



SIERRA COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



DATE: March 8, 2023
RE: Public Safety Update

**SIERRA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDS
RESUPPLYING, LIMITING TRAVEL, AND PREPARING FOR POTENTIAL FLOODING IN
THE AREA DUE TO HAZARDOUS TRAVEL CONDITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT MIXED
PRECIPITATION EVENTS FORECASTED TO START MARCH 10 AND LAST THROUGH
MARCH 15, 2023.**

An Atmospheric River has been forecasted for the Sierra County region starting Thursday, March 9th and will remain in effect until Saturday, March 11th. It is recommended that residents limit travel due to significant travel impacts from mixed precipitation events. Due to potential road closures and public safety access, travel is only recommended for necessary reasons. Additionally, normal runoff behavior will likely be impacted due to the limited ability for runoff to access creeks, rivers, and drainages via normal means. There is a high likelihood storm runoff will impact any low-lying areas with poor drainage like roadways and driveways.

The County will be providing sandbags and sand at various locations throughout Sierra County. Please visit the [Sierra County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page](#) or the County's Website Sierracounty.ca.gov for locations of sand and sandbag filling sites.

The County also encourages residents to secure supplies that will allow them to be self-sufficient for multiple days due to the potential of service interruption and road closures.

Recommended supplies include but are not limited to:

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| * Food | * Bottled Water | * Generators |
| * Medication | * Propane | * Batteries |
| * Firewood | * Pet Food | * Fuel |

Finally, Sierra County recommends residents clear as much snow as possible around tail pipes, exhaust vents, propane tanks, drainages, and roofs to prevent any threats to your personal safety. The County recommends assessing roof snow loads prior to the rain event in order to minimize risks to your safety.

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