

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Idaho

Location	Type	Years	Details
Boise	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO WSFO WFO	1877-1890, 1898-present	<p>The Signal Service established an office in Boise in July 1877. Observations were taken at the Overland Hotel, the Davis Building, and the Perrault Building. The office was relocated to Baker City, OR in 1890.</p> <p>The Weather Bureau opened its Boise office in December 1898 in the Sonna Building downtown, before moving to the Federal Building in 1904. While operating this office, a second office opened at the airport (site of present Boise State University), and moved to the current airport in December 1939. The office relocated to the headquarters of the National Interagency Fire Center in 1969, and moved to an associated new facility in 1993. The first weather radar in Idaho was the WSR-88D installation in November 1993.</p>
Burley	WBAS	1944-1946	The CAA and Weather Bureau jointly operated the station at the Burley Municipal Airport from 1944 to 1946.
Idaho Falls	WBO	1895-1899 1950->?	The first Weather Bureau office in eastern Idaho operated here for a few years, until telegraph problems resulted in the station's relocation to Pocatello. Another office was established in 1950 to support the work of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.
Lewiston	SigSvc WBAS WBO WSO	1879-1885 1900-1997	A Signal Service station operated from 1879 to 1885; cooperative observers then maintained observations until the Weather Bureau opened an office in October 1900. The office closed in July 1933 and cooperative observers again resumed observations. The Weather Bureau opened an airport station at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport in November 1946, which reduced to 16 hour a day operations in 1952. The office was closed in 1997 with its functions transferred to the Pocatello office.
Pocatello	WBO WSO WFO	1899-present	The Weather Bureau relocated its eastern Idaho office here from Idaho Falls on July 1, 1899. It was originally operated in a few locations downtown. Military operations and a new airport encouraged the next move to McDougal Field in 1938. During 1949, another move took the office 2.5 miles west to the Pocatello Municipal Airport, where it has resided ever since. Forecasts were initially issued from the Boise Weather Service Forecast Office for the entire state for many years. However, on March 22, 1995, the NWS moved into a modernized forecast office in preparation for assuming full forecast and warning responsibility for Eastern Idaho in 1999.
Wallace	WBO	1907-1913	