

# The Catch

## **COCORAHS -- THIS IS THE TIME**

FORT COLLINS, CO — Friday, September 16, 2011

CoCoRaHS Rain reporting team

Next week (September 19–23) is the week where we hope everyone sends in daily precipitation reports. If you are new to CoCoRaHS or if you've been away from it for a while, this is the time to get started. Daily rain gauge reports are submitted via the CoCoRaHS webpage: <http://www.cocorahs.org> If you have any questions or need any help, contact your CoCoRaHS volunteer coordinator or let us know.

If we all remember to send in our observations next week – including observations of NO PRECIPITATION (0.00") -- we will finally reach the goal of 10,000 daily reports.

We've been averaging about 8750 reports per day so far this month. To reach 10,000 we will need more of us in every state to report. We'll especially need the help of those of you who have gotten out of the habit of reporting from the dry parts of the country -- Texas for sure (finally a little rain falling in a few parts of the state the last two days), plus the West Coast states, etc.

Please help. We can do it!

### **Unusual event yesterday**

Yesterday (Sept 15) something unusual happened. 48 out of the largest 51 CoCoRaHS rainfall reports from across the entire U.S. all came from a single county -- El Paso County, Colorado. El Paso County is where the City of Colorado Springs resides. We've seen concentrated rainfall before, but it was amazing to see it all concentrated in one county.

Earlier this summer we did some targeted recruiting and held two training sessions to get more rainfall volunteers in and around Colorado Springs. This area, right at the base of Pikes Peak, is particularly prone to extremely variable and sometimes extreme precipitation. Yesterday those recruiting efforts paid off. A total of 63 volunteers in the county, about half of which had just found out about CoCoRaHS this summer, sent in their measurements. If you were one of them, thanks SO MUCH.

This is what CoCoRaHS is all about. You never know when your county may be the target of the next storm. When that time comes, hopefully there will be a host of volunteers ready to observe and report.

### **Map of the Day**

Our Facebook page has been gaining in popularity, especially a new feature that we are posting (almost) daily. Most of these recent postings highlight a particular CoCoRaHS map that showcases the extreme variability of precipitation that we see everyday. Today, it's an area just north of Raleigh, North Carolina in Wake County. Check out our Facebook page, and 'like' us today! [www.facebook.com/cocorahs](http://www.facebook.com/cocorahs)

Enjoy

I hope you have a fine weekend. Thanks for being a part of CoCoRaHS.

Sincerely,

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