Burro Fire Update

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Current Situation: On Sunday, mild winds kept the behavior of the Burro Fire generally calm. There was a small increase in fire activity to the southeast and in the Rough Canyon area, but the fire moved very little to the northwest. Dolores Fire Management Officer Patrick Seekins, along with fire commanders from the neighboring 416 Fire, inspected both fires from the air on Sunday. They observed low fire activity in areas above 10,500 feet.

The reduced fire behavior allowed firefighters to continue improving both main control lines and contingency lines. As firefighters remove trees and brush to widen fire lines, they are chipping and scattering the woody debris. This method avoids creating large piles of flammable brush.

On Monday, smoke will continue to be visible from several areas of the fire.

Weather: Mostly sunny skies and dry weather will continue over the fire area for the first part of this week. Winds will be light and variable. Grasses and small vegetation are continuing to dry out, which can fuel fire growth.

Closures and Public Safety: Both firefighters and logging trucks are traveling on forest roads near the Burro Fire. Forest users should drive cautiously on these narrow, winding roads.

As outdoor recreation increases over the Independence Day holiday week, residents and visitors are reminded to avoid open burning, fireworks, or other activities that could create sparks or flame. Fire restrictions remain in effect on the San Juan National Forest and in Montezuma and Dolores counties.

Please respect closure barriers on roads and trails in the Burro and 416 fire areas. The Colorado Trail is closed from Molas Pass south to Junction Creek and the Hermosa Creek Wilderness is closed. McPhee Reservoir is open, both to shore fishing and boating. The Dolores River is accessible between Dolores and Rico.

Burro Fire Statistics

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<th>Size</th>
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<td>14 miles south of Rico, CO</td>
<td>June 8, 2018</td>
<td>4,437 acres (via infrared flight)</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Under investigation</td>
<td>1 wildland fire module, 1 fuels crew</td>
<td>Available from the 416 Fire</td>
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