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Subject: Semiochemical program update

To whom it may concern,

I regret to inform you that the Colorado State Forest Service will no longer provide semiochemical programs in the Southwest Area, including the Alamosa field office serving the San Luis Valley. Increasing demands on a limited staff, changing priorities and other factors guided our decision to end these programs that offered discounted rates of MCH and Verbenone packets as well as hanging them on your property. We are sorry for any inconvenience this decision may cause you.

We purchased these products from Synergy Semiochemicals out of Canada, and you can [order from them directly](#). Their website also contains information on other products, how to order the semiochemicals and ongoing research.

We have also 3 local contractors willing to step in and assist landowners. These individuals are:

- Ecozoica
 - Available valley-wide
 - (314) 800-6105
 - ecozoicarising@gmail.com
- Curtis Mclain
 - South Fork area
 - Mclainf15@gmail.com
- Green Mountain Timber
 - Available valley-wide
 - (719) 480-5967
 - 2017gmts@gmail.com
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We are still willing to provide technical assistance to landowners regarding number/type of packets and how many may have been ordered previously.

I attached instructions to properly install MCH pheromone packets to prevent bark beetle infestations in Douglas-fir and spruce trees. I also attached instructions to properly install Verbenone to protect against mountain pine beetle.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

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