

# **MITIGATING TREE MORTALITY FROM MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLES May 16, 2026**

## **Black Forest Fire District Mitigation Town Hall Meeting More Information**

### **CANADA**

**Canadian Documentary – 40 minutes of WOW BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan**  
*The Beetles are Coming* – 2013 Canada <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24zxOYwhAys>  
[www.resources.canada.ca/forests-forestry/insects-disturbances/mountain-pine-beetle-factsheet](http://www.resources.canada.ca/forests-forestry/insects-disturbances/mountain-pine-beetle-factsheet)

### **COLORADO**

#### **Colorado State Forest Service:**

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/common-forest-insects-diseases/mountain-pine-beetle/>

#### **2025 Colorado Forest Health Report**

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/forest-health-report-2025/mountain-pine-beetle/>

#### **Colorado Department of Natural Resources**

#### **Ponderosa Front Range Mountain Pine Beetle Task Force**

<https://dnr.colorado.gov/ponderosa-mountain-pine-beetle-task-force>

#### **USDA Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station - Fort Collins**

*Mountain Pine Beetles: A Century of Knowledge, Control Attempts, and Impacts Central to the Black Hills* General Technical Report 353 2016 (Ponderosa)

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/rm/pubs/rmrs\\_gtr353.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr353.pdf)

1982 *Lory State Park 1965-1978 Outbreak Study* (Ponderosa)

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/rm/pubs\\_rm/rm\\_rp235.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/rm/pubs_rm/rm_rp235.pdf)

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA – Black Hills and Mountain Pine Beetle (Ponderosa)**

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Forestry/ForestHealth/MountainPineBeetle/default.aspx>

#### **2017 Review of Collaborative Strategy**

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/%27Black%20Hills%20Regional%20Mountain%20Bark%20Beetle%20Strategy%27%20of%20%20%27Common%20References%20%27.pdf>

#### **OTHER COUNTIES in Colorado, and Castle Rock**

<https://www.jeffco.us/2738/Mountain-Pine-Beetle>

<https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/mountain-pine-beetle-faqs>

<https://www.crgov.com/3913/Mountain-Pine-Beetle>

**VERBENONE pheromone beetle repellent** [www.semiochemical.com](http://www.semiochemical.com)

**RECENT BOOK** Hulcr, J and March Abrahams. 2022. *The Surprising Lives of Bark Beetles: Mighty Foresters of the Insect World*. University of Florida press. 102 pp

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The 2025 Forest Health Report is now available.

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/forest-health-report-2025/>

The reports you reference are in support of the Forest Health Report.

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forestry/science/>

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*from JVA – The second link is direct to the three Science and Databytes special reports within the 2025 Colorado Forest Health Report focused on:*

- 1. 2025 Aerial Detection Survey (ADS) and 2026 implications,*
- 2. effects on wildfire risk and behavior, and*
- 3. use of Verbenone for individual tree protection based on CSFS past experience and experiments.*