AGENDA

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 12, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Approve Agenda
- C. Correspondence
- D. Minutes: October 8, 2021 and February 14, 2020
- E. Public Matters: Informational items and persons wishing to address the Committee regarding non-agenda items
- F. Agenda Items:

ITEM 1: Review and possible approval of Mitigation 4.2v (COA 50): Conduct street sweeping twice a year - spring street sweeping was conducted on May 31 – June 2, 2021 - and request to waive second street sweeping due to a delayed scheduling due to the Caldor Fire evacuation and fire crews using Kirkwood as an operations base; Applicant: Kirkwood Mountain Resort.

- ITEM 2: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 540 Olympic Court, Kirkwood, CA; APN 026-290-003; Applicant: Flynn.
- ITEM 3: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 34101 Yarrow Place, Kirkwood, CA; APN 026-181-012; Applicant: Hoffman.
- ITEM 4: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 540 Olympic Court, Kirkwood, CA; APN 026-290-003; Applicant: Flynn.
- ITEM 5: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 895 Columbine Circle, Kirkwood, CA; APN 006-015-001; Applicant: Chanin.
- ITEM 6: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 885 Columbine Circle, Kirkwood, CA; APN 006-015-002; Applicant: Caldwell.

ITEM 7: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; Timber Ridge Condominiums, Kirkwood, CA; Applicant: Hutchinson.

ITEM 8: Information and discussion on Kirkwood becoming a Firewise Community.

G. Adjourn

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TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, October 8, 2021 10:00 A.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting link: https://zoom.us/j/94171617000

Meeting ID: 941 7161 7000

Call in phone number: +1 669 900 9128

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Brendan Ferry at 10:04 am. Members present were: El Dorado County, Brendan Ferry; Alpine County, Larry Shoemaker; Amador County, Chuck Beatty.

B. Approval of Agenda:

On a motion by Chuck Beatty and second by Larry Shoemaker the agenda was approved as published.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Larry Shoemaker: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye.

- C. Correspondence: None.
- D. Minutes: August 13, 2021

On a motion by Chuck Beatty and a second by Larry Shoemaker, the minutes from August 13, 2021 were approved.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye; Larry Shoemaker: Aye.

- E. Public Matters not on the Agenda: None.
- F. Agenda Items:

ITEM 1: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 279 Larkspur Lane, Kirkwood, CA; Applicant: Browner.

Brendan Ferry introduced the item, and after the discussion, Tri-TAC members agreed that the project was approvable as presented.

On a motion by Brendan Ferry and a second by Chuck Beatty, the Committee recommended approval of the project.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Larry Shoemaker: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye.

ITEM 2: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 347 Larkspur Lane, Kirkwood, CA; Applicant: Goldberg.

Brendan Ferry introduced the item and after the discussion, Tri-TAC members agreed that the project was approvable as presented.

On a motion by Larry Shoemaker and a second by Chuck Beatty, the Committee recommended approval of the project.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Larry Shoemaker: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye.

G. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:09. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 12, 2021, at 10:00 am.

MINUTES TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 14, 2020 10:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Zach Wood at 10:10 am. Members present were: Alpine County, Zach Wood; Amador County, Chuck Beatty; El Dorado County, Brendan Ferry.

- B. Approval of Agenda:
 - On a motion by Chuck Beatty and second by Brenden Ferry, the agenda was unanimously approved as published.
- C. Correspondence: None.
- D. Minutes: December 12, 2019On a motion by Brendan Ferry and a second by Chuck Beatty, the minutes from

December 12, 2019 were approved 2-0-1 (Wood abstained).

- E. Public Matters not on the Agenda:
 Sandy Sloan asked if the US Forest Service was considering allowing motorized vehicles in the cross-county skiing area north of Highway 88. Brendan Ferry agreed to relay any information to the TC-TAC is the USFS published it.
- F. Agenda Items:

ITEM 1: Discussion of the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance and possible direction related to interpretation of Public Resources Code 4291 Defensible Space requirements

Zach Wood introduced the item and discussed the recent issue of tree removal permits being required for Cal Fire defensible space compliance rather than the typical dead/dying/diseased tree permits. He noted that TC-TAC was looking for clarity regarding the conflict and overlap between Public Resources Code 44291 and the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance.

Tom Tinsley, Unit Forester and Pre-Fire Management Division Chief for Cal Fire's Amador-Eldorado Unit, stated that last fall, Cal Fire completed 234 defensible space inspections in Kirkwood and noted that there were several homes with violations. The most popular violations were excessive vegetation close the building foundations and a lack of flame-retardant covers on firewood.

He added that he believes the Public Resources Code and the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance are compatible. There are no tree removal permits required by Cal Fire for defensible space compliance unless the property owner commercializes the timber.

Nathan Bartley, Cal Fire Battalion Chief, commended the Kirkwood community for removal of ladder fuels in response to the defensible space notices, and suggested the community adopt a Wildfire Prevention and become a Firewise Community.

