

Dear neighbors,

The Altair Property Owners Association wants to let you know that we expect to begin work on our Timber Harvest Plan as early as weather will permit this spring. The purpose of the timber harvest is to reduce the fire hazard on the 84 acres of open space that surrounds the subdivision. We anticipate most of the work, to be done by Robinson Timber under the guidance of Professional Forester Peter Walden, will be completed before the summer fire season is upon us.

As many of you know, the Altair Property Owners Association filed the application for a Timber Harvest well over a year ago which has since been approved by all appropriate state agencies. The plan calls for a thinning of about 30% of the larger trees in areas where they are too dense, and substantial removal of small trees and brush that constitute ladder fuels in a forest fire. None of the area will be clear cut. Much of the slash, smaller trees and brush to be removed will be chipped and used as mulch in the disturbed areas. All monies from the sale of timber will be used to fund the operation and to clean up and maintain the open space after the timber harvest is complete.

We do not anticipate making use of any private roads for moving heavy equipment or logs other than those within the Altair Subdivision. Although some noise is inevitable, we will encourage Robinson Timber and our maintenance contractors to minimize noise and dust during the thinning and cleanup operations.

We believe this thinning of our heavily forested open space will significantly reduce the fire hazard not only for the Altair subdivision but also our surrounding neighbors.

Thank you for your understanding.