

The Private Forestlands Rehabilitation Program

The Private Forestlands Rehabilitation Program is part of the Government of Canada's Mountain Pine Beetle Initiative. The initiative is a six-year \$40 million investment to respond to the mountain pine beetle epidemic in western Canada.

The purpose of the program is to assist landowners in early mountain pine beetle control efforts and rehabilitation of mountain pine beetle infested areas on private forestlands.

Landowners may be eligible if:

- they own non-industrial forestlands;
- they hold a minimum of 10 contiguous hectares of productive forestland; and
- their property is located within the mountain pine beetle impacted area.



Assistance is available to private forestlands through the initiative.

The mountain pine beetle infested area ranges from Smithers east to the Rocky Mountains.

Through the program, private landowners are also able to enhance their understanding and knowledge of sustainable forest management.

Forestry Liaison Officers from Natural Resources Canada are available to discuss possible treatments, eligible activities, requirements and how to apply for funding through the program.

Funding is Available

Under the program, owners of non-industrial private forestland can apply for technical and funding assistance to help them manage and reduce the spread of mountain pine beetle and rehabilitate their infested forestland. Natural Resources Canada will contribute up to 80 per



cent of total eligible costs, to an annual maximum of \$25,000.

Program Activities

Activities funded by the program include mountain pine beetle management strategies and reports, ground surveys, treatment surveys and prescriptions, fall and burn, components of sanitation harvesting, debarking, beetle proofing, pheromone purchase and baiting, cutblock layout, site preparation, seedling acquisition, planting and follow-up brushing and weeding.

The program also assists with implementation and minor road improvements.

A maximum of 10 per cent of funds received through the program may be used for project management and administration. Up to five per cent may be used for minor capital items.



The initiative supports sustainable forest practices.

Partnership Responsibilities

The landowner must contribute at least 20 per cent of approved eligible costs. This contribution can be in-kind or in cash. In-kind contributions are cash-equivalents that are real and measurable. Examples of in-kind contributions include labour, supervision, equipment, supplies, office space/materials, and management, technical or professional services.

How to apply and get more information

Application forms and guidelines detailing eligibility requirements for private landowners within beetle-infested areas are available online at mpb.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca

