

USDA Forest Service Botany in the News

Forest Service Researcher Honored for Her Efforts to Develop Biological Knowledge and Seed Supplies of Native Species for Restoration

WHO: Nancy Shaw, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Aquatic Sciences Laboratory, Boise, Idaho

What (species): Arid land grass and forb species

When: 1984 to present

Where: The Great Basin ecosystem in the inland western U.S.

How: Nancy Shaw has worked with numerous researchers, federal and state agencies, and private seed growers across the western U.S. to advance the science of native plant propagation and use in restoration. She has presented more than 60 invited presentations at natural resources meetings and symposia, and has published her research findings in a wide variety of outlets. Recent publications of notable impact include the edited volumes in which she also authored chapters: Restoring Western Ranges and Wildlands (General Technical Report RMRS-136 in three volumes, 2004.) and Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Symposium Proceedings, 2005).

Why: Improve the availability of genetically appropriate seed of native forb, grass, and shrub species so that land managers will have more choices and will be more successful in their rehabilitation and restoration plantings.

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