



AMERICAN FORESTS' 2008 TREE-PLANTING PROJECTS

For the 19th consecutive year, AMERICAN FORESTS (www.americanforests.org) is planting native trees in ecosystem restoration projects across the United States and around the world. In 2008, trees will be planted in the following domestic and international projects in cooperation with numerous local and national organizations. Several projects are still to be determined.

Name: Cape Chiniak Reforestation Effort - Global ReLeaf General

State: AK

Organization: Leisnoi Inc. and the Forest and Land Management Inc.

Summary: The Cape Chiniak Reforestation Effort will restore 2,600 acres of timber lands that were removed in the mid-90s. The area has very little natural regeneration. With help from American Forests and a NRCS EQIP contract this is the second year of a five year project. Each year 500 acres are being planted with 125,000 sitka spruce seedlings.

Name: R-C Reforestation - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: AZ

Organization: Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

Summary: In order to restore areas damaged by the Rodeo-Chediski Fire, in 2008 the Forest Service will plant 56,000 ponderosa pines in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. The trees planted will reestablish habitat for the northern goshawk and will be visible from State Highway 260.

Name: Warm Fire Restoration - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: AZ

Organization: Kaibab National Forest

Summary: A lightning strike in 2006 started the Warm Fire, which burned over 39,000 acres. American Forests' partners, Kaibab National Forest, will plant ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir over 1,600 acres to reestablish native conifers and create a seed source for natural regeneration. The conifers will also help establish habitat for the northern goshawk and its prey species.

Name: Bar Complex Planting - California Wildfire ReLeaf

State: CA

Organization: Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Summary: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest will plant 64,000 trees. The project will reforest areas burned along the Scenic Byway Highway 299 West that connects the Northern Sacramento Valley with California's Northwest Coast.

Name: Freds Fire Reforestation Project - California Wildfire ReLeaf

State: CA

Organization: Eldorado National Forest

Summary: The Eldorado National Forest will plant 15,000 trees to help reforest the South Fork of the American River Canyon that was burned in 2004 by the Freds Fire. It will replace and increase the habitat area for the California spotted owl.

Name: Grease Fire - California Wildfire ReLeaf

State: CA

Organization: Plumas National Forest

Summary: The Plumas National Forest will plant 21,000 trees after the Grease Fire. The planting of four conifer species will maintain diversity.

Name: McNally Reforestation - California Wildfire ReLeaf

State: CA

Organization: Sequoia National Forest

Summary: The Sequoia National Forest will plant 123,000 pines and true firs in the McNally fire area because the trees have not naturally regenerated. This project will be beneficial to wildlife including sensitive species like fisher.

Name: Power Fire Reforestation Project - California Wildfire ReLeaf

State: CA

Organization: Eldorado National Forest

Summary: In 2004 the Power fire burned through the North Fork of the Mokelumne River Drainage that was home to nine spotted owl protected activity centers, two northern goshawk protected activity centers, and riparian areas adjacent to perennial and seasonal streams. The Eldorado National Forest, with support from American Forests, will plant 37,000 trees to help reforest the burned area.

Name: Hal Scott Longleaf Pine Planting Project - Global ReLeaf General

State: FL

Organization: St. Johns River Water Management District

Summary: The St. Johns River Water Management District will increase the longleaf pine trees on the Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park, which is located east of Orlando, in Orange County. The project area was logged prior to the District ownership and the reforestation project will increase the pine density for the endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, there are nine family units and the property can support up to fifteen. It will also benefit the gopher tortoises, indigo snakes, Sherman's fox squirrels, bald eagles, wood storks, Audubon's crested caracara, Florida sandhill cranes and a total of 167 documented migratory birds. With the support of American Forests the St. Johns Water Management District will plant over 100,000 trees.

Name: The Glades Red Spruce Restoration II - Global ReLeaf General

State: MD

Organization: The Nature Conservancy, Maryland/DC Chapter

Summary: The Glades is a 600 acre property owned by TNC. It is the oldest and largest rainwater-fed, mountain peat bog in the eastern non-glaciated U.S. The area has been frequently logged and grazed reducing the forest cover and near-eradication of red spruce

adding to the regional decline of the red spruce. This is a continuation of a project the TNC did with American Forests in 1996 and 1998, which will create age diversity in the forested area. TNC staff and volunteers will help to hand plant the site. This is a designated critical conservation area in the Central Appalachian Forest and contains habitat for black bear, fisher and neotropical migrant birds along with threatened and endangered species like Bog copper, Alder flycatcher, Nashville warbler and Silver-bordered fritillary.

