Sierra wildflowers will bloom through August

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In the Sierra and other California mountain ranges, the big bloom is coming. But unlike the flourish of flowers that opened in March and April at lower elevations, mountain "spring" arrives in summer.

So far, 2017 has been a spectacular wildflower year. As if celebrating the end of California's epic drought, vast expanses of wildflowers covered swaths of the Central Valley and southland deserts this spring. At higher elevations, more wildflowers are expected to put on their own prolonged show well into August.

First, the snow has to melt.

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