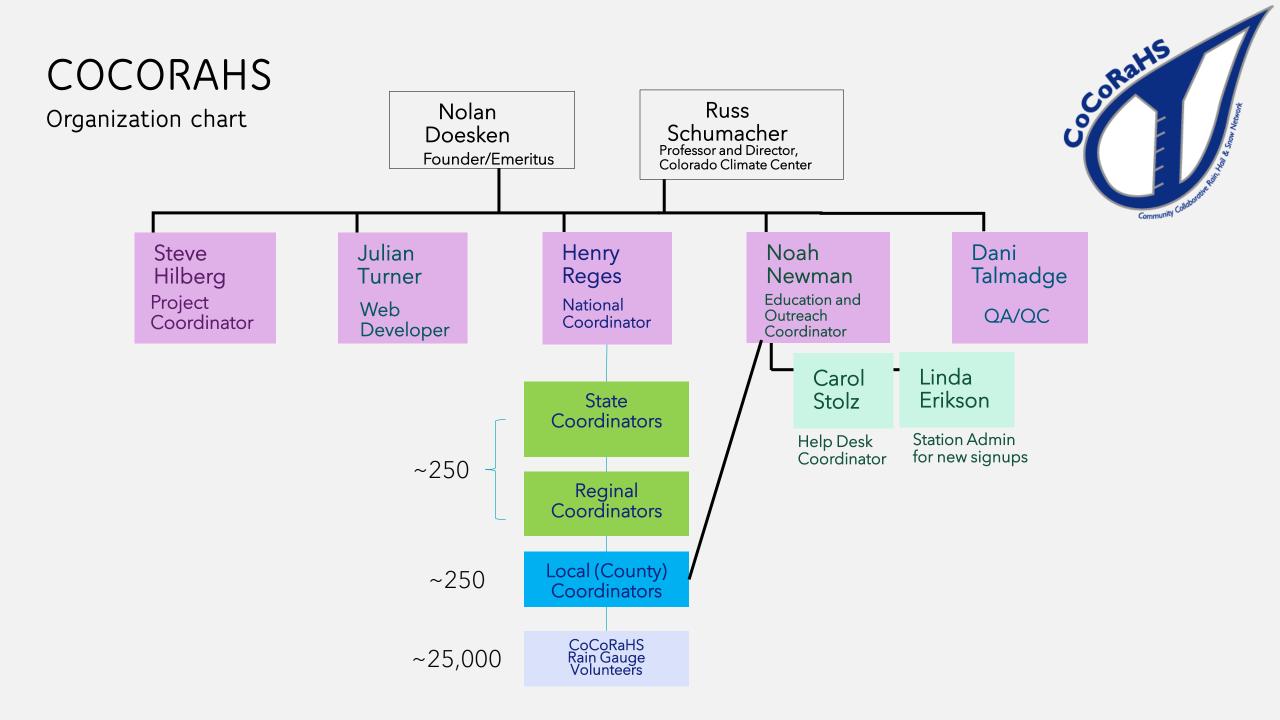


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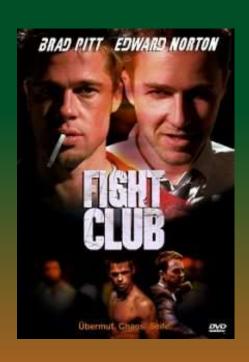
- Organization Chart
- Rules and Myths
- Coordinator Duties
- Admin page training and tips
- Final thoughts and upcoming opportunities for coordinators



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Rules and Myths





Approved Rain Gauges

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Community Collaboration

Non-Negotiable!!!

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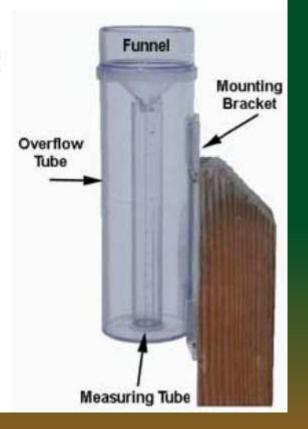
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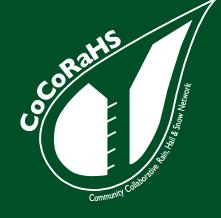
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- Frequency of Reporting
- Time of Reporting
- Completeness of Reporting
- Accuracy of Reporting



