



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



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**Local Type 3 organization to assume command of the Summit Trail Fire**

September 14, 2021 Daily Update

**Acres:** 49,554 acres  
**Cause:** Lightening  
**Completion:** 85%  
**Total personnel:** 598

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

**Highlights:** At 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, the Southwest Area Type 2 Incident Management Team 4 will transfer command of the Summit Trail Fire to a local Type 3 organization, led by Incident Commander Lonny Cawston. This is the final update from the Type 2 Incident Management Team. Team 4 extends its sincere thanks to the local communities for their support and hospitality throughout this incident. Due to successful firefighting efforts, the Summit Trail Fire is now 85% contained, and resources are either demobilizing to return to their home units or reassigning to assist other wildfires across the country.

**Operations:** Firefighters are achieving success along the northern portion of the fire, increasing the depth of existing containment lines by 100 feet and extending containment on both sides. Crews will continue to pull pumps, tanks, and hoses from this area until all property is accounted for. On the northeastern flank of the fire, crews are searching on foot for any remaining heat along existing handlines. On the southern side of Hall Creek near Bear Springs, vegetation continues to smolder in a few isolated areas, although the northern section is now secured. Although some sections of fireline remain open, natural features such as wet drainages and marshes are acting as natural holding features to prevent fire spread. Interior portions of Brush Mountain continue to produce light smoke, but no flames have been detected. Crews are working across the fire area to backhaul excess equipment and return it to identified staging areas. The Suppression Repair Group is grading Hall Creek Road north of Inchelium as timber is hauled to the mills in the surrounding communities. Air resources remain available and ready to respond if the need arises.

**Weather:** Today will be mostly sunny and rain-free with seasonably mild temperatures. A weak cold front will move through on Wednesday, resulting in a few more clouds and breezy winds in the afternoon. Thursday will be the last rain-free and mild day of the week with light rain and cooler temperatures expected Friday through Sunday.

**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 surrounding fires 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.

**Future Information:** The Summit Trail Fire Information phone number, email address, and InciWeb page will no longer be active after 8 p.m. tonight. Any future fire information will be posted on the Mt. Tolman Fire Center Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Mt-Tolman-Fire-Center-1049496928435678>. For more information about the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, please visit <https://www.colvilletribes.com/>.

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