



COLORADO
Governor Jared Polis

Governor Polis Issues Verbal Disaster Declarations In Response to Aspen Acres Fire in Pueblo and Custer Counties, and Willow Fire in Lake County

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DENVER - Today, Governor Polis verbally declared disaster emergencies in response to two additional fires: the Aspen Acres Fire in Pueblo and Custer Counties, which is currently estimated to be 362 acres, and the Willow Fire in Lake County, which is currently estimated to be 1,066 acres. Governor Polis also authorized the mobilization of the Colorado National Guard to support fire response efforts for both fires. The Governor also authorized use of the Guard for the Gold Mountain Fire which is burning in Ouray County.

The Governor's verbal declaration for the Aspen Acres Fire activates the State Emergency Operations Plan and directs the Department of Public Safety and its Divisions of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) to take all necessary and appropriate actions to assist with response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. This support includes engine and hand crews to assist in containment efforts, DFPC aerial resources, and the DFPC-sponsored Type 3 Incident Management Team to manage incident response efforts.

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Later today Governor Polis will be in Fruita at the Snyder Mesa Fire Incident Command Post and will provide an update on the status of the fires in Colorado. He will be joined by local, state, and federal officials. That briefing is scheduled for 2:45.

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