Myths

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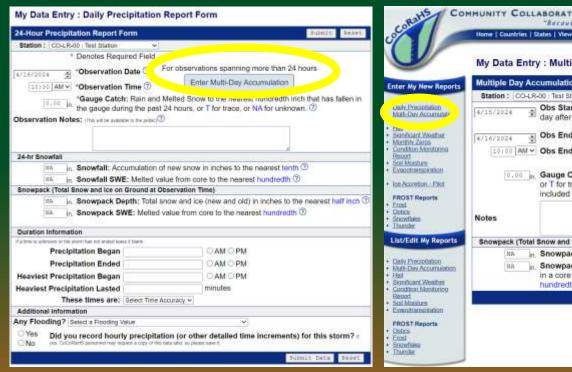


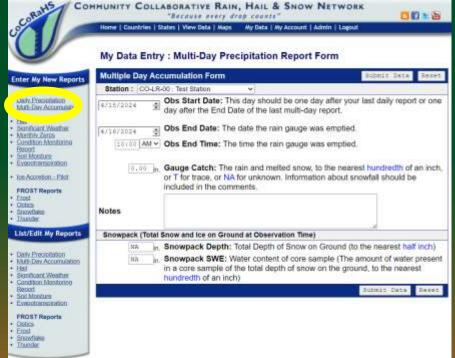
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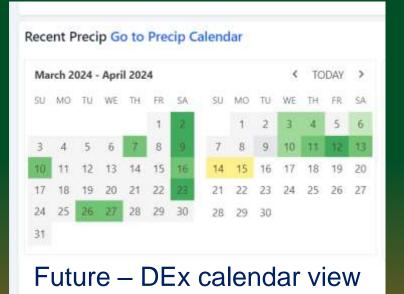
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Multi-Day Accumulation







fused with data entry

Not yet available.

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Volunteers are encouraged to report consistently!

- 7:00 am local time is most useful to the NWS
- 4:30 am 9:30 am is the default on the map and still helpful
- Other times are useful, as long as they stay consistent (the interactive map settings can be adjusted, saved and shared)
- Time of Entry does not have to be Time of Observation!!!

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Volunteers are required to enter zerns (including snow)

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Doesn't enter snowfall zeros – OK!

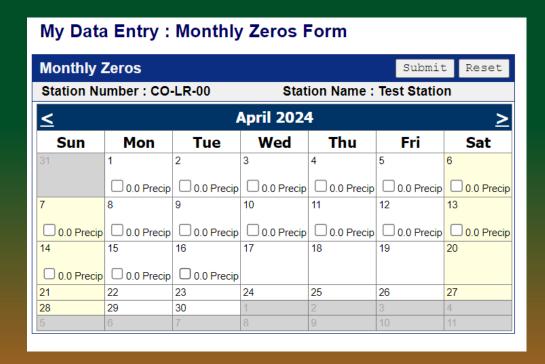
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Monthly Zeros on-line



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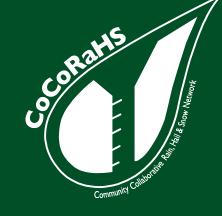


New Mobile App New Feature!

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Accumulation of	ew snow to the nearest tenth of an inch
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Myths

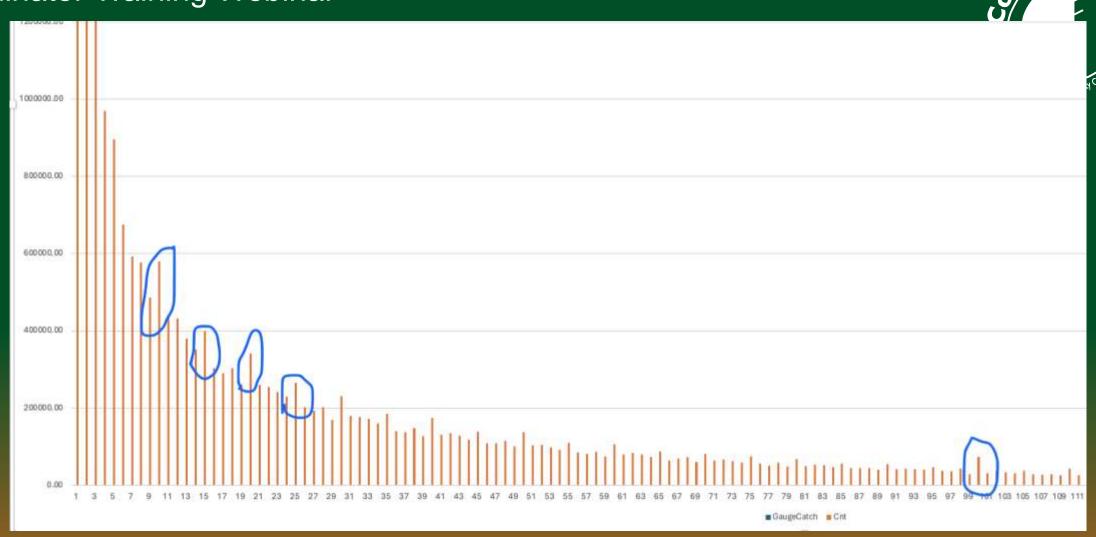
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Volunteers can just round their measurements

