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## **Tall Pines HOA**

September 24, 2018

On September 24, we the Colorado State Forest Service conducted a fall assessment of the Tall Pines 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 did not identify any active mountain pine beetle (MPB) or active ips beetle trees. We did not identify any hazard tree that could pose a threat to safety.

We also observed a handful of small diameter trees that have died due to ips 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**

Observations not identified on the map include: insect and disease activity in and around Tall Pines would be considered below 2017 levels. Tree health in most areas of the development look healthy. We did observe 2 trees with red turpentine beetles, these beetles do not kill the tree and therefore are not recommended for removal.

It is important to mention we are also entering the fall and the fall needle flush of ponderosa pines (the time each year where conifers shed their old needles in order to put on new ones in the spring).

Forest health in Tall Pines look good, the only recommendation we have at this point would be to continue the reduction of trees and stay on top of fire mitigation.

**\*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.\***