

Native Seed Collection

FY 08 Accomplishments

Continued expansion and development of the restoration program on the Apalachicola National Forest is necessary to implement the large-scale groundcover restoration required to meet the Forest Plan's goal of restoring 10,000 – 15,000 acres of off-site slash pine to longleaf pine/wiregrass.

The 'bottleneck' in groundcover restoration activities on the Forest is the availability of plant material i.e. native groundcover seed. Most often this is due to limitations of equipment and personnel to procure this resource from the Forest rather than the availability of the resource itself. Our current seed collection capacity using in house labor is generally limited to 200-300 pounds of seed per year which translates to only about 10 to 15 restored acres per year.

The purchase of a 6-foot Ag-Renewal Flail-Vac Seed Stripper should double our capacity for native groundcover seed collection. The collectors will be available for in house use or to private contractors who are providing seed collection services for the Apalachicola National Forest.



Hydraulic Tank to run collector



Seed Collector Purchased

Year Awarded: FY 2007

Project completion: FY 2008

Report number: 2 of 2

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: \$15,200
- Funds Expended: \$11,150
- Remaining: \$ 4,050

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