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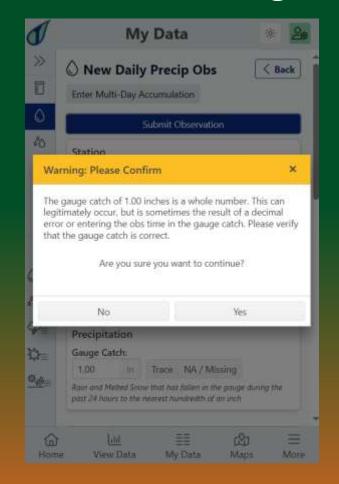
The Data Doesn't Lie!

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"Toast" Messages Coming to the new App and more





This will one day be included on the website too and can include links to training materials or other information when applicable.

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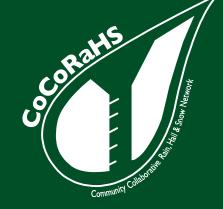


Coordinator Duties and Training

*And new opportunities coming soon for interested coordinators!!

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Local Coordinators help support CoCoRaHS in the following ways...

- Provide support for volunteers in their county. This can include following-up with new observers making sure that they have what they need to get started.
- Become familiar with the CoCoRaHS Web site and training materials on YouTube.
- Learn how to use the "Admin" functions to access observer information.
- Help organize (set-up, schedule, publicize) and attend local training sessions as needed (leading if you feel comfortable). Notify CoCoRaHS State/Regional Coordinators or Headquarters and invite a trainer.
- Help recruit new volunteers (individual and targeted) through local press releases, through contacts with local service organizations or through other creative means.

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Flyers and Brochures



You <u>Can</u> Count Raindrops!

Join CoCoRaHS Today

CoCoRaHS is the "Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow" network.



Registered CoCoRattS observers use special efferenced table rath gauges, like this one. Observers need the gauge once a day every morning between 5:30 AM and 8:30 AM. Reports are sent to a central database using the CoCoRattS app or online. Once recorded, weather tonecasters, drought and flood monitoring centers, water and stormwater managers, foresters, termers, and dozens of others use the data.

There are over 20,000 participants across the U.S., as well as observers in the Bahamas and Canada.

Online, colorful enimistions and video training is available tree. An approved CoCoRaftS min gauge, measuring rain to the 1/100th of an inch, is required.

A local neederf and lead observer serves as the volunteer coordinator in Escambia and Sanks Rosa Counties in Florida. They are available to get you started with set-up, training, observation, and reporting questions. They can be reached at escambia_ff_coordinat@ictoud.com. Live in another county or state? No problem, You can bin, too.

Interested in being a chitzen scientist? Went to know how much rain fell in that last storm? Or when the last time rain fel? Check out CcCoReh's today!

Log in at: cocorahs.org
CoCoRaHS. Because Every Drop Counts.









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Other opportunities, if you are willing:

- Help volunteers with the installation of their equipment if they are unable to do so.
- Help volunteers who do not have internet access or slow access by entering their data or recruiting a reliable assistant to do so.
- Go through the list of observers in your area ("Admin" function on the Web) and check the status of "dropouts". Mark the stations "closed" or help to reactivate them.
- Write a newsletter can be monthly, quarterly, or annually.

