

2011 Environmental Programs

Pine Beetle Spraying Program

February 20, 2011

As in recent years, we need to continue our aggressive program to halt the advance of the pine bark beetle in Eagles Nest. This program has had significant success and the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) infestation appears to be on the decline. These efforts are directed not only at the aesthetics of the community but also at the extreme danger of fires.

To continue the successful management of this infestation, all property owners need to participate in this year's program, therefore the HOA Board has decided to again make the program mandatory. ENPHA will contract with Preventive Tree Spraying, Inc. (PTS) at a cost of \$10 per tree (same as last year). All lodge pole pines 4 inches in diameter at chest height on all properties will be sprayed by PTS unless an owner elects to personally contract for the work. An owner, who contracts with an alternative sprayer must ensure that the contractor is licensed, insured and uses the appropriate chemicals. ENPHA must be notified by **March 31, 2011** of the licensed contractor to be used and the date when the work will be completed. PTS Spraying is scheduled to start on May 1st and be complete by July 1st. Although not mandatory, serious consideration should be given to have spruce trees sprayed, as the same chemicals are appropriate.

Again this year property owners will be requested to mark and count those trees on their property that are to be sprayed. Volunteers who are trained in the process of marking will be available to consult with owners to assist them as necessary. Owners may elect to have the marking/counting done by PTS or the HOA with an administrative fee of \$2.00 per tree added to the spraying invoice. Please indicate whether or not you will mark and count you own trees on the form at the bottom of page 2 of this letter **April 15, 2011**.

Any owner planning to start construction this year should mark the trees to be removed within the building area with red paint in the form of an "X" on the street side of the tree.

Fire Mitigation Program

If your property has dead or infected trees, please have them removed as soon as practical. A list of tree service contractors is available on Summit County's website at www.co.summit.co.us/wildfiremitigation/index.html. You can also contact Jim Ernst (HOA) as shown below for a list.

Wildfire Tree Removal Program

After many false starts the White River National Forrest has selected a contractor who will remove the Lodge pole trees along a 400 foot swath adjacent to our western border. It is anticipated that this removal program will occur in July and last approximately two weeks.

Unsafe Tree Removal Program.

Last year ENPHA conducted an Unsafe Tree Removal Program. This program identified dead and severely leaning trees which could fall on a road, sidewalk, trail or building. The program will be continued this year.

Noxious Weed Program

For many years your HOA Board has conducted a program to stem the proliferation of noxious weeds. The board has decided to make this program mandatory again this year. The board has designated 5 noxious weeds (all classified by the State of Colorado as noxious weeds) for eradication. They are the false chamomile, the oxeye daisy, the Canada thistle, the musk thistle and the yellow toadflax. These weeds are noxious because they are non-native and they invade the habitat of our native flora. (The dandy lion, while considered undesirable and pesky by many is a native weed and not on the list). Property owners with infestations of these noxious weeds will be asked to take action to eliminate those weeds on their property by **July 15, 2011**. **Unlike in past years property owners will not be notified of the existence of noxious weeds on their lots. The identification the noxious weeds will solely be the responsibility of the property owners.** Noxious weeds generally can be identified after June 15st. Assistance in identifying noxious weeds is available by e-mailing Jim Beltzer at jbeltzer@comcast.net. An owner who is unable to do the work and prefers to contract with a licensed weed-spraying company may do so by notifying Jim Beltzer by e-mail on or before **July 1, 2011** (P.O. Box 590, Silverthorne, CO 80498). Verbal communication is not an acceptable method of notification.

Weed sprayers and chemicals are provided by ENPHA at no charge. Contact Stuart Richardson at 970-292-9024 to obtain sprayers and chemicals. Stu's address is 307 Red Hawk Circle.

In the event that owners fail to take action to eliminate these noxious weeds on their properties, ENPHA will contract with a licensed contractor to perform the work and the owners will be billed accordingly.

Because it takes some time to identify weeds that have been sprayed, owners who spray weeds on their property must notify Jim Beltzer by e-mail of their action to avoid having their property re-sprayed by the commercial sprayer.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Print your
NAME _____

Print your ENPHA street address (s) _____

_____ Owner will Mark AND Count Trees

_____ PTS/HOA to mark and count trees

SIGNATURE _____