

Frozen valley roads linked to numerous vehicle wrecks

Shaded stretch of Laurel Road near Old Stage Road harbors icy spot; claims five vehicles Monday, Jan. 15



Sis's Gap near milepost 23 of Hwy. 199 on Thursday, Jan. 11



Laurel Road at Old Stage Road Saturday night, Jan. 13.



Caves Hwy. near Illinois Valley Fire District headquarters



Laurel Road at Old Stage Road. Cave Junction resident Dulcie Moore, office manager for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, was transported by American Medical Response with minor injuries after being extricated by I.V. Fire District Monday, Jan. 15.



A driver narrowly avoided impalement when his vehicle rolled and struck a tree Monday afternoon, Jan. 15 on Laurel Road.



Laurel Road at Old Stage Road on Monday afternoon, Jan. 15 (above).

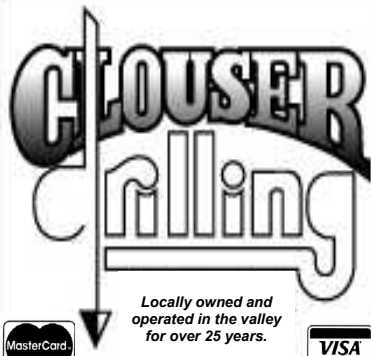
(Right) A sign on E. Lister Street denotes danger ahead. (Photo by 'I.V. News')



Laurel Road at Old Stage Road on Monday afternoon, Jan. 15. This pickup truck was among several crashes in the same vicinity. There were no reports of serious injuries.

Snow that struck the valley beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10 lingered due to freezing temperatures, causing icy roadways. Snowfall resumed Tuesday, Jan. 16. Emergency personnel, including Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD), American Medical Response, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, and Oregon State Police were kept busy responding to numerous accidents. Tow truck companies were also much in demand.

It was noted that sometimes drivers were lulled into a false sense of normalcy because sections of roadways were clear, but due to constant shade, some areas retained icy conditions, catching drivers unaware. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD Media Dept.)



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