

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TREAT: PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN #2022-2027 AND CONFIRMATION #402-0685-22-27

The Ministry of Forests, Thompson Okanagan Region, is planning to aerially treat up to 25,000 hectares of Douglas-fir forest to reduce damage caused by the western spruce budworm (*Choristoneura freemani*).

The biological insecticide Foray 48B (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*) will be applied by rotary-wing aircraft (315B Lama and Hiller UH12ET helicopters) once on each site at 2.4 litres/ha from approximately June 5 to July 5, 2024, depending on weather conditions.

The proposed treatment sites are located within the Kamloops and Merritt Timber Supply Areas (TSA).

Kamloops TSA proposed treatment sites:

- Cultus-Stinking Lake
- McLean Lake
- Hat Creek
- Anderson Creek

Merritt TSA proposed treatment sites:

- Swakum Mountain
- Kentucky-Bluey Lakes area
- Loon Lake
- Mamit Lake

All sites proposed for treatment are covered by the Southern Interior Area Forest Health Program Pest Management Plan #2022-2027 confirmation #402-0685-22-27.

The Pest Management Plan and maps of proposed treatment areas may be viewed at: Ministry of Forests, Thompson Okanagan Region, Forest Health, 441 Columbia Street, Kamloops, B.C., V2C 2T3

Anyone wishing to contribute information about the proposed treatment sites may send comments to the address above until Thursday, April 25, 2024.



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