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New cold storage facility delivers Big Chill

A brand new, state-of-the-art cold storage facility adds nearly one million cubic feet of temperature and humidity-controlled space to our existing storage facilities. The two story, 180'x 180' building brings our total cold storage capacity to approximately 3,500,000 cubic feet.

Designed for maximum energy efficiency and optimum airflow, Cooler #7 promises to reduce risk of disease while keeping trees dormant and in top condition until planting time.



Schmidt family, employees, vendors and contractors gathered on December 1 to christen the facility. Gordy Webster, Assistant Production Manager and leader of the facility planning team, shared some of its special features with guests.

"This facility is designed to be very energy efficient. Insulation in walls and ceilings, LED lights, and a sophisticated computer system keep air temperature and humidity at optimum levels," he explained. "A switch from Freon to the much less expensive glycol coolant reduces refrigerant costs and energy use. These changes

help protect the environment, reduce our storage and labor costs, and help us deliver better quality trees to our customers.

"We reduce labor costs by storing trees inside for the whole season rather than storing them in our traditional sawdust beds and then re-storing them indoors for late season shipping to our cold-climate customers. The quality of the trees won't be affected by the combined risk of early Northwest springs and the long cold winters that many customers have been experiencing lately."



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