



## **Mountain Pine Beetles**

The Mountain Pine Beetle is present on Pitkin County's public and private lands. Lodgepole, Scotch and ponderosa pines at least 6" dbh (diameter-at-breast-height) are the preferred targets of these beetles, particularly where the trees are stressed or otherwise in poor health.

A great deal of information is available online to help property owners identify signs of beetle infestation and evaluate management options:

- **For General Information on the Mountain Pine Beetle – Including Signs of Infestation and Management Options:**

[CSU Extension Service – Fact Sheet on the Mountain Pine Beetle](#)

[U.S. Forest Service Insect & Disease Leaflet on the Mountain Pine Beetle](#)

[U.S. Forest Service – Forest Health Mgt., Rocky Mountain Region](#)

[Colorado State Forest Service – Mountain Pine Beetle Information](#)

[Colorado High Country Forest Health Task Force Information](#)

- **Information on Verbenone Pheromone Treatment:**

[Verbenone Website \(Dataweb, Inc.\)](#)

- **Information on Preventative Spraying:**

[Colorado State Forest Service Fact Sheet on Preventative Spraying](#)

[CDPHE – Pesticides - What Homeowners Should Know for Health Protection](#)

- **Information on Biological Control:**

[Mountain Pine Beetle Biological Control](#)

- **Information on Seedling Tree Purchases from the Colorado State Forest Service:**

[Buying Trees - Colorado State Forest Service - Colorado State University](#)