

Readme File for the data presented in:

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Data presented in the paper are all stored as ASCII text files, and include:

Meteorological_Data Directory:

Precipitation Sub-directory:

3 time-series precipitation files, ascii comma-separated (txt) with 1 header row –
rc.tg.dc.jd-125_ppt.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124_ppt.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124b_ppt.txt

Data from all precipitation gauges in the JD watershed.

Precipitation for 125 and 124 were wind-corrected using the dual-gauge method described by *Hanson et al.* (2004). Precipitation for 124b was wind-corrected using wind data and the standard WMO method as applied by *WMO (2008)* The percent snow was calculated using the methods developed by *Marks et al.* (2013), using the during-storm dew point temperature (T_d) where:

$T_d < -0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	100 % Snow
$-0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \geq T_d < 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	75 % Snow
$0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_d < +0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	25 % Snow
$0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_d$	0 % Snow

- 125 and 124b are dual gauge precipitation stations (pair of modified Belfort Universal gages, one shielded, one unshielded).

- 124b is a shielded gauge precipitation station (modified Belfort Universal Gage, with a wind shield).

Each record in precipitation files contain Date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, ppt_s, ppt_u, ppt_a, and pct_snow separated by comma.

Weather Sub-directory:

11 time-series weather station data files, ascii comma-separated (txt) with 1 header row -
rc.tg.dc.jd-125_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124b_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt1_met.txt,
rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2b_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3b_met.txt,
rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4b_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt5_met.txt

Meteorological forcing data from all stations in the JD watershed.

Water vapor pressure (e_a) was calculated using air temperature (T_a), relative humidity (RH) and software tools (Image Processing Workbench, version 2.0) developed by *Marks et al.* (1999). T_d was

calculated using the calculated e_a . These IPW tools allow for optimized accuracy of e_a and T_d when temperatures approach 0°C. All parameters (T_a , RH, e_a , T_d , S_i , w_s , and w_d) were processed according to the WMO standards as summarized by Zahumenský (2004). All data were gap-filled using surrounding sites and multiple linear regression. Snow depth was processed using a snow filter tool created by Dr. Patrick Kormos. This tool requires a start and end of the snow season and maximum snow depth. From these, the filter tool creates a line of best fit using a custom user defined smoothing window. For more information on this tool, contact Dr. Patrick Kormos at Patrick.Kormos@ars.usda.gov.

– rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt1_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4_met.txt, and rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt5_met.txt: Each record contains Date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, T_a , RH, e_a , and T_d separated by comma.

– rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2b_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3b_met.txt, and rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4b_met.txt: Each record contains date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, T_a , RH, e_a , and T_d , w_s , and w_d separated by comma.

– rc.tg.dc.jd-125_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124_met.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124b_met.txt: Each record contains Date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, T_a , RH, e_a , and T_d , S_i , w_s , and w_d separated by comma.

The instrumentation installed at each station in the JD watershed are as follows:

Vaisala HMP45C	- air temperature and humidity
Met One WS 034B	- wind speed
Met One WD 034B	- wind direction
Eppley PSP	- incoming solar radiation

Stream_Snow_Soils_Data Directory:

Soils Sub-directory:

9 time-series soil moisture and temperature files, ascii comma-separated (txt) with 1 header row - rc.tg.dc.jd-124ba_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124bs_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt1_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2b_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3b_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4_stm.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4b_stm.txt

Soil temperature and moisture data from all JD sites. Soil temperature is serially complete and gap-filled whereas soil moisture has not been gap-filled. All soils files contain Date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, T_g^* , sm^* separated by comma; - the suffix to T_g and sm indicate the depth in cm at which the sensors were installed.

Instrumentation = Stevens Hydra Probe SDI-12

Stream_Discharge Sub-directory:

1 time-series stream discharge file, ascii comma-separated (txt) with 1 header row – rc.tg.dc.jd-125b_sf.txt

Stream discharge measured at the outlet of the JD watershed. Stream discharge was processed using methods developed by Pierson *et al.* (2002).

The rc.tg.dc.jd-125b_sf.txt data file contains WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, SD separated by comma.

Instrumentation = stage recorder, pressure transducer and drop box weir.

Snow_Depth Sub-directory:

11 time-series snow depth file, ascii comma-separated (txt) with 1 header row - rc.tg.dc.jd-125_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-124b_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt1_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt2b_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt3b_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt4b_zs.txt, rc.tg.dc.jd-jdt5_zs.txt

Snow depth data from all JD sites. All snow depth files contain Date_time, WY, Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, z_s separated by comma. For more information on dates that were not gap-filled, refer to the supplemental information.

Instrumentation = Judd depth sensor

DEM sub-directory:

- This directory contains a Geotiff of the Johnston Draw watershed.

Shapefiles sub-directory:

- This directory contains a ArcMap Map Package which includes a shapefile of the watershed boundary and the locations of all the measurement sites.

Other information:

Information regarding the naming convention for stations can be found in the text file called *Naming_Convention.pdf*. Information regarding the instrumentation installed at each station can be found in the text file called *Instrumentation_Information.pdf*.

