GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCE COMPANY

Green Diamond Plants its 100 Millionth Tree in Shelton

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(April 6, 2015 - SHELTON, Wash.) Green Diamond Resource Company Chairman Colin Moseley hosted a recent ceremony in the company's working forests south of Shelton, Wash., planting the company's 100 millionth tree in Washington and kicking off 125 years since the company was founded. Congressmen Denny Heck (D-Wash., 10th district) and Derek Kilmer (D-Wash., 6th district) helped to plant the ceremonial tree.

"Just a few miles from here, my great grandfather started Simpson Logging Company in 1890," Moseley explained to the hundred or so people gathered in a four year old forest. "One hundred twenty five years later, we stand in a 3rd generation forest that will be harvested again somewhere around 2050, when our grandchildren will be running the company and making decisions for their grandchildren," he added. "It's quite a leap of faith."

Moseley recognized two reforestation contractors that have been instrumental in planting many of the 100 million seedlings across the company's 300,000-plus acres of forest land in Western Washington. Representatives of Mt. St. Helen's Reforestation and Zaldivar Forestry Corporation accepted specially engraved shovels commemorating the occasion.

"It has been said that he who plants a tree plants hope," said Representative Kilmer. "For 125 years Green Diamond has been planting hope for families with its living wage jobs. In his remarks, Kilmer also acknowledged the company's stewardship and its unique role in protecting the environment.

Heck congratulated Moseley and Green Diamond on its sesquicentennial anniversary and pointed out that the 100 millionth tree was being planted in the 10th district, which he represents in Congress. He further commented on the importance of working forests to living wage jobs in the district and throughout the Northwest.

After Moseley, Kilmer and Heck successfully planted the two year old Douglas-fir seedling, Green Diamond Vice President and General Manager Blayde Fry invited the group to a cake and coffee reception at the company's Colonial House in Shelton.

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company that owns and manages working forest lands in Washington, Oregon, and California. Learn more about Green Diamond Resource Company at <u>www.greendiamond.com.</u> In Washington, the company's forest lands are independently certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) standard. In California, Green Diamond's forest lands are independently certified to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) standards.

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