



Colorado Gold Mountain Fire July 2, 2026

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Press Release from the Governor's Website on July 1, 2026

“DENVER - Today, Governor Polis announced that Colorado has been authorized for a FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Gold Mountain Fire burning in Ouray County. The Governor first declared a verbal disaster emergency for the Gold Mountain Fire on Sunday, June 28. At the time of the request, the Gold Mountain Fire had burned more than 8,200 acres, was threatening 266 homes, and put more than 400 people under an evacuation order. The Gold Mountain Fire is currently burning at nearly 15,000 acres with 0% containment. In addition to the local resources on the Gold Mountain Fire, as of Tuesday there were 167 personnel, 2 helicopters and 7 engines fighting the fire.

“I am deeply grateful for the hardworking brave firefighters putting their lives on the line to protect us and keep our communities safe. This fire, currently estimated at nearly 15,000 acres is 0% contained, is threatening 266 homes, and has forced over 400 people to evacuate. Our top priority will always be the safety of those responding and the protection of our people, communities, homes, and businesses. This approval means that the state can focus on doing what we must to keep Coloradans safe from these fires,” said Governor Polis.

The authorization makes FEMA funding available to pay 75% of the State's eligible firefighting costs under an approved grant for managing, mitigating, and controlling designated fires. These grants do not provide assistance to individual home or business owners and do not cover other infrastructure damage caused by the fire.

Since the fire began, the U.S. Forest Service and the State have deployed dozens of engines with thousands of personnel assigned across a number of state fires, and a complex incident management team.

The Governor’s verbal declaration from June 28th, activated the State Emergency Operations Plan and directed the Department of Public Safety and its Divisions of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) to take responsibility for all response, recovery, and mitigation efforts on the Gold Mountain Fire. This support includes State and interagency engines and handcrews, DFPC and interagency aviation resources, and incident management personnel and overhead to assist in management of the fire and containment efforts. In addition, DFPC is supporting Ouray County and the incident with administrative and financial oversight and intelligence products that include imaging, mapping, and fire behavior modeling and projects. DHSEM is directly supporting the Ouray County Emergency Manager and the emergency operations center with on-site area field managers.”

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Gold Mountain Fire Information Center
541 4th Street
Ouray, CO 81427
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[Gold Mountain Fire Information Center | Ouray County, CO - Official Website](#)

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross of Colorado
444 N Sherman St, Denver, CO
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The American Red Cross of Western Colorado

506 Gunnison Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81501
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Open Shelters:

Colorado Mountain College

901 Hwy 24
Leadville, CO 80461

Pathfinder Park Event Center

6655 Hwy 115
Florence, CO 81226

Family Assistance Center – Pueblo Academy of Arts (Pitts Middle School)

29 Lehigh Ave
Pueblo, CO 81105

Pueblo County Recreation Center

1650 Cooper Place
Pueblo, CO 81006

To view an updated list of shelters, visit [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Department of Transportation

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United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

Western Colorado 2-1-1
Call 211 or (970) 244-8400
[Western Colorado 211](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362
[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767
[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.