

Native Plant Materials Production Sitka Ranger District, Tongass National Forest

2007 Accomplishments

Despite limited funding in 2007, the Sitka project was supported by University of Alaska and many goals accomplished. These included building a deer proof fence, constructing a potting shed, and growing diversity of native plants from seed, cuttings, or spores. Five grasses, 3 perennial forbs, 4 shrubs, and 6 fern species were grown and planted out for future evaluation and use in revegetation projects. Propagation protocols are being developed or tested for each plant. Our goal is to fully utilize our newly expanded site, provide a reliable source of native plant stock and further promote regional use of native plants.



Figure 2. Sitka production site with new fence and shed.



Figure 1. Sword Ferns grown from spores.

Year Awarded: initial award in 2005

Project completion: 2007

Report number: 2 of 2

Expenditures (through 10/2007):
FY05 funding \$24,000, expend. \$4,000. Remainder not obligated and lost from project.

- FY06 funding \$0. About \$2000 used from a related Tongass project. Approximately \$10,000 invested by partners.

- Currently no funding to operate

Partners/Contractors/Coop: University of Alaska, Cooperative Extension Service, National Park Service.

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