

AMERICAN FORESTS' 2010 Global ReLeaf Projects

On the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2010, AMERICAN FORESTS announced its list of 2010 Global ReLeaf forest restoration projects where 4.8 million trees will be planted in projects important for endangered wildlife, clean water, community development, and carbon sequestration.

Of the 43 projects, 32 are located in 14 U.S. states. Eleven projects with more than 1.1 million trees will be planted in 10 other countries.

GLOBAL ReLEAF USA PROJECTS

Cape Chiniak Reforestation Effort - Alaska

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

The continuation of this 2009 effort will plant 75,000 trees this year to reforest 2,600 acres of land to re-establish a Sitka Spruce forest.

The Chiginagak Volcano Valley Native Tree Restoration - Alaska

Partner Organization: Keep America Eco-Clean And Green, Inc

This project will plant 350,000 native trees to restore an area where a volcanic mudflow greatly decreased the wildlife population, destroyed much of the foliage, and contaminated the creeks with sulfuric acid.

Yellow-Cedar Common Garden Study - Alaska

Partner Organization: Tongass National Forest

This project will plant 8,000 yellow-cedar seedlings to replenish the species suffering from yellow-cedar decline, a phenomenon thought to be caused by a combination of factors associated with a warming climate, such as warmer air and soil temperature, and lower snow packs.

Angora Fire Restoration - California

Partner Organization - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, US Forest Service

This project will continue to reforest areas burned in the 2007 Angora fire by planting 36,000 trees to reduce erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

Los Padres Reforestation Project - California

Partner Organization: Los Padres National Forest

This project will plant 192,000 trees to revitalize regions of the Los Padres conifer forests, which experienced intense wildfires in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Mountain Communities Wildfire ReLeaf - California

Partner Organization: Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District

125,000 trees will be planted to restore forests in the San Bernardino Mountains, which have lost millions to drought, fires, and bark beetle epidemics.

San Bernardino Reforestation - California

Partner Organization: San Bernardino National Forest

107,000 trees will be planted in the National Forest to improve habitat for federal- and state-listed species.

Sierra Reforestation Project - California

Partner Organization: Sierra National Forest

41,000 trees will be planted in the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest to re-stock diminished conifers.

Burn Canyon Fire Reforestation - Colorado

Partner Organization: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests

This continuing restoration from the 2002 Burn Canyon wildfire will plant 151,000 Ponderosa pines.

Gulf Islands National Seashore Tree Restoration Project - Florida

Partner Organization: Southern Eco-Restoration Projects, Inc.

This project will plant 120,000 native trees to stabilize sand dunes, create storm buffers, and recreate natural habitats after hurricane damage.

Hal Scott Longleaf Pine Planting Phase 3 - Florida

Partner Organization: St. Johns River Water Management District

166,000 trees will be planted to increase longleaf pine density where it is now too low to support endangered Red-cockaded woodpeckers.

Reforestation Of Damaged Areas - Florida

Anastasia State Park - Department of Environmental Protection

This project will restore forests and wildlife habitat that was damaged by hurricane related winds, human traffic, insects and disease.

Po'o Ho'oho'o Nene Habitat Restoration Project - Hawaii

Partner Organization: Ka 'Ahahui o Ka Nahelehele

This project in the Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve will plant 10,000 trees to restore a forest with a variety of native trees, plants, shrubs and ferns.

Clearwater National Forest Restoration - Idaho

Partner Organization: Clearwater National Forest

This project will plant 150,000 trees to stabilize watersheds, restore forests, and increase biodiversity in 4 districts in the National Forest.

Powell Whitebark Pine Planting - Idaho

Partner Organization: Clearwater National Forest

This project will plant 34,000 trees to restore the whitebark pine, greatly declined due to white pine blister rust and mountain pine beetle.

Red Mountain & Sheep Trail Fire Reforestation and Wildlife Habitat Restoration - Idaho

Partner Organization: Boise National Forest

This project will plant 60,000 trees to rehabilitate the watershed and wildlife habitat after the Red Mountain Fires of 2006 and 2007.

Showerbath Wildfire Reforestation - Idaho

Partner Organization: Salmon-Challis National Forest

63,000 Douglas fir and Lodgepole pines will be planted to protect wildlife habitat and improve watershed conditions.

Whitebark Pine Planting In Willow Burned Area - Idaho

Partner Organization: Caribou/Targhee National Forest

This project will plant 15,000 whitebark pines to restore the vital species that provides a food source for many local animals, supporting the local ecosystem's food web.

Cache River Wetland Joint Venture Partnership Reforestation - Illinois

Partner Organization: Shawnee Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

This project will reforest 50,000 acres of a deforested wetland corridor in the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, providing habitat for over 100 threatened or endangered species.

The Glades Red Spruce Restoration II - Maryland

Partner Organization: The Nature Conservancy

This project will plant 4,000 red spruce across 600 acres of the oldest rainwater-fed, mountain peat bog in the eastern non-glaciated US to reestablish this conservation area, important habitat for black bear, fisher and neotropical migrant birds along and several threatened and endangered species.

2010 Kirtland's Warbler Habitat Creation - Michigan

Partner Organization: Huron-Manistee National Forest

With the state of Michigan and the US Forest Service, this project will plant 402,000 trees over 369 acres in the Huron Manistee National Forest to restore habitat for the endangered Kirtland's Warbler.

Arbutus Lake Kirtland's Warbler Habitat Planting - Michigan

Partner Organization: Hiawatha National Forest

This project will plant 272,000 trees in the Hiawatha National Forest to provide habitat restoration for the endangered Kirtland's Warbler.

