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MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE IN THE CARIBOO FOREST DISTRICT, 1974.

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The number of trees killed by mountain pine beetle in the Cariboo District is on the increase. Nearly 10,000 dead lodgepole pine were counted during aerial surveys late in August 1974. The largest infestation, about 3,600 red-topped pine, is in the Klinaklini River Valley and extends southwest from One Eye Lake beyond the District boundary for an undetermined distance into the Vancouver Forest District.

Other areas of high concentrations of beetle-killed lodgepole pine were: Cariboo Lake, Little River, 2,600 red-tops; Bald Mountain (Riske Creek), 1,150; Tyee Lake, Granite Mountain, Cuisson Lake, 1,000; and east of Williams Lake to Likely small groups of dead trees totalling approximately 1,000.

Beetle populations are expected to increase and cause additional tree mortality in 1975.