

CALTRANS MEDIA ADVISORY



Date: May 20, 2011
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Caltrans to reopen U.S. Highway 50 at Echo Summit *Anticipated opening tentatively Saturday May 21*

WHAT: **Media Availability:** Caltrans will be joined by El Dorado County and South Lake Tahoe representatives to celebrate the re-opening of U.S. Highway 50 at Echo Summit following nine days of full closure to replace the rock wall barrier. Timing of the opening is subject to weather and temperatures.*

WHO:

- Brenda Schimpf - Caltrans District 3 Chief, Northern Region Right of Way
- Tom Brannon, Caltrans Project Manager, Tahoe Basin
- Deanna Shoopman, Caltrans Tahoe Basin Outreach Coordinator
- Dan Himick, C.C. Myers, Inc. President
- Bob Coupe, C.C. Myers Inc. Northern California Operations Manager
- El Dorado County and City of South Lake Tahoe elected officials

WHEN: Saturday May 21
* **NOTE:** The actual highway opening time is highly dependent on weather and temperature fluctuations between now and project completion. Caltrans and the contractor, C.C. Myers Inc. are anticipating the highway will be opened as soon as Saturday afternoon. The exact time could be before or after that estimate. The road will be opened as soon as it is ready, and will not be based on the timing of the media event. **Please RSVP Deanna Shoopman and we will contact you if and when we have a viable time estimate on Saturday morning.**

WHERE: **1. Caltrans Maintenance Yard at Echo Summit**
Location: Maintenance Station Road at PM 66.82 on Hwy 50.
It is 0.2 mile east of Echo Ski Area Road (1.75 miles east of Johnson Pass Rd.)

2. Video opportunity will be made available on U.S. Highway 50
Location to be determined based on when the highway opens

R.S.V.P. Please R.S.V.P. Deanna Shoopman (530) 701-9459

VISUALS:

- Vehicles access resumes with one-way alternating controlled traffic
- Interviews with Caltrans and CC Myers, Inc. project personnel
- Interviews with elected officials from South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County
- Time lapse video of work done on Echo Summit project