

Episode 140 Show Notes

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38 Buc-ee's locations rated an "F" by the Better Business Bureau



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As of March 11th, 38 Buc-ee's [travel stop locations](#) across Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Alabama were rated an "F."

According to [USA Today](#), 88 complaints about Buc-ee's have been filed on the BBB website between March 2023 and February 2026. All 88 complaints have gone unanswered, and include issues with Buc-ee's carwashes, broken merchandise, and unexplained card charges. Several customers also claim to have filed complaints directly on the Buc-ee's website, which also went unanswered.

Ratings from the BBB consider the history of complaints against the business, and how the business handled complaints and disputes. Buc-ee's has since stated that it does not respond to complaints filed through the BBB.

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Semi truck blown over onto sheriff's deputy patrol vehicle on Montana interstate



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A sheriff's deputy assisting one blown over semi truck was inside of his patrol vehicle when a second semi truck was blown over on top of it in Park County, Montana, on Thursday.

On March 12, 2026, the [Park County Sheriff's Office](#) (PCSO) and Park County Rural Fire responded to westbound I-90 at mile marker 350 for a report of a semi truck that had been blown over.

While at the scene, a second semi truck blew over on top of the PCSO deputy's vehicle.



The deputy was inside the patrol vehicle when it was struck by the truck.

The deputy sustained minor injuries and will be checked out at a nearby hospital.

“EVERYONE IS OK,” PCSO said.

Around 1:30 p.m. PCSO said that I-90 would be shut down at Big Timber to allow crews to clear the crashed vehicles and to allow the wind gusts to die down.

AI OVERVIEW BY STEVE

As of mid-March 2026, the US trucking industry is navigating high fuel prices, rising spot rates, and ongoing volatility from international supply chain issues . Key issues include strict FMCSA oversight against illegal "chameleon" carriers, continued freight market rebalancing, and California's challenging regulatory landscape.

Key Industry Headlines (March 13–14, 2026)

- **Fuel & Economy:** [Transport Topics](#) reports that Middle East tensions are causing diesel prices to surge as fuel makers deal with higher crude costs.

- **Regulatory Crackdown:** The FMCSA is actively revoking operating authorities for carriers engaging in illegal, non-compliant behavior, including "chameleon" carrier networks
- **Market Trends:** While a full recovery is still pending, 2026 forecasts from [ACT Research](#) suggest a slow rebalancing of supply-demand with firmer rate floors. [FreightWaves](#) indicates spot rates are rising due to cross-border volatility.
- **California Challenges:** [California trucking industry challenges](#) (as discussed on YouTube) faces a prolonged, slow, and low-rate environment with high operating costs.
- **Tech & Corporate:** Aurora is advancing driverless routes in the Southwest, aiming for 200+ autonomous trucks by year-end. [Trucking Dive](#) also noted Werner Enterprises' recent \$283M acquisition of FirstFleet.

Policy & Labor

- The industry is navigating new trade investigations into 16 countries, potentially leading to further tariff

disputes.

- The American Trucking Associations (ATA) is pushing for improvements in truck parking following recent federal funding approval.

The trucking industry today,

March 14, 2026, is facing a complex mix of escalating costs and aggressive regulatory changes, alongside a cautious optimism for market recovery.

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- **ELD Enforcement:** Effective **April 1, 2026**, the CVSA will begin enforcing new out-of-service rules for Electronic Logging Device (ELD) tampering. The FMCSA recently [revoked 14 more ELD devices](#) for non-compliance.

Technology & Operations

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