

Winter weather returns to Lake Tahoe

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Highway 28 was closed for about three hours this morning between Highway 50 and Sand Harbor while the Nevada Highway Patrol worked a fatal accident.

NHP officials have not returned calls so further details of the accident are unknown.

A 27-hour winter storm warning is set to end Wednesday morning at 10am.

In that time it's possible 1-4 inches of snow will fall at lake level, with 3-8 inches above 7,000 feet.

Winds woke people up around the region early this morning. The National Weather Service in Reno said they were getting calls from people in the Reno area this morning.

At Lake Tahoe Airport in South Lake Tahoe a gust of 53mph was clocked at 2:29am and 47mph was registered about 30 minutes later.

A tree knocked down a power pole on Mountain Trout Drive in the Tahoe Mountain area of South Lake Tahoe about 2 this morning, which cut power to 3,200 Sierra Pacific Power customers.

By switching to an alternate circuit power has been restored to all customers except those living on that street. Power is supposed to be up by noon, according to the power company.

Crews are also busy on the North Shore trying to get power to 25 customers near the Truckee airport. A tree through a line made it go dark for about 60 customers in south Reno this morning.

The Weather Service says today's storm and the one forecast for the weekend are mild blips in the world of weather.

"This little system going by is like an introduction to the pattern that we will see most of next week," Rudy Cruz, Weather Service specialist, told *Lake Tahoe News* this morning.

When asked about this being a dry January, he said not to worry based on what the weather models are showing for the second half of the month.

This is good news for ski resorts that have gotten some rain in the last week. With it snowing and raining lightly this morning at lake level, it should mean the resorts will all be getting some freshies.

Temperatures will be mild for the next couple of days, which could bring some rain to lake level. Expects winds to stick with us for a couple days.

Some Sierra highways have chain controls. Check road conditions by clicking on the state icons on the Home page of *Lake Tahoe News*. Highway 50 between South Lake Tahoe and Carson City is slushy this morning.