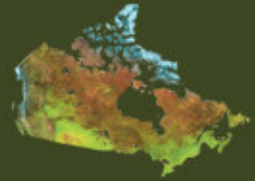




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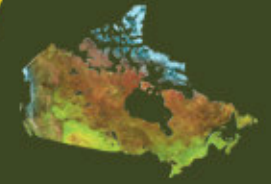


Federal Mountain Pine Beetle Program Community Wildfire Protection Element



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Overview



Mountain Pine Beetle Program (MPBP)

- Announced by the Minister of Natural Resources Canada on January 12, 2007

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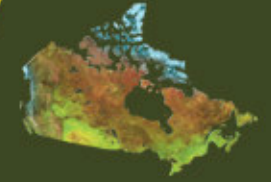


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MPBP Objectives



- To slow the spread of the MPB infestation, particularly its eastern progression
- To assess impacts and develop options for value recovery from MPB wood
- To mitigate post-beetle impacts on community health and safety and on forest resource sustainability

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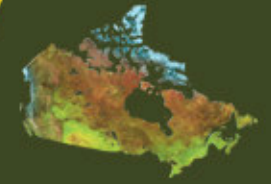


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Community Wildfire Protection Element



- To provide assistance and support to local governments to improve community safety and reduce the risk of property damage by removing beetle killed timber and creating fire breaks in pine forests within or immediately adjacent to municipal boundaries

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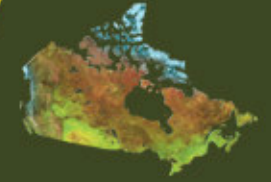


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Program Assistance



- Preparation of **Community Wildfire Protection Plans**
- Development of fuel management prescriptions
- Implementation of operational fuel management treatments

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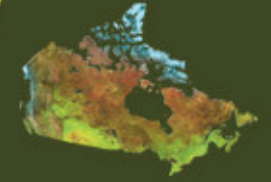


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Eligible Proponents



- Local governments (municipalities / regional districts)
 - City of Kamloops
 - Town of Penticton
 - Village of Clinton
 - Regional District of Bulkley - Nechako

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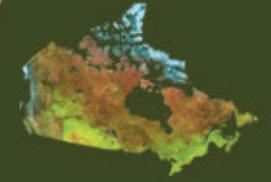


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Eligible Activities



- Directly address human safety and property at risk as a result of the MPB infestation
- Be acceptable to a forestry professional in terms of hazard management planning
- Be consistent with existing provincial and federal strategies for fire management
- Comply with environmental requirements

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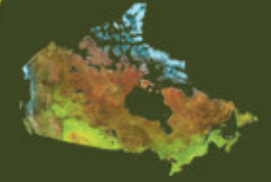


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Ineligible Activities



- General administration costs
- Local fire department training
- Development of emergency plans or related activities
- Publication reviews or research
- Road and bridge construction or repair
- Sanitation or salvage logging

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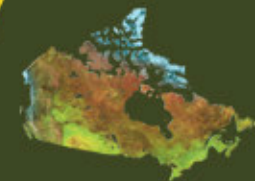


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Funding



- Program complements UBCM program
- Up to \$100,000 per community is available per Fiscal Year
- Up to \$ 1.5 million of program funding is available in 2008/2009

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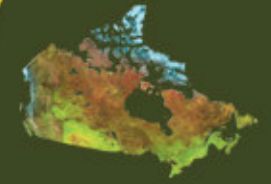


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Eligible Treatments



Planning

- Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Wildfire risk assessments / surveys
- Site treatment prescriptions
- Block layout
- Mapping

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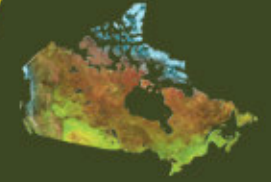


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Eligible Treatments



Forest fuel reduction and removal

- Felling and removal of dead / dying trees
- Creation of fire breaks
- Removal of slash/debris
- Prescribed fire

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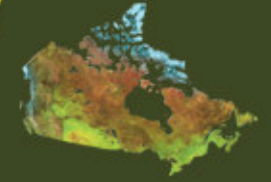


