

A letter to the editor and a news article from the Grants Pass Daily Courier paper on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Turn on headlights while driving Redwood Highway

Last Friday, we went to the coast, and as we left town, the traffic alert sign said that there was an accident and to expect

long delays. About 30 miles later, we came to a halt behind numerous vehicles and multiple flashing lights. After about 15 minutes, we were allowed to proceed and saw two vehicles in a head-on collision aftermath. The front half of both vehicles appeared to have merged into each other; we knew there had to be fatalities.

As we drove further on, I noticed dozens of oncoming vehicles that were gray, black, dark blue and green without headlights on. Most of these vehicles were almost impossible to see on a heavily shadowed road.

I also noticed that vehicles approached me from behind that had to be traveling at 70-plus mph, because they closed the distance in a relatively short time, then they would ride

my tail until I either pulled off and let them pass, or we came to a passing lane, at which point they drove out of sight in a short time.

It's no wonder there are so many accidents on that highway. Suggestion: If you're on Redwood Highway, turn your lights on, especially if you have an invisible vehicle.

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Baby injured in crash near Wonder has died

An infant injured in a crash Friday on Redwood Highway near Wonder has died, Oregon State Police said Monday.

Troopers said the crash occurred at 12:31 p.m. when a southbound Toyota Tacoma driven by a 17-year-old near milepost 11 rear-ended a Honda Civic that was stopped for traffic turning left.

The Civic, driven by 21-year-old Bronson Stickler of Grants Pass, was knocked into a third car, injuring an infant in the Civic, troopers said.

The baby was taken to Rogue Regional Medical Center

in Medford, then to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

"The infant sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at OHSU," troopers said.

None of the six other occupants of the vehicles were injured, troopers said.