Plateau Fire Update  
August 14, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team Black  
Shane Greer, Incident Commander

Information Center: (970) 403-5417  
Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Plateau Fire Containment Increases to 95 Percent

**Current Situation:** Firefighters continued to make progress containing the Plateau Fire on Monday. Much of their efforts were focused along the northern edge of the fire where there are a few small sections of uncontained line. Firefighters continued to patrol the remainder of the fire’s perimeter.

Today’s activities will be very similar to Monday. Firefighters will continue to search out and extinguish hot spots near the fire perimeter, improve areas that are contained and patrol the fire perimeter. As temperatures increase throughout the day, active fire behavior is expected in interior pockets of unburned fuel and will produce visible smoke. These areas are well within the containment lines.

Rocky Mountain Team Black will transition command of the Plateau Fire back to the local unit and a type 3 management organization at 8:00 p.m. today.

**Weather & Fuel Conditions:** No precipitation fell over the fire area Monday. A warming and drying trend is expected to begin today as a high-pressure ridge shifts southward, bringing temperatures in the high 80’s and relative humidity values in the low teens. Winds will be from the west-northwest this afternoon and bring outflow gusts up to 30 mph. Though cumulus build-up will occur this afternoon, there is little chance of a wetting rain.

**Evacuations and Closures:** All pre-evacuation notices have been lifted. The Dolores-Norwood, House Creek, and Dry Canyon Roads and the Boggy Draw trails east of Rd. 526 are now open, but the public is advised to use caution near the fire area, as fire resources are still working and driving roads.

An area closure is still in effect on National Forest System lands around the fire. For more information visit: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD590877](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD590877).

**Fire Restrictions:** There are currently burn bans in place for Montezuma and Dolores Counties.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** To provide a safe environment for firefighter safety, there is a temporary flight restriction (TFR) in place. The TFR covers a seven mile radius around the fire.

**Air Quality:** Smoke in Dolores and Cortez could be expected. [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

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**Plateau Fire Statistics:**
Size: 17,344 acres  
Containment: 95%  
Origin Location: 13 miles north-northeast of Dolores, Colorado  
Total Personnel: 177  
Cause: Lightning