

Interagency Visitor Center Alkali Meadow Restoration and Native Plant Demonstration Project

R5 2008 Accomplishments

Native Plant Materials NFN3 funding was first received in FY2007 to initiate the restoration of two acres of alkali meadow and, together with local and commercial native plant specialists, to develop a native plant demonstration garden at the Interagency Visitor Center (IAVC) in Lone Pine California. In 2007, native trees and shrubs were purchased and planted at the site. As available, seeds of native forbs were also purchased, and a seed collection contract was established for the 2008 field season.

In 2008, the native forb seeds purchased with 2007 funds were propagated, and approximately 100 plants were produced for use in the demonstration garden. Propagation was conducted by Inyo NF botany staff with the assistance of staff from the Bishop BLM and Karen Ferrell-Ingram, a local native plant propagation specialist. Plants were grown at the Deepest Valley Native Plant Propagation Center in Bishop, California, an interagency nursery facility developed for promoting the use of local native plant materials in restoration and landscaping projects throughout the eastern Sierra area.

If 2009 funding is secured, additional species from the 2008 collections will be propagated and supplement this past year's efforts. The bulk of the seed will be applied on the alkali meadow site after the irrigation systems are installed during the 2009 field season.



Native seedlings

Year Awarded: 2008

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 2

Expenditures:
FY07: \$10,728
FY08: \$5,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop:
CalTrans, BLM, LA Department of Water & Power, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, and Comstock Seed



Native plants at DVNPPC



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