



WILLOW FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Sunday, July 26, 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: 59%

Start Date: June 29, 2026

Cause: Human

Personnel: 414

Injuries: 16

Hand Crews: 8

Dozers: 4

Helicopters: 3

Water Tenders: 4

Operational Update: Crews made steady progress across multiple areas of the Willow Fire yesterday. The San Juan Interagency Hotshot Crew completed a key section of handline in the Bald Eagle Mountain area, securing an important piece of the fire's northern perimeter. Along the east side, from the powerline road down to the fish hatchery and into the bottom of Willow Creek, firefighters continue with indirect containment strategies. No heat was detected within 200 feet of the control line yesterday, and mop-up continues to reinforce those gains. In the Mount Massive Wilderness, a small, specialized team, called a Wildland Fire Module, is actively extinguishing spot fires, addressing pockets of heat, and strengthening containment lines in the southwest corner. Suppression repair continues to be a larger focus across the incident, particularly from the northeast through the southeast portions of the fire.

Weather & Fire Behavior: Widespread rainfall moved across the fire area midday Saturday, with the heaviest amounts falling on the north side. The Eagle Remote Automatic Weather Station, also known as a RAWS, recorded the highest total at 0.15 inches. The region continues to experience a familiar pattern: clear mornings followed by scattered thunderstorms developing late morning into early afternoon, a trend expected to persist for the next several days. With this moisture and weather pattern in place, fire behavior is expected to remain minimal today.

Evacuations: The Lake County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with California Interagency Incident Management Team 8, has maintained that Zones 6, 21, and 21A under Evacuation status and has expanded the Pre-Evacuation Notice to include areas east of County Road 300 into Zone 21C. For more information, contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office or visit the Lake County website at <https://lakecountycolorado.gov/599/Willow-Fire>.

Road Closures: County Road 300 and 5A are closed to public travel. Access to these areas is restricted to residents and fire personnel only. 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.