

Heavy Snow, Potential Flooding and High Winds to Impact Inyo County Sunday into Tuesday

A strong Pacific Storm will bring heavy snow to the eastern Sierra slopes early Sunday morning then excessive rain will spread over the county bringing the potential for flooding in areas of the Owens Valley and Death Valley National Park Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon. South winds gusting up to 50 mph will likely develop up the Owens Valley Sunday afternoon through Sunday night on the leading edge of the system.

KEY POINTS

- A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for the eastern Sierra and all Inyo County mountains above 6000 feet from 4 am Sunday through 4 am Tuesday.
- A Flood Watch is in effect for the Owens Valley and Death Valley National Park from Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon.
- A Wind Advisory is in effect for the Owens Valley from Sunday afternoon through late Sunday night

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFING

- The High Wind Watch for the Owens Valley has been changed to a Wind Advisory.

WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence.

	Sat 2/3	Sun 2/4	Mon 2/5	Tue 2/6	Wed 2/7	Thu 2/8	Fri 2/9
Owens Valley Bishop, Independence, Lone Pine		Rain/Wind	Rain	Rain/Snow			
Eastern Sierra Aspendell, Whitney Portal		Snow/Wind	Snow/Wind	Snow	Snow		Snow
White Mountains Westgard Pass, Bristlecone Pine Forest		Snow/Wind	Snow/Wind	Snow	Snow		
Death Valley National Park Furnace Creek, Badwater Basin		Rain	Rain	Rain			
Risk Levels	Little to None		Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme	

DETAILS

Eastern Sierra



Snow

Impacts:

- Very difficult or impossible travel conditions with chain controls, road closures and low visibility.

Timing:

- 4 AM Sunday morning through 4 AM Tuesday

- High confidence in winter impacts, with a 100% chance of more than 24" at Aspendell.
- 80% chance of more than 36" of snow at Aspendell.
- Snowfall rates over 3"/hr are likely at times.
- Bulk of snowfall is expected Sunday evening through Monday afternoon.



Wind

Impacts:

- Unsecured items blown away, including temporary structures.
- Roads affected by blowing snow and lower visibility.
- A few power outages.

Timing:

Saturday night through Monday afternoon

- Wind gusts between 40 and 50 mph in the Sierra.

White Mountains



Snow

Impacts:

- Very difficult travel conditions with chain controls, road closures and low visibility.

Timing:

4 AM Sunday through 4 AM Tuesday

- High confidence in winter impacts, with a 93% chance of 12"+ at Westgard Pass.
- 52% chance of more than 24" of snow at Westgard Pass.
- Snowfall rates over 2"/hr are possible at times.
- Bulk of precipitation is expected Sunday evening through Monday afternoon.



Wind

Impacts:

- Unsecured items blown away, including temporary structures.
- Roads affected by blowing snow and lower visibility.
- A few power outages.

Timing:

Sunday afternoon through late Sunday night

- Wind gusts between 45 and 55 mph in the White Mountains.

Owens Valley, Death Valley National Park



Rain

Impacts:

- Flowing water in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings.
- Ponding of water leading to longer travel times.
- Localized rockslides in canyons and steep terrain.
- Higher number of traffic incidents.

Timing:

Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon

- 77% chance of rainfall amounts over 1.00" and a 37% chance of rainfall amounts over 2.0" in Bishop.
- 77% chance of rainfall amounts over 0.50" and a 47% chance of rainfall amounts over 1.0" in Death Valley (Furnace Creek).



Wind

Impacts:

- Hazardous travel conditions especially for high profile vehicles.
- Power outages from downed trees and power lines. Some structural damage to buildings.
- Areas of blowing dust reducing visibilities.

Timing:

Sunday afternoon through late Sunday night

- South winds gusting between 40 and 50 mph in the Owens Valley.
- 65% chance of wind gusts to 50 mph in Bishop.
- 20% chance of wind gusts to 60 mph in Bishop.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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GRAPHICS

