

## FOREST MANAGER REPORT

JANUARY 2014

The order for MCH packs and beetle traps has been placed and paid for with Synergy Semiochemicals. 8820 were ordered by individuals and 2000 by the AIA. Additional traps and lures were ordered to deal with the coming spruce beetle problem. The AIA portion of the order (\$4277.73) was paid for with 2013 funds and individual checks have been collected and deposited in the AIA account. Dave was a big help with the final accounting and cutting the checks. The combined order came to \$14,953.21, which is a discount of \$3135 from the full price. Delivery will be in mid April and the installation date will be determined by weather in May.

The spruce beetle trapping will require much more detailed record keeping than has been done in the past. Location of each trap in relation to spruce trees and known beetle infestations will be documented and there will be weekly documentation of the number of beetles caught in each trap. Arrowhead is on the leading edge of ideas on how to deal with spruce beetle problems and the above information will be used to consult with Synergy Semiochemicals and Gunnison National Forest entomologist Roy Mask to adjust strategies in future years.

In order to accomplish the increasing size of this program and to encourage volunteering in the community, I have submitted the following for publication in the February Smoke Signals.

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### VOLUTEERS NEEDED

#### FOR THE BEETLE CREW

With the increased threat of spruce beetles, there is even more work to be done in May and June. Forest Manager, Bill Conway, is looking for **volunteers** to assist him with this effort. Some of the areas where volunteers are needed are:

- Searching for beetle infested trees
- Timely removal of beetle infested trees from community property
- Installation of MCH packets on community property (2000)
- Installation of MCH packets on private lots with donations by lot owners to the AVFD
- Installation of beetle traps – 29 in 2014
- Weekly collection and documentation of beetles from beetle traps

Complete training and directions will be provided. If you are interested in helping, contact Bill Conway by email at [bbconway1967@gmail.com](mailto:bbconway1967@gmail.com).

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Reminders have also been included in Smoke Signals concerning thinning treatments for fire mitigation and forest health reasons and to watch for woodpecker activity this winter that is an indicator of spruce beetle infestation.

To date, I have not heard any complaints about log haul on the Alpine.

Bill Conway – Arrowhead Forest Manager