Tamarron

Association of Condominium Owners

Fire Safety Facts – September 2025

The Tamarron Association of Condominium Owners, affectionately known as TACO, was established in June 1974. Tamarron is a community association of condominiums located approximately 18 miles north of Durango, Colorado, just east of US Highway 550. Tamarron is the largest single homeowner's association in La Plata County, comprised of 381 units. At present there are 311 owner/members of the Association, many of whom own two or more units, hailing from 31 different states. This is a self-managed association with on-site property management and staff.

The community consists of four segments of buildings. The Lodge (341 N Tamarron Drive) consists of 139 units in a 5-story building. Included in the lodge is the Cliffside Bar & Grille (owned and operated separately from TACO).

Highpoint (961 N Tamarron Drive, Units 550-651) consists of 69 units at the northern and highest point of TACO. Gamble Oak (365 S Tamarron Drive, Units 701-799) consists of 99 units at the southern end of TACO. Pinecone (73 S Tamarron Drive, Units 801-873) consists of 73 units and is located centrally between Gamble Oak and The Lodge. Spread throughout the community across these four miles of TACO property is a well-irrigated golf course owned and operated separately by Glacier Club, the adjacent association.

In addition, here are some highlights of the fire safety facts about this community:

Each unit has 5/8 drywall, which is rated as a 2-hour firewall, providing a total of 4-hour protection in between units. The lodge is constructed with metal studs, steal rafters, metal pan decks and poured concrete floors all throughout the lodge.

Tamarron is a fully fire protected development, supported by Durango Fire Protection District.

TACO has full fire hydrant coverage with an emergency reserve reservoir. Glacier Club keeps their ponds full for fire mitigation and fire adaptive purposes.

TACO can access two water tanks across Highway 550 to provide emergency hydrant support.

Wildfire defense zone mitigation analysis and recommended mitigation efforts are reviewed and implemented annually. Ongoing assessment of risk control and recovery strategies by Board of Directors.

The Lodge building boasts both a standing seam roof and newly installed (2023) Malarky Vista Class 4 Architectural Composite Asphalt Shings with water shield underlayment, heat edge treatment at all eaves and heat traced guttering and downspouts.

Highpoint, Pinecone and Gamble Oak segments all have newly installed (2024) 24 gauge standing seam steel with water shield underlayment.

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Durango Fire Protection District has approved a 5 Year Plan for upgrading the fire protection system. This is in active implementation.

Meaningful collaboration and partnership with neighboring communities and local authorities has been forged in the spirit of mitigation and disaster recovery planning with La Plata Emergency Response Team, Wildfire Adaptive, DFPD, Glacier Club and Rockwood Estates Communities.

Beetle pheromone treatments, Verbenone packets and treatment of selected trees on inhibit and deter beetles for harming healthy trees. These treatments are about 80% effective.

TACO has removed over 480 Gamble Oak shrubs in 2025 to support additional mitigation and defensible space around this segment of the community.

In 2025, TACO organized and facilitated two emergency preparedness and simulations (April and September 2025) in coordination with multiple agencies. Owners were educated on process, communications, and alert handling.

Fire extinguishes are readily available across the community segments.

TACO has now implemented a uniform technology platform to relay all emergency communications with unit owners and has helped encourage enrollment in CodeRed community notification systems. This system provides coordinated community in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts for La Plata County.