

# West Fork Ranger District-Bitterroot NF- Native Plant Pollinator Garden Project

## 2009 Accomplishments

The native plant pollinator garden at the West Fork Ranger District was designed and planted by Trapper Creek Job Corps students and District personnel for interpretation and to enhance the District office's appearance. Sixty-one native plants were placed outside the office doors and around the main office buildings where both the public and district employees could appreciate and enjoy the native plant pollinator garden.

A wide variety of native plants were purchased from local nurseries throughout the Bitterroot Valley. Plants included Idaho fescue, blue columbine, mock orange, goldenrod, penstemon, gooseberry, pearly everlasting, wild geranium, blanket flower and bitterroot. In addition to purchasing plants, the Trapper Creek Job Corps students also transplanted several wildland forest plants to the District garden.

The Masonry students at the Job Corps Center donated a concrete bird bath, concrete table and benches, and a concrete frog for the garden area. These items were placed amongst the plants so that visitors could relax and enjoy the native plant garden.



Figure 1. Plants ready to go into the ground!



Figure 2. Trapper Creek Job Corps students preparing the grounds for planting native plants.

Year awarded: Awarded in FY 2009

Project completion: FY 2009

Report number: 1

Expenditures :

FY09: \$3000 Total funding awarded

\$3000 Total funding spent

**No funds remaining**

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