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For all those on property at this time, we are currently on a pre-evacuation notice. This means that you should pack your things up immediately and be ready to leave on a moment's notice. If and when there is an evacuation notice, you won't have time to do that. If and when we are told to evacuate, drive north on Highway 550; the road south is closed about a mile or two south of us.

We will try to keep you informed as best we can, but I can't make any promises at this point.

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I apologize for the limited information in my last e-mail. When you're scurrying around trying to deal with several things at once, you can lose sight of the fact that not everyone is aware of what's going on.

A fire started a couple hours ago just a few miles south of here, and the wind is blowing it this way. The slurry bombers and helicopters are dumping on it, but as I wrote before, we have been put on pre-evacuation notice (from Baker's Bridge to Electra Lake). US Highway 550 north is closed; parts of it are closed southbound.

And while we very much appreciate everyone's best wishes, we would like to keep the phone lines clear for emergency purposes. Thanks.

More information as it becomes available and as time allows.

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Highway 550 is now closed between mile markers 34 and 48. We are encouraging residents to leave now, rather than wait until the last minute. Keep in mind that you will need to head north, as the road is closed between here and town.

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Baker's Bridge and Rockwood are now under mandatory evacuation. If you are still on property, we strongly urge you to leave immediately. Highway 550 is closed south of here, so you will need to head north. I hear Silverton is beautiful this time of year.

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Tamarron Owners,

First of all, I apologize if some of you are receiving this even though you've already sold your unit. Using this e-mail platform remotely has proven a little more difficult than I thought, and the contact list doesn't perform the same as at my desk. Be that as it may.....

To the best of our knowledge, Tamarron was evacuated successfully, with only a few relatively minor glitches. Some residents were able to head into town before Highway 550 was closed. Some headed north to Silverton. Several of us are holed up at Purgatory, although we are under a pre-evacuation notice here, so it's possible that we may have to head farther north tonight.

The last I heard, there was a mandatory evacuation in place for Chris Park and Haviland Lake. However, we also heard that the fire was still on the west side of 550, which is good news for Tamarron. Please understand, though, that at this time I can't confirm any of this with a high degree of confidence, partly because this information is several hours old. What I CAN say is that the La Plata County Sheriff's department organized a caravan of buses and private vehicles at 9:30 this evening from Purgatory to Durango, presumably avoiding the heart of the fire by traveling on CR250. I look at that as a positive sign.

I don't know if we will be allowed to return to Tamarron tomorrow, but if so, I'll try to send everyone an update. I'm guessing that our 10:45 tee time is moot now, Paul, but on the bright side, the course will be even less crowded than usual.

Hoping to have good news for everyone tomorrow.....