

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

2010 Native Plant Material Accomplishments

New Contracts Awarded:

Two contracts to map and collect native seed were awarded with funding from ARRA. The contracts provide for mapping and collecting a wide variety of native species across the Wallowa Whitman National Forest. An ongoing contract was successfully completed on the Whitman Ranger District, resulting in the collection of 15 lbs of *Pseudoroegneria spicata* and 4.25 lbs. of *Koleria macrantha*.

A new grass seed production contract was awarded to two Central Washington growers, Benson Farms and Western Reclamation. The Whitman District currently has two new fields in production with Benson Farms and 3 with Western Reclamation. ARRA funds were available for us to purchase considerable amounts of excess production from these fields. An additional 8,500 pounds of excess seed from five species was purchased from these and other growers.

Restoration Projects using Native Seed:

- ❖ 18 miles of streamside riparian areas
- ❖ 4 culvert replacement projects
- ❖ 4 invasive weed treatment sites
- ❖ 4 timber sales (seed landings, skid trails, burn piles)
- ❖ 1 road reconstruction/bridge replacement project
- ❖ 1 rehabilitation of off-road vehicle damage
- ❖ 1 test plot to determine competitiveness of 4 native grass species

Overall, a total of about 25 projects/150+ acres/3,000+ pounds of seed.

Cooperative Restoration Projects

A 15-acre restoration project in the Imnaha Canyon with The Nature Conservancy and Wallowa Resources is focused on restoration of former holding pastures on a private ranch. This parcel is being restored in anticipation of it being transferred to the Forest Service as part of a land exchange with The Nature Conservancy.

The LaGrande Ranger District worked with the Mt. Emily ATV Club to rehabilitate damage done by off-road vehicles on Mt. Emily.



Riparian Restoration Planting from 2005



Working with partners to rehabilitate off-road damage.



Bromus carinatus in production in Central Washington at Western Reclamation



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