

Icy Truckee highway leads to serious injuries for driver

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A solo accident on icy Highway 267 near Truckee injured an Auburn woman, brought down power lines and closed the road in both directions Tuesday morning.

The 52-year-old woman, whose name is not being released because no criminal charges were involved, was flown to a Reno hospital with major injuries, said California Highway Patrol Officer Tony Prisco.

The accident occurred at 7:48am just south of Brockway Summit on Highway 267, which connects Truckee with north Lake Tahoe at Kings Beach.

According to the CHP, the driver lost control of her Toyota 4Runner while traveling southbound on the road's icy surface.

The vehicle left the roadway and went down a hillside, striking and severing a power pole and stretching its lines across both lanes of the highway. The road was closed for about 25 minutes, Prisco said.

The Toyota came to rest upright at the bottom of the hillside. The driver was extricated by the North Lake Tahoe Fire Department.