



Fire Update

Members,

Glacier is closed today, Monday, June 11. There currently has been no damage to the property and no structures lost in the path of the fire. Glacier remains under evacuation orders, and there is no indication from official channels as to when the orders will be lifted and residents can return to property. Evacuation orders are put in place not only for the safety of residents but to ensure fire and emergency teams have room to work.

The fire has increased to 22,131 acres and remains at 10 percent containment. Firefighters anticipate another day of active fire behavior, including uphill runs and spotting, with very dry and warm conditions persisting. Smoke columns may develop and be visible again today. On the west side, the fire is expected to grow as it moves into heavier fuels and aligns with the wind. This area is being monitored from the air. The fire remains active on the south and west side of Hermosa Creek, continuing to progress through Hermosa Creek drainage, east toward the Hermosa watershed. Today, crews continue anchoring the area around Hermosa by prepping structures, scouting fire line locations and assessing for possible burnout options. South of the fire, line construction continues, and firefighters have connected a line from Highway 550 northwest into the rock face above Hermosa. On the east side of the fire and south of Haviland Lake, conditions remain quiet along Highway 550. Crews are re-checking blackened areas and improving existing line. North of Haviland Lake, fire behavior is also quiet. Dozer line construction continues along Highway 550 north toward Purgatory Resort. Crews are working to square off this area, strengthening the burnout/protected area to make this area defensible in the event of fire spread. On the north side, crews are improving the line around Purgatory Resort. More resources and equipment are being brought to this area to mitigate hazardous fuels.

The Burro Fire, which broke out Friday, June 8, southwest of Rico, Colorado, has burned to 1,000 acres. Fire officials don't expect it to connect with the 416 Fire.

Highway 550 is currently closed in both directions indefinitely.

The total number of homes evacuated due to the 416 Fire exceeds 2,100.

Forestry officials announced yesterday evening that they will be instituting a stage three fire closure of the San Juan National Forest, which means that the entire 1.8-million-acre forest will be closed to the public. The order is expected to be signed on Tuesday and will remain in place until rain improves fire conditions.

Due to the evacuation, mail service has been suspended at Glacier. Members can call the U.S. Post Office and put a hold on their mail for easier pickup. Otherwise, mail will be set aside for the Glacier community at large, which will take longer to sort and for members to retrieve. Due to the large number of customers affected, the Post Office is asking that evacuees not check their mail daily and give priority to those expecting medicine, checks and necessary supplies. They can sign up for [Informed Delivery](#), a free service that allows postal customers to digitally preview their mail and manage packages scheduled to arrive.

Members can pick up UPS packages at the UPS facility from 3-6 p.m. FedEx Ship Center pick-up is available during their regular business hours from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.

A Disaster Assistance Center is open today until 1 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds for those needing assistance due to the fire.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We will continue to update as conditions develop.

Here are some useful resources to help you stay informed.

[Recording of June 9 community meeting at La Plata County Fairgrounds](#)

[Recording of June 6 community meeting at the Silverton School](#)

[Recording of June 5 community meeting at La Plata County Fairgrounds](#)

[Recording of June 5 community meeting at Animas Valley Elementary School](#)

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Thank you,

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