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A connection is exhibited between Thompson monoids and Tamari lattices. In the most basic case, it relates the positive monoid  $P$  of Thompson group  $F$  to Tamari lattices on finite Coxeter groups of type  $A$  regarded as lattices under the weak Bruhat order. The Tamari congruence classes correspond to classes of equivalent elements in  $P$ . The two well known normal forms in  $P$  correspond to endpoints of intervals in the weak Bruhat order that determine the Tamari classes. In the monoid  $P$  these correspond to lexicographically largest and lexicographically smallest form, while on the level of permutations they correspond to 132-avoiding and 231-avoiding permutations. (Received August 18, 2005)