



WILLOW FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

Saturday, July 25, 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: 48

Structures Threatened: 15

Structures Destroyed: 0

Acres Burned: 7,196

Containment: 58%

Start Date: June 29, 2026

Cause: Human

Personnel: 467

Injuries: 16

Hand Crews: 9

Dozers: 4

Helicopters: 3

Water Tenders: 6

Operational Update:

Fire crews continue to make strong progress across the fire area as containment increases. Scattered thunderstorms on Friday produced lightning with only minimal precipitation, prompting some crews to temporarily disengage from their work to seek safe refuge. Suppression repair remains the primary focus on the southern portion of the fire toward Half Moon Creek, where crews are chipping vegetation along the contingency line. On the north side, near Bald Eagle Mountain, firefighters are strengthening containment lines and building additional depth. Suppression repair also continues along the eastern edge of the fire toward the fish hatchery. In the Mount Massive Wilderness, crews are concentrating on constructing minimum impact fireline and addressing spot fires as they appear. Interior pockets of heat persist throughout the fire area and may produce visible smoke, particularly during the warmer and drier parts of the day.

Weather & Fire Behavior:

A lot of available moisture will remain over the next several days, bringing continued chances for isolated afternoon thunderstorms similar to those observed on Thursday. Fire behavior is expected to remain minimal today. Across the fire area, high temperatures will reach the upper 60s to low 70s, and nighttime relative humidity recovery will be excellent, rising to around 80 percent.

Evacuations: The Lake County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with California Interagency Incident Management Team 8, has maintained that Zones 6, 21, and 21A are under Evacuation status. For more information, contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office or visit the Lake County website at <https://lakecountycogov/599/Willow-Fire>.

Road Closures: While forest roads within the fire perimeter are closed to the public, main thoroughfares remain open for public use. Motorists should remain alert for increased fire traffic in the Willow Fire area. An interactive Colorado Department of Transportation road map is available at <https://maps.cotrip.org/>.

Forest Closures: A Forest Closure Order remains in effect. A map of the portion of the Pike-San Isabel National Forest closed to the public is available at www.fs.usda.gov/r02/psicc/alerts/willow-fire-area-closure.

Temporary Flight Restriction: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) remains in effect. Details are available at https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=detail_6_4562.