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#### PREFACE

The purpose of this publication is to provide National Weather Service personnel with a ready reference of information that may be useful when preparing weather stories and radio scripts, when talking to mass-media reporters, and when answering questions from the general public. This sixth revision differs from the fifth revised tabulation in that a number of new extremes have been updated and previous errors have been corrected.

The Memorandum is organized into fifteen categories covering the elements of temperature, precipitation, snowfall, atmospheric pressure, and wind. The fourteen western cities, thirteen western states, United States, North America, and world are each listed in the various categories.

Only official observations are included in this Memorandum. The exception being, a few well-accepted unofficial extremes, such as the twenty-four hour precipitation of 38.70 inches at Yankeetown, Florida, the 38.20 inches at Thrall, Texas, and the 43.00 inches at Alvin, Texas.

Several unofficial observations of maximum rainfall amounts far exceed the data published here but were excluded largely on the advice of state climatologists.

An example of such an unofficial extreme was found in the August 1898 "Climate and Crop Service." It was the account of the observer at Fort Mohave, Arizona. "On the 28th, we had the biggest rain in 10 or 15 years, and to my regret, between the rain and the furious wind, my rain gauge was upset. To give an idea of the amount of rain that fell, and which lasted only 45 minutes, I had a wash tub set out on the mesa, clear of everything, and the water after the rain, measured 8 inches."

There was some question regarding the greatest snowfall in one storm for a few states. The problem is one of separating storms. When does one end and another begin? For example, the 84.6 inches of snowfall at Flagstaff, Arizona, in December 1967 was not included because it resulted from two storms with 27 hours of no precipitation between them. Although the Ruby, Colorado, snowstorm that produced 141.0 inches was included, there was some doubt that this storm actually lasted a full week.

Data are for a combination of city office and airport locations. In case dual records were kept over some period of time, and an event occurred during that period, the most extreme value was used.

There is little doubt that more extreme values have occurred than have been listed here. First of all, very few observing stations have records more than 100 years in duration. Secondly, the areas where weather extremes are most likely to occur are usually the most sparsely settled and where observations are not generally available.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Meteorologists in Charge of various cities and the former climatologists for the various states in checking the data for this revision.

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The data in this Technical Memorandum are considered accurate through September 1983.

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Scientific Services Division

#### HIGHEST TEMPERATURE (FAHRENHEIT)

|                | HIGH  | HEST TEMPERATURE (FAHRENHEIT)                            |
|----------------|-------|--|
| ALBUQUERQUE    | 105   | Jun 28 1974 Jul 14 1979 Jun 29 1980 Jul 5/18 1980        |
| ANCHORAGE      | 86    | Jun 25 1953  |
| BOISE          | 111   | Jul 19 1960  |
| CHEYENNE       | 100   | Jul 14/15 1881 Jul 11 1939 Jun 23 1954                   |
| DENVER         | 105   | Aug 8 1878   |
| HELENA         | 105   | Aug 24 1969  |
| HONOLULU       | 93    | Oct 11 1979  |
| LAS VEGAS      | 117   | Jul 24 1942  |
| LOS ANGELES    | 110   | Sep 1 1955 Sep 26 1963                                   |
| PHOENIX        | 118   | Jul 16 1925 Jun 24 1929 Jul 11 1958                      |
| PORTLAND       | 107   | Jul 2 1942 Jul 30 1965 Aug 10 1981                       |
| SALT LAKE CITY | 107   | Jul 26 1960  |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 106   | Jun 14 1961  |
| SEATTLE        | 100   | Jul 16 1941 Jun 9 1955                                   |
| ALASKA         | 100   | Fort Yukon Jun 27 1915                                   |
| ARIZONA        | 127   | Fort Mohave Jun 15 1896 Parker Jul 7 1905                |
| CALIFORNIA     | 134   | Greenland Ranch Death Valley Jul 10 1913                 |
| COLORADO       | 118   | Bennett Jul 11 1888                                      |
| HAWAII         | 100   | Pahala Apr 27 1931                                       |
| IDAHO          | 118   | Orofino Jul 28 1934                                      |
| MONTANA        | . 117 | Glendive Jul 20 1893 Medicine Lake Jul 5 1937            |
| NEVADA         | 122   | Leeland Aug 12/18 1914 Overton Jun 23 1954               |
| NEW MEXICO     | 116   | Artesia Jun 29 1918 Orogrande Jul 14 1934                |
| OREGON         | 119   | Prineville Jul 29 1898 Pendleton Aug 10 1898             |
| UTAH           | 116   | Saint George Jun 28 1892                                 |
| WASHINGTON     | 118   | Wahluke Jul 24 1928 Ice Harbor Dam Aug 5 1961            |
| WYOMING        | 114   | Basin Jul 12 1900  |
| UNITED STATES  | 134   | Greenland Ranch Death Valley California Jul 10 1913      |
| NORTH AMERICA  | 134   | Greenland Ranch Death Valley California U.S. Jul 10 1913 |

