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Promptly renewing a forest with tree seedlings is key to sustainable forestry, whether to replace harvested trees or those that died from fire, insects, or disease. Every year that the forest is understocked is a loss in forest growth. Brush or grass taking over a site can make establishing new trees very difficult and expensive. Finally, the Idaho Forest Practice Act requires reforestation within five years of timber harvest.

Successful tree plantings result from thoughtful planning and carefully applied