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Surface Meteorological Data

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Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre Surface Meteorological Data

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Summary

The Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre (SFFCC) provided surface meteorological data to BOREAS from its archive. This data set contains hourly surface meteorological data from 18 of the meteorological stations located across Saskatchewan. Included in these data are parameters of date, time, temperature, relative humidity, wind direction, wind speed, and precipitation. Temporally, the data cover the period of May through September of 1994 and 1995. The data are provided in comma-delimited ASCII files, and are classified as AFM-Staff data.

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1. Data Set Overview

1.1 Data Set Identification
Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre Surface Meteorological Data

1.2 Data Set Introduction
These data contain hourly reports from 18 surface meteorological stations across Saskatchewan, Canada. Included in these data are parameters of date, time, temperature, relative humidity, wind direction, wind speed, and precipitation.

1.3 Objective/Purpose
For the BOReal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study (BOREAS), the Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre (SFFCC) meteorological data, along with the other climate information, were obtained in order to provide spatially and temporally extensive information over the region. The SFFCC monitoring sites were established to provide hourly weather reports, input to the operational program of forecasts and warnings, input to operational weather prediction models, and climate data.
1.4 **Summary of Parameters**
Parameters include date, time, temperature, relative humidity, wind direction, wind speed, and precipitation.

1.5 **Discussion**
These data were compiled by SFFCC from observations at remote automatic weather stations.

1.6 **Related Data Sets**
- BOREAS AFM-07 SRC Surface Meteorological and Radiation Data
- BOREAS AES MARS II Surface Meteorological Data
- BOREAS AES READAC Surface Meteorological Data
- BOREAS AES Five-Day Averaged Surface Meteorological and Upper Air Data
- AES Canadian Hourly and Daily Surface Meteorological Data

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3. Theory of Measurements

BOREAS staff does not have any detailed information on how the original full resolution measurements were made at the various SFFCC stations. The best source of information for this would be SFFCC. Due to turnover and staff changes at SFFCC, there is not a single point of contact for these data at this time.

4. Equipment

4.1 Sensor/Instrument Description

BOREAS staff does not have specific descriptions of the various types of instruments used by SFFCC to collect the data. Users are encouraged to contact SFFCC.

4.1.1 Collection Environment

The data were collected continuously in all types of weather.

4.1.2 Source/Platform

None given.

4.1.3 Source/Platform Mission Objectives

None given.

4.1.4 Key Variables

The parameters are date, time, temperature, relative humidity, wind direction, wind speed, and precipitation.

4.1.5 Principles of Operation

None given.

4.1.6 Sensor/Instrument Measurement Geometry

These data were compiled by SFFCC from observations at remote automatic weather stations.

4.1.7 Manufacturer of Sensor/Instrument

None given.

4.2 Calibration

4.2.1 Specifications

None given.

4.2.1.1 Tolerance

None given.

4.2.2 Frequency of Calibration

None given.

4.2.3 Other Calibration Information

None given.
5. Data Acquisition Methods

These data were compiled by SFFCC from observations at remote automatic weather stations.

