

FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

The Committee develops and implements best forestry management plans to maintain and preserve the forested areas and natural habitats of the Village while balancing safety and aesthetics.

PLAN FOR CASTLE PINES VILLAGE

An Ecosystem Management Plan and a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Village by Anchor Point Group of Boulder was completed in 2008. The evaluation of the Village was an overall rating of “moderate risk” for wildfires with some specific areas of the Village at a higher risk than others. The Committee continues to implement as many of Anchor Point’s recommendations as resources permit.

FOREST HEALTH MANAGEMENT

The Forest Stewardship Committee encourages growth of a “healthy forest” to better withstand threats from fire and bark beetles. During 2010, the Committee conducted several “drive-by” inspections of trees within the Village throughout the summer and Fall. With the help of a State Forestry representative, stressed trees were inspected and owners were notified in writing by HA staff if a tree was beetle or disease-infected. IPS, Turpentine, and Mountain Pine Beetle were found. Residents were also notified if their trees had mistletoe or other diseases. The Committee plans to continue this effort in 2011.

SIGNAGE AND EVACUATION ROUTES

The Committee recommended to the HA Board improvements to house number visibility for the safety and convenience of the residents.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Forest Stewardship Committee placed informative articles in each edition of the Castle Pines Village Reporter newsletter. These articles promoted community awareness of the hazards and risks from wildfires, along with healthy forest recommendations. Information about emergency evacuation preparedness, noxious weeds, pine beetles, and tree diseases was included. The FS Committee also supported the Wildlife Committee’s Annual Pancake Breakfast held in the spring with a table filled with informational brochures and members in attendance to answer forestry questions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jack Hummel, Chairman; Rod Brewster; Guy Casey; Monica Flinner-Ross; Jim Huffman