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## INTRODUCTION

The Aberdeen Plant Materials Center (PMC) entered into an agreement with Craters of the Moon National Monument in 1993 to produce seed and plants of native plant species for revegetation purposes and to develop propagation methods. The project was completed in 1997.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In early May approximately 1500 plants of needleandthread *Stipa comata* accession no. 9067516 were lifted from Field 3 at the PMC, transported to the Monument and transplanted. This was accomplished because seed production was far below expected levels and Park Service personnel indicated that establishing transplants would be more successful than by direct seeding.

## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

A special study on the biology and propagation of Dwarf Monkey flower *Mimulus nanus*, Scorpion flower *Phacelia hastata*, and Dwarf buckwheat *Erigeron ovalifolium* was completed. The report provides recommendations for the monitoring, management and seed harvest procedures for these three species.

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