



District of 100 Mile House

THE DISTRICT OF 100 MILE HOUSE is one of the most popular recreation areas in British Columbia, Canada. The pine forests that make up the area are laced with an ever-expanding network of trails that thousands of multi-use recreational visitors—including mountain bikers, hikers, horseback riders and cross country skiers—explore each year.

Recently, the western mountain pine beetle epidemic has hit the District of 100 Mile House, devastating the beautiful pine forests in the area. Unfortunately, the natural seed that has lain dormant for a number of years is now no longer viable, slowing the success of natural regeneration. The dead pine trees have been removed to reduce fire hazards and for the safety of recreational users, but the forests of 100 Mile House need help recovering from this epidemic.

Our friends and partners at Tree Canada are facilitating the mixed-species planting of lodgepole pine, hybrid spruce and interior Douglas-fir trees to restore 100 Mile House's forest to its natural beauty as well as provide critical habitats for wildlife.

The planting kicked off on June 15, and over a five-day stretch, more than 40,000 trees were put in the ground. The area planted is known for its history with high seedling success rates, and 2015 looks to be just as successful due to the area's gentle slopes and ample soils which make for an excellent site for growing new trees. This project is beginning to address the dwindling conifer stands and enhancing seed source for future forests in British Columbia.

