



News Brief

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City Forestry Crews Attaching Packets to Prevent Pine Beetle

The mountain pine beetle may be wreaking havoc on forests in other areas of the state, but city parks officials remain cautiously optimistic about their chances of protecting Missoula's urban forest from the destructive insects. The City of Missoula's mountain pine beetle mitigation project began in 2008.

In addition to removing infested trees and thinning tree stands to prevent infestation, Parks and Recreation crews will be affixing non-toxic pheromone packets to "legacy trees": larger, highly desirable, uninfested trees in parks and on open space. The packets, which are installed annually, confuse the beetles and discourage infestation. Please do not disturb or handle these small white packets if you notice them attached to a tree. For more information or to report a dislodged packet, please phone the Park Operations Division at 552-6277.