

Collection and propagation of Native Plant Materials for Integrated Resource Restoration Projects

Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests 2011 Accomplishments

During the 2011 field season the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests made extensive collections of wildland seed to increase supplies of locally sourced native plant materials for forest re-vegetation projects. The materials will be used for many different types of projects including re-vegetation of burned areas, road obliteration, riparian improvement, mining reclamation, and timber harvest landings and skid trail revegetation. The plant material will be used in low to high elevation forest and grassland ecosystems across both forests.

2011 Accomplishments:

On the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, force account crews collected 79 lots representing 43 species, including 15 species of grass, 17 species of forb and 9 species of sedge and 2 species of shrub. This seed is currently being processed at the Coeur d'Alene Nursery.

Another 5 species were collected across the two forests by a contractor, Benson Farms, to go with the 16 collected from 2010. This seed is currently being processed and cleaned. 2011 was the third and final year of the collection contract with Benson Farms.

Extensive surveys and documentation of suitable collection sites for many species were completed to facilitate future seed collections.



An Idaho fescue grassland on the Nez Perce National Forest



Penstemon venustus
Nez Perce National Forest

Reporting NFN3 funds for:

- Contract awarded in 2008 and completed in 2011. Report 4 of 4
- Force account collections 2011.

Expenditures (through 10/2011): NFN3 funding

- \$59,032 paid to contractor for 2010 seed collections. Approx. \$4,660 will be paid to contractor for FY11 seed collections.
- \$34,708 force account collections on the Nez Perce – Clearwater NF (includes \$28,180 awarded by the Region and an additional \$6,528 from other unspent NFN3 on the NPNF).
- \$22,492 transferred from the Nez Perce –Clearwater NF to the Coeur d'Alene Nursery for seed processing. (includes \$19,000 from the Region One NPM Program and \$3,492 from other NFN3 on the NPNF).

Partners/contractors/coop: Region One Native Plant Program, USFS Coeur d'Alene Nursery, Benson Farms.

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