

Del Monte Forest Plan Update *by Mark Stilwell, Pebble Beach Company*

After more than 20 years of planning, Pebble Beach Company has started construction on the Del Monte Forest Plan. Last year, the Coastal Commission and Board of Supervisors both unanimously approved the plan, with the Coastal Commission calling it a “landmark” project due to its protection for local habitat as well as its visitor-serving and public access components.

A new Pebble Beach Driving Range and Golf Academy on Collins Field, and a new parking lot across from The Inn at Spanish Bay are the first components under construction. The parking lot will be completed in early August, and the driving range/ golf academy in January 2014.

The Company is also dedicating conservation easements to the Del Monte Forest Conservancy over 635 acres of native habitat. When combined with lands previously preserved by the Company, this additional 635 acre dedication will ensure that 25 percent of the Del Monte Forest will be protected forever for future generations to enjoy.

The Del Monte Forest Plan also includes a number of traffic improvements as well as 90 new residential lots. One traffic project has already been completed – a new “T” intersection where Portola meets Stevenson. A second project is planned to start in November at the intersection of Congress and 17- Mile Drive at the entrance to The Inn, where a roundabout will be installed to facilitate safer traffic flow. The Company also will be completing 32 lots located on Poppy Hills Golf Course this year while the course is closed for renovation.

The other approved components of the plan include additional guest rooms and expanded meeting space at The Lodge and The Inn; improvements to the Highway 1/68/17 Mile Drive intersections outside the Highway 1 Gate; more parking at The Lodge; a new equestrian center; and a new 100-room hotel near Spyglass Hill Golf Course. These components will be completed in a number of phases over the next decade, and updates will be provided in the future as the timing is finalized.