

Management of Regional Native Seed Production Contract

2005 Accomplishments

Funding from this project provided training, coordination, and oversight for our regional, interagency native grass and forb seed production contract. Since its inception in 2003, nearly 50,000 pounds of seed from 18 species have been purchased via this contract by Forest Service and BLM units throughout the Pacific Northwest. In FY-05 alone, over 13,000 pounds of seed was purchased, providing substantial economic benefit to the contracting pool of small business seed producers in the rural Columbia Basin of eastern Oregon and Washington. Seed costs average just over \$9.00 per pound, ranging from \$4.70 to \$34.00.

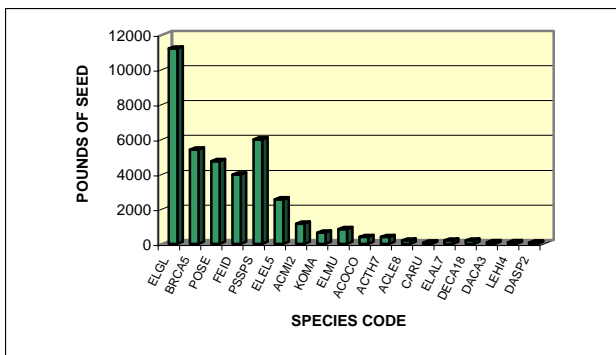
Our contracting assistance and support services ensure consistency and quality in native plant material development efforts in the PNW. Funding provided to this project allowed us to coordinate seed production contract activities, and assist agency personnel in the development and administration of seed orders. This project has facilitated the building of native plant programs and partnership opportunities, resulting in an increased use of native seed on federal lands affected by wildfires and other disturbances. As an example, nearly 20,000 pounds of native grass seed were used this fall on the School Fire (Umatilla National Forest) for fire suppression and emergency response seeding activities.



Tour of grass seed production fields in the Columbia Basin of eastern Washington

Native Plant Program NFN3 Project

- **Management of Regional Native Grass and Seed Production Contract**
- **Total Project Cost: \$11,450**
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Pounds of native seed ordered by species. Prices range from \$4.70 to \$34.00 per pound. .



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For more information about the Native Plant Program on the Umatilla National Forest, visit:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/native/>