

August 30, 2022

## **Summer 2022 Project for Remediation of November 30 to December 1, 2021 Windstorm Damage to SBR Forests**

### **Update**

This notice is intended to bring owners up to date on the progress of the wind damage remediation project.

#### **Current Status/Posting of FireSmart Report**

The board received the final, releasable version of the Report prepared by Rick Arthur, RFPT, yesterday. The report has been posted to the owner section of the SBR Website under the tab "**Communications from the Board**" since it is too large to distribute by email. Owners who have not yet set up their access to the website are urged to do so now so that they can read this report and formulate questions. You were sent directions for setting up your website account previously but if you are having difficulty you can contact Shannon Gibbons at [shannon.gibbons@squarebutteranch.com](mailto:shannon.gibbons@squarebutteranch.com) and she will do her best to help out.

Owners are also urged to read the report and begin formulating their questions as soon as possible.

#### **Presentation of Forestry Recommendations and Probable Impact on Ranch Appearance**

As you will recall from the August 17 Update Notice, Rick Arthur has offered to discuss his findings with the owners in a face to face audio-visual presentation. If all goes according to plan the presentation will be made on September 6 at 6:00 pm at Falcon Cliff, just down Old Mill Road. September 6 is a Tuesday, the day after Labour Day. The time of the meeting may vary depending on Rick's availability as

well as the availability of Kelly Dunford and Darren Doucette (our logging contractors), who have also been asked to join the presentation.

This presentation will give owners the opportunity not only to ask questions about Rick's recommendations but also to ask Rick, Kelly and Darren questions about what owners can expect in terms of impact on the appearance of the ranch as a result of following some or all of the recommendations. The hope is that after the presentation has concluded, owners will have a clear idea of the pro's and con's of the different approaches that are available to the board for dealing with the ongoing risks associated with managing a property surrounded by vulnerable forests, and will be able to give the board a sense of the extent to which they wish to combat future wind and fire damage, given the time it will take for the forests and therefore the appearance of the ranch to recover.

### On-going Forestry Activities

In the meantime, the board has approved the general clean up of the wind damaged areas of the ranch but with the proviso that it will take place with the minimum possible visual impact until owners have had the opportunity to read the Report, attend the Presentation and indicate the extent to which they are in favour of following what is being recommended. No intense clean up activities will be approved until we have a sense of where owners stand.

**The work areas are quite hazardous while the work is going on, even after hours. Owners who would like to see what is going on are asked to contact Gary Bennett (403-931-0373) and ask for a tour – Gary will be happy to set something up.**

