

Snowmass Mountain Condominiums Construction Update Weeks 21-22 September 6-19, 2011

Hello SMC Owners –

There are two albums of pictures posted onto the webpage that show work for the past two weeks. Many thanks to Carl Vill for the pictures – it is challenging to find secure footing to take photos on the site, and Carl has managed to get some great action shots for us for the past few weeks.

The pictures from week 21 (September 6-12) open with a picture of the shotcreted back wall for the new shed that will house the two boilers and the trash bins. The remaining photos focus primarily on the continued construction of the MSE wall. You will see various pieces of heavy equipment working along the backside of the wall bringing in fill dirt, compacting and leveling the fill, and compacting some more. You'll note that the entire lower row of concrete slabs is now buried, and only 2-3 feet remain visible of the large storm drain that has been pictured in earlier updates. The view of several different kinds of heavy machinery in one of the pictures attests to the load-bearing ability of the wall at this stage. A few other pictures in this series show the beginning of the construction of the new entrance and stairway to Building A. One shot highlights the new look of the stairwells – new concrete treads, new handrails, new balusters, and new supports for the landings. Finally, some of the principals from the Neenan Company are pictured along with Carl Vill in the project office. And you might take note throughout of the threatening skies in the background.

Week 22 saw a change in the weather with rain and snow, much colder temperatures, and a return of mud throughout the site. The first picture shows a cement truck making a delivery to the cement pump. Next, the cement pump boom pours concrete for the new steps into the office entry in Building A. You'll also see a picture of George Falk consulting with Jason Doty of Neenan about the design of the cement bases that will reinforce the support columns in the upper building garages. This is followed by another picture of the cement boom. In the next picture, George and Hank Hays are standing next to a large cement box, which shows where the driveway level will top out, and you can see we're almost there (and note, they're wearing jackets). The last picture shows the stairway landing entry to Building H; on the right side of the photo is a view of the exterior of the MSE wall.

In other happenings, Danny Teitelbaum reports that his committee has received expressions of interest from several landscape contractors in the area, all of whom have been provided with detailed plans for what is expected, and hopefully several will respond with feasible bids for the work. Lori McCool indicates that the billing date for the final installment has been pushed back until the first of October, due 30 days later. The Board will meet in conference call once on Thursday of the coming week (that is, September 22). And hopefully, the glitches that the previous two mailings have experienced will not impede this one. --- Greer Fox, greerfox@charter.net

