416 Fire and Burro Fire Update

Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team- Todd Pechota, Incident Commander
Information Center: 970-403-5326
Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Website for 416 Fire: https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822
Website for Burro Fire: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5834/
Email: 2018_cosjf_416@firenet.gov

June 14, 2018 (8:00 a.m.)

Special notes: A public meeting for the Burro Fire will be held today, Thursday, June 14 at the Dolores Community Center, 400 Riverside Avenue, Dolores, CO.

Any residents who were formerly under an evacuation and are now under pre-evacuation must show their credentials to gain entrance into their neighborhoods. The public is advised to use caution when driving, as conditions are smoky and there are large, heavy pieces of firefighting equipment on area roads.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning has been issued today from 10 a.m. through Friday afternoon. Isolated dry thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds are anticipated over the fire areas this afternoon and evening. Wind gusts of up to 40 mph are possible around these storms. Skies will be partly cloudy today and relative humidity will be slightly higher at 10-15%. Local, heavy rainfall is possible by Saturday with rainfall amounts possibly exceeding one half inch. The fire area currently remains in exceptional drought conditions.

Current Situation:
Branch I of the 416 Fire (Divisions H, D, A, E, F, and G): On the east/southeast side of the fire in Division A, crews will continue mop-up and will remove unneeded equipment including hoselays and sprinklers. There was continued growth on the northwest corner of the fire in Division H yesterday.

On the south end of the fire in Divisions E and F, firefighters will continue to scout firelines, both from the ground and the air. Fireline is being constructed from the area of Animas Lookout on the west towards Lightener Creek on the east as an alternate fireline to protect values at risk. There are significant planned burnout operations in the area bordered by Junction Creek Rd (171) on the west and Falls Creek Subdivision Rd (CR 205) on the east when conditions improve due to Red Flag Conditions today. Smoke and flames will be seen from Durango and surrounding areas. Updated information will be provided to the public when this operation begins through the 416 Fire Facebook and Inciweb pages.

Branch III of the 416 Fire (Divisions Z, Y, and X): On the northeast side of the fire, crews will continue to mop up fireline and backhaul unneeded equipment in Division Z. In Division Y, crews will continue to work on fireline in the Castle Rock area. On the northernmost end of the fire, in Division X, crews will continue work on a fireline from the 578 road north into the rock face.

Branch II is the Burro Fire: (Divisions J, N, and R): In Divisions J and N, crews will work to secure the southwest flank of the fire along the Bear Creek drainage. The fire is currently growing to the northeast towards the Hermosa Creek Wilderness and progress will continue to be monitored. Firefighters will continue to locate and access values at risk along the Dolores River in Division R.

Closures and Public Safety: US 550 will be open to escorted traffic on Thursday, June 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. from mile marker 32 to 49.5. For up to date information on road closures visit www.cotrip.org. As evacuation statuses continue to change, it is advised to check for up to date information on their status. Please contact the La Plata County Emergency Operations Center at 970-385-8700 or visit www.co.laplata.co.us.

Fine particles in smoke are respiratory irritants and care should be taken with respiratory health. Air quality advisories are in place. http://sjbpublichealth.org/416-fire-updates/.
Special note: There are still countless recreational opportunities available and southwestern Colorado is open for business. Please see these websites for tourism and recreational opportunities:

La Plata County: [https://www.colorado.com/association/la-plata-county](https://www.colorado.com/association/la-plata-county)
Official Durango Tourism site: [https://www.durango.org/](https://www.durango.org/)
Durango Business Improvement District [http://downtowndurango.org/](http://downtowndurango.org/)
San Juan County: [http://www.sanjuancountycolorado.us/index.html](http://www.sanjuancountycolorado.us/index.html)
Silverton, CO Chamber of Commerce: [http://www.silvertoncolorado.com/](http://www.silvertoncolorado.com/) and other area chambers of commerce

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<td>416 Fire</td>
<td>13 miles north of Durango, CO</td>
<td>June 1, 2018</td>
<td>29,147</td>
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<td>1056</td>
<td>Under investigation</td>
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<td>Burro Fire</td>
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<td>June 8, 2018</td>
<td>2,829</td>
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