

SWIFT-MOVING WATER is a SAFETY HAZARD!



This winter's Southern Sierra snowpack was the **largest in recorded history** at 296 percent of normal. As spring and summer temps rise, waterways have **doubled in volume** in many areas as the snowpack melts.

THIS WATER IS FAST, DEEP, AND COLD ENOUGH TO CAUSE HYPOTHERMIA!

Not only are area waterways unsafe for fishing, boating, and swimming, but their surrounding banks are dangerously unstable as the water eats away at them. Hidden subsurface hazards like rocks and tree limbs can be deadly.

Keep a safe distance from fast-moving water this spring and summer.

DO NOT attempt to bypass closures to access areas that have been blocked for your safety.

Never leave children and pets unattended around fast-moving water. DO NOT let them play in the currents, not only in the area of creeks and rivers, but also near culverts and storm drains.



1 million acre-feet / 326 billion gallons

of water expected to flow from High Sierra by season's end

NEVER TRY TO WALK, SWIM, OR DRIVE THROUGH SWIFT WATER

Just 6 INCHES of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet

TWO FEET of swift water will float your car

It only takes **4-5 MINUTES** in cold water for your hands to stop working effectively and hypothermia begins to set in

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