

Flooding possible as rain, snow reach Tahoe

The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a flood watch from 1pm May 6 to 5am May 7 for the greater Lake Tahoe area, as well as the Carson Valley, Carson City and Reno.

Moderate to heavy rain is expected Saturday afternoon and evening. A half-inch of rain is possible in South Lake Tahoe.

“With rivers, creeks, and streams already running high due to snowmelt from recent warmth, it will not take much to bring renewed flood concerns,” forecasters said. “Areas likely to see the greatest impacts include, but are not limited to, any creeks and streams in the Tahoe basin and those flowing out of the Carson Range.”

People are being advised to stay away from these fast moving bodies water that are extremely cold. Even so, a man on Thursday was using a rope swing to plunge into the Upper Truckee River.

The Upper Truckee River and Trout Creek are already beyond their banks in many locations on the South Shore. The Truckee River has flooded sections on the North Shore.

The moisture could bring down rocks onto roads.

Snow levels will be between 7,500 and 8,000 feet, with several inches possible on Sierra passes into Sunday.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*