

Survey: Snowpack 38% of Normal

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With barely any snow in January it's no surprise our snowpack is hurting - a fact confirmed by a snow survey on Mount Rose Friday.

In a normal snowpack there's typically 2 feet of liquid water and now there's 8.5 inches of water content in and 31 inches of snow.

Experts say this means the chances of getting back to normal by summit aren't good.

"Our chance of recovering to more of a normal snowpack, would mean we'd need a February and March that beats 90% of the historic years since 1981, so there other side of that is there's maybe a 10% chance we'll have a big February and March to get back to average by April," says Jeff Anderson, water supply specialist, NRCS.

Anderson says there was only 2/10ths of an inch of precipitation in January- the driest year at the Mount Rose site since records began being kept in 1981.