

## Calientegram – Safety Update

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From our Assistant Director...

Due to the ice storm we got last nite, you will find significant amounts of loose gravel and sand on many over passes and adjacent roads. This presents a number of challenges and safety issues that were not of as much of a concern just a few days back. Pay particular attention to these areas not only IRT the "friction patch" for stopping and turning but also to the kicked up pebbles which at speed, hitting you in the face or open skin areas will be at a minimum, painful. Very probable outcome if a car or other bike rider changes lanes in front of you and runs over those areas outside of the normal tire tracking areas of your lane. If you don't have impact resistant wrap around glasses or goggles, you may want to look at quickly obtaining a pair.

On a final note, as you come to a stop at these intersections, pay attention as to where you plant your feet. Nothing like small pebbles with the viscosity of small ball bearings under the soles of your feet to embarrass you as you drop your bike when your feet go out from under you. It will take weeks for most of this "stuff" to blow off the roads or otherwise disappear so pay attention where you "track" in your lane. Be safe out there!

Respectfully  
Your Squirrel

P.S. It will be cold but the ride to Salt Lick BBQ tomorrow is still on. See you at 10:00 a.m.