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University of Minnesota Crookston Natural Resources Club Plants Trees on 29th Consecutive Trip to Chippewa National Forest

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Eighteen members of the University of Minnesota Crookston Natural Resources Club along with several natural resources faculty and staff members returned to the Little Cutfoot Sioux region of the Chippewa National Forest the weekend of April 30-May 1 for the 29th consecutive tree planting trip for the U.S. Forest Service. The Crookston Crew, as they've come to be known by Forest Service personnel, planted 4,500 red pine seedlings on a clearcut area near Talmoon, Minn.



Phil Baird, associate professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department knows the impact of these trips on students. "This is something students will remember for the rest of their lives," says Baird. "Each year we have a number of alumni returning to join us from across the region and country. It's hard to believe that the club first hoisted their dibble bars on the Chippewa more than 12 years before this year's incoming freshman class was born!"



The crew was joined by former students from Washington and Wisconsin who couldn't pass up another shot at this rite of spring for the club. The club returns to the forest each spring to plant trees and again each fall to budcap some of their younger plantings to protect the seedlings from deer browsing.

For more information on the natural resources program at the U of M Crookston website.

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