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Mar 4, 2017 - Mammoth Lakes, California, U.S. - View from the gondola of cabins buried in deep snow. 43 feet of snow have fallen on the Mammoth Mountain ski resort in Southern California so far this season, with snow piled high around cabins and walkways. Freeways and schools across the Sierra have been closed at times, and firefighters are having trouble finding fire hydrants. New measurements from the California Department of Water Resources show that California's incredibly wet winter has resulted in historically high snowpack levels in the Sierra Nevada, underscoring the state's rapid march out of drought conditions. The Sierra Nevada mountains provide about a third of California's water when the snow melts in the spring and summer. The U.S. Drought Monitor reported Thursday that about 42 percent of California is no longer in drought. This winter has been California's wettest in at least 20 years, and in some parts of the state, it may be the rainiest in history, according to state data (FOTO: DUKAS/ZUMA)
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