



Weather or Not By Lloyd Holm

Mark Twain said, "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Well, I do. I record it. I have a weather station in my back yard and have kept a record of Butte Falls weather for many years. I thought I would share some of last years weather with you.

Weather records are usually kept by the "water year" which is from Sept. 1st to Aug. 31st. This last year was a wet one for us. Our normal yearly precipitation in Butte Falls is 35 inches. This last water year we had 47.25 inches, or 12.25 inches above normal. We had 137 days with measurable precipitation, and 18 days with measurable snow (one tenth inch or more). Total snow for the year was about 16 inches, but the most snow on any one day was only 2.5 inches. This is much below normal.

Our hottest days were on June 25th and 26th with 103 degrees (Whew!) This is very early for that kind of heat, our hottest days usually fall in July or August. Our coldest temperature was 12 degrees and that was on three early mornings, February 16th, 19th and 20th. This about normal, our lowest temperatures are usually -5 to 10 degrees, and usually fall in January or February. The lowest I have ever recorded is -20 degrees back in the early 80's. For those of you that remember, that was the year temperatures in the valley fell to zero or below and water pipes were breaking everywhere. The valley plumbers had a field day!

Below are some statistics for the water year by month (Sept. 1, 2005 to Sept. 1, 2006).

Month	Highest Temp.	Lowest Temp	Precip.	Snow
Sept. 05	90	31	1.52"	0"
Oct.	79	24	2.34	0
Nov.	62	25	11.52	2.5
Dec.	60	13	9.87	3.5
Jan. 06	61	24	10.70	3.25
Feb.	67	12	2.50	0
March	60	13	3.92	6.5
April	82	24	2.47	0
May	91	27	1.33	0
June	103	36	.98	0
July	102	38	.01	0
Aug.	99	36	.09	0
Entire Year	Ave. High 63	Ave. Low 36	47.25	15.75



Have a nice year and enjoy the great Butte Falls weather.

                        
 Lloyd - I am truly sorry for not putting this in sooner, I thought I had already done it. I
 remember proof-reading it, but apparently that's all I did with it. PLEASE accept my
 apologies! Lori Paxton 
                        