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## LOWEST TEMPERATURE (FAHRENHEIT)

| ALBUQUERQUE    | -17                        | Jan 7 1971   |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| ANCHORAGE      | -38                        | Feb 3 1947   |
| BOISE          | -23                        | Dec 10 1972  |
| CHEYENNE       | -38                        | Jan 9 1875   |
| DENVER         | -30                        | Feb 8 1936   |
| HELENA         | -42                        | Jan 31 1893 Jan 25 1957                            |
| HONOLULU       | 53                         | Jan 31 1972 Feb 1/2 1976 Feb 9 1981 Feb 12 1983    |
|                |                            | Jan 25 1937 Jan 13 1963                            |
| LAS VEGAS      | 8                          |  |
| LOS ANGELES    | 23                         | Jan 22 1937  |
| PHOENIX        | 16                         | Jan 7 1913   |
| PORTLAND       | -3                         | Feb 2 1950   |
| SALT LAKE CITY | -30                        | Feb 9 1933   |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 20                         | Dec 14 1932  |
| SEATTLE        | Q                          | Jan 31 1950  |
| ALASKA         | -80                        | Prospect Creek (25 SE Bettles) Jan 23 1971         |
| ARIZONA        | -40                        | Hawley Lake Jan 7 1971                             |
| CALIFORNIA     | -45                        | Boca Jan 20 1937                                   |
| COLORADO       | -60                        | Taylor Park Feb 1 1951 Maybell Jan 1 1979          |
| HAWAII         | 12                         | Mauna Kea Observatory May 17 1979                  |
| IDAHO          | -60                        |  |
| MONTANA        | <b>-70</b>                 | Rogers Pass Jan 20 1954<br>San Jacinto Jan 8 1937  |
| NEVADA         | <b>-</b> 50<br><b>-</b> 50 |  |
| NEW MEXICO     | <b>-</b> 54                | - 1 10 1000  |
| OREGON<br>UTAH | <b>-</b> 50                |  |
| WASHINGTON     | -48                        | 00.1000  |
| WYOMING        | -63                        | Moran Feb 9 1933                                   |
| UNITED STATES  | -80                        | Prospect Creek (25 SE Bettles) Alaska Jan 23 1971  |
| NORTH AMERICA  | -81                        | Snag Yukon Territory Canada Feb 3 1947             |
| WORLD          | -129                       | Vostok Antarctica El 11220 Ft Jul 21 1983          |
|                | -121                       | Plateau Station Antarctica El 11890 Ft Aug 24 1966 |
|                | -110                       | South Pole Antarctica El 9186 Ft Jul 14 1963       |
|                | -90                        | Oimekon Siberia U.S.S.R. El 2625 Ft Feb 6 1933     |
|                | -90                        | Verkhoyansk Siberia U.S.S.R. Feb 5/7 1892          |
|                | -87                        | Northice Greenland El 7690 Ft Jan 9 1954           |

TABLE 3

## GREATEST PRECIPITATION IN 60 MINUTES (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE            | 1.63          | Jul 8 1961   |
|------------------------|---------------|--|
| ANCHORAGE              | 0.45          | Sep 12 1972  |
| BOISE                  | 1.12          | Sep 11 1976  |
| CHEYENNE               | 2.51          | Jun 14 1926  |
| DENVER                 | 2.20          | Aug 23 1921  |
| HELENA                 | 1.60          |  |
|                        | 3.41          |  |
| HONOLULU               |               |  |
| LAS VEGAS              | 1.36          |  |
| LOS ANGELES            | 1.87          | Nov 19 1967  |
| PHOENIX                | 1.72          | Aug 18 1966  |
| PORTLAND               | 1.31          | Jun 7 1927   |
| SALT LAKE CITY         | 1.94          | Jul 13 1962  |
| SAN FRANCISCO          | 1.40          | Dec 3 1980   |
| SEATTLE                | 0.84          | Jun 29 1952  |
| ALASKA                 | 1.05          | Annette Oct 29 1958                                |
| ARIZONA                | 3.52<br>11.50 |  |
| CALIFORNIA<br>COLORADO | 3.45          |  |
| HAWAII                 | 12.00         |  |
| IDAHO                  | 1.50          | Cottonwood Aug 1 1948                              |
| MONTANA                | 1.86          |  |
| NEVADA                 | 3.66          |  |
| NEW MEXICO             | 2.81          |  |
| OREGON                 | 2.17<br>2.13  |  |
| UTAH                   | 1.65          |  |
| WASHINGTON<br>WYOMING  | 2.51          |  |
| WIOTING                | 2.51          | oneyemie our 1. 1710                               |
| UNITED STATES          | 12.00         | Holt Missouri Jun 22 1947                          |
|                        | 12.00         |  |
| NORTH AMERICA          | 12.00         | Holt Missouri U.S. Jun 22 1947                     |
| WORLD                  | 12.00         | Holt Missouri U.S. Jun 22 1947                     |
|                        | 12.00         | Kilauea Sugar Plantation Hawaii U.S. Jan 24/25 195 |

