



**Monday, July 29, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
**Fire Information (509) 800-7550 (Call or Text)**  
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## Update for Swawilla and Bridge Creek Fires

- **EVACUATIONS:** Please see the map for updated evacuation areas. The evacuation center is located at Republic Fairgrounds. For questions on evacuations contact the Colville Confederated Tribes EOC– (509)634-7350.
- **ROADS OPEN:** The Bridge Creek Road and Buffalo Lake Road to Peter Dan are OPEN.
- **ROAD CLOSURES:** See the Quick Facts chart for remaining closures.

## Fire

A containment line of dozer and hand lines has been completed around the southern perimeter of the fire from the Peter Dan Road around to the Manilla Creek Road. This area is in patrol status. As firefighters continue to complete work along both sides of the fire they are being reassigned to more active fire areas. In the area where the fire is most active, a dozer line has been constructed along the west side of Keller and Hwy 21 to enhance structure protection for homes and businesses along the roadway and in and around the town of Keller. Primary containment lines are mainly along Jack Creek Rd with secondary dozer lines in the Empire Creek Rd corridor as a contingency plan.

The fire also remained active around Mt. Tolman as the fire continued backing down the slopes. Monday crews will strengthen hand lines, and seek out and extinguish hot spots at the same time to safely secure structures at the Mt. Tolman Fire Center. The fire remains 1/4 of a mile from Jack Creek residences. Air operations remain active in the northeast portion of the fire near Mt. Tolman and Meadow Creek.

The forecast for Monday and Tuesday is expected to bring cooler temperatures, substantial cloud-cover, increased humidity, possibly some light showers and a slight risk of a thunderstorm. The more favorable conditions are providing a window of opportunity for firefighters to prepare and burn out fuels between the fire edge and the existing dozer lines. Burn out operations will begin TODAY and continue TOMORROW. The burnout operations will further protect the town of Keller and homes and businesses in the area. During burnout operations, there will be a noticeable increase in smoke.

Starting on Wednesday, a trend toward much warmer and drier conditions will develop. This shift in conditions coupled with our lack of firefighting resources may prove challenging to the firefighters working on these fires.

The tribal EOC is working with Northern Rockies Team 6 to evaluate whether to open the remainder of Peter Dan and Manilla Rd. Before the road can be safely opened, fire-weakened trees must be removed along the roadway.

## Bridge Creek Wildfire

The 30 Mile Road remains closed where firefighters are conducting burning operations along the northern border of the fire. Resources continue to be reassigned from Bridge Creek to Swawilla Fire as containment improves.

## Safety Message

Please slow down when driving all roads leading to or from the fires. There is a considerable amount of firefighting traffic and equipment moving slowly along roads.

We request that boaters avoid emergency firefighting aircrafts using any waterbody to acquire water to suppress fires.

Additional Information and Maps at <https://inciw.eb.wildfire.gov/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/CCTENV>, <https://www.facebook.com/CCTBroadcasts>

<b>Quick Facts</b>	
<b>Swawilla Fire Summary</b>	
Approximate Size	46,324
Containment	26%
Resources on Fire	9-Hand crews 36- Engine 10 - Dozers 12 - Tenders 3 - Skidgers
Total Personnel	469
Fire Danger	Extreme
Values at Risk	Homes, Structures, Powerlines, Timber, Rangeland, Cultural, Ecological, Future Values, and Air Quality.
Road Closures	All roads south of Cache Creek/ Agency Cutoff Rd. between Hwy 155 and Hwy 21.
Keller Ferry	Limited service to assist with evacuations. State Hwy 21 from Manilla Creek to Keller Ferry is accessible for evacuees.

<b>Quick Facts</b>	
<b>Bridge Creek Summary</b>	
Approximate Size	3,950 acres
Containment	43%
Resources on Fire	1 – Hand crew 8 - Engines 1 – dozers 7 - Tenders
Total Personnel	67
Fire Danger	Extreme
Values at Risk	Homes, Structures, Timber, Rangeland, Ecological, Future Values, and Air Quality
Road Closures	Keno Mine Rd SanPoil Rd 30 Mile Road