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**SYDNEY**

## Forest Tent Caterpillar Population Increase

in the

Prince George Forest Region

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As predicted, forest tent caterpillar, Malacosoma disstria, populations have increased dramatically in the Prince George area in 1989. Larvae are currently causing light to severe defoliation over a large area of trembling aspen and other deciduous hosts, including several locations throughout the City of Prince George and surrounding areas.

Locations where caterpillar populations have increased and where defoliation is severe include: the Cranbrook Hill area west of Prince George, and the western acres and Beverly areas along Highway 16 West; the Airport Hill and Western Pineview areas; Foreman and Shelley areas and throughout the Hart Highlands.

Populations are again active in the Ness, Nukko and Chief Lakes areas, and in the Salmon Valley where some of the severest defoliation is visible along Highway 97 north of the Salmon Valley. Trembling aspen forests are almost completely stripped of foliage and some migration of larvae across the highway is occurring in these areas.

The full extent of the outbreak will be determined later following aerial surveys of defoliated areas.

The Forestry Canada Forest Insect and Disease Survey will continue to monitor tent caterpillar populations and provide timely updates on the total area affected and predictions for 1990.

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