



**U.S. Forest Service  
San Juan National Forest Stage 2 Fire Restrictions  
Fact Sheet**

**Date: June 20, 2018**

As of Thursday, June 21, at 3 p.m., the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) will re-open except for the areas surrounding the active 416 and Burro Wildfires. Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the Durango area will also re-open.

- Contributing factors to the forest re-opening are widespread precipitation over the weekend increasing fuel moisture, no new wildfire starts, and moderate predicted fire weather behavior.
- Wildfire risk factors could still increase with periodic hot and dry periods in the next few weeks prior to the expected monsoon rains, so agency officials emphasize that people should use extreme caution to prevent human-caused fires.
- In an effort to reduce any new wildfires and to protect life, property and natural resource, the San Juan NF and the BLM lands will remain in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions:
  - ✓ No open fires anywhere including campgrounds, picnic areas and wilderness areas
  - ✓ No camp stoves and lanterns unless they have an on/off switch, and use canister fuel (no white gas or kerosene)
  - ✓ No smoking except inside a building or vehicle
  - ✓ No discharge of firearms
  - ✓ No welding or torches (open flames)
  - ✓ Motorized vehicles must park in areas devoid of vegetation
  - ✓ Spark arrestors on generators, chainsaws and OHV's
  - ✓ Specifics of what is prohibited or allowed vary depending on jurisdiction, therefore check with the appropriate managing agency.
  - ✓ Stage 2 fire restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

Violating Stage 2 fire restrictions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

- Areas around the active 416 and Burro Fires will remain closed to public entry, including the segments of the Colorado Trail from Molas Pass to the Junction Creek terminus, Junction Creek road and campground, and lower Hermosa Road and campground.
- Campgrounds, roads, and trails are re-opened, and those with permits and contracts for doing business on the public lands may resume operations under Stage 2 restrictions.
- Firefighters and fire apparatus will be staged around the San Juan National Forest for several more weeks and will be available to quickly respond to any new ignitions.

To report a fire on federal lands, please contact the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at (970) 385-1324. Call 911, provide your name/phone, location – road #, what or whom you saw in the area.