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Reforestation begins on private lands burned in 2015 Clearwater Complex Fire

(Kamiah) – As soil temperatures rise and snow melts, reforestation efforts are underway on private lands burned in the 2015 Clearwater Complex Fire.

The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in partnership with the Idaho County Soil and Water Conservation District (ISWCD) is leading the tree replanting effort.

Approximately 27,000 Ponderosa Pine seedlings were just planted on 90 acres of private land in the Lolo Creek drainage. The seedlings are part of a larger project that will bring more than 130,000 seedlings to private forestlands hardest hit by the 2015 catastrophic fires in the Clearwater basin.

The project targets non-industrial private lands that are at extreme risk of landslides, insect and disease outbreaks, and weed invasions post-fire. The project will contribute to restoring a more resilient forested landscape across the Clearwater River drainage, complementing recovery plans and restoration work on adjacent federal and State lands.

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