



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 1999

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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CALIFORNIA, South Central

CAZ022>023

	08	1400PST			0	0			Heavy Snow
	09	0800PST							

Typical heavy snow period for the Southern Sierra Nevada with 10-12 inches of new snow reported at Fish Camp from 2 PM until 6 AM on 3/9/99. Mammoth Mountain received 8-10 inches of new snow and Tuolumne Meadows got 14 inches of new snow overnight at its high elevation. Oakhurst, at the 2600 foot level, received a couple of inches. Preceding this storm on the 8th, southeast wind was noted in the Oakhurst area at 20 MPH gusting to 46 MPH at 2123 PST. Following the frontal passage, thunderstorms during the day on the 9th in CA Zone 22, Southern Sierra Nevada,

CAZ023>024

	15	0400PST			0	0			Heavy Snow
		2100PST							

Frazier Park received 7 inches of snow, Tehachapi 1 inch, and Lodgepole in the Tulare County Mountains getting 8 inches

Fresno County
1 W Huron to
Huron

	15	1530PST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
		1535PST							

With thunderstorm activity prevalent this day in Interior California, a funnel cloud was observed just west of the town of Huron in Fresno County.

CAZ021-024

	19	0649PST			0	0	50K		High Wind (G48)
		1800PST							

California Highway Patrol estimated winds gusting to 40 MPH knocked over several power poles west of Bakersfield, CA, in the vicinity of Rosedale around sunrise. Gusty wind was present over much of the extreme Southern San Joaquin Valley with fences and trees blown over in the hours starting near dawn into the early afternoon. In the Tehachapi Mountains, winds became gusty from 35 to 40 MPH just after midnight. But a gust of wind occurred to 48 MPH from the southeast at 0951 PST at Tejon and Interstate Highway-5 over the Ridge Route.

CAZ022

	31	0100PST			0	0			Heavy Snow
		0800PST							

Significant snow amounts occurred with frontal passage through CA Zone 22, the Southern Sierra Nevada, in the early hours of 3/31/99. Tuolumne Meadows reported 11 inches of snow at 9000 feet MSL, 6 inches at Mariposa, and 4 inches of snow at Oakhurst at the 2500 foot level in less than an 8 hour time period.

CAZ024

	31	0400PST			0	0			High Wind (G54)
		1900PST							

Walker Pass in the Kern Mountains reported a wind of 54 Knots at 0357 PST on 3/31/99; gusts to 42 Knots at Squaw Springs at 1000 PST; and Mojave in the Kern Desert had a wind of 50 knots at 2047 PST.