



**shelter bay community, inc.™**

September 21, 2017

Re: Notification of Wildfire Fuel Reduction – Greenbelt Division 2 Tract P-5

Dear Neighbors,

The Greenbelt Committee will be doing some fuel reduction maintenance on the Greenbelt behind your homes. This maintenance will entail the removal of all down, deadwood with diameters of 1 to 6", wherever possible chipping and returning the woodchips to the Greenbelt as mulch. Maintenance of the 10-foot vertical fire break between undergrowth and upper branches. Small stands of trees may be thinned to promote healthy growth or cut only if necessary to create our vertical fire barrier.

The local fire department has advised us that Shelter Bay is one of the most critical areas in the county for wildfire danger both because of our population density and our close proximity to relative wilderness. In addition, small fires on reservation land just outside the Shelter Bay boundary illustrate the importance of taking an active role in preventing the spread of wildfire within Shelter Bay.

We recognize the value that many of our neighbor's place on the undergrowth as a deterrent to trespassers as well as providing cover and food for wildlife. Further, the fire department advises us that ground fires are relatively easy to control and extinguish. Therefore, we are concentrating our efforts on maintaining the open space of 10 or more feet measured above the groundcover with a minimum of fast burning material which would carry a ground fire upward into the forest canopy. In addition, we have observed during the past several years that, where we have been doing these fuel reduction cuts, the undergrowth flourishes providing enhanced cover and food for wildlife.

We hope to have this work accomplished November 6-7, 2017 and Committee Monitors will be present for questions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Committee Secretary, Renata Bos, through the office at 466-3805 or by email [rbos@shelterbay.net](mailto:rbos@shelterbay.net)

Sincerely,  
Carole Miller, Chair  
Greenbelt Committee