CLEAN STEM Flash

A timely climate and energy education series to use and share

Topic: Let it snow!
Learn how La Nina is affecting snowfall this winter season in the U.S.

Snowpack Video | Climate Change Multimedia Textbook | Snow Melt in the News

CLEAN Resource Feature

Video: Water: A Zero Sum Game
This video examines snowpack in Colorado and how that relates to freshwater availability for areas surrounding the Rocky Mountains. The state’s economy relies heavily on ski tourism, so decreased precipitation impacts its residents in multiple ways.

Length: 5:03 min.

Explore more resources about snow melt at CLEAN.

Why is snow pack important for water storage? In this video, scientists measure
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snow pack in the Colorado mountains and explain what less snow in the mountains means for people at lower elevations.

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**Multi-Media Teaching Tool: Getting the Picture - A climate education**

This comprehensive online textbook covers many climate science concepts, including changes in the cryosphere and snow precipitation across the globe.

**Audience: High school students**

Look for more tips on teaching the consequences of climate change here!

This teaching tool is helpful for building multiple lesson plans or providing background materials for learning about climate change. It is interactive, user friendly, and includes everything from text to graphics to videos!

**Climate & Energy in the News**

Changes in precipitation can affect recreational activities. Lower precipitation across the Western U.S. means fewer opportunities for winter sports like skiing and snowboarding in alpine areas.

Read this article by the Associated Press for Colorado Public Radio on how ski resorts handle warm, dry winters like this year's.

Use the U.S. Drought Monitor to teach about droughts, ice and snowpack in different areas of the United States.
Explore the CLEAN collection of climate & energy learning resources

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