

Nevada's record-busting snowpack keeps growing

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The people who measure Sierra Nevada snow are running out of adjectives to quantify 2017's drought-busting totals.

It's forcing them to use more creative descriptions.

At one snow-measuring site in the Desolation Wilderness southwest of Lake Tahoe there's so much snow that if it melted in place there would be 10 feet of water.

"You could drown in that much water," said Jeff Anderson, a hydrologist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Reno. "It is deeper than the deep end of the pool."

It wasn't the only spot where the snowpack outpaced superlatives to describe it.

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