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Abandoned cars sit by the side of Mt. Baldy Road as traffic backs up on Dec. 28, 2020. The road remained closed the next day because of stuck cars and icy conditions. (Courtesy of Mt. Baldy Fire Department)

Mt. Baldy Road in the Angeles National Forest reopened to motorists with four-wheel-drive vehicles or tire chains on their cars around midday Tuesday, Dec. 29, a day after dozens of motorists got stuck on the mountain for hours during this month's first significant winter storm.

Several cars still littered the road, which is slick with ice, the Mt. Baldy Fire Department said.

"We strongly suggest you stay off the mountain until conditions improve, probably by this afternoon," the agency wrote in a Twitter post. The Fire Department also said there was a two-hour line of cars headed uphill and that there was no cellular service or gasoline available on the mountain.

The chain controls start at Shinn Road, a few miles north of San Antonio Heights.

Traffic was bumper-to-bumper as the snow fell at the 4,000-foot elevation Monday night. Some cars skidded off the road, and some motorists reported being stranded for five hours. About 50 drivers abandoned their vehicles, the Fire Department said.

"We expect that once the sun shines on Baldy (Road) long enough the ice will melt and the road will re-open at some point. However, by that time the day will be lost and the droves of snow players will have jammed the road," resort officials said on their website.

Caltrans offers tips for driving in the mountains during the winter, including:

- Check the weather forecast and road-closure information
- Make sure your car, including lights and windshield wipers, are working.
- Carry a flashlight, blanket, fully-charged cell phone, gloves, ice scraper, shovel, kitty litter or sand for traction if your car gets stuck, food, water and tire chains.

Locally, road updates can be found on the Caltrans Quickmap and on Caltrans' Twitter feeds.

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