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Sylvan Meadows Property Owners Association, Inc.

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On May 7th, the Colorado State Forest Service conducted a spring assessment of the Sylvan Meadows Development. We inspected 57 lots with the purpose of identifying any insect and/or disease issues that need to be addressed.

Findings

During our inspection, we identified several active mountain pine beetle (MPB) trees. Locations of infested trees can be seen on the attached aerial photo as well as in the table below. We identified mostly independent infected trees, but some areas had larger densities of MPB. In total, we found about 50 total active MPB trees, and 4 active Ips. Beetle trees.

Point	Description	Address	Coordinates
1	1 active MPB	10875 Hat Creek Place	104.6235945°W 39.0070486°N
2	1 active MPB	10810 Hat Creek Place	104.6241361°W 39.0075642°N
3	1 active MPB	10880 Hat Creek Place	104.6253842°W 39.0083911°N
4	2 active MPB	12290 SYLVAN MEADOWS DR	104.6228842°W 39.0108765°N
5	2 active MPB	10950 Yoemans Park Drive	104.6222046°W 39.0117749°N
6	MPB Logs on Ground	10950 Yoemans Park Drive	104.6217045°W 39.0123320°N
7	1 active MPB	10805 Hat Creek Place	104.6245132°W 39.0062338°N
8	1 active MPB	10805 Hat Creek Place	104.6240712°W 39.0064586°N
9	1 active MPB	10810 Hat Creek Place	104.6247340°W 39.0071628°N
10	Around 20 active MPB	10875 Hat Creek Place	104.6232364°W 39.0072673°N

11	1 active MPB	12085 Sylvan Meadows Drive	104.6199115°W 39.0088013°N
12	1 active MPB	11185 Salt Creek Place	104.6188643°W 39.0098980°N
13	1 active MPB	11185 Salt Creek Place	104.6189293°W 39.0100622°N
14	1 active MPB	12080 Spine Creek Place	104.6183588°W 39.0075557°N
15	1 active Ips.	12085 Sylvan Meadows Drive	104.6201336°W 39.0089661°N
16	2 active MPB	12080 Spine Creek Place	104.6182587°W 39.0082630°N
17	2 active MPB	12080 Spine Creek Place	104.6186133°W 39.0083039°N
18	2 active Ips.	12764 Fulford Court	104.6214509°W 39.0189727°N
19	2 active MPB	12871 Goodson Rd	104.6228240°W 39.0194254°N
20	2 active MPB	12764 Fulford Court	104.6208537°W 39.0184410°N
21	2 active MPB	12684 Fulford Court	104.6205184°W 39.0182476°N
22	3 active MPB	12603 Fulford Court	104.6170375°W 39.0157782°N
23	1 active Ips.	12803 Fulford Court	104.6193986°W 39.0187833°N
24	1 active MPB	12871 Goodson Rd	104.6228648°W 39.0197015°N
25	1 active MPB	12763 Fulford Court	104.6188794°W 39.0203591°N

Mountain pine beetles are a native pest of the front range. Outbreaks have occurred in El Paso County in the past and are on the rise in specific neighborhoods, especially in the Black Forest. Mountain Pine Beetle typically attack Ponderosa Pine trees in this area, though they can be found in other pine species. They generally attack weakened or stressed trees first, preferring trees of larger diameter. In a full-on outbreak, they will attack any pine tree nearby, no matter the size. Look for popcorn shaped masses of resin, called pitch tubes, on the trunk of trees as evidence of MPB. Fading foliage and increased woodpecker activity can also be signs of infestation. Also look for saw dust at the base of a suspected active MPB tree. MPB larva will spend the winter under the bark of infested

