

# Uncompahgre Plateau Project Native Plant Program

## 2007 Accomplishments

The objective of the Uncompahgre Plateau (UP) Native Plant Program is the development of site-adapted native plant materials for use in the restoration of native plant communities in the Colorado Plateau regional area. The primary elements of the program are: 1) the production of native plant materials; 2) basic and applied research on native species; and 3) training and dissemination of information. In 2007, we have made significant progress in each of these areas.

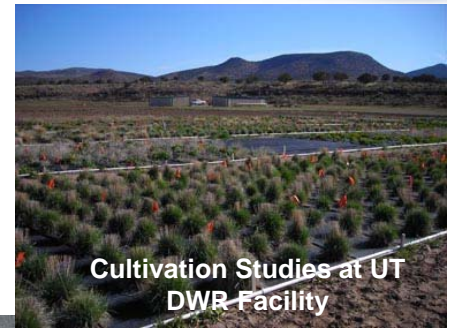
The program's main area of work is the development of native seed through studies and seed increase fields. We have taken an aggressive approach to this portion of our program because site-adapted native seed is not currently available for the Colorado Plateau area. There are currently over 50 species within the program representing plants from the salt desert shrub to aspen plant communities. We now have seed stock of 14 species ready for release to commercial growers for planting in 2008.

The research arm of our program continues to expand. Additional seed collections were made in CO and UT. In coordination with USFS Region 4, four new Species Adaptability Studies will be added in 2008 to our existing four to compare populations from the upper CO Plateau area.

In keeping with our goal of disseminating information on restoration techniques, the program co-sponsored a Plant Community Restoration Workshop in Grand Junction, CO in September 2007 with over 100 participants from across the West. The workshop was an opportunity to bring academia, federal and state agency personnel and individuals from the private sector together to learn the latest in restoration research and techniques.

This year, great strides were made towards the formation of a CO Plateau Native Plant Program. The UP has taken a major role in this effort and has organized several meetings of potential stakeholders. The synergy of this regional effort will make the best use of limited time and resources and maximize efficiency.

Since its inception in 2002, the UP Native Plant Program has become a model for collaboration and progress. In December 2006, the Program was awarded the US Forest Service R-2 Regional Forester's - Caring for the Land Stewardship Award.



**Year Awarded:** 2005 and 2007  
**Project completion:** 2011  
**Report number:** 3 of 5  
**Expenditures:**  
FY 2005 Funds: \$125,000.  
All funds expended.  
FY 2007 Funds: \$165,000 total (\$20,000 Expended; \$145,000 Obligated).  
**Partners/Contractors/Coop:** USFS Region 2 & 4, USDI BLM CO and UT State Offices, CO DOW and UT DWR, Public Lands Partnership, CSU, BYU, USU, Snow College, Meeker Plant Materials Center, USFS Lucky Peak Nursery, Lone Peak Nursery, The Nature Conservancy and commercial / private growers.  
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Equipment demo at the Restoration Workshop

Mt. Brome growing in a local, private grower's field