He added that the primary purpose of the defensible space inspections is to educate the public and encourage home owners to use best practices for fire prevention to avoid having to assess penalties. Cal Fire is not assessing fines for excess tree canopy due to the high cost of tree removal, and adopting a Wildfire Prevention Plan would be a good way to get grants to pay for canopy thinning.

KMPUD General Manager Erik Christeson stated that Kirkwood has a Wildfire Prevention Plan, participates in Amador and Alpine Counties' Hazard Mitigation Plans, and has a Wildfire Prevention Plan for the overhead power line.

Eric Richert discussed a situation in East Meadows where a home owner wanted to remove three large trees to open the view to the Kirkwood Meadow. The East Meadows HOA denied the request. But, if the home owner were claiming the tree removal was for defensible space, there may be no way to deny the request.

Chuck Beatty noted that a strict application of the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance would require the home owner to get the removal approved by TC-TAC, but the Committee may not have authority to deny a defensible space requirement. Zach Wood added that the same would apply to sapling removal to promote forest health.

Tom Tinsley noted that Kirkwood was not a High or Very-High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The spacing of tree canopy and valley topography places Kirkwood in the Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Steve Cannon, RPF, stated that he has participated in preparing many tree removal permits for dead, dying, diseased, and hazardous trees. There is conflict when the Cal Fire defensible space notice implies that the property owner can be taken to court for failure to remove trees and the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance states that failure to get permits for any tree removal is also subject to a fine. Property owners need clarification as to how much latitude is available in order to comply with both rules.

Zach Wood stated that he would like to see TC-TAC get away from formalizing defensible space tree removal because it adds an unnecessary administrative process to comply with the State directive.

Erik Christeson asked who would initiate revisions to the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance.

Brendan Ferry stated that since the local ordinance can't supersede State law, we could add a clause that states that tree removal per Public resources code 4291 is exempt from the ordinance. Forest health thinning could be treated separately.

Erik Christeson suggested the revision also allow people to clear small trees near their homes.

Eric Richert asked how the amendment would apply to his original question about home owners who claim tree removal is for defensible space when it is really for expanding their view. Someone has to verify the defensible space claim.

Tom Tinsley suggested that the ordinance state that any exempt tree removal per PRC 4291 has to be verified by forest professional or Defensible Space Inspector and documented on the LE-100-A form.

Sandy Sloan suggested that if the Kirkwood Tree Ordinance is revised, it should exempt documented PRC 4291 tree removal, and those requests could be submitted to the TC-TAC Chair for approval it the request it legitimate. If the request isn't legitimate, it should be put on the TC-TAC agenda for discussion.

Zach Wood stated that the ordinance amendment wouldn't be a high priority due to the complexity of the process involved. For the meantime, we should agree that PRC 4291 tree removal is exempt from the tree ordinance to avoid an administrative burden on home owners, professional foresters, and tree trimmers.

ITEM 2: Update on Kirkwood Station pre-application to be considered by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, February 25, 2:00pm.

Brendan Ferry introduced the item and stated that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors would be holding a pre-application hearing on the Kirkwood Station project on February 25 at 2pm in Placerville, and encouraged interested parties to attend. He added that the project application materials and staff report are on the County's website and no decision would be made at the hearing.

Sandy Sloan asked if an EIR would be required for the project.

G. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2020, at 10:00 am.



November 1, 2021

Chuck Beatty, Amador County Brendan Ferry, El Dorado County Candace Stowe, Alpine County

Subject: Mitigation Measure 4.2v (COA 50)

Dear TC-TAC Committee,

Per our **Mitigation Measures**, <u>4.2 v(COA 50): Conduct street sweeping twice a year</u>, Kirkwood Mountain Resort is responsible for biannual street sweeping. Spring street sweeping was conducted on May 31 – June 2, 2021, pictures and invoice are attached.

We would like to request a waiver for the second street sweeping due to a delayed scheduling due to the Caldor Fire evacuation and fire crews using Kirkwood as an operations base. Once the fire concern was lifted, sweeping was scheduled in for two days in October but had to be cancelled both times due to snow and freezing temperatures. We are also limited by the paving we have scheduled and KMPUD's removal of hydrant meters no later than Nov 1st.

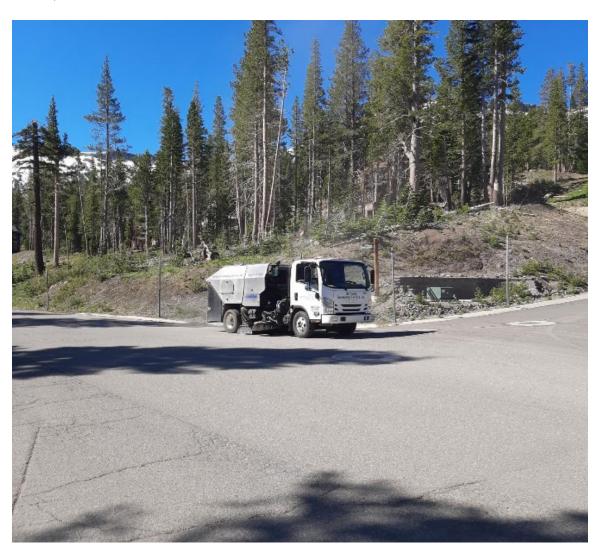
Please contact me should you need additional information or have any questions.

