

## **The History of Penny Pines**

In 1941, the San Francisco Sportswomen's Association recognized the great need to restore devastated areas of our forested lands, and thus, created the first Penny Pines plantation for this purpose, sending their first donation to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Northern California. Since that contribution, the number of participating groups and individuals has grown each year. They include such organizations as the Garden and Women's Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, civic and sportsmen's clubs, and many others.

- CGCI adopted Penny Pines as a state project in 1957 and it remains one of our major projects today.
- Over the years these groups have contributed more than a million dollars to the Penny Pines Reforestation Program. Through these donations, more than 27 million seedlings have been planted, renewing 88,000 acres of national forest land in California --truly an outstanding achievement.

- Where does the money go?

In California, contributions may be used to prepare plantation sites for new trees or planting seedlings grown in Forest Service nurseries throughout California.

Seedlings are grown from local seeds and acorns, then replanted near the areas where the seeds were collected to improve their chance of survival.

In conjunction with federal funds, these funds may also be used to maintain existing tree stands and improve wildlife habitat or replant burnt or otherwise damaged forests."

The Penny Pines Reforestation Program plays a vital role both in renewing the national forests in California, and in multiple-use management.

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