

## FORESTRY MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2008

ATTENDEES: Keith Simmons      Bill Hicks      Dennis Riley  
                  Tim Feebeck      Cloyce Miller      Val Philpott  
                  Fred Balmos      Cindy Erickson      Skip Zopf  
                  Ken Siefken      Jack Peterson      Wayne Eisenbrandt  
                  Joe Humpfer

### BEETLE INSPECTIONS

All filings have been completed, with the exception of Filings 4 & 11 (these two will be finished by the end of January). The maps have been given to Chip Wait, and he has started inspecting our flagged trees.

### GAME TRAILS RESPONSE TO A WILDFIRE

Keith Simmons will draft a 'plan of response', and it will be discussed at future meetings.

### UPDATE ON THE SIGNING OF THE CWPP

Ken Siefken will take the signature page to the signees. At this time we have one signature and that is Chief Wingerts, from there the page seems to have fallen into 'no mans land'. So, Ken will start with an unsigned page and dog these people until they sign.

### PILE BURNING BEHIND GAME TRAIL

The Chaffee Times had reported that a prescribed burn would take place west of Game Trail. This cannot be our piles on the 20-acre timber sale, for the piles are green for the most part. The U.S. Forest Service will evaluate those piles in March or April of 2009 and if the wood has cured sufficiently they will burn at that time.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Six Game Trail volunteers (Jack Peterson, Dennis Riley, Skip Zopf, Vic Kuklin, Cindy Erickson and Val Philpott) gathered at 'No Name Park' on November 14<sup>th</sup> and laddered the small tree grove.

Val talked to Mark Lewis of Jetco about the new treatment that Vail would be using to combat their beetle infestation. He is somewhat skeptical for researchers have been trying for some time to create a chemical barrier beneath the bark of the tree without success. Mark is actively seeking more information and will keep us posted on what he turns up.

Skip Zopf was recognized for finishing the barbed wire project. This was latent praise for his efforts; Val was waiting for Keith (the guy with the barbed wire removal idea) and Skip to attend the same meeting. Now, Keith just smile and take it, Val (the gal who supported it) was right there with you.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009