

# Native Plant Pollinator Garden

at the new ranger district office, Sioux Ranger District  
Custer National Forest

## 2011 Accomplishments

A native plant/pollinator garden was established at the new ranger district office of the Sioux Ranger District. The pollinator garden provided native landscaping and pollinator habitat around the new office.

The pollinator garden focused on trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs native to the local prairie ecosystem. In addition, species were selected on their drought tolerance and low need for maintenance.

Plants were purchased from a local nursery and planted in September with assistance from the Camp Crook Elementary School students. Future planting and development of the garden will involve installing a pollinator interpretation sign and putting ID tags on the plants.

Native prairie species included ponderosa pine, Black Hills spruce, juniper, aspen, buffalo grass, blue grama, purple coneflower, asters, goldenrod, leadplant, rose, potentilla, golden currant, yucca, American plum, clematis, bittersweet, blanketflower, false sunflower, heuchera, tall phlox, gayfeather, horsemint, dogwood, buffaloberry, serviceberry and butterfly milkweed.



Camp Crook Elementary students assisting with planting. 8/2011



Drip line irrigation being installed for initial landscaping



Landscaping finished. August 2011

**Year awarded:** FY11 NFN3 funding

**Project completion:** 2011

**Report number:** 1 of 1

**Expenditures:** NFN3 funding \$4,500, expended \$4,500, \$0 remaining

**Partners:** Camp Crook Elementary School students, R1 Native Plant Program

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