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Bark Beetle Infestation

By **Mike Hazlett**, Mosquito Fire Chief

Years of severe drought have left the forests in California significantly stressed and vulnerable to a bark beetle infestation which has created millions of dead and dying trees. The latest aerial surveys estimate that over two-thirds of the Southern California forests have suffered above normal tree mortality due to drought and insects. This tree mortality is migrating north to El Dorado County.



This tree mortality has created an extreme fire hazard in Southern California. Plans are in place in anticipation of the Governor declaring a State of Emergency in El Dorado and neighboring counties. This declaration will include an extensive multi-agency, community, landowner, and resident effort to reduce the fire threat, and to plan for the possibility of wildfire. By declaring a State of Emergency, the Governor reduces "red tape" and provides landowners with the regulatory relief necessary to quickly remove dead and dying trees from their property.

It is the responsibility of the property owner on private property to remove bark beetle infested trees, and due to the extreme fire danger and the danger of falling trees, fire officials encourage prompt removal of dead standing trees. Don't wait to receive a notice requiring their removal. Contact a licensed contractor for tree removal and trimming.

The magnitude of the bark beetle problem has necessitated a multi-agency state, federal and local government response.

Burn Permits Required

Effective May 1st, CAL FIRE began requiring a burn permit for any outdoor open burning within El Dorado County. Individuals who conduct open burning must maintain control of the open fire, including burning only on permitted burn days as declared by the Air Quality Management District. The fire must be continually monitored by an adult, and there needs to be a clearance of at least 10 feet around the fire.

Failure to keep control of an open fire will result in the permit being voided and the permit holder could potentially be held responsible for the suppression cost, civil damages, and fines.

CAL FIRE permits are in addition to any air quality control district permits.

Contact CAL FIRE, the Mosquito FPD and/or the Mosquito Fire Safe Council for more information about the bark beetle infestation or acquiring a burn permit.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, June 9th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station
You are welcome to attend!**

 **Friday, June 24th!!**

MVFA

By **Tom Harris**

Thanks to all the participants at the MVFA Cinco de Mayo dinner which was a great success! And special thanks to committee chairs Darcy Krieger & Eileen Guell. Darcy and daughter Nicole went way above and beyond the call of duty with the menu, and it showed. Everything was superb! Thanks also to the volunteers who helped with the dinner including set up crew, clean up crew and all the donors of raffle gifts. This event was another great success.

The annual MVFA yard sale will be held this year on **Saturday, June 11th**, at the fire station parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MVFA is seeking donations of saleable items (please, no junk). One of our committee members will pick up items at your home, or you can bring them to the sale at the fire station on June 11th. If you would prefer your own booth, space is available for rent for \$10 for the day. MVFA will provide a table, and you may bring your own items to sell. Booth fees and donations will benefit MVFA community funds. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter stating your contribution will be provided on request. Don't forget, **MVFA now accepts major credit cards**. Unsold items will be donated to Snowline Hospice.



Hot dogs, chips and a soft drink will be available at the sale for \$5.00 starting at 11:00 a.m. For more information and for item pick-up, contact:

Tom Harris tuco@internet49.com
642-2333

or Dave Angelo dsangelo14@gmail.com
621-3688

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming MVFA Community Picnic at Finnon Lake campground on **Saturday, July 9th**. There will be a barbeque lunch, raffle, face painting and games. More details to follow in the July Byte.

Visit our website for photos from all MVFA events at: www.goMVFA.org.

**The MVFA Board meeting is Thursday, June 2nd, at 7:15 p.m. at Mosquito General.
We hope to see you there!**

Finnon Lake Update

By **Tom Harris**

You may have noticed a lot of work being accomplished at Finnon Lake over the past few weeks. This is a very busy time of year at Finnon. Our scheduled "Mow Day" was preempted by a group that reserved the entire campground, so an alternative "Mow Week" was hastily scheduled for the second week of May. Special thanks to Gary Straub with his tractor & bush hog, Wayne Holley who spent all day mowing even after the rest of us went home, Neil Matheny, Norm Nestor, Gary Morris and Dave Angelo. The campground and Day Use area looks great!

Additionally, MVFA Board member/volunteer Gary Morris had his bobcat tractor at Finnon. Gary accomplished amazing things with his machine, including leveling campsites at the campground, making improvements to the trails at the disc golf course and boat ramp, the emergency access

road off Trail Gulch, and the fire department access ramp for its emergency water pump at the entrance to the south Fire Road. Thank you, Gary, for all you do!

