

## Status Report

416 Fire

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Today appears to have be another step backward. For several days, today has been forecasted to be a difficult fire-fighting day with high temperatures, low humidity (10%) and higher winds. The day began with an extended mandatory evacuation on the southern end of the fire (into Hermosa Creek area). This includes Dave Dunn's personal residence. The pre-evacuation zone was also expanded and now loops to the east side of US 550 in the Hermosa area. To the best of my knowledge, the northern end of the fire (above High Point) did not change, but there was some fire activity there. At one point late on Wednesday, there were 5 or 6 firetrucks and as many as 30 firefighters stationed in the parking lot at HP. I believe Gary has posted a picture on the TACO website. Check it out for the latest details.

As many of you know, Dave Dunn has been spending a large part of every day at Tamarron. Yesterday, somewhere on the north end of the third floor of the Sundowner Inn an Owner's water heater burst. Alarms went off, and fortunately Dave was there to hear them. As water gushed from the broken water heater, Dave was able to locate the water shut-off and do remedial triage to keep damage to a minimum. If he had not been there, the flooding would have been enormous. THANK YOU DAVE.

For those of you on site, or with rental units, you may wish to check your homeowners/landlord insurance policy as you may have some insurable loss because this was a mandatory evacuation. I checked with State Farm today and was told to accumulate all room and food bills and submit them. State Farm further indicated that no deductible would be assessed. **State Farm has now indicated some confusion over treatment of the deductible, so check early and often with your insurance carrier.**

Finally, a word about the teams that are here fighting the fire. We have had 4 leadership teams in 6 days. We started with local authorities, quickly transitioned to Forest Service management, and soon thereafter transitioned to a Level 2 response team (Federal), which is comprised of professional folks that have other full time jobs, and respond as conditions require. On Saturday morning, Level 1 responders will take over. The good news—they are the elite responders, and will have the full backing to get needed equipment and resources; the bad news—conditions are now such that we need that level of expertise.