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## ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED COMMAND

**DATE:** March 13, 2023

**RE:** Alpine County Declares Local State of Emergency

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: ON MARCH 12, 2023, ALPINE COUNTY DECLARED A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY. DUE TO WINTER STORMS OCCURRING IN MARCH 2023 COMBINED WITH RECENT ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENTS, CONDITIONS ARE OR ARE LIKELY TO BECOME BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SERVICES, PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN ALPINE COUNTY.**

**In an abundance of caution the Alpine County EOC cancelled all commission and committee meetings effective immediately through Friday, March 17, 2023.**

**Additionally, Alpine County will close the Administration Building on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> due to potential impacts to travel and safety. Administrative services including Finance, Clerk's and the Assessor's office will be conducted remotely during these two days.**

An Atmospheric River has been forecasted for the Alpine County region starting **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** and will remain in effect until **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. It is recommended that residents **significantly limit travel** due to significant travel impacts from mixed precipitation events. Due to potential road closures and public safety access, travel is only recommended for necessary reasons. Additionally, **due to flooding in Douglas County, Alpine County Unified Command recommends securing supplies as soon as possible to prevent access issues in and out of Alpine County.**

**The County will be providing sandbags and sand at Station 91 and Station 92 in the Markleeville and Woodfords areas. For more information on sandbags please contact Community Development at 530-694-2140.**

The County also encourages residents to secure supplies that will allow them to be self-sufficient for multiple days due to the potential of service interruption and road closures. Supplies include but are not limited to:

- Food
- Water
- Medication
- Propane
- Fire Wood
- Pet Food
- Batteries
- Fuel
- Generators
- Charge Cell Phones

Finally, Alpine County recommends residents clear as much snow as possible around tail pipes, exhaust vents, propane tanks, drainages, and roofs to prevent any threats to your personal safety. The County recommends assessing roof snow loads prior to the rain event in order to minimize risks to your safety.

**County Service Phone Numbers for Closed Offices:**

**Assessor / Recorder's Office**

**(530) 694-2283**

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Teola Tremayne - Clerk

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530-721-5197

**Library, Museum & Archives**

Rita Lovell

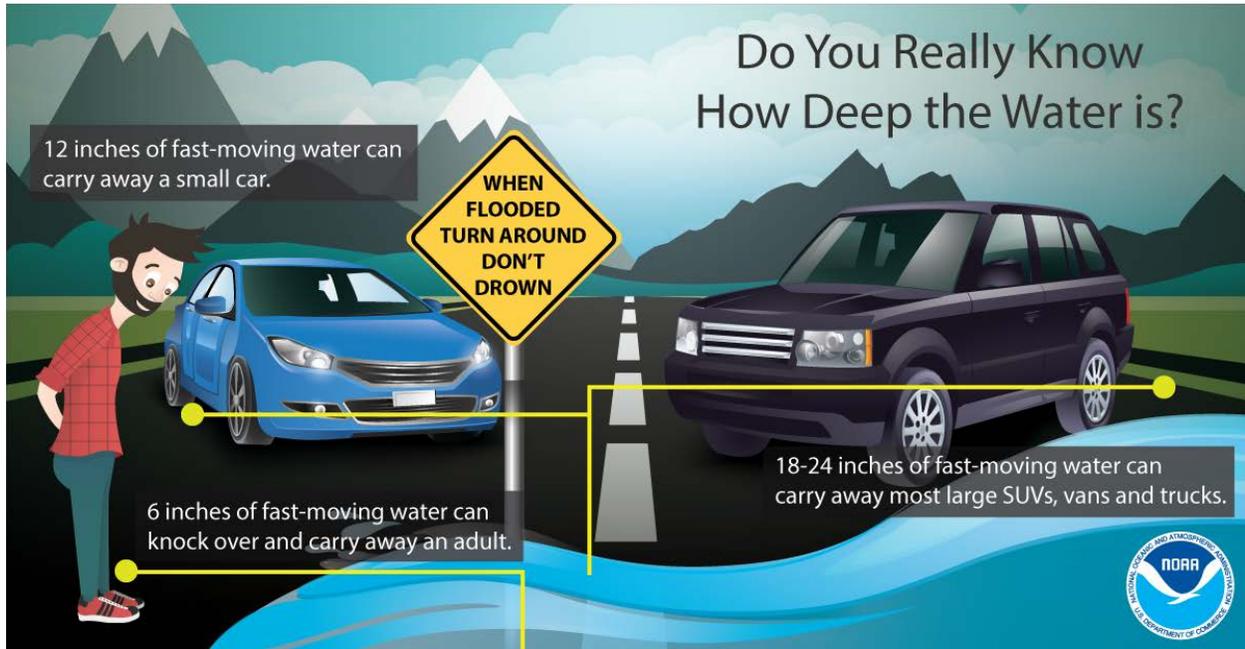
[rl Lovell@alpinecountyca.gov](mailto:rl Lovell@alpinecountyca.gov)