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Newsletters



DOUGLAS COUNTY SNAPSHOT

DOUGLAS **AVERAGES**

Avg. Daily Precipitation

Ave. Temperature: 33.39

Historical Average 11991-20200

DOUGLAS OBSERVATIONS

HIGHEST GAUGE CATCH CO-06-329 3.17", 3-14-24

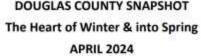
Highest Snowfall CO-DG-67 & 157 19": 3-14-24

Highest Significant Weather Report: CO-DG-315 12.7", 2-3-24

Snowfall Reports: 629 Snowpack Reports: 801

Significant Weather Reports: 7

Condition Monitoring Reports: 24





Douglas County Summary

Jan / Feb / Mar 2024

Mother Nature certainly entertained us again the past three months! January was a bit like an ice cream sandwich - mild at the start and end with an Arctic blast in between! The Arctic visitor bestowed upon us a frigid 2" weekend in January. Many locations had overnight lows. in the negative teens Jan 15/16. There was also an 84-hour Wind Chill Warning for the area during this time - quite extraordinary! Then early February provided much-appreciated moisture with wet storms the first two weekends. Normal to above-average temperatures prevailed from Mid-February into mid-March. There were three Red Flag Warnings issued (Feb 25, Mar 2, Mar 31), which always is concerning. Would Winter return? YES! A well-forecasted Big, Ole SnowStorm (BOSS) appeared March 14/15. This very wet Spring storm provided great moisture to the area. And then another smaller but colder snow event arrived March 24/25, along with some thunder before the snow. Quite a range of weather for these three months!



Upcoming Events

May 25°, 1PM Online Webinar - Monitoring Climate Change at the World Meteorological Organisation, Register Here

Volunteer Opportunities

Please let us know of any opportunities in your community.

Douglas Observers

Active Stations: \$4 Observations: 3,006

Get Connected

join and invite others to the Dougles & Elbert County Community Page Ask questions, share photos and nerd out with your CoCoRaHS peers! State Cores September Griggmen

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OBSERVER SUMMARY Mild Winter with Touches of Feistiness **APRIL 2024**

Quarterly Focus

Going Above & Beyond the Gauge

Spring is upon us?

That means afternoon thunder, half, rainbows, rain and drought monitoring will become the weather talk of our communities in the near future. Did you know that CoCoRaHS has other data entries available to communicate what's happening at your Station location? You don't even need a rain gauge for most of them. These reports include Hail, Significant Weather events, Condition Monitoring, Frost, Optics, Snowflakes, Thunder and Soil Moisture. These reports can be made at any time of day at any interval of your choosing. Check them out on the My Data page on CoCoRaHS.org.



Special Con Mark Specia to Part



Meet an Observer

Hope Stoom

These been a weather enthusiast since I can remember remembering! Since ranuary 2022, I have been reporting for COCoRaHS. I enjoy being part of an organization that enables and appreciates citizen science. Since 2007, I have been a trained NWS Denver office weather spotter.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia and fived in Pittsburgh, upstate New York, and Atlanta before moving to Colorado in 1993. The weather here is the best in the nation, and you only know that if you live here! Experiencing all four seasons. not necessarily in the order expected, is one of the most exciting pieces of living. in Colorado. Combining my love for weather and all that Colorado has to offer is a perfect match for me!

Newcomers Corner

Snow reporting is optional. If you are not reporting 24-Hour Snowfall and Snowpack measurements, that is as. While the data are very useful, your enjoyment of CoCoffaHS is more important.

Anniversaries

1 Year: CO-DG-349, 350, 351, 352, 353. 354, 355, 356

20 Years: CO-DG-62,67 # Amazing commitment and SO MANY datal

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And if you're really, really willing:

- Check data routinely. Spot errors. Contact observers verifying questionable data.
- Organize social events and volunteer appreciation.
- Help update station information.
- Help find local sponsors to help cover the costs of maintaining the network.
- Be aware of spatial distribution of active stations—recruit new or reactivate older stations to maintain or attain good coverage within your area.
- Share info about CoCoRaHS with potential users who might benefit from the data.
- Help find a teammate to work with you.

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Do Not Reinvent the Wheel!

Reach out! You've got support!

