

September 15, 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

Our forestry contractors have completed their clean-up work in the wind-damaged sites in the Boneyard/Fisher Creek area.

Rick Arthur, the independent RPFT who was engaged to assess the SBR common area forests for FireSmart purposes and provide recommendations completed his report and presented it to owners in an in-person meeting on Tuesday September 6 at Falcon Cliff. Kelly Dunford, one of our logging contractors, also attended. Both Rick and Kelly made themselves available after the presentation for questions.

Rick's completed report has been posted to the Owners' portion of the re-activated SBR Website so that all owners will be able to read it even if they were not able to attend the presentation.

Next Steps

Kelly now wishes to move ahead with the clean-up phase of the project by addressing the removal of wind-downed trees from a small area in the West Pasture which he has advised will not have significant visual impact. He is proposing to start this work on Monday and does not expect that what is being proposed will be noisy or otherwise invasive to owners.

The West Pasture work will be done using smaller, lower impact equipment with a view to removing wind-downed and hanging trees in a manner that minimizes the need to cut standing trees for access. Kelly will remove the wind-downed trees from the ranch as he goes and without needing to stage them. He has advised the Board that this aspect of the project will take roughly 3 working days, weather permitting.

This part of the project will be carried out on a trial basis insofar as Kelly is not certain whether or not proper clean-up can be accomplished in this very small impact way -- in the West Pasture site or, subsequently, elsewhere on the ranch. The results of this trial basis approach will be shared with owners in future Update Notices. After completion of this phase Kelly will be moving on to other phases – which will also be shared in future Update Notices.

Once all affected areas have been reviewed for clean-up, the Board will need to look into the extent to which Rick Arthur's recommendations for the removal of end-of-life standing trees can be pursued. Owners will be contacted in advance of any related decisions.

The West Pasture area to be cleaned up is shown in drone photographs below.

Please note that all 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.