Thank you,

Caroline Miller
Director of Mountain Operations
Kirkwood Mountain Resort
P.O. Box 1
Kirkwood, CA 95646
(209) 258-7232
CMiller8@vailresorts.com



June 2, 2021



BI-STATE SWEEPING SERVICE, INC.

P.O. BOX 13497 SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96151 530-544-2366

Bill To

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT PO BOX 1 KIRKWOOD, CA 95646

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06/02/21 Power Sweep Streets 9.0 Hours	1,350.00
06/01/21 Travel Time 2.0 Hours	140.00
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Total

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Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director of Planning County of Amador 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

18 October 2021

Dear Mr. Beatty,

On October 13 of this year, I visited the property of Mr. David Flynn at 540 Olympic Court in Kirkwood. Their APN is 026-290-003 and the property is located in the Palisades subdivision.

The purpose of this letter to you is to comply with the Kirkwood Specific Plan to advise your office of my professional opinion regarding the situation on the Flynn property.

There are two trees in the front of the Flynn property, immediately adjacent to the road. One of the trees is a 24" diameter Lodgepole pine that has a dead top. I recommend that this tree have the top removed for public safety. It is possible that the tree may need to be removed at some time in the future, but in the interest of preserving the forest condition at Kirkwood, I don't see the removal of this tree as urgent.

An adjacent 14" diameter Red fir is totally dead and should be removed.

There is a 20" diameter Red fir between Mr. Flynn's house and the neighbor's house that should be monitored. The tree has the dwarf mistletoe parasite in it and if the infestation progresses, that tree may have to be removed in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Steve Q. Cannon, RPF #2316

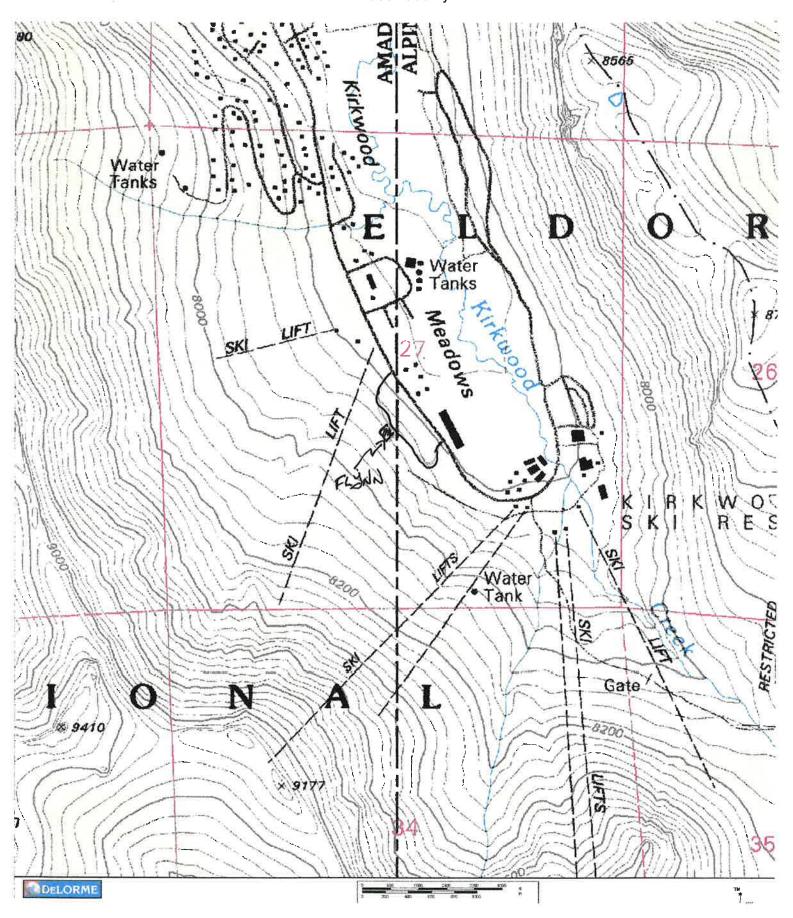
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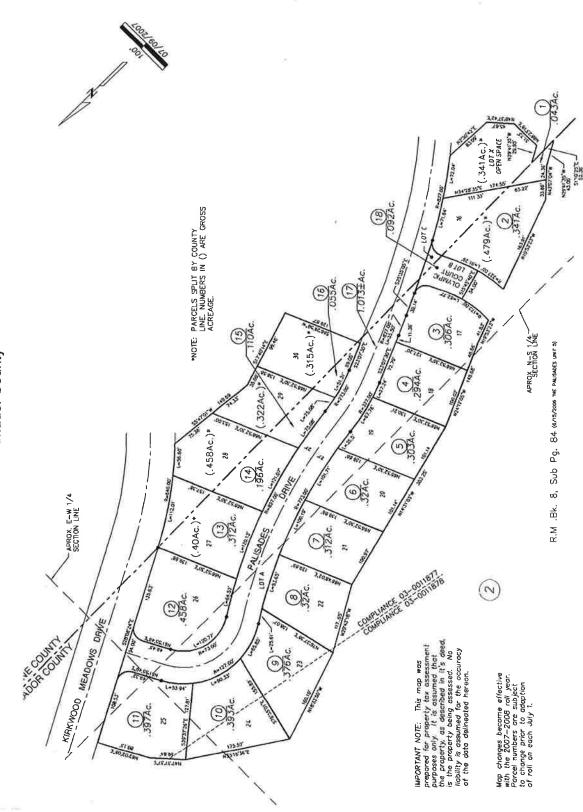
Flynn Hazard Tree Removal Project

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Assessor's Map Bk. 26, Pg. 29 County of Amador, Calif.

