

Sandberg's Bluegrass Collection/ Grow Out Gallatin National Forest

2006 Accomplishments

This project calls for collecting 5 pounds of Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa secunda*) seed from native south-central Montana sources, and contracting a grower to increase it to 1,000 pounds of seed in one year. This seed would then be delivered to suitable growers with the intent of that seed being grown out and serving as source-identified seed for south-central Montana seed mixes.

To date an estimated 5 pounds of Sandberg's bluegrass seed has been collected from two sites – one from the Gallatin National Forest, and the other from native range lands owned by Circle S Seed Company south of Three Forks, Montana. Other sites will be collected next year, with the resulting seed being added to the foundation seed provided to the grower. The seed will be planted in August of 2007.

Working with Vicky Erickson, Umatilla National Forest, we secured a grower and transferred \$25,000 for the associated task order. The grower, Todd Harris, has agreed to provide the increased seed at a far lower cost than anticipated, allowing us to order 2500 pounds over a two-year period.

The foundation seed is currently being tested by the Montana State University Seed Lab for purity and germination.



Year Awarded: 2006

Project completion: On going. Grass plots 3 yrs, stool bed 5-7 yrs.

Report number: 1 of 5

Expenditures:

- FY06 funding \$6400, expend. \$6178.24; \$221.76 remaining

Partners/Contractors/Coop

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