

Ski Area Uses Local Grown Natives

2005 Accomplishments

The *Brundage* ski resort on Payette National Forest lands needed forbs, grasses and shrubs for rehabilitation of high elevation ski slopes and basal area operations. No local native seed mix and few container plants were available for rehabilitation when we began this project.

With the help of the Native Plant Materials funding, the Payette National Forest was able to work with a local grower, *Buffalo Berry*, to collect and grow native plants for use in ski slope restoration.

Collection of seed and plant materials began this year. Planting will continue over the next two years.

Cooperative agreements with *Brundage Resort* and *Buffalo Berry Farms* the value of the project with non-cash contributions of labor, equipment use, and supplies.



Restoration with natives will not only bring summer beauty to the recreation area but also stabilize soils and prevent erosion.



Penstemon and other high elevation native plants grown for ski slope restoration.

Total Native Project Cost: \$27,559

Total Project Value: \$40,102
(With cooperators contributions)

Cooperators: Brundage Resort
Buffalo Berry Farms

Project Objective: Establish a local supply of high elevation native species for ski area rehabilitation on Forest Service lands.



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