530-721-5097

## Emergency Services

Alpine County Sheriff's Office Dispatch: 530-694-2231

CalTrans Road Conditions: <https://dot.ca.gov/travel>



## Media Inquiries Regarding Alpine County

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Public Information Officer

Alpine County

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# National Weather Service

## Watches, Warnings & Advisories

3 products issued by NWS for: 6 Miles NNW Markleeville CA



### Winter Storm Warning

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE  
National Weather Service Reno NV  
526 AM PDT Mon Mar 13 2023

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Greater Lake Tahoe Area-  
Including the cities of South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Stateline,  
and Incline Village  
526 AM PDT Mon Mar 13 2023

...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 5 PM PDT  
WEDNESDAY...

- \* CHANGES...Lesser lower elevation snow amounts Tuesday and Wednesday.
- \* WHAT...Heavy snow expected. Additional snow accumulations through Monday: Up to 3 inches at lake level and around Truckee, with 8 to 16 inches above 7000 feet. For Tuesday into Wednesday, accumulations of 2 to 6 inches at lake level and Truckee, with 1 to 3 feet above 7000 feet. Sierra ridge gusts above 100 mph and wave heights 2 to 5 feet on Lake Tahoe by Monday night and Tuesday.
- \* WHERE...Greater Lake Tahoe Area.
- \* WHEN...Until 5 PM PDT Wednesday.
- \* IMPACTS...Travel could be very difficult to impossible at times. Snow loading on structures will increase due to the additional rain and snow being absorbed into the deep snowpack, along with higher risks for dangerous roofalanches.
- \* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...Snow levels will vary between 6000 and 6500 feet through Monday evening, then rise between 7000 and 7500 feet Tuesday morning, before falling during the afternoon to below 6000 feet by late Tuesday night. The heaviest overall snowfall rates are expected on Tuesday. Isolated lightning is also possible during heavier snow.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Avoid travel if possible, you could be stuck in your vehicle for many hours. If you must travel, prepare for long delays and carry

an emergency kit with extra food, water and clothing. If you stay home, have a backup plan in case of power outages.

The latest road conditions can be obtained by calling 5 1 1.

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## Avalanche Watch

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URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED

Avalanche Watch

U.S. Forest Service Sierra Avalanche Center

Relayed by National Weather Service Reno NV

926 AM PDT Mon Mar 13 2023

The following message is transmitted at the request of the U.S. Forest Service Sierra Avalanche Center.

The Sierra Avalanche Center in Truckee has issued a BACKCOUNTRY AVALANCHE WATCH for the following areas:  
NWS Reno NV - NVZ002 (Greater Lake Tahoe)...CAZ072 (Greater Lake Tahoe (CA))

- \* WHAT...A period of HIGH avalanche danger may occur in the backcountry from Tuesday morning through Wednesday morning.
- \* WHERE...Central Sierra Nevada Mountains between Yuba Pass (Hwy 49) on the north and Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4) on the south, including the greater Lake Tahoe area.
- \* WHEN...In effect from Tuesday 7 AM PDT to Wednesday 7 AM PDT.
- \* IMPACTS...High-intensity snowfall, strong winds, and rain on snow may result in widespread mountain avalanche activity. Large avalanches could occur in a variety of areas.
- \* PRECAUTIONARY / PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...Very dangerous avalanche conditions may occur. Traveling near or below avalanche terrain is not recommended during HIGH avalanche danger.

Consult <https://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org/> or [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org) for more detailed information.

Similar avalanche danger may exist at locations outside the coverage area of this or any avalanche center.

