

Clearwater National Forest Watershed Restoration Program

FY10 Native Plant Material Accomplishments / Projects

Native Plant Projects

In 2010, the Clearwater National Forest collected native seed for several watershed restoration projects in upcoming years.

Potlatch Meadow Restoration Projects

The Forest plans on developing a meadow seed mix specifically for revegetating projects in the Potlatch Watershed. Projects include removal of unauthorized trails, plugging head cuts and gullies, culvert enhancements, and other meadow restoration projects. The Potlatch River drainage has been designated as critical habitat for steelhead trout recovery.

Meadow species collected include: Idaho fescue, mountain brome, blue wildrye, various sedges, California oatgrass, globe penstemon, camas, groundsel, Montana golden pea and others. Some of these may be developed into a seed mix while others may be nursery grown for out planting.



Meadow damage due to unauthorized ATV use



Seed collection focused on native plant communities in healthy meadow systems

Dispersed Site Riparian Protection

Many of the dispersed recreation sites on the Clearwater are in riparian areas and are expanding due to use. There is a need to rehabilitate many of these sites and reduce their "footprint". Much of this work is done through heavy equipment contracts. We will follow up with revegetation of these areas.

Species collected include: hawthorne, Wood's rose, alder, cascara, snowberry, mountain maple, oceanspray, serviceberry, and sedges. The seed has been sent to the Coeur D'Alene Nursery for storage and propagation.



Riparian damage due to vehicle use adjacent to and within the river



Rocks limit access but revegetation of damaged riparian area is needed.

Other restoration needs: Wilderness campsites, noxious weed prevention, culvert replacement

Year awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2010

Expenditures:

Salary:	\$15,000	NFN3 2010
(Native seed collection)		
CDA Nursery:	\$44,500	NFN3 2010
(Seed cleaning, sowing, and increase)		
Contract	\$32,000	NFN3 2008
(Native seed collection)		
Program Management	\$20,000	NFWW 2010
(Project development, contract administration)		

Partners/contractors/coop: Benson Farms Inc, USFS Coeur D'Alene Nursery, Nez Perce Tribe, Clearwater NF.

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