# TABLE 4 GREATEST PRECIPITATION IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE  | 2.26  | Sep 27/28 1893   |
|--|---|--|
| ANCHORAGE  | 2.06  | Jul 30/31 1956   |
| BOISE  | 2.72  | Mar 5 1871   |
| CHEYENNE   | 4.70  | Jul 15 1896  |
| DENVER   | 6.53  | May 21/22 1876   |
| HELENA   | 3.67  | Jun 4/5 1908   |
| HONOLULU   | 17.41   | Mar 5/6 1958   |
| LAS VEGAS  | 2.59  | Aug 20/21 1957   |
| LOS ANGELES  | 7.36  | Dec 31 1933-Jan 1 1934   |
| PHOENIX  | 4.98  | Jul 1/2 1911   |
| PORTLAND   | 7.66  | Dec 12/13 1882   |
| SALT LAKE CITY   | 2.72  | May 2/3 1901   |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 5.71  | Jan 4/5 1982   |
| SEATTLE  | 3.74  | Oct 5/6 1981   |
| ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO HAWAII IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING | 15.20<br>11.40<br>26.12<br>11.08<br>38.00<br>7.17<br>11.50<br>7.13<br>11.28<br>10.17<br>6.00<br>12.00<br>5.50 | Workman Creek (30 NNW Globe) Sep 4/5 1970 Hoegees Camp Jan 22/23 1943 Holly Jun 17 1965 Kilauea Sugar Plantation Jan 24/25 1956 Rattlesnake Creek (Elmore County) Nov 23 1909 Circle Jun 20 1921 Mt. Rose Highway Station (near Reno) Jan 31 1963 Lake Maloya May 19 1955 Glenora Dec 21 1915 Bug Point (24 E Blanding) Sep 5 1970 |
| UNITED STATES  | 43.00<br>38.70<br>38.20   | Alvin Texas Jul 25/26 1979 Yankeetown Floria Sep 5/6 1950 Thrall Texas Sep 9/10 1921   |
| NORTH AMERICA  | 43.00<br>38.70<br>38.20   | Alvin Texas U.S. Jul 25/26 1979<br>Yankeetown Florida U.S. Sep 5/6 1950<br>Thrall Texas U.S. Sep 9/10 1921   |
| WORLD  | 73.62   | Cilaos La Reunion Mar 15/16 1952   |

TABLE 5

GREATEST PRECIPITATION IN ONE CALENDAR MONTH (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE   | 8.15                                       | Jun 1852  |          |
|---|--|---|----------|
| ANCHORAGE   | 5.91                                       | Aug 1934  |          |
| BOISE   | 7.66                                       | Mar 1871  |          |
| CHEYENNE  | 7.66                                       | Apr 1900  |          |
| DENVER  | 8.57                                       | May 1876  |          |
| HELENA .  | 6.67                                       | May 1927  |          |
| HONOLULU  | 20.79                                      | Mar 1951  |          |
| LAS VEGAS   | 3.39                                       | Sep 1939  |          |
|   |  | Dec 1889  |          |
| LOS ANGELES   | 15.80                                      |   |          |
| PHOENIX   | 6.47                                       | Jul 1911  |          |
| PORTLAND  | 20.14                                      | Dec 1882  |          |
| SALT LAKE CITY  | 7.04                                       | Sep 1982  |          |
| SAN FRANCISCO   | 24.36                                      | Jan 1862  |          |
| SEATTLE   | 15.33                                      | Dec 1933  | 1.50     |
| ALASKA<br>ARIZONA<br>CALIFORNIA<br>COLORADO<br>HAWAII | 70.99<br>16.95<br>71.54<br>23.28<br>107.00 |   |          |
| IDAHO   | 28.23<br>16.79                             |   |          |
| MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON                      | 33.03<br>16.21<br>50.20                    | Mt. Rose Highway Station (Near Reno)<br>Portales May 1941 | Dec 1964 |
| UTAH  | 19.14                                      |   | 1972     |
| WASHINGTON  | 57.04                                      |   | 933      |
| WYOMING   | 12.78                                      | Alva May 1962   |          |
| UNITED STATES   | 107.00                                     | Kukui Hawaii Mar 1942                                     |          |
| NORTH AMERICA   | 88.01                                      | Swanson Bay British Columbia Canada                       | Nov 1917 |
| WORLD   | 366.14                                     | Cherrapunji India Jul 1861                                |          |

