

# Flathead National Forest

## FY11 Native Plant Material Accomplishments

### Using FY11 NFN3, NFWV, NFWF, WFHF and RAC funds we accomplished the following:

- We developed a forest Native Plant Materials Procurement Plan along with many other forests in the Region. This plan provides a focus for future seed collection efforts and restoration opportunities.
- Seed mixes were reviewed for compliance to the USFS Native Plant Policy (2008).
- In coordination with the weed program, we collected native grass seed from elk winter range habitat for grow-out and increase and also deposited biological control at the site for spotted knapweed.
- We collected shrub cuttings of elderberry, oceanspray, and rose species for grow-out in the fall.
- We purchased 1,663 upland shrubs from Great Bear Restoration for \$2,950 for revegetation on the Tally Lake District.
- We received 8,980 lowland shrubs from the USFS Coeur d'Alene Nursery for \$13,470 for revegetation on two districts.
- We spread 2,700 pounds of native grass seed from the Coeur d'Alene Nursery in burned areas and disturbed roadsides.
- We used the Montana Conservation Crew for shrub planting and seed sowing (\$7,700).

### Using other appropriated dollars or federal funds, the forest accomplished the following:

- Spread approximately 800 pounds of native or native-variety grass seed on roadsides, landings, culvert removals, and other ground-disturbing activity areas, like ARRA projects, requiring erosion and weed-control ground cover. The species list was specified by the Native Plant Coordinator and distributed through Westland Seed Inc. in Ronan, MT under the name Flathead Seed Mix.



Figure 2. Seed collection area on Wedge Mountain.



Figure 1. Reconnaissance of riparian species at Stanton Lake.

**Year awarded:** 2011

**Project completion:** Ongoing

**FY10 Expenditures:**

\$24,000 (NFN3)  
\$9,114 (NFWV)  
\$8,400 (NFWF)  
\$10,920 (WFHF)  
\$7,300 (RAC)

**Partners/Contractors/Coop:** R1  
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