

# Native Plant Material Program Support Services

## 2006 Accomplishments

Funding from this project was used to re-write and award two regional, interagency contracts involving production of native seed and weed-free straw mulch, and restoration services such as seed collection, nursery propagation, and plant material installation. The Umatilla National Forest has served as the designated Task Order Manager (TOM) on these highly successful multi-year contracts for over 5 years. The contracts provide Forests with quick and easy access to a pool of highly qualified contractors, while generating substantial economic benefit to private sector businesses in rural Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. In FY-06, for example, over 25,000 pounds of native grass and forb seed was purchased by Forest Service and BLM units throughout the Pacific Northwest at a contract value of nearly \$169,000.

Project funding also allowed us to continue contract coordination and oversight activities, and assist agency personnel in the development and administration of task orders. These support services result in improved efficiencies, and ensure consistency and quality in native plant material development and use efforts in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, the project sponsored three well-attended subregional training and strategy-building workshops in Roseburg, Bend, and Wenatchee (May 2006). In sum, this project has facilitated the development of native plant programs and partnership opportunities around the region, resulting in increased use of native seed on federal lands affected by wildfires and other disturbances.



*Collecting native grasses on the Umatilla National Forest*

### Native Plant Program NFN3 Project

- **Native Plant Material Program Support Services**
- **Total Project Cost: \$21,635**
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*Private-sector seed producers in eastern Oregon and Washington*