

# The Weather Watcher

of the Inland Northwest

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## Fire Season 2013 Outlook

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☀ *Bob Tobin*



### Flash Flood Con-

☀ *Katherine Rowden*

### Editor's Notes

Severe weather has been in news lately due to the recent tornado outbreaks, flooding, and upcoming hurricane season. It reminds us of how weather impacts our lives and to prepare for severe or hazardous weather before it strikes. Although weather events across the Inland Northwest may not seem as devastating, the potential still exists. Remember the severe weather last July and the Cascade wild fires last September.

We are always looking for new ideas, pictures and stories for our publication. If you have any to share, please contact us at (509) 244-0110 or email [nws.spokane@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.spokane@noaa.gov).

This newsletter and past issues are available online on our NWS Spokane web page.

The main purpose of this publication is to keep our readers informed about NWS services and programs, and recognize those who help us with our mission, including weather spotters, observers, media, emergency managers, and government agencies.

All articles are written by the NWS staff. A special thanks goes to Ron Miller, Katherine Rowden, Bob Tobin & Mark Turner for their help.

# Spring 2013 in Review

## NWS Spokane

Meteorologist In Charge

Administrative Assistant

Science Operations Officer

Warning Coordination Meteorologist

Service Hydrologist

Information Technology Officer

Observation Program Leader

Lead Forecasters

General Forecasters

Meteorologist Interns

Electronic Systems Analyst

Electronic Technicians

Facilities Technician

### March

### May



3" 1" 2.9"

8 12"  
3.5"

5.8" 4.5"

1.20"

### April

0.46" 0.45" 0.72" 3.2"

☀ *Ron Miller*

# Cooperative Observer Awards

# Staff News

**Dan Williams**  
*Award*

*John Campanius Holm*

☀ *Ron Miller*

15” 2.00”

“  
**Greg Galbreath**  
*Thomas Jefferson Award*”

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” ☀ *Mark Turner*

## Spring Weather Statistics

Wenatchee Water Plant	Mar	April	May	Total
Lewiston Airport	Mar	April	May	Total
Spokane Airport	Mar	April	May	Total

## Remember your Summer Spotter Checklist

## Spotter Updates

## CoCoRaHS

**Tornado or Funnel Cloud**

**Hail:** pea size or larger

**Strong Winds:**  
30mph+ or damage

**Reduced Visibility:**  
under a mile due to rain, dust...

**Heavy Rain:**  
Showery: 1/2" + in 1 hr  
Steady Rain: 1"+ in 12 hrs  
or 1.5"+ in 24 hrs

**Any Flooding**

**Travel Problems or Any Damage:** due to severe or hazardous weather.

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**Watch :** Conditions are favorable for severe or hazardous weather around the watch area.  
**CAUTION—Watch the Sky!**

**Warning :** Severe or hazardous weather is likely or is occurring in the warned area.  
**DANGER—ACT NOW!**

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**Trivia:** What is the average number of 100° days in the summer?