

Skateboarders plunge down twisty Donner Pass



Professional skateboarders conquer old Highway 40. Photo/Red Bull

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Donner Pass is one of the most treacherous mountain roads in America, a passage in the Northern Sierras famous for a party of pioneers that got stranded by deep snow within it in the 1840s and resorted to cannibalism to survive.

Naturally, given its tragic history, winding roads and sheer cliffs, it made the perfect setting for Red Bull and Sector 9 to send a group of downhill skateboarders to race down it.

“One of the hardest challenges with filming that edit, was that was actually our first time ever down the road,” downhill pro Louis Pilloni told GrindTV. “So we were flying around these blind corners with no idea what was on the other side.”

Pilloni is a 29-year-old skateboarding champion who has been downhill skateboarding for the past 13 years.

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