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Hailey Celebrates Native Plant Arboretum 25th Anniversary

(Hailey, Idaho) – 2021 marks the **25th anniversary** of the Blaine County Recreation District Native Plant Arboretum. Over 50 species of Idaho and western native trees, shrubs, and grasses flourish within the Arboretum at the corner of Fox Acres Road and State HWY 75. These native species have adapted to our climate, are drought tolerant, and create a rich pollinator and wildlife habitat.

The Arboretum was established through an Idaho Department of Lands grant, which provided funds to help with maintenance as well as labor and other supplies to help create the space. Special mention must go to the many volunteers such as Linda Ries and Kris Stoffer who have been key in the creation and maintenance of this now quarter of a century project. The vision of these founders is displayed in the splendor and hardiness of the trees shrubs and plants. Come celebrate Idaho Founder's Day on July 3rd with these present-day community founders. The family-friendly event will be put on by the Hailey Tree Committee and will honor the Idaho state tree, the Western white pine, and the state flower, the Syringa, which can both be found at the Arboretum. Kids' activities, like a scavenger hunt and huckleberry- (the state fruit) flavored treats, are also being planned.

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