416 Fire and Burro Fire Update

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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 p.m.)

Special notes: This is the last joint update for both the 416 Fire and Burro Fire. Starting tomorrow morning, the Burro Fire will produce a separate update that will be available at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5834/. The 416 Fire updates will continue as in the past.

Evacuations for two areas were lifted at noon today. The first area included the west side of U.S. Highway 550 from mile marker 33.5 at Honeyville north to the Glacier Club entrance at mile marker 39.5. The second area included the east side of U.S. Highway 550 to the Animas River from Mead/Albrecht Lane north to Rockwood. Any area where evacuations have been lifted remain under pre-evacuation.

The area of escorted traffic on U.S. Highway 550 is currently from mile marker 39.5 to 49.5 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. The highway is closed at night.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning will be in place for Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. because of the chance of dry thunderstorms and wind gusts up to 40 mph. Today’s weather included isolated thunderstorms with only trace amounts of rain. Lightning strikes and wind gusts of 25-30 mph were experienced over the fire areas.

Current Situation:

Branch I of the 416 Fire (Divisions H, D, A, E, F, and G): Along the Falls Creek Ridge in Divisions H and D, fireline was cooled by fixed wing aircraft, supplemented by rotor wing aircraft. Work continued in Divisions E and F to enhance the secondary firelines on the south side of the fire. Mop up continued in Division A on the east/southeast side of the fire and crews also backhauled equipment that is no longer needed.

At this time, the significant planned burnout operation in the area bordered by Junction Creek Rd (171) on the west and Falls Creek Subdivision Rd (CR 205) is not anticipated to happen within the next 24-48 hours due to slower fire movement and expected weather changes. As the potential for a successful burnout operation nears, updated information will be provided to the public.

Branch III of the 416 Fire (Divisions Z, Y, and X): On the northeast side of the fire, rotor wing aircraft dropped water to cool hotspots near the dozer line behind structures in Division Y. Firefighters will continue to mop up, prep structures, and backhaul unneeded equipment.

Branch II is the Burro Fire: On the Burro Fire in Divisions J and N, firefighters continued to construct direct and indirect fireline using existing roads and fuel breaks along the south and west side above Bear Creek drainage. Firefighters also worked to assess values at risk on private property along the Dolores River.

Closures and Public Safety: U.S. Highway 550 will be open to escorted traffic on Friday, June 15 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. from mile marker 39.5 to 49.5. For up to date information on road closures visit www.cotrip.org. As evacuations are anticipated to continue to change, it is best 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><strong>416 Fire</strong></td>
<td>13 miles north of Durango, CO</td>
<td>June 1, 2018</td>
<td>27,420</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>1,137</td>
<td>Under investigation</td>
<td>11 Type 1 hand crews, 14 Type 2 hand crews, 55 engines, 9 dozers, 14 water tenders</td>
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<td><strong>Burro Fire</strong></td>
<td>14 miles south of Rico, CO</td>
<td>June 8, 2018</td>
<td>3,408</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>174</td>
<td>Under investigation</td>
<td>1 Type hand crews, 3 Type 2 hand crews, 2 engines, 1 dozer, 1 water tender</td>
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