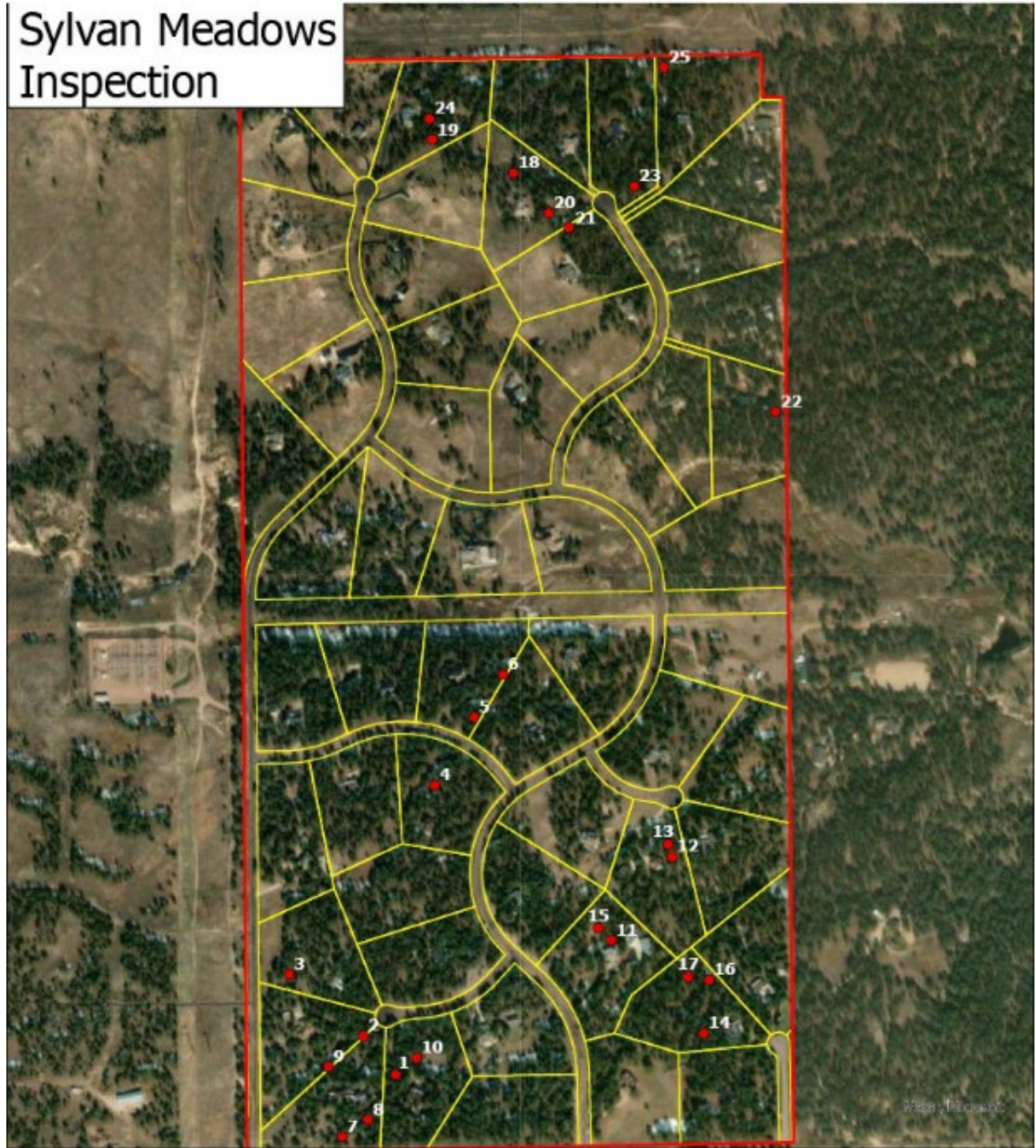
trees and emerge as adults from mid-June to September.

Infested trees will inevitably die and should be removed before the beetles fly and infest more trees. The most effective way to deal with infested logs is to burn or scorch them in a pile, chip them, or bury them under at least 8 inches of soil.

Another highly recommended method to deal with infested logs is to take the logs to a local firewood seller called “Urban Firewood”. Thanks to their location away from MPB’s natural habitat, they can take infested wood without a risk of infestation. They are located in Peyton, CO.

Ips beetles attack trees that are usually already stressed to some degree – they rarely attack healthy trees. There are 11 different species in Colorado, and each can attack a different species of tree. They are generally not as aggressive or destructive as MPB. They are attracted to freshly cut wood, so slash or green firewood should never be stacked next to living coniferous trees. Adult Ips beetles will start to attack weak trees in the spring, and several generations of Ips can occur in one season. Infested wood can be handled in the same manner as MPB.

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