

## 8:42 AM

Tamarron Owners,

I think I've worked out a couple of technical glitches, but unfortunately, it has set me behind in sending updates. I tried sending the following last night, but it was rejected by most e-mail recipients. As you read, keep in mind this was yesterday's news. So far today, not much has changed, except we've gotten some raindrops at Purgatory this morning. Dave Dunn is currently on property, and as of an hour ago, he reports that everything is extremely smoky, but quiet. I'll try to send another update tonight.

Mark and I drove down from Purgatory around noon to the roadblock on 550, which is set up near the entrance to Electra Lake Road, and spoke with a couple La Plata county fire officials. We also spoke with one of the managers at Purg this afternoon. Here's what we've found out:

1. While the sky here was relatively clear this morning, by noon we couldn't see Spud Mtn. or the Needles from the plaza at Purg. The smoke really picked up in the afternoon.

2. The fire shifted somewhat and was moving south. As a result, they have now established a pre-evacuation zone just south of the fire. Google the 416 Fire in Durango for details. We're still under a pre-evacuation order here at Purgatory as well.

3. For safety, they have moved the fire control command center from just south of the fire to the parking lots at Purgatory. The feds are now on the scene, and they expect to have about 800 firefighters on site by tomorrow afternoon. Purgatory will become a tent city.

4. There is some confusion surrounding the need for a "Rapid Tag" to return to Tamarron after the fire. We were told that once 550 is open and the subdivision has been cleared for re-entry, we won't need the Tag. I hope to clear this up tomorrow.

5. The rains that are forecast for tomorrow have been pushed to later in the day/evening. How this will affect the firefighting efforts remains to be seen.

6. Highway 550 is still closed, and will most likely remain closed tomorrow. The fire officials told us it probably won't re-open until Tuesday. Tomorrow's rains, assuming they come, may play a part in that.

Here is some more information from Heather Dawson that some of you may have already received:

Good morning,

I am going to try to update you with what I think I know about the fire.

It is currently appx 1,500 acres and is directly across the hwy from Tamarron. It is staying on the west side of the hwy right now, and has not jumped to the east. It is 0% contained. It was very windy yesterday (with shifting winds), which caused it to spread quickly yesterday with our extremely dry conditions. However, the winds did die down last night and I don't think it will be as windy today, so hopefully they can make good progress. There is some rain expected on Sunday, so let's hope that comes. The focus right now is protecting the east side of the hwy, where all homes are located.

Tamarron was evacuated yesterday around 3:30 pm. So if you have been trying to call, we have no employees, guests or owners on-site. However, Dave has been there with the fire crew all night just keeping an eye on things and assisting as he can. He will be going home soon for some much needed rest.

Hwy 550 has been closed since about 12:30 yesterday afternoon between Baker's Bridge and Purgatory. Everyone between Baker's Bridge and Electra Lake have been evacuated. North of that, up to Cascade, is on pre-evacuation notice. Most of our folks who live at Tamarron made their way to Purgatory. If they have to leave, they will need to go north to Silverton. If they want to get to Durango, they will need to keep going north to Telluride, then down thru Dolores and Mancos.

Many of you may know that we were supposed to have a large wedding group staying with us this weekend. They were to get married at Chris Park today. Those guests obviously had to make a quick transition to downtown and could not stay with us. I believe their wedding today will be at the Elks Lodge instead.

If you want to keep up with developments, I have been following "La Plata County Government" on facebook, as well as the "U.S. Forest Service - San Juan National Forest" page. Of course, there is also the online Durango Herald. I do not know how long the hwy closure or mandatory evacuations will continue at this point.

There is speculation that the fire was caused by the train, but that has not been confirmed yet.

I have been trying to notify whoever I can who is supposed to arrive at Tamarron over the next few days that they should change their plans. Hopefully we will have some better news as this thing gets under control. It is a scary situation at the moment.

Keep Tamarron in your prayers and have positive thoughts for low winds and rain.

Heather

I'll try to send some more information tomorrow.

Gary

## **6:40 PM**

Tamarron Owners,

Mark and I took a ride up to Silverton this morning, partly to get a decent breakfast, partly to check on the Rapid Tag situation, and partly because we thought about going up to Ridgeway or Montrose to hit some golf balls. Yes, being an evacuee can get boring after a couple days. However, something better happened (and it feels odd to say this where golf is concerned).....it started to rain. It wasn't much, but the temps were pretty cool and the air was humid, and the road all the way back to Purgatory was wet. From what I understand, it rained a little more, and harder, around the fire area. Right now the sky is very clear at Purgatory, but I'm guessing it's smokey in Durango, as the wind has shifted and it's now coming from the north.

As far as the Rapid Tag is concerned, we were told that you WILL need one to return to the evacuation zone. If you're north of Tamarron, you'll have to drive to the high school in Silverton (go north on Main St. and turn left on 12th). If you're south of Tamarron, go to the Escalante Middle School.

As far as the fire itself is concerned, it has consumed about 2250 acres and is about 10% contained. However, that was as of 7 hours ago; I don't have a better update than that (just called the hotline and they don't have any newer information). Beyond that, please read the attached update from Eric Tibbetts. It has better than I can offer.

When possible, I'll forward some pictures for those who haven't seen any yet.

Gary

## **10:09 PM**

I don't have anything new to report. However, I've attached a report from the La Plata County Facebook page, which I've been told is a good source for information. I've also attached 2 photos from CNN; I'm not sure where they were taken from. Photos 01 and 02 were taken Friday from the Lodge parking lot, about 30 minutes before the mandatory evacuation.