



SITUATION REPORT

Incident: Winter Weather Update

March 27-28, 2023

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KEY ISSUES/CONCERNS AND UPDATES

Weather: A Winter Storm Warning is in effect from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday (03/28) to 5:00 a.m. Wednesday (03/29). Heavy snow is expected, with total accumulations of 2-4 feet along the Sierra crest, and 1-2 feet in Mammoth Lakes, June Lakes, and across higher passes of Highway 395. Elsewhere, total accumulations of 3-8 inches are likely. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph in wind prone locations along Highway 395, and above 80 mph along Sierra ridges.

There may be a brief break in the snowfall Wednesday (03/29) morning. However, snow showers are expected to develop late in the morning through the afternoon. Residents and visitors are asked to prepare for travel impacts to persist.

Twice-Daily Escorts Through U.S. 395 Avalanche Area: Caltrans is escorting vehicles on U.S. 395 between SR 167 and Lee Vining during the following hours (as conditions allow): 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. This escort may be impacted by the incoming weather system – residents and visitors are urged to prepare accordingly.

Recovery Activity: Progress is being made on snow and debris removal priorities with heavy equipment and dump trucks. Crews continue to repair erosion on roadways to limit future damage. Resource response times continue to be delayed due to road conditions. Crews are actively removing snow and debris from critical infrastructure. Significant structural damage is continuing to occur. Structural engineers and Urban Search & Rescue team assessments are ongoing. Damaged infrastructure and private property are being shored and stabilized.

Winter Storm Damage Survey (Mono County): The Mono County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has developed a survey to collect information from property owners and businesses who have experienced damage to their property/properties as a result of the recent series of storms. The data collected will be used to estimate total damages countywide and determine if enough damage occurred to qualify the region for disaster assistance. Completing the form does not guarantee the region or the property owner will be eligible to receive disaster assistance.

Survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/bc4f6e5aae13460bac89c2d9ee9bfaf1>



Extreme Snow Load Advisory - CLEAR YOUR ROOF: The Town of Mammoth Lakes issued an Evacuation Warning on March 16, 2023 for snow damaged properties that pose a potential threat to life and property. To report structural damage or to assist in determining whether your property is safe, please call (760) 965-3629 to talk to Town staff or complete the Winter Storm Damage Assessment Form that will assess your property for risk.

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Snow Removal Emergency Fund: Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation and Alterra Mountain Company Community Foundation have established an emergency fund to assist Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, and Crowley Lake residents and businesses with emergency snow removal needs during our recently declared state of emergency. Their goal is to assist financially and with coordination of contractors/snow removers for instances of immediate need for impending damage or danger due to heavy snow loads. Funds are limited and will be directed based on hardship, urgency and need. This fund will only go towards full-time resident occupied homes or full-time businesses. Residents/Business located in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, and Crowley Lake communities are eligible to apply.

Application: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/88696-Mammoth-Mountain-Community-Foundation>

Avalanche Situation: Rising avalanche hazards are expected with this incoming storm.

Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center: <https://www.esavalanche.org/>

Sandbags Stationed in Each Community: Mono County and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) have staged sandbags in each community for residents to use during the storm. Details on sandbag location information and maps for the staging areas are available [here](#) and on the [READY Mono portal](#).

WARMING CENTERS/SHELTERS/DISPLACED LODGING

Reduced Rates for Evacuees at The Carson Valley Inn: The Carson Valley Inn will be honoring a rate of \$89 plus tax in the main hotel until March 31st for anyone displaced or without power (subject to availability). No pets. Call (800) 321-6983 for reservations.

Complimentary Lodging for Displaced Families at the Virginia Creek Settlement: The Virginia Creek Settlement will be providing complimentary lodging for anyone displaced or without power (subject to availability). Pets allowed. Call (760) 932-7780 for reservations.



EMERGENCY ALERTS

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TRAFFIC/ROAD CONDITIONS

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Hwy 158 at the avalanche site remains closed.

U.S. 395 at Topaz is limited to one-way with traffic controls.

Road	Direction Closed	Nearest Cross Street or ILandmark	Type of Closure
Twin Lakes Road	Westbound	Mono Village	Hard
Virginia Lakes Road:	Westbound	Lower parking lot (off 395)	Hard
Mill Canyon Road	Westbound	Highway 395	Hard
Saddlebag Lake Road:	Northbound	Highway 120	Hard
Lundy Lake Road:	Westbound	Lundy lake road 1.25 miles W of HWY 395	Hard
Poole Power Plant Road:	Westbound	Highway 395	Hard
Upper Rock Creek Road:	Southbound	Highway 395	Hard
Lower Rock Creek Road:	Northbound	Highway 395	Residents only
Benton Crossing Road:	Eastbound	Highway 395	Hard
Hot Creek Road:	Eastbound	Highway 395	Hard
Substation Road:	Eastbound	Highway 395	Hard



Black Rock Mine Road	Westbound	Black Rock Mine Road	Residents only
Dawson Ranch Road	Westbound	Highway 6	Residents only
Joe Main Road	Westbound	Highway 6	Residents only
Rabbit Ranch Road	Westbound	Highway 6	Residents only
Yellow Jacket Road	Westbound	Highway 6	Residents only
Fish Slough Road	Westbound	Chidago Road	Residents only
Chidago Road	Westbound	Chidago Road	Residents only
Adobe Ranch Road	Westbound	Chidago Road	Residents only

RESOURCES

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READY Mono Portal: <https://ready.mono.ca.gov/>

Mono County Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/countyofmono>

Town of Mammoth Lakes: <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=833>

National Weather Service – Reno: <https://www.weather.gov/reno>

CHP Activity – Mono/Inyo Counties: <https://cad.chp.ca.gov/Traffic.aspx>

Caltrans - Road Information: <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/roadscell.php>

Mono County – Road Information: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/roads>

NDOT – Road Information: <https://www.nvroads.com/>

Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center: <https://www.esavalanche.org/>

Mono County Webcams: <https://www.monocounty.org/plan-your-trip/weather-and-road-conditions/webcams-in-mono-county/>