Data time periods:

All data were collected at the Johnston Draw (JD) watershed, a sub-watershed of the Reynolds Creek Critical Zone Observatory, Idaho. The JD watershed was instrumented by the Agricultural Research Services (ARS) to study the rain-snow transition zone. The ARS installed 2 precipitation and meteorological stations (124, 125) in 2002, an additional 5 tripod stations measuring air temperature, humidity snow depth and wind to form an orographic transect across the rain-snow transition (jdt1, jdt2, jdt3, jdt4, and jdt5) in 2005, and 1 additional wind sheltered precipitation station (124b) in 2006. As all five orographic transect stations were on the north-facing slope, an additional 3 tripod stations (jdt2b, jdt3b, and jdt4b) were installed in 2010 and on south-facing slope. At that time soil temperature and moisture profile systems were attached to all 8 tripod stations, and two profiles were connected to the meteorological & precipitation station at site 124b – one in an aspen grove, and one in the open.

Data for each station for this dataset is available as following:

125b - 1 October 2003 through 30 September 2014 (11 WY)

Location (43.120808 °N, -116.7752263 °W WGS84 / 518285 Easting, 4774255 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1496 m MSL

96432 serially complete gap-filled records

125 - 1 October 2003 through 30 September 2014 (11 WY)

Location (43.123278 °N, -116.77641 °W WGS84 / 518188 Easting, 4774529 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1508 m MSL

96432 serially complete gap-filled records

124 - 1 October 2003 through 30 September 2014 (11 WY)

Location (43.129186 °N, -116.799392°W WGS84 / 516316.9 Easting, 4775180.4 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1804 m MSL

96432 serially complete gap-filled records

124b - 11 November 2006 through 30 September 2014 (8 WY)

Location (43.128604°N, -116.79661°W WGS84 / 516543.4 Easting, 4775116.3 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1778 m MSL

69384 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt1 - 5 November 2005 through 30 September 2014 (9 WY)

Location (43.122318°N, -116.779436°W WGS84 / 517942.1 Easting, 4774421.8 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1552 m MSL

78048 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt2 - 5 November 2005 through 30 September 2014 (9 WY)

Location (43.122927°N, -116.782798°W WGS84 / 517668.4 Easting, 4774488.7 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1613 m MSL

78048 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt2b - 4 March 2011 through 30 September 2014 (4 WY)

Location (43.125801°N, -116.782742°W WGS84 / 517672.2 Easting, 4774807.8 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1615 m MSL

31357 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt3 - 21 September 2005 through 30 September 2014 (9 WY)

Location (43.12188°N, -116.785609°W WGS84 / 517440.1 Easting, 4774371.8 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1658 m MSL

79128 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt3b - 13 December 2010 through 30 September 2014 (4 WY)

Location (43.125683°N, -116.78562°W WGS84 / 517438.1 Easting, 4774794.1 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1661 m MSL

33299 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt4 - 2 November 2005 through 30 September 2014 (9 WY)

Location (43.121593°N, -116.787987°W WGS84 / 517246.7 Easting, 4774339.4 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1707 m MSL

78120 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt4b - 4 March 2011 through 30 September 2014 (4 WY)

Location (43.126337°N, -116.788065°W WGS84 / 517239 Easting, 4774866.3 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1707 m MSL

31356 serially complete gap-filled records

jdt5 - 2 November 2005 through 30 September 2014 (9 WY)

Location (43.125644°N, -116.794728°W WGS84 / 516697.3 Easting, 4774787.9 Northing, UTM, Zone 11)

Elevation: 1748 m MSL

78120 serially complete gap-filled records

Missing data in each file are represented by -9999. Further descriptions of each file can be found below.

Header information includes:

Date_time Date followed by time, separated by space (example: 10/01/03 12:00 – military time format)

WY Water Year

Year	Calendar Year
Month	Month of Year
Day	Day of Month
Hour	Hour of Day
Minute	Minute of Hour
T_a	Air Temperature ~3 m above ground surface (°C)
RH	Relative Humidity ~3 m above ground surface (0 - 1)
e_a	Water Vapor Pressure ~3 m above ground surface (Pa)
T_d	Dew Point Temperature ~3 m above ground surface (°C)
w_s	Wind Speed ~3 m above ground surface (ms ⁻¹)
w_d	Wind Direction ~3 m above ground surface (° from N)
S_i	Incoming Solar Radiation (W m ⁻²)
z_s	Snow Depth (cm)
ppt_s	Shielded Precipitation (mm)
ppt_u	Unshielded Precipitation (mm)
ppt_a	Wind Corrected Precipitation (mm)
pct_snow	Percent of precipitation that is snow (%)
sm_5	Soil Moisture at 5cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_20	Soil Moisture at 20cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_35	Soil Moisture at 35cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_50	Soil Moisture at 50cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_75	Soil Moisture at 75cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_90	Soil Moisture at 90cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
sm_100	Soil Moisture at 100cm depth (m ³ m ⁻³ - dimensionless)
Tg_5	Soil Temperature at 5cm depth (°C)
Tg_20	Soil Temperature at 20cm depth (°C)
Tg_35	Soil Temperature at 35cm depth (°C)
Tg_50	Soil Temperature at 50cm depth (°C)
Tg_75	Soil Temperature at 75cm depth (°C)
Tg_90	Soil Temperature at 90cm depth (°C)
Tg_100	Soil Temperature at 100cm depth (°C)
Q	Stream Discharge (m ³ s ⁻¹)

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