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Eligible Treatments



Stand management treatments

- Stand thinning to reduce crown cover
- Stand pruning to remove live branches
- Removal of understory
- Removal of slash/debris

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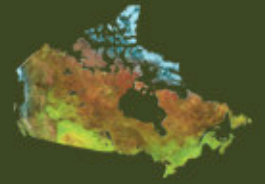


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Removal of slash/debris



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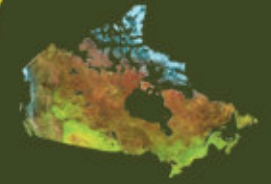


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Implementation



- Supervision, site inspections, coordination of contractors, and project monitoring
- If community has qualified staff they may complete implementation in-house
- May hire a forest professional

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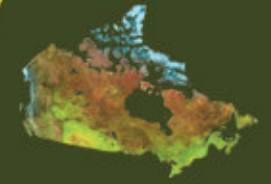


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Communications



- Notification of proposed and active project activities to inform the public of proposed and active activities that may temporarily affect the use of the municipal government lands that have been affected by the MPB

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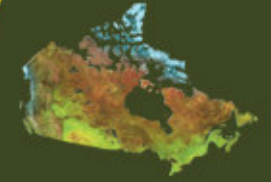


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Administration



- Project coordination and implementation
- Maintenance of government accounting, contracting and financial management standards
- MPBP financial and information reports

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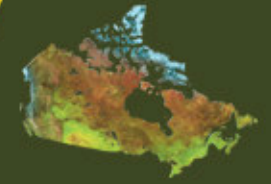


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Application Process



- Proponent to complete the Application Form
- Applications accepted on a continuous basis
- Application guidelines and forms available at

http://mpb.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/protect/community/wildfire_e.html

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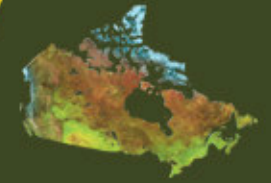


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Contribution Agreement



- Developed from the Application in collaboration with proponent
- Specifies terms, conditions, budget, and reporting requirements
- Signed by both proponent and NRCAN

Work will not begin until a signed Contribution Agreement is in place.

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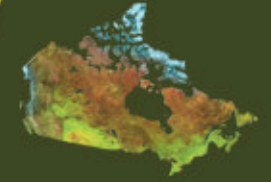


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Reporting Requirements



- A financial report that demonstrates how the contribution funds were spent in accordance with eligible costs.
- An information report that demonstrates that the tasks and outputs were completed in accordance with the approved Contribution Agreement.

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UBCM Strategic Wildfire Initiatives

Funding provided by the Ministry of
Forests and Range, Province of
BC

Community Wildfire Protection Plans

- A pre-requisite for funding when considering a fuel reduction project through UBCM and NRCAN programming
- Unlike the NRCAN program, UBCM funding for CWPP's is not tied to MPB infestation

CWPP's for MPB areas

- UBCM funds 50% of the cost of the plan
- MPBP funds 25% of the cost of the plan.
- Using both sources of funding, community contribution is 25% of the cost of the plan.
- Community contribution can be “in-kind”.



Moving from CWPP to operational treatments

- An approved **CWPP** will identify the potential treatment areas
- When a project is proposed for an MPB area covering both local government and provincial Crown lands, the local government contribution can be greatly reduced by applying to both programs

Private Lands

Municipal Lands

**Treatment
Area**

Provincial Crown Lands

Operational Fuel Management in MPB stands

- UBCM funding: Up to 75% of the total project cost on local government and/or provincial Crown land.
- NRCAN funding: Up to 100% of the cost of the portion on local government land to a maximum of \$100,000.

To maximize grant effectiveness

- Apply for MPBP funding to do eligible work on lands of local government jurisdiction
- Apply for UBCM funding to do eligible work that extends to provincial Crown lands
- Use the MPBP funded work to leverage funds from the UBCM program

How to apply

- Application forms are available on the UBCM website at www.civicnet.bc.ca
- Applications should be submitted electronically to lgps@civicnet.bc.ca
- Further information on fuel management is available on line at <http://ground.hpr.for.gov.bc.ca>
- This site will again be available for on-line submissions once system enhancements are complete

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