

White River National Forest Native Plant Program

2011 Accomplishments with Fiscal Year 2011 funds

Project Goal:

Develop native plant material seed sources from local genetic stock, based on White River National Forest seed zones, which specifically meet our needs for the Mountain District Broad Spectrum Upland Seed Mix (Sandberg bluegrass, Mountain brome, Blue wildrye and Slender wheatgrass).

FY09 and FY10 monies have been used to develop Foundation Seed for the four species listed above. FY 2011 funds were focused on increasing existing foundation seed which have resulted from those previous efforts to quantities the White River National Forest desires for landscape scale restoration / reclamation and burned area recovery.

Stimulating Local Economy

This phase of the White River National Forest Native Plant Materials Program marks a great success towards our goal of stimulating a local restoration economy. We would like to thank Douglas Kendig of the Medford District BLM for creating an Intermountain Region wide IDIQ contract which allowed the White River National Forest to contract out seed increase.

Seed Increase using FY11 NFN3 funds:

Mountain brome: In FY2011 we obligated \$12,000 (NFN3) to an IDIQ contract with Southwest Seed (Dolores, CO) to grow 1,333 lbs of Mountain Brome seed. The seed was planted in the fall of 2011. Seed yields are expected in 2012 and 2013. No money will be spent until the seed is delivered.

Slender wheatgrass: In FY2011 we obligated \$12,000 (NFN3) to an IDIQ contract with Southwest Seed (Dolores, CO) to grow 1,333 lbs of Slender Wheatgrass seed. The seed was planted in the fall of 2011. Seed yields are expected in 2012 and 2013. No money will be spent until seed is delivered.

Blue wildrye: In FY 2011 we obligated \$34,000 to prepare and maintain a 2 acre seed increase plot at Lucky Peak Nursery. \$10,000 were spent by Lucky Peak in year 1 of 4 of the life of this plot. The seed was planted in fall of 2011. Seed yields are expected in 2012, 2013 and 2014 We anticipate 1500+ lbs of seed will be yielded from this plot over the next three years.



In FY11 USFS's Lucky Peak Nursery (Idaho) prepared and planted a 2 acre seed increase plot of Blue Wildrye. Excellent establishment was noted in the fall of 2011.



We contracted with Southwest Seed (Dolores, CO) to grow 1,333 lbs of Mountain Brome seed and 1,333 lbs of Slender Wheatgrass. The seed was planted in the fall of 2011.

Year Awarded: 2011

Project completion: 2014

NFN3 Expenditures:

NFN3 received \$60,000

NFN3 obligated \$60,000

NFN3 spent to date \$10,000

NFN3 remaining \$50,000

FY11 Expenditures:

\$10,000 (NFN3)

Other FY11 Expenditures:

\$3,000 (NFWF)

Partners/Contractors/Coos

Lucky Peak Nursery (USFS)

Southwest Seed (Dolores, CO).

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