

## June 30, 2018- 416 Fire Morning Update

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Saturday, June 30, 2018

Joe Reinarz Incident Commander

**Location:** 13 Miles N. of Durango, CO

**Size:** 47,031 (growth of 5,414 acres)

**Percent Contained:** 37%

**Start Date:** June, 1, 2018.

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Cost to Date:** \$26,100,000

**Total Personnel:** 359

**Resources Include:** 2 Type 1 hand crews, 4 Type 2 hand crews, 15 engines, 2 dozers

**Helicopters:** Three Type 1, one Type 2, and three Type 3

A Red Flag Warning remains in the area for increased winds, hot temperatures, and low relative humidity leaving potential for dangerous fire growth. Smoke will remain in the valley especially in the towns of Hermosa & Durango until late morning, when the inversion will lift. A dry cold front is expected to pass through the fire area late this afternoon bringing stronger and gustier winds. As this cold front passes, the winds will shift from the west to more northerly flow. Changing wind direction can be dangerous to firefighters and stay aware of changing wind directions, especially as today marks the 5th anniversary of the Yarnell Hill Fire.

Fire activity is expected to remain the most active along the northern perimeter as conditions and winds out of the southwest cause additional fire movement earlier in the day. Fire advanced northward up the Big Lick Creek drainage Friday in the Hermosa Creek Special Management Area, just east of the wilderness boundary. Aircraft will continue to monitor the northwest perimeter of the fire and resources will be moved north to prepare lines around Purgatory. Crews will also continue to reassess structure protection strategies in the Electra Lake & Purgatory areas. West of Highway 550 in the Falls Creek Area, crews will complete chipping piles of suppression debris in residential areas.

The priority remains in the southwestern perimeter where crews will continue burnout ignitions to secure the fireline along Forest Road 171. Helicopter operations will continue to support operations as visibility allows, by dropping water on hot spots to hold the containment line. Air operations using dips sites along Highway 550 may be

visible, however, stopping along the highway to view the aircraft can be dangerous and present safety concerns.

As the 4th of July holiday approaches, residents and visitors are encourage to check local conditions when planning recreation activities. An area closure order remains in effect to ensure public safety; therefore, accessing trails that tie into the Colorado Trail off of Highway 550 from the Molas Trailhead south to the Junction Creek Trailhead are prohibited. Pre-evacuation orders remain in place east and west along portions of Highway 550 in the Electra Lake area.

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

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

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