

Plant-a-Tree Program

What is the Plant-a-Tree Program?

The U.S. Forest Service has established a special program to allow people to donate money toward planting trees on the national forests. People may donate any amount to receive a Plant-a-Tree certificate. This program qualifies as a charitable donation for the Internal Revenue Service.

What do contributors receive?

After making a donation, a contributor receives a certificate suitable for framing recognizing the gift. The certificate may include space to explain the reason for the commemoration, such as a memorial or special occasion. The donor's name is also on the certificate, which a U.S. Forest Service official signs. Certificates may be sent to more than one person acknowledging the same donation, and special wording on the certificate may be available upon request.

Where are the trees planted?

Trees are planted on general national forest land for multiple-use purposes. Trees are not designated on the ground as a memorial, and the contributor receives no guarantee on the future use of commemorative trees, which are the property of the United States of America. Tree size and species planted is at the discretion of the U.S. Forest Service based on what is appropriate to the site.

How can a person make a Plant-a-Tree request?

Send a check for at least \$10.00 to the address below and include the following information:

1. For whom is the donation being made?
2. What is the occasion (i.e., memorial for someone deceased, birthday, retirement, etc.) Include any special message you would like on the certificate.
3. Who should receive the certificate(s)? Include both the name(s) and address(es).
4. Include your name and address so we can acknowledge receipt of your request and send proof of your donation for income tax purposes.

Make your check payable to the U.S. Forest Service and send it to either the following address or your local [U.S. Forest Service Office](#).

U.S. Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region
Attention: Judy Taylor
740 Simms Street
Golden, CO 80401

Call 303-275-5385 with questions.