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Dear Forest Landowner:

Spring once again is just around the corner. It is time to start thinking about heading to the hills and enjoying time spent with family and friends at Hidden Lakes. I am writing in response to the preventative beetle spraying program which will once again take place this year in Weber Canyon. Unfortunately this year the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands was unable to obtain money to continue with the cost-share reimbursement for those who wish to participate in the beetle spraying program. This means any lot owner wishing to have their lots sprayed for the beetle may still do so but will not receive any money from the State to help offset the cost. In addition, lot owners are not required to track or submit any in-kind labor hours for the beetle spraying program. The good news is there is still a small amount of money in which I can still provide technical assistance and flag trees to be sprayed. I would like to prepare Hidden Lakes lot owners on how to identify spray trees in case I am unavailable in the future. With this said I would like to encourage volunteers to come learn how to identify trees which need to be sprayed and trees which have been already attacked. If you're interested please state this on the attached permission form. If there is enough interest I'd be willing to hold a Saturday field day when the snow melts. Please sign the permission form as this allows permission for me to flag trees on your lot. Also, state if you'd be interested in learning how to identify beetle attacked trees. Please have permission forms into Bryan Christensen by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. Thanks for your support and sorry for the news, just seems money is getting tighter these days.

Sincerely,

PJ Abraham  
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Enclosure  
cc: File

