

UPDATE: US 221 Reopened

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US 221 at the Avery-McDowell line has reopened—that at about 11 this morning. The highway was closed after a wreck that claimed one life another serious injury yesterday afternoon. (photos courtesy Gustavo Raino)



The state patrol identified the man killed as Ricky Duffy of Bishopville, SC, the passenger in the truck. The State Patrol report says that the truck carrying car batteries crashed after running off the road to the right, then was pulled too strongly back on to the road, crossed over and off the left side, where the truck struck a bolder. The crash was near the entrance to Linville Caverns, and it covered the road with acids from the batteries. Authorities have covered the chemicals with lime to neutralize the acids, and that operation is now complete, and US 221 is now reopened.