



Lee Fire

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FDNY Incident Management Team, Incident Commander Mike Burke

Location: 11 miles south of Meeker, Colorado

Start Date: 08/02/2025

Cause: Lightning **Size:** Lee Fire: 137,758 acres

Containment: Lee Fire: 90%

211 Total Personnel; 10 Engines; 2 Hand Crews; 2 Water Tenders; 2 Dozers

KEY MESSAGE

The reported acreage on the Lee Fire has been adjusted back to the original size noted earlier in the week, following improved mapping. The earlier increase was due to limitations in the previous data, which temporarily raised the estimate. With updated mapping complete, the acreage now accurately reflects the true fire size.

CURRENT STATUS

Yesterday, crews patrolled and secured the fire perimeter while completing suppression repair in coordination with Resource Advisors and local agencies, guided by the approved Suppression Repair Plan. The fire remained fully within its current footprint, and crews continued working both to strengthen containment and to begin repair in areas affected by suppression activities.

Fire activity was minimal, and work will continue in the coming days to ensure the area remains secure and repair objectives are met.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Showers and thunderstorms remain likely across the fire area over the next several days, with rainfall chances near 100%. Overnight and into the morning, widespread cloud cover with embedded showers is expected. If skies clear by midday, stronger thunderstorms could develop, increasing the risk of heavy rain and flash flooding. If cloud cover lingers, conditions will likely remain limited to lighter, intermittent rain with little lightning or strong winds.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

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at: <https://www.facebook.com/RioBlancoCountySheriffsOffice>.

For Garfield County updates go to: <https://www.garfieldcounty.net/>.

USFS White River National Forest and BLM closure rescission information is available

at: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/cowrd-lee-fire>