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MITES ATTACK DOUGLAS-FIR TREES

NORTH OF KELOWNA

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The spruce spider mite, *Tetranychus ununguis*, has severely affected immature Douglas-fir trees in and around the recent infestations of Douglas-fir tussock moth, north of Kelowna. Mite feeding on the 1974 Douglas-fir needles has resulted in a brownish discoloration of the foliage in an area of about 2,000 acres from Winfield to Kelowna.

Also, the presence of mites on the 1975 foliage is expected to produce further discoloration within the next few weeks. This will first appear as a distinct reddish color.