

Caltrans' Donner Pass chief tweets a blizzard

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Dave Wood

With a white helmet and ash-gray beard, Caltrans Superintendent Dave Wood exudes old-fashioned charm from his post at the snowy summit of Donner Pass. But his favored method of communicating with drivers is decidedly modern.

He's the voice behind regular mountain traffic updates dispatched on Twitter by Caltrans, where Wood provides a close-up look at the nasty conditions that can snarl Interstate 80 in an instant. He's often funny, and always himself.

"If you drive your car on the roof, we can't keep this road open. Please slow down," he implored in a video post this week.

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