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PLANT PATHOLOGY

Mistletoe Choking Forests

► THERE is a strangler loose in the nation's forests that is choking trees to death. The fatal grip is a toe-hold—a mistletoehold.

Dwarf mistletoe is a tree parasite that is causing forest pathologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture grave concern. In Grand Canyon National Park and in Kaibab National Forest, foresters report that the tiny mistletoe plant has invaded on a serious scale.

There is danger that the vast acreage of government and private pine forests in the West may be destroyed by the mistletoe, which kills the host trees by slow strangulation, or reduces the value of cull timber by producing scrawny trees.

The leafless little killer has one characteristic which may be its undoing, the scientists think. Dwarf mistletoe spreads its seeds by an explosion of the seed sack. Seed travels as much as 60 feet, usually to stick onto another tree. The new host then is saddled with the unwanted parasite.

Using this knowledge, foresters are now systematically hunting down areas of mistletoe infestation, and clearing out any mistletoe found in a 60-foot wide circle around the suspected area.

They think that by repeating this me-

thodical cleanup two or three times at two-year intervals, they can break the strangling mistletoehold.

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