

# More rain expected Tuesday afternoon in central San Joaquin Valley

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More rain and snow is expected Tuesday afternoon from a Pacific storm lingering in the central San Joaquin Valley.

The storm, which dropped .18 of an inch of rain in Fresno by Tuesday morning, will continue possibly through Wednesday morning, said Jeff Barlow, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Hanford.

The storm could bring heavy showers Tuesday afternoon in Fresno and a chance of thunderstorms with a possibility of small hail and gusty winds. Scattered showers are expected throughout the Valley and snow to the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Showers may accumulate about quarter of an inch of rain in Fresno, with the heaviest rain expected for Tuesday afternoon.

Barlow said the mountains at 4,000 feet and higher could get from four to seven inches of snow, and the foothills could see up from two to four inches of snow.

Patchy morning fog was visible Monday in some areas of the Valley, but will disappear by noon. More patchy fog is expected Wednesday morning, Barlow said.

Accompanying the stormy weather, daytime Fresno temperatures through Wednesday are expected to be in the mid to low 60s -- colder than the seasonal average of 70.

Tuesday's daytime high in Fresno is forecast at 62 and highs are expected to reach 71 degrees with partly sunny skies by Friday.

Since the start of the rain season July 1, only 4.03 inches of rain has fallen in Fresno, falling short of the seasonal average of 9.91 inches for this time of year.

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