



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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