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### Storm Peak Lab Contributes Data to Microbe Research

Using data collected at DRI's Storm Peak Lab, researchers have found that airborne microbial diversity is much greater than expected.

Roughly 100 species of bacteria and equivalent numbers of fungal species were found in each of nine air samples from Storm Peak—far fewer than in urban or rural air samples, and fewer than in one sample of snow from there, which contained 800 species. Airborne microbes are likely to play some role in cloud formation.

Read the full article online in the [October 2009 edition of Microbe magazine](#) from the American Society for Microbiology.



#### Related Information

- DRI's [Storm Peak Lab](#)
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#### Storm Peak Laboratory

##### Research and Education at 10,500 Feet

DRI's Storm Peak Lab is one of only a few mountaintop atmospheric research facilities in the world.



#### Western Regional Climate Center

##### Climate Data for the Western U.S.

The Western Regional Climate Center is one of six regional climate centers in the United States.



#### CEFA: Climate, Ecosystem & Fire

##### Understanding Fire in the Natural World

Since 1988, DRI's CEFA Program has supported fire management for the nation.



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