6. Observations

6.1 Data Notes
None given.

6.2 Field Notes
These are historical data.

7. Data Description

7.1 Spatial Characteristics

7.1.1 Spatial Coverage
The following table contains the latitude and longitude coordinates for each station. Information provided to BOREAS Information System (BORIS) staff indicated that the latitude and longitude coordinates of each station depended on whatever reference map was used at the time of station siting. As such, it is not clear what datum(s) should be associated with the coordinates.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Station Name</th>
<th>Latitude</th>
<th>Longitude</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BESNARD, SK</td>
<td>55.3833° N</td>
<td>106.0833° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIVIDE, SK</td>
<td>53.8833° N</td>
<td>108.4167° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VIMY, SK</td>
<td>53.8167° N</td>
<td>107.5500° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RABBIT HILL, SK</td>
<td>54.3300° N</td>
<td>107.1833° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIG RIVER, SK</td>
<td>53.8333° N</td>
<td>107.0333° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WABENO, SK</td>
<td>54.3500° N</td>
<td>106.4700° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WASKESEIU, SK</td>
<td>53.9167° N</td>
<td>106.0833° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WYAKWIN, SK</td>
<td>54.4667° N</td>
<td>105.7833° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LITTLE BEAR, SK</td>
<td>54.2500° N</td>
<td>104.5000° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CANDLE LAKE, SK</td>
<td>53.7830° N</td>
<td>105.1330° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EBCAM, SK</td>
<td>53.6333° N</td>
<td>103.3667° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WILD CAT HILLS, SK</td>
<td>53.3333° N</td>
<td>102.4844° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COOKSON, SK</td>
<td>53.6670° N</td>
<td>106.5000° W</td>
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<td>TRACEY, SK</td>
<td>54.9167° N</td>
<td>105.5000° W</td>
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<tr>
<td>DORE, SK</td>
<td>54.6081° N</td>
<td>107.3611° W</td>
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<td>MIRASTY, SK</td>
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<td>107.1071° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAGGART, SK</td>
<td>54.2500° N</td>
<td>107.3968° W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HACKETT, SK</td>
<td>54.0946° N</td>
<td>106.9048° W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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7.1.2 Spatial Coverage Map
Not available.

7.1.3 Spatial Resolution
The data represent point measurements of the various parameters at the locations given.

7.1.4 Projection
Not applicable.
7.1.5 Grid Description
Not applicable.

7.2 Temporal Characteristics

7.2.1 Temporal Coverage
All of the stations collected data from 05-May to 30-Sep-1994 and from 01-May to 30-Sep-1995.

7.2.2 Temporal Coverage Map
Not available.

7.2.3 Temporal Resolution
BOREAS received data recorded at 1-hour intervals during the entire data collection period.

7.3 Data Characteristics

7.3.1 Parameter/Variable
The parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SITE_NAME</td>
<td>The identifier assigned to the site by BOREAS, in the format SSS-TTT-CCCCC, where SSS identifies the portion of the study area: NSA, SSA, REG, TRN, and TTT identifies the cover type for the site. 999 if unknown, and CCCCC is the identifier for site, exactly what it means will vary with site type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUB_SITE</td>
<td>The identifier assigned to the sub-site by BOREAS, in the format GGGG-IIIII, where GGGG is the group associated with the sub-site instrument e.g. HYD06 or STAFF, and IIIII is the identifier for sub-site, often this will refer to an instrument.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE_OBS</td>
<td>The date on which the data were collected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME_OBS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATION_ID</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AIR_TEMP</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REL_HUM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_DIR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_SPEED</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_HOUR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_24HOUR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRTFCN_CODE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REVISION_DATE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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The Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) when the data were collected.
The station identifier from which the measurement came.
The air temperature.
The calculated relative humidity.
The direction from which the wind was traveling, increasing in a clockwise direction from north.
The wind speed.
The total amount of liquid precipitation that has fallen within the last hour (minute 00).
The total amount of rainfall measured during the last 24 hours (12Z to 12Z).
The BOREAS certification level of the data. Examples are CPI (Checked by PI), CGR (Certified by Group), PRE (Preliminary), and CPI-?? (CPI but questionable).
The most recent date when the information in the referenced data base table record was revised.

7.3.3 Unit of Measurement
The measurement units for the parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Units</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SITE_NAME</td>
<td>[none]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUB_SITE</td>
<td>[none]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE_OBS</td>
<td>[DD-MON-YY]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME_OBS</td>
<td>[HHMM GMT]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATION_ID</td>
<td>[none]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AIR_TEMP</td>
<td>[degrees Celsius]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REL_HUM</td>
<td>[percent]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_DIR</td>
<td>[degrees]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_SPEED</td>
<td>[meters][second^-1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_HOUR</td>
<td>[millimeters]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_24HOUR</td>
<td>[millimeters]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRTFCN_CODE</td>
<td>[none]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REVISION_DATE</td>
<td>[DD-MON-YY]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7.3.4 Data Source
The sources of the parameter values contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Data Source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SITE_NAME</td>
<td>[Assigned by BORIS]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUB_SITE</td>
<td>[Assigned by BORIS]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE_OBS</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME_OBS</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATION_ID</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AIR_TEMP</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REL_HUM</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_DIR</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_SPEED</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_HOUR</td>
<td>[Supplied by SFFCC]</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
### 7.3.5 Data Range