Regional or State Coordinators

Headquarters (me)

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Privacy Policy - Reminder

When emailing observers:

- Email them individually
- When emailing more than one you MUST USE BCC for all recipients!!!
- No abusing the list (CoCoRaHS and weather-related emails only)
- Please ask a coordinator or HQ if you have any questions

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Reasons for using the Admin Section

- Entering or Editing data for other stations
- Edit observer contact information, i.e. email and phone numbers (NOT FOR CHANGING ADDRESSES!)
- Marking a station as closed (or open).
- Station History Report* (Now available via DEx)
- Contact <u>noah@cocorahs.org</u> for help or questions

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Not recommended for smartphones

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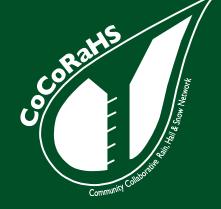
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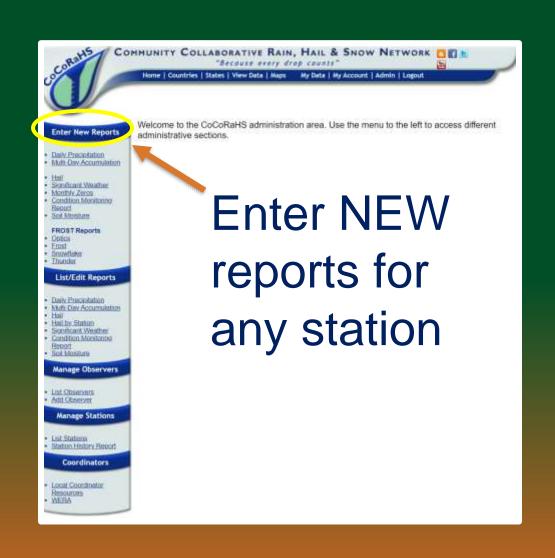




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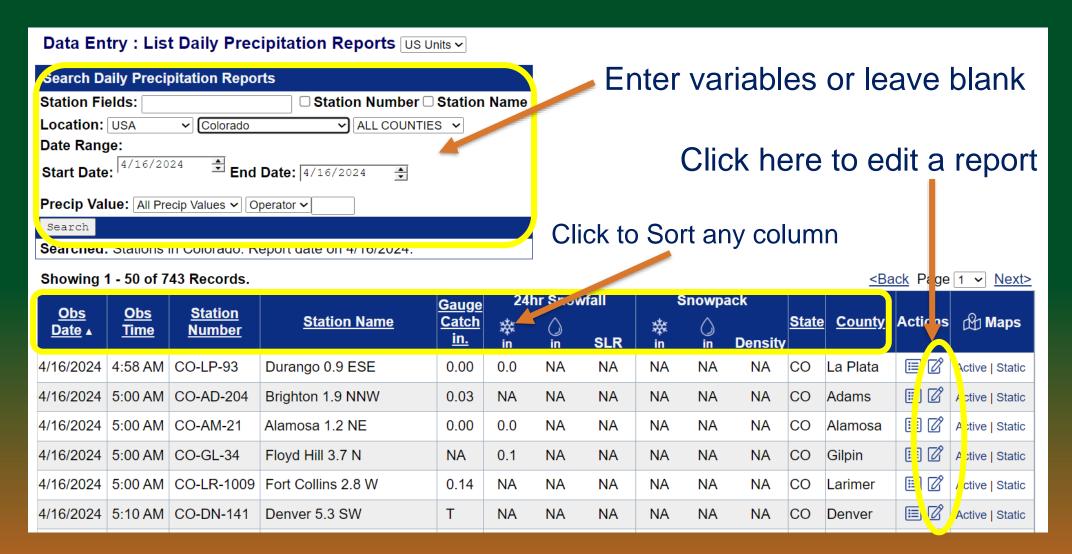
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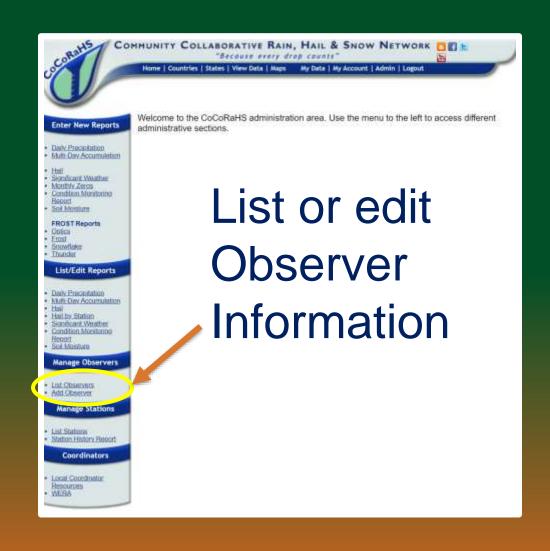


