

416 Fire Daily Update & Current Map

June 9, 2018

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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

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Current Situation: The 416 Fire was very active today as expected, generating a large plume of smoke visible throughout the region. Firefighters saw the most fire activity on the southwestern side, in the Hermosa Creek area in Divisions D and H.

Smoke was also very visible on the southern flank of the fire in Division A, where firefighters worked to bring fire down the slope to the road, using helicopters to help check the fire.

The north and east flanks of the fire were relatively quiet with little growth. Firefighters continued to strengthen fire lines and patrol. The fire remains on the west side of Highway 550.

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.

Public meeting: More than 350 people attended the public fire information meeting at the fairgrounds tonight.

Weather: Weather conditions are expected to be more severe tomorrow, with higher winds. Firefighters expect another day of high fire activity. 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.

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. 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.

Special note: There are still countless recreational opportunities available and southwestern Colorado is open for business.

San Juan National Forest Alerts & Closures:
Call 970-247-4874 or visit
www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice

Fire Statistics:

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

Size: 8,691 acres **(based on morning flight) Percent Contained:** 10

Total Personnel: 813 **Cause:** Under Investigation

Resources Include: 9 Type 1 hand crews, 11 Type 2 hand crews, 44 engines, 5 dozers, 4 water tenders

Helicopters: Four Type 1, two Type 2, and two Type 3

