



Lee Fire

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cowrd-lee-fire>
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August 31, 2025

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: 95%

179 Total Personnel; 2 Hand Crews; 2 Dozers

KEY MESSAGE

This is the final daily update from the FDNY Incident Management Team. On Monday morning at 0600, command of the fire will transition back to local agencies.

Over the past week, our team has been honored to serve alongside local, state, and federal partners in support of the Lee Fire. We are grateful for the cooperation, resilience, and support shown by the community and those working on the ground. As we prepare to return home, we do so with confidence in both the progress made and the agencies continuing this important work.

CURRENT STATUS

Crews have now expanded suppression repair into additional areas of the fire, focusing on debris removal and restoration work. These projects are being completed in close coordination with Resource Advisors to ensure agency standards are met and to lay the groundwork for long-term recovery of the landscape.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Clear skies and warming temperatures are expected today, accompanied by lower humidity. While the overall forecast points to mild and favorable conditions, there remains a chance for an isolated shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Any storm activity could bring gusty winds up to 25 mph, which may briefly impact ongoing suppression repair. Looking ahead, the return to drier weather will allow crews to continue making steady progress across the fire area.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

For accurate up-to-date information on evacuations and road closures for Rio Blanco County go to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office Facebook page

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>