

Sierra snow drought endures despite March moisture

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The series of March storms that slammed the Sierra Nevada made skiers and snowboarders rejoice and provided a much-needed boost to water storage reservoirs in California and Nevada.

But even a one-month snow total that rivaled the “Miracle March” of 1991 isn’t enough to erase the snow drought that lingered through winter 2017-18.

“The takeaway is we had another snow drought year,” said Dan McEvoy, regional climatologist for the Western Regional Climate Center in Reno. “We are still below average this year and we are going to lose our snowpack earlier than average.”

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