



BCTS
BC Timber Sales



Spruce Beetle Management

The spruce beetle outbreak in the Omineca Region started in 2013 and has impacted areas of BC Timber Sales' Prince George and Mackenzie operations.

As of 2017, approximately 341,000 hectares in the region have been affected, with beetle infestations predominantly located in the Prince George and Mackenzie timber supply areas.

Government continues to closely monitor the situation to minimize any impacts on timber supply, the forest industry and forestry jobs. This includes working with forest licensees and other stakeholders to identify affected areas, evaluate population control methods and determine the most effective ways to limit the outbreak.

- [Learn more about the Omineca spruce beetle outbreak](#)

BCTS is working and collaborating with major licensees on the Omineca spruce beetle working group. The working group's spruce beetle management action plans are updated on an annual basis to reflect current infestation levels and the best science available. BCTS specific management strategies include:

- Focusing on the highest spruce beetle impacted stands
- Working collaboratively with First Nations tenured interests
- Addressing stewardship issues and maximizing economic recovery by emphasizing the quick removal of spruce beetle infested timber

For questions and comments, please email Forests.PrinceGeorgeTimberSalesOffice@gov.bc.ca

Resources

- [Prince George Spruce Beetle Action Plan Maps \(PDF, 11 MB\)](#)
- [Mackenzie Spruce Beetle Action Plan Map \(PDF, 16.3 MB\)](#)
- [BC Timber Sales Schedules](#)