



Jaime Gomez and Adrienne Zuckerman, resource technician with the Underwood Conservation District, unload bags of bare root seedlings for cold storage. Each bag holds as many as 200 bare root seedlings. These pre-ordered seedlings are kept in a large cooler in White Salmon for a couple of weeks during the early part of spring, while customers prepare their land for planting before picking up their orders.

Native Plant Sales Set Stage For Spring

Are you ready for spring planting? Before all of the signs of spring arrive—blossoming daffodils and silver-bright chinook—it is time to place your order for native tree and shrub seedlings with your local conservation district.

Wherever you live in Klickitat County you are able to purchase low-cost native seedlings, such as Douglas fir and ponderosa pine, for planting in your forest, woodland or garden.

For 2011, the Underwood Conservation District (UCD) began taking orders December 1. Orders will be accepted until March 1, 2011. Seedling pickup will be your choice of either March 25-26 or April 1-2, 2011 in White Salmon.

To view the UCD plant and price list, and to place an order, go to <http://w3.gorge.net/ucd/treesale.htm>. For more information, or to be added to the UCD

mailing list, contact UCD at (509) 493-1936 or UCD@gorge.net.

The Eastern and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts (E/CKCD) will begin taking orders January 3, 2011, for its annual plant sale. Orders will be accepted until March 18, 2011. Pickup day is March 26, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Klickitat Valley Grain Growers in Goldendale.

Any unreserved plants will be available for purchase at the catalog price on pickup day. The catalog and order form will be included in the E/CKCD winter newsletter, and also will be posted at <http://ekcd.org> and <http://ckcd.org>.

For more information, or to be added to the E/CKCD mailing list, please contact Mindy Pomerinke at (509) 773-5823 ext. 5 or cdoffice@gorge.net.

Quantities are limited at all locations, so order early for best selection. ■

Trees and Power Lines

Trees need space to grow. Before planting a tree, carefully consider your surroundings. Choose a tree and location where the ultimate height and spread of the tree will be at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Near power lines, plant trees that are less than 25 feet high when mature to reduce the chance of power outages and annual pruning.

Provision of right-of-way easements grants Klickitat PUD the authority to trim trees without property owner permission to maintain a safe and reliable electric system.

If planting near utility services, call the Northwest Utility Notification Center, (800) 424-5555, at least two business days before digging.