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Funding available to landowners for spruce beetle management

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska landowners battling infestations of spruce beetles and northern spruce engraver beetles can now apply for grants to help them manage outbreaks on their properties.

The Alaska Division of Forestry's Forest Health Program has cost-share funding available for private and non-federal governmental landowners through the Western Bark Beetle Initiative (WBBi). This program, funded by the U.S. Forest Service, can be used for bark beetle prevention, suppression or restoration projects statewide.

The WBBi funding is available at two levels: One for large non-federal landowners who own 500 or more acres and/or Alaska Native corporations, tribal entities, and local or state governments; and one for individual private landowners who own five or more acres. A landowner must own at least five acres to be eligible for this funding and the funding cannot be used exclusively for the removal of hazard trees.

Project proposals are currently being accepted through April 16 for large acreage landowners (500-plus acres) and it is a competitive grant process. The application period for individual private landowners (five or more acres) begins April 1, and funding for eligible projects will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit <http://forestry.alaska.gov/insects/grants> for detailed program information and application materials.

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