

UIMF members mapped trees at UVU campus



Kyle Williams participates at service project

On October 25, 2017, members of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) including myself, participated in a tree mapping service project at UVU. The goal of the project was to mark trees throughout campus in order to give our university the distinction of a tree campus. The activity was organized by Hagen Isaacson, who is the director of service for the UIMF. The administrator was Dr. Justin White, who is an assistant professor of earth science at UVU. I was responsible for marking all trees that resided west of the Liberal Arts building and marked them using a GPS device. I was put into a group and tagged the trees that came to a grand total of 135 in under 2 hours.

The purpose of the project was to give the university a title of sustainable prestige. That is what the UIMF is all about. The sustainability of mountainous regions and areas, Utah Valley University embodies our purpose with a mindset of sustainability in mind for the future. In the developing world, factories puff soot into the air and deforestation occurs at exponential rates in every corner of the world. Though economics may argue that it is in the best interest for everyone, nothing could be further from the truth. In order to have a better tomorrow, we must dig back to the roots of the past and plant the seeds of tomorrow. The irreversible changes to the climate must be met with drastic measures of change in society as a whole. Therefore, the minimalism that comes with simply mapping out the coordinates of trees on the campus of a university, can make a big difference in the mindset of the society of the future.

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