



# Bridge Creek Fire

## DAILY UPDATE

August 11, 2017  
1230 Hours



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Incident Commander

Fire Information  
Keller ICP  
509-634-7332

For Immediate Release

**Keller, Wash.** – The Bridge Creek Fire started on August 8<sup>th</sup> after a lightning and thunderstorm entered the eastern portion of the Colville Indian Reservation. The fire has grown to 300 acres according to GPS mapping from a helicopter.

Management of the fire will transition from Mount Tolman Fire Center to Northwest Incident Management Team 6 with Ken Paul as Incident Commander at 6 pm tonight. In-briefing occurred at 9 this morning and personnel from the incoming team are shadowing the MTFC firefighters during day shift. The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the Keller Community Center.

The fire pushed to the northeast on Thursday. Firefighters are working today to establish a direct line along the south side of the fire, with hand crews working from Bridge Creek up to the ridgetop, and then tying in to dozer line at the ridge. Assessment of suppression options are underway on the north and east flanks. On the west side, along Bridge Creek, engines and skidgins are keeping the fire to the east of the creek.

Smoky conditions limited air operations on Thursday and may be impacted today.

Steep, rocky slopes, and limited roads make it difficult for fire fighters to access the fire located approximately 1 mile off Bridge Creek Road east of Keno Mines. This area has not been logged for more than 60 years so there is old growth, dead and down timber, and mistletoe fueling the fire. One of the main objectives is to keep the fire north of Bridge Creek Road to avoid a road closure.

Today, the maximum temperature will reach 89 degrees and the minimum relative humidity is 16 percent. This afternoon there is a slight chance for thunderstorms.

**Public Safety Notice: Summit Trail is closed at both ends. Also, Bridge Creek Road remains open. People traveling on Bridge Creek Road should use extreme caution as there will be smoke over the road and fire equipment in the area of the fire.**

For questions about this fire contact Bridge Creek Fire information at 509-634-7332.

### Quick Facts:

**Fire Size:** 300 acres

**Initial Start:** 08/08/2017 at 3 am

**Location:** Approximately 12 miles NE Keller, Wash.

**Fuels:** Timber and grass.

**Hazards:** Rattle snakes, steep, rocky terrain.

**Values at Risk:** Timber, and cultural resources.

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 0%

**Resources:**

2 - crews  
2 – dozers  
7-Engines  
4-water tenders  
2-Skidgins

**Aircraft:**

1 – type 2 helicopter

**Personnel:** 88

**Trail Closures: Summit Trail is closed as of today for Public Safety.**

**Road Closures:** None