



Hiawatha National Forest West Zone

2011 Accomplishments

A number of sites were identified this year for milkweed and associated nectaring plants establishment. As part of planned KV program of work for the West Zone all log landings and closed roads within upland red, jack and white pine stands were seeded with a mix of milkweed seed, warm season grasses and important nectaring native wildflowers for monarchs for approximately 12.2 acres. In addition to direct seeding for monarch habitat, the Forest greenhouse raised approximately 4,700 common milkweed and 200 swamp milkweed plugs in 2011. Nearly 3,000 common milkweed plugs were planted by volunteers at Grand Island NRA farm field restoration site. Sandtown restoration site is a degraded back dune along Lake Michigan near Nahma. In 2011 approximately 1,700 common milkweed plugs were transplanted back into the dune where illegal ATV use was occurring. NPPG on the West Zone also had new plantings occur in order to fill any gaps in the gardens. Contracts were utilized for funding greenhouse support, seed harvesting and District Offices NPPG maintenance.



Female monarch laying her eggs on new milkweed planted 2011.



SWP crew member with MKIW participants watching a monarch larva.



Planting beach grass Trout Bay GINRA

Partners:
 USFS Northern Research
 Superior Watershed Partnership
 MSU Extension Life of Lake Superior
 Grand Island Association
 Hiawatha Interpretive Association
Contracts:
 NFWF \$8,127
 NFN \$19,605
Volunteers:
 2,348.75 hours donated as of 9.1.11
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