

Valley fire consumes 1,500 acres; Round Hill fire out quickly

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The Carter Springs Fire in Douglas County had burned more than 1,500 acres as of late Friday night. It is estimated to be 5 percent contained.

Highway 395 is expected to remain closed from Riverview on the north and at Kingsbury Grade on the south through the night.

Fire officials said the threat to the 30 residences has decreased, but if the fire were to jump the highway it would be a different story.

Power lines are down in the area, which is impacting some customers in the area.

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Two fires are burning in Douglas County Friday afternoon. One is burning near Elks Point Road and Highway 50 and is all but contained as of 5:30pm.

Fire crews for Tahoe Douglas Fire and the U.S. Forest Service jumped on the 3-acre blaze quickly. The fire started at 3:30pm. No structures were threatened. It's believed to be human caused and is under investigation.

The other Douglas County fire is located near Highway 395 between Pine Valley Road and Ray May Way. As of 5:30 pm, this blaze is burning "pretty aggressively" according to the Tahoe Douglas Fire spokesman Eric Guevin. This 12:20pm blaze is also believed to be human caused and may be due to a discarded cigarette, Guevin added. This fire is also under

investigation.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*