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Dear Tree Planters,

Thank you all so very much for contributing to BC's most successful spring tree planting season ever. Well over 5,000 of you pulled together to plant about 300 million seedlings. Although there are still trees remaining to be planted this fall, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing achievement of completing the 2020 spring plant. We want to offer our deepest gratitude, not only from our organization, but also on behalf of future generations who will enjoy the social, economic, and environmental benefits of the new forests that you helped to establish this year.



In partnership with many others in the planting community (WSCA, planting contractors, nurseries, truck drivers, FLNRORD staff, forest licensees and hosts including First Nations, towns, villages, campgrounds, motels and hotels), your efforts to protect workers and communities from Covid-19 were successful – not a single planting-related infection was reported. Special thanks to those who worked together to develop and implement the Covid measures on short notice under Dr. Bonnie Henry's leadership. The creativeness of the planting community and their willingness to collaborate with others was key to this success. It has been reported that planting quality was very good and with the plentiful moisture we have received so far this year, we believe survival rates will be excellent.

Tree planting is tough work, but we hope that you have found it rewarding. There will be many trees to plant next year so we encourage all the planters to come back as your experience will be valued. There are few jobs that promise so much return for future generations, so thank you once again for your important and lasting contribution.

Gratefully,

Jim Snetsinger, RPF
Board Chair
Forest Enhancement Society of BC