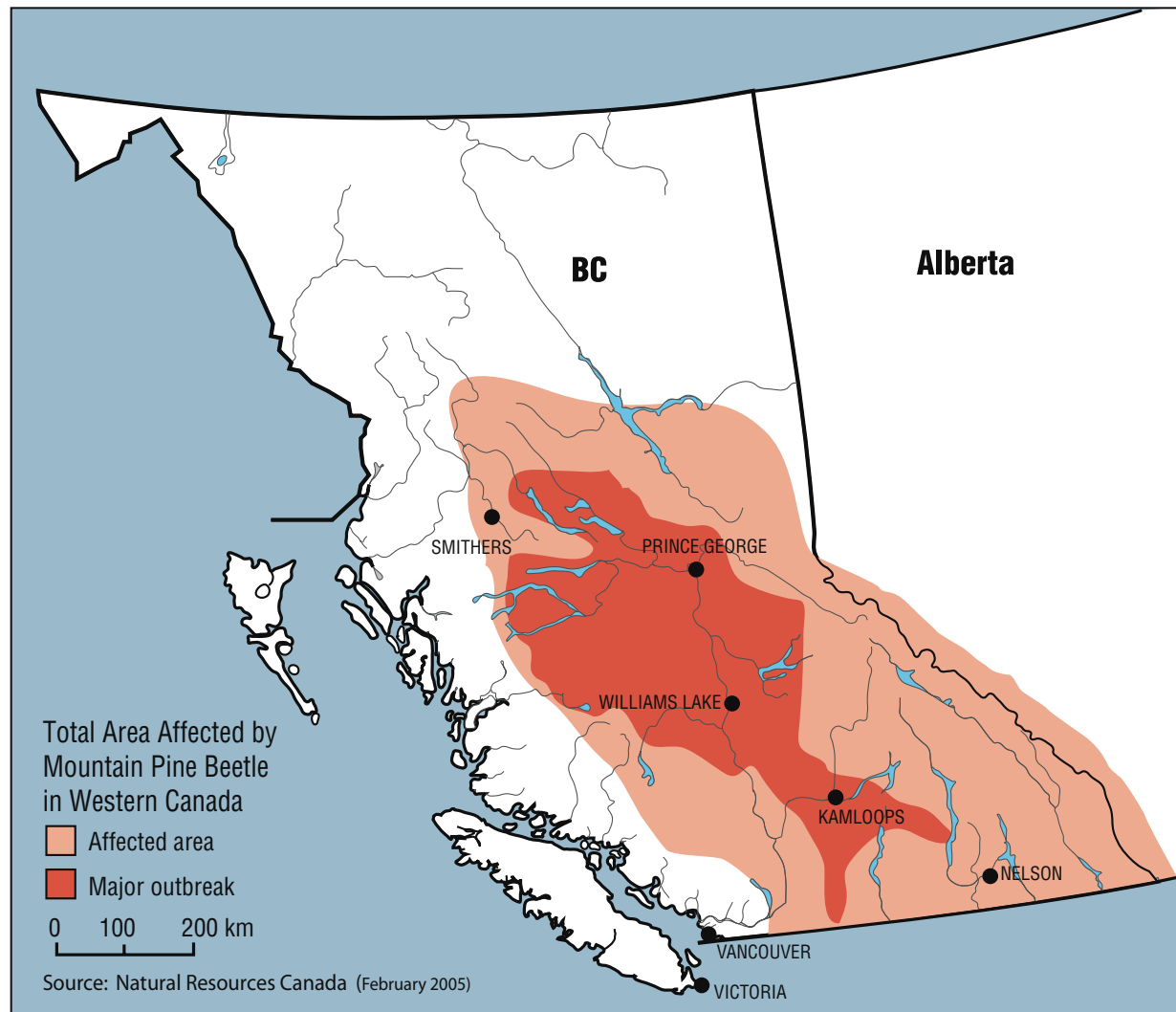
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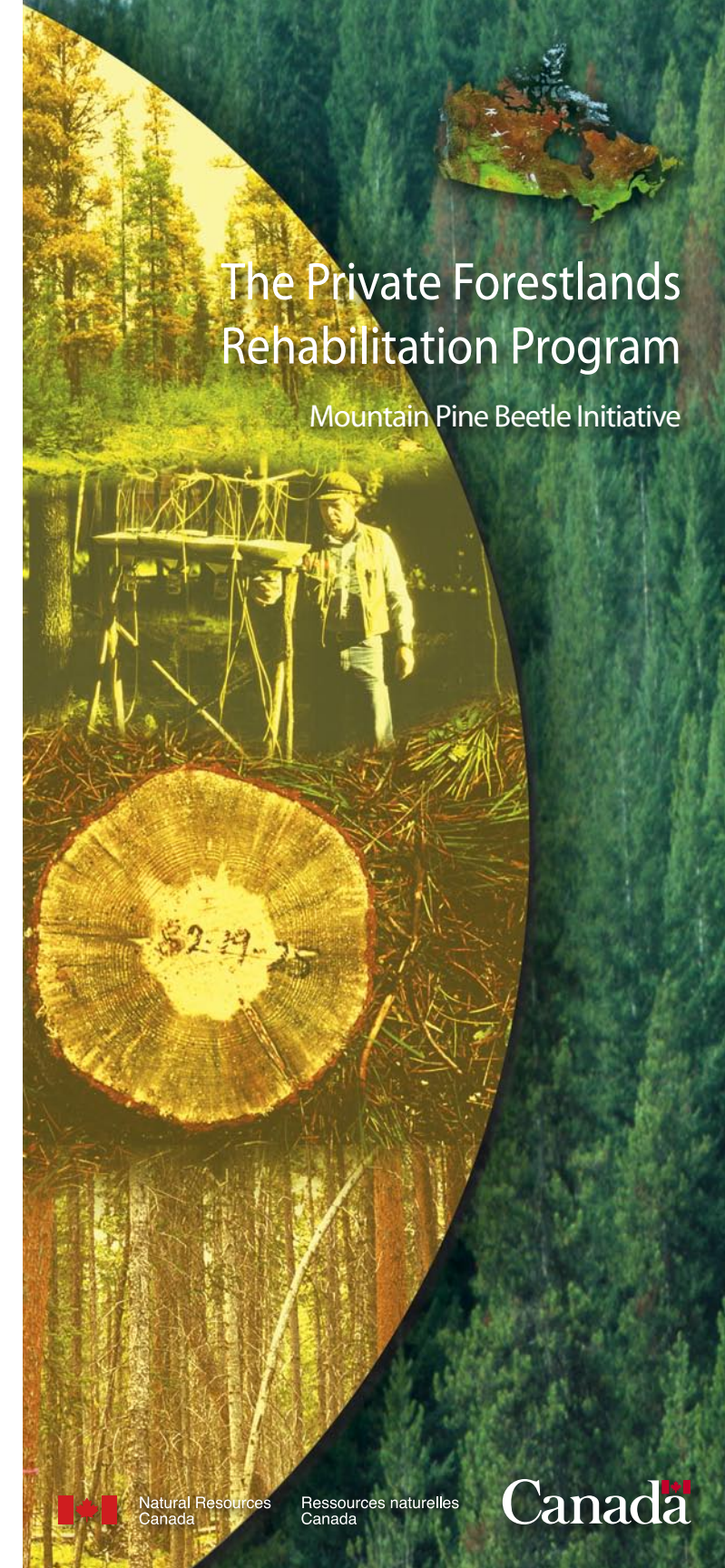


The total area affected by mountain pine beetle has grown in recent years.



Through the program landowners are protecting forests now and in the future.

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