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Willows Building D Structure Fire, follow-up from March 6th

Snowmass Village, Colorado -

On March 7<sup>th</sup> fire investigators completed an initial investigation as to cause and manor of this building fire. Investigators have found no evidence or indicators of foul play. This secured scene was turned over to the property owner's insurance company in the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup> to further the investigation.

There is a great amount of damage to the building from the fire and water used to extinguish this fire. We have assisted where we can to retrieve personal belongings of the residents and owners but this building and units are not safe. We are preserving the scene for further needed forensic and insurance investigators.

Occupants noted to fire investigators that the fire alarm system did not sound to alert them to exit. The alarm system did activate, initially the smoke did not penetrate units and was venting out of the attic space above the units. During the firefight, firefighters stated that the alarms were sounding.

The cause of the fire will remain under investigation by Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. No injuries were reported. The building and contents are considered a total loss.

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