

Mudslide on Hwy. 50 in Nev. hampers traffic



A boulder the size of a car slid onto Highway 50 Feb. 6 in Nevada. Photo/LTN

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From NDOT: All lanes of Highway 50 are anticipated to reopen this afternoon, but minor lane closures and travel delays are to be expected as final roadway repairs are made over the coming days.

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Mud and rock slides have closed one east bound lane of Highway 50 in the Logan Creek area.

Nevada Department of Transportation officials are on scene trying to clear the slide that was reported about 8am Feb. 6.

Local road contractors have been contacted in order to use their heavy equipment to remove the boulder

“We had rock and snowfall come down on the slow lane of eastbound of U.S. 50 near Glenbrook,” Meg Ragonese with NDOT told *Lake Tahoe News*. “That covered pretty much the entire slow lane of U.S. 50. Subsequently a large vehicle-size boulder also fell onto that same travel lane.”

No vehicles were damage and there were no injuries.

Neither NDOT nor the Nevada Highway Patrol have an estimate when traffic will be flowing freely.

Crews will remove the debris. Then they will assess if the mountainside needs to be shored up in some manner.

The majority of the roadside slopes in the Glenbrook area have already been stabilized with rockfall netting or terraced slopes or have barrier rail/wall built at the bottom to contain and collect rockfall.

“With traffic safety as top priority, NDOT has dedicated approximately \$15 million to enhancing traffic safety by stabilizing roadside slopes in U.S. 50 at Tahoe,” Ragonese said.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*