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More rain headed our way By MARK HEDGES/The Daily Journal

It isn't a monster storm, but the system passing through Ukiah today and Wednesday still added a good deal of moisture to the area's already waterlogged topography.

Local gauges in the Ukiah Valley showed approximately nine-tenths of an inch of rain fell Wednesday, causing streets and streams to again burgeon with water.

"It's looking like the storm track is going to keep systems coming through us," said Jeff Lorens of the National Weather Service in Eureka.

"However, the trend for the next several days and through the weekend is for the storm track to stay to the north. We'll be more on the southern fringe in Northern California and it won't go straight through us."

Lorens said it was "looking like an occasional chance of rain through the weekend through early next week, but nothing heavy no flooding or anything severe.

"Any rain that we get, especially down your way, will be on the light side, occasionally moderate," Lorens added.

The pattern at present is for relatively weak systems, "maybe strong for the Pacific Northwest but here moving through fairly quickly," Lorens said, "with each individual frontal system coming through not packing much."

Saturday is predicted to be "pretty good down in the Ukiah area," he continued, "with just partly cloudy skies, and then the later part of next week, Wednesday on, looks really good. Again, it's the tail end of cold fronts."

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This type of pattern is not a disappointment to many in Eureka (nor for Ukiah, for that matter) after the thrashing the December storms gave Northern California.

"The soils are still pretty wet," Lorens said. "We're not in any major need of rain. We're in good shape as long as we keep the fronts moving through, dropping whatever they've got when they pass by. It's when they stall out over us that we tend to get problems."

The Daily Journal's Accu Weather service measured 0.71 inches of rain for the 24-hour period to 2 p.m. Wednesday, with 3.12 inches for the month to date and a total of 27.49 inches for the season to date, though some locations in Ukiah have consistently measured higher than this average, with some totals reaching 4.4 inches for the month.

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