



**SOUTHWEST AREA
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM
TEAM 4 – CARL SCHWOPE – INCIDENT COMMANDER**



Successful firefighting leads to increased containment on the Summit Trail Fire

September 13, 2021 Daily Update

Acres: 49,551 acres
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 69%
Total personnel: 676

Start Date: July 12, 2021
Location: 17 miles west of Inchelium
Fuels: Timber (litter and grass understory), light logging slash

Highlights: In preparation for a transition to a local Type 3 organization on Wednesday, firefighters are continuing with backhaul operations across the fire area to retrieve excess hose lines, heavy equipment, and supplies. The rainstorm has proven beneficial in reducing fire behavior, although some areas are drying out after receiving more direct sunlight yesterday. The Suppression Repair Group is focusing their efforts on the area north of Brush Mountain. Increased traffic is likely on roadways surrounding the fire area as logs are transported to nearby mills.

Operations: Containment has increased around the fire area as portions of the perimeter have cooled after recent rain and firefighter mopup efforts. Along the western flank, crews backhauled hose lines, mopped up remaining hot spots, and patrolled the perimeter. From the interior, several miles of hose, equipment, and supplies were backhauled along Sitdown Creek Road. The northern portion of the fire remains in patrol status while crews pull hose line and move heavy equipment to various staging areas. From Stall Creek to Little White Mountain, crews were able to reengage the handline and perform mopup procedures. On the east side, the area from Bear Springs to Lynx Mountain was relatively quiet with only a few smoldering areas discovered near Bitterroot Mountain. Lynx Mountain continues to smolder from the burnout operations performed over a week ago. As fuels dry out, increased smoke from smoldering areas will allow for easier detection as crews seek out and extinguish remaining hot spots. The Suppression Repair Group is processing trees, consolidating log decks, and identifying roads in need of repair. Aviation resources remain available to respond to any new fire starts or medical emergencies.

Weather: Slightly warmer and drier weather is expected today, although temperatures will still remain seasonably mild. Similar weather conditions are expected Tuesday, but some subtle changes are expected on Wednesday with the passage of another weak cold front. A few showers may accompany the cold front followed by breezy west to northwest winds in the afternoon. Thursday will be rain-free and mild, but rain will likely return to the region on Friday.

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public is the first priority. The public is strongly encouraged to stay safely clear of the active fire area. Firefighters are conducting operations under protocols to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.

Smoke: Smoke from the Summit Trail Fire, along with other fires in the region, may be visible in the area surrounding Inchelium. An interactive smoke map at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> allows you to zoom into your location to see the latest smoke information. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures.

For more information about the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, please visit <https://www.colvilletribes.com/>.

Media & Public Information Contact

Email: 2021.summittrail@firenet.gov • **Phone:** (385) 999-1380 • **Office Hours:** 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7677/> • **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo/>

Tribal Facebook Pages: <https://www.facebook.com/CCTBroadcasts/> • <https://www.facebook.com/CCTENV>

###