

New Bareroot Planting Information Sheet

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” With that tenet in mind, the Bridger PMC and Mary Myers (Public Affairs), with review by Bob Logar (State Staff Forester), Larry Holzworth (Plant Materials Specialist), John Justin (Manager, Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery), and Jeff Roe (Forester, Montana Urban and Community Association), have developed a handy, color, one-sheet handout titled, *Hand-Planting Guidelines for Bareroot Trees and Shrubs*. The brochure walks prospective planters through a series of steps, from receipt of plant materials through temporary storage, handling, installation, and maintenance. Attractive color graphics on the front page are supplemented with a step-by-step narrative on the back page. The graphics showcase weed barrier, windscreens, and tree shelters, as well as how NOT to plant a bareroot seedling. This publication is a companion to *Planting Guidelines for Containerized and Balled & Burlapped Stock*.

The goal of the effort was to provide a concise, digested summary of the important aspects of a successful bareroot planting. Bareroot plants are the production type of choice for many conservation applications using woody plants including windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snow fences, woody draw plantings, hedgerows, wildlife plantings, reforestation projects, and more. Although the Montana State University-Extension publication, *Windbreaks for Montana: A landowner's guide*, provides a wealth of windbreak design and installation information, a need was identified for an inexpensive summary of proper bareroot planting techniques. This publication can be handed to landowners, mailed with or attached to seedling orders, or handed out by staff and nurseries to cooperators and clients. The color graphics attract attention, making it useful as a bulletin for posting in the office.

Each office will be receiving a copy soon in the all-points mailing. Additional high quality copies are available by contacting Bob Logar or the Bridger Plant Materials Center. The document is also posted on the Montana NRCS website at

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ecs/forestry/bareroot.html> where it can be downloaded as a PDF document and printed. This publication will also be posted soon on the National Plant Materials website at <http://Plant-Materials.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Special thanks to Mary Myers and the entire Public Affairs staff for their assistance.

Joe Scianna