

NW Colorado Native Seed Partnership

2007 Accomplishments

Seed Increase of Collections from 2006:

- Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center (UCEPC)
 - 1/3 acre plot Blue Wildrye established; yields expected in 2008-2009.
 - Common Garden Study to evaluate performance and to compare different sources of locally collected Blue Wildrye against released material or selections nearing release; includes 27 collections from Routt National Forest.
- Colorado State University at Roger's Mesa
 - 1/2 acre plot of Mountain Brome established; expect seed yields in 2008-2009.
 - 1/4 acre plot of Squirreltail established only marginally well; will replant in fall 2007.
 - 1/4 acre plot of Spike Trisetum did not establish; will recollect mature seeds.
- North Park High School
 - Developed germination and cultivation protocols.
 - Out-planted 600 plugs per species.
 - Hired two student summer employees in 2006 and 2007 for seed germination and propagation.
- The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch
 - Continued work towards clean cultivation of 10 acres with herbicide and mechanical disking. Public showcase for native plant farming.

Forest Policy on Use of Native Plant Materials:

- Final draft scheduled for Forest Supervisor signature Nov 13, 2007 after leadership review.

Continued Maintenance of Partnerships:

- Owl Mountain Partnership wrote 4 grants and began development of Northwest Colorado Native Seed Partnership quarterly newsletter and website.
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps made 30 new collections.



Blue Wildrye seed increase plot at the UCEPC in Meeker, CO. Yields are expected in 2008-2009.

Year Awarded: 2006

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures:

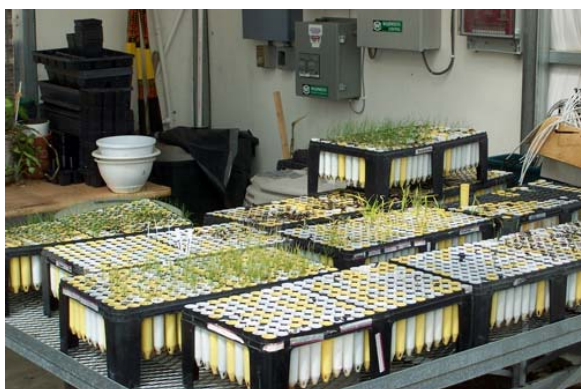
- **FY06 funding \$176,500; all funds obligated or expended.**

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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Growing grass plugs in the greenhouse at North Park High School for out-planting to production fields.



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