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BVRI Asks for Community Support to Eradicate Bark Beetle Infestation in Bear Valley

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Dear Katherine,

We are sending this BVRI e-News with an alert about a bark beetle infestation in Bear Valley. Please read and take appropriate action right away. The future health of our forest depends on it!

IMPORTANT BEAR VALLEY ALERT

Bark Beetles have moved in and we need to move them out!



The image above is an example of the kind of damage bark beetles can do if left unchecked

During a recent inspection by a professional forester of some nearly dead trees in the village, it was discovered that the trees were infected by a sizable number of bark beetles. This pest has devastated some picturesque communities elsewhere in the West such as the Breckenridge/Lake Dillon area in Colorado, and none of us wants to see that happen in Bear Valley.

This current drought period should cause all of us to increase our vigilance and act quickly to remove dead trees. If you have dead trees or logs on your lot, be sure to have them removed as soon as possible. The health and beauty of our local forest ecosystem could easily be devastated by either a fire or a full-scale bark beetle infestation. BVRI inspects each lot annually, but residents need to act on their own to remove trees without waiting to be reminded. PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMOVE DEAD TREES AND LOGS ON YOUR PROPERTY.

If you think you have a bark beetle infestation on your property, what should you do? Any dead trees, including the trees with beetles need to be cut down immediately. There are specific ways to handle the downed tree once it's cut to kill the

bark beetles including: cutting the tree into rounds that are then stacked in the sun fully covered with clear plastic that is sealed at the bottom. This effectively encapsulates and kills the beetles. The logs can also be hauled away and treated by a knowledgeable forester -- but the slash pile left behind should be covered and sealed to ensure the remaining beetles aren't left to multiply.

As we **learn more** we will keep updated information on [the BVRI website](#) so be sure to check regularly for new information.

Resources for help:

There are several resources in town to help you with your lot clearance including removing dead trees.

- Sean's Tree Service @ 209-588-9350
- Erich Haas @ 209-795-4331
- Mike Ratkowski @ 209-795-4366
- Joe Zibley @ 209-753-2492

You may also contact Ross Richards @ 209-736-4988 for an expert opinion.

Also, please review the [Summer Lot Inspection and Forest Management](#) page on the [BVRI website](#) to remind yourself about the lot/house responsibilities for helping to protect Bear Valley.

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Thank you for your support. We are pleased to serve the Bear Valley community.

Sincerely,

The BVRI Board



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