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The Salem District Office of the Virginia Department of Highways reports both north and

(TAKE FILM)

SOUTHbound lanes of U. S. Highway 220, about one mile north of Eagle Rock in Botetourt County,

~~xxx~~ have been re-opened to traffic. An earth slide, about a mile north of the intersection

of 220 and State Routes 43 and 615 late Saturday night sent earth, rocks, trees and bushes

cascading onto the highway, a major north-south

link. A highway Department spokesman says

at one time Saturday night, about 40 feet of

earth covered the highway. ^{All} Traffic was detoured

until late last night, when workmen cleaned

one lane of the ~~xx~~ highway. Both lanes of

Route 220 were opened to traffic this morning.

However, traffic in the area of the slide will be

slowed down somewhat for the remainder of the day,

as highway crews continue removing earth from the

shoulders of the road. Fortunately, no houses were

in the direct path of the slide. (LIVE ON)
(* 9:25 only).