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Pineapple Express California

- The first of two back-to-back atmospheric rivers slowly pushed into California on Wednesday, triggering statewide storm preparations and calls for people to get ready for potential flooding, heavy snow and damaging winds.
- Known as a "Pineapple Express" because its long plume of moisture stretched back across the
 Pacific to near Hawaii, the storm rolled into the far north first and was expected to move down
 the coast through Thursday. Forecasters expect an even more powerful storm to follow it Sunday.
- The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services activated its operations center and positioned personnel and equipment in areas most at risk from the weather.
- Brian Ferguson, Cal OES deputy director of crisis communications, characterized the situation as
 "a significant threat to the safety of Californians" with concerns for impact over 10 to 14 days
 from the Oregon line to San Diego and from the coast up into the mountains.
- After drenching Northern California with as much as 8 inches of rain, setting multiple daily rainfall records, the storm focused its energy into Southern California and the Los Angeles areas on Thursday, leading to slowdowns during the morning commute.
- The lowlands around Los Angeles and San Diego are expected to receive 1-3 inches of rain, while the mountains and surrounding hills may see 2-5 inches. Already some areas in the mountains of Santa Barbara County reported 3-4 inches of rain by Thursday morning, according to the NWS.
- The City of San Diego has already issued evacuation notices for the same neighborhoods that saw flash flooding last week. As much as 1.00-1.50 inches of new rain is expected with this storm.
- Strong winds remain a factor with peak gusts expected around 45 mph in the Los Angeles area, and gusts of 55 mph or higher in the mountains. A few of the higher mountain peaks have recorded gusts in the 60-70 mph range.





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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
	N/A						

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties			
MI*	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding Aug 24-26	10/18/2023	Pending	9 Counties			

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters							
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	69	2/9/2024			

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