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More carpoolers on I-70, traffic down

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SUMMIT COUNTY - It's a good thing Tyler Mapleeack, Patrick Rosse and their friends like each other.

"We're all friends from high school and in college now," Mapleeack said.

They often pile into Rosse's mileage friendly Silver Volvo Turbo when they drive from Golden to Copper Mountain to ski.

"It's got like 185, 000 [miles]," Rosse said.

It's their way of saving a few dollars on gas while also helping the environment.

"Decided to save some green and go green," said Mapleeack.

Margaret Bowes with the I-70 Coalition says the driving plan, which promotes carpooling, seems to be gaining momentum.

"Traffic counts were down and I talked to ski areas and skier numbers are up so we can guess more people are carpooling," said Bowes.

Of all the solutions to reduce congestion along Interstate 70 during busy travel times, carpooling is often thought of as the cheapest and fastest, which is why the I-70 Coalition is combining their website, www.gol70.com with www.skicarpool.org.

"Ski carpool dot org' got 1,400 car pools set up last year," said Bowes.

Once you have your carpool set and loaded into a car, you can also use 'Gol70.com/mobile,' a phone application, to send real time traffic and weather information to other people driving up I-70.

"If you go to Gol70 and click on carpool it will take you to all the information you need to know about," said Bowes.

The hope is it will also get more people to carpool and reduce highway traffic.

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