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## DOUGLAS-FIR BEETLE IN THE CARIBOO FOREST DISTRICT, 1974.

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More than 7,000 beetle-killed Douglas-fir trees were counted during aerial surveys of the Cariboo District in August 1974, compared to 1,700 in 1973.

Areas where significant numbers of 1973 beetle-killed trees were counted in 1974 were: along Fraser River - Meldrum and Buckskin creeks, 2,300 red-tops; Hawks - Soda creeks and Duckworth - McLeese lakes, 1,200; Williams Lake, San Jose River, Knife Creek, 1,300; Dog - Gaspard creeks, 1,100; Alexis Creek, 415. Scattered groups of 10-50 dead Douglas-fir trees were observed throughout the Cariboo and Chilcotin.

Douglas-fir beetle populations are expected to increase in 1975 with a corresponding increase in the number of trees killed.