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24 October 2021

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

Dear Mr. Beatty,

I am representing Mr. Howard Hoffman who owns a property in Kirkwood, CA. The location of the property is 34101 Yarrow Place. The APN is 026-181-012. I inspected the property on September 24 at Mr. Hoffman's request with the intent of advising him as to the health and safety issues surrounding the trees on his property.

Mr. Hoffman has quite a few trees surrounding his residence. As is typical of Lodgepole pine, many are growing close together. Such dense spacing results in some trees having the effect of suppressing the growth of other trees. When trees are suppressed, they are more susceptible to the effects of insects and disease. My suggestion to Mr. Hoffman was that some of the trees should be removed to favor the healthier specimens and to reduce the hazard of fire in trees that are close to the house.

The trees that I recommend to be removed are:

Tree #	Diameter	Species	Rationale
1	8"	Lodgepole	Thin for health
2	8"	Lodgepole	Thin for health, close to house
3	10"	Lodgepole	Close to house
4	12"	Lodgepole	Close to house, bole wound (rot?)
5	6"	Lodgepole	Close to house, lean toward house
6	8"	Lodgepole	Thin for health, close to house
7	8"	Lodgepole	Thin for health, release Red fir tree
8	6"	Lodgepole	Close to house
9	12"	Lodgepole	Close to house

There is also a dead 10" Lodgepole pine on the neighbor's property that has a lean toward the Hoffman residence that should be removed. The APN for that property is 026-181-017.

Since this is not a hazard tree removal situation where it is imperative that the trees should be removed, I'd like the Tri-TAC to consider this proposal and advise me of when it will be on the Tri-TAC agenda.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

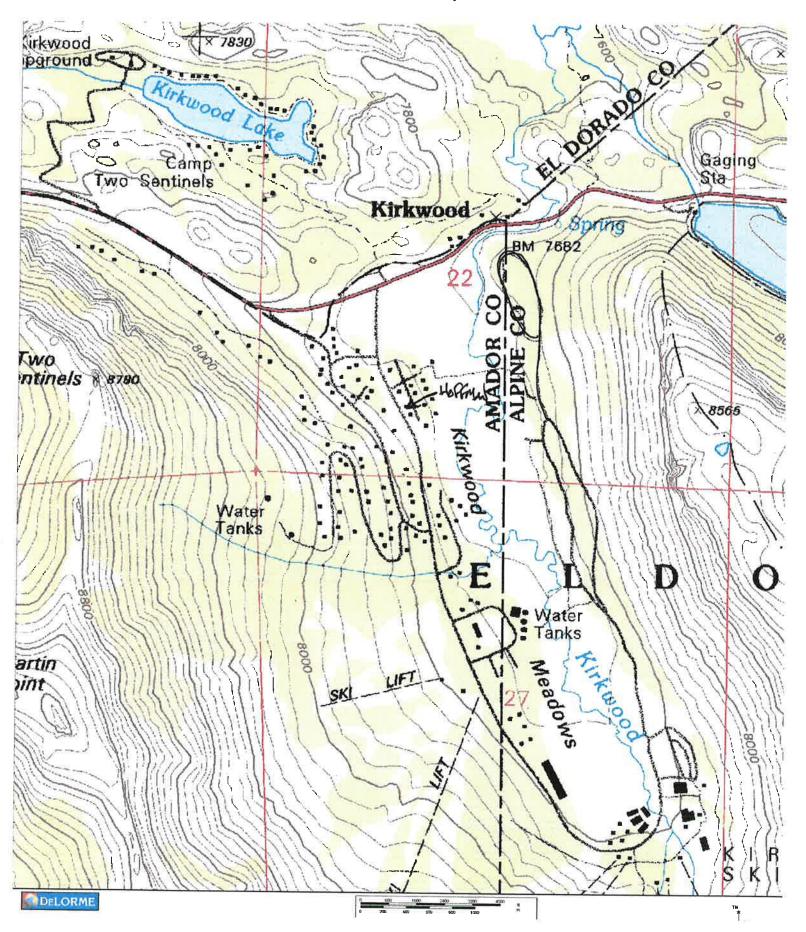
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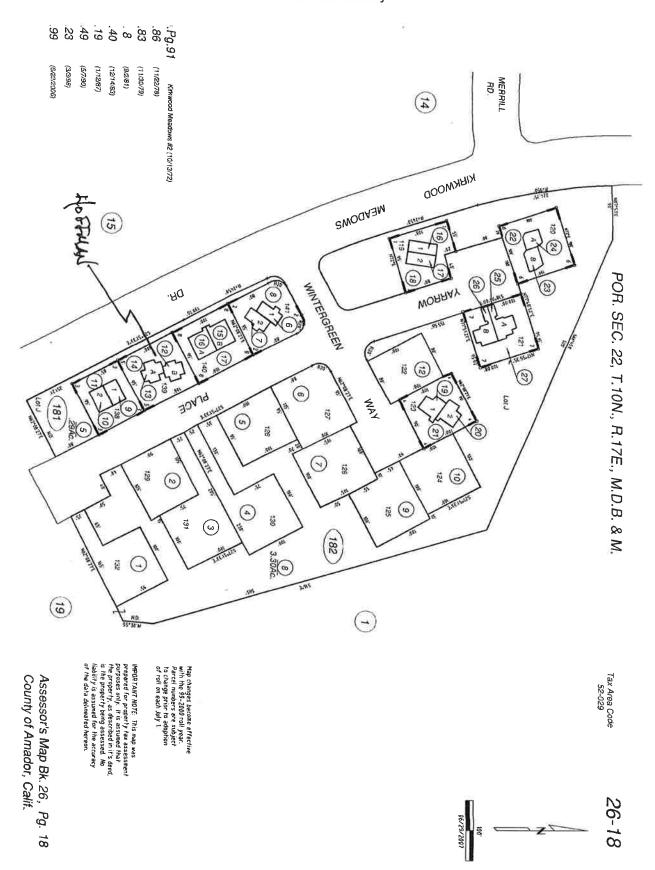
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Mr. Zack Woods
Community Development Department
County of Alpine.
50 Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville, CA 96120

