



June 27, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: The Impact of Mountain Pine Beetle on Communities

You are invited to attend a very important information and networking one-day conference on the Mountain Pine Beetle to be held at the Grande Prairie Inn, Grande Prairie, Alberta on Tuesday, July 24, 2007.

The Mountain Pine Beetle infestation has the potential of being severely destructive to Alberta's forests and to the industries and communities that rely on them. To help prepare for and mitigate this threat, Grande Alberta Economic Region (GAER), Community Futures (CF), and the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) have partnered to bring together this conference, which will focus on the impact of mountain pine beetle on our communities.

The conference will provide current and authoritative information relevant to communities. It is critical that communities, industry, service providers, citizens and government begin now to network and address the impact of this infestation. Synergies must be developed to assist communities in dealing with the impacts, alternatives and opportunities of the infestation.

Attached is further information and a registration form. For more information, please contact Tracy Goy at (780) 624-6275 (for toll free access first dial 310-0000). **RSVP by July 18, 2007.**

We urge you to either attend or send a designate to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Glenn Taylor
Chair,
Grande Alberta Economic Region

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Dan Dibbelt
Executive Director,
Northern Alberta Development Council

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Mountain Pine Beetle

...Understanding the social, environmental and economic impacts and planning for a post pine beetle future...

Grande Prairie Inn, Grande Prairie, Alberta

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Please join us at this one-day information and networking conference to discuss the social, environmental and economic impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB).

Why it's beneficial?

The purpose of this one-day conference is to provide current and authoritative information relevant to our communities. It is critical that communities, industry, service providers, citizens and government begin now to network and address the impact of this infestation. Synergies must be developed to assist communities in dealing with the impacts, alternatives and opportunities of the infestation.

Who will be there? Invited Speakers include:

Dr. Allan Carrol, Research Scientist, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada
– Topic: The science of the MPB and the effects it is having on the forests

Donna Barnett, Mayor 100 Mile House and Chair of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition - Topic: What can Alberta communities learn from the BC experience?

There will also be two panel discussions on the following topics:

- Exploring the Realities, the Opportunities and the Alternatives – Meeting the challenge of the MPB
- The social consequences of the MPB: Communities Building Sustainability

RSVP by July 18 2007, or for more information:

The Northern Alberta Development Council

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Immediately Following the Mountain Pine Beetle Conference...

Foothills Model Forest Forum Forest Research Affecting Forest Based Communities

**Grande Prairie Inn
July 24, 2007
3:45-5:45**

What you can expect to hear about:

- Welcome and Introduction – Mayor Glenn Taylor
A Sustainable Forest Research program serving Resource-based Communities
- The Foothills Model Forest Overview – General Manager Don Podlubny
*15 Years of Research on Sustainable Forests and Communities
New Directions in Wildfire Research and Mountain Pine Beetle*
- Socio- Economic Research Program – Bill White
*Economics Research – It's not just about Money
Social Science and Sociology of Resources and Communities
Future Directions*
- Water and Watershed Research – Rich McCleary
*Watershed Research and Partnerships
A Community-based Stream Rehabilitation Project
Future Directions*
- Aboriginal Program – Brad Young
*Building relationships and consultative capacity with Aboriginal Communities;
Development of a one-window referral process:
A new and successful approach*

Refreshments to follow. Hope to see you there.



REGISTRATION

Mountain Pine Beetle Information and Networking Conference

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Grande Prairie Inn & Conference Centre (11633 Clairmont Road)

Seminar Purpose

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Registration Information (Please Print)

Organization: _____

Mail Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

***No Cost to Register ~ Register By July 18th ***

Choose one of the following ways to register with Northern Alberta Development Council:

- Mail to N.A.D.C. 9621 -96 Avenue, Bag 900-14 Peace River, AB T8S 1T4
- Fax to (780) 624-6184
- Email to tracy.goy@gov.ab.ca

Please indicate if you will be attending the Foothills Model Forest Forum

Yes No

Accommodations: A limited number of rooms are available at a conference rate until July 20, 2007. Call 1-800-661-6529 and indicate you are a Mountain Pine Beetle conference delegate to reserve a room at the hotel.