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Configuration Collaboration

Most often used for updating email addresses



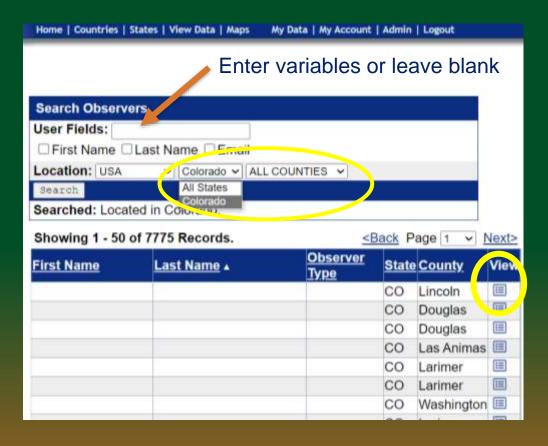
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Limited to your state only - but select your county of interest



After clicking on "View" you will have options to edit the observer info

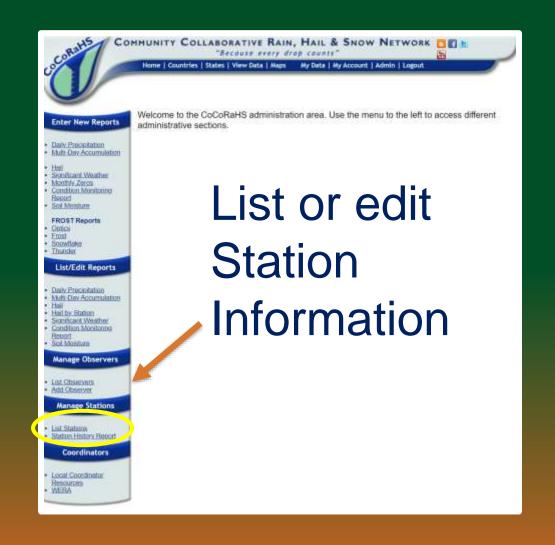
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Configuration Community Collaboration

Most often used for marking a station "closed"



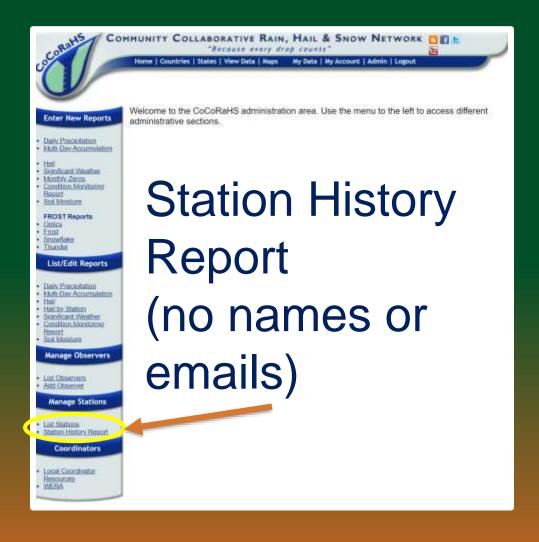
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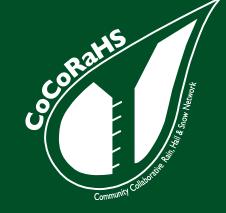
The Whole Kit-and-Kaboodle (without names addresses and emails)



Please contact
noah@cocorahs.org
for a customized
observer activity
report for your
county (complete
WITH names and
emails)

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What else?

- Mobile App updates
- DEx Data Explorer please explore!!!
- Funding Opportunities for Coordinators (emails and info coming soon)

Contact noah@cocorahs.org for help or questions

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Did you say funding?



Involvement will be a year-long commitment, with a \$100 gift card after 6 months and another \$100 gift card at the end of 1 year. The commitment involves the following:

- 1 Participate in recurring online meetings with your cohort (at first, about twice a month and then once a month).
- 2 Participate in conversations online with your cohort of local leaders & CoCoRaHS HQ
- 3 Complete and share worksheets from a self-paced, online tutorial
- 4 Invite your local participants to take a survey (once at the start of your 1-year commitment and again at the end)
- 5 Respond to three surveys about your experiences (once when you start, at six months in, and after 12 months)
- 6 Submit plans for your county or region, and receive feedback on these plans
- 7 Potentially receive funds to implement your plans (\$2,500-\$5,000)
- 8 Implement your plan
- 9 Report on progress