

## This Past Winter Ignored Global Warming Hype

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Despite never ending climate catastrophe stories from media outlets such as the [New York Times](#), the major television networks, the long list of environmental corporations and the EPA, nature continues to ignore their clamoring. This past winter saw a world wide blitz of record cold temperatures and massive blizzards across the northern hemisphere. The period from November 2012 to April 2013 saw the largest area of [ground covered by snow](#) in the northern hemisphere since satellites made these type of measurements possible in the mid-1960s.

The winter got off to a slow start in the United States but in Europe and Siberia it was bitter cold and very snowy. After the biggest [November snowstorm](#) in 50 years, Russia endured extreme cold in December. Temperatures as low as fifty eight degrees below zero in the west and sixty one below in Siberia causing a state of emergency to be declared. Record breaking [snow hit Norway](#) in December closing airports and schools and stranding people in their cars while hoping for rescue. Extreme cold in Poland killed dozens while massive snows in the Ukraine prompted a state of emergency to be declared. Near Moscow a blizzard causes a traffic jam [125 miles long](#) with people trapped in their cars. Closer to home Montreal set its all time one day snowfall record on December 27th with nearly 18.0 inches, breaking the record set in 1971.

The start of the new year saw record cold and snow in the western United States. Salt Lake City had its coldest January since 1949 and had double its average snowfall. On January 14th Los Angeles fell to a [record 34 degrees](#), the coldest temperature for any month there since 1990. The same morning Santa Barbara fell to a record low of 27 degrees. Las Vegas may have hot night clubs and shows but January of 2013 was very cold with frozen fountains and burst pipes from [11 nights](#) where the temperature fell to 32 degrees or colder, the most since 1991. Alamosa, Colorado endured eight nights when the temperature fell to 30 degrees below zero with a record 34 below on the morning of January the 4th. January was on pace to be the coldest ever there until some milder air moved in at the end of the month. Even with that, the average temperature for the month was a bone [chilling 4.6 degrees](#) or a whopping 12.0 degrees below average! Overseas parts of the Middle East had their [worst snowstorm](#) since 1992 with temperatures 5 to 10 degrees below average in January.

February 2013 was an amazing weather month here in the United States and around the world. Perhaps the most significant record to be broken was in the town of Oymyakon in Siberia. On February the 19th the [coldest temperature](#) ever recorded in the northern hemisphere and the coldest temperature ever measured outside of Antarctic was set there at 96 degrees below zero! Now that's big news because if it is accept officially as a record it shattered the old record set in Siberia way back in 1933. That number was 90 degrees below, so not only is the 96 below a new all time record but it's 6 degrees colder than the old one! Japan saw amazing record breaking snows in February with [18.4 feet measured](#)

on the ground in the Hakkota mountains, an all time record. Switzerland experience snow depths of up to 10 feet and in Russia massive blizzards caused grid lock in Moscow in February.

There were so many stories of record snow and cold in February 2013 they are almost impossible to list but one amazing story comes out of northern India. The road through the Rohtang pass was buried under and incredible [100 to 120 feet of snow](#)! Road crews were doing their best to clear it but the task seemed overwhelming. In early February Moscow, Russia was inundated with [the largest snowfall](#) in a century making it faster to walk than to drive anywhere. February 26th was a day they won't soon forget in Amarillo, Texas. A blizzard dumped 19 inches of snow combined with 75 miles per hour wind gusts. That amount of snow had not been seen in Amarillo in February since February 16th, 1893 when a similar amount fell. On February 8th and 9th a monster Nor' Easter brought all life to a standstill in parts of the Northeast with 2 to 3 feet of snow! Snowfall totals were of record proportions in places like Portland, Maine where they had [32 inches](#), an all time record. Hundred of cars were stranded and abandoned on Long Island, New York where up to 31 inches fell, a truly astonishing amount for that location. By all accounts this storm was one of the top blizzards dating back to the big one in [March of 1888](#).

The bone chilling cold wave and spectacular record snows continued into March. In the United Kingdom this was the coldest March since 1962. During the third week of the month as much as a foot of snow fell in northern Ireland and central England. Thousands of newborn lambs died from the extreme cold. It's estimated that some 10,000 of these animals [were buried in snow drifts](#) up to 20 feet deep. In Germany it was the second coldest March in 50 years. By late March Berlin had 8 inches of snow on the ground, the largest amount so late in the month since 1892. In northeast Germany it was the [coldest March](#) in 130 years. In Vienna the high temperature on March 25th was 28 degrees. That's the latest sub-freezing high temperature on record. A massive blizzard dumped up to 20 inches of snow on the north coast of France on the 12th of the month stranding people in their cars. In the United States, March 2013 set 1,034 new low temperature records. On the 7th and 8th of March a large coastal storm brought more very heavy snows to portions of New England. Manchester, Connecticut had 18.5 inches of snow and Staffordville, Connecticut was buried under 23 inches. Strong winds from the storm caused severe damage to homes and business on the southern New England coast.

April is supposed to be a Spring month for the United States but for some areas it was still winter. Rapid City, South Dakota had its snowiest month on record with 39.5 inches, the old record was 38.5 inches set in April of 1927. Duluth, Minnesota had nearly 51 inches of snow for the month making it the snowiest month on record there. There was historic cold this month as well. International Falls, Minnesota fell to 4 degrees on April 20th. That's the coldest temperature that late into April since record began 116 years ago. The same day Baton Rouge, Louisiana fell to 39 degrees, also the coldest ever so far into the Spring.

As if that wasn't enough a record late May snowstorm and cold outbreak followed.