

Caribou-Targhee NF Native Plants Material Program Development

2010 Accomplishments

This project is designed to promote and implement the use of local and site-adapted tall forbs and bunchgrasses for the revegetation, rehabilitation and restoration of native plant communities. The intent is to implement direction contained in national policy (FSM 2070) and Land & Resource Management Plans for the use of native plant materials.

In FY2009 the Caribou-Targhee NF initiated a new partnership with Idaho State University (ISU) Department of Biological Sciences, purchased seed and obligated funding with Lucky Peak Nursery.

The following was completed in FY2010:

- ISU graduate and undergraduate students along with Matthew Germino (associated professor at ISU) were able to take seven years worth of our data collection from a study in a tall forb site and complete analysis of the data and draft a manuscript showing the results. The manuscript will potentially be published if other funding is found. They also conducted studies on tarweed in a greenhouse setting. The information will be made available in report form in FY2011.
- Purchased seed has been used throughout the forest in areas disturbed by various projects.
- Seed was collected to be cleaned and grown-out at Lucky Peak Nursery (showy golden-eye, pearly everlasting, and bush penstemon)



Figure 1. Showy golden-eye



Figure 2. Plant growing at Tall Forb experimental plots at Franklin Basin.

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Expenditures: FY2009 NFN3 funding of \$51,000 expended.

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