Winter Storm Warning Inyo County Mountains

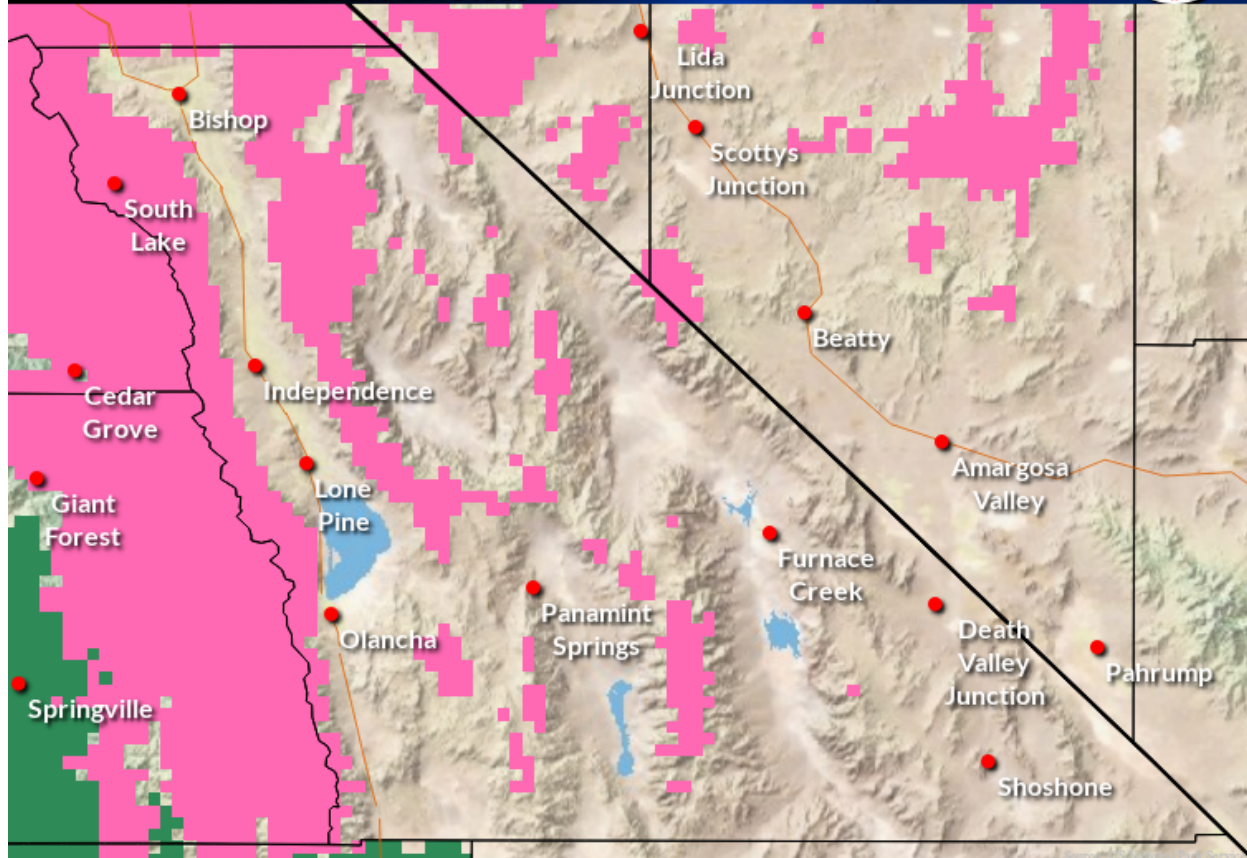
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Winter Storm Warning Above 6000 Feet

Flood Watch Owens Valley/Death Valley

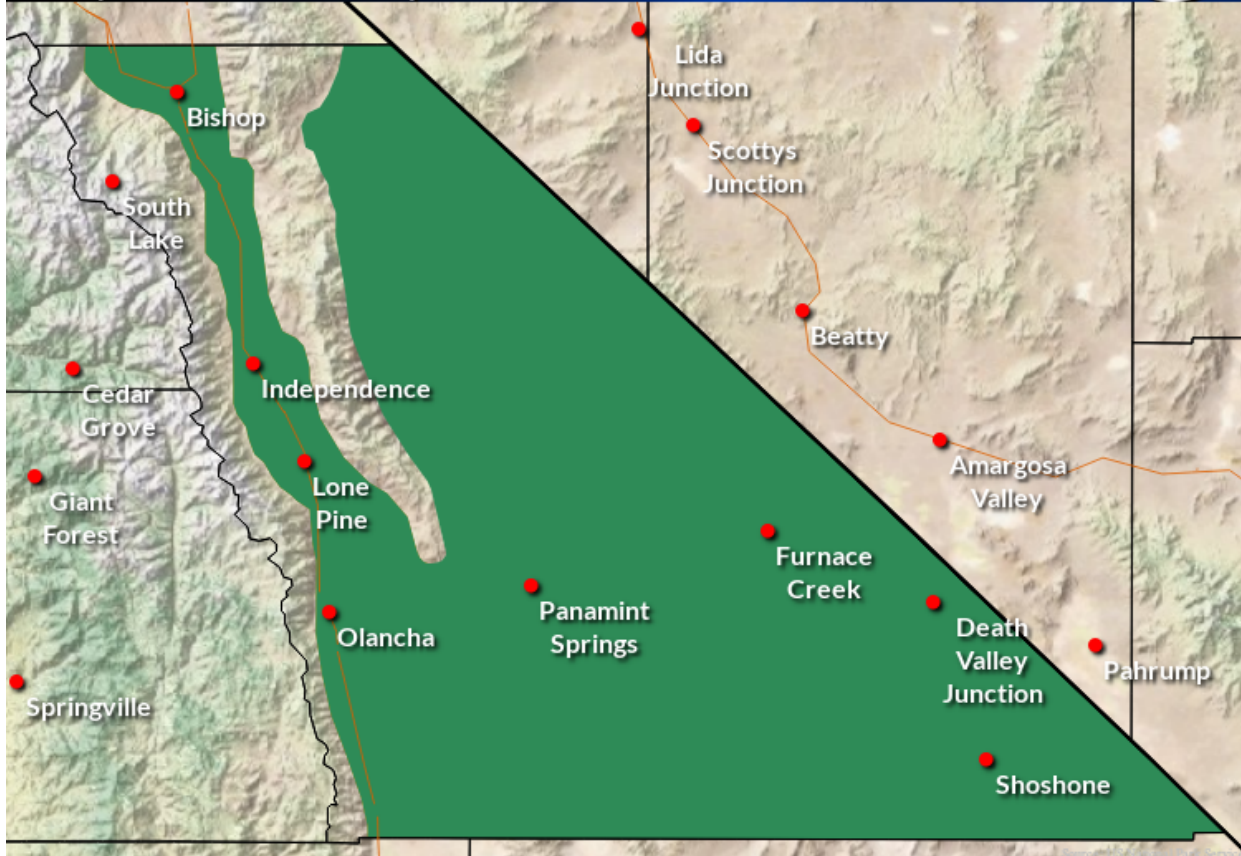
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Flood Watch

