

SPOA Logging Project Completion Announcement

September 2014

The SPOA Board is happy to announce that the Logging Project has been completed. Many of you may have already been up on the mountain and have seen the results of the SPOA's contract with a logging cleanup company. The company hired to do this work was BARCO located in Washington, UT. The three largest remaining timber stands within SPOA boundaries were cut by machinery & then skidded into piles that may be burned soon after sufficient snow is on the ground to allow this final step to be accomplished.

A brief presentation of before, during & after photos & videos was given at the 2014 Fall Dinner Social event.

Logging piles that are accessible & convenient for relatively safe cutting of firewood by SPOA membership will be identified & will not be burned this year. A firewood cutting policy has been established by the SPOA & is posted on the SPOA website for all membership to read & adhere to. We appreciate the patience that has been exhibited by most SPOA members during this difficult & lengthy process of having beetle killed timber stands cut & removed to make the entire SPOA safer from fire danger. Please understand that not every beetle killed tree was able to be cut & removed. However, we feel that the largest areas of risk to personal/tangible property (i.e. cabins, etc.) were dealt with equitably during this process.

We realize that not everyone will be entirely pleased with what was done most recently nor previously over the past several years, but it is now time to look forward to the re-growth that will occur naturally. While we know that the SPOA fir & spruce stands look much different than before the beetle infestation occurred & may never, in most of our remaining lifetimes, be as dense as they once were, we are sure that within a few years everyone will agree that the logging work that was done was & is beneficial to all SPOA members and that the SPOA forested property appears much better aesthetically and is much more healthy than would be the case if this logging project had not been done.

Sincerely,
SPOA Board - 2014