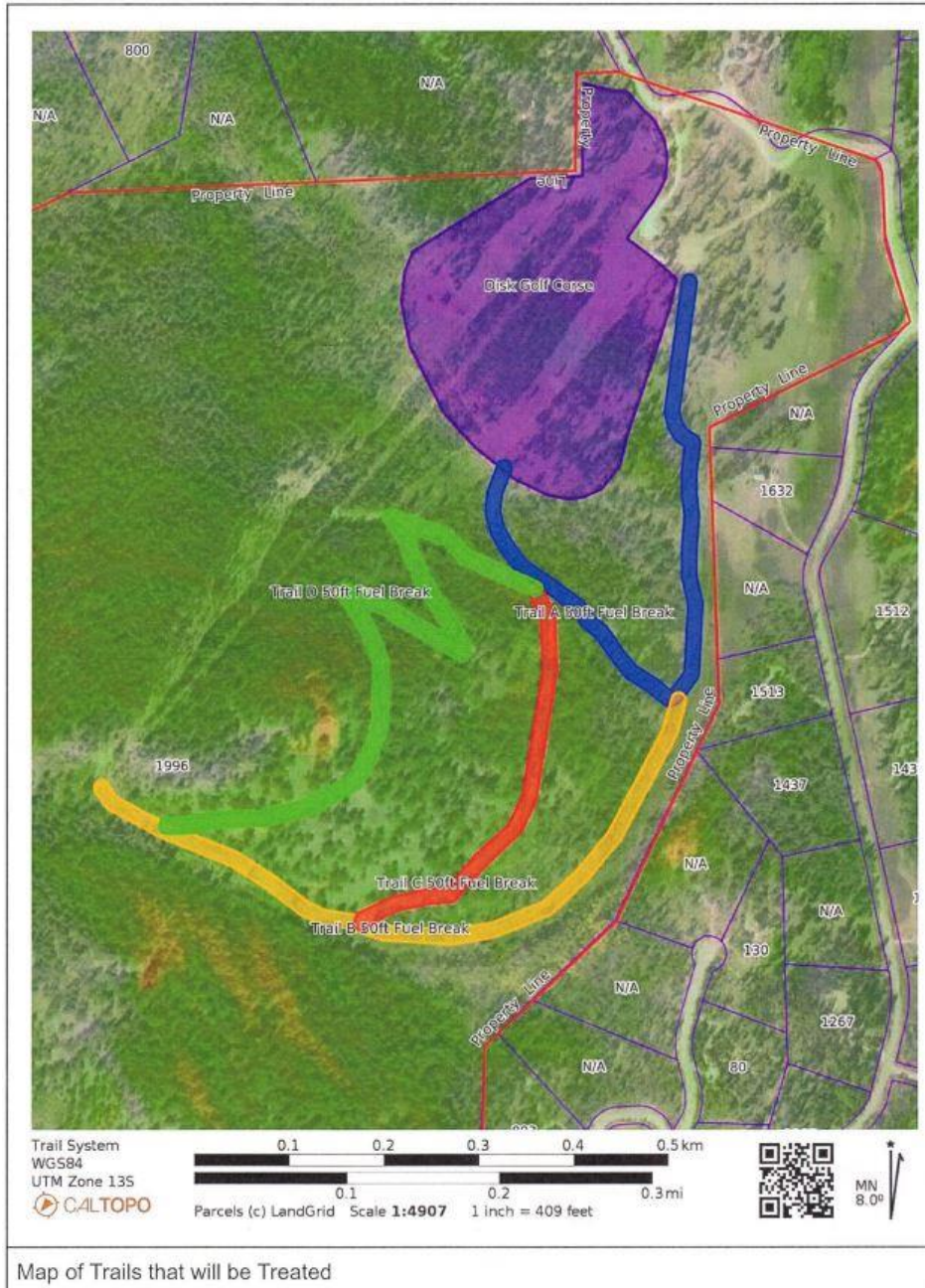
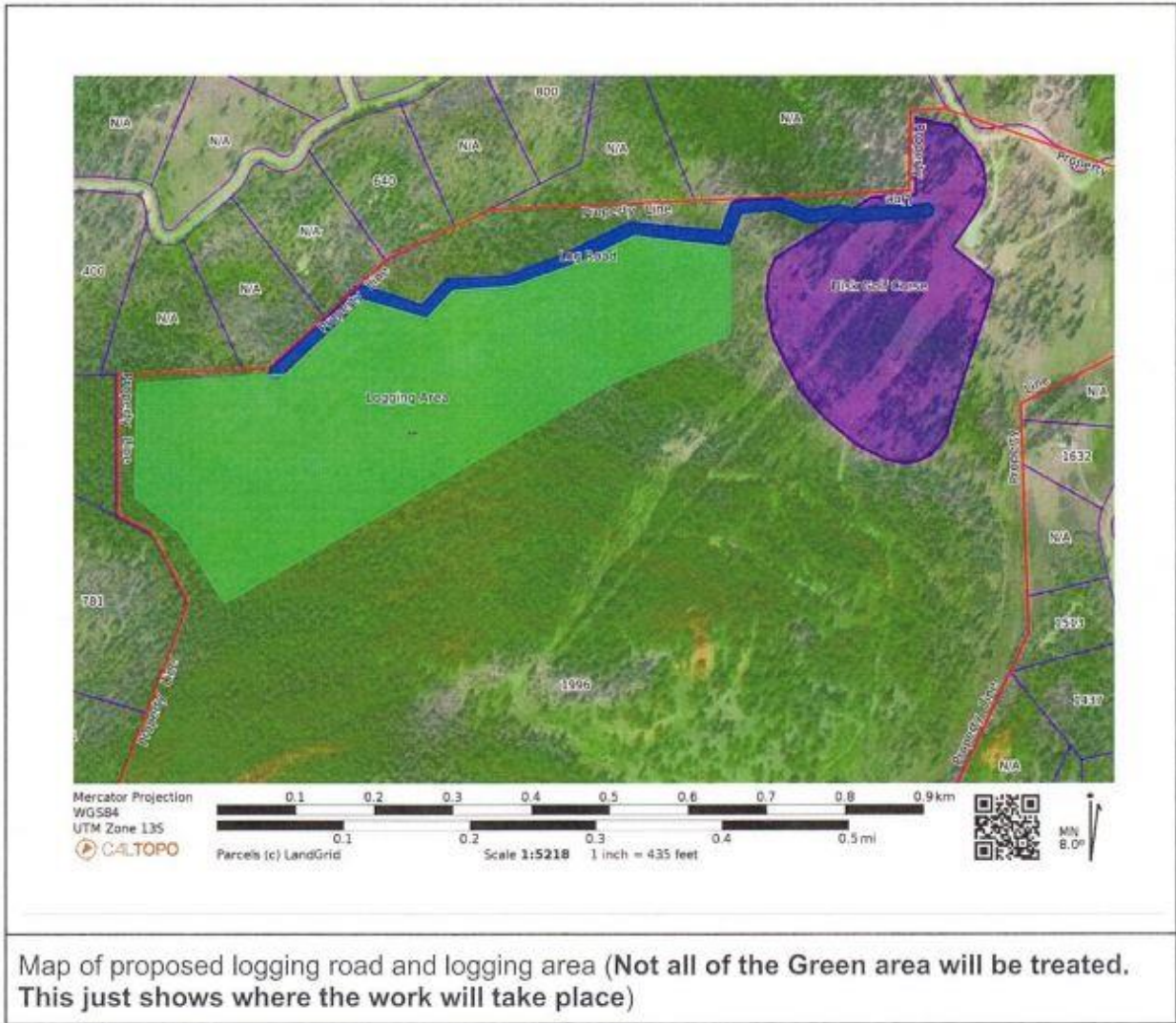


## Fire Mitigation/Forest Health/Hiker Safety Project in Indian Mountain Park

Due to the massive devastation from the Spruce Bud Worm, the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District Board of Directors has contracted with Pine Brother Tree Services to start a Fire Mitigation/Forest Health/Hiker Safety Project in Indian Mountain Park. Pine Brothers will treat 20 feet on either side of all the hiking trails leading up to the top of the “ski lift”, in addition to taking down any dead trees that could fall on the trails. The slash and dead trees will be chipped and broadcast into the forest.



Pine Brother's subcontractor VM West will cut a road on the north side of the park and thin about 8 acres of forest off that road. They will masticate the slash and dead trees, in addition to taking the trees that they can use for firewood.



Both companies will provide much improved fire engine access to the park.

While the work is being done, weather permitting approximately from June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>, the hiking trails and the disk golf course will be CLOSED. The crew will not work on weekends nor on June 28<sup>th</sup> due to a private event at the Picnic Pavilion.

Since Indian Mountain Park consists of 265 acres, this is just the beginning of the work that needs to be done. The Board will assess the budget every year to see how many acres can be treated.