| ALBUQUERQUE   | 16.30  | 1958 LAS VEGAS 10.72 1941   |
|---------------|--------|---|
| ANCHORAGE     | 21.34  | 1981 LOS ANGELES 40.29 1884   |
| BOISE         | 25.80  | 1871 PHOENIX 19.73 1905   |
| CHEYENNE      | 23.69  | 1942 PORTLAND 67.24 1882  |
| DENVER        | 23.31  | 1967 SALT LAKE CITY 23.67 1875  |
| HELENA        | 20.94  | 1975 SAN FRANCISCO 38.82 1884   |
| HONOLULU      | 45.51  | 1963 SEATTLE 55.14 1950   |
| ALASKA        | 332.29 | Mac Leod Harbor 1976  |
| ARIZONA       | 58.92  | Hawley Lake 1978  |
| CALIFORNIA    | 153.54 | Monumental 1909   |
| COLORADO      | 92.84  | Ruby 1897   |
| HAWAII        | 704.83 | Kukui 1982<br>Mt. Waialeale 624.10 Jul 24 1947 through Jul 27 1948                  |
| IDAHO         | 81.05  | Roland 1933   |
| MONTANA       | 55.51  | Summit 1953<br>Grinnell Glacier 184.64 Jul 17 1958 through Aug 4 1959               |
| NEVADA        | 59.03  | Mt. Rose Resort 1969  |
| NEW MEXICO    | 62.45  | White Tail 1941   |
| OREGON        | 168.88 | Valsetz 1937  |
| UTAH          | 94.74  | Alta 1982   |
| WASHINGTON    | 184.56 | Wynoochee Oxbow (25 NNE Aberdeen) 1931  |
| WYOMING       | 55.46  | Grassy Lake Dam 1945  |
| UNITED STATES | 704.83 | Kukui Hawaii 1982<br>Mt. Waialeale Hawaii 624.10 Jul 24 1947 through<br>Jul 27 1948 |
| NORTH AMERICA | 332.29 | Mac Leod Harbor Alaska U.S. 1976  |
| WORLD         | 905.12 | Cherrapunji India 1861<br>1041.78 Aug 1860 through Jul 1861                         |

TABLE 7

LEAST PRECIPITATION IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE          | 3.29         | 1917   |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| ANCHORAGE            | 8.08         | 1969   |
| BOISE                | 6.64         | 1966   |
| CHEYENNE             | 5.94         | 1964   |
| DENVER               | 6.27         | 1954   |
| HELENA               | 6.26         | 1973   |
| HONOLULU             | 9.97         | 1953   |
|                      |              |  |
| LAS VEGAS            | 0.56         | 1953   |
| LOS ANGELES          | 3.12         | 1947   |
| PHOENIX              | 2.82         | 1956   |
| PORTLAND             | 23.37        | 1944   |
| SALT LAKE CITY       | 8.70         | 1979   |
| SAN FRANCISCO        | 8.73         | 1976   |
| SEATTLE              | 19.52        | 1952   |
| ALASKA               | 1.61         | Barrow 1935  |
| ARIZONA              | 0.07         | Davis Dam 1956   |
| CALIFORNIA           | 0.00         | Greenland Ranch Death Valley 1929                                      |
| CALIFORNIA           |              |  |
| COLORADO             | 0.00<br>1.69 | Bagdad 1913<br>Buena Vista 1939  |
|                      | 0.19         | Kawaihae 1953  |
| HAWAII               | 2.09         | Grand View 1947  |
| IDAHO                | 2.09         |  |
| MONTANA              |              | Belfry 1960<br>Hot Springs 1898  |
| NEVADA               |              | Hermanas 1910  |
| NEW MEXICO<br>OREGON |              | Warm Springs Reservoir 1939  |
| UTAH                 |              | Hanksville 1956 Myton 1974   |
| WASHINGTON           |              | Wahluke 1930   |
| WYOMING              | 1.28         | Lysite 1960  |
| WIOTHING             | 1.20         | Lysite 1700  |
| UNITED STATES        | 0.00         | Greenland Ranch Death Valley California 1929                           |
|                      | 0.00         | Bagdad California 1913   |
| NORTH AMERICA        | 0.00         | Greenland Ranch Death Valley California U.S. 1929                      |
|                      | 0.00         | Bagdad California U.S. 1913  |
| MODID                | 0.00         | Greenland Ranch Death Valley California U.S. 1929                      |
| WORLD                |              |  |
|                      | 0.00         | Bagdad California U.S. 1913<br>Iquique Chile Nov 1945 through May 1957 |
|                      | 0.00         | Arica Chile Oct 1903 through Dec 1917                                  |
|                      |              | Kharga Egypt Dec 1957 through Mar 1960                                 |
|                      | 0.00         | Wadi Halfa Sudan Jun 1945 through Apr 1949                             |
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#### GREATEST SNOWFALL IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE   | 14.2   | Dec 28/29 1958   |
|---|--|--|
| ANCHORAGE   | 17.7   | Dec 28/29 1955   |
| BOISE   | 17.0   | Dec 16/17 1884   |
| CHEYENNE  | 19.8   | Nov 20 1979  |
| DENVER  | 23.6   | Dec 24 1982  |
| HELENA  | 21.5   | Nov 11/12 1959   |
| HONOLULU  | 0.0  |  |
| LAS VEGAS   | 9.0  | Jan 4/5 1974   |
| LOS ANGELES   | 2.0  | Jan 15 1932  |
| PHOENIX   | 1.0  | Jan 20 1933 Jan 20/21 1937   |
| PORTLAND  | 16.0   | Jan 31 - Feb 1 1937  |
| SALT LAKE CITY  | 18.1   | Dec 28/29 1972   |
| SAN FRANCISCO   | 3.7  | Feb 5 1887   |
| SEATTLE   | 21.5   | Feb 2 1916   |
| ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO HAWAII  IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING | 62.0<br>38.0<br>67.0<br>75.8<br>30.0<br>44.0<br>25.0<br>34.0<br>39.0<br>38.0<br>52.0<br>41.0 | Heber Ranger Station Dec 14 1967 Echo Summit Jan 4/5 1982 Silver Lake Apr 14/15 1921 (Regular measurements of the snowfall on MAUNA KEA and MAUNA LOA are not made) Pierce Ranger Station Dec 28 1968 Summit Jan 20 1972 Mt. Rose Resort Jan 20 1969 Red River Nov 29 1975 Bonneville Dam Jan 8/9 1980 Alta Dec 1/2 1982 |
| UNITED STATES   | 75.8   | Silver Lake Colorado Apr 14/15 1921  |
| NORTH AMERICA   | 75.8<br>44.0   | Silver Lake Colorado U.S. Apr 14/15 1921<br>Livingston Ranger Station Alberta Canada Jun 29 1963   |

