

Evacuation notices lifted in Teanaway

Fire started Friday, is 60 percent contained

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The Teanaway River Fire near Cle Elum has grown to 341 acres and is 60 percent contained, Joe Smillie, a public information officer with the Department of Natural Resources said Monday morning.

Smillie said DNR expects the fire to be completely contained by Tuesday night.

The fire started Friday afternoon in the 8500 block of Teanaway Road. It was

caused by recreational shooting, Smillie said.

Evacuation notices for 20 residences affected by the fire were canceled by the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office on Saturday.

Specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau ordered two strike teams and Type 3 Incident Management

Team. Helicopters were deployed to drop water on the blaze. About 200 firefighters from the Department of Natural Resources, Snohomish, Grant and Walla

Walla counties were fighting the fire as of Monday, Smillie said.

Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste assembled state firefighting resources at the request of Deputy Chief Ray Risdon of Kittitas County Fire District 7.

The Teanaway Road opened to local traffic on Saturday, according to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office. Drivers were advised to reduce their speed and use caution while driving through the 8500-10000 block of the



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A fire in the Teanaway prompted evacuation notices near Cle Elum on Friday afternoon.

Teanaway Road.

Residents were advised to leave their gates open

should fire crews need to access areas behind their property.