

Heat wave adds 12B gallons to Lake Tahoe



Beaches are hard to find with all the water in Lake Tahoe. Photo/Kathryn Reed

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The process of the Sierra Nevada spring snow melt sped up last week as a heat wave brought triple-digit temperatures to parts of the Western United States.

More than 12 billion gallons of water poured into Lake Tahoe over the past week. That staggering amount of water resulted in the lake level rising 4 inches since June 16.

With all this water, the lake is now only three inches from filling – and will likely reach full capacity in mid-July.

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