



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: 138,844 acres

Containment: Lee Fire: 90%

208 Total Personnel; 1 Helicopter; 10 Engines; 1 Hand Crew; 1 Water Tender; 2 Dozers

KEY MESSAGE

Today, crews are continuing repair work in areas affected by suppression activities, following agency standards and working closely with Resource Advisors. These efforts aim to reduce the impacts of firefighting operations while protecting important natural and cultural resources.

Fireline is being restored to local and agency standards, and patrols are underway to ensure the fire remains secure within its current footprint. Suppression repair operations will continue under the approved Suppression Repair Plan, minimizing impacts and supporting progress toward full containment

CURRENT STATUS

Yesterday, the FDNY Incident Management Team formally assumed command of the Lee Fire. Updated acreage was reported following the most recent infrared flight, which was completed after several earlier cancellations due to unfavorable weather conditions. This flight provided a clearer picture of current fire activity and perimeter status. Across all divisions, crews continued suppression repair, and debris removal, working closely with Resource Advisors to mitigate impacts and restore affected areas. These efforts remain a priority as containment objectives progress and conditions allow.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

The monsoonal pattern remains firmly in place, with rainfall probabilities near 100% over the coming days. Widespread cloud cover with embedded showers is moving across the area. Should clearing occur by midday, stronger thunderstorms are likely to develop, increasing the potential for flash flooding. If cloud cover persists, conditions remain limited to lighter, intermittent rain with minimal lightning or heavy downpours.

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>