

# Weather

Weather has always been a critical factor in the lives of Montanans. From drought to fire to blizzards, weather consistently provides challenges to Montana residents. MHS collections include both official records and personal accounts of weather in Montana.

## Featured Collections

United States Weather Bureau (Helena, Mont.) records 1867-1989 (MC 396) *Finding aid available online.*

Most are for the Helena, Montana station, but there are also records for volunteer observers in many towns across the state, plus official records for Fort Assiniboine (1888) and Fort Custer (1882-1891).

Anaconda Copper Mining Company Records (MC 169)

*Finding aid available online.*

Includes 2 weather related files: "Weather observations and instruments" 1903-1940, 1952 (Box 192, Folders 8-9); and Meteorological charts, 1908-1958 (Box 222, Folders 1-4), both taken by Great Falls Reduction Dept.

Montana Climate (US 551.M76U)

Describes Montana's topography and climate which includes discussion of temperature ranges, precipitation, humidity and types of storms. Additionally, comparisons are made between the eastern and western sections.

Charles Banderob interview, 1982 (OH 310)

A Ballantine, Montana resident, discusses the farming history of the Huntley Project area, the struggles of farmers during drought and the Great Depression years, and his involvement with, and benefits of, the Farmers Union.

The Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory: a 50-year dedication to understanding wildlands and fire (US 363.379) *Available online.*

This report explores the tradition of research within the Forest Service and how these early research programs, including fire-related research at the Priest River Experimental Forest, contributed to the establishment of the Fire Lab.

For more resources, follow the link located at the bottom of the online version of this guide.



Snow slide and C.M. & P.S. Locomotive along the St. Regis River.  
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