

# EAGLES NEST PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## **Pine Beetle Spraying Program**

As indicated in the ENPHA letter of February 20<sup>th</sup>, the pine beetle spraying program will be mandatory again this year. Property owners will need to ensure that the trees on their property which need to be sprayed are marked. This letter outlines the process.

First, this is a reminder that you must tell us whether you will mark your own trees or wish to have the trees marked for you at a charge of \$2.00 per tree marked in addition to the \$10.00 per tree spray charge.

**If you do not reply by April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will interpret the "no reply" to mean that you wish to have us arrange for marking your trees and you will be billed accordingly.**

The marking process is simple. Mark all live lodge pole pines 4" and larger in diameter as measured at chest height. In addition, although not mandatory, owners should consider having all their fir and spruce trees sprayed as well, as the same chemicals are appropriate.

Trees should be marked by attaching a piece of plastic tape 2"-3" long to the tree using a manual staple gun with 9/16"-5/8" staples (tapes longer than three inches can be blown off by the wind). The tapes should be placed on the side of the tree facing the street. If any of the markings from last year are still in place, please use the same color tape on all the other trees you are marking this year. If needed, the HOA will provide tape, staples and/or loaner staple guns. Each property must be marked with a color that contrasts with the adjoining lot(s) to help assure accurate billing. Tape will be provided in a variety of colors.

For trees that will be removed and not sprayed, please place a large red X on the tree in a prominent area.

As stated in our prior mailing, there are several volunteers who know the process and can assist owners upon request. Contact me directly to arrange for volunteer assistance.

To assist in verifying the tree count billed by Preventive Tree Service, please notify me of your count and tape color used when you are finished marking your trees... e-mail please.

Our tree spraying program has evolved as has the intensity of the beetle attack. We are protecting the smaller trees because the beetle is attacking them. The beetle population will dwindle after they destroy most of their habitat. When they attack our sprayed trees, they die. It is even more important for us to protect our remaining trees now. **If the trees are sprayed, a few may die; if they are not sprayed, most will die.**

## **Fire Mitigation Efforts**

The spraying of trees to prevent them from dying is one step in fire mitigation. Members of the ENPHA board have met with representatives of the US Forest Service, the Colorado State Forest Service, and the Lake Dillon Fire Department to discuss the spraying of trees and the continued pursuit of fire mitigation efforts on Association owned property and National Forest property on the western border of Eagles Nest.

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