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Comments: Your population estimate of total Spruce acres is so varied, that scientifically you can't say with any certainty that your goal of Spruce acres is not already achieved. By your own forest service reports the Black Hills Forest already has a million acres of Ponderosa Pine, WHY plant more?? The reports also say a mono culture forest is bad for everything- wildlife, humans etc. Also the tourists love the aesthetics of Spruce. The Tourist Industry -employs the most people in the Black Hills.

Ponderosa Pine will not grow in many areas where spruce currently grows. They cannot not survive in these wet soils!!

The whole idea is ludicrous.