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## Flood Watch

### Flood Watch

National Weather Service Reno NV

120 PM PDT Sun Mar 12 2023

.Heavy rain with elevated snow levels are expected to renew the risk of flooding Tuesday morning through Wednesday, mostly in areas below approximately 7000 feet. Areas of primary concern are small creeks and streams, and areas with poor or obstructed drainage, including areas impacted by flooding recently. Mainstem river flooding is not currently forecast, but minor to moderate river flooding can not be ruled out especially in lower elevation basins, and in areas that experienced recent flooding. Flooding is unlikely in Pershing County.

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Lassen-Eastern Plumas-Eastern Sierra Counties-Greater Lake Tahoe Area-Mono County-Mineral and Southern Lyon Counties-Greater Lake Tahoe Area-Greater Reno-Carson City-Minden Area-Western Nevada Basin and Range including Pyramid Lake-

Including the cities of Westwood, Fallon, Markleeville, South Lake Tahoe, Schurz, Nixon, Imlay, Sierraville, Hawthorne, Gardnerville, Smith Valley, Virginia City, Lovelock, Sparks, Portola, Glenbrook, Silver Springs, Yerington, Incline Village, Fernley, Truckee, Coleville, Bridgeport, Stateline, Tahoe City, Mina, Loyalton, Susanville, Mammoth Lakes, Lee Vining, and Verdi

120 PM PDT Sun Mar 12 2023

...FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FROM LATE MONDAY NIGHT THROUGH WEDNESDAY EVENING...

- \* WHAT...Flooding caused by rain and snowmelt is possible.
- \* WHERE...Portions of California and Nevada, including the following areas, in California, Greater Lake Tahoe Area, Lassen-Eastern Plumas-Eastern Sierra Counties and Mono County. In Nevada, Greater Lake Tahoe Area, Greater Reno-Carson City-Minden Area, Mineral and Southern Lyon Counties and Western Nevada Basin and Range including Pyramid Lake.
- \* WHEN...From late Monday night through Wednesday evening.
- \* IMPACTS...Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams and other low-lying and poor drainage areas. Flooding may occur in mountain urban areas due to deep snow confining flow and restricting drainage. Runoff exceeding drainage capacity is expected to impact roads, agricultural areas, and poor drainage areas. Very high flows will continue on the Carson River both above and below Lahontan Reservoir. Terminal Lakes will see additional rises.
- \* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...
  - A warm atmospheric river will lead to rapid runoff in elevations below approximately 7000 feet. Although this atmospheric river appears to be slightly cooler and maybe not quite as wet as last Friday's storm, runoff will respond more

rapidly due to primed low elevation snowpack, current high river and stream flows, and saturated ground conditions. Expect renewed flooding in areas that have just experienced flood impacts. Significant river rises are expected. Mainstem river flooding is not currently forecast, but minor to moderate river flooding can not be ruled out.

- <http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>

#### PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Monitor weather and river forecasts and be alert for possible flood warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action, and take advantage of relatively quiet weather today and Monday to prepare.

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# FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

## BEFORE



STAY INFORMED  
ON LOCAL NEWS



PREPARE AN EMERGENCY  
BAG WITH FOOD, DRUGS,  
DOCUMENTS,  
FLASHLIGHT, PET ITEMS



KNOW HOW TO EVACUATE  
AND SAFE  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES



LEAVE BEFORE FLOODING  
STARTS



IN FLOOD PRONE AREAS:  
KEEP USEFUL ITEMS AT  
HOME (SANDBAGS,  
LADDER, ROPE...)

## DURING THE FLOOD



DISCONNECT  
ELECTRICITY AND GAS



DON'T WALK OR DRIVE  
IN FLOOD WATER



GET TO A HIGHER  
GROUND



FOLLOW  
EVACUATION ORDERS



FREE CATTLE  
AND LEAD ANIMALS TO  
A SAFER PLACE

## AFTER



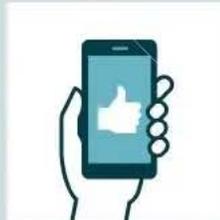
AVOID CONTACT WITH  
FLOOD WATER  
AND SWIMMING



DON'T TOUCH  
POWER LINES



DON'T GO HOME OR TO  
DISASTER AREAS UNTIL  
IT IS DECLARED SAFE



COMMUNICATE  
TO YOUR FAMILY THAT  
YOU ARE SAFE



WHEN BACK HOME:  
CLEAN AND DISINFECT  
SURFACES AND ITEMS