

A late season winter storm impacted all of northcentral and southwest Montana May 21st through the 24th. An upper level low pressure system moved into the state from the west the morning of the 23rd and proceeded to move northeast into northeast Montana on Monday, May 24th. The impact on the area was widespread rain and snow. Snowfall amounts included 11 inches at the Lower Twin SNOTEL site 15 miles northwest of Ennis in Madison County, and 11 inches at the Onion Park SNOTEL site 25 miles north of White Sulphur Springs in Meagher County. Another 11 inches of snow fell at Half Moon Pass in southern Fergus County.

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GREAT FALLS MT
1030 AM MDT MON MAY 24 2004

...PRECIPITATION TOTALS FROM MAY 21-24 2004...

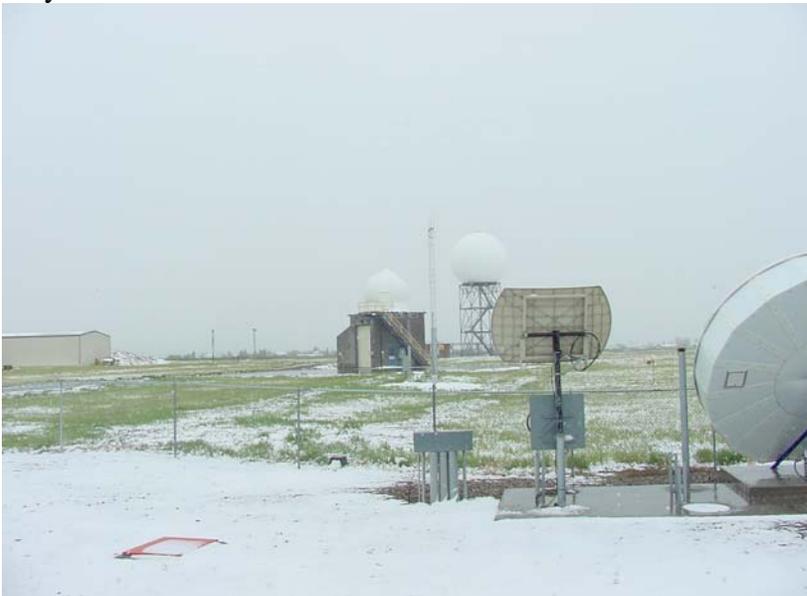
A SERIES OF DISTURBANCES BROUGHT SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL...WITH SNOW AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS...TO SOUTHWEST AND NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF PRECIPITATION REPORTS FROM MAY 21 THROUGH THE MORNING OF MAY 24.

LOCATION	AMOUNT
ALDER 17S	2.14
ARMELLS CREEK	1.88
BENCHMARK	0.86
BOWMANS CORNER	1.06
BOZEMAN AIRPORT	1.50
BOZEMAN AGRIMET	0.80
BRADY	0.88
BROWNING	0.82
CASCADE 5S	2.71
CUT BANK	0.98
DEEP CREEK RAWS	0.90
DEL BONITA	2.20
DILLON	0.66
DUTTON 9NNE	1.19
ENNIS	1.18
FAIRFIELD	0.64
FARMINGTON	1.02
GALENA RAWS	0.94
GATES PARK	0.43
GINGER RAWS	1.70
GOAT HAUNT	0.75
GRANT	0.34
GREAT FALLS	1.66
HARLEM AGRIMET	1.25
HAVRE AIRPORT	1.56
HAVRE /CITY/	2.24
HELENA	0.95
LINCOLN	0.52
LITTLE BULLWHACKER	2.05
MALMSTROM	1.56
MOCASSIN	1.35
PORPHORY PEAK	2.44
RED ROCK /SW/	0.76

ROCKY BOY 1.32
ROY 1.59
RUBY VALLEY/LAURIN 1.75
ST MARY 1.14
TOSTON 1.61
TURNER AGRIMET 1.22
ULM 2.00
WEST YELLOWSTONE 1.25
WHITEHALL 1.60
WHITE SULPHUR SPGS 2.00
WINDHAM 1.57



Moderate snow falls at the NWS office in Great Falls. Picture taken at 2:30 pm MDT May 23rd.



Three inches of snow fell Sunday, May 23rd, 2004 at the NWS office in Great Falls. Picture taken at 2:30 pm looking south from the office.