Name: Hughes Lake - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: MI

Organization: Huron-Manistee National Forest

Summary: The Huron-Manistee National Forest will plant 180,000 red pine seedlings in an area that was burned by the 2006 Hughes Lake Fire and is Kirtland's Warbler habitat.

Name: Gunflint Corridor Windstorm and Ham Lake Fire Reforestation - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: MN

Organization: Superior National Forest

Summary: The Gunflint corridor is a State of Minnesota scenic byway that bisects the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The highway is historic because it follows Native American Footpaths that are centuries old and now serves a significant portion of Cook County residents and businesses. Not only was there a windstorm in 1999 that caused a 1000 square mile blowdown but also the Ham Lake Fire in 2007 burned the area increasing the mortality rate. The Superior National Forest is partnering with American Forests to plant over 180,000 trees.

Name: Lake County Forestry Long Lived Conifer Restoration - Global ReLeaf General

State: MN

Organization: The Nature Conservancy

Summary: The Nature Conservancy is initiating forest ecosystem restoration on county managed forestland, the Clair Nelson Memorial Forest that is protected from parcelization and fragmentation by a conservation easement. With the support of American Forests, TNC will plant 42,000 long lived conifers on approximately 60 acres that were degraded by past management and insect outbreaks.

Name: Replant South Mississippi Partnership - Global ReLeaf General

State: MS

Organization: Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain

Summary: The Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain and the Sun Herald newspaper formed the Replant South Mississippi Partnership with support from the Home Depot Foundation and the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Their goal is to replace the estimated 300,000 trees lost due to Hurricane Katrina. The American Forests CityGreen software estimates an approximate loss of 99,000 total forested acres in the six coastal counties that the Replant Partnership will assist in this project. The Replant Partnership developed a six county 'Greenprint' reforestation plan. The calculated net value of economic benefit for replacing the 300,000 lost trees over 40 years would be one billion dollars for Mississippi Coast residents and municipalities. The Replant Partnership has also developed a seed-to-seedling classroom education program.

Name: Kraft Springs Fire - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: MT

Organization: Custer National Forest

Summary: In 2002, the Kraft Springs fire burned 65,551 acres of the Custer National Forest. With the help of American Forests the Custer National Forest will plant over 400,000 seedlings to speed up the recovery of the forested habitat that would otherwise take many decades. This planting will help with elk habitat, mule deer habitat, whitetail deer habitat, goshawk habitat, forestland cover, watershed health, fire rehabilitation and carbon sequestration.

Name: Three Rivers Planting - Global ReLeaf General

State: MT

Organization: Kootenai National Forest

Summary: The Kootenai National Forest in partnership with American Forests will plant approximately 52,000 trees. The planting of native species will contribute to species diversity, watershed recovery and improved wildlife habitat.

Name: Greater Santa Clara Pueblo Reforestation Project - Global ReLeaf General

State: NM

Organization: Pueblo of Santa Clara

Summary: The Pueblo of Santa Clara will plant 68,000 trees across a diverse landscape of Santa Clara-owned lands, located in the Jemez Mountains of northern New Mexico near the towns of Española and Los Alamos. The forests of Santa Clara have been damaged by two wildfires, insect and disease activity and many human caused disturbances. With the support of American Forests, the Pueblos of Santa Clara will work with Ohkay Owingeh (Indian Tribe), the Forest Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, La Calandria, the New Mexico Environmental Department and the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

Name: The Power of Trees - Global ReLeaf General

State: OK

Organization: Wheatland Resource Conservation & Development

Summary: The Power of Trees is a tree grow-out program established in 2002 at the William S Key Correctional Center in partnership with the Wheatland RC&D. Seedlings are planted and nurtured by the inmates for three years then transplanted by towns, cities and schools on public properties to create aesthetically pleasing landscapes and to replace trees lost due to weather, invasive insects and disease. With help from American Forests the RC&D will plant 15,000 and make this a state wide program.

Name: Biscuit Fire Recovery, Hobson Reforestation - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: OR

Organization: Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest

Summary: In 2008 the Forest Service will plant 33,000 trees in the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest. These trees will replace those that were burned in the Biscuit Fire.

Name: Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration of the Big Thicket, Southeast Texas -
Global ReLeaf General

State: TX

Organization: The Nature Conservancy, Texas Chapter

Summary: The Nature Conservancy's Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary and the Big Thicket National Preserve are identified by American Bird Conservancy as Globally Important Birding Areas. The area is home to the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, which nests in old longleaf pines. It is also home to the endangered Texas trailing phlox. The project will address the need for restoration and management of longleaf pine forests at the western extent of this system's historic range by planting 69,000 longleaf pines.