The following table gives information about the parameter values found in the data files on the CD-ROM.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Minimum Data Value</th>
<th>Maximum Data Value</th>
<th>Missing Data Value</th>
<th>Unrel Data Value</th>
<th>Below Detect Limit</th>
<th>Data Not Collected</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SITE_NAME</td>
<td>REG-999-BEA01</td>
<td>SSA-999-WSK01</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUB_SITE</td>
<td>STAFF-FRS01</td>
<td>STAFF-FRS01</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE_OBS</td>
<td>05-MAY-94</td>
<td>01-OCT-95</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME_OBS</td>
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<td>2300</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATION_ID</td>
<td>BEAUV</td>
<td>WYKWN</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AIR_TEMP</td>
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<td>37.1</td>
<td>-999</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REL_HUM</td>
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<td>100</td>
<td>-999</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_DIR</td>
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<td>315</td>
<td>-999</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WIND_SPEED</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>51.2</td>
<td>-999</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_HOUR</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>31.75</td>
<td>-999</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAINFALL_LAST_24HOUR</td>
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<td>138.17</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Blank</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRTFCN_CODE</td>
<td>CPI</td>
<td>CPI</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REVISION_DATE</td>
<td>07-AUG-96</td>
<td>04-APR-97</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Minimum Data Value** -- The minimum value found in the column.

**Maximum Data Value** -- The maximum value found in the column.

**Missing Data Value** -- The value that indicates missing data. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

**Unrel Data Value** -- The value that indicates unreliable data. This is used to indicate an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the value was deemed to be unreliable by the analysis personnel.

**Below Detect Limit** -- The value that indicates parameter values below the instruments detection limits. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the analysis personnel determined that the parameter value was below the detection limit of the instrumentation.

**Data Not Collected** -- This value indicates that no attempt was made to determine the parameter value. This usually indicates that BORIS combined several similar but not identical data sets into the same data base table but this particular science team did not measure that parameter.

**Blank** -- Indicates that blank spaces are used to denote that type of value.

**N/A** -- Indicates that the value is not applicable to the respective column.

**None** -- Indicates that no values of that sort were found in the column.
7.4 Sample Data Record
The following are wrapped versions of data record from a sample data file on the CD-ROM.

```
SITE_NAME, SUB_SITE, DATE_OBS, TIME_OBS, STATION_ID, AIR_TEMP, REL_HUM, WIND_DIR, WIND_SPEED, RAINFALL_LAST_HOUR, RAINFALL_LAST_24HOUR, CRTFCN_CODE, REVISION_DATE
'REG-999-BRI02', 'STAFF-FRS01', 05-MAY-94, 700, 'BRVR', 34.0, 90, 0.0, 0.0, , 'CPI', 07-AUG-96
'REG-999-BRI02', 'STAFF-FRS01', 05-MAY-94, 800, 'BRVR', -3.3, 38.0, 90, 0.0, 0.0, , 'CPI', 07-AUG-96
```

8. Data Organization

8.1 Data Granularity
The smallest unit of data is a yearly set of hourly records for one station.

8.2 Data Format(s)
The Compact Disk-Read-Only Memory (CD-ROM) files contain American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) numerical and character fields of varying length separated by commas. The character fields are enclosed with single apostrophe marks. There are no spaces between the fields.

Each data file on the CD-ROM has four header lines of Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) code at the top. When viewed with a Web browser, this code displays header information (data set title, location, date, acknowledgments, etc.) and a series of HTML links to associated data files and related data sets. Line 5 of each data file is a list of the column names, and line 6 and following lines contain the actual data.

