

FORESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
November 11, 2008

ATTENDEES:	Bill Hicks	Dennis Riley	Val Philpott
	Fred Balmos	Cindy Erickson	Skip Zopf
	Jack Peterson	Mike Backsen	Steve Vittum
	Rick Caissie		

BEETLE INSPECTIONS

Filings 8, 9, & 10 have completed their beetle search and have turned in their marked maps and hour log to Val.

FORESTRY BUDGET 2009

The Forestry Budget was passed out to all attendees. Once again it is \$530.00, the same amount as the last 4 to 5 years.

STEVENS FORESTRY GRANT

All attending members agreed that we would pass on applying for this grant. This particular grant has an expiration of 2 years to complete the project. Our project being thinning, slash removal of the 20 acre open space, known as Trailhead Park. This area is very steep and difficult to access. With most of Forestry's members being involved in the 20 acre timber sale that was just finished October 31, 2008, a 2 year lay-off from heavy work was desired. Colorado State Forest in Salida said they fully understand, so this should not hurt our chances of obtaining a grant in the future.

OPEN DISCUSSION

CWPP UDATE- We have one signature (Chief Wingert of the Chaffee County Protection District). The signature page is now in the hands of Tim Glenn (President of the County Commissioners). A draft of the Chaffee County CWPP was sent to Val, 42 pages, 12 of those pages are Game Trail's CWPP. A 2007 Risk Assessment of all subdivisions in Chaffee County was included; this was made available to all attendees.

Jack Peterson asked that we ladder the small tree grove in 'No Name Park'. If weather permits this task will be completed Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. All of these branches are small, and we will leave them on the forest floor to help with erosion, and also with the hope that ground cover will take root. Bill Hicks has suggested that when we take the large mistletoe trees out (the small tree grove does have the beginnings of mistletoe infection) we replace them with seedlings. Val would like to see something other than Ponderosa seedlings, trees that would be resistant to mistletoe.

NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008