20 October 2021

Dear Mr. Woods,

On the 13th of October I visited the residence of Mr. Seth Chanin at 895 Columbine Circle, Lot 512 in the East Meadows Subdivision in Kirkwood, CA. The APN of the property is 006-015-001.

The purpose of my visit was to assess the health of the trees on his property and to determine if any of the trees constituted a hazard to the house or if there was an opportunity to improve the health of the trees on the property

What I found was that there was a group of trees on the west side of the property that are too densely spaced and the stocking level will inhibit the growth of the best trees. My suggestion is to thin these trees so that the trees to be retained will stay healthy and grow to larger sizes. Thinning this group of trees will also provide some protection from the spread of fire coming from the west. The trees that I recommend removing are as follows:

Tree #1 – 12" diameter Lodgepole pine. Tree #2 – 14" diameter Lodgepole pine. Tree #3 – 12" diameter Lodgepole pine Tree #4 – 10" diameter Lodgepole pine Tree #6 – 10" diameter Lodgepole pine

Tree #6 – 10" diameter Lodgepole pine Tree #7 – 8" diameter Lodgepole pine Tree #8 - 14" diameter Lodgepole pine Tree #9 - 14" diameter Lodgepole pine

Tree #10 – 16" diameter Lodgepole pine

Tree #11 - 12" diameter Lodgepole pine

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I marked the trees with their respective numbers in yellow paint.

There are also 2 Lodgepole pine trees at the front Southeast corner of the house that should be pruned for fire safety.

Contrary to the situation where the Tri-TAC allows for the immediate removal of hazard trees after an RPF has conducted the inspection, I have advised Mr. Chanin that he will need to wait for the approval of the committee prior to engaging the services of a tree service or Licensed Timber Operator. If you notify me after the committee has reviewed this proposal and given your committee's decision, I will notify Mr. Chanin.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Steve Q. Cannon

