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I-10 pile-up injures 13

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A 27-vehicle pileup in the eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 10 east of Loxley injured 13 people before dawn Sunday, according to Alabama State Troopers. No one was killed.

At least 18 other motorists escaped without injury.


Troopers said the series of collisions were caused by white-out conditions induced by early-morning fog and an apparent controlled burn nearby.

The series of collisions began about 4:30 a.m. and involved 18 vehicles in the westbound lanes and nine more on the eastbound side, troopers said. They added that at least five of the vehicles were 18-wheel trucks.

The accident scene was near mile marker 48, about seven miles east of Loxley and four miles east of the Alabama 59 Loxley-Bay Minette exit, troopers said.

The interstate at the crash site is split by a stand of trees and underbrush about 100 to 150 yards in width, making eastbound and westbound vehicles invisible to one another.

Troopers said the interstate was closed for more than six hours after the crashes. Traffic was diverted around the site by way of U.S. 90. Eastbound motorists were directed off I-10 at the Loxley exit, while westbound drivers had to leave the freeway at Wilcox Road, nine miles to the east.

Who was responsible for the controlled burn and why it was conducted in pre-dawn hours are still under investigation, troopers said. 

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Someone should get fired if not charged in this incident. Of course there must be a fair investigation.