

Avalanche danger heightens in Sierra

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Avalanche danger goes up when snow falls down as heavily as it has in the Sierra this week.

Two snow slides involving people have been reported to the Sierra Avalanche Center since Tuesday.

One slide, during Thursday's big storm, carried enough snow to push a Subaru in motion across Highway 89 near Squaw Valley, according to the center's website.

No one was injured in that incident. A skier was partially buried by an avalanche near Mount Rose in Nevada on Tuesday, suffering chest and face injuries.

Up to 150 inches of new snow have fallen over the last week, with 45 inches falling in one 24-hour period at Squaw Valley.

The National Weather Service in Reno forecast up to 18 additional inches to fall at higher elevations in the Tahoe basin today.

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