

Calif. wind speed record set at Alpine Meadows

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A 199-mph gust that blasted a mountaintop at the Alpine Meadows ski resort last February was the strongest wind ever recorded in California, federal scientists reported.

It was also the strongest non-tornado wind in the United States last year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

By comparison, 140-mph winds have been known to pick up and hurl baseball-size rocks.

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