9. Data Manipulations

9.1 Formulae
None given.

9.1.1 Derivation Techniques and Algorithms
None given.

9.2 Data Processing Sequence

9.2.1 Processing Steps
BORIS personnel loaded these data into a relational data base and converted the units to match those of other data sets.

9.2.2 Processing Changes
None given.

9.3 Calculations

9.3.1 Special Corrections/Adjustments
None given.

9.3.2 Calculated Variables
None given.
9.4 Graphs and Plots
None given.

10. Errors

10.1 Sources of Error
None given.

10.2 Quality Assessment
None given.

10.2.1 Data Validation by Source
None given.

10.2.2 Confidence Level/Accuracy Judgment
A quality assessment has not been done on these data.

10.2.3 Measurement Error for Parameters
None given.

10.2.4 Additional Quality Assessments
None given.

10.2.5 Data Verification by Data Center
None given.

11. Notes

11.1 Limitations of the Data
See Section 10.2.2.

11.2 Known Problems with the Data
A quality assessment has not been done on these data.

11.3 Usage Guidance
Users are advised to read the information in this document before using the data.

11.4 Other Relevant Information
None given.

12. Application of the Data Set
None given.

13. Future Modifications and Plans
None given.

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14. Software

14.1 Software Description
None given.

14.2 Software Access
None given.

15. Data Access

The SFFCC surface meteorological data are available from the Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC).

15.1 Contact Information
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15.2 Data Center Identification
Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) for Biogeochemical Dynamics

15.3 Procedures for Obtaining Data
Users may obtain data directly through the ORNL DAAC online search and order system [http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/] and the anonymous FTP site [ftp://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/data/] or by contacting User Services by electronic mail, telephone, fax, letter, or personal visit using the contact information in Section 15.1.

15.4 Data Center Status/Plans
The ORNL DAAC is the primary source for BOREAS field measurement, image, GIS, and hardcopy data products. The BOREAS CD-ROM and data referenced or listed in inventories on the CD-ROM are available from the ORNL DAAC.

16. Output Products and Availability

16.1 Tape Products
None.

16.2 Film Products
None.

16.3 Other Products
These data are available on the BOREAS CD-ROM series.
17. References

17.1 Platform/Sensor/Instrument/Data Processing Documentation
None.

17.2 Journal Articles and Study Reports


17.3 Archive/DBMS Usage Documentation
None.

18. Glossary of Terms
None.
19. List of Acronyms

AES - Atmospheric and Environment Service
AFM - Airborne Fluxes and Meteorology
ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange
BOREAS - BOREal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study
BORIS - BOREAS Information System
CD-ROM - Compact Disk Read-Only Memory
CGR - Certified by Group
CPI - Checked by PI
CPI-?? - CPI but questionable
DAAC - Distributed Active Archive Center
EOS - Earth Observing System
EOSDIS - EOS Data and Information System
GIS - Geographic Information System
GMT - Greenwich Mean Time
GSFC - Goddard Space Flight Center
HTML - HyperText Markup Language
MARSII - Meteorological Automatic Reporting System II
MB - Manitoba
NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NSA - Northern Study Area
ORNL - Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PANP - Prince Albert National Park
PI - Principal Investigator
PRE - Preliminary
READAC - Remote Environmental Automated Data Acquisition Concept
SFFCC - Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre
SK - Saskatchewan
SSA - Southern Study Area
T/RH - Temperature / Relative Humidity
TBRG - Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge
URL - Uniform Resource Locator

20. Document Information

20.1 Document Revision Date
Written: 06-Oct-1998
Last Updated: 18-Aug-1999

20.2 Document Review Date(s)
Science Review:

20.3 Document ID
20.4 Citation

When using these data, please include the following acknowledgment as well as citations of relevant papers in Section 17.2:

These data were collected and provided to BORIS by the Saskatchewan Forest Fire Control Centre. Their willingness and efforts to provide the data are greatly appreciated.

If using data from the BOREAS CD-ROM series, also reference the data as:


Also, cite the BOREAS CD-ROM set as:


20.5 Document Curator

20.6 Document URL
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BOREAS, aircraft flux meteorology.