

Native Plant Pollinator Project at the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center, Lewis and Clark National Forest

2008 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2008 to enhance the native landscaping around the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and to educate the public about the role pollinators have in maintaining the health of the planet.

The existing award-winning landscaping will be expanded and six different signs will interpret the relationship between pollinators and the native plants encountered by Lewis and Clark on their western journey.

The project will involve seed collection and native plantings by a local scouting organization as well as the development of educational curricula for school group programs and summer camp projects. Interpretive talks and activities are offered to the public with a special event scheduled for the summer season.

The "Pollinator Project Event" will have presentations by naturalists, an evening lawnchair program, a night insect walk, children's crafts, and a Fourth of July butterfly count.



Figure 2: Montana's state butterfly, a mourning cloak, is one of many visitors to the fall-blooming rubber rabbitbrush



Figure 1: Great Northern Bumble Bee pollinates Rocky Mountain Bee Plant

Year awarded: Initial award in 2008

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2008):

- **Total funding \$3,000, total expenditure \$0;**
- **\$3,000 total remaining**

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