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Inyo County / Mono County March 2023 Storms

Current Situation/Talking Points

STATUS	
Incident Start Date: 03/08/2023	Incident Start Time: 8:00 AM
Incident Type: Extreme Weather	Cause: Weather
Incident Location: Inyo/Mono Counties	Total Personnel: 100

- **Weather Updated on 3/12/2023:** Atmospheric River Weather Event: The strong Atmospheric River weather event has brought the bulk of precipitation to the Eastern Sierra, and lingering snow showers are expected to last through Saturday (03/11). The National Weather Service (NWS) has also identified thunderstorms forming on the western slope of the Sierras and anticipate this weather system reaching Mono County late this afternoon. This storm will bring heavier precipitation rates, and potential thunder/lightning. The second Atmospheric River weather event is now expected to hit the Eastern Sierra Tuesday (03/14).
- No major wind events are expected at this time.
- Mono County may experience a minor lull in extreme weather on Monday (03/13).
- An avalanche evacuation warning has been issued for the community of Aspendell.
- Stay up to date on the current winter storm by following US National Weather Service Las Vegas Nevada for Inyo County and US National Weather Service in Reno for Mono County.
- CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 2 was deployed on 3/09/2023 to support Inyo and Mono Counties for extreme weather.
- Since Monday, CAL FIRE has responded to more than 5,700 calls for service statewide. Since January 1, response totals are: 100,451.

Inyo County

- **Sandbags for Inyo County:** at Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department, Independence CA Volunteer Fire Department, Lone Pine Volunteer Fire Department, and Olancho Cartago Fire Department.
- **Sandbags for Bishop Fire Department:** Station 1: 209 W. Line Street, Station 2: 3206 West Line Street, and Station 3: 2190 North Sierra Highway.
- **Road Closures Updated on 3/12/2023 12:54 PM:**
 - Highway 395 is continuing to close and reopen. CalTrans District 9's Facebook page remains the most efficient way to obtain accurate highway information or use <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>
 - Updated information for County Roads can be located on the Inyo County website: [Inyo County Roads](#)

- **Evacuation Orders Updated On 3/12/2023 : None**
- **Evacuation Warnings Updated On 3/12/2023 12:48 PM:** In place for Oak Creek/ Fort Independence, and Aspendell.
- **Evacuation Centers Updated on 3/12/2023 : None**
- **Warming Centers Updated on 3/12/2023 : None**
- **Helpful websites, numbers, #Tags, and social media sites:**
 - **Helpful websites:** <https://ready.inyocounty.us/>
 - **Helpful social media sites:** @inyocountysheriff
 - **Tags:** #inyosheriff #inyocounty

Mono County

- **Sandbags for Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes:** Mammoth Lakes Town Yard (299 Commerce Drive), Bridgeport Road Shop (207 Jack Sawyer Road), Walker Road Shop (62 Shop Road), Lee Vining Skid Pan (Airport Road), Long Valley Fire Department (3605 Crowley Lake Drive), Chalfant Fire Department (215 Valley Road), Benton Road Shop (25574 Highway 6). <https://monocounty.ca.gov/roads/page/county-sand-sand-bag-locations>
- **Road Closures Updated on 3/12/2023 10:51 AM:** Caltrans has closed U.S. 395 from Bridgeport to the 167 Junction at Mono City due to whiteout conditions. 182 out of Bridgeport is still a full closure. In addition, the highway remains closed from Lee Vining to Bridgeport due to avalanches in the burned area above Mono Lake. The highway is open from Bridgeport north.
- There is no estimated time for opening the section of U.S. 395 north of Lee Vining where a series of avalanches took out transmission facilities and crossed the road, burying sections of the road under 30-40 feet of snow and debris. The best estimate is the road will be closed in that area for at least this week and into next week.
- S.R. 167 from U.S. 395 to the Nevada state line is closed.
- U.S. 395 in the Walker Canyon has been reopened following avalanche concerns.
- Benton Crossing Road is closed.
- **Evacuation Orders Updated On 3/12/2023:** Due to an extreme avalanche threat, the Mono County Office of Emergency Management issued an evacuation order to the residents on the South side of Highway 158 from the Fire Station to Reverse Creek Campground and Dream Mountain Drive in June Lake. A Temporary Evacuation Point has been set up at the June Lake Community Center.
- **Evacuation Warnings Updated On 3/11/2023: None**
- **Evacuation Centers Updated on 3/12/2023:** A Temporary Evacuation Point has been set up at the June Lake Community Center. Call (619) 341-9584 for more information.
- **Warming Centers Updated on 3/12/2023:**

- Mammoth Lakes has established an Information/Warming Center in Suite Z located above Starbucks in The Minaret Village Mall (Vons) at 437 Old Mammoth, The facility will be open from noon till midnight today and from 8am-8pm on Saturday, March 11.
 - Bridgeport Warming Center, 73 North School St. Memorial Hall. Warming Center (Bridgeport): A Warming Center has been set up in Bridgeport at Memorial Hall (73 N School Street). The overnight shelter will reopen should the need arise. Call (760) 924-4633 for more information.
 - Temporary Evacuation Center (June Lake): A Temporary Evacuation Point has been set up at the June Lake Community Center. Call (619) 341-9584 for more information.
 - Reduced Rates for Evacuees at The Carson Valley Inn: The Carson Valley Inn will be honoring a rate of \$89 plus tax in the main hotel until March 31st for anyone displaced or without power (subject to availability). No pets. Call (800) 321-6983 for reservations.
 - Reduced Rates for Evacuees at the Virginia Creek Settlement: The Virginia Creek Settlement will be honoring a rate of \$70 plus tax per night; \$150 plus tax for 3 nights for anyone displaced or without power (subject to availability). Pets allowed. Call (760) 932-7780 for reservations.
- **Power Outages On 3/12/2023:** Southern California Edison (SCE) is reporting a power outage in Mammoth Lakes with an estimated restoration time of 6:00 p.m. today.
 - The power has been restored in Walker.
- 9-1-1 is still down in Mono County with an ETA of 11:30.
 - 2-1-1 for non-emergencies information coming shortly.
 - **Helpful websites, numbers, #Tags, and social media sites:**
 - READY Mono: <https://ready.mono.ca.gov/>
 - Leslie Gaunt, Shelter Manager: (619) 341-9584
 - #MonoCounty #READYMono #AvalancheWarning #Avalanche #EasternSierra #JuneLake #Evacuation
 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON: Wildfire & Major Disaster Assistance for SCE Customers: Details: <https://www.sce.com/safety/assistance-center> #MonoCounty #SouthernCaliforniaEdison #SCE
 - Mono County Webcams: <https://www.monocounty.org/plan-your-trip/weather-and-road-conditions/webcams-in-mono-county/>
 - Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center: <https://www.esavalanche.org/>