

BGO's 2024 Tenure in Trees Program Plants Roots in British Columbia

Tenure in Trees honors the BGO team by planting one tree for every year each employee spends with the company. In central and southern British Columbia, Canada, our planting partners worked with drone pilots to reforest 255 hectares with native coniferous and deciduous trees. By hiring drone operators and working with First Nations communities, BGO and its planting partners are making a big difference for the Cariboo-Chilcotin Forest District Lot Reforestation.

BC Reforestation

Fires incinerated the topsoil and seed banks in multiple forests across the province of British Columbia in 2017. Ecological restoration is a necessary step for reducing emissions and adapting to the impact of climate change on wildfires like these. BGO supports key organizations that use new technologies to initiate Afforestation/Reforestation (AR) projects on private land and Indigenous reserves throughout British Columbia.

Restoring these sites will promote biodiversity and provide more varied and contiguous habitats for wildlife. Re-establishing forest cover will also help restore ecosystem services, including nutrient cycling and water and air purification.

Drone-Assisted Planting

BGO's planting partners worked with AR drone operators to meet their reforestation goals. This pilot program allowed organizations to plant trees efficiently without intruding on private or First Nations land and created up to 11 months of work for 15 Canadians. Once the Forest Carbon Offset Protocol (FCOP) legislation is released, programs like these could drastically speed reforestation efforts.



First Nations Partnerships

One of the most extensive reforestation projects is on 358 acres of severely disturbed forest. This will be restored according to Esk'etemc and Tl'esqox First Nations cultural practices, providing long-term access to food and medicine within their traditional territory. Indigenous partners also include the Ulkatcho and Lytton First Nations, and all planting proceeded in the spirit of cooperation, with utmost respect for local values and beliefs.

What trees are we planting in British Columbia?

- Aspen
- Cedar
- Cottonwood
- Douglas fir
- Hybrid spruce
- Lodgepole pine
- Ponderosa pine
- Willow
- Yellow pine

#TeamBGO has contributed **2,000** trees to reforestation initiatives in British Columbia. With each tree, we help to revitalize the landscape and communities of Canada.