

July 8, 2018 Daily Update

416 Fire Wildfire
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416 Fire Morning Update

Sunday, July 08, 2018

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Location: 13 Miles N. of Durango, CO

Size: 54,129 acres

Percent Contained: 50%

Start Date: June, 1, 2018.

Cause: Under Investigation

Cost to Date: \$30,400,000

Total Personnel: 290

The probability of rain over the fire area continues for the next week, with amounts ranging from .10 to .25 inches expected daily and heavier amounts predicted mid-week. Periods of heavy rain may lead to flash flooding and debris flows. La Plata County has issued pre-evacuation notice for 317 residences in Tripp Creek, Dyke Canyon, Hermosa Circle and Falls Creek Ranch areas.

There are a few, very isolated areas of smoldering heavy fuels remaining in the interior of the 416 fire. With the predicted weather, the fire is not expected to show noticeable spread or significant smoke production, however, it may continue to show smokes until winter weather ends the fire season. Local fire protection agencies will keep a close eye on the burned area to watch for any threat of spread.

The Burned Area Emergency Response team has completed an assessment of the probability of impacts from rain on burned areas in the 416 fire. This report was provided to La Plata County and to the US Forest Service to assist in planning for emergency responses and the long-term recovery of burned lands.

Fire suppression repair continues near the fire's southern edge. Fire suppression repair is a series of immediate post-fire actions taken to repair impacts to the land and minimize the potential for soil erosion and other issues that might arise from fire line construction.

Trails and roads that connect to the San Juan National Forest closure order area are being patrolled by law enforcement agencies. These closures are being re-evaluated daily due to the rain but at the moment, remain in place. The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) has been lifted.

Command of the 416 fire will transition from the NIMO team back to the San Juan National Forest on Tuesday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.. The last day Facebook and Inciweb

will be updated will be Monday, July 9th. Please "like" the San Juan National Forest Facebook page in anticipation of this transition at <https://www.facebook.com/SanJuanNF/>. Information about the 416 Fire, as well as information on any new fires, will be posted on this page. The 416 Fire Information phone numbers 970-403-5326 (public) and 844-672-5100 (media) will not be available after Monday, July 9th.

Closures and Public Safety: For up to date road information visit www.cotrip.org.

Information Center: 970-403-5326 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m daily.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/416Fire/>

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5822>

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