

To Eldora Mountain Resort and the U.S. Forest Service

I am concerned about the risk that pesticide spraying for the Mountain Pine Beetle may pose to local residents, visitors, and the environment. EPA documents and a variety of research studies suggest that the proposed pesticide (carbaryl) and alternative pesticides (permethrin, and bifenthrin) have the potential to harm human health (cancer; miscarriage; DNA damage; lowered sperm count; respiratory problems & more); dogs; honey bees & other beneficial insects; trout; and native endangered frogs. Some of these effects can be found at very low levels of exposure. Carbaryl is already showing up in local drinking water.

All forestry experts agree that **pesticide spraying cannot save our forests**. The potential for ruined human lives and environmental contamination is not worth the negligible benefit of saving a few trees. I do not want my tax dollars or the money that I might spend at Eldora to support such risky management practices.

I ask that both Eldora Mountain Resort and the U.S.F.S immediately halt all present and future plans to spray pesticides in the Eldora area, and that the U.S.F.S also cease all tree spraying at campgrounds and trailheads in the Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests. I request that both entities adopt instead a beetle management program similar to that of Banff National Park (Canada) which controls their beetle problem without the use of any toxic pesticides.

Thanks

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