# GREATEST SNOWFALL IN ONE STORM (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE    | 14.2  | Dec 28-29 1958   |
|----------------|-------|--|
| ANCHORAGE      | 35.7  | Dec 26-30 1955   |
| BOISE          | 23.6  | Dec 15-17 1884   |
| CHEYENNE       | 25.6  | Nov 19-21 1979   |
| DENVER         | 45.7  | Dec 1-6 1913   |
| HELENA         | 28.5  | Dec 5-14 1917  |
|                |       | Dec 3-14 1717  |
| HONOLULU       | 0.0   |  |
| LAS VEGAS      | 9.0   | Jan 4-5 1974   |
| LOS ANGELES    | 2.0   | Jan 15 1932  |
| PHOENIX        | 1.0   | Jan 20 1933 Jan 20-21 1937   |
| PORTLAND       | 27.5  | Dec 21-24 1892   |
| SALT LAKE CITY | 21.6  | Mar 13-14 1944   |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 3.7   | Feb 5 1887   |
| SEATTLE        | 32.5  | Jan 31-Feb 2 1916  |
| ALASKA         | 175.4 | Thompson Pass Dec 26-31 1955   |
| ARIZONA        | 67.0  |  |
| CALIFORNIA     | 189.0 | Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl Feb 13-19 1959                                     |
| COLORADO       | 141.0 | Ruby Mar 23-30 1899 (Regular measurements of the snowfall on MAUNA KEA |
| HAWAII         |       | and MAUNA LOA are not made)  |
| IDAHO          | 60.0  |  |
| MONTANA        | 77.5  | Summit Jan 17-22 1972  |
| NEVADA         | 75.0  | Mt. Rose Resort Jan 18-22 1969   |
| NEW MEXICO     | 45.5  |  |
| OREGON         |       | Crater Lake Mar 16-25 1975   |
| UTAH           |       | Alta Jan 24-30 1965  |
| WASHINGTON     | 129.0 | Laconia Feb 24-26 1910   |
| WYOMING        | 58.0  | Glenrock Apr 18-20 1973  |
| UNITED STATES  | 189.0 | Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl California Feb 13-19 1959                          |
| NORTH AMERICA  | 189.0 | Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl California U.S. Feb 13-19 1959                     |

TABLE 10

GREATEST SNOWFALL IN ONE CALENDAR MONTH (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE   | 14.7   | Dec 1959  |
|---|--|---|
| ANCHORAGE   | 48.5   | Feb 1955  |
| BOISE   | 36.6   | Dec 1884  |
| CHEYENNE  | 46.5   | Apr 1905  |
| DENVER  | 57.4   | Dec 1913  |
| HELENA  | 46.4   | Dec 1880  |
| HONOLULU  | 0.0  |   |
| LAS VEGAS   | 16.7   | Jan 1949  |
| LOS ANGELES   | 2.0  | Jan 1932  |
| PHOENIX   | 1.0  | Jan 1933 Jan 1937   |
| PORTLAND  | 41.4   | Jan 1950  |
| SALT LAKE CITY  | 41.9   | Mar 1977  |
| SAN FRANCISCO   | 3.7  | Feb 1887  |
| SEATTLE   | 57.2   | Jan 1950  |
| ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO HAWAII  IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING | 346.1<br>123.0<br>390.0<br>249.0<br>143.8<br>131.1<br>124.0<br>144.0<br>256.0<br>184.0<br>363.0<br>188.5 | Sunrise Mountain Mar 1973 Tamarack Jan 1911 Ruby Mar 1899 (Regular measurements of the snowfall on MAUNA KEA AND MAUNA LOA are not made) Burke Jan 1954 Summit Jan 1972 Mt. Rose Resort Jan 1969 Anchor Mine Mar 1912 Crater Lake Jan 1933 Alta Dec 1981 Rainier Paradise Ranger Station Jan 1925 |
| UNITED STATES   | 390.0  | Tamarack California Jan 1911  |
| NORTH AMERICA   | 390.0<br>202.0   | Tamarack California U.S. Jan 1911<br>Kemano Kildala Pass British Columbia Canada Feb 1954   |

