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LARCH CASEBEARER,  
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Larch casebearer, present in British Columbia since 1965, has again caused extensive browning and defoliation of western larch in the Nelson Forest Region. Areas affected include stands from Blewett to Thrums and Winlaw, the Fruitvale area, Fruitvale to Salmo, Arrow Creek to Creston, the Creston area, Creston north to Kootenay Bay and west along Summit Creek, Nelson to Balfour, Paulson to Christina Lake, Grand Forks to Greenwood, the Edgewood area, and from Kaslo to Lardeau.

The insect has now pupated and light feeding will occur again in late summer when the new larvae hatch, by which time the larch will have refoliated.

Despite the introduction of casebearer parasites, larch trees have been defoliated in some areas since 1966. However, no tree mortality has occurred. Biological control efforts will be continued in the Nelson Forest Region.