

Editorial: Time to talk about low snowfall future

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They are dropping like flies: Ski resorts closing early because of high temperatures and lack of snow.

This could be just another wild swing in the Sierra Nevada's historically fluctuating weather. Or it could be a sign of things to come.

For the past four years, something has caused high-pressure weather systems to sit off the coast of California and then be pushed north, away from northwestern Nevada.

It is too soon to tell if global climate change is responsible for this pattern, but some scientists think climate models show such winters will become more frequent.

This would be significant for Northern Nevada. It would be so significant, in fact, that it is difficult to know where to start. But start we must.

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