

Bitterroot National Forest: Sula Ranger District Native Plant Pollinator Garden

FY 2011

Four pollinator garden plots were established along the front of the Sula Ranger District in Sula Montana. The Sula Ranger District is the first district north of Lost Trail Pass entering Montana from Idaho. The district receives many in-state and out-of-state visitors that stop at the district for information, permits, maps, and as a rest stop. The district provides a wonderful educational opportunity to educate visitors about native plants and pollinators.

- Planting beds were prepared and several hundred plants were purchased and planted in the pollinator garden beds with the help from Bitterroot National Forest employees and Darby School students.
- Mulch was purchased and placed around the plants.
- A watering system was installed for the garden.
- Bee boxes and butterfly boxes were made by the Trapper Creek Job Corps for bee and pollinator habitat.
- A brochure was developed with educational information on the relationship between pollinators and native plants with information about the plants planted in the garden. The brochure is available for use by other forests across Region One for their pollinator gardens.



Figure 2. Planting the new garden.



Figure 3. Getting new plants into the ground.



Figure 1. Sula pollinator garden, one week after planting.

Year awarded: 2011

Project completion: 2012

FY11 expenditures:
\$4,500.00 (NFN3)

Partners/contractors:

- Great Bear Restoration
- Blackfoot Native Nursery
- Empire Nursery
- Darby School students
- Trapper Creek Job Corps
- Porterbilt Company
- Sula and Bitterroot National Forest employees
- R1 Native Plant Program

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