Hwy. 50 near Echo Summit to honor fallen firefighter



Mikey Hallenbeck

Part of Highway 50 will be officially dedicated as the Michael "Mikey" Hallenbeck Memorial Highway on Oct. 14 at 1pm.

The 21-year-old Hallenbeck died in August 2015 fighting the Sierra Fire near Sierra-at-Tahoe. He was a wildland firefighter with the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. He also worked at the ski resort.

Two highway signs represent the Memorial Highway; one is located on the eastbound side of Highway 50 near Mount Ralston Road and the other is located on the westbound side of Highway 50 near Echo Summit. Both were recently installed by Caltrans.

The westbound sign is where the ceremony will take place.