

The Federal Forestlands Rehabilitation Program – First Nations Element



Many First Nations successfully participate in the program.

The Federal Forestlands Rehabilitation Program – First Nations Element 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.

Through the Federal Forestlands Rehabilitation Program, Natural Resources Canada works with First Nations to manage mountain pine beetle.

The purpose of the program is to assist First Nations in early mountain pine beetle control

efforts and rehabilitation of mountain pine beetle infested areas on reserve forestlands.

First Nations

First Nations bands with reserve lands located in mountain pine beetle infested areas can apply for technical and funding assistance to help manage and rehabilitate their affected forestlands. (The mountain pine beetle infested area ranges from Smithers east to the Rocky Mountains.)

Through the program, First Nations 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, First Nations can apply for funding. Natural Resources Canada will contribute up to 80 per cent of total eligible costs, to an annual maximum of \$60,000.

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.



First Nations band members work to implement beetle management strategies.

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.

Partnership Responsibilities

First Nations must contribute at least 20 per cent of the 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.



Healthy, thriving forests enhance the value of federal lands for all Canadians.

How to apply and get more information

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

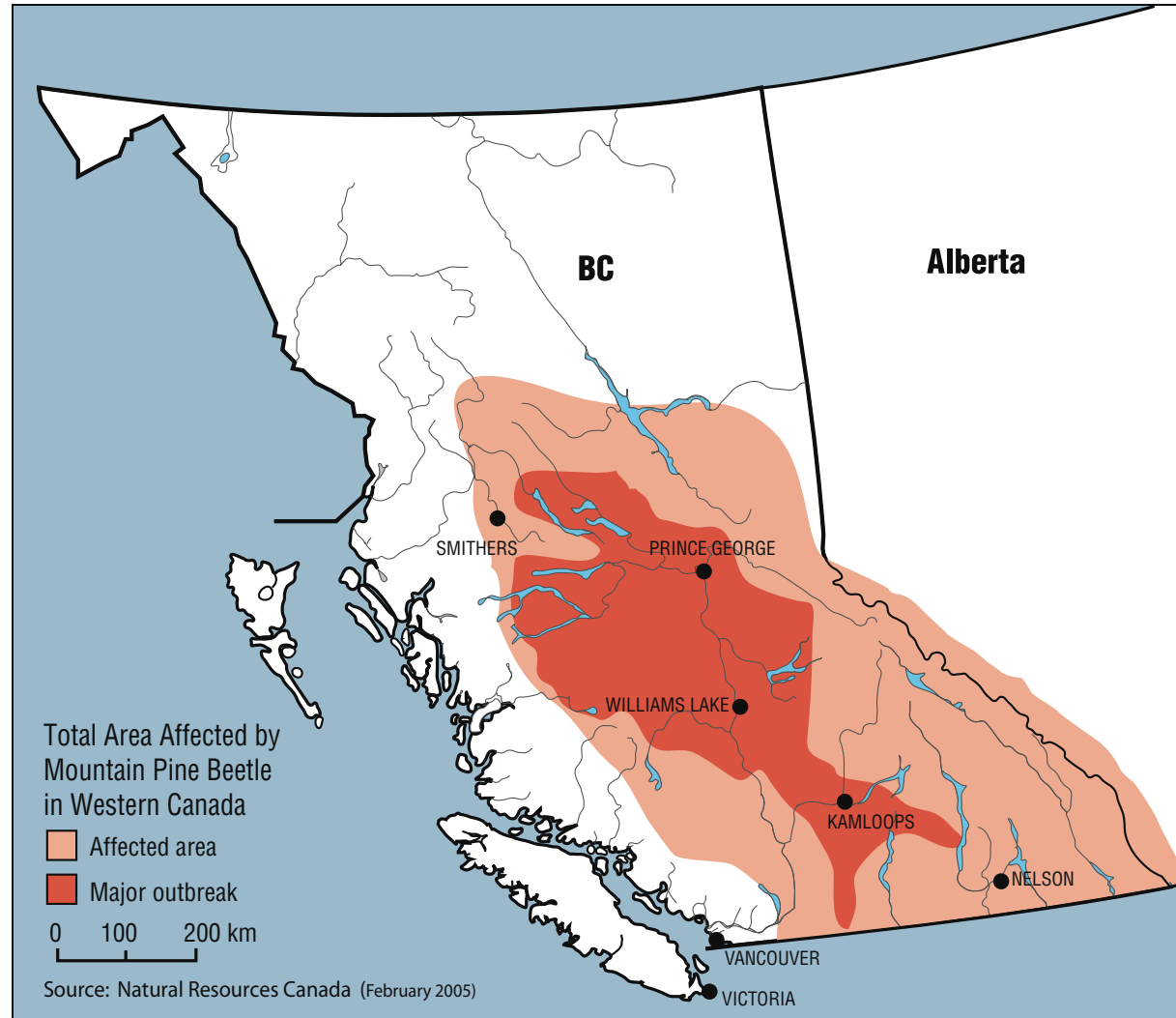
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The total area affected by mountain pine beetle has grown in recent years.



Forest health is a priority for many First Nations.

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