TABLE 11

#### GREATEST SNOWFALL IN ONE SEASON (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE 37.4     | 1972-1973   |
|----------------------|---|
| ANCHORAGE 321.6      | 1954–1955   |
| BOISE 50.0           | 1916–1917   |
| CHEYENNE 121.5       | 1979–1980   |
| DENVER 118.7         | 1908–1909   |
| HELENA 112.8         | 1880-1881   |
| HONOLULU 0.0         | **  |
| LAS VEGAS 16.7       | 1948–1949   |
| LOS ANGELES 2.0      | 1931–1932   |
| PHOENIX 1.0          | 1932–1933 1936–1937                                       |
| PORTLAND 60.9        | 1892–1893   |
| SALT LAKE CITY 117.3 | 1951–1952   |
|                      |   |
| SAN FRANCISCO 3.7    |   |
| SEATTLE 67.5         | 1968–1969   |
| ALASKA 974.5         | Thompson Pass 1952-1952                                   |
| ARIZONA 400,9        | Sunrise Mountain 1972-1973                                |
| CALIFORNIA 884.0     | Tamarack 1906-1907  |
| COLORADO 837.5       | Wolf Creek Pass 1978-1979                                 |
| HAWAII               | (Regular measurements of the snowfall on MAUNA KEA        |
|                      | and MAUNA LOA are not made)                               |
| IDAHO 441.8          | Roland West Portal 1949-1950                              |
| MONTANA 418.1        | Cooke City 1977-1978                                      |
| NEVADA 323.0         | Mt. Rose Resort 1968-1969                                 |
| NEW MEXICO 483.0     | Anchor Mine 1911-1912                                     |
| OREGON 879.0         |   |
| UTAH 846.8           |   |
| WASHINGTON 1122.0    |   |
| WYOMING 491.6        | Bechler River 1932-1933                                   |
| UNITED STATES 1122.0 | Rainier Paradise Ranger Station Washington 1971-1972      |
| NORTH AMERICA 1122.0 | Rainier Paradise Ranger Station Washington U.S. 1971-1972 |
| 880.0                | Kemano Kildala Pass British Columbia Canada 1956-1957     |
|                      |   |

#### GREATEST DEPTH OF SNOW ON THE GROUND (INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE  | 14   | Dec 29 1958   |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| ANCHORAGE  | 47   | Dec 30/31 1955 Jan 1 1956   |  |  |
| BOISE  | 22   | Dec 17 1884   |  |  |
| CHEYENNE   | 26   | Nov 22/23 1979  |  |  |
| DENVER   | 33   | Dec 6 1913  |  |  |
| HELENA   | 24   | Dec 13 1917 Jan 27 1969   |  |  |
| HONOLULU   | 0  |   |  |  |
| LAS VEGAS  | 8  | Jan 5 1974  |  |  |
| LOS ANGELES  | 2  | Jan 15 1932   |  |  |
| PHOENIX  | 1  | Jan 20 1933 Jan 21 1937   |  |  |
| PORTLAND   | 19   | Feb 6 1893  |  |  |
| SALT LAKE CITY   | 23   | Jan 31 1942   |  |  |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 4  | Feb 5 1887  |  |  |
| SEATTLE  | 29   | Feb 2 1916  |  |  |
| ALASKA<br>ARIZONA<br>CALIFORNIA<br>COLORADO<br>HAWAII          | 190<br>91<br>451<br>254                            | Thane Camp #4 Mar 28 1917 Hawley Lake Dec 21 1967 Tamarack Mar 11 1911 Ruby Mar 30 1899 (Regular measurements of the depth of snow on the ground on MAUNA KEA and MAUNA LOA are not made, but drifts of more than 8 feet have been observed on the summit of MAUNA KEA) |  |  |
| IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING | 182<br>190<br>173<br>95<br>246<br>179<br>367<br>96 | Mullan Pass Feb 20 1954 Summit Feb 1 1972 Tahoe Meadows Feb 27 1969 Sandia Crest Apr 4 1973 Timberline Lodge Mar 19 1950 Alta Apr 5 1958 Rainier Paradise Ranger Station Mar 9 1956 Bechler River Mar 3 1939 Snake River Mar 8/9 1974                                   |  |  |
| UNITED STATES  | 451  | Tamarack California Mar 11 1911   |  |  |
| NORTH AMERICA  | 451  | Tamarack California U.S. Mar 11 1911  |  |  |