Name: TreeUtah - Global ReLeaf General

State: UT

Organization: TreeUtah

Summary: Thousands of volunteers have planted more than 40,000 trees along the Jordan River corridor to restore and preserve migratory bird habitat. This year American Forests will partner with TreeUtah to plant another 7,520 native seedlings.

Name: 2004 Spruce Decline Project II - Wildfire ReLeaf

State: WI

Organization: Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Summary: The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, in partnership with American Forests, will plant 130,000 Jack pine seedlings. The spruce grouse habitat area was deforested due to complex insect, disease and weather related factors. Jack pine is a short needled conifer that the spruce grouse depends on for feeding and nesting cover.

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Name: Reforestation Pilot Project - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Armenia

Organization: Armenian Forests

Summary: The Sevan National Park is the biggest National Park of Armenia. The greatest loss of Armenian forests happened during the energy crisis in 1991-94 but forest loss continues and if the cutting continues at the same rate the forests will be eradicated in 20 years. This project will reforest 24 acres with 100,000 trees.

Name: Reforestation of Kitiwum Village watershed - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Apiculture and Nature Conservation Organization (ANCO)

Summary: Apiculture and Nature Conservation Organization (ANCO) have been doing reforestation projects since 2004. ANCO is doubling the area of their reforestation efforts with this project. Reforestation will improve the water infiltration and increase the volume of water in the pipes that has dropped to less than half its 1980 size. This forest will be a community asset to be sustainably used for bee farming, medicines, and fuel

wood and building poles. The Kitiwum watershed will be planted with 50,000 local critically threatened and endangered plant species; twenty nursery attendants will be trained to care for the nursery and the transplanted trees.

Name: Plant Your Roots in Greece - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Greece

Organization: Plant Your Roots in Greece

Summary: Plant Your Roots in Greece has been planting trees in Greece for more than 10 years. With the help of American Forests, Plant Your Roots in Greece, will plant 80,000 trees on Taygetos Mountain and Ancient Olympia. Mount Taygetos, until recently had been one of the most significant ecosystems on planet earth, but the fires in 2007 has severely affected the ecosystem. Reforestation efforts in Ancient Olympia will take place in the area where the Olympic Flame begins its journey to the Olympics every four years. Maintenance critically important and Plant Your Roots in Greece works with local government units to provide this crucial aspect of the reforestation program.

Name: Trinidad Conservation Project - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Honduras

Organization: Sustainable Harvest International

Summary: Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) focuses on providing agricultural extension training to local families so that reforestation projects go hand in hand with other ways in which the environment can be conserved and the quality of life for families can be improved. The SHI will work with local citizens to reforest uplands and mountain areas of central Honduras. The local citizens will also help maintain the seedlings to insure high survival rates. The results of the reforestation will help restore and prevent future damage to the environment and nearby cities. Environmental stewardship depends on a change in attitude by students and their parents, so a goal of the project is to educate school students, their families, and the general population about improved and sustainable land-use practices.

Name: Supu Forest Reserve Restoration - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Malaysia

Organization: MESCOT-KOPEL

Summary: Over the last 30 years more than 90 percent of the Lower Kinabatangan catchment area has been converted to permanent agricultural crops, leaving a fragmented corridor of just over 40,000 ha of natural forest along the Kinabatangan River. Supu Forest Reserve, the Kinabatangan's largest single forest reserve, is one of the single largest remaining natural forest habitats for endangered species such as the orangutan, storms stork, Borneon bristlehead, and other rare endemic species such as the proboscis monkey and Borneon gibbon. It also has the largest remaining area of peat swamp forests in the Lower Kinabatangan. Despite this, it has suffered from illegal timber poaching and drought-induced fires. Partnering with American Forests, the Shared Earth Foundation, and the Abraham Foundation, MESCOT will restore degraded forest within Supu Reserve by planting 15,000 trees.

Name: La Cruz Habitat Protection Project - Global ReLeaf International

Country: Mexico

Organization: La Cruz Habitat Protection Project, Inc.

Summary: The beautiful monarch butterfly is in danger of losing its winter home in Mexico's oyamel fir forests. La Cruz Habitat Protection Project has planted 2.5 million seedlings since 1997 to offset this deforestation and restore soil and watersheds in the affected areas. This year the nonprofit will partner with American Forests, to plant some 100,000 trees in south-central Mexico as part of a multiyear program. Reforesting these sites will continue to improve the butterfly's nesting habitat and restore soil and watersheds in the deforested areas. The program provides an additional benefit: by creating alternative sites for wood extraction, it will alleviate future pressure on the monarch's habitat. Officials report the reforestation is working—overwintering monarchs are now seen clustering around young oyamel fir trees in an area where they have not been seen for 10 years.
