

KMA TREE COMMITTEE UPDATE, 9/15/2023

The KMA forest management project is proceeding this summer. Rich Stevens, a Licensed Timber Operator, has been removing dead and diseased trees and thinning overcrowded tree growth on common area parcels throughout KMA. Log trucks have hauled several loads of large cut trees out of the valley and more will follow.

Work has progressed on parcels including A, B, C, D and I on Fremont and Dangberg and parcel J between Hawkweed and Kirkwood Meadows Drive. Current work on KMA property on Dangberg will require a crane to remove large dead trees located very close to homes. Work will begin soon on parcel I near upper Dangberg and parcel J adjacent to the meadow bordering Wintergreen, Yarrow and Hawkweed. As a reference, please refer to the forester's description of work to be done and the location of common areas. It is available on the KMA website under the Planning Committee heading.

Vail has agreed to remove dead hazardous trees on the conservation easement adjacent to Dangberg, which they own.

All the work has multiple benefits including reducing fire risk, removing dangerous trees and slowing the progression of tree disease. The result, by necessity, will be a forest of fewer but healthier trees.

Many KMA homeowners have wisely removed dead or diseased trees from their property. To assist you, a list of available licensed loggers is included in the Tree Committee Summary 2023-2024, available at the website location referred to above.