High Elevation Seed Collection and Increase

Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

Project made possible through the Native Plant Materials Earmark Projects

With the help of this funding, the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District was able to collect seed from eight species of high-elevation (6,000'+) native grasses and forbs; also with this funding, the seed will be sent in late summer 2006 to a grower, which will be sowing them for increase. The seed obtained from this increase will be used in high-use recreation areas within the mountain hemlock zone for projects such as rehabilitating dispersed campsites and old roads.

A total of approximately six pounds of native seed was collected from these species:

Green fescue
Bottlebrush squirreltail
Western needlegrass
Brewer's sedge
Drummond's rush
Smooth woodrush
Newberry knotweed
Broadleaf lupine



Newberry knotweed at 6,800 feet



Collecting green fescue near Broken Top, Oregon

- Total Native Species Project Cost: \$20,500
- Other Funding: None
- Employed: A 5-person AmeriCorps crew for collection; federal nursery for growout.
- Type of Project: Native Seed Collection and Increase
- Year Awarded: 2005



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