You may have noticed newly erected sign boards at the entrance to Finnon Lake, and others at the boat launch and the campground. The boards are the result of an Eagle Scout project by Zach Latham of BSA Troop 88 in Placerville. Finnon Recreation Area has been the beneficiary of a number of Scout projects over the years. Thank you Zach!

EID has been busy at Finnon too. A crew installed a pipe that will deliver water to Finnon Lake. The project is part of an ongoing plan by EID to replace the water that was once supplied by the old Summerfield Ditch to Finnon Lake. Watch the Byte for further developments regarding this plan.

If you or someone you know is interested in developing mountain bike trails at Finnon, please call Tom Harris at (530) 642-2333

SCPOA

By Roger Stenbock



Memorial Day Tribute

A few days ago I spent time at the air force museum in Dayton, Ohio. Viewing the many exhibits covering the contributions our veterans made for us, I could not help but remember President Dwight D. Eisenhower's words when he called upon all citizens to join hands in a common purpose to "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom."

We, at Swansboro, have the privilege to live amongst the veterans who served our country with dedication. They fought in major conflicts, including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and the Iraq and Afghan Wars. They fought in smaller actions around the world, such as Somalia, Bosnia, and Grenada. They deserve our thanks on this Memorial Day.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, June 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!

Employment Opportunity

The MFPD is seeking a Board Clerk and Administrative Assistant. These positions are part-time with flexible hours to be determined. Visit www.mfpd.us on June 1, 2016, for job announcements, job descriptions and salaries.

Support MVFA

MVFA coffee mugs and grocery totes are still in stock and for sale. Coffee mugs are \$5.00 each, and grocery totes are \$4.00 each. Extra savings on 2 or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688. Also, Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale for 2016 and beyond. The one year pass is \$50.00. The two year pass is \$75.00, and the five year pass is \$175.00. Passes are good for the entire family, and one pass will cover up to 3 vehicles registered to the same address. Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.



Donations to MVFA

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. The easiest way is to click the 'Donate' button at www.goMVFA.org. There is the opportunity to add a comment to make your donation specific to Finnon Lake projects if you'd like. You can also send a check with a note specifying your choice to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided back to you. Also, please continue to attend our fundraiser dinners and other events! Thank you for supporting MVFA and your Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Crafters

By **Sharon Hern**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, come join us at our Craft Meeting. You can learn new crafts, meet new friends and enjoy coffee/goodies. Our meeting this month is on **Friday, June 24th**. This is the last meeting before our big "On the Hill Craft Sale" at the MVFA Community Picnic in July. We have lots to do and need your help, so we hope you can make it.

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the 24th!

Finnon Lake Update #2

By **Dave Angelo**

After several years of meetings with EID regarding their commitment to supply water to Finnon Lake, Ralph Hern and I agreed to a temporary plan to bring water to us. On May 17th, we met with the environmental engineer and the work crew chief to go over the installation process, which had been previously recommended, tweaked and then accepted by us. The "one day" process took about two days to complete, but water was flowing to the lake when I arrived in the late afternoon of May 18th, and what a beautiful sight and sound it was!!

Metered water, at no charge to MVFA, was pouring out of a 2" copper pipe into a large container of calcium tablets, which aid in the dechlorination of the water. The water then flows along a 20-30 foot ditch, lined with heavy plastic and covered with rocks to continue the dechlorination process. The water finally reaches the culvert at our South (maintenance) Road, passes through the culvert, and flows down across the natural terrain, blackberry bushes, poison oak, etc. to the lake. With the evaporation level being what it is, there may not be a noticeable level change to the lake, but it may be enough to keep the lake at a constant level. With this addition and a normal rainfall next winter, I believe the lake will be at spillway level by next spring.

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts For Sale

By **Eileen Guell**

MVFA has a limited selection t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. They come in adult sizes small through 2XL. **Hooded w/zipper sweatshirts** are \$35 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black and Forest Green. **Short sleeve t-shirts** are \$20 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black, Cardinal Red, Forest Green, Navy, Red and Sapphire. Please call Mary Ann Haywood at (530) 622-5477 for more information.

El Dorado County Community Programs

By Linda Heyart & Sharon Hern



Family Caregiver Support Programs (FCSP)

Health and Human Services Agency, 937 Spring Street, Placerville
(530) 621-6151 or

https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Senior_Services/Family_Caregiver_Support_Program/F_CSP_Home.aspx

This program is designed to help informal caregivers. FCSP offers assistance to persons caring for an older adult (60 years old or greater) or a grandparent (60 years old or greater) who is raising a grandchild or other kinship relation who is eighteen years of age or younger.

