

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TREAT: PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN- SOUTH COAST REGION 2025-2030

The Ministry of Forests, South Coast Region, is planning to aerially treat up to 20,000 hectares of Crown forests to reduce populations of the Western spruce budworm moth (*Choristoneura occidentalis*). The biological insecticide Foray 48B containing the bacteria *B.t.k.* (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*) will be applied by helicopter once at each site on or about June 1st to July 1st, 2026, depending on weather conditions and insect development. Proposed treatment areas were selected based on severity of Western spruce budworm defoliation, Douglas-fir leading stand types, and proper access in for weather monitoring and biological sampling during before, during, and after spray operations.

The proposed treatment sites are located within the Chilliwack and Sea to Sky Natural Resource Districts.

Chilliwack District (Fraser Timber Supply Areas):

- Mt. Mercer, Ford Mtn., Mt. Hansen, Mt. Hope, and Silver Lake areas south of Hope
- Eight Mile Creek, Peers Creek, and Dewdney Creek FSRs east of Hope
- Emory and Garnet Creek areas and East Harrison Lake areas northwest of Hope
- Anderson River, East Anderson River, Bighorn Peak north of Hope
- Sunshine Valley areas south of Hope towards Manning Park

Sea to Sky District (Soo Timber Supply Areas):

- Brandywine and Callaghan valleys southwest of Whistler
- Whistler-Cheakamus areas west of Whistler
- Soo and Rutherford valleys north of Whistler
- Twin and Lizzie creek areas southeast of Pemberton

All sites proposed for treatment are covered by the South Coast Pest Management Plan 2025-2030 (PMP). The PMP and maps of the proposed treatment areas may be viewed online at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/forest-health/news>

or in person at one of the following Ministry of Forests Natural Resource District locations:

46360 Airport Rd, Chilliwack BC. V2P 1A5 or
101-42000 Loggers Lane, Squamish BC V8B 0H3

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