

# Riparian Restoration Monument Fire Area

## 2007 Accomplishments

The Monument Fire occurred in July 2002, burning approximately 4,100 acres on the Wallowa-Whitman NF. Just over 290 acres of streamside and riparian wetlands burned at high and moderate severity. Unless planted, recovery of these streamside and riparian acres could be delayed by 10 to 20 years, depending on the rate of natural seeding and plant growth.

To-date riparian restoration within the Monument Fire Area has included the planting of red-osier dogwood, willow, and aspen hardwoods, as well as, ponderosa pine and western larch conifers.

Additional hardwood plantings occurred in late October 2006, where another 3 acres of streamside were planted.

Then the following spring, conifer seedlings were planted in April/May 2007 to provide shade and bank stability along additional areas where the streams and riparian areas were severely burned.



*Red-osier dogwood shown one year after outplanting.*

Year Awarded: **2006**

Project completion: **2007**

Report number: **2 of 2**

Expenditures:

- **FY07 funding \$10,000**

Partners/Contractors/Coop:  
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*Monument Fire – July 2002*



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