Thunderstorms to linger in Tahoe for a day

Expect thunderstorms in the greater Lake Tahoe area to remain through Monday.

Rain started to fall in South Lake Tahoe about 4am, and will continue on an off throughout today. However, the National Weather Service is saying no flash flooding is expected.

"There was lightning all across the Sierra last night," Alex Hoon, meteorologist with the Weather Service in Reno told *Lake Tahoe News*.

He said most of the more than 6,000 strikes were on the west side of the mountains, from Modesto to north of Truckee.

However, lightning to the east of Tahoe on Sunday is being blamed for a 1,000-acre blaze in the Pine Nuts near Gardnerville. The Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center at 6:35am did not report any significant changes to the fire overnight.

This is the first rainfall in the Tahoe area in more than a couple months. Afternoon thunderstorms this time of year are normal.

Hoon said it would start to dry out tomorrow, with the rest of the week being sunny, with temperatures returning to normal.

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