

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE—UPDATE #7



Beetle harvesting and wildlife habitat / archeological sites

As part of Spray Lake Sawmills forest management planning process wildlife habitat suitability modeling has been conducted to ensure appropriate levels of suitable habitat are maintained over time.

Aside from the habitat itself, access development can affect wildlife's use of an area. Access controls will therefore need to be considered as part of overall beetle harvest plan development. This is especially critical for such species as the grizzly bear.

Archeological assessments are routinely conducted through both a modeling exercise and a ground-level verification by certified archeologists. Sites that are deemed to be important are either avoided or mediation measures are employed to reduce potential impacts.



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