

Idaho Panhandle National Forests Sandpoint Ranger District Native Plant Pollinator Garden & Interpretive Site

2011 Accomplishments

The nearly ½ -acre native plant pollinator garden at the Sandpoint Ranger District office, a gold-certified LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, was established in 2010. However, in 2011, District personnel decided to install additional plantings as well as interpretive signs to help fulfill the goal of creating a beautiful, native landscape which provides habitat for pollinators and other wildlife as well as a great educational opportunity for the community and forest visitors.

During spring and summer 2011, botanists and other district personnel transplanted several native plants from nearby National Forest System lands to help augment existing plantings. Also, signs describing the importance of conserving pollinators were placed at the garden. Individual plant name signs were used as well as interpretive signs describing how to use plants in different landscape microsites.

With multiple landscape features and a variety of native plants to provide food and habitat for pollinators, the Sandpoint Ranger District native plant pollinator garden is already very successful. Recent users include local high school classes, an elementary school “summer passport” series, and adult extension classes. These visitors have enjoyed the pollinator garden for its unique learning opportunities to study entomology, botany, and landscape design.



Dry site species blooming in a “rock outcrop” planting in front of the new Sandpoint Ranger District building. May 25, 2011



Photo of interpretive signage installed at the Sandpoint Ranger District native plant pollinator garden. September 2011.

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