Development of Native Grass and Forb Seed for Shallow Soil Sites - Superior National Forest

FY 2007 Accomplishments



Canada goldenrod producing seed

Year Awarded: 2005 Project completion: 2008 Report number: 3 of 4

Expenditures:

FY05 funding \$30,000; expend. \$7,872;

obligated \$19,300

Contractors:

Prairie Restorations/Boreal Natives 3943 Munger Shaw Rd

Cloquet, MN 55720

Jubilee Nursery N12025 1010th St.

Bloomer, WI 54724

Leaning Pine Native Landscape 3130 S. Camp Amnicon Rd. South Range, WI 54874

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Background

- Collected seed from 6 grass & wildflower species:
 - Grasses: false melic grass, slimleaf panic grass, mountain rice grass
 - Forbs: Canada goldenrod, yarrow, pearly everlasting
- Awarded Contracts for Seed Production to 3 Local Nurseries
- By end of 2008 growing season, nurseries will produce 55 pounds of local native seed for revegetating disturbed areas on shallow and droughty soil sites
- In future, nurseries will have local seed source for the Superior NF on hand and ready for production to meet our revegetation needs.

2007 Accomplishments

- For Canada goldenrod, yarrow, pearly everlasting, and false melic grass, planted fields are growing well and some seed has been collected for Canada goldenrod and pearly everlasting
- Shade structure for false melic grass collapsed nursery had to replace some plants but should be on track to harvest target amount of seed in fall of 2008.
- Pearly everlasting attacked by worms this year but infestation caught early and controlled.
- Are learning that slimleaf panic grass and mountain ricegrass not suited to cultivation - low seed yields and poor germination. Will not get target amount of seed from these two species.

