

# Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Whitman Ranger District

## 2009 Native Plant Program Accomplishments

The Whitman District multi-funded many aspects of our Native Plants Program in 2009 and extend a heartfelt 'thanks' to all resource groups for their participation in our success - silviculture, timber, botany, fuels, range, engineering, and minerals.

By using multiple job codes (NFN3, NFTM, NFWW, NFWF, WFW3) we were able to accomplish the following:

### New contracts for seed production were awarded to:

- Benson Farms to increase *Elymus glaucus* (blue wildrye), *Poa secunda* (Sandberg's bluegrass), and *Festuca idahoensis* (Idaho fescue);
- Western Reclamation to increase *Bromus carinatus* (mountain brome) and *Elymus glaucus* (blue wildrye);

### New contract for seed collection was awarded to Eastern Oregon Stewardship Services:

- To map and collect *Pseudoroegneria spicata* (bluebunch wheatgrass) for Seed Zone 881 and *Koeleria cristata* (prairie junegrass) for Seed Zone 882;
- To collect *Festuca idahoensis* (Idaho fescue) for Seed Zone 881 for Benson Farms' seed production contract in FY 2010;

### Provided native seed for restoration project implementation:

- Seeded a temporary access road into Clear Creek cabin after being mechanically scarified;
- Provided native seed to a local permittee to broadcast within a livestock enclosure at Schneider Meadows;
- Seeded areas of bare soil within the Peavy Cabin road project;
- After burning, seeded large, slash piles across 32 timber sale units within the Barnard and Pine Valley Vegetation Mgt projects;
- Seeded ground disturbance within the forwarder tracks following logging activities within the Cold Timber Sale area;
- Seeded areas within the Twin Lakes post-fire rehabilitation project;
- Seeded Fizz Springs enclosure to outcompete noxious weed invasion;
- Seeded 5 acres of disturbance resulting from the Silver Creek Road Reconstruction project;

### Other Accomplishments:

- Purchased and set-up an airtight, rodent-proof 'shipping container' for seed storage and a seed 'mixing' area for restoration activities;
- Purchased 1,800 lbs of excess seed from production fields under existing contracts;



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Year Awarded: 2009

Project completion: 2009

Expenditures: \$64,800 Total

NFN3	\$16,000
NFTM	\$ 7,000
NFWW	\$34,000
WFW3	\$ 7,800

### Partners/Contractors:

- Benson Farms
- Western Reclamation
- Eastern Oregon Stewardship Services

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Benson Farms Field Tour in June 2009