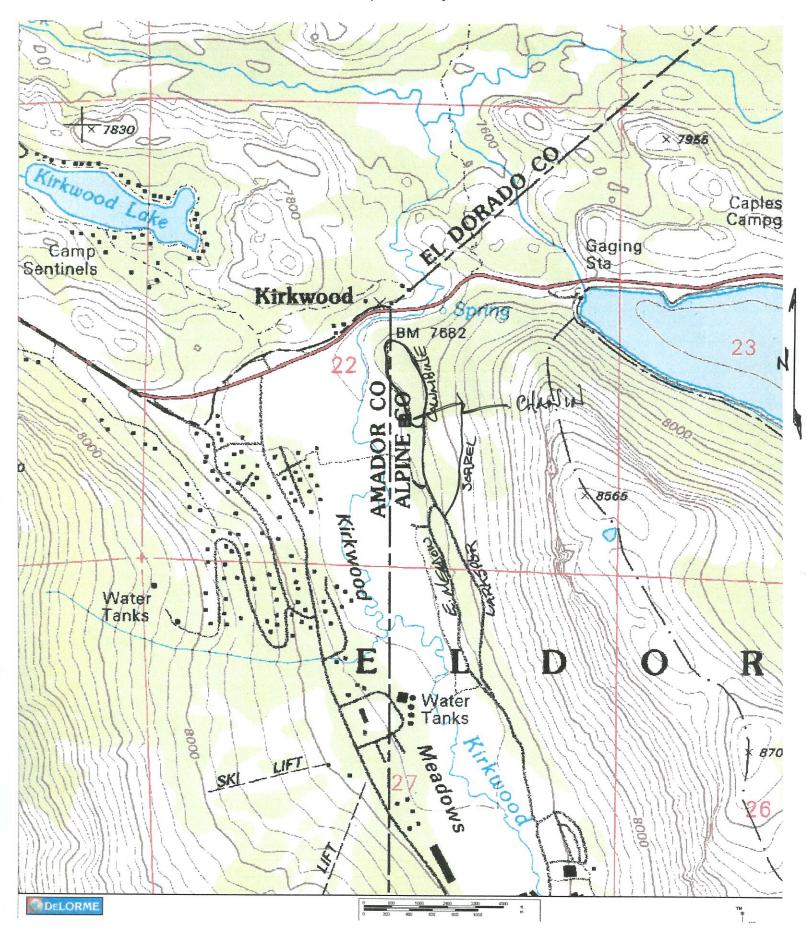
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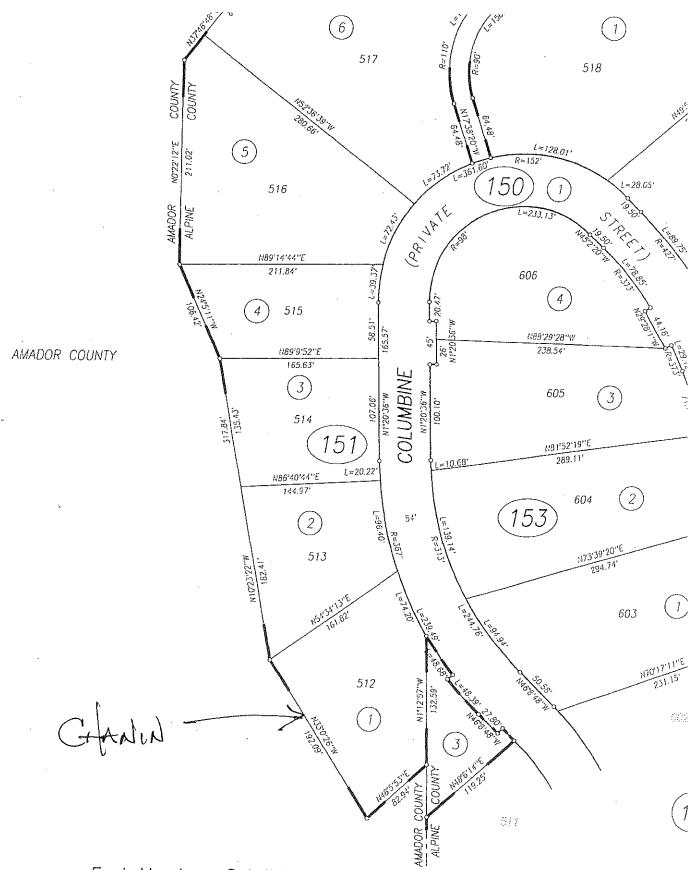
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East Meadows Subdivision Unit 2, S.M. Bk. 4, Pg. 23.

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Mr. Zack Woods Community Development Department County of Alpine. 50 Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville, CA 96120

20 October 2021

Dear Mr. Woods,

On the 13th of October I visited the residence of Ms Margaret Caldwell at 885 Columbine Circle, Lot 513 in the East Meadows Subdivision in Kirkwood, CA. The APN of the property is 006-015-002.

The purpose of my visit was to assess the health of the trees on her property and to determine if any of the trees constituted a hazard to her house or to human safety.

What I found was that there are two trees that I would recommend removing and one tree that should be pruned. A description of them is as follows:

Tree #1 - A 20" diameter Lodgepole pine. It has a broken top and is within 3 feet of the house. The broken top subjects the tree to further deterioration and it could become a hazard in the future.

Tree #2 – An 18" diameter Lodgepole Pine. It is within 8 feet of the house and from the color of the needles it appears to be fading. As this tree deteriorates in vigor, it also will become a hazard to the Caldwell house.

A 20" Lodgepole pine tree close to the house on the north side has branches that should be pruned to avoid the risk of fire to the house. This pruning job can be done at the same time that the other two trees are removed.

I marked the trees with their respective numbers in yellow paint.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Steve Q. Cannon

