

# Camp Fortunate Native Plant Park

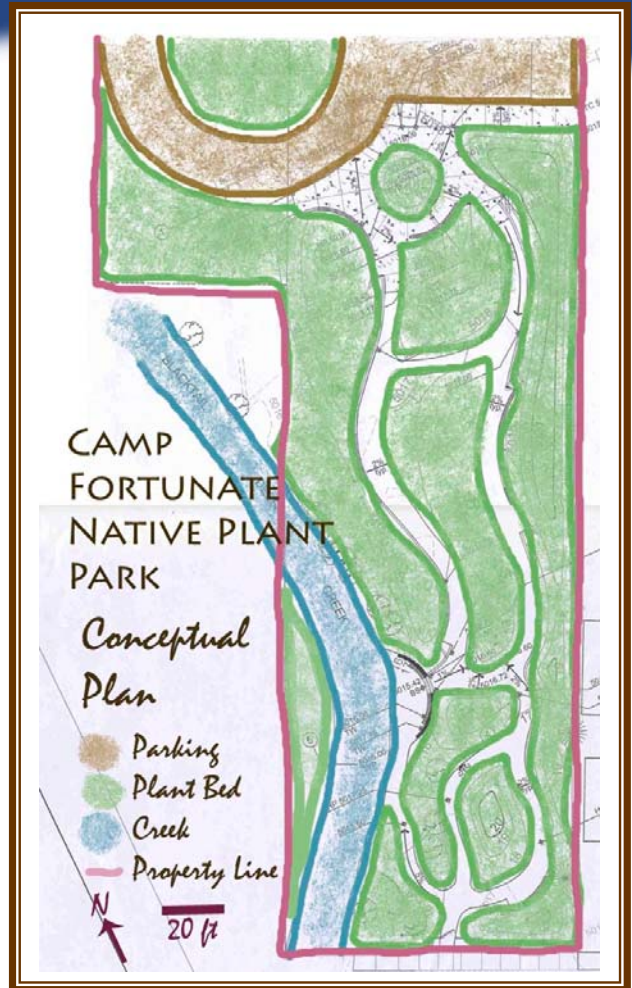
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

## 2006 Accomplishments

The Camp Fortunate Native Plant Park is on the grounds of the Camp Fortunate Interpretive Center in Dillon, Montana. The park will be a showplace for native plants of the Lewis & Clark Trail in the upper Missouri Headwaters and Continental Divide area of southwest Montana. Interpretive and educational displays, and programs such as workshops and outdoor classrooms, will reveal the ecology of local native plants, demonstrate methods of propagating these species, and show their value in residential and commercial landscaping and land restoration.

Beaverhead County obtained start-up funding for the native plant park through a National Park Service Challenge Cost-share grant. Some of these funds were expended by the county in 2006 for a site plan by a professional landscape architect, and for site clearing and preparation. The Forest Service has participated in the project in 2006 as follows:

- Participated in review of contractor's proposals.
- Completed cultural resource evaluation and Section 106 compliance.
- Provided technical assistance in landscape design and plant materials recommendations.
- Initiated plans to integrate interpretation with landscape design.
- Organized and carried out a highly successful "GO NATIVE" plant and landscaping workshop for local enthusiasts, with cooperation of the Beaverhead Conservation District, Dillon Garden Club, and Bridger Plant Materials Center/NRCS.
- Developed a Cooperative Agreement with the county regarding Forest Service technical assistance, interpretive signs, and brochures.
- Joined with the county during a site visit with local newspaper reporter.
- Obligated \$29,000 for signs and brochures through Heritage Designs (Forest Service Enterprise Team).



**Year Awarded:** 2006

**Project completion:** 2007+

**Report number:** 1

**Expenditures:** FY06 funding \$75,000, expended \$46,000; \$29,000 remaining in Enterprise Team Work Order

**Partners:** Beaverhead County, Montana (and others)

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