The Ochoco National Forest Native Plant Restoration Program continues to focus on developing/planting stock of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs for restoration projects. Funding is also used to test/clean/store seeds, develop contracts, plan revegetation projects, develop/track budgets, develop partnerships, further education about the benefits of using native plants, and trainingto further our knowledge of native plant restoration.

**Seed and Propagule Production/Purchase:**
- Contracted with Benson Farms to produce 750 lbs. of blue wildrye (*Elymus glaucus*) seed.

**Seed Collection:**
- Collected seeds of 19 shrubs, forbs, grasses and sedges through a Seed Collection Contract with Eastern Oregon Stewardship Service.
- Collected 6 lbs. of tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) and 3 lbs. Nebraska sedge (*Carex nebrascensis*) for future riparian restoration.

**Restoration Planning, Monitoring & Implementation:**
- Planted 1,770 propagules for stream restoration of Trout and McKay Creeks; partnered with Powell Butte Charter School students to plant 75 willows and 100 cottonwood.
- Seeded 5 acres as part of a combination of treatments designed to help identify effective controls for invasive annual grasses on the CRNG.
- Assisted planting bluebunch wheatgrass as part of a genetic study.
- Worked with Madras High School Transition Program to grow milkweed and create a school pollinator garden.
- Assisted in creating a milkweed garden at Clarno Hardwood Facility.
- Seeded Jackson Creek Riparian Restoration project with blue wildrye, and Mt. Pisgah Communications Site and several timber sale projects with our Ochoco upland native grass seed mix.
- Mixed 4,000 lbs. of genetically local seed to create a seed mix for fire rehabilitation, timber sales and restoration (blue wildrye, prairie junegrass, squirreltail, Sandberg’s bluegrass, Idaho fescue, bluebunch wheatgrass).
- Board member for Deschutes Basin Native Plant Seedbank.

**Pollinator Conservation:**
- Participated in USFS Region 6 Challenge Cost Share Project to collect seed of 6 forbs to benefit the western bumble bee, rufous hummingbird.

**Year Awarded:** 2015

**Expenditures:** $30,000 Total Funding
- $ 10,000 NFVW
- $ 20,000 NFTM

**Partners:** Clearwater Native Nursery, Madras and Powell Butte Schools, Crooked River Watershed Council, Benson Farms, Deschutes Basin Native Plant Seedbank, Clarno Hardwood Facility.

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