



## THE REFORESTATION OF THE CLEAR CUT

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When the property was purchased several years ago, we inherited the responsibility to replant a 45 acre clear cut on the land.

Fortunately this was never burned or sprayed and it is coming along nicely. At the time this article is going to press, we have planted the following trees: Noble Fir, Shasta Fir, Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine, White Fir, and Western Red Cedar. In early spring we will be planting another 1,500 trees which we have purchased from the D.L. Phipps Forest Nursery in Elkton, OR. The trees include: Red Alder, Western Red Cedar, Incense Cedar, Giant Sequoia, Sitka Spruce, and Grand Fir.

We tried to find some Pacific Madrone, Pacific Yew, and Western Hemlock, and hope to locate some by next fall. We have been collecting and stratifying seed to plant in our nursery this spring and we have taken cuttings as well. In the past 8 months we have also planted fruit and nut trees, varieties of bamboo, and berry patches. We also put in a dozen varieties of perennial wildflowers.

As a result of the Permaculture Design Course this December we now have a plan for the clear cut which includes several pond sites.

We are in the process of setting up a pond building workshop for this summer, when we hope to construct these catchment ponds and absorption swales in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's stream restoration project for Anthony Creek.