

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 5, 2009

ATTENDEES: Keith Simmons	Bill Hicks	Jim Schomaker
Dennis Riley	Cloyce Miller	Val Philpott
Ken Siefken	Mike Backsen	W. Eisenbrandt
Rick Caissie	Chip Wait	

JETCO

Val hand-carried GT's cover letter to Mark Lewis for inclusion in Jetco's spraying authorization sent to all Game Trail lot owners. Along with our letter and their authorization will be an explanation of a new method being offered by Jetco to safeguard our trees. Mark calls this the 'no drill injection system', which entails using a long needle inserted into the tree, and then an injection gun releases the medicant into the tree. This will be good for someone with allergies to the spray, or open water that would be contaminated from the spray. But, due to the excessive expense we don't think many Game Trail people will be signing-up for this method until the price decreases dramatically.

CWPP UPDATE

The Chairman of the Chaffee County Commissioners has yet to sign. They are concerned about liability- their lawyer is looking at the document. It will happen, when is the question? Val and Ken attended the CWPP meeting at the Community Center in BV the night of March 5<sup>th</sup>. More about this at the next meeting in April.

MARK THOMAS (Fire Mitigation Officer of Chaffee County) PHONE CALL

Mark indicated to Val that there will be tons of money available for grants in 2009 and GT will be at the top of the list for awarding a grant. (I wasn't getting that message from Damon at the CWPP meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>.) Mark had positive things to say about GT overall- our beetle search at Game Trail is well known throughout the Forestry Community in the Arkansas Valley, our HOA organization and leadership, and Forestry's working relationship with the State and Feds.

BEETLE TREES

The two lot owners with beetle-infested trees have been notified. Chip Wait is our contractor for 2009

The attendees looked at GT's history of condemned trees. In the year 2000 we lost 1500 trees to the beetle, 2 trees in the 2008/2009 season. Our downward trend is remarkable to say the least.

OPEN DISUCUSSION

A discussion on possible grants. The attendees gave Val a list of possible work needed in Game Trail that would fall into a grant category. Val will take these up with Damon sometime this month.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 9, 2009  
(This will be the last meeting of our 2008/2009 season)