

FORESTRY MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2008

ATTENDEES: John Hvizdos Bill Hicks Bob Dwyer
 Jim Schomaker Val Philpott Chip Wait
 Skip Zopf Ken Siefken Jack Peterson
 Steve Vittum Crystal Tischler(CSF)

SECONDARY LOOK AT BEETLE TREES

Chip has finished a couple of the filings. (Because of the snow, Filing 9 and 13 have not completed their initial look for beetle infestation)

GRANT 2009

The grant application should be available in June or July. Crystal has Val's name on the list and will e-mail her the application. John Hvizdos and Charles Stephen will be our grant writers.

FORESTRY PICNIC

The picnic will be Thursday, June 12th. The location will be the Philpott's if the 'glaciers' encroaching their road have melted; a second option is the open-space area where the annual GT picnic is held. Val will send an e-mail out to the members and invitees in mid-May. Our volunteers that will be invited (that are not members of the Forestry Committee): Eidenmuellers, Hoopers, Harpers, Pinells and Crystal. If you know of anyone that helped and was not mentioned e-mail Val or call.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Cutting through October 2008 at the 20-acre timber sale is allowed. There was some question amongst a few of us that the extension was for removal of the already cut wood stacked at the site. Crystal and Chip concurred that the extension was for the continual thinning of the area.

The Game Trail cover letter that everyone received with their Jetco authorization for spraying was discussed. Val will talk to Mark Lewis about the format, and to please call or e-mail her before mailing such an unprofessional correspondence again. In fact, Val will most likely hand carry the letter to Mark in the year 2009.

Barbed Wire Removal- Filing 14, Lot 1 is the only property left for wire removal. Once the snow has melted this will be completed. And, we will never re-visit this activity again. We have fired ourselves from any more barbed wire removal. But, many thanks to Skip Zopf and his crew: Ken Siefken, John Hvizdos, Jeff DeChristopher, Dennis Riley, and Jim Schomaker. Hope no one was missed.

Chip will remove the beetle trees in 2008 and he will also haul the slash piles to the borrow pit.

Bill Hicks will tackle the clean up of the open-space at West Ridge/Main Range. No time-line for this project, it will be done at his leisure. Val suggested that the open-space be named. Put your thinking caps on.

With Crystal present there was much discussion of the CWPP and work still to be completed on the document and maps. Steve Vittum has volunteered to help Val on the completion of this project, which needs to be submitted before the application for the Forestry Grant is turned in. The Westside Project west of Game Trail is finished. Whether the thinning will resume in subsequent years is unknown. Crystal announced CSF and USFS would host a meeting on forest health in Chaffee County at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds in Poncha Springs, Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. An entomologist will also be present.