

White River National Forest Native Plant Program

2009 Accomplishments

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 (Big bluegrass, Mountain brome, Blue wildrye and Slender wheatgrass).

Seed Collections:

FY2009 funds were spent to collect Mountain brome and Blue wildrye through the Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps. Multiple accessions of each species were collected from the White River National Forest. This seed will be planted at the Forest Service's Lucky Peak Nursery (Idaho) for seed increase in 2009-2010.

Seed Increase:

Mountain brome: funds were obligated with the Forest Service's Lucky Peak Nursery to plant seed increase plots in 2009. Seed yields are expected in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Blue wildrye: funds were obligated with the Lucky Peak Nursery for plant seed increase plots in 2010. Seed yields are expected in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps:

The Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps is part of the city's Parks & Recreation Program which strives to provide teenagers of the Yampa Valley (Routt and Moffat Counties) an opportunity to earn while they learn, by contributing to community improvement projects.



Silviculturist explains to the Youth Corps the linkage between our need for native seed sources and forest disturbance processes (insect, disease & fire).



Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps collecting mountain brome seed on the White River NF.

Year Awarded: 2009

Project completion: 2013

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY09 funds received \$21,000
- FY09 obligated \$21,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop:

- Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps
- Lucky Peak Nursery (USDA Forest Service)

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