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ASPEN FOLIAGE BLIGHT

IN THE PRINCE GEORGE FOREST DISTRICT

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Aspen foliage blight, *Venturia macularis*, has been reported on trembling aspen, *Populus tremuloides*, in the Prince George District. Symptoms of this blight are leaf discoloration and foliage loss. Although the disease may completely defoliate the tree, it does not cause mortality.

The most severely infected area is northwest of Prince George from the Fraser River on the east, to Chief Lake on the west and the Salmon River on the north. Light infection occurs north to Summit Lake with small patches of moderate damage. Light discoloration is general west to Vanderhoof, with areas of moderate damage along the Nechako River. A few scattered patches occur along Highway 16 west and in the Chilako River Valley.