

Several feet of snow in forecast for Lake Tahoe

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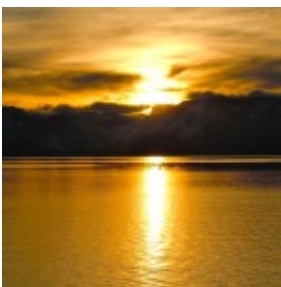
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Snow – it's going to be the forecast for at least the next three days.

Slick conditions caused a single-vehicle rollover accident on Highway 50 at Glenbrook on Friday morning. No one was injured in the Ford Expedition with California plates, according to the Nevada Highway Patrol.

Commuters over Spooner Summit into Carson City on Dec. 17 report visibility being sketchy at times and slick roads.

The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a winter storm warning from noon today to 4pm Sunday.



Sunsets like this one at Cave Rock on Dec. 16 may not happen for a few days based on the forecast.

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Rain and snow are expected to be part of the mix at lake level, which has prompted flooding concerns. The ground is already saturated, prompting sump pumps to come on in high water table areas like the Tahoe Keys and Tahoe Island on the South Shore. These pumps usually aren't triggered until the spring run-off.

One to 2 feet of white stuff is being called for at the lake, while elevations above 7,000 feet could see 3 to 6 feet by the time the system leaves the region.

As seems to be the norm, wind will be part of the storm. Gusts could hit 70mph at lower elevations, with ridges being whipped at 100mph.

Roads in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin are likely to be a mess and have restrictions. Check out the road conditions via the state icons on *Lake Tahoe News'* home page.

When traveling in the mountains it's always a good idea to carry a shovel, flashlight, water, food, blankets and warm clothing.

At home, be sure the cupboards are stocked, flashlights work and candles are at the ready.