TABLE 13

#### HIGHEST SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE (MILLIBARS AND INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE   | 1044.7 / 30.85   | Dec 22 1967   |
|---|--|---|
| ANCHORAGE   | 1053.2 / 31.10   | Jan 18 1962   |
| BOISE   | 1054.2 / 31.13   | Jan 21 1930   |
| CHEYENNE  | 1054.5 / 31/14   | Jan 10 1962   |
| DENVER  | 1057.9 / 31/24   | Jan 10 1962   |
| HELENA  | 1063.3 / 31.40   | Jan 9 1962  |
| HONOLULU  | 1062.8 / 30.32   | Feb 10 1919   |
| LAS VEGAS   | 1043.0 / 30.80   | Dec 22 1967   |
| LOS ANGELES   | 1035.9 / 30.59   | Feb 17 1883   |
| PHOENIX   | 1036.9 / 30.62   | Dec 24 1898 Jan 24 1938   |
| PORTLAND  | 1044.4 / 30.84   | Feb 2 1880  |
| SALT LAKE CITY  | 1052.8 / 31.09   | Dec 8/9 1956  |
| SAN FRANCISCO   | 1037.6 / 30.64   | Mar 4 1902  |
| SEATTLE   | 1044.0 / 30.83   | Dec 3 1921  |
| ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO HAWAII  IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING | 1064.3 / 31.43<br>1056.8 / 31.21<br>1041.0 / 30.74<br>1060.6 / 31.32<br>1026.8 / 30.32<br>1058.0 / 31.24<br>1063.3 / 31.40<br>1053.5 / 31.11<br>1051.9 / 31.06<br>1054.7 / 31.15<br>1054.2 / 31.13<br>1053.4 / 31.11<br>1060.3 / 31.31 | Barrow Jan 3 1970 Grand Canyon Dec 22 1967 Sacramento Feb 17 1883 Alamosa Dec 14 1964 Honolulu Feb 10 1919 Lihue Jan 27 1955 Idaho Falls Jan 1 1979 Helena Jan 9 1962 Elko Dec 9 1956 Farmington Dec 22 1967 Baker Jan 1 1979 Milford Dec 9 1956 Walla Walla Jan 1 1979 Casper Jan 9 1962 |
| UNITED STATES   | 1064.3 / 31.43   | Barrow Alaska Jan 3 1970  |
| NORTH AMERICA   | 1067.6 / 31.53   | Mayo Yukon Territory Canada Jan 1 1974  |
| WORLD   | 1083.8 / 32.01<br>1078.9 / 31.86<br>1075.2 / 31.75   | Agata Siberia U.S.S.R. Dec 31 1968<br>Barnaul Siberia U.S.S.R. Jan 23 1900<br>Irkutsk Siberia U.S.S.R. Jan 14 1893  |

TABLE 14

LOWEST SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE (MILLIBARS AND INCHES)

| ALBUQUERQUE  | 983.1 / 29.03                  | Oct 5 1948   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| ANCHORAGE  | 952.9 / 28.14                  | Jan 1 1948   |
| BOISE  | 981.0 / 28.97                  | Dec 23 1955  |
| CHEYENNE   | 977.3 / 28.86                  | Jan 12 1932  |
| DENVER   | 976.3 / 28.83                  | Feb 9 1960   |
| HELENA   | 979.3 / 28.92                  | Jan 11 1932  |
| HONOLULU   | 993.6 / 29.34                  | Feb 3 1926   |
| LAS VEGAS  | 987.8 / 29.17                  |  |
| LOS ANGELES  | 990.9 / 29.26                  | Mar 10 1912  |
|  |                                |  |
| PHOENIX  | 992.9 / 29.32                  | •  |
| PORTLAND   | 967.2 / 28.56                  |  |
| SALT LAKE CITY   | 982.4 / 29.01                  |  |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | 977.0 / 28.85                  |  |
| SEATTLE  | 973.9 / 28.76                  | Jan 12 1980  |
| ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO HAWAII IDAHO MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO OREGON UTAH WASHINGTON WYOMING UNITED STATES NORTH AMERICA |                                | Dutch Harbor Oct 25 1977 Flagstaff Feb 7 1937 Point Reyes Jan 27 1916 Lamar Mar 13 1973 Barking Sands Nov 23 1982 Boise Dec 23 1955 Havre Jan 11 1932 Winnemucca Jan 27 1916 Clayton Feb 8/9 1960 Portland Jan 9 1880 Salt Lake City Nov 30 1982 Tatoosh Island Dec 6 1952 Cheyenne Jan 12 1932 Matecumbe Key Florida Sep 2 1935 Matecumbe Key Florida U.S. Sep 2 1935 |
| WORLD  | 870.0 / 25.69                  | 520 miles northwest of Guam by dropsonde in  |
|  |                                | eye of Typhoon Tip (16° 44'N, 137° 46'E)<br>Oct 12 1979  |
| * * *  | 876.0 / 25.87                  | 264 miles west of Guam by dropsonde in eye of Typhoon June Nov 19 1975   |
|  | 877.0 / 25.90<br>877.4 / 25.91 | 750 miles east of Luzon Philippines by<br>dropsonde in eye of Typhoon Ida Sep 24 1958<br>420 miles east of Manila Philippines by   |
|  |                                | dropsonde in eye of Typhoon Nora Oct 6 1973  |

