

# 416 Fire Daily Update & Current Map

June 9, 2018

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## 416 Fire Update

Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team- Todd Pechota, Incident Commander  
Information Center: 970-403-5326  
Hours of operation: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Website: <https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822>  
Email: [416fire2018@gmail.com](mailto:416fire2018@gmail.com)

**June 9, 2018**  
**8:00 am**

**Community Meeting:** A community meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

**Special Message:** The Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team, with Todd Pechota as Incident Commander, assumed command of the fire at 6 a.m. on June 9, 2018. The Type 1 Team would like to acknowledge the great work that was done by Rocky Mountain Type 2 Team Blue.

**Weather:** Weather will be a concern this weekend as critical fire weather conditions are expected. Southwest to west winds will be strengthening across southwest Colorado this weekend ahead of a Pacific storm that will be tracking across the Northern Rockies. Humidity values in the single digits to low teens are predicted and wind gusts up to 25 mph. The Haines Index, which measures the stability and dryness of air over a fire, is 6 which is the highest most extreme value in the index. This indicates that there is a high potential for extreme fire behavior, intensity, and growth.

**Current Situation:** Firefighters will continue to patrol along the perimeter adjacent to Highway 550 from the Division A/Z break north. Their primary task will be to mop up any hotspots in an effort to keep the fire west of the highway and away from structures. In Division A, on the southeast flank of the fire, firefighters will continue to strengthen indirect fireline and scout additional fireline locations to protect the homes and infrastructure in the Hermosa community.

On the southwest flank of the fire, in Division D, the fire is established in Hermosa Creek. Additional firefighters have been added to this division and are scouting fireline locations. Firefighters will continue to monitor the west side of the fire in Division H and look at suppression options.

Firefighters in Division X, are currently constructing indirect fireline and thinning fuels to create a fire break. This is being done to prevent the fire from impacting Purgatory Resort. On the northeast side in Division Y, firefighters will continue indirect line construction from Castle Rock to the top in an effort to keep the fire south of Castle Rock drainage.

Structure protection is in place for the entire fire area. The structure group will continue assessing and preparing structures in the unlikely event of direct impingement from the fire.

**Closures and Public Safety:** Highway 550 is closed from mile marker 32 to 47. Pilot cars are escorting traffic through the closure from 8 am to 6 pm daily. This status may change if fire or evacuation activities change. For up to date information on road closures visit [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org). Evacuations are in place for several areas in

the fire vicinity. For up to date information on the status of evacuations, please contact the La Plata County Emergency Operations Center at 970-385-8700 or visit [www.co.laplata.co.us](http://www.co.laplata.co.us).

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**Fire Statistics:**

**Location:** 13 miles north of Durango, CO **Start Date:** June 1, 2018

**Size:** 8,691 acres **Percent Contained:** 10

**Total Personnel:** 683 **Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Include:** 8 Type 1 hand crews, 9 Type 2 hand crews, 28 engines, 4 dozers, 5 water tenders, and 1 feller buncher

**Air Resources:** 4 Type 1, 2 Type 2 and 3 Type 3 helicopters, 3 airtankers