



Aerial War Waged on Blister Rust

By 1980 the U.S. Forest Service expects to begin seeding the Northern Region's beautiful forests with blister rust-resistant white pine. But, until then, helicopters carry forward the fight against the fungus, which attacks and destroys white pine. This helicopter is spraying antibiotic solution over Beaver Creek in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. By the end of June three

helicopters from Johnson's Flying Service at Missoula will have applied the solution to 15,000 acres in the Wallace, Kingston and Fernan Districts. Foresters say antibiotics are neither herbicides nor insecticides and have been used on 400,000 acres of forests without harmful effects to animals, fish, vegetation, insects or humans. The antibiotics are similar to those used on humans.

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