



Woodland Park District
113 So. Boundary
Woodland Park CO 80866

October 4, 2016

Tall Pines Home Owners Association:

On October 4, 2016, we (Colorado State Forest Service) conducted an inspection on 52 lots in your subdivision for mountain pine beetle (MPB), Ips beetle and other forest health related issues.

During our inspection we did not identify any active Ips or MPB trees. Compared to last year this was the same result. We did however, find six new red turpentine beetle trees, this beetle will not kill but it is an indication the tree is stressed. Red turpentine activity has increased from last year. We will continue monitoring this location during future inspections.

This year's fall the needle cast event has produced more needles than in past years. Due to a heavy needle cast, we observed multiple homes with excessive pine needle build up in rain gutters and in Zone 1. Although fall is here and winter is coming it is still important to keep on top of fire mitigation chores, the Beulah Hill Fire is a good example of how a wildfire event can happen almost any time of year in our region.

I would like to commend your HOA on being so actively involved in MPB and Ips prevention and sound forest management.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (719) 687-2921.

Sincerely,

Michael Till
Forester
Colorado State Forest Service
Woodland Park District