

Meeting Minutes
Feb 08 2010 Sangre de Cristo

Committee members present: Joe Humpfer Rick Cassie John Hvizdos Val Philpott
Cindy Erickon Fred Balmos

Reviewed the letter sent to Kathy Matre to be printed in the upcoming GT tails.

Reviewed the letter to be sent out with JETCO tree spraying order form encouraging residents to continue spraying to protect trees from MPB attacks.

Reviewed results of tree inspections by Kathryn from CSFS. Most trees in Game trail that are under attack are re-visited trees that are sustaining a few hits each season. The beetles emerge and re- enter the same tree but in insufficient number to prove fatal to the tree. Few if any cases found where the beetles are successfully moving to other trees. Most attacks repelled by the trees "pitching" out the beetle with sap. Increased moisture in past few years has been a big help. Rick Casey advised us that this type of beetle activity is what is normal in a forest and not an indication of an epidemic. All agreed that maintaining healthy forest approach in Game Trail should continue (spraying, thinning, pruning). Committee also recommends maintaining a defensible space (fire) and picking up slash.

Seedling trees for mail center have been ordered...Chip will spray trees in common area...any pruning will be done in the Spring.

Committee picnic will be in June...search for new committee chair to continue...Fred is involved with too many other commitments to continue past May...respectfully submitted ...Fred Balmos

Not mentioned at meeting...Slash burning in the 20 acre lease was started last week...some piles burned completely ...others did not...there is a couple of feet of snow around each pile and it seems the fire does not spread far. Mike will keep us posted...Fred will call USFS to see when they plan to continue.