

# 416 Fire Daily Update & Current Map

June 10, 2018

## 416 and Burro Fires 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 for 416 Fire: <https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822>  
Website for Burro Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5834/>  
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**June 11, 2018**  
**9 a.m.**

**Special note:** Today at 6 a.m. the Type 1 Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team officially took over the Burro Fire.

**Weather:** Smoke was heavy and low overnight. Firefighters anticipate another day of active fire behavior with very dry and warm conditions persisting across the 416 and Burro Fires. Temperatures today will be from 78-85F on the 416 Fire, and from 70-75 on the Burro Fire. Humidity for both areas may stay as low as 6% with winds gusting 20-25 mph. Later this week, there is potential for isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms near both fires.

Smoke columns may develop and be visible again today.

### **Current Situation:**

Please note that we will have an updated acreage number later today. Weather conditions remain critical and fuels are ideal for significant fire growth. The Fire Weather Potential Index is "High". Fire is expected to be active with uphill runs and spotting. Wind gusts aligning in drainages on the west side of the 416 Fire could create rapid increases in fire behavior, and fire could travel  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  a mile per hour in gusty conditions.

*Branch I of the 416 Fire includes Divisions H, D, and A:* In Division H, 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.

In Division D, fire remains active on the south and west side of Hermosa Creek, continuing to progress through Hermosa Creek drainage, east toward the Hermosa watershed. Yesterday, the fire established itself in North Buck Creek and Buck Creek drainage. Multiple aircraft dropped water and retardant until 9 p.m. last night. Today, crews continue anchoring the area around Hermosa by prepping structures, scouting fire line locations, and assessing for possible burnout options.

In Division A, south of the fire, line construction continues, and firefighters have connected a line from 550 northwest into the rock face above Hermosa. Last night, the fire pushed into areas with structures. Crews engaged in active firefighting. No structures were damaged or lost, and no firefighters were injured. The work that the community has done to make this area "Firewise" contributed a great deal to firefighters' ability to defend these homes. The Falls Creek and Lower Hermosa areas are set with hoses, pumps and sprinklers, and are prepared for the possibility of further active firefighting.

*Branch III of the 416 Fire includes Divisions Z, Y, and X:* In Division Z on the east side of the fire and south of Haviland Lake, conditions remained quiet along US 550. Crews are re-checking blackened areas and improving existing line.

In Division Y north of Haviland Lake, fire behavior is also quiet. Dozer line construction continues along the 550 corridor 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 in Division X are improving the line around Purgatory Resort. More resources and equipment are being brought to this area to mitigate hazardous fuels.

*Branch II is the Burro Fire:* The Burro fire has grown approximately 500 acres and is moving in a southeastern direction. More updates will be available in the coming days.

**Note:** Residents should be aware they will continue seeing smoke and smoldering in burned areas inside the fire perimeter.

**Closures and Public Safety:** Highway 550 is closed today from mile marker to 32 to 64. 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).

**Fire Statistics:**

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

**Size:** 22,131 acres **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