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A resource for climate station records and surveys

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Respecting Privacy and property rights of station locations and observers

1. Respect private property rights at all times. This extends beyond private residences to include businesses, and it may also include government facilities. If you do not get permission to go onto private property, you must respect this right and do not trespass.

2. When asking permission to survey a site, be completely honest of your identity and intent. Do not misrepresent who you are or what you are doing. State specifically why you are visiting the site.

3. Clearly state that pictures of their site, any diagrams of their site, and the survey form will be on a publicly accessible website.
   Ask them if they wish to have their approval of any pictures, diagrams or survey form which will be posted on the website.

4. Do not include any information in the pictures or survey form, which will identify the exact location of any private site (including business) without the owner's permission. For example, it would be OK to say the site is located along a busy road about one mile north of town. Do not include, without the owner's permission, an exact location or the contact name for the site (such as the owner of the property is Roger Smith and the site is at 345 Highway 275 in Smalltown, CO).

5. Do not take any pictures of sites at private residences or attempt to do a survey from a public location without the owner's permission. If you cannot reach the residents of a house or if they refuse permission for you to enter their property to survey the site, do not take pictures or do a partial survey from a public place or another location. For example, if a site is at a house and the owner does not wish you enter their yard to do a survey, do not even attempt to take pictures from the public road or a neighbor's property (even if this is "legal ").

6. Always be courteous and respectful on your visit.

7. Being an observer is a commitment. Do not do anything, which will lessen the morale of the COOP observer program. Where would the program be without the dedicated observers?

8. Do not under any circumstances; ignore no trespassing signs or other restrictions to entry.

9. If the location of the weather station is at a public airport, do not under any circumstances; attempt to enter of photograph the property without permission of the airport administrator.

Content

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3. Photos may be annotated with text, lines, circles, or arrows to point out detail, but no other modifications are acceptable

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