

BGO's 2025 Tenure in Trees Program Plants Roots in British Columbia

Tenure in Trees marks each year of an employee's journey with BGO by planting a tree, honoring their commitment while contributing to a greener future.

In British Columbia, this promise takes root in landscapes that have endured decades of logging and environmental stress. Once-continuous forests have been fragmented, leaving bare hillsides and weakened ecosystems. This project's mission is to breathe life back into these areas, restoring the towering conifer forests that once defined the province's coastal and interior regions. By carefully re-establishing tree cover, these lands are being transformed into resilient, mixed-age forests that will shelter wildlife, protect watersheds, and stand strong for generations.



Environmental Resilience and Biodiversity Gains

As the young forests grow, they begin to stabilize fragile soils, reduce erosion and improve water quality in rivers and lakes. Their canopy shades the ground, stores moisture, and buffers the extremes of drought, heavy rain and wildfire. The return of layered forest structure invites songbirds, small mammals, pollinators, and larger wildlife back into the ecosystem. By linking these restored areas with existing woodlands and riparian corridors, this project creates expansive habitat networks – a lifeline for biodiversity in British Columbia's iconic wilderness.



Community Forest Restoration

This project is more than planting trees – it's about rebuilding connections between people and the land. Local residents are at the heart of the effort, collecting seeds, nurturing them in nurseries and planting them across the province. Seasonal and long-term roles provide meaningful employment, while restored forests safeguard the scenic beauty that draws hikers, campers, hunters and tourists from around the world. These forests are not only a source of pride but also a foundation for rural economies that depend on healthy landscapes.

What trees are we planting in British Columbia?

- Douglas-fir
- Western redcedar
- Western hemlock
- Lodgepole pine
- Ponderosa pine

#TeamBGO has contributed **1,000** trees to reforestation initiatives in British Columbia. With each tree, we help to revitalize the landscape and communities of Canada.