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TO: All CLCC OWNERS  
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SUBJECT: CLCC and the East Troublesome Fire  
DATE: October 24, 2020

All CLCC Owners,

This email is a follow-up to the email sent on the 22nd regarding the impact to Columbine Lake Country Club from the East Troublesome fire over the past few days.

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION DETAILS IN THIS EMAIL.**

First of all, thanks to all who have reached out to offer your help as we all try to navigate through these very difficult times. We appreciate very much your support and will let you know if and when we will need your assistance. **All of those who can help out please fill out your info here <https://forms.gle/JyF7zV3s6zsUhYcF6> to be included in those emails even if you have emailed the office.** There will definitely be much work to do at CLCC over the coming weeks and months and we will need everyone to come together as a community to make it happen. When all the smoke clears, there will be some of us who will have lost our beloved mountain homes while others may go unscathed. I just want to ask everyone now to be sensitive to any of our neighbor's difficulties and reach out where you can to lend a helping hand. We are all Columbine Lakers!

Next, we certainly recognize and understand that every homeowner desperately wants to know about their CLCC properties. **Please understand that we have NOT yet received any definitive information from official sources about the status of individual homes in CLCC nor have any of us been able to go into the CLCC community to take a look.** We are very aware that there are lots of "unofficial" rumors, information and potential misinformation out there about individual houses or streets. **Please be very cautious at this point about accepting any unofficial communications as fact.**

At this morning's public briefing, Grand County officials emphasized that information concerning individual homes and neighborhoods has not yet been compiled as they are first and foremost focused on ensuring that the fire danger has been eliminated in all neighborhoods. The fire continues to be active across impacted areas, including CLCC, and it is still highly subject to the weather and winds. In fact, we learned that even as of late yesterday afternoon there were still some hot spots that impacted one or more CLCC structures. **Given the magnitude of the damage caused across the county by the East Troublesome fire, Grand County Public Safety officials are asking for everyone's patience and understanding as they deal with this unprecedented disaster.**

CLCC is in direct communication with the Command Center for Grand County Emergency Management and the Sheriff's office. County officials said they are being flooded with calls requesting information about individual homes. They are not equipped to handle such call volume and ask that impacted homeowners instead send an email to: [dmayer@grandlakefire.org](mailto:dmayer@grandlakefire.org) with your name, address, email address and contact phone number. They said they will soon begin the monumental task of verifying the status of individual homes but want to caution everyone that it may take some time and again, they ask for your patience and understanding.

The CLCC staff and board also request patience and understanding from all CLCC owners. There are NO staff on site in CLCC nor will there be until the "all clear" message is given. **Please do not call or email the CLCC office asking for someone to check on your individual properties or turn off your**

**water.** Unfortunately, we CANNOT accommodate your requests or answer your specific questions about your properties.

We empathize with everyone's desire to get information about their properties. All of us - staff and board members alike - also live in the area and share those same anxieties about our own properties. Please recognize that we are all in this together.

Given the challenges they are still facing, Grand County Public Safety officials have not provided a timeline as to when owners can be allowed to access their properties. Again, they are justifiably **focused on safety first** throughout the impacted neighborhoods. Unofficially, it may still be several days or more before an "all-clear" message may be released. In the meantime, the only access road, Highway 34, remains closed to all but emergency traffic between Granby and Estes Park. County officials ask that you do not attempt to use this road so that first responder traffic is not impeded.

If you have not yet registered with Grand County Emergency Services to receive a notification advising when owners can return to access their properties, please do so by using the below link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTQYSJOI2PN7rIP8A0Q50bLuTRanB36nF6pvRLr-Uk2zZZTA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0fTWs2xgTmXeEDcUrxSTWoJFWa80qs4NLeppgrHxfS16V0b-4jkbAORtA>

Please note that CLCC is in **Evacuation Area S**. This information is required on the registration form. You can also register using the Grand County Emergency website: [gcemergency.com](http://gcemergency.com), following the links to the East Troublesome Fire. Again, please note that CLCC is in Evacuation Area S.

We recognize that CLCC owners, including staff and board members, are concerned about electrical power and water given the cold weather in the Immediate forecast. Regarding electrical power, remember that in CLCC, all of our power lines are suspended above ground. We have been told that many are down or have been destroyed. This will be a significant challenge for the power company to stabilize the power grid in our neighborhoods. We have no estimate as to when power can be restored to CLCC but will advise via email if and when we hear anything.

For water, the situation is also unfortunately not clear at this time. We have been in contact with the general manager of Columbine Lake Water District. They understand the concerns about water being distributed into Columbine Lake homes and the potential for freezing pipes. Unfortunately that same water is also being distributed to the many fire hydrants that are located around the CLCC community and are still in use by the first responders. The Water District will research further what, if anything, can be done to address individual homeowner concerns. We will provide information as we get it.

Last but not least, I want us all to recognize the valiant efforts of the first responders in protecting the overall CLCC community from the fire. All of the publicly-available fire maps on various websites clearly show that the CLCC area was well-defended even though it was almost fully surrounded by the fire. While some homes will have burned or been damaged, many of the homes in the community appear on the maps to be safe. As I said yesterday, regardless of the eventual outcome, we at CLCC owe the first responders a huge debt of gratitude for risking their lives to protect our community. Please know that when the dust has settled a bit, CLCC as a community will collectively determine the best way to show our appreciation and thanks to our first responder heroes.

You can also text TFIRE to 888777 you will gain access to East Troublesome fire updates on evacuations and re-entry. Please note this will give you text and email to all of Troublesome fire updated NOT just Grand County.

Please stay safe everyone.

Mark