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**DONNER DIESEL SPILL UPDATE: SOIL REMOVAL CONTINUES, BOOM REMOVED FROM SUMMIT CREEK**

Crews will continue removing contaminated soil from the median of Interstate-80 near Donner Summit through Thursday. Traffic will be reduced to one lane from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crews removed the boom in Summit Creek on Thursday, which reopens public access and watercraft navigation of Summit Creek. As a precaution, boom will be maintained upstream in Billy Mack Creek while monitoring and cleanup work continue.

After median soil is removed, hand crews will mobilize on the south side of the I-80 to remove diesel-impacted soil from that location. No impact to traffic on I-80 is expected during that phase of the operation. Sediment and surface water monitoring will continue. The most recent water sample results show no diesel detections in Summit Creek or Donner Lake.

The Department of Fish and Game and Nevada County Environmental Health responded to the spill on May 26 which occurred when a tanker truck overturned and spilled as much as 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel along I-80 on the west side of Donner Lake. Some of the material washed over the side of the interstate into the soil and watershed of Billy Mack and Summit Creeks.

Though the majority of the spilled fuel was deposited in the center divide, some moved down the median and through a culvert to the hillside above Donner Lake resulting in some staining (dark areas of soil where diesel is present).

For the latest information on this spill visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov/>

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