
FACTSHEET

Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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Funding to limit Impacts of mountain pine beetle

- Since 2001, British Columbia has committed \$917 million to battle the beetle and mitigating future impacts.
- Government of Canada has committed \$340 million since 2002 and made a commitment for an additional \$800 million.

Provincial Funding Breakdown – \$917 million

- \$185 million for the Northern Development Initiative Trust to help northern economic diversification communities diversify their economies. To date this has been invested in 1,253 projects and has been leveraged with other funding to bring a total of \$1.15 billion in total funds over the past eight years.
 - Pine-beetle impacted communities also have access to an additional \$30 million account that to date has provided \$21 million to 179 projects – creating 5,586 new jobs.
- \$50 million for the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust to help communities create new opportunities for economic growth.
- Since 2005, spent \$269million on Forests for Tomorrow for reforestation activities that will ensure long-term timber supply.
- \$121 million to mitigating the impacts of increased logging on roads:
 - \$90 million for rehabilitating highways.
 - \$21 million for maintaining and upgrading forest service roads.
 - \$10 million for rural municipalities to restore roads.
- \$25 million for Geoscience BC to explore central Interior mineral potential.
- \$58 million for research, fire mitigation and administrative funding.
- \$129 million for spread control and fertilizer plants since 2001.
- \$71 million for energy development and infrastructure in beetle communities.
- \$9 million to the three Beetle Action Coalitions for mountain pine beetle mitigation (March 2011).

Federal Funding Breakdown -- \$340 million

- \$200 million for a Mountain Pine Beetle Program (announced in 2007) with forestry and economic diversification components.
 - \$100 million for spread control, wildfire protection, and value recovery.
 - \$100 million for supporting economic growth and job creation, and transportation infrastructure improvements.
- \$100 million transferred from the federal government to the Province in 2005/06 for investment in a number of priority areas, including:
 - \$22.5 million to pine beetle spread control along the B.C.-Alberta border.
 - \$14.1 million to UBCM to protect communities from wildfires. Funding to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
 - \$12.5 million to First Nations for community diversification and stability. Funding to the B.C. First Nations Forestry Council.
 - \$7.8 million to the Cariboo-Chilcotin, Omineca and Southern Interior regional Beetle Action Coalitions for community diversification.
 - \$5.5 to researching and developing new product uses for beetle-wood.
 - \$2.1 million to protect First Nations communities from wildfires. Funding to the First

Nations Emergency Services Society.

- \$40 million (2002) for research, remediation of federal and private forestlands.

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