## "Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world." - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in fire scar areas created by the Castle Fire around Sequoia National Forest in Tulare County in southern California. Sequoia National Forest is located in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains of California. The U.S. National Forest is named for the majestic Giant Sequoia trees which populate 38 distinct groves within the boundaries of the forest.

With the recent proliferation of forest fires in the area, reforestation of these burn scars is essential to prevent erosion enhance water quality, and to create habitat for the many species of wildlife in the area. Recovery after a major wildfire is a long-term process. The first steps involve repairing areas damaged by fire suppression, and mitigating safety hazards such as fire weakened trees, burning stump holes, damaged utilities, and hazmat concerns. Many times, regeneration of the forest can occur naturally over time, but the recent fires have burned so hot, no natural regeneration occurs.

Your planting project includes planting a number of native species including several varieties of pine, cedar and fir trees, and of course, the Giant Sequoia. We plant a mix of these conifer saplings, which are 1-2 years old, with a goal of restoring the diversity of the forest and increasing its resilience to stressors such as drought, fire, disease and climate change.



You can view the general area of the planting by clicking on the following link: bit.ly/3HcqlQM

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in California, the United States, and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: <a href="www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/">www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/</a>. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at <a href="www.TheGiftedTree.com">www.TheGiftedTree.com</a>.

