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## MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE IN THE CARIBOO DISTRICT, 1975

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In the Cariboo Forest District, mountain pine beetle, *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, killed an estimated 122,000 lodgepole pine trees in 1974, comprising approximately 2,684,000 cubic feet of timber. This is a six-fold increase over the 1973 kill. A series of mild winters since 1969 have resulted in little overwintering mortality of the beetle, an important factor in the population build-up.

Main areas of damage are: Klinaklini River, Clearwater-One Eye lakes, 79,000 red-tops; Bald Mountain, Riske-Farwell creeks, 8,400; Cariboo Lake - Little River, 6,600; Dog-Canoe-Grinder creeks, 5,500; Bull Mountain, 5,000; Tyee-McLeese-Cuisson-Skelton-Marguerite lakes, 4,000; Jesmond-Kostering creeks, 4,000.

The beetle flight took place late in July; fall surveys will be conducted to determine the extent of the 1975 attack.