NEWS FROM:

— US 550/416 FIRE UPDATE —

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416 Fire evacuation order for residents in San Juan County will lift at 8 a.m. Wednesday

US 550 Open to General Traveling Public at Noon

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — Due to current and predicted fire behavior and progress made by firefighters working of the 416 Fire, the residents of San Juan County who have been evacuated due will be allowed to return to their homes beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday. Residents returning home will need to present the Rapid Tag resident credentials to be allowed back in. The residences in San Juan County will remain on pre-evacuation notice.

Beginning at noon on Wednesday, U.S. Highway 550 will reopen to the general public, escorted until 6 p.m. The northern closure point will move from Molas Pass, mile point (MP) 64 to just north of Purgatory, MP 49.5.

As firefighters continue to make progress on the east side of the fire, additional re-entries will be evaluated in La Plata County. Please contact the community hotline at 970-385-8700 if you have questions.
SW COLORADO FIRES:
Two wildfires are burning in southwest Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Type 1 Team is coordinating the efforts to combat both blazes. More than 900 firefighters are battling the fires on the ground and with aircraft.

- **“416 Fire”** — This fire is located about 10 miles north of Durango on the west side of US 550. The 416 Fire has grown to more than 23,300 acres and is 15% contained.
- **“Burro Fire”** — This fire is located approximately five miles southeast of Colorado Highway (CO) 145 between the communities of Dolores (to the south) and Rico (to the north). The Burro Fire is more than 2600 acres in size and is 0% contained.

416 FIRE & BURRO FIRE INFORMATION & RESOURCES:
- Fire information hotline: 970-403-5326
- Fire email: 416fire2018@gmail.com
- Fire incident website: [https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822/)
- Fire incident social media: @416Fire and @SanJuanNF
- Evacuation Information: @LaPlataCounty or 970-385-8700

CDOT ROAD INFORMATION & RESOURCES:
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: [bit.ly/COalerts](https://bit.ly/COalerts)
- Road conditions, closures and webcams: [www.COtrip.org](http://www.COtrip.org)
- Social media: Facebook and Twitter [@coloradodot](http://twitter.com/coloradodot)
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