

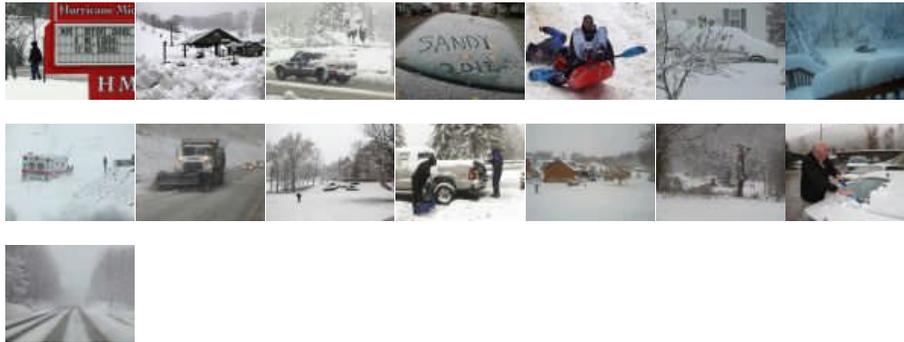
Sandy's Snowy Side Turns Deadly

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Boone, N.C.



Eva Miranda, 27, battles through howling wind and snow as she makes her way across the campus at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Tuesday Oct. 30, 2012. (AP Photo/The News & Observer, Chuck Liddy)



At least three deaths in West Virginia have been blamed on the snow from Superstorm Sandy. One death is due to a weather-related car accident, while the other two deaths were apparent heart attacks brought on by storm-related cleanup.

As much as 2-3' of snow fell in the mountains of Maryland and West Virginia, with lighter snows in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio.

"By sunrise Wednesday, 16 different locations in three states had reported at least two feet of snow," reports weather.com meteorologist Nick Wiltgen.

At least **36 roads in West Virginia remain closed** by high water, downed trees, and snow from Superstorm Sandy. West Virginia media is reporting the roofs of some businesses in Craigsville have collapsed under the weight of the snow. Students in at least 19 West Virginia counties got another day off from school Wednesday. 14 more counties are delaying the start of school.

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"Essentially, you took a hurricane's moisture, wrapped it into the Appalachians where the air mass was cold enough for snow," says weather.com meteorologist Jon Erdman.



Snowfall Forecast

In the mountainous western edges of Maryland, 2' of snow snapped power lines, downed trees, and left tractor-trailers jackknifed along an interstate. In West Virginia, 2-3' of snow created blizzard conditions, shutting down one interstate and knocking out power to thousands.

"For some Appalachian locations, this storm was their version of last October's 'Snowtober' storm that hammered the Northeast with power outages and downed trees due to the weight of that heavy snow," reports Erdman.



Some Top Sandy Snow Totals

- Richwood, W.V.: 36" , Mount LeConte, Tenn.: 34" , Snowshoe, W.V.: 32" , Quinwood, W.V.: 29"
- Frostburg, Md.: 28"

Record Snow from Sandy

Maryland State Highway Administration spokeswoman Kelly Boulware says they had to remove several tractor-trailers that were stuck on I-40 Westbound as well as four to five cars that were abandoned in the median.

"Even lower elevations of Ohio were seeing their first snow of the season," says Erdman.

In North Carolina, Sugar Mountain Ski Resort is opening on Halloween Day. It's the earliest opening in its 43 year history. The resort reports they had 7" of snow on Monday with a possible 10-16" expected from Sandy by the end of Tuesday.

Sandy's wintry side even dipped as far down as Tennessee. Newfound Gap received 22" of snow from Sandy. Hikers and campers in the Smokies were a little startled by the appearance of snow. Officials report about 50 backpackers took shelter in the park during Sunday night's snowfall.

