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A sign by the Grizzly Lodge in Silver Gate shows a sense of humor as tired firefighters from Orange County, Calif., relax Monday.

## Towns clear ou

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LIVINGSTON — Armed men ordered stubborn residents and bystanders to evacuate City and Silver Gate this morning after the county declared an emergency, while pessimistic officials gave only a 25 percent chance of keeping wildfires off the tiny towns on Yellowstone Park's border.

"I'm sure they're going to first, and if need be, they'll force evacuations," Jim Olson, Park County Commission chairman, said after the commission unanimously approved the emergency proclamation.

The resolution was necessary, according to Commissioner Olson, because it has been difficult "to control the influx of people in and out of town. We were having quite a time getting troops and firefighters in because of the media, bystanders and a few homeowners who refused to leave."

Fire information officer Montoya also said this morning that firefighters are concerned about civilian traffic getting in the way and being endangered if the Storm Creek fire hits town. "It makes firefighters scratch their heads through the dense smoke that a rapidly advancing fire would create."

"We don't want to see a traffic car accident" on highways, Montoya said. "Firefighters will need to demolish structures," Montoya said.

Olson estimated that roughly 100 people were still in the area, but that about 100 had already

