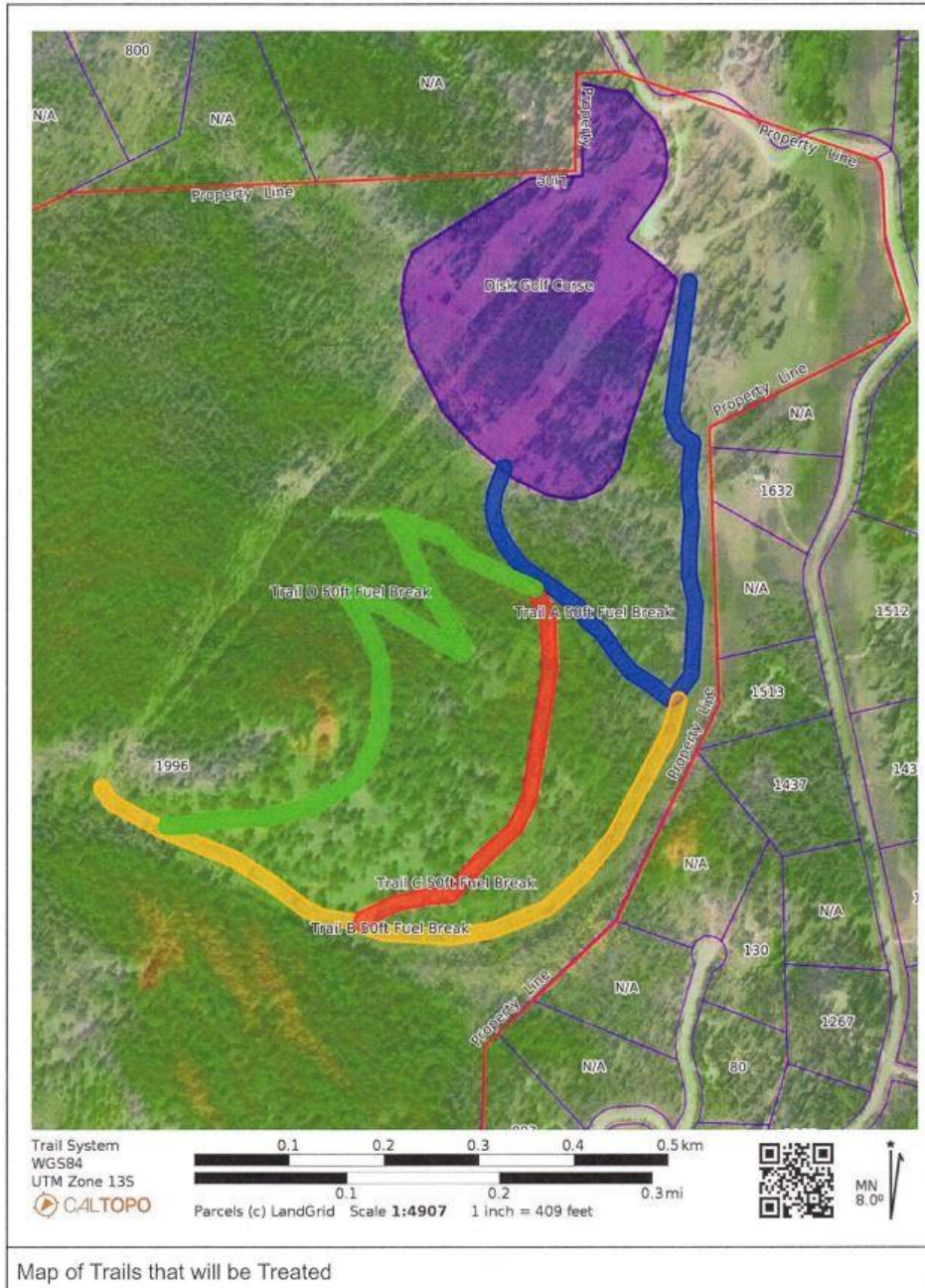
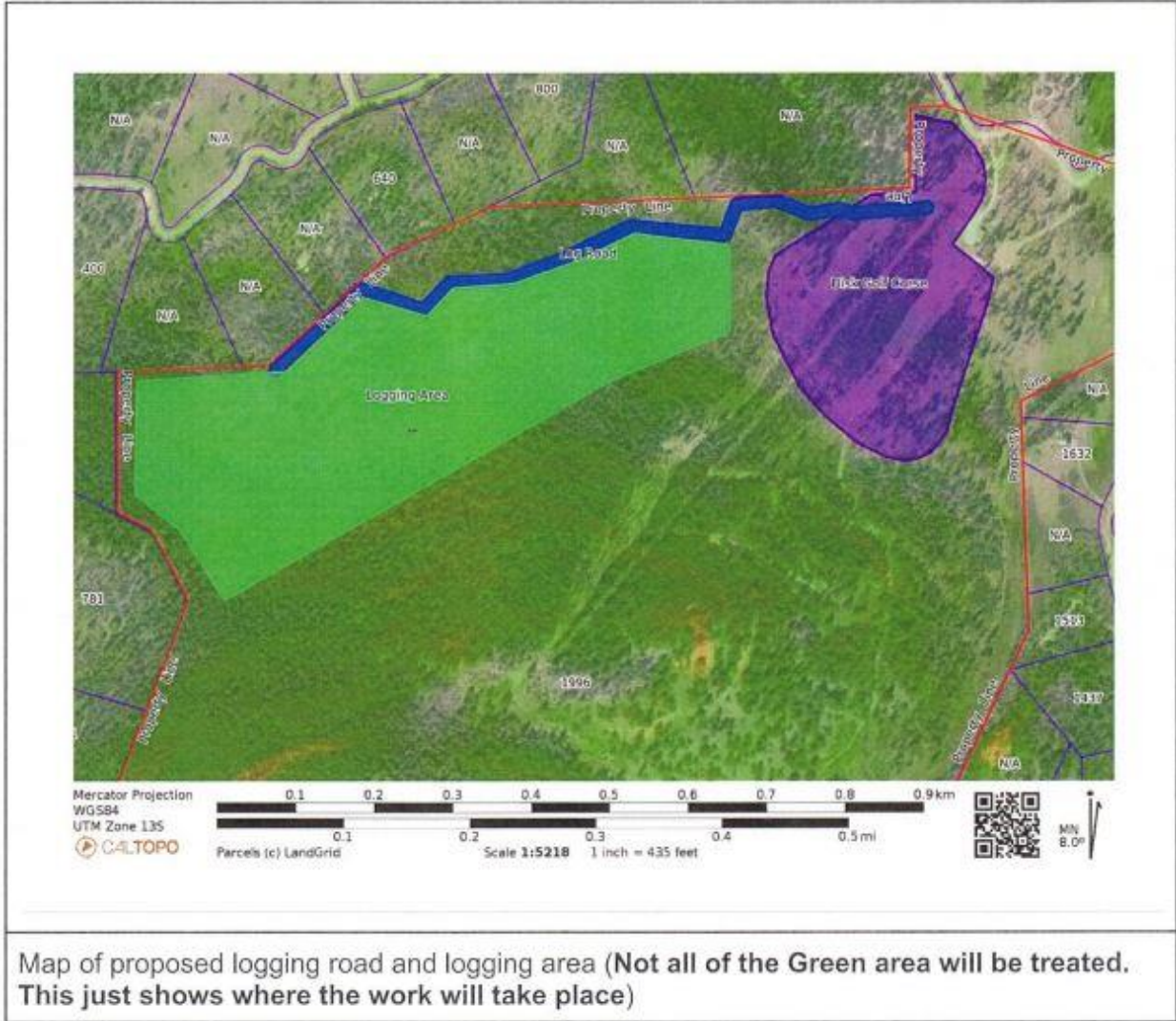


Fire Mitigation/Forest Health/Hiker Safety Project in Indian Mountain Park - June 2024

Due to the massive devastation from the Spruce Bud Worm, the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District Board of Directors contracted in June of 2024 with Pine Brother Tree Services for a Fire Mitigation/Forest Health/Hiker Safety Project in Indian Mountain Park. Pine Brothers treated 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 were chipped and broadcasted into the forest.



Pine Brother's subcontractor VM West cut a road on the north side of the park and thinned about 10 acres of forest off that road. They masticated the slash and dead trees, in addition to taking the trees that they could use for firewood.



Both companies provided much improved fire engine access to the park.

Since Indian Mountain Park consists of 265 acres, this was 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.