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October 22, 2014  
Tall Pines HOA  
807 Piney Ridge Wy.  
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Tall Pines Home Owners Association:

On October 21, 2014, 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 areas of concern. There was some evidence of old ips activity, but no new activity was identified. Compared to last year ips and MPB activity has decreased. We did however, find one red turpentine beetle tree, this beetle will not kill the tree but it is an indication the tree is stressed. We will continue monitoring this location during future inspections.

It is also worth mentioning the increase in construction activity. Due to the increase in activity there is also an increase in the chances of mechanical damage from equipment/trucks or root damage from excavation. These injuries will stress the tree and increase susceptibility to insect attacks. It is not uncommon to see an active MPB or Ips adjacent to a home after construction activities are complete. There is no cause for concern, but it is important for homeowners to be aware of this situation.

We appreciate the proactive efforts the development has made so far and hope it will continue in the future.

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