

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE—UPDATE #5



Beetle harvesting and water quality

The provincial Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules provides guidelines for Spray Lake Sawmills to follow in defining best management practices to ensure water quality is maintained during harvest operations.

Historical water quality monitoring conducted by Spray Lake Sawmills has shown no negative impact on water quality as a consequence of logging.

In BC, experience has shown large landscape levels of forest die-off as a consequence of the mountain pine beetle to result in significant increases in the water table and increase the possibility of surface flooding.

Currently proposed harvest levels by Spray Lake Sawmills have been modeled with the results showing a negligible effect on flow rates.



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