

Snow + bad driving = multiple crashes



Slushy roads are contributing to multiple crashes and spin outs in the Sierra, like this one April 22 at Echo Summit. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

Roads in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin are a mess with wet snow and errant drivers.

Interstate 80 going east is currently closed near Boreal with no estimated time of reopening as the California Highway Patrol clears multiple crashes.

Traffic on Highway 50 at Echo Summit was stopped for at least 30 minutes this afternoon while crews cleared several spinouts.

Ruthe Loehr with the Meyers CHP office told *Lake Tahoe News*, "It is a mess. Right now we called in extra units to work overtime. Everyone is on the road right now."

A three-car accident near Echo Summit included the vehicle in the back rolling over after it slid into the mountainside. No one was injured.

Loehr said a lot of people are driving in the snow without the proper tires or not having all-wheel or four-wheel drive. She said crews clear one spinout and then go to the next.

A winter weather advisory remains in effect for the basin until 11pm April 22.

While Saturday is expected to be mostly sunny, rain is in the forecast for Sunday and snow on Monday.

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