

Okanogan-Wenatchee Natives Program

FY07 Accomplishments

The development of native plant materials and their use is an important step in land management. The Okanogan & Wenatchee National Forest has been working to develop a program for several years using a variety of funding sources. The accomplishments detailed below include work done to survey, collect and increase seed for native plants on a national forest.

In FY07 320 acres were surveyed to locate suitable collection sites for a variety of species. A total of 122 lbs of wildland seed were collected on three ranger districts including 40 lbs of bluebunch wheatgrass, 28 lbs of yarrow, 4 lbs of broadleaf lupine, 35 lbs of western needlegrass and 6 lbs of mountain brome. Prior years collected materials were increased and resulted in nearly 700 lbs of bluebunch wheatgrass seed delivered to the Forest. Most collections and all increase work were contracted.

Continuing challenges in the Native species program include: Identifying appropriate species for increase, identifying growth requirements for successful increase and outplanting, securing knowledgeable growers and collectors, and determining appropriate seed zones—ie. how far from the source and on what types of sites can seed be used?



Broadleaf Lupine in full bloom. .



Needlegrass: A potential species for restoration on sandy sites.

Year Awarded: 2007

Project completion: (year) 2007

Report number: (1 of 1)

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: 40K
- Expend: 45K
- Remaining: 0

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Methow Natives and Derby Canyon Natives; Gertson Seed; L&H Seed: Rainer Seed

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