MSSP (Multipurpose Senior Services Program)

Health and Human Services Agency, 937 Spring Street, Placerville
621-6278 or

[https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Senior_Services/Multipurpose_Senior_Service_Program_\(MSSP\).aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Senior_Services/Multipurpose_Senior_Service_Program_(MSSP).aspx)

This is a care management program that provides assistance in accessing services for Medi-Cal eligible seniors 65 years and older. This program provides services to keep the most at risk seniors remaining independently in their homes.

Veterans Services

130 Placerville Drive, Suite B, Placerville
621-5892 or <https://www.edcgov.us/Veterans/>

The El Dorado County Department of Veterans Affairs assists veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining entitlements from federal, state, and local agencies administering veterans programs. It is not affiliated with the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

General Assistance

Health and Human Services Agency, 3057 Briw Road, Placerville
642-7300 or

https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Cash_Aid_Services/General_Assistance.aspx

This program provides assistance for adults without dependent children who meet specific eligibility requirements.



Aircraft Display Dates

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft including homebuilt as well as production built. We're pleased to announce that we will be starting our display days again this year! The first one is being held on **June 17th, 18th and 19th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the airport.

Aircraft that are unique, as well as older than 35 years, will be out and you are invited to come see them. Be sure to remain well clear of the active runway and also be respectful and look, but do not touch, without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour, you can contact Kim Purcell at (530) 621-1049. We hope to see you there!!

Birding at Finnon Lake

By **Dave Angelo**

Here are the bird watch results from our outing on May 14th. Our next monthly bird watch is scheduled for **Saturday, June 11th**, at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet at the pavilion at Mosquito General and the community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.

US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519

May 14, 2016

9:20 AM

Traveling

1.10 miles

90 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: Campground was full of people!

Temp: 68 degrees & sunny!

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.2.0 Build 62



16 Canada Goose

2 California Quail

2 Turkey Vulture

6 American Coot

2 Killdeer

1 Calliope Hummingbird

7 Acorn Woodpecker

2 Black Phoebe

4 Ash-throated Flycatcher

1 Western Kingbird

3 Western Scrub-Jay

1 Common Raven

2 Bewick's Wren

3 Western Bluebird

16 Red-winged Blackbird

2 House Finch

2 Cassin's Finch

2 Pine Siskin

Number of Taxa: 18

What's Up with the Trading Post??

By Vicki DeKay

Our first Trading Post will be held at the fire station on **June 11th**, during the annual Community Yard Sale. Come and see what's new this year, and take home some of your favorites, such as live plants, handmade soap, jams, jellies, lavender products, jewelry, and more.

New this year: The Trading Post Directory. For a small fee, we will offer a printed Trading Post Directory with contact information from Trading Post vendors. You will have access to vendor information and can deal directly with them. No need to wait until the next Trading Post.

See you on June 11th at the Community Yard Sale!

WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES. Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Wine bottles don't have CRV! We can't use them)



NOTE: The "recycle rules" at our new buy back location have changed. Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

This is a very important fund raiser for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and MVFA THANKS YOU!



CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE

Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty! You haul. Call Tim at (408)859-3182.

Horse/ compost manure for home or garden call Cindy at (530)621-1600.(7)

FOR SALE

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2 ACRE PARCEL of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or power ready. Make offer. Call Donna Borchin at (209)624-3918 (7)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for Men/Women/kids/young adults. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503.

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LOCAL REALTORS – Rusty & Debbie Harris, Swansboro Land & Homes. Area specialists since 1975. Office next to Fire Station at 8781 Rock Creek Road. Stop by for free maps & information. We're happy to put our experience to work for you; buy, sell, short sales & REO's. Call (530)622-6822. www.swansboro.metrolistpro.com or Swansbororealestate@gmail.com .

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PET CARE - Pet feeding while you're away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Dylan and Shelby's Pet Feeding Service at (530)295-9165.

KIRCHNER TREE SERVICE – Line clearance certified, hazard tree removal, close quarter removal, view enhancement, trimming, topping, mistletoe removal. Certified Arborist on staff. Call Jared at (530)626-6325.

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NOTARY SERVICE – I am a mobile Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503.

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Memorial Day 	31	1	2 MVFA Board 7:15 p.m. Mosquito General	3	4 MFPD Support Group 10 a.m. Fire Station
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12	13	14	15	16 SCPOA Board 7 p.m. Fire Station Aircraft Display Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	17 Aircraft Display Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	18 Aircraft Display Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
19	20 First Day of Summer! 	21	22	23	24 CRAFTERS 10 a.m. BINGO! 5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Bingo Mosquito General	25
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