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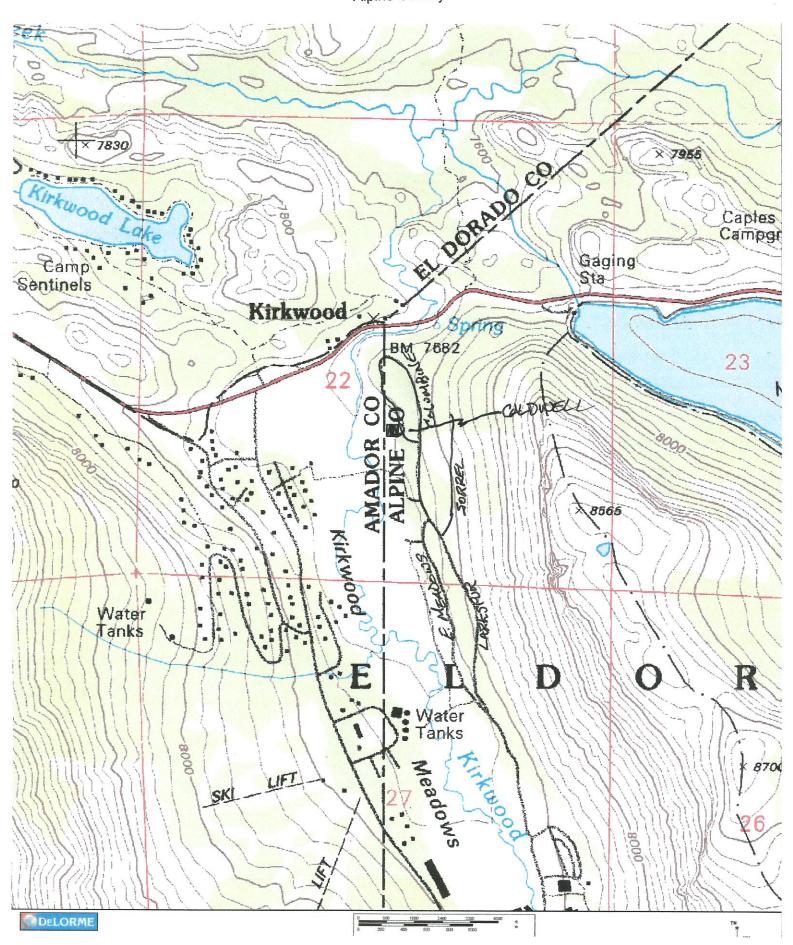
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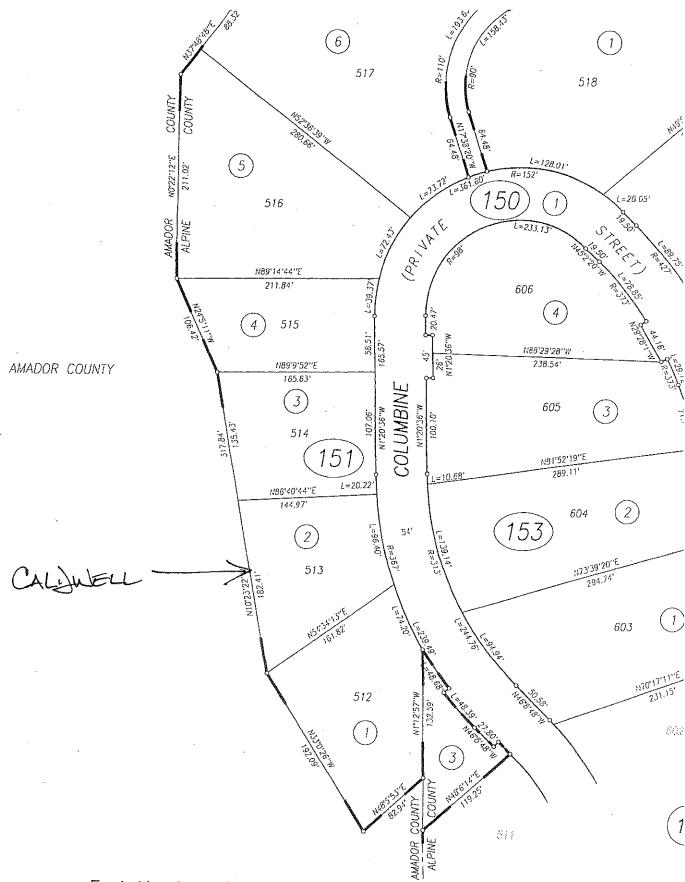
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East Meadows Subdivision Unit 2, S.M. Bk. 4, Pg. 23.

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Mr. Zack Woods Community Development Department County of Alpine. 50 Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville, CA 96120

25 October 2021

Dear Mr. Woods,

On Friday, October 22, I met Mr. Ben Hutchinson at the Timber Ridge Condominiums with the intent of inspecting dead trees that he was concerned about. We walked around the building and found the following trees that I recommend to be removed:

Tree #	Diameter	Species	Condition	Location
1	10"	W. Hemlock	Dead	North side of building
2	14"	W. Hemlock	Dying, crown fade	North side of building
3	18"	Red fir	Dead	East side of building
4	14"	Lodgepole pine	Dying, crown fade	East side of building
5	10"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
6	10"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
7	8"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
8	6"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
9	6"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
10	10"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
11	14"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building
12	22"	Red fir	Dead	West side of building

Initially, I was not sure if trees #6-12 were on the Timber Ridge property. They are all located on the uphill side of the back parking lot. Mr. Hutchinson and I could not find any property corner pins and I did not have any survey data for the property. After I marked all the trees with their respective numbers in yellow paint, I drove to the Alpine County Assessor's office and obtained Assessor Parcel maps for the Timber Ridge property and for the parcels that are on Palisades Drive, uphill of the condominium. Using those maps and some rough pacing from Palisades Drive alongside of the Bennett property (APN 006-231-004) I came to the conclusion that all twelve trees are on the Timber Ridge Condominium property.

