

Snow will delay opening of Sierra passes

It may be a while before some of the higher passes in the Sierra open.

Here is information from Caltrans:

Highway 89 – Monitor Pass: Snow removal has begun from Highway 395 to the Alpine County line. There is approximately 5 feet of snowpack at the Mono/Alpine county line. Road repair is required before reopening. There is no estimated date for reopening the highway at this time.

Highway 108 – Sonora Pass: Snow removal equipment is in place and starting to work on the lower sections of the highway. The snowpack is estimated to be 5 to 12 feet on the highway. There is no estimated date for reopening the highway at this time.

Highway 270 – Bodie Road: All snow has been removed but the highway remains closed at the request of Bodie State Park personnel.

Highway 120 west – Tioga Pass from the junction of Highway 395 to the Yosemite National Park Gate: Snow removal equipment is in place and starting to work on the lower sections of the highway. The snowpack is estimated to be between 8 to 15 feet on the highway, with up to 50 foot snowdrifts in some locations. There is no estimated date for reopening the highway at this time.