Waiska Watersheds Headwater Riparian Conifer Planting - Michigan

Partner Organization: Hiawatha National Forest

This project in the West Branch Waiska Watershed will plant 17,500 White Pine and Hemlock trees over 50 acres of land to control competing vegetation and water quality after settlement, logging, wildfire, farming and trapping have degraded water quality and temperature.

Wall Kirtland's Warbler Habitat Planting - Michigan

Partner Organization: Hiawatha National Forest

This project will plant 101,000 jack pines as part of the recovery management plan for the endangered Kirtland's warbler in the Hiawatha National Forest.

Cave Gulch-Maudlow Toston Fire Rehab - Montana

Partner Organization: Helena National Forest

This project will plant 130,000 trees in an area burned by wildfires in 2000 to improve the local watersheds and the streams which many species of wildlife rely on.

Kraft Springs Fire Rehabilitation - Montana

Partner Organization: Custer National Forest

485,000 Ponderosa pines will be planted to restore an area burned by wildfires in 1988 and again in 2002, in which no natural regeneration is occurring.

North Flint Ponderosa Pine Restoration - Montana

Partner Organization: Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

This project will plant 34,000 Ponderosa pines over 113 acres to improve wildlife habitat in the Beaverhead-Lodge National Forest, and to restore a watershed in which trees are being attacked by mountain pine beetle, leading to deforestation, and resulting in degraded soil stability and water quality.

WildEarth Guardians 2010 New Mexico Riparian Restoration - New Mexico

Partner Organization: WildEarth Guardians

WildEarth Guardians and American Forests will plant over 65,000 native shrubs and trees in the hopes of restoring function to four watersheds that have been degraded by overgrazing, destabilized streams, extreme temperature fluctuations, and other factors.

Wauseon Park Windbreak - Ohio

Partner Organization: Maumee Valley RC&D Council

A total of 1,600 trees will be planted to create a field windbreak at Biddle Park in order to provide wildlife habitat and improve the park's overall aesthetic value.

Fridley Gap Trout Stream Restoration - Virginia

Partner Organization: Department of Biology, James Madison University

240 seedlings will restore a headwater stream where eastern hemlocks are dying of woolly adelgids, threatening the stream's stability.

Tree Army Restoration Project - Virginia

Partner Organization: First Landing State Park

This project will close off all unauthorized trails and reestablish trees and vegetation in the area by planting 3,000 trees.

Connecting Forest Fragments at Devils Lake State Park - Wisconsin

Partner Organization: Hardwood Forestry Fund

This project will plant 21,500 hardwood trees in an inactive agricultural field to provide larger habitats for wildlife and improve forest health.

GLOBAL ReLEAF INTERNATIONAL 2010 PROJECTS

Backyard Nursery Project - Reforestation Of Jivikhli, Armenia

Partner Organization: Armenia Tree Project

This project will plant 175,000 trees on 136 acres of land in the Armenian natural monument known as the Getik River Basin, which is home to several rare and endemic animal species, and over 22 endangered species of flora.

Nkor Watershed Regeneration - Cameroon

Partner Organization: Apiculture and Nature Conservation

The project will plant 45,000 trees to improve the degraded watershed of the Nkor village, as well as to replenish the forest that once provided them with many resources, including medicine and fuel.

China Mangrove Protection Project (Phase III) - China

Partner Organization: Putian Green Sprout Coastal Wetlands Research Center

The third phase will raise awareness of Mangroves' importance, providing materials to local communities and planting 300,000 Mangrove trees.

Caribbean Slope Reforestation Program - Costa Rica

Partner Organization: Ecology Project International

Ecology Project International, which promotes conservation through a partnership between local students and scientists, will have students in Costa Rica plant 500 native seedlings on abandoned pasture land, and monitor the trees to collect data regarding their growth rate.

Trinidad Conservation Project – Honduras

Partner Organization: Sustainable Harvest International

This continuing Global ReLeaf project in the Santa Barbara District of Honduras will help 22 communities plant 35,000 trees, as well as to maintain these and trees in past plantings to ensure successful reforestation.

Community Forest, Villianur Commune - India

Partner Organization: RISE

This project will plant 150,000 trees to improve water conditions that have been degraded due to overuse, urbanization, and industrialization in the Union Territory of Pondicherry, India, which is currently undergoing a crisis of water planning.

Native Tree Reforestation In The East African Highlands - Kenya

Partner Organization: Plans for Life International

This project will plant at least 15,000 trees to restore the biodiversity and reverse soil degradation that comes from land overuse.

Migratory Bird Habitat Restoration, The Papaloapan Watershed - Mexico

Partner Organization: Pronatura Veracruz, A.C.

120,000 trees will be planted across 5 distinct ecosystems, promoting biodiversity in the Papaloapan watershed, home to 272 neotropical migratory bird species.

Reforestation for Monarchs and Watershed Protection - Mexico

Partner Organization: La Cruz Habitat Protection Project, Inc.

This project will plant 200,000 trees to reforest a Monarch butterfly biosphere reserve, and protect the watershed around two highland lakes.

Reforestation and Conservation In Nicaragua

Partner Organization: Sustainable Harvest International

Each of 260 families, from 26 communities, will work together with Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) field trainer to plant a total of 78,000 trees to restore flora and fauna habitat, protect water sources, and create nutrition.

Reforestation of The Peruvian Coastal Belt - Peru

Partner Organization: Trees For Cities

The project will plant 3,000 trees to help stop desertification and soil erosion, and to improve soil quality and water tables in the forests surrounding the city of Ica in Peru's southern coastal belt.

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