These trees could be taken down over the snow, so the trees that are most hazardous to the structure (#s1-4) could be dealt with and the others could wait until spring.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely:

Steve Q. Cannon, RPF #2316

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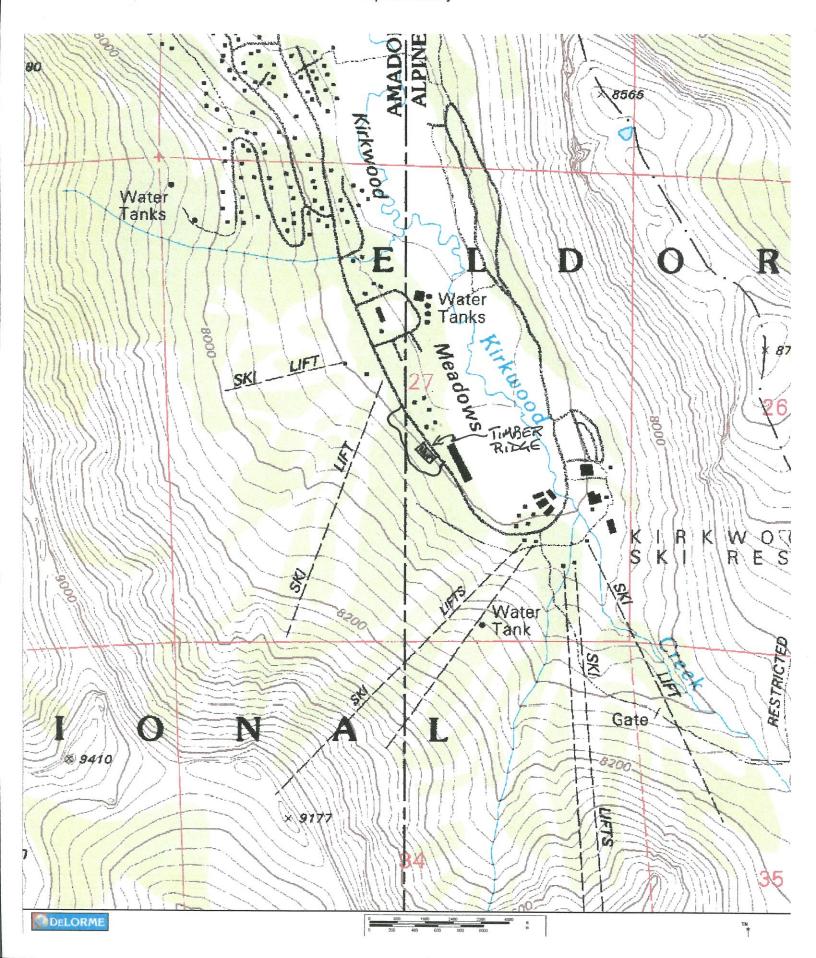
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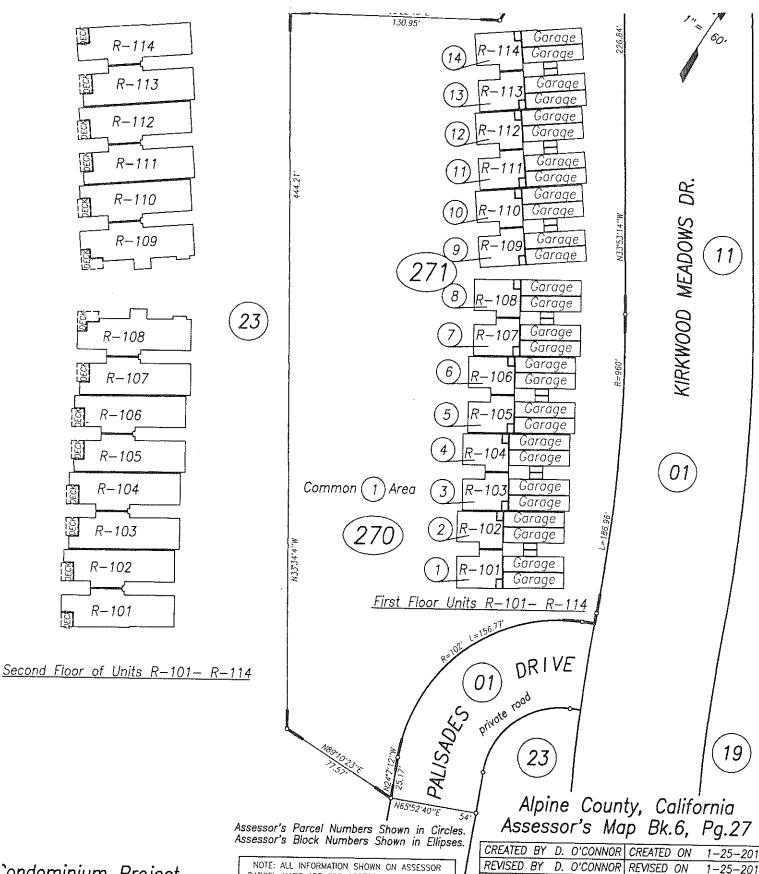
Timber Ridge Condo Hazard Tree Removal Project

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