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Blizzard Blasts Sierra Nevada Region – Wasn't Snow Supposed to Be a Thing of the Past?

Activity in California's Sierra Nevada region has been brought to a standstill by a late-season blizzard that has already dropped at least 10 feet of snow in some areas. By the time the snow stops later this week, up to 12 feet of snow may be recorded in one of the largest snow events in many decades.

The mammoth winter storm comes on the very same weekend that *The Guardian* [tells](#) us that the "era of plentiful snow may be over due to climate crisis."



AP Images
Truckee, California, on March 2

Approximately 100 miles of Interstate 80 needed to be shut down as the road became impassable over the weekend. The National Weather Service reports "high to extreme avalanche danger" in the central Sierra region, including the Lake Tahoe area. The heaviest snow is occurring in the higher altitudes, with heavy rain inundating the lower altitudes.

"This is great for the Sierra, ski resort, mountain operators," said Kevin Cooper of California Mountain Resort told ABC7. "In the last 30 years, I have not heard of 120 inches blizzard warning. So we could set some records in the short term."

The huge snowfall will be a boon to the ski industry once resorts can open again. Most of the area's resorts had to be shut down because of the winter storm.

A massive amount of vehicles have become stranded in the area of the Donner Pass, with the California Highway Patrol reporting that it was taking tow trucks and emergency personnel "several hours" to reach stranded motorists.

Yosemite National Park had to be closed due to the storm.

The gigantic storm came at an inopportune time for *The Guardian*, which published a piece on March 2 lamenting the end of "plentiful snow" in this age of "climate crisis."

"Ski resorts' era of plentiful snow may be over due to climate crisis, study finds," the headline blared.

"If you have been enjoying lushly covered mountains by skiing or snowboarding this winter then such an experience could soon become a receding memory, with a new study finding that an era of reliably bountiful snow has already passed due to the climate crisis," *The Guardian* reported.

The Guardian's grim ski forecast was based on a [study](#) conducted by Daniel Scott of the University of



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Waterloo in Canada and Robert Steiger of the University of Innsbruck in Austria. That study claims that “warming in mountain regions has outpaced the global rate, with important regional implications for snowpacks and the ski industry.”

But not this weekend, apparently.

“We are probably past the era of peak ski seasons,” Scott said. “Climate change is an evolving business reality for the ski industry and the tourism sector.”

In the future, ski enthusiasts can expect far shorter seasons, according to Scott.

“Average ski seasons in all US regional markets are projected to get shorter in the decades ahead under all emission futures,” the scientist explained.

How short future ski seasons will be depends upon how closely we’re able to keep to the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

“How much shorter depends on the ability of all countries to deliver on their Paris climate agreement emission reduction commitments and whether global warming temperatures are held below 2C (3.6F),” Scott said.

While this particular winter storm may only represent poor timing for *The Guardian* and other climate cultists, it’s hardly the only time that those pushing the climate-crisis narrative have been foiled by winter weather.

In 2013, David Viner, a climatologist at University of East Anglia, [predicted](#) that, within a few years, snow would become “a very rare and exciting event.”

“Children just aren’t going to know what snow is,” Viner told us.

In 2018 climate hysterics at the World Economic Forum [met](#) in Davos to discuss the evils of global warming amid six feet of snow.

Climate-change conferences occurring amid the backdrop of serious winter weather has been referred to as [“the Gore effect,”](#) as it has happened several times when the world’s foremost carbon-credit salesman, Al Gore, has shown up at climate-change events only to be met with weather that casts doubt on global warming.



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