

The Catch

COCORAHS UPDATE AND RECRUITING CONTEST

FORT COLLINS, CO — Sunday, July 10, 2005

Weather update.

It must be early July -- the temperatures at low elevations are up near 100 F during the day and the high-based thunderheads are developing daily, producing virga, lightning, but only very localized rains. Vegetation that was green and lush just a few weeks ago is already looking dry and parched. Wildfires are in the news such as the one up in Custer County close to some of our volunteers there.

Here in north Fort Collins we got a "Big Trace" today—the kind that actually puts several drops of water in the bottom of the dusty gauge -- but not enough to reach that first mark at 0.01" -- close, though.

Recruiting Contest

Good job, folks. New applications are trickling in now daily from volunteers that have been recruited by some of you. BUT REMEMBER, to get credit the application from the new observer needs to mention YOUR NAME. We are getting applications that say "Learned about CoCoRaHS from a friend" or "Co-worker told me about it". One even said "friend from Douglas County", but only a few have actually given names.

So please impress upon your recruits that to win a prize they need to mention your first and last name on the application on the line that asks "How did you find out about CoCoRaHS"

Results of Appeal for help

I am pleased to report that we will soon have some new county coordinators, and a whole team of "Historic Data Quality Inspectors" Thank you VERY much for the great response to our appeal for help. If you were one who responded, I will be getting a hold of you soon if I haven't already to discuss the work that needs to be done.

If you were thinking about volunteering to be a "County Volunteer Coordinator" but you would first like more information about what is expected, then please let us know. We have a short "job description" available that outlines the requirements and optional duties that our volunteer coordinators perform. Fear not, it is not an overwhelming and time-gobbling responsibility —but it does take some time to do the job well.

I hope you all have a very good week and accomplish something you've been wanting to get done.

Weather greetings,

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