

Pictures: Lake Tahoe's massive snowfall shatters 51-year-old record

As snow continues to dust Lake Tahoe, this December has seen record-breaking amounts of snowfall not recorded in the Tahoe area for decades.

According to the UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab, this snowstorm surpassed December 1970 as the snowiest December ever recorded by the institute Monday afternoon — and as of Tuesday, is nearing the mark for snowiest month ever recorded since 1970 — with more than 202 inches falling this month. The record was 238 inches in the month of January 2017.

Most major throughways in and out of Tahoe continue to be closed indefinitely because of downed trees, roads narrowed by snow, sleet and ice and a litany of other factors. And for the roads that are currently open, chains or snow tires are mandatory.

The National Weather Service's Reno office said on Twitter that "one last storm" is set to pound Tahoe from Tuesday night through Wednesday morning. The temperature is also expected to descend to a frigid 10 degrees Wednesday night.

"Very cold air moving in, a frigid NYE and possibly another strong winter storm next week," the office tweeted Tuesday morning. There is also a chance of snow starting next Monday, according to the National Weather Service's Tahoe forecast.

In the meantime, these photos show the stunning snowfall currently blanketing the Lake Tahoe area. (see source for photos-<https://www.sfgate.com/renotahoe/article/Pictures-Lake-Tahoe-set-record-snowiest-month-16734194.php>)

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