

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OBSERVER

Station _____ County _____ State _____

Effective date of agreement _____

I agree to give reasonable care and protection to the instruments furnished by the National Weather Service, and to furnish free of charge observations and/or services listed below and suitable space for installation and exposure of instruments, until this agreement is terminated by notice by either party to the other. During the term of this agreement, I will permit National Weather Service officials and/or alternate observers free ingress and egress to the equipment for purposes of taking observations, inspections, or maintenance but assume no liability for injuries which might occur to such persons while on the premise.

(signature of cooperative observer)

Mr.. Mrs., Ms., Miss _____
(type one given name, initial or initials, and surname of observer, or name of organization)

Equipment is located at _____
(street address, building name, room number, highway number, etc.)

Observations and/or services to be provided _____

Equipment provided _____

Remarks _____

Approved _____ Title _____ Date _____

Original to RCMP, Copies to Cooperative Program Manager and Observer.

(Follow instructions on other side)

ACTIONS REQUIRING THE USE OF WS FORM B-30

1. The original agreement with a cooperative observer, storm warning displayman, flood warning distributor. etc.
2. The original agreement with a company of organization to provide observations to be taken by its personnel at one or more locations.
3. Any material change in terms of agreement with cooperative personnel already rendering service to the Weather Service, such as adding river observations at a climatological station, etc.
4. Space agreement for installation of instrumental equipment when the property upon which it is proposed to install instrumental equipment is controlled by an individual or organization other than the individual or organization responsible for the personal service.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF THE FORM

Sufficient copies should be prepared to provide one for the observer, the RCMP, the direct supervising office (if other than RCMP), and the Cooperative Program Manager. The forms may be prepared by any Weather Service employee who is authorized to recruit cooperative station personnel, but must be approved by a person authorized to approve appointments as outlined in Weather Service Operations Manual Chapter B-17.

The agreement, in order to be effective, must indicate what personal services and what space or facilities, if any, the observer will furnish. It should be stated in general terms, however, so as to avoid the necessity of preparing new forms frequently because of insignificant changes in procedure or reporting instructions. One or more of the items listed below will cover the activities at most stations, but others might be included also. For example, "Communications facilities for transmission of reports" might be furnished by an airline operating company or a Government agency.

- Suitable space for exposure of instruments.
- Weather (or river) observations and reports.
- Distribution of flood warnings.
- Display and/or distribution of storm warnings.
- Weather reports to local newspaper (or radio station).
- Distribution of weather (or river) reports and/or forecasts.

At a second order station or a cooperative station where an airline company or other organization agrees to provide personnel for observational duties on company time, the Weather Service's agreement is, in effect, with the organization and not with the individual. Therefore, one agreement should be executed with a responsible officer of the organization, covering all services to be rendered for the Weather Service at that second order station or cooperative station. The same procedure should be followed where a Government agency agrees to render a cooperative service, except in the case of Federal Aviation Agency personnel where this form is not required.