

Madison Ranger District Pollinator Garden / Native Plant Xeriscaping on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

This is the second year of the Madison Ranger District Pollinator Garden / Native Plant Xeriscaping Project on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest. The native plant garden will serve as a focal point for local environmental educators emphasizing the role of pollinators in native plant communities and in the pollination of local agricultural crops. Native plant materials were obtained from local Montana growers. In addition, we will broadcast native flower and grass seed to supplement the garden in the fall of 2010 and spring of 2011. We installed an 8 foot fence (see picture below) to control the local population of deer until the garden is established. The fence was a donation from our local MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The District is still committed to resource/energy conservation. Native trees and shrubs were planted on the south and west sides of the office to reduce solar heating and provide natural cooling to the office during the summer months.

To facilitate the education in the geologic history of the area, the placement of rock specimens of different origins was completed. Signage of the geologic display is planned for the future.



Figure 1. West side plantings.



Figure 2. Front office entrance with new pollinator sign and deer fence

Year Awarded: FY09 NFN3 funding

Project completion: 2012

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures (through 10/2010):
FY10 NFN3 funding \$4,500. Expenses
\$4,500. remaining \$0.

Partners/Contractors/Coop: **Blackfoot Native Plants, Southwest Native Landscapes, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Madison Farm to School Program, Ennis Garden Club**

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