

Trout Unlimited and The Mountain Institute Collaborate to Plant Native Spruce

Trout Unlimited worked with The Mountain Institute during spring 2008 to plant native spruce on approximately 12 acres of the highest watershed in the Potomac. Each participating child was given a background talk about the locale of the planting, touching on the natural history of the area, the effect mankind has made on this piece of ground, and the importance of the interrelationships between the land, stream, and variety of life this relationship supports. The children were given the opportunity to have their own effect on the area by planting the native, dominant tree species. Using this model of stewardship, as well as the Mountain Institute's streamside laboratory, over 3000 spruce and 200 balsam fir were kindly placed on lands once dominated by spruce.

TU and TMI will continue this quality program through the 2010 planting seasons. We welcome visitors and other interests with like-minded goals. For more information, call Gary Berti at 304 704-2731.