

Native Grass Seed Bank Santa Rosa Ranger District Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

2006 Accomplishments

The Santa Rosa district was funded to establish a native and local seed bank. The native seed bank will supply the district with affordable, locally adapted seed with our partners at Lucky Peak Nursery on the Boise National Forest. The district uses seed for areas affected by fire and herbicide application.

The Santa Rosa District has a history of frequent, severe wildfires. Lands surrounding this district are typically low elevation rangelands that are heavily infested with cheatgrass, noxious weeds, and other annuals. Restoration of native species is an important tool after fire and as part of our integrated weed control program.

The following grasses and forbs were collected in the summer of 2005. The seed was delivered to Lucky Peak Nursery, cleaned, sown, grown, and harvested and stored for later use.

- Needle-and-thread grass
- Squirreltail grass
- Indian ricegrass
- Great Basin wildrye
- Blue bunch wheatgrass
- Desert globemallow
- Sulfur buckwheat



Growing bed at Lucky Peak Nursery



Native seed collecting site.

Year Awarded: 2005
Projected Completion: 2007
Report Number: 2 of 3

Partner: Lucky Peak Nursery

Expenditures: Total funding
\$33,750; expenditures \$7,560;
\$26,190 remaining

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