

Tuesday August 6th, 2024, 10:00 AM Fire Information (509) 800-7550 (Call or Text) Fire Email: 2024.swawilla1@firenet.gov

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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.

Swawilla I Fire

A substantial amount of heat remains in and around the Meadow Creek and Jack Creek drainages following the burnout from several days ago. Crews are working to extinguish those hot spots. Firefighters will continue to identify and suppress smoking areas and residual pockets of heat on the northern portion of the fire, focusing on mopping up 100' inside of containment lines. A structure protection group is patrolling the fire line near Keller. Crews will begin removing fire hose from the southeast portion of the fire so it can be refurbished and utilized on other fires in the region. Firefighters are available to assist local resources with initial attack if needed.

Bridge Creek Fire

The fire is 100 percent contained. Suppression repair should be complete this afternoon. Once complete, Bridge Creek Fire suppression repair resources will be reassigned to the Swawilla I Fire.

Fire Weather

Weather will remain hot and dry today with a slight chance of localized thunderstorms. Beginning tomorrow, temperatures should moderate some with highs expected to reach the low to mid 80s. Relative humidity should increase from the current trend of the mid-teens to low to mid 20s.

Safety Message

Due to the high temps and low relative humidity, unburned fuels in the interior of the fire will continue to ignite resulting in visible smoke throughout the fire area. The persistent smoke may be unhealthy for sensitive groups, especially in and around Keller. Visit 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. Firefighting traffic and slow-moving equipment along roads and the potential for poor visibility due to lingering smoke could pose potential hazards to motorists.



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/CCTBroadcasts Airnow.gov https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo/

Quick Facts Swawilla I Fire Summary	
Approximate Size	53,462
Containment	90%
Resources on Fire	9 - Hand crews 39 - Engines 7 - Dozers 22 - Tenders 2- Helicopters
Total Personnel	556
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

Quick Facts Bridge Creek Summary	
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