



Texas A&M University Students Participate in Pine Reforestation Following Wildfire

The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy is a national collaborative effort to bring a broad cross-section of stakeholders together to address wildland fire management challenges. The Strategy directs wildland fire planning activities and has three primary goals: restore and maintain landscapes, develop Fire-Adapted Communities, and improve wildfire response.

During February 2016, approximately 550 Texas A&M University students converged at Bastrop State Park to plant 15,000 loblolly pine tree seedlings. Their work is part of a five year effort by the Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Arbor Day Foundation, and the Bastrop Lost Pines Recovery Campaign to replant trees lost during the devastating 2011 Bastrop County Complex Fire—which destroyed an estimated 96 percent of the park. The five-year restoration campaign is on track to plant 4 million trees by 2017.



Texas A&M University students planting loblolly pine seedlings at the Bastrop State Park in February 2016. Credit: Texas A&M Forest Service

Activity	Impact
# students involved from years 2013-2016	2200
# trees planted from years 2013-2016	66,000
% of Bastrop State Park destroyed by 2011 wildfire	96

Texas A&M University student led organization, Aggie Replant, organized students for the planting day. This activity helps the organization meet their broader mission, which strives to improve communities, bring students together through tradition and provide an avenue for environmental service in action.

Success stories highlight regional wildland fire accomplishments that support implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy in the Southeast. The stories demonstrate how the Southeast is improving its “fire resiliency” through technology, education and outreach, forest management, collaboration, and more. Success stories also serve as a model for other communities to follow.



Texas A&M University students on the day of tree planting at the Bastrop State Park. Credit: Texas A&M Forest Service



Tree spades used by Texas A&M University students to plant pine seedlings. Credit: Texas A&M Forest Service



Replanted loblolly pine seedlings at Bastrop State Park. Credit: Texas A&M Forest Service

Additional Information:

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