



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



November 1997

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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CALIFORNIA, South Central

CAZ022

	10	1800PST			0	0			
	11	0600PST							Heavy Snow

8 inches of new snow at the higher elevations of the Southern Sierra Nevada.

Merced County

2 S Los Banos to
5 S Los Banos

	13	1530PST 1536PST	3	10	0	0	5K	0	Tornado (F0)
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An F0 tornado developed as a severe thunderstorm was dissipating in rural, west Merced County just south of Los Banos. Damage was essentially limited to stored grain/fodder for cattle and some fences. Tornado was reported by several witnesses with its last point 3 miles farther south than its initial touchdown point. The path was from the NNW to SSE.

CAZ022>023

	26	0300PST			0	0			
	27	0900PST							Winter Storm

A winter storm affected the Southern Sierra Nevada primarily over a 2-day period beginning in the early morning hours of the 26th and continuing into the 27th. Mammoth Mountain on the eastern border of Madera County already received 3-5 feet of new snow by the early morning of the 27th. Rainfall amounts on the west side of the mountains ranged from 2 to 3 inches at elevations between 2500 to 4000 feet...and 3 inches plus from 4000 foot up to the initial snow levels of 5000 feet. Snow levels eventually lowered to just below 4000 feet as the storm passed.

Tulare County

8 E Tulare

	26	0810PST			0	0	30K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Roof damage to a large, rural warehouse. No other damage reported in the agricultural area. 1/2 to 3/4 of 16,000 sq.ft. structure, including two evaporative coolers, were damaged by the gust

Fresno County

11 NNE Fresno to
11.1 NNE Fresno

	26	1300PST 1305PST	0.1	5	0	0	1K	0	Tornado (F0)
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Apparently very small tornado (F0) or gustnado accompanied a line of convection through the east-Central San Joaquin Valley. Tornado/gustnado path was from SSE to NNW. Damage confined to minor roof damage and uprooting small trees in a north Clovis suburb.

Kern County

12 WSW Tehachapi

	26	1355PST			0	0	80K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Thunderstorm wind, aided by terrain channeling up a mountain side, lifted a patio deck subsequently pulling the roof off from a house southwest of Stallion Springs. The damage was very localized, but totally demolishing one house. Small hail occurred with the thunderstorm passage as reported by a couple of witnesses.

Fresno County

14 NE Fresno to
14.3 NE Fresno

	26	1410PST 1420PST	0.3	13	0	0	10K	0	Tornado (F0)
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Very small F0 tornado with damage to small rural structures and fencing. Path width by witness at 10-15 yards. Tornado accompanying convective band sweeping southwest to northeast through east-Central San Joaquin Valley

CAZ024

	30	0700PST 2200PST			0	0			
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8 inches of snow at Greenhorn Summit due to a late Fall frontal passage. Similar amounts through the remainder of the Southern Sierra Nevada.