



## SOUTH PARK RANGER DISTRICT SPRING TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

March 18 – May 31, 2019

The South Park Ranger District transplant program is an excellent opportunity for you to plant trees in your yard and add some greenery to your community.

A tree's chance for survival is greatly increased if its new home is very similar to its old home. By digging transplants on National Forest lands you can stay close to home for your planting stock. At \$20.00 per tree, the price is very reasonable, especially compared to buying transplants from a nursery.

### CONDITIONS:

- Allowable species: **Shrubs: Cinquefoil, Kinnikinnick, Buffalo Berry, Woods Rose and Common Juniper. Trees: All tree species.**
- **No machine digging allowed.**
- Dig trees in areas of excess trees. Do not dig unless there is another tree to be left within 10 feet of the one you are taking.
- Maximum height allowed is 8 feet tall.
- Fill in all holes dug.
- Trees removed must be on the South Park Ranger District
- **Prohibited areas include:** Bristlecone Pine Scenic Area, Jefferson Lake Recreation Area, 11-Mile Canyon, campgrounds, picnic areas, and wilderness areas (Lost Creek/Buffalo Peaks).
- **Maximum of 10 transplants** per adult individual.
- **Transplants are for personal use only and are not for resale.** No transplants are sold for commercial use.
- Each transplant removed from the forest must be marked with a signed and numbered tree removal permit.
- Colorado State Law requires permits for any forest products being transported within the state.

### TIPS AND HINTS FOR SUCCESS:

Here are some hints to help your transplanted trees survive.

1. Make sure the tree you dig is dormant. The buds should be closed. Dormant transplants have a good chance for survival.
2. Even though the maximum height allowed is 8 feet tall, the chances of your transplant surviving are better if the tree is from 1 to 6 feet tall.

3. Dig and remove as much of the tree's root system as possible. Aspen sprout from root suckers, so you will have to cut some rather large roots. This is okay.
4. Wrap the root system and soil in a piece of burlap or plastic and keep it moist.
5. Replant your transplants as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours.
6. Trees transplanted in the fall do not need very much water. Water your trees when you first transplant them and then no more than every two weeks during the first winter if dry conditions warrant it. You do not want the roots to rot from overwatering. You can start to water your fall transplants more in the spring when they begin to come out of dormancy.

If you follow all these recommendations, the survival of your transplants is not guaranteed, but it is greatly enhanced.

It is the permittee's responsibility to make sure he/she is on National Forest System lands managed by the South Park Ranger District. Private landowners will not appreciate you digging up their trees. Forest Service personnel can answer questions about boundaries.

Some roads on the district may be inaccessible during the winter months. **MOTORIZED TRAVEL ON CLOSED ROADS FOR ANY PURPOSE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

### THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR EXTENSIONS OF TIME ON PERMITS.

The Pike National Forest Map shows the South Park Ranger District boundaries as well as private lands within the national forest. Maps can be purchased for \$14.00 plus tax.

To obtain transplant permits by mail, send check or money order payable to the U.S. Forest Service for number of transplants desired. For additional information, contact: South Park Ranger District, P.O. Box 219, 320 Hwy 285, Fairplay, CO 80440. 719/836-2031  
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