



**Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
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## Update for Swawilla I and Bridge Creek Fires

- **EVACUATION LEVELS:** The town of Keller, the Highway 21 corridor, Mt. Tolman, Buffalo Lake and McGinnis Lake are now in Level 2 evacuation.
- **ROADS:** All roads in evacuation level 2 areas are open, including Hwy 21, Peter Dan/Manilla and Cache Creek.
- **The Keller Ferry is open and fully operational.**

The Southern Area Blue Complex Incident Management Team assumed command of both fires at 6:00 this morning. The Blue Team would like to thank the Northern Rockies Team 6 for a smooth transition and the Colville Tribes for a warm welcome.

### Swawilla I Fire

Firefighters will focus on improving containment lines and extinguishing hot spots on the northern section of the fire. A structure protection group will continue patrolling the fire line near Keller. Crews will continue extinguishing heat along control lines, mopping up around homes, and monitoring the fire perimeter on the entirety of the Swawilla Fire.

### Bridge Creek Fire

The fire is 100 percent contained. Suppression repair, including seeding and erosion control, will continue over the next few days. Once suppression repair is complete, Bridge Creek Fire suppression repair resources will be reassigned to the Swawilla I Fire.

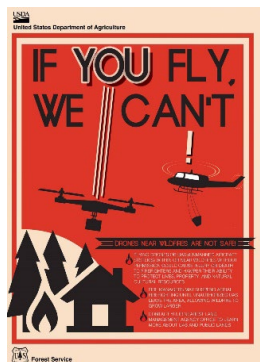
### Fire Weather

Hot and dry weather is expected to persist through Tuesday. The remainder of the week will see temperatures top out in the mid-80s and relative humidity ranging from 20 to 25 percent.

### Safety Message

Due to the unstable weather system moving through the area, smoke should lift into the atmosphere relatively quickly. However, remaining pockets of unburned fuels in the interior of the fire will continue to ignite resulting in continued smoke in the area over the next several days. The persistent smoke may be unhealthy for sensitive groups. Visit [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov) for air quality in your area and take precautions for protecting your health.

Please slow down when driving all roads leading to and from the fires. There is a considerable amount of firefighting traffic and slow-moving equipment along roads and the potential for poor visibility due to lingering smoke.



No drones are allowed within our Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR). **Remember, if you fly, we can't!**

Additional Information and Maps at

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>

[Keller Ferry](https://www.facebook.com/CCTENV)

<https://www.facebook.com/CCTENV>, <https://www.facebook.com/CCTBroadcasts>

[Airnow.gov](http://Airnow.gov)

<https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo/>

<b>Quick Facts</b>	
<b>Swawilla I Fire Summary</b>	
Approximate Size	53,403
Containment	90%
Resources on Fire	11 - Hand crews 45 - Engines 7 - Dozers 19 - Tenders 5 - Masticators 2- Helicopters
Total Personnel	601
Fire Danger	Extreme
Values at Risk	Homes, Structures, Powerlines, Timber, Rangeland, Cultural, Ecological, Future Values, and Air Quality.
Road Closures	All roads in Level 2 evacuation areas are open to the public. All roads within Level 3 evacuation areas are closed.
Keller Ferry	Open and fully functional

<b>Quick Facts</b>	
<b>Bridge Creek Summary</b>	
Approximate Size	3,998 acres
Containment	100%
Resources on Fire	50 - Suppression repair
Total Personnel	0
Fire Danger	Extreme
Values at Risk	Homes, Structures, Timber, Rangeland, Ecological, Future Values, and Air Quality
Road Closures	None