

Trout Creek may breach banks; rivers running high

The National Weather Service in Reno is predicting Trout Creek in South Lake Tahoe to hit flood level today, with possible minimal flooding in the Martin Avenue area.

At 4pm Wednesday the creek was at 8 feet, with flood stage being 8.5 feet.



Kayakers at Sand Harbor on Monday enjoy the summer weather.

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The East Fork of the Carson River below Markleeville on Wednesday afternoon was at 5.5 feet, with flood stage at 7 feet. The river near Gardnerville was at 6.1 feet June 15. Flood stage is 9.5 feet at that location.

The West Fork of the Carson River near Woodfords on Wednesday was at 12.8 feet, with flood stage being 14 feet.

These river forecasts are based on forecast rainfall, temperature, and current and planned reservoir releases.

The National Weather Service warns people camping near rivers

to stay back from the banks because flooding can occur during the night.

High flows on regional rivers and creeks are expected for the rest of June. The current and temperature can make for a lethal combination for people swimming, paddling, or trying to cross the water in four-wheel drive vehicles.

High temperatures throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin will be in the 60s for the rest of the week, with most locations hitting the 70s on Monday.

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