

# NW Colorado Native Seed Partnership

## 2008 Accomplishments

### Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center

- A 1/3 acre plot of Blue Wild Rye planted in 2007 yielded 100 lbs of seed in 2008. Additional seed yields are expected from this plot in 2009 & 2010.
- A Common Garden Study for Blue Wild Rye was established in 2007. Work continued in 2008 to evaluate source performance and to compare 27 different Routt NF collections against released material and selections nearing release.

### Colorado State University at Roger's Mesa

- A 1/2 acre plot of Mountain Brome planted in 2007 yielded 45 lbs of seed in 2008. Additional Seed yields are expected from this plot in 2009 & 2010.
- A 1/4 acre plot of Squirreltail was established in 2007 but has not yield any seed yet. Seed yields are anticipated from this plot in 2009 and 2010.

### North Park High School

- Two student summer employees were hired in 2008 for seed germination and propagation. The students out-planted 600 plugs at a native plant demonstration project in Walden, CO which features 10 native species.

### The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch

- Continued work towards clean cultivation of 10 acres with herbicide and disking. This site will serve as a public showcase for native plant farming in 2009.

### Owl Mountain Partnership

- Continued work to develop a Northwest Colorado Native Seed Partnership newsletter and website.

### Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

- The Rocky Mountain Youth Corps collected native seed on the Routt National Forest for two weeks in 2008.

### Forest Policy on Use of Native Plant Materials

- The policy was reviewed and signed by the Forest Leadership Team on Nov 13, 2007.



This 1/2 acre mountain brome plot at CSU yielded 45 lbs of clean seed.



A common garden study at the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center is evaluating source performance for 27 different Routt NF collections of Blue Wild Rye. The top performers will be increased in 2010.

**Year Awarded:** 2006

**Project completion:** 2008

**Report number:** 3 of 3

**Expenditures:**

- FY06 funding \$176,500; all funds obligated or expended.

**Partners and Cooperators:**

- Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center
- Colorado State University
- North Park High School
- The Nature Conservancy
- Owl Mountain Partnership
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

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