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WINTER DAMAGE IN SOUTHEASTERN PORTIONS OF PRINCE GEORGE FOREST DISTRICT, MAY 1974

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Sporadic red belt damage among lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir stands was evident in May at the 4,000 foot level from McBride to Mount Robson Park on the southwest side of the Park Ranges and Rainbow Range of the Rocky Mountains. Further damage was evident from Valemount to Hugh Allan Creek in the Canoe River Valley on the southwest side of the Selwyn Range and in the Slim Creek Valley, east of the Bowron River also at approximately 4,000 feet elevation. Many of the reddened stands are on steep southerly aspects and often on the top edges of rock precipices.

Winter damage to a large area of trembling aspen in the vicinity of Mount Teare, near McBride, caused death of most of the new buds and twigs. So far no additional new foliage has flushed as was observed following similar winter damage in 1971.