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## **The Ranch Wrangler**

**May 14, 2009**

### **Spruce and Ornamental Pine Tree Protection**

Well, now it is time for us to turn our focus to our evergreens and the Rocky Mountain Pine Beetle. As we mentioned last year, we can see the damage done in the Summit and Vail valleys by the Pine Beetle. The Board of Directors, individual property owners and staff had contacted several area firms as well as the County Agricultural Agent, Colorado State Forest. They inspected the trees and reported that the trees were overall healthy and strong; they agreed that the ponderosa, pinion, lodge pole, Austrian and scotch pines should be treated and trees that appear to be stressed. Smaller diameter trees and healthy trees are less susceptible to the beetles and might not need treatment.

This year ABC Tree will treat all of the common areas, condominium and golf course spruce and ornamental pine trees for numerous pests including the Rocky Mountain Pine Beetle, woolly aphid, needle scale, pine weevil and other insects as well as apply a foliar fertilizer. Individual property owners can have their trees treated along with the Ranch common area trees for less than \$30 each. Please contact the office by Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> if you wish to have your trees treated and we will bill you after the work has been completed.

We will be spraying on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and ask that you keep your pets inside that day. The insecticide is safe to humans and pets in less than an hour. We will not spray if it is windy nor will they spray near the water. The MSDS for the Astro insecticide is available in the office or on the website.

### **2009 Annual Homeowners Meeting**

The 2009 Annual Homeowners meeting is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>. DeeDee O'Brien [dobrien328@comcast.net](mailto:dobrien328@comcast.net) and Chris Rowberry [crowberry@cobnks.com](mailto:crowberry@cobnks.com) will serve as the Nominating Committee and please contact them if you are interested in running for the Board of Directors.

You can review a draft of the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting on the Ranch website. As more details become available such as the agenda and menu we'll keep you posted. Remember that you can review the most recent monthly financials, Board meeting minutes as well as past meeting minutes, wranglers and want-ads on line.

### **The June Board of Directors Meeting**

Please note that the June regular Board meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> due to several scheduling conflicts.

### **In Closing,**

Several visitors to the office have asked for a copy of the most recent (2007) aerial map. We do have several copies available and you can have yours for a \$125 contribution to the Fishing amenity.

**Again, please contact us by the 20th if you do want your trees treated; 970-963-3500 or [rrf\\_doc@comcast.net](mailto:rrf_doc@comcast.net)**