



WILLOW FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Sunday, July 19, 2026

Public Information: 719-258-9897

Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Email: 2026.willow@firenet.gov

Incident Website: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/copsf-willow-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WillowFirePSICC/>

Residents Evacuated: 91

Structures Threatened: 1,132

Structures Destroyed: 0

Acres Burned: 7,103

Containment: 37%

Start Date: June 28, 2026

Cause: Human

Personnel: 692

Injuries: 12

Hand Crews: 9

Dozers: 5

Helicopters: 3

Water Tenders: 9

Operational Update: A slight increase in fire activity may occur today due to diminished thunderstorm activity. Low fuel moistures and drier air are also contributing factors. Air and ground crews continue working hard to add depth to fire lines from the northwest up and around to the Fish Hatchery. Hotshot crews are deployed in the Mount Massive Wilderness where they are hiking in and will use direct extinguishment strategies along with minimal impact suppression tactics (MIST).

Weather & Fire Behavior: Today's forecast calls for a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between noon and 5pm. Skies will be mostly sunny, with a high near 72 degrees. Calm winds becoming east/southeast around 10-15 mph with gusts around 20 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%. While winds are expected to remain light, thunderstorms and lightning may produce local gusty, erratic winds.

Evacuations: Evacuation information is available from the Lake County Office of Emergency Management and Lake County Sheriff's Office. For more information, maps, re-entry (Salamander) card information and public safety updates, visit the Lake County website at <https://lakecountyco.gov/599/Willow-Fire>.

Road Closures: While forest roads located within the perimeter of the fire are closed to the public, main thoroughfares remain open to public use. These closures will continue to impact local access to private property and critical infrastructures to include communication sites and municipal water facilities. Motorists should remain alert of increased fire traffic in the area of the Willow Fire. An interactive Colorado Department of Transportation road map is available at [https:// maps.cotrip.org/](https://maps.cotrip.org/).

Forest Closures: A map for the portion of the Pike-San Isabel National Forest that is closed to the public during firefighting operations is available at www.fs.usda.gov/r02/psicc/alerts/willow-fire-area-closure.