

## 416 Fire Evening Update 6/25/2018

416 Fire Wildfire

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**June 25, 2018 (8 p.m.) Fire Statistics: Location:** 13 miles north of Durango, CO **Start Date:** June 1, 2018 **Size:** 34,962 acres (584 acres growth) **Percent**

**Contained:** 36 **Total Personnel:** 459 **Cause:** Under Investigation **Resources**

**Include:** 5 Type 1 hand crews, 5 Type 2 hand crews, 15 engines, 5 dozers, 1 water tender. **Helicopters:** One Type 1, one Type 2, and one Type 3, and one fixed wing aircraft. **Weather:** Today's fire weather continued to be hot and dry as predicted.

Temperatures reached highs in the eighties with humidities in the teens. Light afternoon winds continued to be a factor over the fire area as daytime heating occurred, causing the fire activity to increase as indicated by the smoke visible along the Highway 550 corridor. Overnight temperature recovery is expected to be low with temperatures forecast in the high forties with light downslope winds throughout the night.

**Current Situation:** With a combination of dry fuels and lack of precipitation over the past week, the 416 Fire continues to exhibit growth on the western edge near the Clear Creek and Buck Creek drainages in Division H. Hotshot and engine crews continued to improve existing fireline in the area along the Junction Creek Road. Improved fireline will allow fire manager's the opportunity to utilize burnout operations in advance of the fire front along Forest Road 171 if the topography and weather allow. Fire crews were visible along the Highway 550 corridor as they extinguished hotspots and patrolled the fire area west of Highway 550. The public is encouraged to give the firecrews and their vehicles space as they travel through the area, as firecrews will be along the roadways throughout the day and into the evening.

The public will continue to see smoke over the entire fire area as the fire continues to consume fuels primed by the high temperatures and lack of precipitation. The smoke impact will be influenced by the topography and daily wind patterns near the fire area and along the Hermosa Creek drainage. In the later part of the afternoon today, smoke from active burning was visible in Durango and Hermosa. However, the communities north of Hermosa experienced less smoke impact as the day progressed due to the northwest winds.

Forest users are reminded that the San Juan National Forest is currently under Stage 2 fire restrictions. Fire restrictions are in place to minimize the potential of future fire starts in the local area. Law enforcement officials are patrolling the local geographic area and have the authority to cite forest users who fail to adhere to fire restrictions. Please enjoy the national forests and all they have to offer, but remember we are under fire restrictions to minimize the risk of future wildfires.

**Closures and Public Safety:** For up to date information visit [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org). La Plata County's 416 Fire Interactive Map is at <https://bit.ly/416fire>.

*There are still countless recreational opportunities available and southwestern Colorado is open for business. Please see these websites for tourism and recreational opportunities:*

**La Plata County:** <http://co.laplata.co.us/> **Official Durango Tourism**

**site:** <https://www.durango.org/> **Durango Business Improvement**

**District** <http://downtowndurango.org/> **Silverton, CO Chamber of**

**Commerce:** <http://www.silvertoncolorado.com/> **and other area chambers of**

**commerce.**

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416 Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822> Email: [2018\\_cosjf\\_416@firenet.gov](mailto:2018_cosjf_416@firenet.gov)