

Fatal Traffic Crash Closes Hwy 97 south of Bend

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Oregon State Police have issued an emergency report announcing that a fatal traffic crash has closed Highway 97 near milepost 231, about 15 miles south of the Diamond Lake Junction (approximately 65 miles south of Bend).

The accident which occurred about 2 p.m. Friday, involved multiple vehicles with two fatalities confirmed. Others are reportedly in serious condition.

Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and emergency medical responders are on scene.

ODOT reports there is no suitable detour available, and the length of closure may be extensive.

Motorists are advised to avoid Crater Lake area highways due to winter conditions and the fact that not all roads have been plowed.

No more information was available at the time of the emergency report.

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