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THE LANDS COUNCIL PRESENTS REFOREST SPOKANE DAY October 22, 9am - Noon

Editor's Note:

Over 800 volunteers have now signed up to plant the 10,000 trees, so sign ups are now closed. Originally the call went out for 600+ volunteers, and then 750+. The response from citizens has been phenomenal.

Following is information regarding this project in case you've been wondering about the strategy in planting so many trees all at one time.

The planting strategy put together by The Lands Council and Spokane Conservation District calls for an estimated 50% survival rate. Using calculations from the Conservation District the final goal has been set for 15-ft tree spacing which equates to 194 trees per acre. Given a 50% mortality rate, the planting design calls for 388 trees per acre with a 10.5-ft spacing.

October 22nd was picked as the planting date because it is precisely the best time to plant for Ponderosa pine survival:

- Late fall and early spring are the most vigorous root-growth periods.
- Provides the longest period of cool wet weather for establishment before being tested by the hot dry summer.

Additionally, The Lands Council is recruiting some of their volunteers to provide after-care next year to improve the survival rates.

The soil and site conditions vary wildly for each planting location so it is possible that some locations will enjoy much lower mortality rates than other locations.



We look forward to the many benefits of planting 10,000 Ponderosa Pines, such as:

- More areas of much-needed shade
- Reduced traffic noise
- A more beautiful Spokane

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