

Danger lurks on the flanks of Highway 50

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More drivers than ever this winter are parking illegally on the side of Highway 50 to play or take photos in the snow.

That's despite the fact that "No Stopping Anytime" signs frequently line the road from Placerville to Echo Summit. California Highway Patrol officials say some people are even parking on one side of the road and running across to the other, snow toys in hand.

"It's like people haven't seen snow before," CHP spokesman Brent McElmurry in Placerville said.

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