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Bent Tree HOA

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On April 17-18, we the Colorado State Forest Service conducted a spring assessment of the Bent Tree development. The purpose of the inspection was to identify any insect and/or disease issues that need to be addressed.

Findings

During our inspection we identified 2 active mountain pine beetle (MPB), 12 active ips beetle trees, as well as 3 active ips slash or wood piles. We also identified 3 hazard trees that could pose a threat to safety. Locations of infested tree can be seen on the attached aerial photo as well as in the table below.

We also observed several dead trees that appear to have had MPB activity this past season, however, these trees have sustained significant damage due to bird(s) activity. This indicates bird populations are aiding in the control of bark beetle activity in the area. These trees were not marked.

Other Observations

Observation not identified on the map include: insect and disease activity in and around Bent Tree would be considered below 2016 levels. Tree health in most areas of the development looks drastically better than in past inspections, with the exception of areas that have dwarf mistletoe. In these areas tree health appears to have declined when compared to 2014 (year of last inspection).

Recommendations

We recommend all MPB trees identified during the inspection be removed and take off site to reduce further MPB infested trees. Any ips beetle trees, wood piles or slash identified should be removed or chipped. Management of ips is not as important as MPB, however if population are allowed to persist damage on a larger scale can occur.

It is important that homeowners know not to stack any cut material next to or in between live trees, this is a sure way to attract MPB.