

Native Seed Production Area

Accomplishments 2007

Sufficient native seed is a major limitation for groundcover restoration on the Apalachicola NF. We proposed a seed production area on the forest, where native seed could be grown and harvested for restoration activities. The seed production area needed to be large, free of obstacles, and provide the necessary habitat for the species. Because they are large, already cleared of obstacles, and outside the timber base, we surveyed the power lines on the forest for potential production areas. This survey was completed during the first year of the project.

Field surveys of power lines did not locate suitable habitat for seed production. Power lines were either too disturbed to be placed into seed production for native plants, or already in use as wildlife food plots. We will continue the project in FY08 by surveying communities undergoing late spring/early summer prescribed burns. We believe these communities will be sufficiently open, and grow sufficient seed, to serve as suitable production areas.



Wiregrass Seed Collection



Native Seed Collector

Year Awarded: FY 2007

Project completion: FY 2009

Report number: 1 of 2

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: \$8000
- Funds Expended: None
- Remaining: \$8000

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