

Dozens of trains rerouted after derailment in Nev.

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FALLON – Union Pacific officials hope to a reopen a stretch of one of the busiest east-west railroad routes in the nation today after a freight train derailed in Nevada's high desert about 60 miles east of Reno.

About 30 freight trains and another three Amtrak passenger trains had to be rerouted after 34 rail cars on a 51-car train derailed Wednesday afternoon 22 miles north of Fallon.

No one was injured but the derailment forced the closure for several hours of a stretch of U.S. Highway 95 while hazmat crews checked for toxic leaks.

Union Pacific spokesman Francisco Castillo says the only leakage came from a car filled with wine. He said Thursday they were working to repair part of the damaged rail. Cleanup efforts will continue for the next few days.