

# Fallen firefighter from Zephyr Cove honored

A section of Highway 140 on Thursday was dedicated in memory of two fallen U.S. Bureau of Land Management firefighters who lost their lives in a 2016 traffic crash, one of whom was from Zephyr Cove.

On July 10, 2016, BLM wildland firefighters Jacob O'Malley, 27, and Will Hawkins, 22, of Reno died in a single-vehicle rollover crash on Highway 140 while on routine patrol for lightning-sparked fires. Highway 140 extends northwest from U.S. 93 north of Winnemucca to the Oregon state line.

On Nov. 2, Gov. Brian Sandoval, Nevada Department of Transportation representatives and the firefighters' families and friends gathered at a ceremony to dedicate 12 miles of the state route in the firefighters' names. The segment between the Highway 95/Highway 140 junction and 12 miles northwest of the junction was dedicated, with one 4 by 6 foot sign installed in each direction to read "Highway Segment Dedicated to BLM Firefighters Will Hawkins and Jacob O'Malley."