

Forestry Meeting

October 5, 2011, 8:30 AM

In attendance: Judy Wait, Chip Wait, Dennis Riley, Wayne Eisenbrandt, Val Philpot, Dennis Billings, Cloyce Miller, John Hvizdos, Roger Ezell, Rick Caissie, Bill Hicks

Lot Evaluations: 13 lots have been evaluated for fire danger and forest health. Hopefully more to come

Work Day: Oct 11th will be a work day clearing slash from the Snodgrass lot on Columbia Point. Work starts at 8:30 and continue on into the afternoon. If you can't make it at 8:30, feel free to come later. Bring gloves and work clothes.

New Shoots conference: Chip will be attending the "New Shoots from Established Roots" conference for volunteers in Snowmass this weekend.

Colorado Forestry: Judy had a conversation with Damon from the Colorado Forest Service concerning forest health. Damon emphasized the following: Thinning for forest health and fuel reduction. The mountain pine beetle is currently at normal levels and spraying may not be needed except for "trophy trees" a property owner wants to protect. If you have sick aspens, they should be cut down.

There was discussion about whether to walk the entire subdivision for MPB inspection. It was decided that only known problem areas would be closely examined. The person responsible for a filing should check out the problem areas in their filing and keep a watchful eye on the area. Homeowners with concern about the health of a tree may contact any forestry committee member.

Grant money may be available for tree thinning if Game Trail can find several property owners in a contiguous area who want their lots thinned.

The slash pile is getting quite large and may be too large to bury. There was discussion about burning the slash pile. The Board of Directors will discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.