



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2004

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

CALIFORNIA, South Central

Mariposa County

4 SE Yosemite Vlg	01 31	0000PST 2359PST			0	0			Wildfire
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See June 2004 Storm Data for Statistics on the Meadow Fire.

Fresno County

60 NW Huntington Lake 30 SE Huntington Lake	05	1515PST 2100PST			0	0			Heavy Rain
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Widespread thunderstorm activity over the Southern Sierra Nevada crest from Yosemite south through Fresno County on the 5th brought concerns of mountain stream flooding. Radar reports estimated rainfall rates of 1.25 to 1.50 inches/hour in numerous locations as thunderstorms pulsed over the high terrain.

Tulare County

18 NE Mineral King	07	1532PST 1647PST			0	0	0		Hail(1.00)
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Tulare County

18 NE Mineral King	07	1532PST 1537PST	0	40	0	0	0		Tornado (F0)
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A high altitude tornado (approximately 12,000 feet M.S.L.) was reported by the general public near Rockwell Pass and substantiated by photos provided to the NWS about a week after the event. The tornado was short-lived and quasi-stationary. There was no discernible damage path due to location above the tree-line in rocky ground in the Tulare County Mountains per the eyewitness. The path width was estimated. Grape-shaped hail with its longest axis at 1-inch occurred initially and concurrently with the tornado. The large hail diminished to less than severe threshold after approximately 15 minutes but smaller hail continued to occur in the vicinity for an hour (ending at 1632 PST).

Fresno County

13 NW Coalinga	11 13	1730PST 1900PST			0	0	80K		Wildfire
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The Gatos fire was of unknown origin and burned 800 acres. There were no injuries or fatalities although one outbuilding was destroyed and another damaged.

Fresno County

30 NE Fresno	12 14	1105PST 0700PST			0	0			Wildfire
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The Peterson Fire burned only 73 acres near Shaver Lake but it cost \$856K to fight. There were no injuries nor were any structures reported as lost.