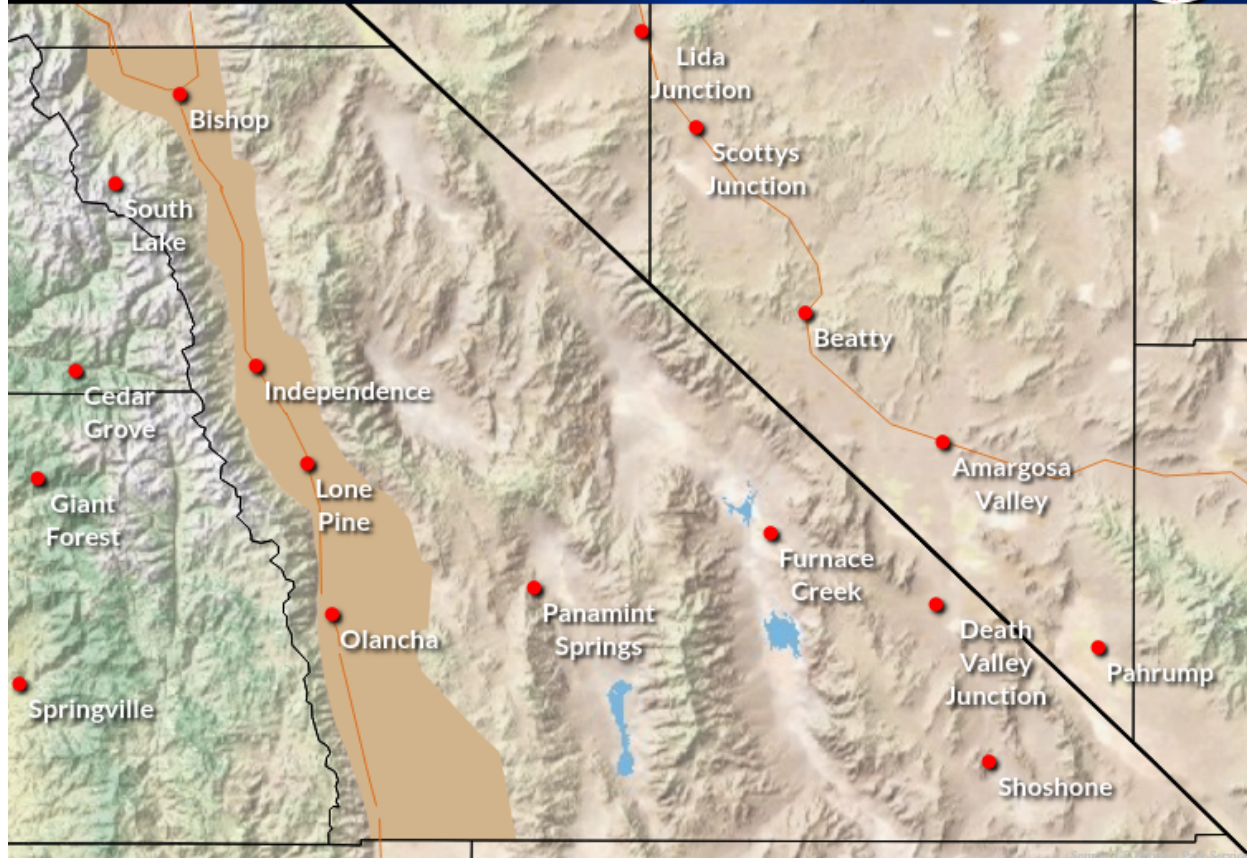
Wind Advisory for the Owens Valley

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Wind Advisory