

No weather break – rain at lake, snow on slopes



Caltrans works on the flooding issue in Meyers on Feb. 9. Photos/Kathryn Reed

Flooding has been spotty throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin, as mostly rain has continued to fall on Sunday.

However, it's snowing at higher elevations. Chains or four-wheel drive was needed along the American River Canyon on Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Meyers on Sunday. Snow on the side of the road is more than 2 feet deep in places.



It's dumping Feb. 9 near Sierra-at-Tahoe.

People were out of their vehicles playing in the snow.

However, Davey's Tree Service and PG&E crews had trucks on Highway 50 at Johnson Pass Road.

Traffic in the early afternoon Sunday was backed up to Ernie's in South Lake Tahoe as people were trying to get out of town.

No major issues have been reported in South Lake Tahoe or by Tahoe Douglas Fire officials because of the continuous rain. Crews are out to clear clogged up areas.

Flooding signs are up on Highway 89 near 15th Street and in Camp Richardson.



Chaining up Feb. 9 at Twin Bridges.

Caltrans crews were out trying to get the water covering Highway 50 in Meyers to drain properly.

As of noon Feb. 9 the National Weather in Reno reported the following rain totals in inches:

Homewood 5.15

South Lake Tahoe 6.15

Donner Summit 5.85

Alpine Meadows 5.90

Homewood 4.67

Tahoe City 4.41

Truckee 3.40

Incline Village 2.65

Markleeville 2.29.

A winter storm warning remains in effect through 4am Monday. The rain is expected to turn to consistent snow at lake level about midnight.

“A mix of heavy rain and snow will cause slushy and hazardous conditions below 7,000 feet today,” the National Weather Service in Reno warns.

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