

Native Plants For Revegetation Plant Identification Training on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest 2010 Accomplishments

The primary purpose of this project was to provide Forest Service employees on-the-ground plant identification training. Plant material issues were discussed, but plant identification was the focus.

The 10 training sessions were all in the field at 5 of the 7 districts on the Forest and was conducted by a local botanist (Klara Varga). The training included all aspects of how to identify plants on the Forest with a focus on learning how to use plant keys. The 70+ attendees included; inspectors (vegetation inventory projects), rangeland specialists, wildlife biologists, fish biologists, geologists, a soil scientist, a district ranger, and many employees working in fire and fuels.

The response to the training was very positive, for example, a geologist commented: *"I was able to attend one of the sessions and found the training to be very useful for my job - I have already been able to apply some of the information I learned."*; and a rangeland specialist: *"I really appreciated the plant days with Klara. She is awesome with her plant knowledge. She was so patient with everybody too."*



Figure 2. Identifying shooting stars, Sawtell Mountain



Figure 3. Keying out heart-leaf arnica, Camas Creek area



Figure 4. Identifying grasses in the shade of shrubs, Cherry Springs Nature area



Figure 4. Discussing the grasses of the sagebrush steppe, Yale-Kilgore Road



Figure 1. The identification of the Aster family using yellow mule's ears, Reclamation Road

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Expenditures: FY2010 \$9,500 for contract, supplies (hand lens and plant keys) and wages (Forest Botanist 5 days).

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