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THE BARK BEETLE, OUR NATIONAL FOREST and RIDGELINE

The first thing that most people notice when coming to Bass Lake is the dead or dying clusters of pine trees caused by the drought which has weakened the trees and the "Bark Beetle" than kills the trees by cutting off their food and water supply that normally keep the trees alive.

It is estimated that we will lose about 40% of the trees in our National Forest because of the "Bark Beetle". Ridgeline Homes has lost more than 200 trees because of these Beetles. Trees are still dying and will probably continue to die for a couple of more years.

Hopefully we will have another wet Winter which would help with our Drought Condition.

The "Bark Beetle" has been a part of the National Forest for a very long time but it only causes this much damage after a few years of Drought conditions. The last time that the beetles caused a considerable amount of damage was 1979. We had just had a few years of Drought conditions here at Bass Lake. The water in the Lake was very low for a couple of years and not as many people came and brought their boats during these years. Ridgeline Homes was still about 8 to 10 years away from being constructed at that time.

As you might expect, the cost to remove these dead or dying trees is very high. At Ridgeline alone since September 1, 2015 we have spent \$44,750 to remove trees and we still have many more trees that will need to be removed in the near future. Your Board of Directors are looking for ways to cover the costs associated with removing these dead trees. We have a small budget item for trimming trees and some tree removal but not nearly enough to cover a disaster such as this.

Larry Sisk and Cindy Davis are working very hard to help us get a Grant to help cover the cost of removing trees. This Grant would help us to pay for the removal of the trees that will continue to die the next couple of years. Unfortunately the Grants that may be available will NOT cover any of the expenses for the trees that we already had removed. Any financial help from a Grant would certainly help with our budget.

We will be waiting to see the outcome of this Grant before we remove any additional trees throughout our Ridgeline Homes Complex.

We will keep you posted as things move forward in these matters.

Be sure to thank Larry and Cindy for all their hard work when you see them.

PET POLICY REMINDERS

A REMINDER THAT ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH WHEN BEING WALKED!

A REMINDER TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!!

A REMINDER TO KEEP BARKING DOGS INSIDE!!!

(A copy of our "PET POLICY" is available online)

ANNUAL COMMUNITY BAR-B-Q

Our "Annual Community Bar-B-Q is being held on Saturday, October 1st. Flyers with RSVP forms were mailed to all Homeowners with our last Ridgeline Reporter. Flyers with RSVP forms were also available at our Information Center near the mail boxes. Call Joe Topper at 683-2850 if you wish to attend and the deadline has past. We may still have room for you and your guests.

TRASH DUMPSTERS

We have 6 Trash Dumpsters throughout our Ridgeline Homes Complex. 5 of the Dumpsters are for regular trash and 1 of the Dumpsters is for recyclables only. The one for recyclables is located by Saddleback Road and Big Pine Trail and is marked with a #3 and has a blue lid on it.

We think that people from the outside may be using our Dumpsters to dispose of their trash.

We may need to put locks on the Dumpsters if this continues to be a problem.

HOMEOWNER MEETINGS

Homeowner Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except October and December). The meetings are held at the North Shore Estates Clubhouse.

Our October meeting will be Saturday, October 1st, our November meeting will be Saturday, November 12th. WE DO NOT MEET IN DECEMBER. The meetings for the Homeowners and Renters begins at 9:00AM. The Board of Directors meet between 8:00 and 9:00AM to handle normal business.

The Agenda will be posted on the Website and at the Bulletin Board at least 4 days prior to the meeting.

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