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## Mountain Pine Beetle

Mountain pine beetles (MPB) are attacking the province's pine trees. Left unmanaged, MPB could devastate Alberta's pine forests and spread eastward across Canada's boreal region.

The MPB (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) is about the size of a grain of rice and is the most destructive pest of mature pine forests in North America.

Conditions in this region are favourable for MPB populations to increase. The Bow Valley is a Leading Edge Zone where MPB control is the highest priority for reducing their expansion into the Eastern slopes and boreal forest.

The Province of Alberta manages populations by locating infested trees and burning them on site to kill the MPB living under the bark. You will notice pink, red, orange and yellow Pest Management Zone flagging, as well as trail signs in the forest associated with the MPB program.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.alberta.ca/mountain-pine-beetle-in-alberta.aspx>

<https://forestpestdiagnostic.alberta.ca/>



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