

The “Department Reports” from DOT for January 3, 2023, are listed below:

- The Flashing Beacon system for the Weaverville Volunteer Fire Department has been inspected and tested by the electricians. They repaired burned wiring (resulting from the collision) and completed initial troubleshooting. They found that a strobe light used to activate the system was damaged, and they suspect that the optical detector may also have been damaged. They were directed to order the replacement parts. When those parts arrive, they will repair and retest the system.
- Multiple culvert pipes that were destroyed on Ruth-Zenia Road during the 2020 August Fire have been replaced. The replaced pipes were of high concern to potential additional future damage. There are additional damaged pipes in the 2020 August Fire area which will be repaired in the future.
- Dyer construction completed removal of the rocks on Canyon Creek road, except for one large boulder, on December 7. An affiliated company, Access Limited, arrived December 12, 2022, to begin installation of a temporary rockfall barrier fence for protection of traffic. Between the time that Dyer left the site and Access Limited arrived to construct the fence, the slide deposited a large amount of new slide material, including some boulders the size of pickup trucks. Access Limited began assembly of the barrier fence just to the east of the slide area. As they worked, new slide debris started coming down on the crews, coming from a new area adjacent to the existing slide. The slide material partially covered the barrier that they were working to assemble. According to the crews, rocks the size of tires were coming down on an hourly basis. They stopped work on the fence for a short time due to the instability, and after internal discussions they decided to continue work, finishing the rockfall fence on Friday, December 16th. The initial plan was to install the fence so that there would be 2 lanes for traffic, but the additional rockfall did not allow for that yet.
- Following installation of the fence, Dyer removed the road closed signs and sent a revised notice that “Rockfall Barrier is in place; single lane passage established.” They also advise that the barrier provides an additional level of safety, but does not provide complete protection. They warn that traffic should still “*proceed with*

*caution.”* Workers from Access Limited who constructed the barrier fence expressed concern that if additional large boulders fall, the barrier may be destroyed.

- Since the fence was installed, and while the contractor was on site, (making sure it was safe) the road crews were able to safely clear snow and debris from the road past the slide. However, the additional new year’s rock fall made it unsafe for the crews and the public to go past the slide.
- Due to the expanded rockfall instability, Dyer had the geotechnical design team revisit the site on December 20, to evaluate the status. As reported in the last few days, by county staff and local residents (photo and video), the slope instability is very dynamic and unpredictable, as shown by the recent rockfall that blocked all access through the slide. The contractor is expected to resume work early this week, weather dependent.
- CalOES has added the Canyon Creek Road rockfall repairs as a separate item to the List of Projects for the December 2021 storm event. Previously, cleanup costs had been included as a part of the overall debris removal, which has a relatively short deadline for completion of work. The Dyer Contract is now included as a permanent road repair item, which is more appropriate for the stabilization work that is being completed by Dyer.
- The Rush Creek Road HFST authorization for construction was received from Caltrans on December 28, 2022. Staff anticipates bringing the plans to the Board in January/February to request approval for advertising.
- The recent storms resulted in plugging of culverts on Coffee Creek Road within the burn scar area. The crews will be working to repair the damage weather dependent.

If you have any questions please let me know.