

## **Forest Management Project Description and Goals**

- 1) It is the purpose of the project to reduce the fire hazard by removing fuels and promote health of the HOA common property "forest lands". In the process of doing this all dead, dying, damaged and diseased trees are to be removed along with normal fire abatement practices such as clearing brush and trimming trees above the ground fire area.
- 2) A secondary goal is to establish access for emergency fire crews and fire breaks. If practical, connect the lower access road with the forest trail, widen the forest trail for skidding and debris removal, and extend a 250 yard crude trail across the HOA southeast property parcel. Our desire is for the trails to be left as an easily walkable dirt trail.
- 3) Tree spacing for the thinning of properties will be approximately 15 feet with the minimum spacing being 10' and the maximum being 20'. This is primarily a focus for the Northern property between Loch Haven and South Hayden Lake Road. Any stumps will be cut off as low as possible and cut down as much brush as practical. 50% of the large desirable species of trees that are disease resistant will remain within the spacing plan. Numerous clumps of brush maple and birch are to be left. Areas that are thin will be replanted with native species. Today a few areas are sparse and need replanting such as the area behind the uppermost condos.
- 4) The HOA will complete the northern properties with the selected contractor and then evaluate finances based on any revenue from useful timber removed and overall costs. Before we enter an initial contract we will need a written estimation of costs and projected revenue from timber. A separate estimate of north and the south/ west properties will be obtained. If the HOA costs apparent or revenue apparent are going to vary by 25% of the estimate, the project needs to cease for meeting and approval or rejection. If costs and revenue maintain as projected, the HOA will approve continued fire abatement of the timber minimal west and south properties where no offset revenue is expected. A crude trail may be established behind the southern lower pool area and the eastern Prairie Ave/ Mt Carrol property for the removal of debris and material. The Prairie Ave/ Mt Carrol property will have some clearing for access, debris removal and disposal.
- 5) All areas will be pile and burn as work is completed to minimize smoke.
- 6) Anticipated start date is October 2016.
- 7) Suggestions and consultation with HOA is encouraged. It is our desire to establish a long term plan for fire abatement and management. The HOA will consider a multi-year plan for maintenance of lands with contactor.
- 8) **A park like atmosphere is desired as a finished product.**