

## Winter 2010-2011 Snow Removal State Route 88

During winter storms, District 10 maintenance crews work around the clock keeping up with the massive amount of snow that has fallen this winter season. Especially hard hit have been the all-season Carson Pass and Carson Spur area on State Route 88 in Amador and Alpine counties, which has accumulated a whopping 560 inches of snow, to date. Three hundred and thirty two avalanches closed the roadway this season, prompting maintenance crews to perform 51 avalanche control missions on Carson Pass and Carson Spur this season. The GazX avalanche system exploders have been set off more than 400 times and about 3,525 pounds of explosives were used in 20 separate hand charge missions. The most snow in a 24-hour period was measured February 18' 2011, at 36 inches.

The following pictorial tells the story of snow removal in District 10:



Snow plow makes its way out of Caltrans maintenance yard in snow storm



Snow plow scrapes snow off roadway during nighttime maintenance work on Carson Spur



Snow blower followed by snow plow during maintenance operations on Highway 88



Crew performs night maintenance on Carson Spur



Roadway narrows on Carson Spur as maintenance vehicles forge ahead during nighttime operations



Crews keep Carson Spur clear while motorists continue on their way



Carson Spur in late March



Snowplow crew clears dangerous snow build-up from roadside during nighttime maintenance



Winter weather not letting up, even in early April



Even snowplows must “chain up” over Carson Pass in early April!