

**Snowmass Mountain Construction Update**  
**Week 11: June 26 – July 2, 2011**



With the advent of perfect weather, construction has moved quickly. Here is Board President George Falk in hardhat, directing traffic. The major task, of course, is the continuation of excavation and shoring, which is scheduled for the next two months.



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Ever wonder what the old shoring system looked like? Here you see it unearthed -- a series of small cribs made of the old railroad ties and filled in with fill dirt, stacked one on top of the other (the top levels have been removed already). Note the small concrete slabs positioned against an outer, back wall of railroad ties – this was all there was to keep the dirt from spilling through the tie wall, and the system worked for a good while. But, as you might have seen if you walked behind Building H-I, or J-K in the last few years, the wall was failing badly with dirt spilling out in several places, and the entire system was tilting forward down the hill.

The final pictures show a stairwell at the Woodbridge complex. One of the issues we face relative to stairwells is that code requires a handrail height of no less than 36 inches; ours range from 32-42 inches. Further, code requires a handrail or hand-hold of some sort with a standard clearance of 1 and a half inches, that is, enough space for fingers/hands to grasp the handrail. This is usually not an issue, until you have a stair well that wraps around a landing, as we do in all of our buildings (see the second picture). The Board is considering various options for the stairwells with appearance second only to costs and code requirements as decision criteria.

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