Native Plant Materials Training USDA Forest Service, Region 1

2006 Accomplishments

A training session in the use of native plant materials was sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, Region 1, in cooperation with the USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho. The full-day session was attended by Forest Service employees from Regions 1 and 4, as well as employees from Idaho state natural resource agencies.

The objective of the training session was to enhance skills in developing and implementing native species revegetation projects on National Forest lands. The session also fostered a better understanding of the private sector seed industry. Specific topics included:

- Seed collection from native plant species
- Seed quality, seeding rates, and drill calibration
- Introduction to seed production and processing
- Seedbed preparation, seed mixing, and drill calibration demonstration
- Field tour of display nurseries and native seed production fields
- Field tour of Region 1 evaluation plots



Training session attendees viewing a native forb test plot at Aberdeen Plant Materials Center

Year Awarded: FY2005

Project completion: FY2006

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures:

 \$7,500 (from \$15,000 total funding; balance was used for the NPM training module meeting held at Midewin National Grassland in 2005)

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Bluebunch wheatgrass test plot at Aberdeen Plant Materials Center