

Colorado

WOLF CREEK RESTORATION



110

HECTARES
RESTORED



115,752

TREES PLANTED

ENGLEMANN SPRUCE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Working with US Forest Service partners, **115,752 trees have been planted to restore over 110 hectares on Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado's San Juan National Forest.** The San Juan National Forest contains a range of rich ecosystems, three wilderness areas, an abundance of wildlife, and many bodies of water. Prior to this project, spruce beetle infestation had killed off many trees in this area. This planting is helping reestablish spruce forests where no seed trees remain to naturally regenerate the ecosystem.

FOREST RESTORATION

- Englemann Spruce seedlings were planted on this project, a native tree species devastated by spruce beetle infestation.
- Planting native trees on old clear cuts will help restore the local ecosystem while sequestering carbon and improving water filtration to local rivers and streams that will benefit fish and aquatic invertebrates.

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

- The trees planted from this project will create important habitat and food sources for a variety of wildlife in the area.
- Spruce buds and cone seeds are an important food source for Spruce Grouse and Red Squirrels, while the trees themselves serve as important habitat for a number of animals including migrating songbirds.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

- This tree planting was carried out by a 12 person planting crew over 10 days providing valuable training to partner staff and volunteers.
- This project brings the community together by improving the landscape, and allowing the community to give back to the next generation through tree plantings that will provide improved recreation and quality of life for people and wildlife.



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