

July 4, 2018

6:41 am The 416 Fire is 53,260 acres, an increase of 482 acres from yesterday. The growth occurred mostly in the northwest just north of Big Bend Creek. This Infrared map shows where heat was found during a late night flight. The areas with red dots are the areas that still retain some heat. The areas with red stripes are showing more intense heat. The boxes are areas where cloud cover was present which could interfere with an accurate reading.

A Full size PDF that will let you zoom in, is available here http://bit.ly/07_04IRMap

7:20 am Just a reminder than San Juan National Forest does have a closure in place. You can visit their website for more information at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>

You can also view and download a pdf version of the closure map here <http://bit.ly/SJFClosureOrderMap>

10:34 am You only have to look at the sky in Southwest Colorado to know when the weather is changing. So what's coming – and how will it impact the 416 Fire? (video)

11:37 am If you had a chance to look at the 416 Fire PIO Map this morning, you would have noticed that black was added to the southwest perimeter where firefighters have been working. Because of those efforts, containment is now at 45%. This containment will be reflected on the next Daily Update.

Here is a link to the pdf version of the map bit.ly/0704PIOMap

12:25 pm Here on the 416 Fire, we have been sharing both videos and pictures of our aerial operations as they assist firefighters on the ground. Today, we want to take you behind the scenes and show just one way that our helibase personnel are ALWAYS ready. As fire behavior slows, helibase personnel continue to brief as always to be prepared for any support necessary. This morning they completed a “mock medical” that incorporated the entire base, medical personnel and new IRPG (Incident Response Pocket Guide) medical protocols. (picture)

Below are some aerial operation statistics since the 416 Fire started.

1. 362,901 gallons of retardant used. Retardant has NOT been used since NIMO, the current incident team, has arrived.

2. 200+ Flight hours with air attack

3. 82 flight hours with air tankers and just over 600 rotor hours

2:00 pm Fire is something familiar to residents of Southwest Colorado. That experience has prompted some homeowners to take steps to protect their property. Resident Bruce talks about how he made changes to his home and around the property. (video)

4:13 pm Earlier this afternoon, Operations Section Chief Alex went out on a recon flight and sent us back this photo. This is Big Bend Creek and was the hottest portion of the fire. (picture)

8:39 pm We asked area residents: "What is the mood of the community this July 4th?" (video)

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416 Fire Information

970-403-5326

Call Center Hours: 8 am-8 pm

Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5822/>

Social Media: www.facebook.com/416fire/