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Fog and haze! There are times when one can not tell by ordinary observation whether fog or haze describes the condition of the atmosphere. Instrumental readings may, however, serve as a guide. If the humidity is high, it is probable that fog (actual water drops) predominate; but if the humidity is low, then the obscurity is due to dust, and "haze" properly describes the condition. In either case poor visibility is due to suspended particles in the air -- water droplets, or solid matter such as dust, salt crystals, decayed plant fragments, etc. A fog is called a "wet fog" when water is freely deposited upon all exposed surfaces.
