

Hornaday Award Project Summary

Project Category: Forest and Range Management

Tree Learning Trail

Plan: build an Arboretum of indigenous trees and shrubs at the Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp. Include enough trees to give a good collection of native trees in the camp area. Then make a trail through the trees so the trees can be utilized without harm done to the plants nearby. If possible, make and install a “Smokey Bear” fire danger sign. Make, or obtain, name plates that identify the trees along the trail.

Leadership: To accomplish this project, I had to draw out the trail and make a plan. Then I researched the trees, and decided on the trees I would get. When I got the trees, I arranged for everything to be planted and installed in three major workdays. I recruited and supervised 12 people to help me on those days. The first day we planted two trees and made the trail. On the second day, we planted the rest of the trees. On the third day we installed the signposts. Terry Dunn, conservation Committee Member, assisted with the fence installation. Camp Ranger, Joe DeFranco, added the Smokey Bear sign later in the year.

Result: The miniature “Nature trail” will become part of the program at the camp. It has nine (9) native trees and shrubs winding along a 25-yard mulch path lined with rocks. The trees include, Alder, Quaking Aspen, Colorado blue spruce, Limber Pine, Rocky Mountain Maple, Mountain Juniper, Douglas fir, Bristlecone Pine, Ponderosa Pine, and Creeping Juniper. Each tree has a nameplate on a pressure-treated post. The Smokey Bear fire danger sign was made by Joe De Franco and was added as a support item to the trail. The pressure-treated log fence between the road and the trail area was added to prevent Cub Scouts from “wandering” into and destroying the wild grasses around the trail.

Date Completed: 10-28-2006

Number of People involved: 24