#### HIGHEST WIND SPEED (MILES PER HOUR)

| ALBUQUERQUE    | 90  | Fastest Mile Dec 9 1943                                 |
|----------------|-----|---|
| ANCHORAGE      | 74  | Peak Gust Jan 15 1971                                   |
|                | 66  | Fastest Mile Apr 14 1945 Nov 23 1950                    |
| BOISE          | 61  | Fastest Mile Jul 29 1944                                |
| CHEYENNE       | 75  | Fastest Mile Mar 6 1972                                 |
| DENVER         | 70  | Peak Gust Apr 16 1960 Jul 25 1965                       |
| DELIVER        | 65  | Fastest Mile May 22 1933                                |
| HELENA         | 73  | Fastest Mile Jan 17 1944 Feb 16 1949                    |
| HONOLULU       | 83  | Peak Gust Jan 17 1959                                   |
| HONOLOLE       | 67  | Fastest Mile Jan 17 1959                                |
| LAS VEGAS      | 75  | Peak Gust Jul 14 1971                                   |
| LAS VEGAS      | 64  | Fastest Mile Jul 14 1971 Jul 29 1976                    |
| LOC ANCELES    | 62  | Peak Gust Mar 1 1952                                    |
| LOS ANGELES    | 86  | Peak Gust Jul 7 1976                                    |
| PHOENIX        |     |   |
| PORTLAND       | 90  | Peak Gust Oct 12 1962<br>Fastest Mile Oct 12 1962       |
| CTMV           | 88  |   |
| SALT LAKE CITY | -   | Peak Gust Jun 3 1963                                    |
|                | 71  |   |
| SAN FRANCISCO  | -   | One Minute Jan 30 1963                                  |
| SEATTLE        | 66  | Fastest Mile Nov 14 1981                                |
|                | 0.1 | 7   |
| ALASKA         | 94  | Fastest Mile Valdez Jan 10 1980                         |
|                | 93  | One Minute Kotzebue Feb 25 1951                         |
|                | 159 | Peak Gust Attu Dec 7 1950                               |
| ARIZONA        | 92  | Peak Gust Mesa Aug 13 1983                              |
| CALIFORNIA     | 101 | Peak Gust Sandberg Mar 25 1975                          |
|                | 77  | One Minute Sandberg Feb 10 1960                         |
| COLORADO       | 80  | Fastest Mile Pueblo Jan 17 1950                         |
|                | 143 | Peak Gust Boulder Jan 11 1972                           |
| HAWAII         | 103 | Peak Gust Kilauea Point Aug 7 1959                      |
| IDAHO          | 72  | Fastest Mile Pocatello Mar 24 1955                      |
| MONTANA        | 82  | Fastest Mile Great Falls Dec 10 1956                    |
| NEVADA         | 80  | Fastest Mile Reno Jan 10 1968 Mar 12 1968               |
| NEW MEXICO     | 108 | Peak Gust Raton Feb 1 1963                              |
|                | .90 | Fastest Mile Albuquerque Dec 9 1943                     |
| OREGON         | 96  | Peak Gust Astoria Oct 12 1962                           |
|                | 88  | Fastest Mile Portland Oct 12 1962                       |
| UTAH           | 94  | Peak Gust Salt Lake City Jun 3 1963                     |
|                | 71  | Fastest Mile Salt Lake City Mar 10 1954                 |
| WASHINGTON     | 113 |   |
| WYOMING        | 96  | Peak Gust Sheridan Nov 27 1949                          |
|                | 84  | Fastest Mile Sheridan Nov 27 1949                       |
|                |     |   |
| UNITED STATES  | 231 | Peak Gust Mt. Washington New Hampshire Apr 12 1934      |
|                | 188 | Five Minute Mt. Washington New Hampshire Apr 12 1934    |
|                |     |   |
| NORTH AMERICA  | 231 | Peak Gust Mt. Washington New Hampshire U.S. Apr 12 1934 |
|                | 188 |   |
|                |     |   |
| WORLD          | 231 | Peak Gust Mt. Washington New Hampshire U.S. Apr 12 1934 |
|                | 188 | 11 17 10 1 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1           |
|                | 207 | 1 1 1 0 1070  |
|                | -   |   |

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