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Sylvan Meadows HOA

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On April 5th, the Colorado State Forest Service conducted a Spring assessment of the Sylvan Meadows development. We surveyed all lots to identify any insect and/or disease issues that need to be addressed.

Findings

During our inspection, we identified 18 trees with active mountain pine beetle (MPB) infestations and five trees with active Ips beetle infestations. We also identified two hazard trees, one tree that may have repelled a beetle attack, a pocket of trees with Ips beetle stress though no longer active, and one home with a very high fire risk. All hazard trees and trees with active beetle infestations (those at all points besides 1 and 24) are marked with orange "killer tree" flagging. Locations of infested trees can be seen on the attached map as well as in the table below.

Point	Lot	Latitude	Longitude	Address	Description of Findings
1	16, Filing	39.02026	-104.62138	12804 Fulford Ct	Ips Beetle Stress But No Active
	No. 2				Beetle Trees
2	16, Filing	39.02013	-104.6214	12804 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
3	15, Filing	39.01832	-104.62142	12764 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
4	14, Filing	39.01795	-104.62025	12684 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
5	14, Filing	39.01794	-104.62022	12684 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
6	14, Filing	39.01795	-104.62024	12684 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
7	14, Filing	39.01797	-104.62025	12684 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
8	13, Filing	39.01699	-104.61921	12564 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
9	13, Filing	39.01674	-104.61936	12564 Fulford Ct	Active MPB
	No. 2				
10	10, Filing	39.01645	-104.62176	12631 Goodson Rd	Active MPB
	No. 2				
11	25, Filing	39.01427	-104.6175	12565 Sylvan Meadows Rd	Active MPB
	No. 2				
12	12, Filing	39.01272	-104.62515	10810 Yoemans Park Dr	Ips Beetle Pocket- 4 Trees
	No. 1				Affected

13	15, Filing No. 1	39.01101	-104.62148	12360 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Active MPB
14	19, Filing No. 1	39.01083	-104.61818	11190 Salt Creek Pl	2 Active MPB Trees Next To Driveway
15	8, Filing No. 1	39.00989	-104.62311	12220 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Active MPB
16	8, Filing No. 1	39.00988	-104.62314	12220 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Active MPB
17	23, Filing No. 1	39.00998	-104.62186	12225 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Active MPB
18	7, Filing No.	39.00833	-104.62349	10950 Hat Creek Pl	Active MPB
19	21, Filing No. 1	39.00867	-104.61864	11185 Salt Creek Pl	Ips Beetle Tree on North Side of Gully
20	4, Filing No.	39.0067	-104.62468	10805 Hat Creek Pl	Dead Tree. Hazard Leaning Toward House
21	1, Filing No. 1	39.00611	-104.62276	12010 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Dead Tree. Hazard Leaning Toward Fence And Road
22	1, Filing No. 1	39.00613	-104.62271	12010 Sylvan Meadows Dr	Pitch Tube- Tree May Have Repelled Attack. Monitor Tree This Spring and Remove if it Shows Signs of Stress.
23	27, Filing No. 1	39.00757	-104.6183	12080 Spine Creek Pl	Active MPB
24	26, Filing No. 1	39.0068	-104.61819	12010 Spine Creek Pl	Pine Needles And Tall Grass Up Against House. Fire Hazard.

Other Observations

Insect and disease activity in and around Sylvan Meadows would be considered similar to our fall 2019 inspection in which we identified 14 MPB trees. MPB has many susceptible (stressed) host trees in the area between the events of the 2013 Black Forest fire, wind storms, and drought, so it is worthwhile for the neighborhood to continue its forest health monitoring program. Fire mitigation can also have positive effects for forest health. Reducing tree density can provide the residual trees with improved spacing which can in turn make them less susceptible to beetle infestations.

Recommendations

We recommend that trees identified and flagged during the inspection be chipped, or removed and taken off site, to reduce the beetle population and the risk of further infestations.

^{*}It is important that homeowners know not to stack any freshly-cut or green material next to or in between live trees. This is a sure way to attract bark beetles.*

