

NW Colorado Native Seed Partnership

2006 Accomplishments

Seed Collection:

- 102 accessions of 10 species were collected. The top 4 species will be increased; 2 will have common garden studies; all will have germination studies.

Small Scale Seeding:

- 5 sites seeded with local natives on National Forest.

Forest Policy on Use of Native Plant Materials:

- Final draft scheduled for Forest Supervisor's signature in Feb 2007 after leadership review.

Development of Native Seed Partnership:

- Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center Challenge Cost Share Agreement (CCS) for common garden studies and native seed increase, plus technology transfer to farmers, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and North Park High School.
- Colorado State University CCS for native seed increase and technology transfer.
- North Park High School CCS for germination studies by students using school greenhouse.
- Owl Mountain Partnership CCS to write grants, quarterly newsletters and maintain website.
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps CCS to collect seed.
- Collaboration with Uncompahgre Plateau Project.
- Collaboration with Region 2 Geneticist.

Agricultural and Educational Opportunities Enhanced:

- Carpenter Ranch (TNC) eliminating weeds on 10 acres to prepare for seed increase planting in 2007.
- TNC will showcase native plant farming to public.
- North Park High School teaches about agriculture.
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corp CCS educates youth.



Elymus elymoides (Squirreltail) seed was collected by local staff during a Parks Ranger District "Work Day" in Walden, CO.

Year Awarded: 2006

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY06 funding \$176,500; all funds obligated or expended.

Partners and Cooperators:

- See column on left for names.

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Colorado State University prepared this one acre plot for seed increase in fall 2006.



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