



Town of Lake City

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Local Disaster or Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake City, Colorado on August 7, 2026, is facing the imminent threat of ongoing physical and economic damage, injury, and loss of life from the Elk Fire located in unincorporated Hinsdale County just outside of the Town of Lake City; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake City Town Manager Alexander Mulhall, the principal executive officer of The Town of Lake City, Colorado, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the potential suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

WHEREAS, under C.R.S § 24-33.5-709(1) a local disaster emergency may be initially declared only by the principal executive officer of a town; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Fire started on federal lands, was caused by a lightning strike, and crossed onto private lands on August 6, 2026, causing Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City to declare this local disaster emergency and to activate our emergency management plans and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, Alexander Mulhall, as the Town of Lake City Town Manager and principal executive officer of the Town of Lake City, Colorado, declares and proclaims as follows:

1. A local state of emergency/disaster is hereby declared for the Town of Lake City, Colorado pursuant to C.R.S § 24-33.5-709(1).
2. The local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Town of Lake City Board of Trustees.
3. This declaration of local emergency/disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Clerk and the Hinsdale County Clerk and the Hinsdale County Office of Emergency Management.
4. This declaration of local emergency/disaster activates the Hinsdale County Emergency Operations Plan which the Town of Lake City has adopted.
5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 7th day of August, 2026.

TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO

By: Alexander Mulhall
Alexander Mulhall, Town of Lake City Town Manager

ATTEST:

Christina Bowman
Christina Bowman, Town Clerk