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Funding to Limit Impacts of Mountain Pine Beetle

- Since 2001, British Columbia has committed \$884 million to battle the beetle and mitigating future impacts.
- Government of Canada has committed \$340 million since 2002 and made a commitment for an additional \$800 million.

Provincial Funding Breakdown – \$884 million

- \$185 million for the Northern Development Initiative Trust to help northern economic diversification communities diversify their economies -- \$30 million specifically for beetle mitigation.
 - To date, \$32.9 million of this fund has gone to 101 projects, leveraging \$205.5 million in total funds.
- \$50 million for the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust to help communities create new opportunities for economic growth.
- Since 2005, spent \$236 million on Forests for Tomorrow for reforestation activities that will ensure long-term timber supply.
- \$121 million to mitigating the impacts of increased logging on roads:
 - \$90 million for rehabilitating highways.
 - \$21 million for maintaining and upgrading forest service roads.
 - \$10 million for rural municipalities to restore roads.
- \$25 million for Geoscience BC to explore central Interior mineral potential.
- \$58 million for research, fire mitigation and administrative funding.
- \$129 million for spread control and fertilizer plants since 2001.
- \$71 million for energy development and infrastructure in beetle communities.
- \$9 million to the three Beetle Action Coalitions for mountain pine beetle mitigation (March 2011).

Federal Funding Breakdown -- \$340 million

- \$200 million for a Mountain Pine Beetle Program (announced in 2007) with forestry and economic diversification components.
 - \$100 million for spread control, wildfire protection, and value recovery.
 - \$100 million for supporting economic growth and job creation, and transportation infrastructure improvements.
- \$100 million transferred from the federal government to the Province in 2005/06 for investment in a number of priority areas, including:
 - \$22.5 million to pine beetle spread control along the B.C.-Alberta border.
 - \$14.1 million to UBCM to protect communities from wildfires. Funding to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
 - \$12.5 million to First Nations for community diversification and stability. Funding to the B.C. First Nations Forestry Council.
 - \$7.8 million to the Cariboo-Chilcotin, Omineca and Southern Interior regional Beetle Action Coalitions for community diversification.
 - \$5.5 to researching and developing new product uses for beetle-wood.
 - \$2.1 million to protect First Nations communities from wildfires. Funding to the First Nations Emergency Services Society.
- \$40 million (2002) for research, remediation of federal and private forestlands.