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A. Weather modification programs worldwide

This map shows more than 150 weather modification programs operating in 37 countries worldwide. Weather modification techniques include hail suppression and precipitation enhancement.

B. Weather modification programs operating in the United States

This map shows regions in the western United States engaged in precipitation enhancement and hail suppression.

Videos

C. The impacts of air pollution on decreasing snowpack

A before-and-after view of inadvertent weather modification. This animation shows the detrimental impacts of air pollution on orographic clouds that produce snowpack over ranges like the Sierras that are downwind from coastal cities. Click on the images to view the animations.

Credit: Prof. Daniel Rosenfeld, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

D. Aircraft-mounted flares release cloud-seeding particles in flight
Flares mounted in a rack off the wing of a small research aircraft burn to release their water-attracting, or hygroscopic, particles during a cloud-seeding experiment. Hygroscopic particles such as potassium/sodium chloride create larger raindrops that fall more quickly, colliding with smaller droplets on the way and stimulating rainfall. **Click on the image to view the video.**

Credit: Roelof Bruintjes, NCAR